

The Brackett News

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Kinney County Is Home To Joe and Elizabeth Goebel

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Community News

BBQ BENEFIT FOR JESUS HIDALGO

The BBQ plates will have goat, brisket, chicken and all the trimmings. At Shanhan Park on Sunday, February 28 at 11am to 7.

PAGEANT

The annual Kinney Co Chamber of Commerce Mr/ Miss Pageant is now accepting registration applications. Contact 563-2466 or 5432 for information. Deadline is March 8. The Pageant will be March 21 at the BISS Auditorium.

FISH FRY

February 26 at 4:30pm - 7pm, The Knights of Columbus of the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church will be hosting a fund-raising fish fry at the Parish Hall. Tickets are being sold in advance for \$5/plate. You may contact the church office at 563-2487 during office hours: 8:30am - 12 noon & 1pm - 5pm, Tues. - Fri. or you can contact any member of the Knights of Columbus or Altar Servers. The plate will consist of catfish, coleslaw and french fries. The proceeds will benefit various projects at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

OLD QUARRY

Old Quarry Society presents "The Inventors Daughter", an hilarious, old-style melodrama. March 6th at 7:30 pm, March 7th at 2:30 pm at the Post Theatre. Tickets are \$5.00, and on sale now at the Admin Bldg, Adult Center, and RV Park.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Ft. Clark Historical Society will meet on Saturday February 27 at the Palisado Building. Coffee and donuts at 9:30 AM, meeting at 10:00 AM. Speaker will be Edith Huddlestone of Uvalde; topic will be "The History of Cline".

LITTLE LEAGUE

Kinney County Little League 2010 Registration For ages 5 to 14 will be Friday, February 26th 4 to 6pm at Grumpy's Snack Shack and Tuesday, March 2nd 4 to 6pm at Grumpy's Snack Shack. The fee \$45 per child plus one 12 pack of soda per family. These will be the only registration Opening Ceremonies & First game will be Saturday, March 27.

COACHES NEEDED

Kinney County Little League needs coaches. Meeting will be Monday, March 1 at 6pm at Kinney County Library in the Fritter Room. Anyone wanting to coach or those that have signed up need to be present. Any questions or concerns please call Erick Domenech at 563-5072

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Fort Clark Recreation Committee is sponsoring a Spaghetti-Meat Sauce dinner on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 6pm at the Service Club. Tickets are \$6 and the money goes to our Community Council to be used for Fort Clark Days in March. The dinner is open to the public and tickets are available at the FCS Administration Office.

AMERICAN LEGION MTG

Our American Legion post will be meeting on Thursday 18 February at 6:30 pm. There will be a Pot Luck supper and then we will hold our meeting.

BCFS-FAMILIAS PARA UN FUTURO FAMILIAS

Para un Futuro ofrece a la comunidad clases para jóvenes de 10 a 17 años...Gratis!! Habra temas para jóvenes como violencia, decisiones y consecuencias, manejo del enojo, alcohol y drogas, y relaciones saludables. Comida gratis!! Clases empiezan Diciembre 2010. Clases seran Miercoles de 5:30 a 7:00pm. Para una cita del registro o para mas informacion, Llame por favor a Marie Broadhead o a Toni Elizondo en 830-768-2755 o gratis 877-441-4188.

FEBRUARY GOV'T MEETINGS

District Court is scheduled for Friday, February 26.

Buffalo Soldiers visit Fort

FCSA directors table dog park at old cemetery



Brackett News Photos By Katie Brown: Buffalo Soldiers participated in a parade and were honored individually with medals, all part of the day's events.

By Katie Brown
The Brackett News

The morning was overcast and the chill in the air was even more biting with the wind blowing, yet it did not seem to keep people from attending the meeting of the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors or from braving the weather to celebrate the presence of the Buffalo Soldiers and their descendants with a parade and a plaque dedication.

Fort Clark Springs Municipal District Manager, Larry Sofaly, gave a presentation to the board; the bonding has been approved for the road work and repainting the water tower. The water tower was put up in 1939 and although it was repainted on the inside in 1988, it has never been repainted on the outside and the paint had begun to chip. When Gulf States Protective Coatings, Inc., the com-

pany who was awarded the contract, ran tests on the paint, it was found to contain seven percent lead. Today, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality only allows for point one percent lead content. Therefore, extra precautions must be taken when sandblasting the tower and strict procedures must be followed in the disposal of the hazardous materials. Originally the cost was estimated at \$40,000; however, due to the additional precautions that must be taken, the cost will be close to \$133,000. It will take three to four weeks to repaint the tower.

The road work is scheduled to begin by early March and will commence with Fairway Circle in order to keep the road work to the back of the Fort. There are several events coming up on the Fort in March, including Fort Clark Days, the

Los Moras Golf Tournament and the annual membership meeting. The road project will take two to three months to complete with the road crews working ten hour days.

Shelly Swift spoke on behalf of a special interest group called the Fort Clark Dog Park Group. Swift presented a proposal to the board requesting to use the Old Post Cemetery for a dog park. The graves from this historic cemetery were disinterred in 1946 and moved to the Fort Sam Houston Cemetery in San Antonio. Swift requested that the Association repair holes in the rock wall and remove the damaged roof over the existing shelter. The Dog Park Group has offered to furnish all materials necessary for the repairs but requests the Association provide necessary labor. Because of the sensitivity of the issue involving the Post Cemetery, the

decision was tabled to allow for input from the membership. Anyone wishing to express an opinion regarding the dog park should e-mail the Association at genell.hobbs@fortclark.com and put Dog Park in the subject line.

Director of Operations Felix Cerna stated that the agreement with the City has been reworked to the satisfaction of all concerned; the Fort will be accepting brush from the city for a fee of \$250 per month and in turn the city will accept the cardboard and white goods from the Fort at no charge.

Following Executive Session, the board reconvened to make and approve a motion to answer a petition filed by Pioneer Concepts, LP (Mike Bizzell) against the Association for alleged breach of contract in a matter regarding Deer Run. The contract was entered into under a

previous board when Ron Pellin was General Manager.

The Board of Directors met at 8 a.m. instead of 9 a.m. in order to allow everyone to be able to attend the parade for the Buffalo Soldiers at 10 a.m. Directors O'Keefe, Berleth, Keyes, Trautwein and Holloman were present.

The Last Tattoo of the Buffalo Soldiers began on Thursday with many opportunities for the public to take part in the various activities and to meet the Troopers and their families. Tattoo refers to a call sounded shortly before taps as notice to go to quarters. The history surrounding the Buffalo Soldiers is filled with amazing feats of bravery and service to our country. During the American Civil War the U.S. government formed regiments known as the United

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Snowflakes Fall In Texas

Photo Courtesy to The Brackett News - As Rio Grande Electric Cooperative Employees made their way home from El Paso this week, they brought snow with them. This photo was taken near Van Horn. The sky in Brackettville was first full of icy rain drops followed by an hour of large falling snow flakes that did not stick to the ground on February 23. This is the first "snow" since January 2007. Other reported snowfalls were Halloween Night, 1993 and in the mid-eighties it was reported by locals to have snowed 14" to 15".

Deer Run developer sues Fort

Pioneer Concepts, A Texas Limited Partnership, filed suit against Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc. for breach of contract on February 5.

Pioneer Concepts (Pioneer) Developer Mike Bizzell contends Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc. (Fort) entered into a contractual agreement on January 6, 2006, to allow Pioneer to construct a new residential development on an area of the Fort known as Deer Run.

The property is located on the left hand side of Fort Clark Road after passing Scales Road and before the entrance of The Oaks subdivision.

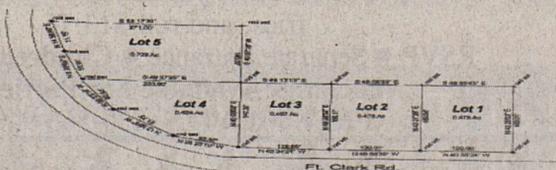
On December 17, 2005, the board of directors voted to authorize the Director of Operations Ron Pellin to enter into an agreement with Pioneer; however, on April 7, 2006, the deed, lien and contract were all rescinded and signed by both parties.

Pioneer contends the breach resulted in \$100,000 in damages, including lost profits and also wants to be awarded court costs, attorney fees and, "all other relief to which the plaintiff is entitled," read the original court document.

According to Fort Clark Director of Operations Felix Cerna, the Fort's attorneys, Langley and Banack of Eagle Pass, are working to respond to the suit.

Proposed Deer Run Estates

Information obtained from original court documents filed February 5, 2010



RGEC discusses Brackett rate increase at meeting

It is not often that a utility company of any kind holds an event to explain to consumers why a rate increase is necessary.

Most consumers just open their bills and see that things have changed.

That's not the case with cooperatives, though, and Rio Grande Electric Co-op goes the extra mile to ensure that its members are kept abreast of all relevant events.

To this end, a series of five meetings were held throughout RGEC's service territory to answer questions about an upcoming rate increase - only the third such increase in twenty-three years.

The Brackettville area meeting was held at 6 p.m. Thursday, February 18, at the Fort Clark Springs Post Theater.

Approximately 47 Co-op members attended, and learned from General Manager Dan Laws the "whys" and "hows" of the upcoming changes, the results of which will be reflected on bills received in May.

A cost-of-service study commissioned by a professional firm concluded that all rate classes need to be adjusted to keep up with the actual expenses of maintaining and operating the electrical system.

The residential class, for example, was recommended for a 17 percent increase, but the board of directors elected to cap the increase at only 10 percent (inclusive of the Availability Charge portion).

The total rate of return approved by the Public Utility Commission way back in the 1980's when RGEC was under their auspices was 9 percent. (The Co-op is no longer required to receive PUC approval for rates).

Overall, the projected rate of return with rate adjustments will be a more conservative rate of 6 percent, which will be infused into Rio Grande's maintenance and operations.

Laws reminded members that the Co-op is non-profit, and that if any excess revenue not needed to pay for operations, debt repayment, etc., were collected, it would eventually be returned to RGEC's member-owners in the form of capital credits.

Laws explained to members that the Availability Charge portion of their bill would increase but that the cost per kilowatt hour portion of their bill would actually decrease for most rate classes.

Using a PowerPoint presentation including interactive worksheets, he illustrated the differences between the current and upcoming rates.

This was done because the announcement for the rate increase included only system average numbers, but an interactive spread sheet allows consumers to see what the actual impact is on them, using their own usage.

Consumers were notified that the same interactive worksheets can be accessed via the Co-op's web site, www.riogrande.coop.

To access the rate calculator, click on the "About Us" menu and select "New Rates Calculator" for the correct class - Residential, Residential High Use, General Service Single Phase, etc., and enter the monthly usage.

Cooperative employees are available during regular business hours to answer any questions members may have regarding the upcoming changes, by calling 563-2444, or toll-free, 800-749-1509.

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

LETTERS to the Editor

As my wife and I were driving to Church on Sunday morning, I noticed some kind of sign on our fence, I turned around and went back, since I knew I had not put up any sign in that location. It turned out to be a sign for the election of Mr. Melancon for Pct. 4 Commissioner. I had not given anyone permission to put a sign on my fence, yet there it was. I understand that this is the season for these types of signs, but common courtesy demands that permission be asked and granted before this may be done.

No one asked me, nor did I give permission for this sign to be put up on my fence. I therefore removed this sign from my fence and will gladly return it to the offending party if they want it back. It will not find its way back on my fence, and if I find any more of these signs on my ranch fence they too will be removed. Only those who have my permission to place a sign on my fence may do so, any others are trespassing on my land, and I would consider it to be at the least criminal mischief for this to happen again. Please folks, a little common courtesy goes a long way, practice it. **John Quigley**

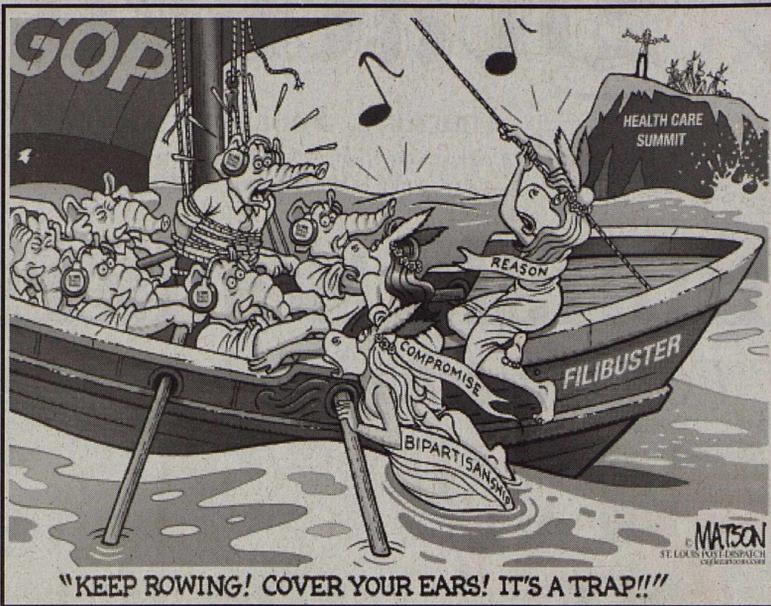
Following the RGEC meeting at the little theater on 2-18, I was concerned over the lack of concise information that was given to the members of the coop. Then after using the handout given at the meeting, I was able to make some order of the impending rate adjustment. It was obvious the percentage of increases as shown on the mailout, were only applicable to a specific kwh user and class of user. In fact, my personal electric bill, under the current rates, using 250kwh, using the handout figures, is appx. \$55.13. Using the kwh, except for the new rates, my electric bill would be appx. \$68.13! This is not 10%, but much closer to 24% increase in my electric bill. When asking for clarification about this discrepancy between stated and actual increases at the meeting, there was a denial that this situation existed.

If you are a Texas resident class and use appx. 3,000 kwh a month, your bill will be about the same as under the old rate. If you are a Texas resident using about 5,000kwh a month, you will actually see a decrease of about \$11.00 in your bill.

Taking this information to the RGEC the morning after the meeting, this rate change was discussed at length, very politely, and no one disputed the accuracy of the numbers you have just read.

I am extremely discouraged and disappointed our member owned coop, needing more revenue, would slip across a rate change that gives very high end users a decrease, while giving low end, conservation minded users, a 25% increase!

At the very least, if you are a RGEC member, you may want to look more closely at this rate adjustment. If you are not a RGEC member, you may well breathe a sigh of relief. **Jerry Lawson**



Operating system overload



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Whether we like it or not we are in the computer world. As we have found out the hard way when something goes wrong with our operating system, the data we put in does not come out with the result we expected.

Let's stop trying to figure out what caused the problem and let's concentrate on the facts. It takes time to replace an operating system. Right now we have to understand its idiosyncrasies and work around them. The first little quirk that is in our operating system is if we put too much information in, it tends to shut down and stop working. In order to work around this, all we have to do is load one thing

at a time. Doesn't that sound familiar? We get overwhelmed and nothing gets done! When we focus on one habit or one thing we can trick the operating system into getting something done.

This got me to thinking using reverse psychology on myself. Whenever I have a strong urge to do something, let's say eating chocolate cake. I have given up bad carbs for lent. There is half of a chocolate cake in the kitchen. So instead of going into the kitchen to gobble down a plate full of cake, I decided to sidetrack myself. My water bottle is full so I take a great big drink and head to the opposite end of the house to do something else for just three minutes. With a load of laundry in hand, I take it to the basement. Before I know it, that uncontrollable urge has been forgotten. This is the part of my operating system that I understand and have learned to use to my advantage. Gotta love those little

quirks! Sometimes our operating system can get us in big trouble. I am talking about our mouth and how fast we can fire off an email, instant message, text, Tweet or Facebook post. When we feel we have been wronged in some way, we are determined to defend ourselves and others. We feel like the protectors of all. This calls for some more sidetracking! I love making up new words to describe our operating systems. This is the hardest urge of all to fight and we can do it. When you feel that overwhelming response spilling out of your fingertips, grab a pen and paper and not your computer. Bite your tongue and go write. This is what we need when we are about to explode. Then you can vent without all the drama! I also keep hearing a cute song in my head by Carrie Newcomer, "Don't Push Send!" This stops me from hurting feelings and being rude. Practicing doing just the opposite of what we really want to do can help us to change our operating system. This takes time and a lot of FLY Washing. We can do it. We have the ability to sidetrack ourselves just long enough to stop our quirky operating system from making our lives more chaotic. Are you ready to download your new operating system? Finally Loving Yourself comes in baby steps that can give you the results you really want!

New Year means new opportunities for Roth IRA Conversion



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

If you already have a Roth IRA, you're aware of its biggest benefit: Your earnings grow tax free, provided you meet certain conditions. If you don't have a Roth IRA, you may want to consider one and it may be easier for you to do just that in 2010.

Before we get to the reasons why 2010 may be your year to open or convert to a Roth IRA, let's look at some differences between Roth and traditional IRAs. If you own a traditional IRA, your contributions may be tax-deductible, depending on your income level. But whether you can make deductible contributions or not, your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis, which means your money can grow faster than it would if it were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. On the other hand, Roth IRA contributions are never tax-deductible, but your earnings grow tax free, as long as you've held your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're at least age 59½. Furthermore, unlike a traditional IRA, a Roth IRA does not require you to start taking distributions when you reach 70½. Consequently, you'll have more flexibility and freedom when it comes to making withdrawals. If you have a traditional IRA, you might be thinking it's a good idea to convert to a Roth IRA because tax free sounds better than tax deferred and, all things being equal, tax free would indeed be better. However, it's not quite that simple. If you convert your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, you'll have to pay taxes on those traditional IRA earnings and contributions that had previously gone untaxed. If you do convert, you'll be better off if you use money held outside your IRA to pay the taxes. If you simply take money from your IRA, you'll obviously lower the value of your IRA and, if you're under 59½, you may have to pay an additional 10% penalty on the amount you withdraw to pay the taxes. In the past, many investors have been prohibited from converting their IRAs due to either their tax filing status or their income. Under previous rules, you could convert your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA only if you were married and filed a joint return or were a single filer, and your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) was \$100,000 or less. But starting in 2010, you can convert funds to a Roth IRA even if your MAGI is over \$100,000. You will also be able to convert to a Roth if you are married and file separate tax returns. And that's not the only piece of good news regarding your conversion ability. As mentioned above, you will have to pay taxes when you convert to a Roth IRA. A conversion is usually reported as income for the tax year the conversion takes place. However, in 2010 only, your conversion amount will be split and reported as income for tax years 2011 and 2012 unless you elect to report the entire conversion amount on your 2010 taxes. You may find that spreading the taxes over two years can make the conversion more affordable. In any case, consult with your tax advisor before converting from a traditional IRA to a Roth. If done correctly, such a conversion can potentially make a big difference in your ultimate retirement lifestyle.

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Harris siblings rodeo way through college

Hayley and Jared Harris of Brackettville are currently attending Mesalands Community College in Tucumacari, N.M. on a rodeo scholarships as a members of the Mesalands Community College Rodeo Team.

The brother and sister are two of 32 students on the Mesalands Community College Rodeo Team.

Hayley competes in breakaway roping and barrel racing for Mesalands Community College Rodeo Team.

Jared competes in tie-down and team roping for the

Mesalands Community College Rodeo Team.

The Mesalands Community College Men's Rodeo Team is ranked second in the Grand Canyon Region, and the Women's Team is ranked fourth after the fall semester rodeos. The Grand Canyon Region consists of colleges and universities in New Mexico and Arizona.

Not only is the Mesalands Community College Rodeo Team doing well in the arena, this past semester the team set a GPA record for the fifth consecutive semester.



Hayley Harris

Jared Harris

The "Whole" Note



Heather Knox

Almost all popular music in America now has roots in African-American rhythms and culture. This past weekend was the Last Tattoo of the Buffalo Soldier. These divisions of the US Army were instrumental in keeping West Texas protected during Fort Clark's history. The Buffalo Soldiers brought with them their unique form of music. Black spirituals were one of the earliest forms of truly American Music. Borrowed from African chants, and brought up through the dark days of slavery, they offer strong emotions and deep rhythm. Most were based on stories from the bible.

"Go Down, Moses" and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." American whites were introduced to these spirituals by travelling choruses, the most famous being the Fisk University's Jubilee Singers.

These spirituals gave way to the 'Blues'. The Blues were developed during the Civil War from short solo calls and wails called field hollers. Most Blues songs follow a pattern of 3-line stanzas that are repeated. They sing of life's troubles and the ability to overcome them. In the 1900's bandleader, WC Handy, published blues songs like "St. Louis Blues", and the art form took off. The Blues birthed the beginnings of 'rock n roll'. Rock developed from a variety of different popular music styles. The roots of rock are heard in the lyrics and guitar of the blues.

Elvis is known to have started American rock n roll, and although he was white, he was singing like the African American's of that time. He added a hip shaking performance to the blues music. Chuck Berry, a St. Louis blues artist, was the first rock n roll songwriter. He wrote a song called, "Maybelline" that would influence the Beatles and The Rolling Stones. Little Richard, Fats Domino, and Chubby Checkers would all take this new music form to inspired heights.

As they say... the rest is history! African-American musicians would continue to create new and exciting music. From Michael Jackson to rap the contributions are astounding!

Facts gathered from World Book Encyclopedia.

School Attendance News

By Alma Gutierrez
Jones Elementary Principal

Do you get a check plus for good school attendance?? State law requires a student to attend at least 90% of the 180 school days. No school improvement effort can succeed unless students are actually in school to benefit from it.

At Brackett ISD, teachers' lesson plans are carefully constructed to introduce new concepts, reinforce them with learning activities, and then move on to new skills and ideas.

Research shows that students who attend school regularly are more successful than those who do not. Regular attendance has been linked to higher achievement and stronger bonds to school and community. When children aren't in school, they fall behind. And the more days they miss, the harder it is to catch up. That's where parents come in.

1. Show and tell your children that attendance is important-whether it's as a child in school or as an adult on the job. You'll help them succeed, both in school and in life.
 2. It is essential that you always contact the school if your child is going to be late for class, will need an early dismissal, or will be absent.
 3. If your child is out unexpectedly, make arrangements with your child's teachers to pick up their missed work.
 4. Sometimes, it is very difficult to decide if your child is too ill to come to school first thing in the morning. First and foremost you know your child better than anyone else. Of course, if they are running fever, please keep them home.
 5. Schedule your kid's doctor and dental appointments for after-school unless there's an emergency.
- Brackett ISD got a 96.2% on School Attendance on our last State School Report Card. This year, our goal is to reach 97%. Like John Bradshaw said "Children aren't fooled. They know we give time to the things we love." When home and school work together, students learn more. Only with a concerted effort will students become life-long learners, and ultimately, happier, more responsible citizens. Together we can make a difference, make school attendance a priority.

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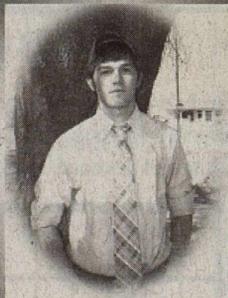
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Class of 2010

Chris Blake



Name: Chris Blake
Mother: April Blake
Father: Brian Blake
Siblings: Wyatt
What are your plans after graduation? Most likely attend college at Texas Tech.
What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. Ballew for always pushing me to do good and Mrs. Blake because she's my mom.
What are you most looking forward to after graduation? Living on my own and providing for my self.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? All of my friends and the stupid things we've done.

Cody Kirkland



Name: Cody Kirkland
Mother: Leigh Volcsko
Father: Jim Volcsko
Siblings: Courtney and Caleb
What are your plans after graduation? I plan to attend STWJC in Uvalde. I want to become certified in welding technology and get my degree in wildlife management.
What teacher influenced you the most? The teacher who most influenced me was Mr. Edwards.
What are you most looking forward to after graduation? I'm looking forward to moving away and new experiences.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? I will miss coming and going to school as I please!

Ramon Gutierrez



Name: Ramon Gutierrez
Mother: Alma Gutierrez
Father: Ramon Gutierrez
Siblings: Abigail and Roland Gutierrez
What are your plans after graduation? I plan on attending Sam Houston State University and majoring in Law Enforcement. I also would like to Bull Ride on their rodeo team.
What teacher influenced you the most? All the teachers were important to my success.
What are you most looking forward to after graduation? Meeting new people and making new friends.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? I will miss all my friends and my family especially my little brother.



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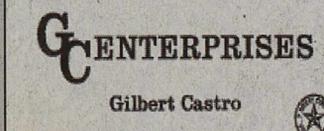
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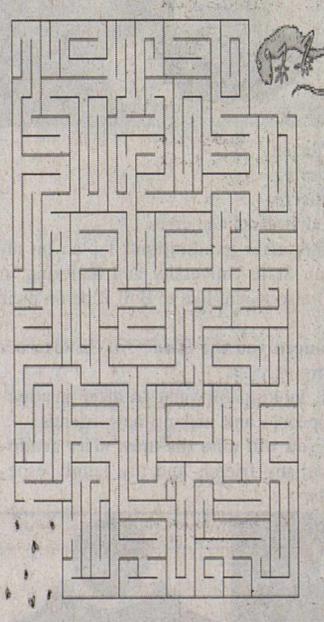
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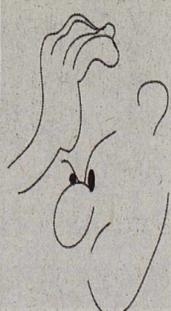
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Cryptogram

 A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.
Hint: Quote by Jim Morrison

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Sudoku Answer Page 2
 The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

	6		1					9
3	2	9						5
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			5					
		1	4	9	3			
8	9			2				
		4						1
1								7

OBITUARY

Nancy S. Britton



November 29, 1930 - February 18, 2010

Nancy was born in Pueblo CO and grew up in Trinidad CO. She also lived in Salt Lake City UT, El Paso TX and settled in Cuchara CO in 1960 with her husband Jack and their family. Nancy and Jack moved to La Veta in 2000. They also had a winter home in Brackettville TX for many years. Nancy passed away at 79 after a short illness and a long, well lived life, full of love and adventure. Nancy and Jack lived in Cuchara for 40 years. They created the Spanish Peaks development over that time. She raised her family in the beauty of that mountain valley. Nancy was active in all of the family businesses over the years including the Cuchara Camps Store and hotel, KOA campground, Spanish Peaks Real Estate, Pan Abode Homes, True Value Hardware and many others. Nancy loved all natural things and took nature walks often with her family. She knew the names of all the plants and animals she encountered and taught them to those with her. She also was an accomplished artist in weaving, music, carving and several other art forms. Nancy is survived by her children Cindy Pierotti, David Britton, Daniel Britton, her brother William Watson, her sisters Sarah Lowell and Mary Percifull, six grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Nancy was predeceased by her parents Ray and Betty Watson, her husband Jack Britton, brother Tom Watson and her son John Britton. A memorial service has already been held at the church Nancy loved so much, St. Benedicts Episcopal, in La Veta CO on February 21st, 2010. Since so many of her friends and family could not make it to this service, another one is planned for early June, 2010 in Cuchara. This will allow her Cuchara and Texas friends to attend. Memorial gifts can be given to any of three organizations that Nancy specified. They are: The Van Muhn Fund (St. Benedicts outreach program) The La Veta Library (who provided her with thousands of books to read) The La Veta Fire Protection District (whose EMTs were so helpful over the years)

Ponce Padron

Declares bid for election for Kinney County Commissioners Court, Place 2



DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE COUNTY COMMISSIONER-PRECINCT 2

I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF BRACKETTVILLE SINCE 1991. MY WIFE, MARTHA PEÑA PADRON IS A NATIVE OF BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS. I HAVE OVER 30 YEARS OF EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS BEGINNING IN 1974 WHEN I BEGAN MY CAREER IN PUBLIC RELATIONS.

I DECIDED TO RUN FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER-PRECINCT 2 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SERVING MY COMMUNITY ONCE AGAIN AND TO MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE FUTURE OF KINNEY COUNTY DEPENDS ON THE QUALITY OF TODAY'S LEADERSHIP.

THE JOB OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER CALLS FOR HANDS-ON PARTICIPATION AS WELL AS POLICY-MAKING BUDGET DECISIONS. MY EXPERIENCE WHILE SERVING AS A COUNCILMAN GAVE ME AN INSIGHT ON CITY/COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS. I FEEL THAT I HAVE THE LEADERSHIP SKILLS, VISION FOR THE FUTURE, CONCERN FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY AND COMMITMENT TO REPRESENT THE CITIZENS WITH INTEGRITY, HONESTY AND DIGNITY.

MY GOAL IS TO HAVE OUR CITIZENS EXCITED, WELL INFORMED AND PROUD OF OUR COMMUNITY. ONE OF MY TOP PRIORITIES WILL BE TO TAKE PART IN ENSURING THAT ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS, PARKS AND FACILITIES MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND CAN BE USED AT ANY GIVEN TIME. AND FOREMOST TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED AND THE ELDERLY, BY PROVIDING PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES

AND TRANSPORTATION FOR THEIR USE ON A REGULAR BASIS. I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF CREATING COMMITTEES TO GET THINGS DONE.

MY EXPERIENCE LAST SUMMER WHILE SERVING ON THE POOL COMMITTEE AND IN 2004 WHILE SERVING ON THE SUPERINTENDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND BEING THE LINK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CONCERNED PARENTS AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S STRENGTHENED MY VIEWPOINTS THAT GREAT THINGS CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH COMMUNICATION AND TEAMWORK. BECAUSE WE DO NEED EVERYONE'S HELP TO BE EFFECTIVE.

AS YOUR COUNTY LEADER I FEEL I CAN ASSIST AND UNITE OUR COMMUNITY, LOCAL OFFICIALS AND OUR LOCAL CLUBS WITH MY IDEAS AND PARTICIPATION IN WORKING TOGETHER WITH EVENTS, SUCH AS CINCO DE MAYO, COUNTY FAIRS AND RODEOS FOR OUR YOUTH.

IF ELECTED I WILL FAITHFULLY CARRY OUT THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ENTRUSTED TO ME AS COUNTY COMMISSIONER. I WILL WORK FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, AND TO SERVICE THE NEEDS OF OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AS BEST AS I CAN.

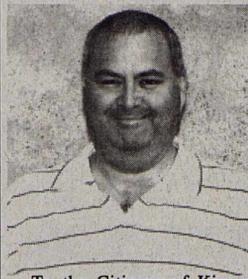
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Rick Alvarado

Declares bid for election for Kinney County Commissioners Court, Place 4



To the Citizens of Kinney County: I, Ricky Alvarado, have elected to be placed on the Democratic Ballot as your next Commissioner for Precinct 4. I have never been a politician, but rather a person who cares to improve the quality of life for all within this county. What I do bring is over 20 years of upper management experience with Westex Capital (Pico's), 11 years with the Kinney County EMS as an EMT, 10 years with the Kinney County Sheriff Office as a dispatcher and jailer and as a past President with the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce and a member with the Kinney County Rotary Club. Within the community, I have assisted as Santa Claus for the Head Start and Brackett Schools for many years. Since the beginning of the Hunter's Round-Up, I have assisted as a volunteer in many

different capacities. I am very much familiar with the needs of Kinney County and have worked at the ground level within different departments with the county. There have been some improvements made in the past, but others which have been overlooked. As a primary interest, I would work towards creating an area for families to gather and enjoy themselves through the parks and recreations. Kinney County in itself is a unique community where we should not consider raising taxes upon ourselves. But rather, we should look at the option of employing a full time grant writer to assist us in obtaining equipment and training to better serve our public safety providers, improvement of roadways within the county and assist the library to provide better services for citizens of all ages. All this can be done without use of local tax dollars. As a Commissioner, I will continue with the same commitment as I have done with my present and past employments which have allowed me to be successful: continue to be honest, open to new ideas from whoever it may be and keep the goodness of the community in mind.

Thank You Ricardo "Ricky" Alvarado

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Kinney County:

Commissioner Place 2 and Place 4 are up for re-election. Place 2 is currently held by Joe Montalvo and Place 4 is held by Pat Meloncon. Neither Montalvo nor Meloncon had filed for re-election at press time. The first day to file for a place on the ballot was December 3. The last day to file will be January 4, 2010. Early Voting by personal appearance will be February 16, 2010; last day will be February 26, 2010. The Primary Election will be on March 2, 2010, followed by the General Election on November 3, 2010.

City of Brackettville:

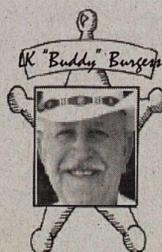
City Council positions for Mayor, Place 2, Place 4 and Place 5 will be on this year's ballot. The current mayor is Charles Feagley; Place 2 is currently held by Stephanie B'Ann Gomez Buitron; Place 4 is currently held by Francisca Chica Garza Hernandez; Place Five is currently held by Demitrius Williams. The first day to file for a place on the city's ballot was February 6, 2010. The city election will be held on May 8, 2010.

Brackett ISD School Board:

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Saturday, February 13

2:16 pm Carlos A. Aguilar, 22, of Eagle Pass, Tx was arrested for warrants. Carlos was released on a \$500 bond.

11:00pm Arnulfo Garcia, 20, of Brackettville was arrested for possession controlled substance 1 gram. Arnulfo was released on a \$2,500 bond.

Monday, February 15

2:16 pm An individual came by the SO requesting to speak with a deputy to discuss custody of a child. A deputy was notified.

10:20 pm A man called requesting the fire department to check his residence for carbon monoxide. He stated the carbon monoxide detector was going off at his residence. The fire department was notified and responded they had the equipment to check for carbon monoxide but it was not working. The individual was contacted and advised to crack the windows from his residence to let the air circulate.

Tuesday, February 16

2:16 pm A woman called to report 4 wheelers driving real fast behind the border patrol station. A deputy was notified of the situation.

Thursday, February 18

2:16 pm A woman called to request for a deputy to her residence. A deputy was notified of the situation.

Friday, February 19

2:16 pm A called was received requesting deputies to their residence. A second called was received requesting EMS for an assault.

Saturday, February 20

10:04pm Juan Jose Izaguirre 32, of Bryan, Tx, was arrested for warrants, driving while intoxicated on 3rd offence and driving with license invalid.

Sunday, February 21

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States Colored Troops, composed of black soldiers led by white officers. After the war, Congress reorganized the Army; authorizing the formation of two regiments of black cavalry with the designation 9th and 10th Cavalry and several black infantry regiments. From 1866 to the early 1890's these regiments served at a variety of posts in the Southwest and Great Plains, earning a distinguished record. The regiments continued to serve after the Indian Wars ended until 1951. On December 12, 1951, the last Buffalo soldier units, the 27th Cavalry and the 28th (Horse) Cavalry were disbanded.

There was a good turn out to honor the Buffalo Soldiers with a parade of military vehicles and golf carts to transport the honorees. Four Buffalo Soldiers were in attendance; Ernest Collier and Harold Cole both served in the 9th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Clark in 1942/43; Trooper Benson served in the 27th Cavalry Regiment; James Madison served in the 10th Cavalry Regiment, Camp Lockett, California. Gwen Jones, daughter of Trooper William Jones of the 9th Cavalry Regiment, was here on behalf of her father who passed away recently.

Descendants of both the Buffalo Soldiers and the Seminole Indian Scouts were in attendance and recognized, several of whom were descendants of Medal of Honor Recipients. Izola Warrior Raspberry, widow of Will Raspberry who served at Fort Clark during World War II with the 9th and 27th Cavalry Regiments, grew up in Brackettville and graduated from Brackettville High School. She was married in the chapel that was on the Fort but was later moved to Brackettville and is now the First Baptist Church. Izola, who resides in St. Louis, Missouri, attended with her daughter Lovenia and son Roland. Izola, her brother William "Dub" Warrior and other descendants of Medal of Honor Recipients unveiled the plaque dedicated to Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients with service at Fort Clark, Texas. Izola and Dub are descended from William Warrior, brother of Sergeant John Ward who was a Seminole Indian Scout and Medal of Honor Recipient.

Following the dedication, descendants of the Medal of Honor Recipients were given medals in honor of the occasion. It was a moving ceremony and dedication as well as a fitting tribute to those who have given so much to uphold the principles this country was founded upon. The call to Mess concluded the morning events.

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- 1 in Jasper Co. on 96
- 5 1st Cavalry at Fort Hood, e.g.
- 6 San Antonio-based "Cabana"
- 7 pecan is the TX state
- 8 paramedic (abbr.)
- 9 regulator of DFW, Love, & Hobby (abbr.)
- 12 TXism: "hopeless rats"
- 17 resumes discussion
- 19 positions held deeply
- 21 TX "I'm mad" folk hero: Harrell "Eddie" Chiles
- 22 in Brooks Co. on 281
- 23 Shoot, TX.
- 28 Jackson Co. seat
- 29 TXism: "got a prayer" (hopeless)
- 30 TXism: "frustrated without a donut"
- 31 TXism: "happy as a slop"
- 35 to wear away land
- 36 TXism: "it _____ and the bank"
- 42 longtime TX Rangers radio announcer
- 44 software issue: "terms _____"
- 46 A&M won it in men's golf in '09 (2 wds.)
- 48 TXism: "would melt the _____ off your molars" (hot chili)
- 49 transmitted
- 50 Davy Crockett: "Be sure you're right, _____ go ahead"

- 51 Abilene's Dyess _____ Force Base
- 52 in Fort Worth: "Kimball _____ Museum"
- 53 drunkard
- 54 TX Lyle Lovett and his "_____ Band"
- 56 Johnny Flingo fought in TX "Hoodoo _____"
- 57 "without further _____"
- 58 pronunciation of "y'all"

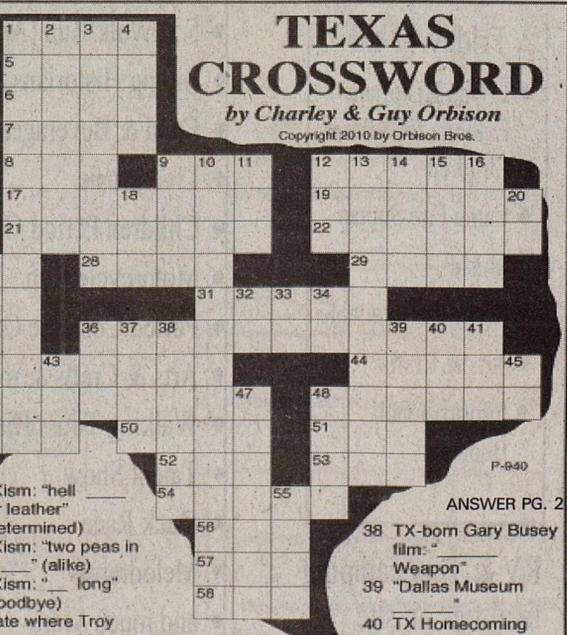
DOWN

- 1 TX Blue Bell flavor (2 wds.)
- 2 TXism: "he'd be _____ in a battle of wits" (dumb)
- 3 TX alternative band "Jackpot" sang "Be _____"
- 4 "dip _____ in the water" (check temp)
- 9 this Sheryllynn was in TX-based film "Ruby"
- 10 TXism: "just two whoops _____ away" (near)
- 11 donkey
- 12 TX Strait's _____ in the Hole" band
- 13 Alamo city
- 14 LBJ and Lady Bird's youngest daughter
- 15 transgression (2 wds.)
- 16 TXism: "hell _____ for leather" (determined)
- 18 TXism: "two peas in a _____" (alike)
- 20 TXism: "_____ long" (goodbye)
- 23 state where Troy Aikman went to college (abbr.)
- 24 "got no _____ for it"
- 25 Biblical weed
- 26 oak nuts
- 27 TXism response for undesirable request (2 wds.)
- 32 ex-Cowboy Pat Toomay book: "_____ Any Given Sunday"

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ANSWER PG. 2

- 38 TX-born Gary Busey film: "_____ Weapon"
- 39 "Dallas Museum _____"
- 40 TX Homecoming corsage
- 41 dir. to Houston from Austin (abbr.)
- 43 _____ King Cole
- 45 _____ Lago, TX
- 47 "entry" so. of border military parade rest: "At _____"
- 55 "Mamas, Don't Let Your Babies _____ Up to be Cowboys"