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Community News

RESCHEDULED!
First United Methodist Church's Vacation Bible School. Will Be offered as an after school children's weekday ministry at a later date. Watch for an announcement as to day and time.

BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR
Cheer in partnership with Health and Human Services Commission's Colonia initiatives holds its 3rd annual Back to School Health Fair on August 29th from 2pm-6pm in the gym. Please bring your child's shot record to make sure if he/she needs shots to start school on time. For more information contact BISS Central Office at 563-2491 or Cheer Pat Sitzes 563-5528.

STUFF THE BUS PROJECT
Provide kids, who need it, with a fresh start for the school year. Donate NEW school supplies for Brackett's local students. Items will be gathered until Monday, August 17. Items needed: backpacks, pens, pencils, pencil cases, pocket folders and dividers, composition notebooks, binders, etc. Bring your items to Tx. AgriLife Extension Office 602 Military Hwy 830-563-2442

TWO CATTLE FEVER TICK WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED FOR SOUTH TEXAS
To help landowners, stockmen, and wildlife ranch operators fight Cattle Fever Tick, two workshops have been scheduled to discuss technical and financial assistance available through the USDA- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The first workshop will be held Monday, August 10, 2009 at the International Center for Trade, 3295 Bob Rogers Drive, in Eagle Pass and the second workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11 at the Salla County Fair Building, Hwy. 97, in Cotulla. Both workshops will begin at 8:30am and end at 4:30pm. Lunch will be provided for the first 100 participants to RSVP for each workshop. There will be a charge of \$8 for all who RSVP after the first 100. CEUs will be offered.

FISH STOCKING PROGRAM 2009
Fish Stocking Program 2009 will be held on Friday, August 21, 2009 at the Kinney County Civic Center at 1:00pm. Orders and payments must be received by Friday, August 14, 2009. To place an order call 563-2414 or stop by the office and complete an order form.

CCSWT RECEIVES AWARD OF TRANSIT FUNDS
The Community Council of Southwest Texas Inc. announces the grant award of \$331,000 from the Texas Department of Transportation for capital purchases under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act. Though the grant award, the agency will be able to purchase five wheel chairs accessible vehicles and one maintenance shop truck for its Southwest Transit program. Funds were also awarded for the construction of a maintenance bay on the CCSWT property located at 713 East Main Street in Uvalde. "We are extremely grateful for the stimulus funds being awarded to our region. We are in constant need of replacing vehicles in our aging fleet, and this assistance will benefit all of our service area", states Sarah Hidalgo-Cook, Transit & Safety Director for the agency. CCSWT has administered the rural public transportation program since 1981 and serves the counties of Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, and Zavala. Job Access, Medical, Elderly/Disabled, and Rural Public Transportation services are provided through out the region. The agency which serves as the Rural Transit District in the region is also the lead agency for the Middle Rio Grande Regional Transportation Planning Initiative. For more information on transportation services in your area, you can contact Southwest transit at (830) 278-4155 or 800-499-1617 Monday through Friday during business hours.

Tiger football gets off to roaring start



Return Of The Tigers Brackett News Photos By Leigh Volcsko - Tiger team members sweat it out during their first week of practice for the 2009 Season that will begin with an away scrimmage against Falls City at 10 a.m. August 15.

2009 Brackett Tiger Football Schedule



Varsity

Aug 15	Falls city (Scrimmage)	Away
Aug 20	Ozona (Scrimmage)	Home
Aug 28	Dilley	Away
Sept 4	Harper	Home
Sept 11	Rocksprings	Home
Sept 18	OPEN	
Sept 25	*Leakey	Away
Oct 2	*Centerpoint	Home
Oct 10	*DHanis	Away
Oct 16	*Medina	Home
Oct 23	*Nueces Canyon	Away
Oct 30	*LaPryor	Home
Nov 6	*Sabinal	Away

*District Games
All game times are 7:30 p.m. except scrimmages

Former Brackett couple involved in Camp Wood shooting

By Leigh Volcsko
The Brackett News
A former Brackettville business owner was killed by his spouse in Camp Wood Hills on July 31.

Jay Weatherby and his wife Paige, both registered voters in Kinney County, were owners of a gift store known as The Giftbox located on east Spring Street in Brackett, but in 2007 closed the store, selling the building and land to the Robles family of Del Rio. The Brackettville Sunset Memorial Funeral Home is now located there.

At 5:05 a.m. last Friday, Edwards County Sheriff's Office Dispatch received a non-emergency call from a woman identified as Paige Weatherby and according to Sheriff Don Letsinger, Weatherby stated guns had been fired and she needed an officer at her residence.

Sheriff Letsinger, followed by another Edwards County deputy, made their way to the Weatherby property on County Road 390 in Camp Wood Hills, a subdivision located in Edwards County. The officers were met at the property gate by Paige

Weatherby. Paige Weatherby then took the sheriff to the Weatherby residence. Officers found the body of Jay Weatherby on the living room floor of the home. Jay Weatherby had been shot in the head and was unresponsive and appeared to be deceased. Edwards County Justice of the Peace Joe O. Baker was called to the residence and pronounced Jay Weatherby dead at 7:35 a.m. Letsinger stated the shooting at the present time appears to be a case of self defense, but it is being fully investigated and the Texas Rangers are assisting the investigation. Paige Weatherby was interviewed and released around 6:30 p.m. the evening of July 31.

Judge Baker ordered a full autopsy by the Bexer County Medical Examiners Office and Letsinger has submitted forensic evidence to Bexer County as well.

"Anytime there is a death by a gunshot wound, it is a serious matter. We are not accusing anyone of wrong doing, but we want to make sure we know exactly what happened," concluded Letsinger.

Alamo Saddlery

By Katie Brown
The Brackett News

Certainly a gracious lady and an astute business woman, Leisha-Ashley knows just how to carry her father's business forward by following her instincts for current trends in design and incorporating them into Alamo Saddlery's tack. Saddles and other tack have historically been designed with a decidedly masculine influence. Leisha saw a need to design a line marketed specifically for women who comprise a large segment of the industry. Implementing her ideas has been tremendously successful. Keeping abreast of fashion in the world of art, clothing and accessories is evident in her current designs. It was this ingenuity that brought her to the attention of *Southern Living* magazine and resulted in the article written in the August 2009 issue.

Leisha attended Texas Tech and graduated with a degree in Business Education. She went to work as an agent for New York Life in Del Rio prior to marrying her husband who was in the Army. He was stationed in Alabama and when he got out of the Army they returned to Texas where Leisha taught school for three years in the Sequin area.

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Groundwater district votes to change August meeting date

By Diana Ward
Special To The Brackett News

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors voted to move its August monthly meeting to Thursday, August 27.

During last month's regular meeting, board president Kent Lowery explained, "This came about because I'm going to be gone the first part of August. Lloyd (Davis, director) will still be gone, and I know Director (Dennette) Coates is going to be gone during that period of time, and also I've heard that maybe one or two others. We may not have a quorum if we try to have the meeting at the regularly stated meeting date of the second Thursday. So, I will bring to the board, if it's alright with everyone, to move that to the last Thursday which, correct me if I am wrong here, but that's Aug 27."

Board member Stan Metcalf asked if the directors were going to have a workshop in addition to its regular meeting.

Lowery replied, "Yeah, we would have the workshop the next morning."

Earlier in the meeting Lowery explained that Dr. Robert Mace of the Texas Water Development Board had offered to come down and assist the district in establishing desired future conditions.

"Desired future conditions is a piece of our management plan that we need to get and get done, and they are due in September, the 11th of 2010," Lowery said. "That would be a day that we need to make sure that the board could be in attendance so that you guys could, uh we need everybody there for this."

Metcalf responded, "I don't like jumping around, but if that is what we've got to do, because we just now got the meeting set on the second Thursday, you know."

Lowery asked, "Is there any conflicts that anyone knows of? Director Davis will be back also by that time so we will have will have a full board back."

Director Tony Frerich made a motion to move the meeting back to the last Thursday in August. Director Christopher Ring seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The board tentatively set the workshop with Mace on Friday, Aug. 28, at 8 a.m. The location of the meeting has yet to be announced.

Sylvia Owens to open new community bank in Brackett

"Initially we will open as a loan production office..."

By Katie Brown
The Brackett News

Sylvia B. Owens, Executive Vice President with Texas Community Bank, will be opening a loan production office in Brackettville in the building at 112 W Spring Street, formally occupied by Attorney Robert Adams.

This office will be a satellite of the branch office in Del Rio. The main office of TCB is located in Laredo.

Owens comes to Brackett with



28 years of banking experience. She and her husband live in Del Rio and have two children; a daughter who just completed her first year at Angelo State University, San Angelo and a son who is a junior in high school. Her husband is a contractor, who, when not working to get the Brackett office ready to open, is working on the Federal Building in Del Rio.

"Initially we will open as a loan production office; we can do commercial loans, residential loans, consumer loans; any type of loan there is a demand for. Demand will determine what we do. If there is a demand for a full fledged bank we will consider that. We are here to serve the community," said Owens.

Plans are to open the Texas Community Bank on Spring Street on Monday, August 10.

Owens hopes to have the sign up and the hours posted by the end of this week.

The "Whole" Note



By Heather Knox
The Brackett News

This week I reviewed the wonderful musical, "The Music Man" based on the book written by Franklin Lacy and Meredith Willson who also wrote the lyrics, music, and produced the play. This musical was first produced at the Majestic Theatre on December 19, 1957, Robert Preston as "Harold Hill" and Barbara Cook as "Marian

Paroo." The play is set in River City, Iowa in 1912.

The play starts out on a train where Harold Hill over hears two men talking about his powers of selling. When he arrives at River City, Iowa he meets Marcellus Washburn, who tells him "he will never be able to work his racket here". Harold's "racket" is to go from town to town and encourage the townsfolk to start a boy's band.

He collects the money for uniforms and instruments, but instead of buying them he keeps the money for himself. Marcellus tells him that his biggest obstacle is the town's music teacher/librarian; Marian Paroo, a stuck-up kind of girl who will see right through his shenanigans.

Unconvinced, Harold Hill arouses the town's interest in starting a boy's band by point-

ing out the bad influence on the children by the local pool hall. When Marian appears he tries to win her over with his charm, but she brushes him off. But Marian is a soft girl as she reveals in her song "Goodnight, My Someone."

Harold tries again to rouse the town's enthusiasm for a boy's band, this time though the children all join in to convince the town to start the boy's band. Later that evening Harold goes to the library to convince Marian of his cause. He tries to impress her by telling her he is a professor of music and a graduate of Gary Indiana University, in the gold-medal class of 1905.

A week later the Wells Fargo wagon come to town and delivers the uniforms and instruments just when Marian was about to reveal to the mayor that Harold is a

fraud, but seeing the towns enthusiasm, she can't go on to do so. After having everything here, Marian does not deny anymore that she is in love with Harold.

Harold, after realizing he is also in love with Marian, decides that instead of taking the money he will actually put together a boy's band, and for the finale, the band splutters out their first song.

This play features wonderful songs including "Trouble", "Seventy-Six Trombones", and "Till There Was You."

It is a heart-warming tale with great characters and wonderful songs and I fully recommend watching "The Music Man" by Meredith Willson.

If you have any musicals, songs, or plays you would like me to review email me the title at soazsweetheart@yahoo.com.

Cesar Cantu



Photo courtesy to The Brackett News - Cesar Cantu, a 2008 graduate of Brackett High School has been named to the Dean's List for both the Fall and Spring Semesters at Schreiner's University. Cesar is majoring in Accounting. To qualify for the Dean's List, a full-time student must have passing grades in all courses, must earn at least a 3.30 grade point average and must have at least 12 hours credit for the term.

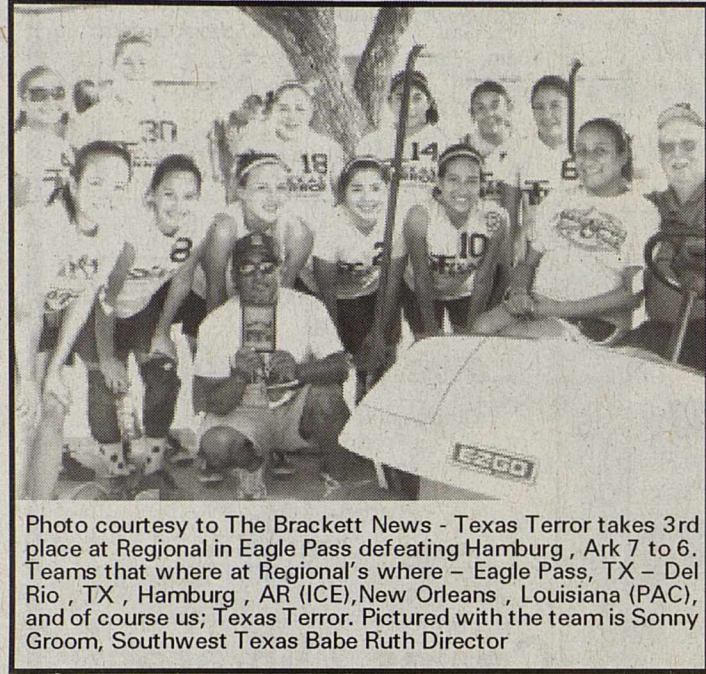


Photo courtesy to The Brackett News - Texas Terror takes 3rd place at Regional in Eagle Pass defeating Hamburg, Ark 7 to 6. Teams that where at Regional's where - Eagle Pass, TX - Del Rio, TX, Hamburg, AR (ICE), New Orleans, Louisiana (PAC), and of course us; Texas Terror. Pictured with the team is Sonny Groom, Southwest Texas Babe Ruth Director

SUMMER BAND SCHEDULE FOR H.S. BAND

The Brackett High School Tiger Band attended a summer band camp held at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas from June 6th through June 10th. The days were spent rehearsing music and practicing marching. The band will display all that they learned each Friday night at half time of the Tiger football games. It was a great learning experience for all and will help the band to reach the goals they have set for themselves during the 2009-2010 school year.

SUMMER BAND SCHEDULE FOR H.S. BAND:

Wed. 8/12 4-8PM
Thurs. 8/13 4-8
Fri. 8/14 4-8

Mon. 8/17 6-9PM
Tues. 8/18 6-9
Wed. 8/19 6-9
Thurs. 8/20 6-10 (special event /performance)

Brackett Athletic Booster Club

The Brackett Athletic Booster Club will be having a meeting on Monday, August 17th at the gym starting at 7 pm. Officer elections will be held. Plan to meet the Tigers and Tigerettes. Junior High and High School parents are welcome.

Meet the Tigers and Tigerettes on Monday, August 24th, at the Football Stadium at 7 pm for an ice cream and dessert social. The athletes will be signing autographs and intermingling with the public.

How can you help support the Booster Club?

- Help out with anything.
- Donate: food, money, time, etc....
- Help at Booster Club Events

Please help support our kids, together we can make a difference!!

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GeoFORCE Texas is a summer program that rewards outstanding students from select South Texas Independent School Districts and Houston schools from grades 8-12 with the chance to travel the country, meet inspiring people, and learn about opportunities for careers in the geosciences. Students admitted to this selective program meet each summer for one week, traveling to The University of Texas at Austin's Jackson School of Geosciences, which hosts the program, and several locations of geologic significance around the United States. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, the program is free with all expenses paid for admitted students. GeoFORCE Texas was launched to address two pressing needs: inspiring the next generation of geoscientists and fostering increased diversity in the U.S. workforce.

The program recruits from the predominantly Hispanic South Texas region and inner-city Houston. It is open to all students in the region regardless of background, as reflected in the diversity of the inaugural class of 2005.

Currently, GeoFORCE Texas serves 18 public school districts in the South Texas area and 19 public schools in Houston.

South Texas and Houston students who excel in math and science and complete a GeoFORCE Texas Academy application have two ways to get involved: 9th grade students selected to participate this summer were:

Selina Gerrardo... GeoFORCE Academy... Florida Austin Pettett and Daniel Brinker... Young GeoScience Program Graduating seniors who completed the inaugural program were: Emily Calk, Sam Moore, Jacob Schroeder



Photo courtesy to The Brackett News - Emily Calk completed the GeoForce program and will be attending Kansas State University in the fall.



Photo courtesy to The Brackett News - Samantha Moore completed the GeoForce program and will be attending Texas A&M at College Station.

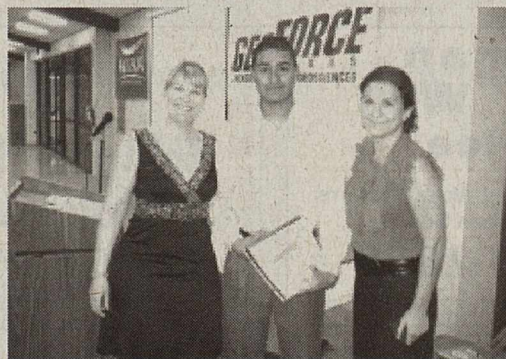


Photo courtesy to The Brackett News - Jacob Schroeder completed the GeoForce program and will be joining the United States Coast Guard.

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Funding Available for Texas Grassland Owners

Temple, Texas, July 27, 2009 - Grassland owners in south Texas, the area hardest hit by the state's drought, will be given priority consideration to participate in USDA's Grassland Reserve Program (GRP), a \$4.2 million conservation program in Texas. "While GRP is open to anyone who owns grassland, we are giving priority consideration to drought areas so ranchers can protect their land resources through rental agreements or perpetual easements," said Don Gohmert, state conservationist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas. Extreme or exceptional drought has been designated in 78 counties in south Texas by the U.S. Drought Monitor. Landowners in these counties can sign-up for GRP to be compensated to defer cattle grazing until grassland conditions improve. "Areas in South Texas are the driest in the entire country based on USDA's Drought Monitor," said Juan Garcia, Farm Service Agency (FSA) state executive director for Texas. "By enrolling in GRP, landowners can defer grazing, protect their land, and receive compensation." GRP is a continuous sign-up program, but landowners are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to be eligible for the 2009 funding cycle, which ends in September. The NRCS and FSA administer GRP, a voluntary program reauthorized in the 2008 Farm Bill to protect grazing uses and other related conservation values by restoring and conserving eligible grasslands and certain other lands through rental agreements and easements. The enrollment options for GRP include: Rental agreements - 10, 15, or 20-year duration, USDA pays 75 percent of the grazing value in annual payments for the length of the agreement. Permanent easements - USDA makes payment based on the fair market value of the property less the grazing value. Land that is privately owned is eligible for GRP. The land must be grassland for which the predominant use is grazing. Land that has been historically dominated by grassland and provides habitat for animal or plant populations of significant ecological value, or land that contains historical or archeological resources is eligible. Land previously enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program is eligible for GRP. Publicly owned land is not eligible or land already under protection from conversion to non-grazing uses is also not eligible. For more information about GRP and conservation programs that may be available for conservation technical and financial assistance, visit the nearest USDA Service Center or visit the NRCS Texas Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/GRP. Contact Mark Habiger, 254-742-9881 or Lori Valadez, 254-742-9811

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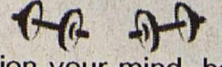
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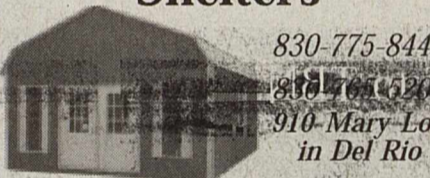
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Leisha Ashley makes August edition of *Southern Living*

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Meanwhile, in the spring of 1996, Roy Martin, who had been working for a company in the saddlery business, approached Leisha's father, Hadley Wardlaw, with a business proposition. He suggested that they open up something on their own "Dad really didn't really know anything about the business, he was funding Roy who had been doing this for another company," she said. So they started out buying and selling leather products. Shortly thereafter they began manufacturing everything and established a factory in Acuna where the labor was cheaper. By this time Leisha and her young family had moved back to Del Rio. She had planned to be a stay at home mom but needed more. In May, working out of the Del Rio office, she began putting the business on the computer. She began to get more involved, making suggestions as Roy was doing tack. "This industry is very male dominated. All the old saddle makers are men. At that time 70 percent of the women in their 40's to 60's were doing all the trail riding. The females in the buying section were the ones with all the money; that older woman age group. 70 percent of buyers were women. All the decorating had been done by men. I thought it was a good time to get more feminine products that looked more like jewelry."

She found pieces of jewelry she liked, getting ideas wherever she went. She designed conchos based on the parameters she had to work with and began incorporating stones and rhinestones and leather crosses; anything to achieve the desired fashionable affect.

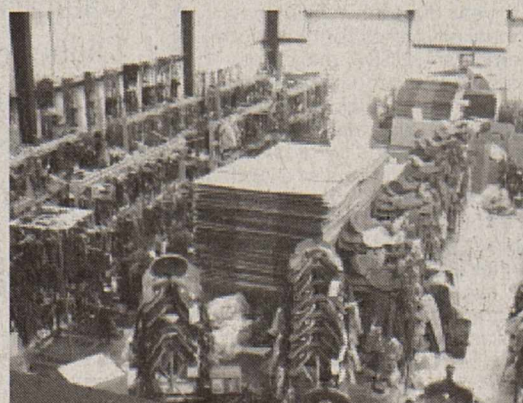
The cosmetics and the colors used distinguish

the female side of tack. However, while Alamo Saddlery is known for their jewelry on tack designs, it is still the working tack that keeps the factory turning. "Not all stores that we sell (to) can sell jewelry on tack, it depends on their niche; where they are located and who is around." Barrel racing is where advertising is good for selling jewelry on tack. Barrel racers from the youth to the older want to be the flashiest and the fanciest. It is all about the bling.

Every year Leisha designs a limited edition. The 2009 edition is bedecked with leather crosses sporting turquoise stones and the saddle has matching turquoise leather material.

The attention to detail is evident in every aspect of the trim and the tooling. Truly it is a work of art.

A walk through the warehouse was a treat for the sensory perceptions. There were rows and



Alamo Saddlery

rows of saddles in various shades of leather, decorated in a wide variety of tooled designs and flashy embellishments. The walls were laden with horse accessories in every conceivable design. The wonderful smell of the leather permeated the air. Employees were busy boxing up items ready to be shipped to every corner of the country and some destined for far away places like Italy, Australia and Germany.

Twice a year Leisha attends a show in Denver, the largest Western market in the world. A

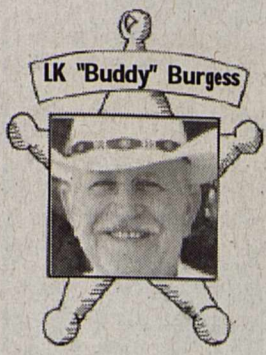
lot of customer contacts are made through the shows. Most of their sales are made through sales catalogues. All of their products are manufactured at their factory in Acuna which employs 55 individuals. The embellishments are applied to the product at the facility here. This facility is for finished products and distribution sales; as they only sell wholesale they don't have much walk in traffic.

Leisha runs the business today. She laughs as she says, "It's a challenge!"



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Kinney County Sheriff 's Report



Friday, July 24

9:45pm, Saul Javier Chacon, 28, of Eagle Pass, was arrested for DWI, 2nd offense and evading arrest. Chacon is still being held at press time.

Saturday, July 25

11:40pm, A woman called requesting a deputy to remove an unwanted man from her residence. A deputy was informed.

Sunday, July 26

10:01am, A woman called stating she had a blowout on her vehicle and needed a deputies assistance. A deputy was notified.

11:25am, A woman called the SO to report a domestic dispute at her neighbors house. A deputy was notified.

3:57pm, A woman called stating that her cat was sick and my have rabies. A deputy was advised.

4:10pm, Fort Clark Security called the SO stating a man may have possible violated his restraining order. A deputy was advised.

7:25pm, A call was received about a stranded motorist involved in a possible hit and run accident on Hwy 90 East. A deputy was notified and enroute to the location.

Monday, July 27

3:05pm, A woman called to

report that a man had been bit by his neighbors cat. A deputy was notified.

5:34pm, A woman called to report a lot of noise coming from her neighbors residence. A deputy was notified.

8:35pm, A deputy called to inform the SO that he was at a residence for a disturbance. L

11:04pm, A 911 call was received about a reckless driver on Hwy 277. A deputy was notified of the situation.

Tuesday, July 28

1:07pm, A woman called to report the smell of marijuana near her residence. A deputy was informed and enroute to the location.

Wednesday, July 29

9:21am, A 911 call was received to report two dogs were loose on Hwy 90. A deputy was informed.

8:40pm, A call was received about a cow loose on the road. A deputy was informed.

Thursday, July 30

11:49am, A man called to report an emergency protective order was not being follow. A deputy was informed and enroute to the location.

12:46pm, A call was received from Adult Protective Services to do a welfare check on a local woman.

2:30pm, A man called to report a house fire on Hwy 1572. Fire Recuse was dispatched to the location.

Friday, July 31

11:18pm, A unknown caller called to inform the SO that there was minors drinking and smoking marijuana at a local residence. A deputy was informed.

Saturday, August 1

5:30pm, A woman called stating someone was intoxicated and interrupting a baby shower. A deputy was advised.

Sunday, August 2

3:48pm, A unknown caller called stating a man was driving fast on Beaumont St. and did not have a drivers license. A deputy was informed.

4:26pm, A 911 call was received about three vehicles traveling at high speeds on Hwy 90. A deputy was notified.

Monday, August 3

5:49am, A alarm company called to report a alarm going off at a local business. The owner was notified.



Happy 49th Wedding Anniversary! Mom & Dad
Love, Flavio Jr., Armando, Valerie, Raymond, Michelle, Celina, Alexis, Isabella, and Baby Grant.

To Know Him!



Pastor Judith Adams

That the god of our Lord Jesus Christ, the father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of

wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling and what the inheritance in the saints and what is the exceeding greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his mighty power. Ephesians 1: 17-19

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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservat will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2009 on 08/19/2009 at 10:00 AM at Kinney Co Court Room. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR the proposal: Stan Metcalf, Beth Ann Smith, Christopher Ring, & Tony Frerich
- AGAINST the proposal: 0
- PRESENT and not voting: 0
- ABSENT: Kent Lowery, Lloyd L. Davis & Dennette Coates

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.061200/\$100	\$0.064600/\$100
Adopted		Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		+ \$0.003400/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		+ 5.56%
Average appraised value	\$48,828	\$49,288
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$7,561	\$7,084
Average taxable value	\$41,267	\$42,204
Tax on average residence homestead	\$25.26	\$27.26
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		+ \$2.01
and percentage of increase (+/-)		+ 7.95%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

OBITUARY

Dorothy G. Cruz

December 5, 1955 - July 19, 2009

Dorothy G. Cruz, age 53, entered into rest July 19, 2009, in Brackettville, Texas. She was born December 5, 1955, in Knoxville, Tennessee. Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Armando Cruz. Daughter, Amanda Ford and son-in-law, Michael Ford. Granddaughter, Ava Grace Ford. Sisters, Barbara Shellhamer and Kathy Tyler. Brother, Virgil Gibson. Mother-in-law, Victoria Cruz. Sisters-in-law, Juanita Poppaw and Lydia Cruz. Brothers-in-law, Santiago Cruz, Victor Poppaw and Russell Tyler. Numerous nieces, nephews and many cousins. Visitation were held Friday, July 31, 2009, 5:00 PM-9:00 PM, Brackettville Sunset Funeral Home Chapel, Brackettville, Texas. Funeral Mass was conducted Saturday, August 1, 2009, at 10:00 AM, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Please visit our website www.sunsetfuneralhomes.com and sign our guest book.

OBITUARY

Johnny A. Woodson



February 2, 1956 - July 27, 2009

Johnny Ambrase Woodson, born February 2, 1956 in Houston, TX., died on July 27, 2009 in Lake City, Florida. After an eight month battle with cancer. He is survived by two children, Amanda Woodson and AJ Simon of Winston, Oregon. Two brothers Mike Woodson and wife Sandra, Rory Don Woodson and son Daulton, one sister Molly Ramsey in Houston, TX. Also survived by his dad Donald Woodson and wife Linda of Brackettville. John will be missed by all his family and friends. He was cremated in Florida.

Submitted by: Linda Woodson

OBITUARY

Rogelio E. Reschman



August 22, 1947 - July 31, 2009

Rogelio E. Reschman, age 61, went to be with the Lord Friday, July 31, 2009 at his home in Levelland, Texas. He was born August 22, 1947 in Spofford, Texas. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Micaela Reschman; brother, Johnny Joe Reschman; and sister, Diane Reschman. Family members left to cherish his memory include his beloved wife of 42 years, Terry Reschman of Levelland; sons: Mark Reschman and wife Veronica of Sweetwater, Juan Antonio Reschman of Brackettville, and Roy Reschman and wife Connie of Corpus Christi; daughters, Keta Lopez and husband Roy, and Barbara Reschman, all of Levelland; grandchildren: Roy Lopez Jr, Micaela, Santana, Ivan, Johnny Rey, Roy Reschman Jr., and Leslie; Rogelio is also survived by 3 nieces and 1 nephews. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic Church. Interment followed at St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic Cemetery. Active pallbearers were: Jesse Guerrero, Jose Gaitan Jr., Angel Guerrero, Beto Gaitan, Michael Gaitan, and Ricky Gaitan. Honorary pallbearers were: Rudy Sepulveda, Mark Reschman, Roy Lopez Sr., Roy Lopez Jr., Santana Lopez., Ivan Lopez., and Johnny Rey Lopez.

OBITUARY

John D. Clasen

October 22, 1918 - August 2, 2009

John Delwin Clasen, age 90, passed away August 2, 2009 at the Veterans Hospital in Kerrville, Texas. He was born in Cokato, Minnesota on October 22, 1918 to parents Emil and Lillian Clasen. He was a newspaper man all his life. First with his folks then with his older brother, when his brother left for a larger newspaper, he bought The Lewiston Journal from him and became the Editor and Publisher. He later sold and moved to San Diego, California and worked for The Evening Tribune for 25 years. He served with The United States Army in Guinea in the Philippines for 3 1/2 years during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 68 years Marcia, two sons; Brian of Eagle Pass, Texas and Roland of Kentfield, California and one brother Warren of Silver Bay, Minnesota, and several Nieces and Nephews. Cremation has taken place and a private family service is planned for a later date.

Submitted by: Marcia Clasen

