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Thursday, April 29, 2010 The Brackett News is Loved by many, Cussed by some, Read by them ALL! Kinney County Is Home To Raul and Santos Rivas

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Community News

CITY HALL HOURS CHANGE Beginning May 1st, 2010 City Hall will no longer be open during the noon lunch hour except on the 1st, 20th and end of the month.

JONES E/I EVENT CALENDAR Jones Elementary/ Intermediate School Events for May 3rd - 7th: May 3rd - 7th - Teacher Appreciation Week 4th - 3rd Grade Field Trip 5th - 6th Grade Field Trip

4-H ARCHERY PROJECT

6th - National Nurse's Day

PROJECT
Archery practices will begin
April 25th and proceed on
Sundays: May 2, May 16,
and May 30 at 2:00 pm at
the 4-H Shooting Range. For
more information call 830563-2731. John Paul
Schuster is the project
leader and certified coach.

PAGEANT RESCHEDULED The Kinney County Mr/Miss Pageant has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 29, at 2 pm at the BISD Auditorium. We apologize for any inconvenience. Registration has been reopened! New deadline to receive registra-tion form is May 14, Deadline to turn in registration is May 19. Please contact Pam Hale at 830-563-5432 for

any questions or to receive a

EMS WEEKLY REPORT The week of April 18- April 24: Kinney County EMS responded to a total of 14 medical calls. Seven of the calls were transported to

area hospitals, including

one airlift to San Antonio.

registration form.

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT Workshop Date set for May The Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Kinney County will be having a **Predator Management** Workshop on May 10 at the Civic Center in Brackettville. Mark Mapston of the Texas Wildlife Services and Justin Henefy of the State Health Department will be on hand to present and answer questions. This workshop is meant to educate area ranchers and the community on the physical evi-dence and biology of predators including coyotes, bobcats, birds of prey, and feral pigs. There will also be different control alternatives, and a presentation on predators as vectors of zoonotic disease. This workshop has been set for 8am to 12pm. If you have any questions or would like more information about this

PROGRAM
Wish Parenting came with instructions? Well help is on the way, Parenting classes are now available for parents of all ages each Monday afternoon from 4:30 -7:00 pm at your Public Library starting March 8, 2010. Food and drinks are provided along with games and activities, come join the fun, share some ideas and learn some good tips on how to communicate better with you children. For more information contact: Sarah Terrazas @ 563-2884.

workshop contact the Kinney

County Extension Office at

563-2442.

NEWSPAPER OFFICE RELOCATING TBN will be moving the office effective May 1. The office will be temporarily located at my home. We will accomodate you and pick up information as needed. Our address will be changing but our commitment to the this fine community will not. If you need to contact the office, 830.563.2852 or 24hour number-Leigh Volcsko at 830.563.7721.



Grand jury hands down indictments

The Kinney County Grand of this year. Jury handed down only a few indictments during their April

for possession of cocaine, less offense, Olivares was arrested for of a playground on February 12, tober 29, 2009, but had been the name is being withheld.

dicted for felony driving while both in Cameron County. intoxicated (DWI), with prior

previously convicted of DWI in Dioncio Olivares was in- July, 1998, and March, 1992, by the grand jury, but the

The grand jury also issued an Arnulfo Garcia was indicted felony convictions for the same indictment for a burglary of a building, but the warrant had not than one gram, but within 1,000 DWI in Kinney County on Oc- been returned at press time, so

charges were reduced and the cases transferred from the 63rd District Court to county court.

Armando Estrada, charged with felony family violence in September, 2009, will now face

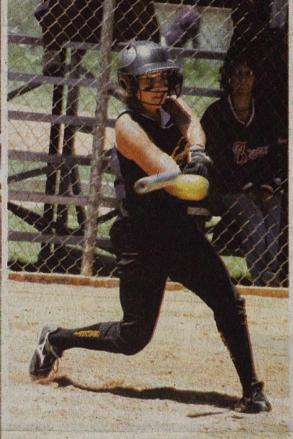
lence Assault, Class A.

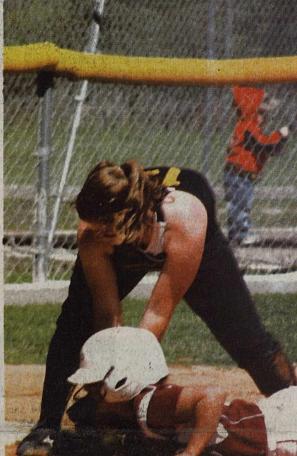
Casey Joe Harris, originally charged with felony burglary in January, will now face the lower charge of Theft, \$50 - \$500.

The grand jury meets three to four times per year and is comprised of residents from Kinney County.

Tigerettes named bi-district champs







Brackett News Photos By Ashley Sandoval - Pictured at left: Amanda DelBosque makes the catch while teammate Amanda Herrera backs her up. Center: Elena Molinar gets the hit. Far Right: Paige Nowlin at third base sends another girl to the dugout.

Submitted By Coach Lindsey Kunz

week to earn a spot in the state of the seventh inning. softball playoffs.

the score of 3 to 2. Leading the offensive attack was sophomore Amanda Herrera with three hits

Swilley earned the win on the header. Brackett began the Swilley. mound, while also driving in game slow and errors gave Brackett won three games this the winning run in the bottom LaPryor a 4-0 start before the

On Saturday, April 24, A win for the Tigerettes would and 1 RBI. Senior Katryna LaPryor and force a double- winning pitcher was again Priscilla Aguirre led the attack the Bi-District Championship.

Tigerettes answered in the 4th inning and never looked back errors and strong hitting perfor-On Wednesday, April 21, the Brackett hosted the Lady Bull- defeating the Lady Bulldogs by mances. The final score was 9 Tigerettes defeated D'Hanis by dogs from LaPryor in a must- the score of 9 to 4. Herrera and win situation for the Tigerettes. junior Celina Calvillo aided the Tigerettes offensively by comforce a district playoff with bining for 7 hits and 3 RBIs. The Paige Nowlin, and freshman first round to automatically earn

taking advantage of LaPryor win and the state playoff spot. Senior Lila Molinar, Junior

with 3 hits each, with Nowlin In game two, Brackett batting in 3 runs. Swilley earned jumped out to an early lead by the win, while Aguirre stepped in the top of the 4th to earn the save for the Tigerettes.

Next action for the Tigerettes to 3, with Brackett taking the will be on May 6, 7 or 8 in the Area round of the state playoffs. Brackett received a bye in the

Fort becoming popular birding stop

For the second week in a row, a birding tour group made an overnight stay at Fort Clark Springs to try and catch a glimpse of Kinney County's rarest resident, the Tropical Parula.

Birding tour group Penfeathers, of Tomball, led by Bill Goloby, brought a group of bird enthusiasts on a four-day Edwards Plateau tour.

The group, tipped off by local bird watcher Louisa Stone, lay in wait in a remote area to see a Tropical Parula, but unlike lasts week's group, they never saw the bird.

The Field Guides group that ends ago, were able to see a male sing for nearly an hour. Field had hoped to see a female be passed through town two week- Tropical Parula and listen to him Guides leaders also reported they drawn in by the male's musical tal-



Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko - Bill Goloby of Tomball, Nina Sitra of Sugarland, Laurie Williams of Houston, Joann Raine of Houston and Judy Behrens of Pearland completed a birding tour of Fort Clark.

ents, but did not.

From the Fort, the Penfeathers olan to visit Kickapoo Caverns State Park, Kerr Wildlife Management Area. Frio Bat Cave and the Lost Maples State Natural Area before returning to Houston tomorrow.

The Fort stated in the last five years, the number of birding groups utilizing the property and the hotel has increased. Three bird watching groups have taken advantage of the Fort's amenities this year and one more is scheduled in May.

Alamo Village still accepting visitors

Submitted By Alamo Village

THE BAD NEWS

With the passing of Texas icon Virginia F. Webb Shahan, the family closed Alamo Village to the general public in order to reconstruct management and reassess goals.

THE GOOD NEWS

A decision has been reached to allow visitors in to see and photograph the world-famous movie set built for John Wayne's 1960 epic film THE ALAMO and used in so many other classic motion pictures.

While Alamo Village will no longer offer shows, souvenir shops or food services, all museums and displays will be available, and "town marshal" Rich Curilla — historian on all things Alamo, Alamo Village and Alamo movies — will be on set

for questions.

By calling 830-563-2580, arrangements can also be made tors will be admitted at the fol-

• GROUP TOURS SPECIAL EVENTS

 PROFESSIONAL **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Starting May 1, 2010, visilowing times weekly: Thursday - Friday - Saturday 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Admission for adults will be \$10 and children under 6 are free. Only cash will be accepted.



Photo Courtesy To The Brackett News - Former employees of Alamo Village ready for a show last year.

REVISED WARNING SYSTEM SIGNALS

TEST: Single tone that lasts 10-15 seconds (sounded each day at noon)

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) ACTIVATION: Three tones (on & off)

STORM WARNING: Steady tone that lasts 3 minutes (Means a storm is in the area and beware - possible hazard conditions) wait 5 minutes, If siren sounds again, means severe weather

IMMINENT THREAT: Three tones (on & off) lasts 3 minutes - Emergency condition Major storm, Large Fire or incident

Publishers PLOG

Ok, we finally moved into my kitchen. I love being able to walk ten feet from my bed and be at work. I just want to say thank you to everyone for their patience during this time of transition. It's not only a time of transition in my professional life, but it is a time of transition in my personal life. I have not shared too much about that, and I don't plan on it either, but from what I understand there are a few people out there that seem to know more about my personal life than I do and if you call me, I'll give you their phone numbers and you can ask them whatever you want to know. My only interest has been to shield my children from the firestorm and I want to thank those of you who made it worse for them by popping off with all your sixth hand knowledge of my life. Keep up the good work.

I've been getting a lot of calls from Fort and Brackett people about sex offenders living in Kinney County. I'm on it and I will be reporting what I can over the next several weeks, but for those of you concerned, just get on the Texas DPS website and look it all up. Its your right to know who lives here and its your responsibility as a parent to be up to date.

Last week I printed a letter to the editor. Once again I was surprised by the number of calls, emails and comments I received about it. I like printing letters, even if they are not so flattering to me because it definitely keeps you humble and in check, but some of you felt I should have responded or defended myself, and to you I say only this.... Consider the author, laugh and then move on to all the important things in your lives like washing the cat. Five years ago, that letter would have made me so mad, but now with thicker skin and a little darker paint on my hair, I laugh b/c the for the people that have sworn for at least the last three years that I was going out of business, here's this week's paper. Read it and enjoy. Next week's paper will be out on May 6, then May 13, then thru July, then on into 2011 and if you're still flapping your mouth about being "glad when I'm gone", I'll still be here the week after that. I might be "stupid", but I guess I'm not that push-over you thought I was, huh? I'm here for the people of this ENTIRE community and not just one select group, or to prove how popular I can be in the sunset of my life.

Still here, but just in the kitchen baking a cake for my kids and writing for the paper while I wait.

Don't forget to check out Brackett News on Facebook.com. We have some photo albums that include all the pictures we take at an event, not just the best ones we actually publish. Take care.

If you need us, our number is the same: 830.563.2852 or email: tbnews@sbcglobal.net.



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The Texas Perimeter Hike Part 8



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El Guapo to face someday. For covering the basics of food, Guapo. For others, a lack of education might be their El name is Lucky Day, the people hot as the last. of Santa Poco can conquer their Three Amigos

of the English language was with cocaine. great, his words delicately cho-

"What the hell are you doing?" he asked.

We talked, the four of us, "In a way, all of us have an about what I was doing. After some, shyness might be their El water, and shelter, our talk turned to El Paso and the US-Mexico border. Like chips at a to kill us. But as sure as my other and another, each one as

own personal El Guapo who also friend of theirs a hunter. The As the sunlight faded and a 401(k), try to boost your conhappens to be the actual El guy got in his deer blind early - excerpt from The one morning, felt something different in the small space, but While I was passing through didn't want to shine a light to Then I saw headlights. the quiet town of Enochs, a see what it was. When the sun

over beside me. Having clearly with wild game, he turned his the mightiest trees started out been elected the spokesperson, attention to the object he had the nearest fellow used a sub- felt earlier. It was a metal box, lime mixture of eloquence, though he hadn't remembered subtlety, and wit to address me leaving it. He lifted the lid, in conversation. His command then shut it. The box was filled

authenticity. But the men sponsored retirement plan. If touched upon a fear that's been you've been investing for a getting closer and closer ever while but still need to move since I left Corpus Christi. To borrow Lucky Day's words, El Paso had become my El Guapo.

Fast forward to a few evenings ago. My panhandle tour in its final days, I walked out of Guapo. For us, El Guapo is a Mexican restaurant, a border the plains and into the desert through water, oxygen and minbig, dangerous guy who wants story is usually followed by an- landscape of West Texas. I camped out underneath a mesquite tree on a slope slightly I remember one about a beneath the level of the road. plethora of bugs and birds made a few last minute flights, I waited for the sky to fill with stars. fully funding your IRA until

At an intersection I had its. truck with three men pulled came up and his luck ran out passed not half a mile prior, a car stopped. The driver could look around your neigh explanation: drugs.

though nothing had happened, I left early the next morning.

lower left of the panhandle, trying to find the corner marker. fading sign. Hidden in the folio. jumble, I noticed something more, a canister. Good lord, it tape. I reached for it, unscrewing the lid slowly.

No coke.

It was a geocache, a hobbybox for "treasure" seekers, filled with the signatures of register and left.

currently share an edge with my imagination will soon be very real. My name's not Lucky Day either. I will be careful; I will

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Declare Your "Financial Arbor Day"



Emily Cooper Edward Jones in Del Rio

The national celebration of Arbor Day happens on the last Friday of April, although some states have designated other dates for their own Arbor Day observances. Over the years, Americans have planted millions of trees on this day, improving the environment, reducing erosion and leaving an invaluable gift to future generations. But the concepts behind Arbor Day can also be transferred to other realms - such as investing. So this year, why not take steps to establish your own Financial Arbor Day?

Here are some ideas to con-

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• Plant some "seeds." Even small - and the same is true of the portfolios of many successful investors. If you're just beginning to invest, consider putting whatever you can afford, however minimal, into an IRA I don't vouch for the tale's and a 401(k) or other employercloser toward your goals, you may have to seek out some new fields of opportunity and invest in them.

> • Nurture the "roots." To grow, roots need to be fed erals. Once you've planted the seeds of your investments, they need to be nourished, too. For example, once you've opened a tributions whenever you get a salary increase. Also consider you've reached the annual lim-

· Seek out variety. If you

have been doing anything - hood, you will likely find many consulting a map, picking up different types of trees. And his cell phone, looking for a tis- that's a good thing, because sue in the backseat of the car - when Dutch elm disease or some but with the veil of a dozen bor- other ailment strikes one type der stories clouding my vision of tree, you and your neighbors I could think of only a single still have others that can thrive. The same principle applies to When another vehicle ap- investing: If an economic downproached in the distance, the car turn or some other event primain question took off. The driver rily strikes one type of asset, didn't peel out, but he seemed and most of your money is tied intent on making a getaway. I up in that asset, you could run ducked down as he passed. It into trouble. That's why you had the feel of a close call, and should diversify your investment dollars among stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit I continued south to the (CDs), Treasury bills and other securities. While diversification, by itself, cannot guaran-What I found instead were the tee a profit or protect against remnants of a survey site, a pile loss, it can help reduce the efof cement chunks marked by a fects of volatility on your port-• Be patient. When you

plant a seed, you know it will was even covered in camouflage take many years for your efforts to reach fruition. Over time, your tree will lose some branches and bark, and it will be buffeted by heavy winds, scorching sun and driving rains. However, if it has a strong set people who, like me, were look- of roots, it can survive and ing for the corner. I signed the grow. You need to show the same patience with your invest-The way I've acted, you'd ment portfolio, because it, too, think I was already on the Rio will face a variety of challenges Grande, but it's actually a over the years, and at times it couple of weeks away. These may appear beaten down. But if infamous border tales which you follow a consistent strategy, supported by a mix of quality investments that reflect your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals, and if you have be quiet; I shall overcome my the patience and discipline to ride out downturns, you can Smatt is the penname of help yourself reach your objec-

When people use their shovrently hiking the entire outline els and hoes on Arbor Day, they of the state. Follow his adven- can create something that will at literally last a lifetime. And the same thing can happen when you declare your own Financial Arbor Day — so get out your investment "tools" and get to

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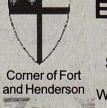
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Photo Courtesy to The Brackett News - BISD science teacher Marsha Swilley gives some high school students the opportunity to learn first hand during an experiment in her laboratory.

• Pick up the phone and call

Write them a thank you

• Bake them a special treat

Send them their favorite

• Give them a book, pen, tie

There are many ideas to show

ward is feeling the true appre-

ciation and gratitude for his/her

or scarf, or a desk object

how much they are appreciated

National Teacher Day is cel- memorable for our BISD Faculty ebrated on the first Tuesday of and Staff. Here are a few sugthe first full week in May. Its gestions: origin dates back to 1944 when an Arkansas teacher by the name a teacher or two to let them know of Mattye Whte Woodridge felt that teachers deserved recognition and brought it to the atten- card tion of political and educational leaders. Finally, in 1953, she wrote Eleanor Roosevelt, who snack immediately persuaded Congress to declare a National Teacher Day.

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Until 1985, the National Edu-your appreciation for a cation Association celebrated teacher(s). Let's come together Teacher Day in March, but the as a community to let our teach-National Parent Teacher Asso- ers and support staff know they ciation declared the first full are appreciated. We all recogweek in May Teacher Apprecia- nize that a teacher's highest retion Week with National Teacher Day on that Tuesday.

Teacher Appreciation Week is a time to recognize the accomplishments of all teachers and support staff for their hard work and dedication to their jobs. It is a time to recognize that teachers chose this profession out of love, care, and the call to make a difference in someone's life rather than for a salary that is far below the standard salary of other professions. It is a time to acknowledge the crucial role teachers and support staff play in making sure students receive a quality education. It is a time to celebrate a profession that teaches other professions. It is a time to say "Thank You!"

It is important to recognize that Great Teachers Make Great Public Schools. At Brackett ISD, we take pride in acknowledging that we have a team of exceptional teachers and support staff that are dedicated to academic excellence. We recognize and thank our teachers for the countless hours they spend researching and planning for the delivery of quality instruction, their professionalism, and their genuine care for our students' academic and social success.

Help us make the 2010 Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week Domenech advances to state debate

Submitted By BISD

The Academic Region UIL Competition was held at Blinn demic competition: College in Brenham this month. Representing Brackett High were: Brandon Allen, Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Victor Cantu, Vanerick Domenech, Team: Victor Cantu 4th place, Kelli Kennedy, Sahara and Erica Villanueva

Rodriguez, Jeffrey Sitgreaves and Erica Villanueva.

Results of Regional Aca-

Lincoln Douglas Debate: 3rd place Vanerick Domenech (advances to State)

Mathematics- Third Place Meghan Flores, Tanner Hinsey, Brandon Allen, Kelsey Bruce

Number Sense- First place state): Victor Cantu 2nd place, Kelsey Bruce, Meghan Flores Kennedy. and Brandon Allen.

(advancing to state),

tor Cantu, Brandon Allen, Tanner Hinsey and Bryan Calk.

Social Studies: 6th place Jefteam (all members advancing to frey Sitgreaves, Bryan Calk, Sahara Rodriguez and Kelli

The competed against stu-Science: Second Place dents from all over the region. Team: Victor Cantu 2nd place The first place team and the top three individuals in each divi-Highest Biology Score: Vic- sion advanced to the state competition to be held in Austin May 6-8.

BHS Calendar

May & June 2010

May 3rd and 4th - Regional track meet in Huntsville

May 4th - English I End of Course Exam May 4th - 7th grade band will compete in Lytle

May 5th - 8th to 11th grade reg/info night, Operation Detour

May 5th - Baccalaureate dinner for seniors to be held at the Service Club at 6 p.m.

May 5th - Operation Detour presentation for freshmen at

11 a.m. at the new gym May 10th - Holiday and AP Biology Exam

May 11th - World Geography End of Course exam

May 11th - Internet Safety Presentation

May 13th - Band and Choir concert at the Auditorium

May 18th - Geometry End of Course exam May 19th - Biology End of Course exam

May 22nd - Prom

May 25th - Algebra I End of Course exam May 25th - Junior High Athletic banquet at FCS pool at

4:30 p.m

May 26th - Physics End of Course exam May 27th - Chemistry End of Course exam

May 28th - Senior awards and scholarships

May 31st - High School awards assembly

May 31st - High School Athletic banquet at 5:30 p.m., new gym

June 2nd - Senior Class trip to Schlitterbahn June 2nd - Junior High awards assembly

June 2nd - 4th - Final Exams

June 4th - Junior High graduation at 9:30 a.m. at the

Auditorium

June 4th - High School graduation at 8:00 p.m. at Tiger Stadium

BHS athletes advance

TRACK - The Varsity Girls or 8 in the Area round of the Track Team won the Area Track Meet that was held in Comfort. The athletes advancing to the Regional Track Meet in Huntsville May 3 and 4, include the following students: Kelsey Bruce, Icela Rueda, Brooklyn our district. Gose, Karley Harris and Paige

Two varsity boys, Ayland Letsinger and Raul Rivas, will also be competing at the Regional Track meet as well.

Nowlin.

SOFTBALL - The girl's softball team won three games in a row (including a double header Saturday) to win a playoff spot. The girls will play May 6 and 7 Estrada:

state playoffs.

BASEBALL - The boy's baseball team will be playing a game on Friday night in La Pryor against Charlotte to determine the final playoff spot in

GOLF - The boys golf team placed second in regional and qualified for the state tournament. The State Golf tournament will be held in Austin on May 9-11 in Austin. Members of the golf team are: Joelson Terrazas, Damien Falcon, Steven Rodriguez, Guy Rigby, Chris Blake, Shaun Davis and Johnny

2010-2011 cheer team roster announced

Varsity Cheerleading tryouts Brenda Pacheco, Susu Seargeant lowing students will make up the Pena will be the varsity mascot. BHS 2010-2011 cheer team: Mikaela Herman-Castillo, Ne- be as follows: Gage Brown, vada Coe, Bianca Cruz, Brittany Morgan Brown, Siarra Falcon,

were held recently and the fol- and Erika Villanueva. Manuel

The Junior High Squad will Hale, Adrian Hernandez, Madi- Amber Resendez, Madison Luce son Koontz, Jenna Musgrave, and Te'a Sandoval.

KC Little League schedule; scores

No Softball Scores At Press Time

Date	Time	Team	Division	Score
March 27	6:30pm	Angels v. Braves	Majors	9-16
March 29	6:00pm	Astros v. Marlins	T-Ball of	No Score
March 29	7:30pm	Braves v. Angels	Majors	14-16
March 30	6:00pm	Pirates v. Dodgers	Coach Pitch	19-11
March 31	6:00pm	Marlins v. Astros	T-Ball	No Score
March 31	7:30pm	Yankees v. Angels	Majors	24-0
April 1	5:30pm	Dodger v. Pirates	Coach Pitch	15-12
April 1	7:30pm	Angels v. Yankees	Majors	12-15
		No Games April 2 - April 6		
April 8	6:00pm	Braves v. Astros	T-Ball	No Score
April 9	5:30pm	Pirates v. Rangers	Coach Pitch	27-7
April 9	7:30pm	Yankees v. Braves	Majors	26-14
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State law requires county appraisal districts to notify property owners about changes in their property's value. The notice also contains important information about the property's location, its ownership and property tax exemptions that have been applied to the property. It must include an estimate of 2010 taxes by local taxing units.

Property owners who disagree with the appraised value of their property, the exemptions or any other action by the appraisa district have the right to appeal to the Kinney County Appraisa Review Board (ARB). The ARB is an independent panel of citi zens responsible for hearing and settling property owner pro-tests. The notice of appraised value includes instructions on how and when to file a protest, a protest form and the Comptroller' Property Taxpayer Remedies. The deadline for filing a protest with the ARB is June 1 or 30 days after the appraisal district mailed you a notice of appraised value, whichever is later.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' publication, Property Taxpayer Remedies, explains in detail how to protest your property appraisal, what issues the ARB can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the option of taking your case to court or entering into binding arbitration if you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your ARB hear

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#2. The second proposition authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,150,000.00 for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the District streets.

Beginning with tax year 2010, Kinney County Appraisal District Appraisal Notices and Tax Statements, will include the Fort Clark Municipal Utility District interest and sinking fund (debt repay ment) tax rate in calculating the property taxes.

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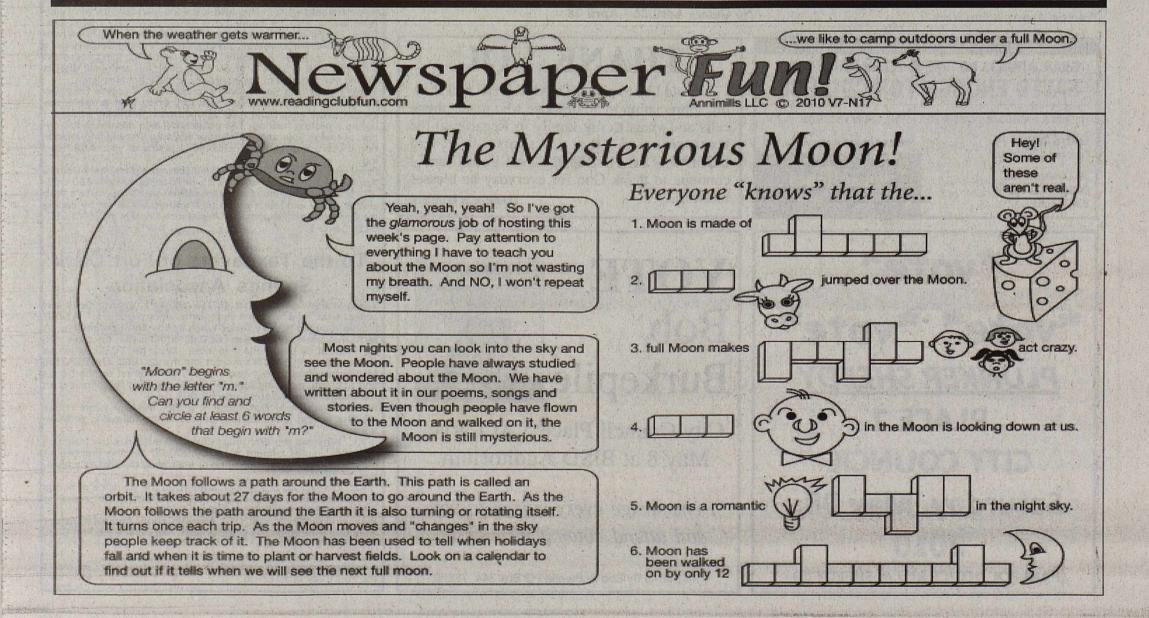
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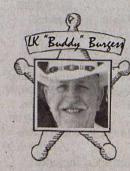
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was having problems with an- was informed of the situation. other woman.

Tuesday, April 13
A man called to report an or-

ange pickup was speeding on Hwy 131 and refused to stop, a deputy was advised of the situation.

request a deputy in regards to a boy hitting another boy with a advised and rep board with nails. The injured was being fixed. boy's father wanted to talk to the other boy's parents about the situation. A deputy was advised.

A woman called to report a report his friend's dog bit him llover on Hwy 90, east of when he went over to his house

Wednesday, April 14

sheriff's office and requested to to report an alarm was sounding speak to a deputy. The woman off at the school library. A deputy

dogs were on the fence line of her ranch and were trying to get in. A deputy was advised of situation.

An alarm company called to report an alarm was sounding off advised and reported the door

A woman called to report a red Cube or Flex car at the intersection of Ann and El Paso A Fort Clark man called to streets was about to cause an accident. A deputy was informed of the situation. A man called stating that a

ilver Dodge truck and a white Tahoe with dark tint were drag racing on Hwy 334. A deputy was advised of the situation.

Thursday, April 15 Wayne B. Rich, 25, of Del Rio, was arrested for possession of marijuana, more than 2 ounces. Rich was released on a \$1,500 bond.

Jose R. Maldonado, 24, of Del Rio, was arrested for possession of marijuana, more than 2 ounces. Maldonado was released on a \$1,500 bond.

A man reported a registered press time. black cow was stolen from the Old Vincent Ranch on Hwy 131, Spofford Road. The cow had an ear tag on it and was last seen on January 26. The fence was cut from the top to the bottom. Friday, April 16

Gilbert Fernandez, 25, of Wellington, was arrested on an outstanding Kinney County warrant for credit card fraud. Fernandez was still being held at press time.

Suarez Ramon Alfredo, 29, Del Rio, was arrested for driving while intoxicate, third or

An security company called more offense. Suarez was released on a \$5,500 bond.

Saturday, April 17 A woman reported a house A woman called to report two down the road from her residence was playing loud music and would not let her sleep. A deputy was advised of the situa-

A man called stating that he Fort Clark Security called to at the medical supply business had hit a deer with his car and quest a deputy in regards to a in Brackettville. A deputy was was requesting a deputy to the was requesting a deputy to the scene to file a report.

Monday, April 19 A security company called to

report an alarm going off at the Super S Foods. A deputy was notified of the situation. Thursday, April 22 A man called requesting a

deputy go check on his neigh-

bor who was yelling in his yard. A deputy was notified. Friday, April 23 Sam H. Graves, 22, of Pyote,

was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Graves was released on a \$1,200 bond. A FCS employee called to request a deputy's assistance for

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the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District: Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a public hearing for the Revised Bylaws of the Kinney Groundwater onservation District. The Hearing will be conducted on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Library Annex located in Brackettville, Texas. The hearing will be to take public comment on the proposed revised Groundwater Bylaws of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District and act thereon. A copy of the proposed revised Bylaws can be obtained at the District office, and the KCGCD Website. kinneycogcd-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

KINNEY COUNTY IS REQUEST-ING BIDS on repairs of selected flood prevention sites in Kinney County. Maintenance needed: removal of brush and herbicide treatment. The site is approximately 50 acres. A site showing is scheduled for Mfay 6, 2010, begining at 10 a.m. in the Kinney County Judges office located at 501 South Ann Street, Brack-ettville Tx. 78832. Sealed bids will be accepted through May 14, 2010 by 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions contact Judges office at 830-563-2401 or NRCS at 830-563-2414. Kinney County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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•109 W. SPRING ST.: Downtown Brackettville 4,400sq. ft. Great Rental Property!

•NEW LISTING: 505 Ann St. What a darling 2BR/1B home in a great neighborhood. Original wood floor, FP, workshop, carport, large fenced yard, Priced to sell @ \$75,000.

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20 Acres: close to town yet private with nice views, large barn with bath, fencing, well, elect, covered RV parking + other improvements!

For Rent-Fort Clark: cute 1BR, 1B apartment, new paint, carpet/tile. \$425 mo + elect.

