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Community News

WATER BOARD.
MEETING
The Board of Directors for the KCGWCD will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom of the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas.

KCGCD WORKSHOP
The Board of Directors for the
KCGWCD will hold a Workshop on Friday, August 28, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. in the district Courtroom of the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas.

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FOOD BANK NEWS
The CSFP Over Age 60 & TEXCAP Family Distribution will be on Friday, September 18 from 1 am - 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: September 18, October 16, November 20 and December

PROGRAMA DE COMIDA

El Programa CSFP arriba de 60 anos de edad y TEXCAP Familia Distribuiran el las 11 - 5 en la oficina del periodico. Por favor no lleguen temprano. Toda la comida tene que ser recogida en este dia. La comida no puede estar detenida para otro dia. Todos los clientes tienen que presentar prueba de identidad cada mes. Los dias de distribucion sera: Octubre 16, Noviembre 20,

Diciembre 18. LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CLASSES Many local area businesses are microenterprises businesses with five or fewer employees that require \$35,000 or less in start up capital. Microenteterprise business owners general mention that they started their business without assistance. Business & Community Lender's (BCL) of Texas organized a program, Texans for Rural Entrepreneurship & Education (TREE), to assist small business owners succeed in business through business development education. The First Step FastTrac program administered by BCL of Texas, Middle Rio Grande Workforce and Southwest Texas Goat Producers is a 12 week course in basic entrepreneurship skills. The program facilitator helps students develop a feasibility plan, research the local market, identify competitors and understanding how to finance her business. Lucy Brooks, from Neighborhood Housing Services of Dimmit County (NHSDC), the facilitator, says the program is for people who have a business idea or are in business regardless of their own personal business knowledge, because sometimes people need to start at zero. This Fall, the first FastTrac courses will begin with 12 weeks of entrepreneurs meeting on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Some had never taken business courses, while others had owned a business in the past. "People don't realize the value of small business, Lucy said. "This program gives these entrepreneurs the basics to succeed." For more information on the First Step FastTrac Course and to register call BCL of Texas at

888-385-1975. Classes start

September 3rd.

Brackett goes back to school

By Leigh Volcsko The Brackett News

on August 24.

Pre-Kinder students totaled

Brackett Independent School 29; Kindergarten: 33; First Westbrook said, "The begin-day. Teachers 'hit the ground custodians, 10 food service em-District (BISD) opened its doors grade: 37; Second grade: 41; ning of a new school year is alfor the 2009-2010 school year third grade: 30; fourth grade: ways an exciting time. I've been

In an emailed memo weekend and back in school to- band director and coaches; 9 running.

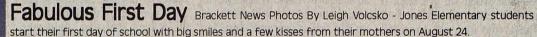
BISD's total number of teach-39; fifth grade: 51; sixth grade: impressed with how smoothly ers and staff totaled 110, includ-Five hundred seventy five 40; seventh grade: 45; eighth things have gone on our first ing Superintendent Westbrook; students "were actively en- grade: 53; ninth grade: 46; tenth day. In the vast majority of the 4 Central Office staff; 3 princigaged," said BISD Superintengrade: 30; eleventh grade: 50; cases, the transition from last pals; 4 secretaries; 2 counselors; dent Robert Westbrook on the twelfth grade: 44 and seven stuschool year to this one appears 1 librarian; 17 educational

as if students were away for the aides; 53 teachers, including ployees; 3 technology personnel; 2 maintenance and 1 grounds keeper.

> Thanksgiving holidays are November 23-27 and the Christmas holidays are December 21 - January 1.









Happy 80th Birthday

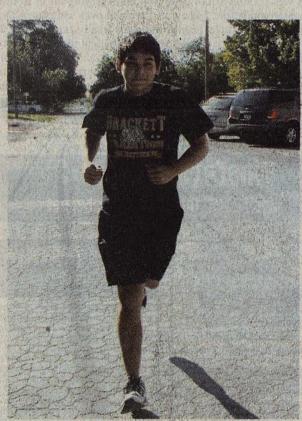
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Brackett Cross Country 2009 Schedule



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	Oct.3 rd (Sat.)	OPEN	
	Oct. 10 th (Sat.)	Del Rio	HS/JH
	Oct. 15 th (Thurs.)	Uvalde	HS/JH
TO LO	Oct. 21st (Wed.)	Bandera	HS
	Oct. 26 th -31st	DISTRICT (TBA)	HS/JH
	Nov. 7 th (Sat.)	REGIONAL (San Antor	nio) HS
	Nov. 14th (Sat.)	STATE (Round Rock)	HS



BHS Senior Victor Cantu

Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko

The mighty huntress: Jackie Bartels visits Brackettville

By Katie Brown The Brackett News

Lafayette, Louisiana in the chores around the house.

hunting and fishing. They could rhino; \$7000 versus \$45,000 to woman in safari clothing toting Clark. The ones she chooses to not afford to hunt outside the country in the early years of their marriage and raising six children was a priority. Those children now have families of their own and they go on the occasional hunts with Ron and Jackie.

The Bartels joined Safari Club International (SCI) in 1987 as members of the Louisiana chapter. SCI is an organization whose mission is to protect the freedom to hunt and to promote wildlife conservation worldwide. Through a fundraiser sponsored by SCI they purchased their first international hunt to Spain with Cazatur to hunt sheep and boar. Shortly thereafter, Jackie went on a hunt to Africa and shot her first animal in a foreign country, an Impala. "You bring the meat back to the camp so the tribes can have meat; they eat everything, every piece of the elephant, every piece of the lion, few years ago Jackie took two kill one.

of her grandsons on safari to 1940's. As an only child she rhino; they were there for that has taken 108 species, 87 record dad; being the "bird boy" was the best thing. You dart the and 4 miscellaneous species; certainly preferable to doing animal, it goes to sleep, you take some of which are top ten and

"That was the hunt I darted a muzzleloader. Since 1992 she pictures with it, give it a shot, it have won two muzzleloader SCI

a big gun and lots of ammo, have mounted and shipped back Jackie has hunted six conti-hunting in the jungles of Africa, to the United States are dis-Jackie Bartels grew up in Africa as a graduation gift. nents with a rifle and a Yet, Jackie is this petite soft spoken lady who only stands 5'2" tall; a mother and a grandmother often went bird hunting with her and they just thought that was book animals, 17 photo entries in her late 60's, she is a hunter whose aim is dead on.

hunts are plentiful in their na-In 1962 Jackie married Ron wakes up and goes on its' way." major awards. It is easy to en- tive countries and need to be Bartels who was very much into It is much cheaper to dart a vision a tall, strong healthy culled just as the deer at Fort

played in their spacious trophy room. These mounted displays are often used for Sensory Safari's. Jackie participated in the very first Sensory Safari for Many of the animals Jackie the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) along with Bob Easterbrook in 1991 in New Orleans. This program, through SCI, has been growing ever since. It gives sight impaired men, women and children the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of wildlife through the sensation of touch. Ron and Jackie were responsible for the initial Sensory Safari's. In 2004 they were recognized by the NFB of Louisiana for 10 years service to the group. They have loaded up mounts, skulls, skins and horns and driven to other states to show other chapters of the SCI how to do the event. Near the end of the school year it is not unusual to see yellow school buses parked in their driveway as they open up their trophy room to school children. All together Jackie, Ron and family members have put on Sensory Safari's for over 50,000 sighted and sight impaired men, women and chil-

Life has not always provided Jackie with a smooth path to



The Mighty Huntress

everything," said Jackie. She Photo Courtesy To The Brackett News - Pictured from right: Fort Clark resident Bruce Bartels with his sister-in-law has been to Africa 16 times. A and professional hunter Jackie Bartels. Jackie harvested this yak on the Indianhead Ranch near Del Rio

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LETTER to the Editor

In a recent LETTER to the Editor, our government processes in Washington, and specifically those of President Obama, were likened to those of Hitler's Germany during the 1930's. I agree with the author of the letter that elements of Hitler's Germany are at play in our country today. Hitler's prelude to power was preaching hatred and spreading misinformation. His virulent propaganda was followed by armed ultranationalist brown shirts marching into the Ruchstag and abolishing representative government.

It is very troubling for me that many in our country are employing the tactics used by the Nazi's in todays dialogue. Our ultranationalist's are propagandizing, intimidating, and spreading hatred in the same way Hitler and his followers did. Those of us who support our elected government and it's efforts on behalf of society are villified, insulted, branded un-American, and called liars. What is wrong with this picture?

Some of the most virulent propaganda relates to the recent actions taken by our government to minimize suffering associated with our current economic meltdown. There is precedent for government to step in and minimize the catastrophic effects of disasters of all sorts (drought's, flood's, storm's, unemployment, corporate failures, and economic meltdown's).

What makes this suddenly un-American.

The most reprehensible propaganda being spread today relates to our efforts to improve healthcare insurance coverage. Many of us have had government run Medicare health insurance for decades. It is one of the major underpinnings of our society, and along with Veterans Health care, the only relevant damper on the disgraceful price gouging of our 'competative' health insurance industry. It is obvious to me we need another Public Option to accommodate those who can't buy/afford health 'insurance plans' issued by our current crop of skimmer's, scammer's, imbezzlers and usurers.

P. A. HICKS

Publishers PLOG (or Paper Log)

Being embarrassed

Last weekend I went to a dance at the civic center. I enjoy going to the dances. I enjoy being invited and having the chance to see everyone I know and laughing it up. This past weekend I was in San Antonio with my youngest and when we got back it was around 11pm and I was tired, but I still felt as though I should go to the dance. I put on some new heels and took off down the street from my house around midnight. It didn't take long and I was feeling that little groove and was dancing with some friends. Then I saw my daughter and decided that I would mess with her, maybe embarrass her a little. Oh if I had only know just how much I would embarrass us both I would have stayed my tail right at home. I was making a fool of myself and carrying on in front of things easier right now! How do my daughter and before I knew it, I tripped over someone's foot, crashed into about three people and then finally into one of the girls I was dancing with and if she had not caught me I would have can just wiggle our noses and been calling Bruce at EMS to air lift me to San Antonio for facial reconstruction!!! What's even worse is the fact that I couldn't blame have to do more than just wish. it on the being intoxicated because I wasn't drinking. So as humiliated as I was, I can at least say I didn't get hurt and want to put in our whining that we do not it on You Tube if the videographer happened to catch it on tape. Tell the Garcia's to call me.

What's your opinion ? email us at tbnews@sbcglobal.net

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steps to make it easier



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Music has a way of seeping into your brain and staying dormant for decades. This week I had another lyric come to me out of the depths of my subconscious, "O-O-H child things are going to be easier"! Isn't it strange how those simple words can give us such hope! I looked up the full lyrics and there are only the chorus and one verse. It is repeated like an affirmation. Then as the song concluded it said, right now! Isn't that the way all of us feel. We want we accomplish this? We don't have mystical powers where we see the results of our wishes. We So many times we get so stuck see that we have the ability to hope! make our desires happen. We deceive ourselves into thinking low a simple Before Bed Roulong and that we don't have appointments, lay out your try in your calendar. time! This is nothing but our per- clothes for tomorrow, put items lectionism causing us to procras-

have time we should really just decent hour. No staying up too employee. At the same time, we talk ourselves into doing will make your life easier. things instead of wallowing in self-pity? I think it is because we routine in your bathroom. This to preparing and saving for both forgot that we have the power. way you can just do and not college and retirement. Perhaps As I was looking up this song I noticed that it was sung by a group of young boys in 1970. Their name was The Five shower, swish and swipe my Stairsteps. Their name got me to thinking about a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He said, "To take the first step in faith, you don't have to see the whole staircase: just take the first step." This got me to thinking about

to make your life easier. Step 1: It all starts with getting up from your seated position and walking into your kitchen; then shining your sink. No whining allowed! Just step out in faith! That sink will make you smile tomorrow morning. You can even allow your perfectionism to have a little fun. When I got organized I shined our old sink till it looked like a brand new penny! It gave me

Step 2: Write down and fol-

finish the sentence; I don't have late. Get your rest and you will college prices have skyrocketed time to do it right. Why can't not feel so tired and rushed! This and show few signs of slowing

Step 3: Keep your morning have to think. As soon as my feet hit the floor I start dancing through my day: Make my bed, bathroom, get dressed to lace up shoes, eat breakfast and take my vitamins. See how smooth this do it fast! Then you get to give the 5 steps that you could take yourself a reward!

the whole family can see! Not children have to pay for college. just your cell phone or com- If your children do take out enough to hold all your family's activities. This way you are teaching your children how to live a stress free life. A cluttered calendar means no time for you! cation is a personal and emo-Make appointments with your-tional decision, as well as a fiself and with your children. Once nancial one. Still, you can take a week sit down with your family and synchronize your personal calendars. Write stuff on the calendar as soon as you get contribute to your 401(k) and it. No waiting till later. You althat it is too hard, will take too tine; check your calendar for ways have time to make an en- money you still have available

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Can you invest for college and retirement?



Emily Cooper Edward Jones in Del Rio

You most likely need to save and invest for retirement. But if you have children, you also may want to put money away for their college education. Are these two goals mutually exclusive? They don't have to be but achieving them both can be challenging. Over the past generation, the responsibility of paying for retirement has largely shifted from the employer to the down. Consequently, you face a delicate balance when it comes you may be facing large college bills in your prime retirement savings years. Or if your child graduates with college loans and you plan on helping to pay for them, your cash flow may fall short of the amount needed to flows. You can't sit down and meet your monthly bills during turn on your computer till your retirement. But as you think routine is done. This way you about the college vs. retirement issue, keep one overriding fact in mind: You have less time to Step 4: Use a calendar that save for retirement than your puter. Get a calendar that is big some loans, they will likely have decades in which to repay them.

Ultimately, the amount of financial assistance you provide for your children's college edusteps to help out your children without shortchanging yourself.

One possible strategy is to your IRA, and then use whatever to fund a college savings plan. Step 5: Use a timer to help If your employer offers a match two minutes. Just set your timer 457(b) you should, at the very and see what you can get done. least, contribute enough to earn You don't have finish; you just the match. And if at all possible, have to do something. Espe- you'll want to "max out" your cially when you say you don't IRA, which offers significant tax have time! Set your timer and benefits. Your contributions to do two minutes. You will be sur- a traditional IRA may be taxprised at what can get done! deductible, and your earnings These steps will get you mov- grow on a tax-deferred basis. ing and the crowning touch is Depending on your income your attitude. Be kind to your- level, you may be able to conself! FLYing is all about self-re- tribute to a Roth IRA, which spect. You have to quit being provides tax-free earnings, promean to yourself! Let go of your vided you meet certain condiperfectionism. You have been tions. In 2009, you can contribbeaten down your whole life ute up to \$5,000 to your IRA,

are! If you will step out in faith then, if possible, contributed the and take these five simple maximum amount to your IRA, babysteps you will be singing a you can begin looking more new song. O-O-Child things are closely at college savings vehicles, such as a Section 529 plan or a For more help getting rid of Coverdell Education Savings Acyour CHAOS, check out her count, both of which offer tax-free website and join her free life earnings and withdrawals as long coaching at www.FlyLady.net, as the money is used for qualified listen to her channel education expenses. (Withdrawals www.blogtalkradio.com/flylady for other types of expenses may show or read her books, Sink be subject to federal and state taxes Reflections published by Bantam plus a 10 percent penalty.) Also, and her New York Times Best Section 529 plan contributions Selling book, Body Clutter pub- may be tax-deductible in certain lished by Fireside. Copyright states for residents who participate in their own state's plan.

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Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko - Junior Varsity Tiger Erbey Martinez takes the ball for a long haul down the gridiron and into the endzone. Martinez crossed into the endzone three times against Ozona on August 20.

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My family and I were lucky enough to go to New York City last week. Along with seeing the Statue of Liberty and Ground Zero we started our tour at Broadway. Broadway refers to theatrical performances presented in one of the 40 large professional theaters, where there are over 500 seats.

Also called the "Great White Way", it is a nickname for the Midtown section of Broadway that show in Broadway history is still between 42nd and 53rd Streets. Broadway is the street in New York that has become the worldwide name in theatre entertainment. Theater on Broadway dates back to 1810, when most actors were imported from European countries. Actor Junius Brutus Booth and his sons became one of America's first training to be able to audition ing on Broadway? If so, get involved great acting families. The nickname started from an article, "Found on tion was called The Beggar's Opthe Great White Way", that ap- era. It was produced by Walter could well be on your way!

During the 19th Century, the strongly influenced by the events of the time, from comedic spoofs and 30 minutes to get the phanto heartfelt dramas. The 1920's, tom stage-ready, Each performance 30's, and 40's saw many ups and his face must be shaves, lotion apdowns in theatre production, due to historical events such as prohibition, the stock market crash, war, cloudy) must be fitted. and the draw to Hollywood for much of Broadway's top talent.

Today, the longest running Opera debuted on Broadway in the Beast's costume! 1988. I was so amazed to see the theatres where "Cats", "Les in the Great White Way. Do you Miserables", and "Phantom of the know what "OFF" Broadway Opera" enjoyed their historic runs. means? It refers to a play is Someday I hope to be able to per-performed in another theatre that is form in one of these historic theatres. outside the 11 blocks.

It takes a lot of practice and

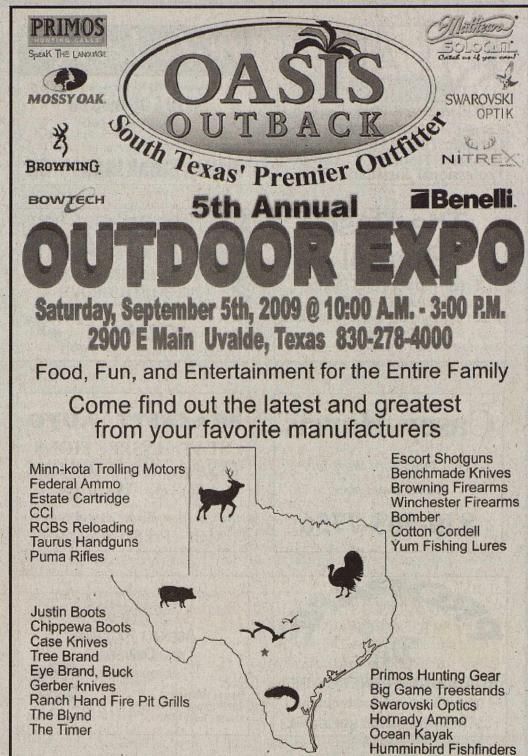
peared in the February 3, 1902, Murray and Thomas Kean's edition of the New York Evening traveling theatrical troupe at the Telegram inspired by the millions Nassau Street Theatre on Dec. 3rd, of lights on theater marquees and 1750. The Beggar's Opera ran for billboard advertisements that illu- five performances and was based on John Gay's British ballad opera.

Here are some interesting facts development of American theatre about Broadway: In 'Phantom of was in full swing. Throughout the opera': each performance has 1900's Broadway shows were 230 costumes, 22 scene changes, and 14 dressers. It takes 2 hours plied, and 2 wigs, 2 radio mics and 2 contact lenses (one clear and one

In 'Beauty and the Beast'-Belle's gown weighs over 30 lbs. Over 1,500 mugs have been used in the "Gaston" number. It took encompasses the Theatre District, in production. The Phantom of the over 20 lbs of human hair to make

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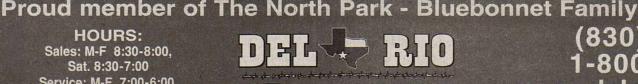
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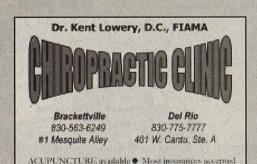
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The mighty huntress: Jackie Bartels visits Brackettville

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Roby Roberson

macular degeneration, she has had to depend on life and Fisheries. This is a program for teacher/ her left eye to see and she had to learn to shoot educators to learn how to present the facts about left handed. Then a few years back, Jackie went conservation, sustainable use of our resources and on a "Sportsman against Hunger Hunt" in Florida the part hunters play in this vital part of our futo provide food for the Ozenam Inn, a homeless ture. Furthermore, Jackie is a Louisiana Youth shelter in New Orleans. While out hunting, she Hunter Education Instructor and a Muzzleloader had a heart attack and went into cardiac arrest. Instructor. Jackie died that day and only by some miracle did she live to fully recover. Then most recently ally. When she goes into a foreign country she she had foot surgery to correct a deformity that always takes the time to go into the villages to greatly affected her ability to walk. Jackie just smiles and says she'll recover from this too.

Perhaps all of this has given her an insight into the disabilities of others. Jackie is active in toys and school supplies to give to the village. several conservation, education and humanitarian service programs for SCI and other organiza- supplies because the students will have something tions. She is well known in Louisiana for the work she and Ron have done with the disabled and especially for youth programs such as Ducks pense it. They don't even have anything for the hunt on several Texas ranches, including the Unlimited Greenwings and the Youth Hunter common cold or aspirin for a headache," she said. Education Challenge (YHEC) programs. She was They are just so grateful for the supplies. co-founder and co-director of the mini American

walk. Nearly blind in her right eye due to ciation with Ducks Unlimited and Louisiana Wild-

Jackie plans to continue hunting internationsee how the people live. They participate in the Blue Bag program through SCI. She fills up a huge blue bag with over-the-counter medications, "The teachers are so excited to receive the school to do their school work on. The medications are given to the commune hospital and they can dis-

Jackie has received so many awards for her lives on the Fort.

Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS) in asso- hunting accomplishments, for Trophy Animals of South America, for Spiral-horned Antelopes of Africa and for the Red Deer/Wapiti of the World just to name a few. However, her greatest rewards come from her contributions to those in need. They participate in many cull hunts where the food is donated to homeless shelters. In the last 5 years the SCIF Sportsman Against Hunger Program donated 1 million pounds of venison to those in need.

In 2007 Jackie Bartels was recognized with the prestigious Diana Award. This award recognizes women of SCI who have excelled in international big game hunting. As a recipient she was honored for showing exemplary ethics in the field, remaining committed to the mission statement of SCI and as having personally given of her time and energies to enhance wildlife conservation and education.

The Bartels own property on Fort Clark and Indianhead Ranch near Del Rio. It was there in 2007 that Jackie shot a Yak. Ron's brother Bruce



Jackie Bartels



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Hay For Kinney County

A hot and dry summer has taken a toll upon the farm and ranch lands here in Kinney County. As many look for ways to feed their livestock an anonymous donor from Tennessee has come to the aid of farmers and ranchers here in Kinney and Uvalde Counties. The Tennessee donor has previously given two truckloads of hay to the Uvalde area to farmers and ranchers. This past week a third truckload of hay was sent but this time it came to Kinney County. Over 19 ranchers and farmers here in Kinney County received the free hay after it was first delivered last Saturday. Last week the Disaster Relief Team of the Del Rio Uvalde Baptist Association contacted Jeff Janca pastor of First Baptist Church Brackettville and asked him to coordinate the distribution of the hay. Tim Ward of TW Equipment in Brackettville helped in staging an area to unload and dispense the hay. Donors from Tennessee and Texas have supplied the funds to help pay for the cost of transportation. The Disaster Relief Team is currently organizing disaster relief for Utopia, Texas in assisting those who are in need of water along with organizing another hay giveaway for the drought stricken area of Eagle Pass.

The Texas Perimeter Hike



The Texas Perimeter Hike by Smatt

"Writers facing the problem of Texas find themselves floundering in generalities, and I am no exception. Texas is a state of mind. Texas is an obsession. Above all, Texas is a nation in every sense of the word." John Steinbeck, Travels with Charley I didn't hear my parents' Texan accents until I was twentyfive years old. It struck me that I hadn't heard them before, and my ears tingled with this strange new sensitivity. I started hearing accents everywhere, from aunts and uncles, neighbors and acquaintances. I felt as if I had awakened in a foreign place, losing myself in the sounds and

Mendez, 45, of Brackettville,

leased the same day on a \$1,200.

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Rescue was notified.

1:10am, A anonymous per-

born and raised on the coast in pretty assurances of a better life. and stories heard. Corpus Christi, but I do not use I decided to hike the perimeter the typical inflections of the of Texas. The route is between state. Coupled with my aural awakening, I became aware of a general truth: I had become uprooted from the place I'd once months, but to really get to know called home. For most of the last nine years, I had lived and worked away from Texas. I had traveled to Europe and Africa, and along each of the sides of the continental United States. During these years I often wondered about this separation, what it meant to no longer feel a oneness with my birthplace. Texas had become an unknown land. It became the focus of the dreaming of this wanderer. I wanted to meet its people and walk its plains, see its parks and visit its coastline. In short, I wanted to know Texas again. As is my general modus operandi, I desired a radical course of action to reacquaint myself with Texas. Books and movies only take a person so far. I needed a way back into this state in which I found myself a stranger. I wanted something simple, yet ing your towns. I'll be watch- penname of S. Matt Read. He is epic in scope, something in the ing your sunrises and sunsets, a baker, hiker, inventor, and tradition of men and women who yet I'll be measuring my progress freelance writer.

salutations of strangers. I was came to the region without the not in days but by people met 2500 and 3000 miles long, my main tools a good pair of shoes and socks. I could do it in six my state I'd take a year. The idea sounded good. As far as I can gauge my parents' response, this announcement ranke spite their reaction, I felt strongly about my conviction. Some decisions feel mysteriously right



Corpus Christi, Texas

In returning to Corpus, I am struck by how much it has changed and grown. My homeand on track, regardless of the town is not the same as when I sentiments of those around you. was a child there. Furthermore, This was one of those decisions. it will not be the same when I The time is now upon me. This return. As I hike around the University of Texas graduate is state, I want to add some conready to take one more course struction of my own. I intend in Texas history. Starting in to build a series of written Corpus Christi and moving bridges that span from El Paso counterclockwise along the pe- to Texarkana, from Brownsville rimeter, I intend to hike as close to the Panhandle. I invite you as I can to the edge of the state, to walk along these pathways passing through numerous com- with me. You never know what munities and national parks. you'll find. A new hike, a bro-Along the way, I will be meet- ken arrowhead, an old friend. If ing you, the Texans of Texas, you're really lucky, perhaps and listening to your tales. I'll you'll hear Texas again, as if for be walking your roads and see- the first time. Smatt is the

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Tuesday, August 18 5:42pm, Century Security called to report a alarm was going off at a local business. A

deputy was notified. Wednesday, August 19 8:00am, A school employee called stating a deputy was report a man had came through her neighbors door and trying needed at the alternative school due to someone had vandalized and scared her granddaughter. and enroute to the location. the school and pictures needed to be taken of the damage. A deputy was informed of the situ-

9:39pm, A woman called to report a verbal dispute between herself and another woman. A amount purchased. A deputy deputy was notified of the situa-

from a anonymous caller to reextremely fast through the ation. neighborhood. A deputy was no-

Thursday, August 20

1:25am, A woman called to was arrested for Driving while report a argument between three intoxicated. Mendez was relocal individuals. A deputy was

9:38pm, A call was received requesting a deputies assistance. son called to report several ju-A deputy was notified and EMS veniles possibly consuming alwas also dispatched.

Friday, August 21

7:55pm, A man called to re-situation. port loose goats on the road on Hwy 693. A deputy was notified. questing a deputy at her resi-

10:05pm, A man came into dence because another indithe SO to report he was involved vidual needed to speak with a in a domestic dispute at his resi- deputy. A deputy was notified dence. A deputy was notified. Saturday, August 22

9:15am, A woman called to report someone was banging on the back door of her residence to get in. A deputy was notified The woman later came by the SO to speak with a deputy.

9:18am, A woman called 911 to report she had given a man money to buy her beer and he did not give her change from the called to report a alarm was gowas informed of the situation.

3:14pm, A man called to re-9:51pm, A call was received port a grass fire ten miles West of Hwy 90. Kinney County Fire port a reckless vehicle driving Rescue was informed of the situ-

> Sunday, August 23 4:08am, Gilberto Gonzales

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Thank You, Luis, Frank, Janie, Mario, Claudia and Estela Guajardo

Can We Talk?

By Pastor Jean Reardon

Many of folks have been distressed by the contentious, inflammatory arguments that are raised on "hot button" issues and the lack of respectful communication with each other. Ephesians 4:25-5:2 outlines for us behaviors that are more in keeping with God's will. It seems we just don't know how to get there from here.

For this reason, I will be offering to the community a study called "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White" during the week of August 31-September 4th. Participants will meet at Slator Hall at lunch time each day that week for one hour (12-1) to watch a short video and participate in a brief discussion. Bring your own lunch. This study is intended to help those with divergent points of view find common ground and learn how to civilly work together to solve problems which face us. This study is open to anyone. Even mortal enemies are invited to come and sit together for one hour a day and seek to discern God's leading. People with diverse points of view are welcome, but no disrespectful talk will be allowed. The title and video segments are the work of Rev. Adam Hamilton, pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City. Anyone in the community is welcome. This is not about Methodism, but about following biblical teachings in communication with each other.

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has determined to have a public hearing on a District Court Records Technology Fund and the \$5.00 fee according to Government Code 51.305 on September 21, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE A public hearing will be conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9,

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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 Reduced to \$40,000. Unit 14 - 2 Lots with cover and small 5th wheel- \$25,000

Unit 15 - 3 bedroom 2 bath mobil home. \$17,500. Golf Course Lot on Fort Clark Road- \$4,500. 926 Acres off 674 North of Brackettville, improvements,

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New Listing-127 Bowie: 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. RE-

DUCED! Unit 37: covered RV lot, sleeping quarters with bath, large outdoor kitchen & great patio area!

Historic Property: 2 apartments, CHA, high ceilings & lots of charm! Price Slashed to \$49,500! Unit 3: 3/2 mobile home with metal roof, screen porch &

carport. \$8,500. Casa Verde Garden Center: possible seller financing, be vour own boss!

New Listing-Ann Street: custom built metal building, divided into 2 areas, 2 CHA. Large parking area & choice location. Call for details!

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of the Kinney County Courthouse, 501 Ann St. Brackettville, Texas, concerning setting the amount of annual compensation of the Kinney County Assistant Auditor, and of the Court Reporter of the 63rd Judicial District Court of Kinney County, at which time parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard.

ISSUES RELATING TO TITLING AND REGISTRATION OF GOLF CARTS House Bill 2553, enacted by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session contained a provision that affects title and registered. This includes title and registration for exempt agencies. Since registration renewal notices are created far in advance of the actual expiration date, some customers may have already received September and October registration renewals that cannot be renewed. Registration issued to golf carts prior to September 1,

Brackettville

109 Spring St.

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2009, in the District Courtroom 2009, will remain valid until expiration but will not be renewed at expiration. Law Enforcement will fully recognize and honor all existing golf cart registrations through their expiration date. · Tax, title and registration fees paid prior to September 1, 2009, are non-refundable. · Agencies with Exempt License Plates on golf carts can keep the plates until December 31, 2009, after which they must be surrendered to my office. If municipalities allow, unregistered golf carts may continue to be operated on public roads within municipality's boundaries if: ·the road has posted speed limit of 35 istration of golf carts. Effective mph or less; and the golf cart is PUBLIC NOTICE The Commis-September 1, 2009, golf carts equipped with headlamps, sioners' Court of Kinney County can no longer be titled or regardless. brake and mirrors. Additionaly, state law allows unregistered golf carts to be operated on public roads or lands: ·to cross intersections, including a road or street that has a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour in a master planned community with a uniform set of restrictive covenants and a county or municipality-approved plat on a public or private beach on a road with posted speed limit not more than 35 mph if driven to or from a golf course during the daytime and golf cart is driven not more than two miles from the location where it is usu-

ally parked and the golf course.

If you need additional informa-

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KEN BARNETT REAL ESTATE

102 W. Spring St., Brackettville, TX 78832 Ken Barnett - Melissa Davis www.kenbarnettrealestate.com

FORT CLARK

New Listing: 25 Birdie Road Fantastic spacious Home with 4 BR/2.5B + Sunroom on 3 lots overlooking 13th green of golf course. 2420 sq. ft. +- w/many special features and upgrades. VERY MOTIVATED SELLERS!

89 Ward: Price Reduced Awesome 4BR/3B Family Home with 89 Ward: Price Reduced Awesome 4BR/3B Family Home with Bonus and Media Rms. 3000 sqft. +-. REDUCE to \$166,900 New Listing: 221 Oak Lane Fantastic 2 story home, 3BR/3B 2 car garage + separate workshop. Many upgrades, great location! \$199,500. SALE PENDING
29 Lamotte: 3/2/2 Stucco hm w/ tiled floors, FP in large kitchen/breakfast rm. Screened porch overlooking green area. REDUCED TO SELL. \$'S BELOW APPRAISAL @ \$139,900
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

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.

104 McCleroant 2BR/2B Townhouse/Historical District. 1260 +/- sq. ft. MeDUCED 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 100 N. Ann 3BR/2B Stucco Hm. Includes Game Rm. or 444 BH. Great Home on 4 lots.

Commercial: US Hwy 10: Metal Construction Bldg. w/ storage, workshop, office and restroom. 3 lots. Prime Property.

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