

# The Brackett News

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## Community News

### PARADE WINNERS

The Kinney County July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Committee released the names of the winners as follows: Best Golf Car Entry: The Nelson Family, Best Kids Float Entry: Sierra Falcon, Best Animal Entry: Joe Villanueva, Best Small Float Entry: Gloria Conrad, Best Large Float Entry: The Castilla Family, Best Marching Entry: BSD Band and Most Patriotic Entry: Laughlin Airmen.

### WATER BOARD MEETING

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a regular meeting today, Thursday, July 9, 2009, at 2 p.m. in the District Courtroom of the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas.

### TWITTER ME!

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### PLEASE SAVE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The First Baptist Church is asking the public to save 10 oz. food cans, small mandarin orange cans, 12 oz. water bottles/lids, 20 oz. water/soda bottles/lids, 2 liter clear soda bottles and 4 in. nut cans/or similar. Please place them in a container and drop off at the church.

### POOL SCHEDULE

The County Pool hours of operation are set for 4:00 pm-8:00 pm each day Thursday - Sunday. Admission is free. Snack bar available. 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 are available at the gate.

### 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!)

### HOME DELIVERY

Get your Brackett News hot off the press and in your yard! All local and Fort Clark patrons of TBN are asked to submit their street addresses before July 15 as there are plans to have the paper delivered directly to your home beginning August 6. Please Call 563-2852 for details today.

### FOOD BANK NEWS

The CSFP Over Age 60 Distribution & TEXCAP will be on Friday, July 17 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: July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20 and December 18.



## Heavy rains help douse brush fire

A cowboy on the Statler Ranch, also known as The Frerich, reported seeing a lightning strike that caused a 150-acre brush fire on the evening of July 7, said Kinney County Fire Rescue Chief Tim Ward.

Fire officials responded to the fire on Highway 693, 15 miles south of Brackettville at 8:26 p.m. on Tuesday night.

Chief Ward says he thought they were on their way to a regular brush fire, but were caught off-guard when they, "had to go through a flood and a wind storm just to get to a fire."



The strong winds forced the attack trucks to have to slow almost to a stop and then high water at Elm Creek created another safe passage hazard.

Reports from individuals across the county reported nearly 4.5 inches of rain in some areas, something fire fighters believe was that little extra help from above they needed to have the fire completely doused in just over two hours.

Photo courtesy to The Brackett News By Kinney County Sheriff's Department Deputy D. Rowe.



Brackett News Photo By Katie Brown - Teen Miss Relay For Life Sierra Falcon, winner of the Best Kids Float, throws candy to the crowds at the Kinney County July Fourth Parade. Once again, the parade committee supplied a full day of activities for the community with a ceremony to recognize those in military service, a 4H luncheon and an outdoor dance topped off by a display of fireworks over the Fort Clark's Empty Saddle.

## Co-op to host weatherization assistance day

There may be \$\$\$ to weatherize your home!

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative (RGEC) will be hosting Weatherization Assistance Day for Co-op members at the Brackettville office, located at Hwy. 90 and US 131, July 15 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., including the lunch hour.

Representatives from the Community Service Agency of South Texas will be on hand to help fill out the application forms, and will answer any questions about the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).

Please call the RGEC office at 830-563-2444, or 1-800-749-1509 to schedule an appointment.

Please bring the following with you to the Weatherization Assistance Day:

- Social Security Card
- 12-month Electric Billing History (provided by the Co-op. You may request your billing history when you schedule the appointment, and RGEC's Customer Service Representatives will have it ready for your appointment.)
- 12-month natural Gas Billing History, if applicable (provided by City)
- All Income verification for those 18 and over living in the home
- Copies of all income (such as Social Security and SSI, employment) in the form of checks, check stubs, bank deposits/statements.

If you have questions about the types of documentation to bring, please call the Community Service Agency at 830-

876-2918 and ask for the Weatherization Assistance Program.

Texas and New Mexico have larger funding allocations for this program than ever before, due to the Stimulus Package.

The eligibility income limits have been raised now from 150% of the poverty limit to 200%, so there are many more families who will qualify.

This amounts to about \$44,000 for a family of four. Members need not be on any other type of assistance programs to qualify.

Additionally, the amount of money which can be spent weatherizing any one residence has been increased from \$2,500 to \$6,500, so this is a great opportunity for those who qualify to have necessary energy efficiency improvements made to their homes - for free!

The only way to determine if your family can benefit from this program is to schedule an appointment, talk to the community services agency representative, and complete an application.

**Co-op members are invited to call RGEC at 830-563-2444, or 1-800-749-1509 to schedule an appointment to see if your family qualifies for the WAP program**

## Fort Clark artist is a lady with a past

By Katie Brown  
The Brackett News

Ginger Calk was not fully retired when she and her husband George moved to Fort Clark in November of 2003. The allure of leaving the political atmosphere of Houston drew them to the tranquility of Fort Clark. Like many permanent residents on the Fort they resided in the RV Park until they were able to find a place to live. Once they were firmly established in their new home, Ginger began to pursue other interests.

Ginger's mother was a business woman in Houston who discouraged her at a young age from following her desire to be a commercial artist. So instead, she found herself going to work for the city and became the second woman in Texas to receive her Plumbing Inspectors License. Left to raise two children alone, she worked hard just to make ends meet. Later she went on to take a position as Administrative Manager for

the Flood Control District in Houston where she retired after

14 years. It was not until two

and a half years ago, with the

encouragement of Elizabeth

Hodges, a local artist, that she

decided to indulge her desire to

paint. Up until that time she

had never taken an art lesson

save art class in high school.

Ginger loved anything to do

with design, whether fashion or

decor. So it came naturally to

design patterns for quilting and

to combine colors for a desired

effect. She quilted for years and

was Vice President of the Gulf

Coast Quilters Guild until ar-

thritis made it difficult for her

to quilt by hand. It was then that

she began to paint. At first it

was just sporadically; experi-

menting with techniques and

color. Leaning towards an im-

pressionistic style she painted an

oil still life of apples, using lay-

ers of color in an effort to bring

out the desired undertones.

Then, as a beginner, she entered

her art work "Red Apples" in

the Del Rio Art League Annual

Show in May. There were 197

entries in the Art Show with a

wonderful representation from



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

## Publishers PLOG (or Paper Log)

I know there are times that I write articles that spotlight people's mistakes and I am sympathetic, because I myself am not one without guilt, blame, past bad choices or things I would rather just keep to myself, because exposure can be painful and embarrassing - HOWEVER, my responsibility to this community as publisher of a newspaper that prides itself on its integrity forces me to print such things.

Recently I have written articles on the City of Brackettville's Administrative Police Chief Thomas Nemia and the lies he put on his employment application as well as articles about Billy Jack Dorris, the former oil man turned Fort Clark restaurant owner and his pending fraud trial in Houston, but I didn't write these things because I hated either one of these people. It had to be written so that the average person in this town could at the very least protect themselves from those who prey on our trust.

We here in Brackett just seem to trust people and then elect/appoint/contract with them and we get taken for a ride. I've only worked for the paper for 4.5 years and I can name a half dozen public officials that have stolen money, abused their positions and taken advantage of the ignorant - and most just walked away with little or no punishment.

Reporting on these kinds of people gives the average guy the power to decide what they want to do about it. You can do nothing or you can stand up for yourself. Its your choice. But I did my job in telling you.

And if you are the one getting the article written about them, it can be tough and I can understand you being upset with me and not speaking to me, even comparing me and my mistakes to your own and just gossiping about me so much that no one remembers what the real issue is about...

BUT, and this is a huge but, **MY CHILDREN ARE OFF LIMITS TO YOU.** I don't believe kind, honest people have to be told this.

FOR EXAMPLE: Giving my teen daughter the finger is unacceptable. You are wrong. You are a grown person. You are stepping over your bounds and I believe you are less of a man for not coming to me. I am the one responsible for making you mad. You mistreated a child that did not harm you.

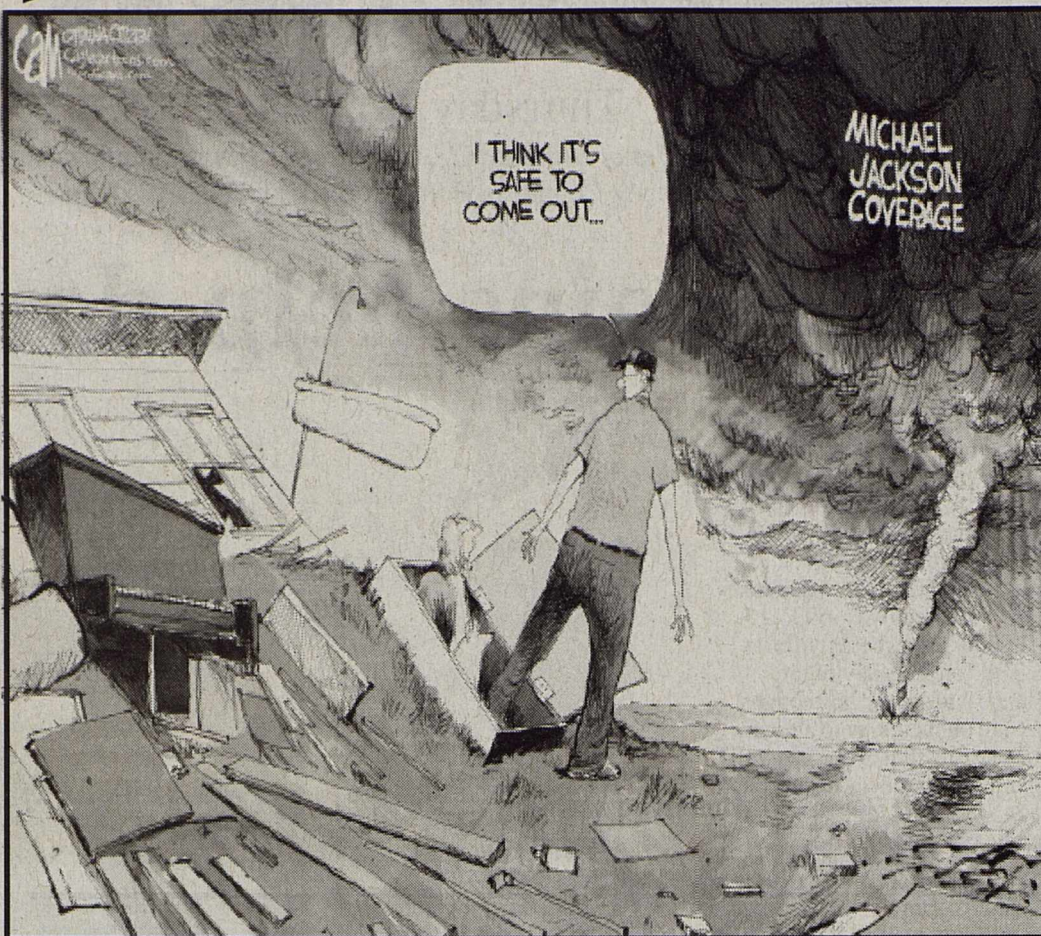
I believe you made a poor choice to take your anger out on a girl instead of making the right choice to come see me personally, but I understand you have a reputation for flipping people in this community the bird. We have once again attracted only the best of the best to come and live here.

Everything I have written on these controversial people can be backed up with a document, but I believe you know that and that is why you have not come to see me, so embarrassing yourself and making lewd gestures at a teenager was probably your best option.

My door is still open for you to come in and sit down and speak with me. I encourage you to visit with us, our entire family is waiting for you to explain yourself.

People like this will not be able to continue taking advantage of the others, no matter how many of their supporters have money and influence. Even rich people get tired of throwing good money after bad.

Leigh V.



## Why is my home messy?

Do you want to why our homes get messy? This answer is going to change your life. Many years ago when I was first getting organized; I decided to have our big holiday celebration at our house. Having those words come out of my mouth scared me to death. I had been developing my habits and building my routines for several months. Even though the clutter was leaving I was still afraid to let anyone into my home without notice. There was one habit that was missing.

I decided to crisis clean like I had always done to get ready for a party or book group. Except this time I did it two weeks before the party. This would give me plenty of time to cook and decorate the house. The only problem was we live in our house and it was not going to

stay clean. I would have to crisis clean all over again the day before our family arrived. How could I cook and clean at the same time. That is when I ask a dear friend who is born organized how she keeps her house clean all the time.

She turned to me with a puzzled look as if to say why don't you know this and said very matter-of-factly, " Marla you just have to pick up after yourself!" Well for me that was one of those light bulb moments! She continued telling me how she keeps her house clean. "If you get it out, then put it away when you finish with it!" Could it really be that simple!

I went home that day and made a conscious effort to put things away when I had finished with them. By this time my clutter was gone, I had a place for

everything and my hot spots were no longer an inferno. When anything was out, I could tell it immediately.

When we get sidetracked, we leave a path of items we have left out. Let me walk you through a day in the life of a Sidetracked Home Executive. We get up late and start rushing to get ready. Our bed is left in shambles from a fitful night's sleep because we have been worrying about things we have no control over. We pull all our makeup out to fix our face and don't bother putting it away when we are finished because we don't have time. Then we run to the kitchen to make coffee and grab something for breakfast. All of that gets left out too! You fix your lunch and leave out those things. So if you started with a clean kitchen now the counters are full and the dishwasher needs emptied. You don't have time to empty the dishwasher so you leave plates and bowls in the sink or on the table. Do you see the trail that you have left in your wake? Someone could literally follow your path of destruction. I don't have time is just an excuse to not pick up after yourself. The truth is that we don't really want to pick up after ourselves. Why do we do this to ourselves? It is our home! We deserve to live in a house that blesses us!

We have to be firm with ourselves! If you just put things away when you get them out then your home will be only 15 minutes away from clean at any one time! You can do this! I did!

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## How do mutual funds compensate investors?



Emily Cooper  
Edward Jones in Del Rio

As you probably know, a mutual fund may contain many different types of investments, such as stocks, bonds and government securities. But as an investor, you need to pay attention not only to what goes into your mutual fund, but also what comes out of it - namely, the three ways in which a fund can compensate you.

Let's take a look at these three avenues:

**Dividends and interest** - A mutual fund earns income from dividends on stocks and interest on bonds. The fund pays out nearly all the income it receives over the year, in the form of a distribution, to you and the other fund owners. Usually, you have the choice of taking the distribution check or reinvesting the earnings to purchase more shares. If you don't actually need the income to boost your cash flow, you'll certainly want to consider the reinvestment option, because it's an easy and cost-efficient way of building your share ownership. Keep in mind, though, that whether you take the distribution as a check or reinvest it, you will still owe income tax on the dividends.

**Capital gains distributions** - You will receive your share of any net profits the fund makes from selling investments. Mutual funds usually make these capital gains distributions annually or semi-annually. You can choose to automatically reinvest these distributions back into your fund, thereby purchasing more shares. Even if you reinvest the proceeds, you'll incur taxes, but as long as the gains are long-term, you'll only have to pay the capital gains rate, which will likely be 15 percent for you.

**Increased share value** - Generally speaking, you invest in a mutual fund because you are hoping its price will rise over time. When its price per share - its net asset value - does rise, you can sell your shares for a profit. As long as you've held them for more than a year, you'll just pay the capital gains rate, rather than your normal income tax rate.

Of course, there are no guarantees when it comes to earning a profit from mutual funds; some funds decline in value and never recover. So, when choosing a mutual fund, you'll need to carefully evaluate a number of factors, including these: What are the fund's overall objectives? Has its management team been in place long? Does it have a good track record? While past performance can't guarantee future results, you can get a sense of how a fund has done in different economic environments by looking at its history over five or ten years.

To sum up: You'll need discipline and patience when investing in mutual funds. You'll need the discipline to continually reinvest your dividends and capital gains distributions so that you can accumulate more and more shares. And you'll need patience to wait for an increase in share value, which is not guaranteed, and which, in any case, may take years to develop.

But if you have this patience and discipline, you may find that mutual funds can help you make progress toward your financial goals. So, look for quality funds that are appropriate for your situation and risk tolerance. Your search may well be worth the effort.

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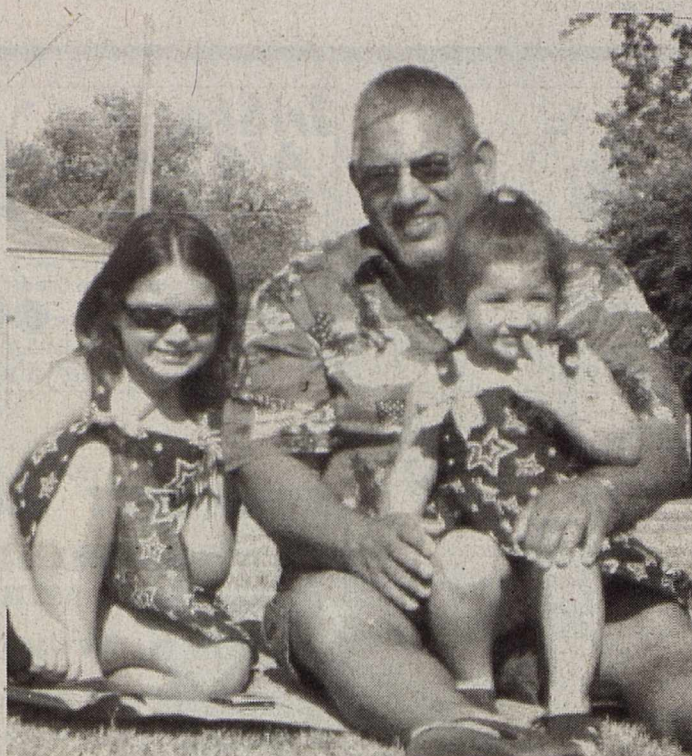


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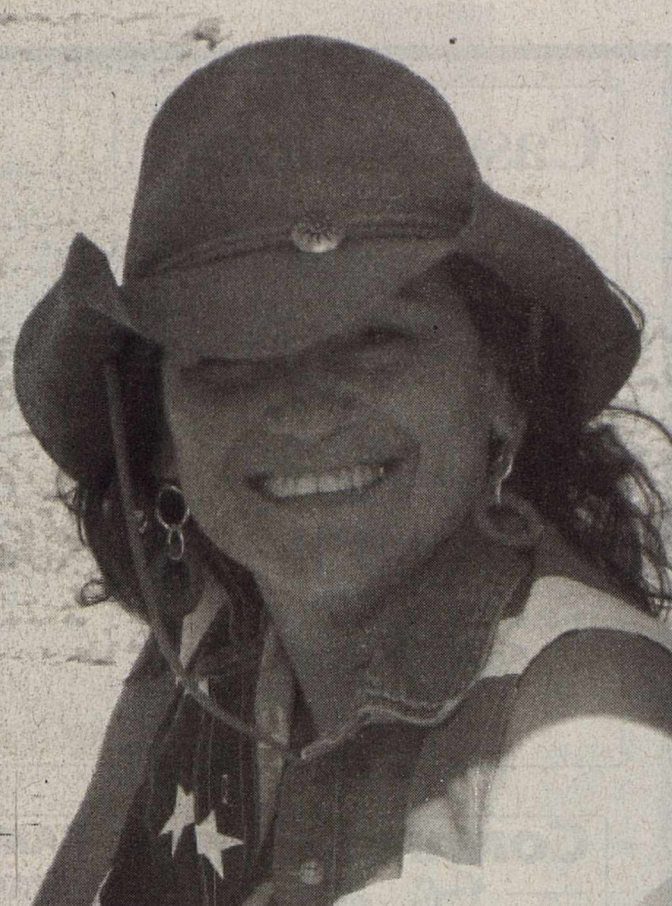
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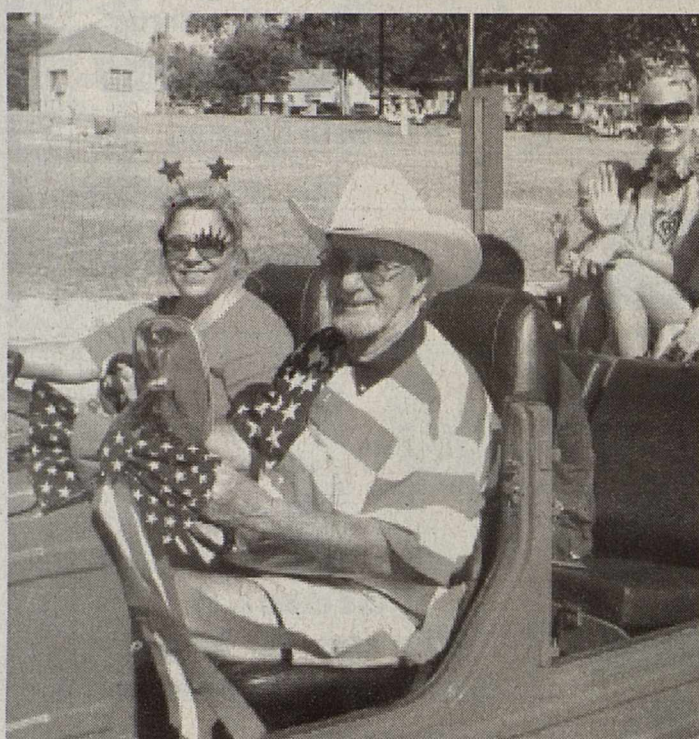
Shealee Guidry and Diana Ward



Newspaper's Choice For Best Dressed Family



Newspaper's Choice For Queen of the County  
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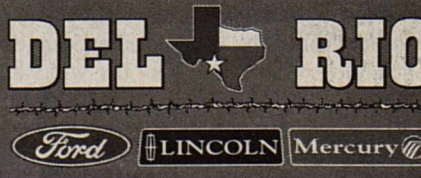
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## Fort Clark artist is a lady with a past



### Reunited

Photo courtesy to The Brackett News - Actor Randall Carver was reunited with his sister, Fort Clark artist Ginger Calk.

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the Fort Clark Springs Art Studio.  
Ginger was surprised and humbled when she learned that her first time entry took Best of Show when so many masters had also submitted artwork for the competition.  
Like most talented people, Ginger desired to

know from whom she had inherited her interest in art and design. She was adopted as an infant but had never searched for her biological parents. It was not until her daughter Nancy Musgrave was pregnant that the search for their medical history began. They contacted the home that handled Ginger's adoption and received two long type-written pages regarding the circumstances of her birth with most identifying information blacked out. Nancy was relentless though and was able to sift through the information and make deductions that proved later to be quite accurate. Meanwhile, they were told that although her biological mother did not want to meet with her, she did have a brother who was trying to find her. He had contacted the same home earlier and the pages they had sent to him indicated that he had a sister.

At first, the home only told Ginger that she had a brother; that he lived in California and that he was an actor. Their first correspondence was through the home, with the home forwarding the mail on to the other sibling. Eventually, her brother was given her phone number and they had many phone conversations before Ginger and George made the trip to California to meet him. The trip was filled with uncertainties and yet with excitement at the thought of meeting her brother for the first time. Having been raised as an only child she had often wished for siblings. Now she was filled with trepidations that perhaps her brother would think she wanted something from him. She almost wished that his occupation was that of a mechanic instead of an actor. Looking back, it was all for not. He turned out to be a good Christian man with whom

they keep in close contact with frequent visits back and forth.

The story doesn't end here. Her brother is Randall Carver. His acting career started out at Palo Duro Canyon in Texas. From there Randall went on to be a regular on "Taxi" and also starred in movies such as "Man on the Moon" and most recently "There Will Be Blood." Presently he teaches acting and is involved in plays.

However, the story gets even more fascinating. Nancy persisted in her research and a few years later found Ginger's half sister.

Through this half sister a meeting was eventually arranged and Ginger met her biological mother; who, by the way, loved to draw.

Her mother is a direct descendant of Don Narciso Cavasos who was granted the largest land grant ever given to an individual citizen by the King of Spain. The grant was 600,000 acres along the Gulf of Mexico coast starting at the banks of the Rio Grande River and running inland. Part of it later became known as the King Ranch.

Don Cavasos had twin grandchildren named Juan and Juana Cavasos who were born in 1824. In August of 1843, while visiting family north of Matamoros, Mexico on the Texas side of the Rio Grande, Juana was kidnapped by Comanches, transported approximately 150 miles from her point of capture and lived in captivity for three long years. An old squaw medicine woman whose daughter died in childbirth, took Juana under her wing and protected her while teaching her to make medicinal cures.

Shortly after the old woman died, Juana was ransom by the Barnard brothers who ran a trad-

ing post on the Brazos.

Juana married Charles Barnard who later had a mill and founded the town called Glen Rose today.

All efforts to locate any of Juana's family were in vain. Juana and Charles raised their family and made a good life for themselves.

Juana kept busy with her children, a vegetable garden and tending to sick neighbors with her medicinal herbs when there was not a doctor near.

One evening a trail boss driving a herd to Fort Dodge, Kansas requested permission to bed down the herd just south of their house before crossing the rising Brazos the following day. Juana had peach cobbler baked and sent down to their camp.

The trail boss later came up to the house to return the pie pans and when Juana heard his voice from inside, she knew it was her brother Juan! What a reunion!

Ginger is Juan's great great granddaughter. Even if she had never known of her ancestry the family traits would still be evident; Juana's ability to overlook adversity and be thankful for the blessings of the day; her mother's desire to express herself through art; her brother's expression of the arts through acting.

From a child without a history to an adult with a history enviable by everyone seeking that famous connection in their background, Ginger is quite a special lady.

Her gentle nature and soft Texas drawl hint at the depth of the "undertones" in her paintings. It just goes to show you, everything does come full circle.



## OBITUARY

### John L. Horalek

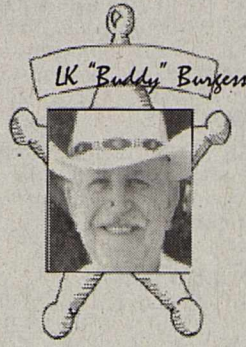
America lost a true patriot when LTC John L. Horalek, U.S. Army Retired, called a truce with his cancer battle. He is survived by his wife, Lena Long; son, Patrick L. Horalek; daughters, Stacy L. Whisman, Karin M. Miller and Barbara Marish; three step-sons, Jason Long, Clint Long, and Justin Long.; thirteen grandchildren. Raised in Greeley, Co, he played for the Nebraska Cornhuskers before being drafted. 27 years, a Silver Star, several Purple Hearts and battle field promotions later he retired a Colonel. He led a successful real estate and contracting company in Ft. Worth, Texas before moving to Hawthorne, NV where he contracted Base security operations and was active in the VFW. His trusted companion Willie misses him. He exemplifies "Land of the Free, Because of the Brave". Memorial services will be Friday July 17, 2009 at the Veterans Cemetery in Fernley, NV at 2:00 pm. Honorariums in lieu of flowers should be sent to First Baptist Church Youth Group, P.O. Box 308, Brackettville, TX 78832

### Arnulfo L. Rudy Ortiz

December 18, 1939 - July 6, 2009

Arnulfo L. "Rudy" Ortiz, 69, of Jefferson, died on Monday, July 6, 2009, at Fort Memorial Hospital. Born on December 18, 1939, in Brackettville, Texas, to Santos and Matilde (DeLeon) Ortiz, he married Enedina Pena on March 24, 1969, in Brackettville. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Jefferson and St. Mary Magalene catholic Church in Brackettville. He worked in construction and was a member of the local 464. Surviving are his wife, Enedina Ortiz of Jefferson; two daughters, Dora Elia (Alberto) Rodrigueuz, of Darien and Mary (Donald) Lambert of Edna, Texas; two sons, Chavel (Tracy) Ortiz of Mukwonago and Cassidy Ortiz of Denver; three grandsons, Caleb and Gavin Ortiz and Tristan Poe; seven granddaughters, Savannah and Riley Ortiz, Jessica, Chelsea and Britney Lambert and Jordon and Casandra Griswal; three sisters, Elaria (Juan Manuel) Ortiz Hernandez of Uvalde, Texas, Maria Ortiz of Lodi, California and Francesca Maldonado of San Antonio; one brother, Chavel Ortiz of Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Mercy, Sylvia and Romona Ortiz; and one brother, Tom Ortiz. Funeral Services will be today at the Olson Funeral Home in Jefferson at 6 p.m. on, with the Rev. Thomas Coyle officiating. A funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, July 14, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Magdelene Catholic Church in Brackettville, Texas with the Rev. Ezeigbo Pius officiating, there will be a visitation after 9 a.m. Tuesday, at the church, until time of Mass. Burial will be in Kinney County Cemetery in Brackettville.

## Kinney County Sheriff 's Report



### Monday, June 29

12:07am, An out of town woman called to report she was on the phone with a family member when someone knocked on her door, started arguing and hung up her phone. A deputy was dispatched to the location.

3:45am, A woman called and claimed a man was harassing her and threatening to go to her location and take her children. A deputy was notified.

1:10pm, A man called to report someone had broken into his residence and stole tools. A deputy was informed and enroute to the location.

2:20pm, A man came into the SO and requested to speak with a deputy. A deputy was advised.

2:26pm, Two 911 calls were received from unknown callers both in reference to a hit and run on Fulton and Sweeney streets. A deputy was dispatched to the location.

4:30pm, A 911 call was received from a man stating that his truck had been hit and he wanted it fixed. The man was informed that a deputy was already handling the case.

9:36pm, A 911 call was received about a woman driving her vehicle through a fence at a local residence and then smashing the windows at the residence located next to the accident.

9:44pm, A woman called to report a family member had ran away from home. A deputy was notified of the situation.

11:10pm, A woman reported there was a individual in the back yard of her residence. Fort Clark Security was informed of the situation.

Maria Cervantes, 44, of Brackettville, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief. Cervantes was released on a \$1,500 bond.

### Tuesday, June 30

2:09pm, A woman called to request a deputy to report that she and her dog had been attacked by a neighbors dog while walking. A deputy was advised.

6:45pm, A woman reported a man driving recklessly and almost caused a head on collision twice. A deputy was informed.

8:33pm, A call was received from a man stating a woman had broken into his residence, stole a computer and was headed towards Del Rio. A deputy was notified of the situation.

Juan Cervantes, 21, of Brackettville, was arrested for terroristic threat. Cervantes was released the same day on a \$2,000 bond.

### Wednesday, July 1

5:50am, The KCSO received a call from a alarm company about an alarm going off at a lo-

cal business. A deputy was enroute to the location.

### Thursday, July 2

2:22am, A woman called requesting a deputy about a family disturbance. A deputy was dispatched to the location.

2:37am, Andrew James Henrichs, 21, of Brackettville, was arrested for public intoxication. Henrichs was still being held at press time.

3:00am, A woman called the SO stating that her neighbors were fighting. A deputy was notified of the situation.

10:49am, A woman called requesting a deputy, she stated that her uncle's daughter had possession of his Social Security check. A deputy was enroute to the residence.

5:10pm, A woman called the SO needing assistance with her daughter, who had left and would not listen to her. A deputy was dispatched to the residence.

### Friday, July 3

5:54pm, Pete Castillo III, 46, of Del Rio, was arrested for DWI, second offense, and open container. Castillo was released July 4 on a \$1,200. bond

### Saturday, July 4

4:30pm, A woman called stating that her husband was at her residence and she needed a deputies assistance. A deputy was advised.

8:25pm, A man called the SO to report a man was not taking his medication and he was tearing his house apart. A deputy was advised of the situation.

### Sunday, July 5

5:05pm, A woman called to report a unwanted man was bothering her daughter by knocking on her door and leaving. A deputy was advised.

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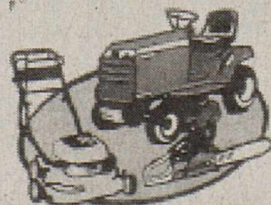
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**New Listing - 127 Bowie Rd:** unique home with 3BR, 5B. Updated kitchen, large master BR with 2 baths & closets. Private patio for entertaining with bar & 1/2 bath + separate office.  
**38 Sunset Lane:** well maintained 3BR, 3B split level home in great area. Large kitchen, FP & nice upgrades.  
**Unit 37:** covered RV lot, sleeping quarters with bath, large outdoor kitchen & patio area!  
**Historic Property:** 2 apartments, CHA, high ceilings & lots of charm. \$62,000.  
**214 W. Fulton:** spacious 3BR home, interior/exterior upgrades. Reduced to \$59,000.  
**New Listing:** 21' x 35', metal bldg. on slab, has water, shed. Great workshop!  
**For Rent:** cute 1BR townhome, CHA, furnished. \$425 + elect.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS.** THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE Development Council Area Agency on Aging, hereby solicits proposals to provide the following services: Nutritional and Supportive Services (Transportation), under the Older Americans Act of 1965, Title III, as amended, to Senior Citizens of the Middle Rio Grande region. Services are to be provided in Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala counties. Proposal period will be from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. To obtain a complete copy of the request for proposal packet, please contact: Raul Diaz, Accountant, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, (830)876-3533. Proposal Packets will be available on or after June 29, 2009. All proposals must be clearly marked "Sealed Bid - DO NOT OPEN", Attention: Ramon S. Johnston. The deadline for submission of proposal is July 29, 2009, 4:00 p.m., at the Middle Rio Grande Development Council (Central Office), 307 W. Nopal, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834. Proposals may not be submitted through the use of facsimile machines or e-mail. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. The MRGDC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. Changes in state/federal legislation may result in a requirement to renegotiate contracts at any time (before or during the contracted period).

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**2 bedroom, 1 & 1/2 bath mobile home** with glassed in breezeway. Has 2 storage areas and parking in the front and back. \$27,000 or make offer!  
**Unit 14- 2 lots** with RV cover and 804 sf. living area. **Make Offer!**  
**Golf Course Lot** on Fort Clark Road- \$4,500.  
**926 Acres** off 674 North of Brackettville, improvements, well, good hunting - \$1,195. an acre  
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**FORT CLARK**  
**New Listing: 221 Oak Lane** Fantastic 2 story home, 3BR/3B 2 car garage + separate workshop. many upgrades, great location! \$199,500.  
**29 Lamotte:** 3/2/2 Stucco hm w/ tiled floors, FP in large kitchen/ breakfast rm. Screened porch overlooking green area. Reduced to sell. \$155,000. Motivated seller!  
**132 De Zavala:** Adorable A-Frame 2BR/1B w/ 300sq. ft. Loft area, 1100 +/- sq. ft. REDUCED \$35,000.  
**23 Oak Lane:** Custom Built Home 3BR/2B on large, fenced corner lot. Backyard Cabana. Mature Oaks. 2100 +/- sq. ft.  
**Anderson/Travis:** Cute 3BR/1.5B on 1 lot \$42,500.  
**80 Baylor:** Home in Historical District 3BR/2B Approx. 1836 sq. ft. \$60,000.  
**Fairway Circle:** 2 golf course lots. walking distance from Las Moras creek. \$25,000.  
**143 Walnut:** Immaculate 3/2 Palm Harbor Hm. on 2 lots overlooking green area. Must see! \$42,000. Make an offer!  
**104 McClernand:** 2BR/2B Townhouse/Historical District. 1260 +/- sq. ft. REDUCED  
**Unit 14:** RV lot w/ metal cover Includes 27' Wilderness travel trailer, 8 x 10 Morgan bldg. + washer/dryer hookups. \$32,000.

**BRACKETTVILLE**  
**New Listing:** 201 N. Ann 3BR/2B Stucco Hm. Includes Game Rm. or 4th BR. Great Home on 4 lots.  
**Commercial:** US Hwy 90: Metal Construction Bldg. w/ storage, workshop, office and restroom. 3 lots. Prime Property.  
**109 W. Spring St.:** Downtown Brackettville 4,400sq. ft. Great Rental Property!

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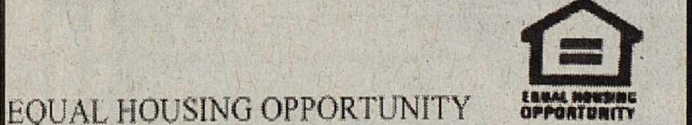
**221 Acres:** N. of Brackettville on 674. Log Cabin w/ panoramic views. 1400 +/- sq. ft. w/ Loft

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**ACROSS**

- TX outlaw: "Black \_\_\_\_\_" Ketchum
- TXism: "cold \_\_\_\_\_" 44 cries of grief
- TXism: "hard \_\_\_\_\_" (tough hombre)
- Wichita Falls TV
- this Rep. was 1st TX black in Legislature
- since Reconstruction
- "one" south of border
- talking too much?
- rodeo rider & country artist who lived some in TX: Chris \_\_\_\_\_ Doux
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ a soul"
- "I'm an \_\_\_\_\_ hand from the Rio Grande"
- TXism: "tame \_\_\_\_\_ dog"
- this actress Geraldine was wife of TX Rip Torn
- hymn: "Rock of \_\_\_\_\_"
- abbr. for popular e-mail program.
- body of water on TX-LA border (2 wds.)
- film for TX JoBeth and TX Barry: \_\_\_\_\_ Crazy" ('80)
- in the Valley: "Santa \_\_\_\_\_ National Wildlife Refuge"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ cinch" (certain)
- "no \_\_\_\_\_ no gain"
- wager at TX Lone Star Park (2 wds.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ a hot horseshoe"
- a TX NBA team
- 42 a cheer south of border
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ the roof" (party loudly)
- 45 in '37 this president (init.) used TX "Hotel Galvez" as summer White House
- 46 bath night (abbr.)
- 47 TXism: "don't amount to \_\_\_\_\_ of beans"
- 48 TX Shub Wooley's western TV series
- 49 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ (dance)"
- 50 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ Academy Awards: \_\_\_\_\_" ('59)
- 51 winner of 11
- 52 border patrol agcy. before CBP (abbr.)
- 53 poem
- 1 in '29 TX Ginger eloped with this man
- 2 TXism: "dainty \_\_\_\_\_ bride"
- 3 Dimmitt is seat of this county
- 4 took a knee
- 9 TXism: "splittin' \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_"
- 10 saddle \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 this TX Clark is \_\_\_\_\_ song writer & singer
- 12 TX actor Rip (init.)
- 13 TXism: "happy as \_\_\_\_\_ mud"
- 14 more wicked
- 15 TX Strait's "Where the Sidewalk \_\_\_\_\_"
- 16 securities agcy. (abbr.)
- 19 OU football team
- 20 perspires
- 22 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ a scalded hog"
- 24 TXism: "guilty \_\_\_\_\_ sin"
- 25 Valley lake: "La \_\_\_\_\_ del Rey"
- 26 TXism: "hot as \_\_\_\_\_ of mesquite coals"
- 27 "Champion \_\_\_\_\_" Texas' is selected annually
- 28 "West Texas Pioneers \_\_\_\_\_ Settlers"
- 29 TX Roy Orbison's "Pretty \_\_\_\_\_"
- 30 lawyer dress code? (2 wds.)
- 33 TXism: "he couldn't lick his upper \_\_\_\_\_"
- 34 TX "Spanky" McFarland '34 film: "For Pete's \_\_\_\_\_"
- 35 TXism: "does \_\_\_\_\_ give milk?" (no)
- 37 TX Blue Bell flavor
- 38 TXism: "dark as \_\_\_\_\_ of black cats"
- 40 TXism: "there's more of them than \_\_\_\_\_ in Texas"
- 41 "nuff \_\_\_\_\_"
- 44 "I don't care one \_\_\_\_\_"
- 47 TXism: "that's \_\_\_\_\_ of a different color"
- 49 TXism: "he's \_\_\_\_\_ tighter than an 8-day clock" (tense)