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Kinney County Is Home To Caleb Volcsko - Happy 11th Birthday

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

IS IT YOUR BIRTHDAY?

TBN is bringing back the Birthday List. If you'd like to have your birthday in the paper, call us at 830.563.2852 or email us at tbnews@sbcglobal.net, and let us know your name, month and day. There is no charge for the listing and for you ladies, no we are NOT putting the year!

COUNTY POOL

The Kinney County Pool is now open Tuesday - Saturday, 1pm to 7pm. There is no charge to swim! No children under age 12 can be left unattended.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Community Council will be taking applications for families needing assistance paying their utility bills for the next few months. Applications can be picked up at the County Library or Call Sarah Terrazas at 830-563-2884 for details.

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Coach Lindsey Kunz will be hosting a volleyball camp on Monday July 26 and Tuesday, July 27 in Brackett from 9am to 3pm. Please contact Coach Kunz @ 830-563-2491.

CHILD CARE SERVICES

Workforce Solutions Middle Rio Grande has open enrollment and is now accepting applications for assistance with child care if you qualify. No waiting list. Call 211 for more information.

TEMPORARY OFFICE

TBN is now accepting news, announcements, advertisements at our temporary office located at 103 Gove Street in Brackett, Mon - Thur, 10a until 4p, until further notice.

DISTRICT COURT

The 63rd Judicial District Court presided over by Judge Enrique Fernandez will be held on July 26. On the docket will be Cecil Wayne Lyons (2192) for possession of methamphetamine, less than one gram; Cody Gleen Jones (2181) for possession of cocaine, more than 1 gram, less than 4 grams; and James Christopher Shemwell (2191) for possession of methamphetamine, more than 1 gram, less than 4 grams.

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RANGE MGMT WORKSHOP

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Kinney County will be having a Range Management Workshop on Monday, July 26th at the Civic Center in Brackettville, TX. Dr. Butch Taylor and Dr. Bob Lyons of Texas AgriLife Research will be presenting along with Dale Prochaska of the Kerr Wildlife Area. These are some of the most respected names in the field of range and pasture management. This workshop is meant to educate area ranchers and the community on range and pasture improvement and the different options they have to manage their properties. It is vital that ranchers and land owners understand the options they have to become better stewards and improve their land. There will also be a presentation from Hayden Keyser from the Natural Resources and Conservation Service on the E.Q.I.P. program and its updates. The time for this workshop has been set for 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., 3 C.E.U.'s will be available for those with a Pesticide Applicators License. Two CEU's will be offered in Integrated Pest Management and 1 CEU will be offered in the General Category. The cost of this program will be \$5.00. Please contact the Kinney County AgriLife Extension office to R.S.V.P. by July 23rd.

Sheriff gets another million in grant money; Castro hired as new county auditor, Briscoe honored

Kinney County Sheriff LK Buddy Burgess announced the receipt of another million dollar grant at the Regular meeting of Kinney County Commissioner's Court on July 19.

The sheriff's department stated they would be receiving over one million dollars in Stonegarden funds for 2010. The Stonegarden grant is sponsored by the U.S. Border Patrol and is used to help enforce border security. This will be the third Stonegarden grant applied for and received by the department. In 2008, the sheriff was granted \$121,874 in funds and in 2009, the sheriff received 1.3 million.

Ray Gonzalez, a compliance officer at the Kinney County

Detention Center, reported the facility is currently housing 319 inmates and is employing 80 people, 24 of which are Kinney County residents.

Gilbert Castro was appointed as the new county auditor by Enrique Fernandez, Judge of the 63rd District Court, on July 19. Castro, a Brackettville native, retired from the Texas Workforce Commission last year after 25 years of service. Castro, a 1973 graduate of Brackett High and a 1978 graduate of Tarleton State in Stephenville, will now serve the county through July of 2012. Kinney County-District Clerk Dora Sandoval administered the oath of office.

The one hundredth anniversary

celebration of the courthouse was discussed, but no action was taken. The commissioners talked about making the celebration

part of the 2011 Fort Clark Days or part of the annual July 4th festivities next summer. Kinney County Judge Tim

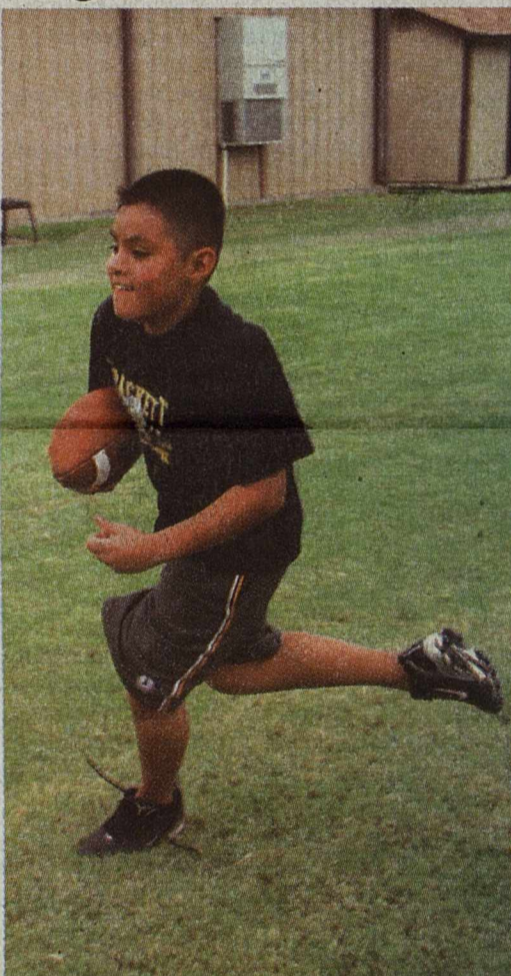
Ward reported the County Pool was averaging about 30 visitors each day and thanked all the volunteers, including the county's volunteer firemen, for their help in getting the pool ready for operation. Ward also thanked the City of Brackettville for donating the water to keep the pool filled throughout the summer.

The final action of the court was to honor Former Governor Dolph Briscoe, Jr. after his passing on June 27 at his family home in Uvalde. Briscoe was a rancher and businessman known for his charitable giving. "The Commissioner's Court wishes to extend to the Briscoe Family our sympathy and express our appreciation for his life of public service," read the resolution.



Gilbert Castro

Tigers of the Future....



Brackett News Photos By Leigh Volcsko - Brackett High Athletic Director Greg Voyles and staff hosted a youth football camp July 14. The young boys learned basic blocking, receiving and passing skills. Pictured from left: Eddy Argil makes a touchdown run; Noah Flores practices his blocking with AD Greg Voyles; and Kris Creel is ready to receive the ball. GO TIGERS!

Castilla appointed interim GM

Randy Castilla was appointed as the interim general manager for Fort Clark Municipal Utility District (FCMUD) at a Regular meeting on July 21.

The appointment is effective as of August 1, following the resignation of the current general manager, Larry Sofaly, who retires at the end of this month. Castilla has 22 years of experience in the water industry, including a total of 13 years with FCMUD and nine years with the City of Brackettville.

Christine Clark was named the interim assistant general manager, also effective August 1.

The directors named Castilla and Clark on an interim basis, as they wanted to update the job descriptions and make sure they were not under any legal obligation to advertise for the position.

The painting projects for the Fort Clark water tower and standpipe are now nearing completion, Castilla reported. The recent rains delayed the project, but the work was ex-

pected to be finished August 5 or 6, as reported to TBN last week. The directors asked how long the new paint job would last and Sofaly said he believed it would be at least 30 years before they needed to be repainted, but added the water tower was last painted in 1939.

The Fort Clark MUD directors are President Hubert McKelvy, Vice President Robert Young, Treasurer Greg Stone, Secretary Kenneth Callnan and Investment Officer William Dunton.



Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko - Fort Clark MUD General Manager (center) Larry Sofaly congratulates Christine Clark, at left, and Randy Castilla, at right. Castilla was named as the FCMUD Interim General Manger and Clark the Assistant General Manager, both effective August 1, as Sofaly retires this month.

Celebrating a love as lasting

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Flavio & Mary Talamantez celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary 1960-2010



Celebrating in this joyous occasion is their son Flavio Jr. & Fiancée Michelle, son Armando & wife Yvonne, daughter Valerie & husband Ricardo, son Raymond and grandchildren Alexis, Isabella, Celina & Grant on Saturday, July 23, 2010. Together they have found a friendship raised a family & built a beautiful marriage.

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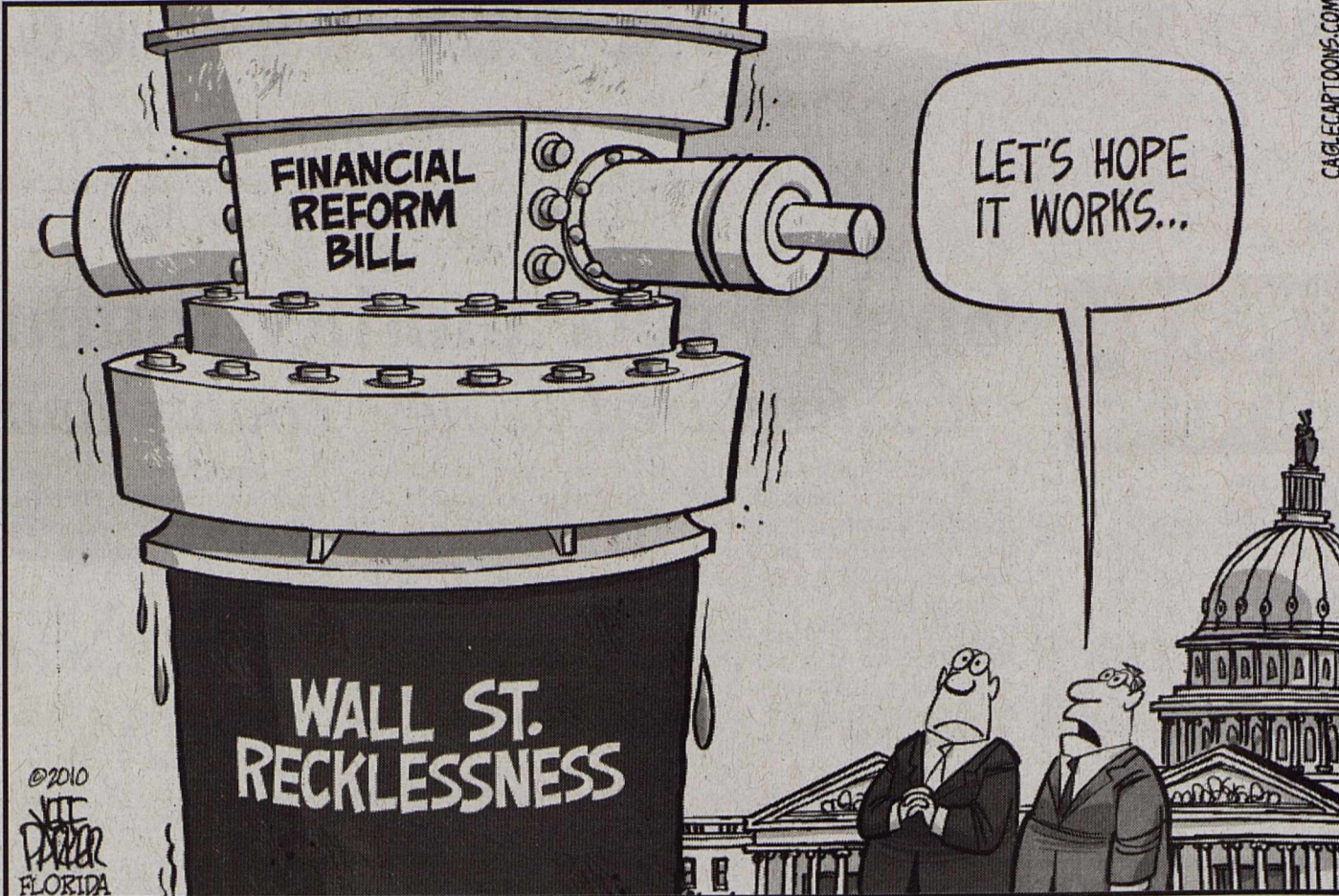
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Clog cannons for our body


Fly Lady Marla Cilley

When Leanne and I wrote our book *Body Clutter* we included a chapter that talked about our ultimate procrastination. This summer I think it is time that we stir things up a bit and looked at our personal plumbing problems. In our FlyShop we have a tool that we call the Clog Cannon. Right now we are out of them. I just realized that we have other clog cannons in our arsenal. When our pipes get clogged up there is no worse feeling. We are miserable and this is all because we procrastinate about drinking our water, getting a little exercise and eating fresh fruit and vegetables.

Let's look at what happens when we get in a hurry and don't take care of ourselves. Being in a hurry causes accidents, this is what has happened to some people I know well. They hurt their knees and I hurt my ankle. When you don't want

to get up and move, you drink less water. For me less water means I don't flush the salt of out my body. This causes my blood pressure to go up since I am retaining water because of the salt. We all hate that bloated tight feeling, then add to that the fact that less water causes that other pipeline to back up.

For people who have urinary tract infections this could be life threatening. I have never had one so I am blessed. If you get them often then you know just how sick this can make you. Drinking your water can be a simple cure for the plumbing problems in our life. Check with your doctor to see what is recommended for you. Water keeps everything moving and puts a stop to the ultimate procrastination. Once you know how much you should drink then you have to come up with ways to make drinking your water fun. Here are some of the ways that I have come up with to keep me hydrated and not go overboard and try to drink a lot at once. As in all things moderation and consistency is what works best.

My timer is my best friend when it comes to reminding me

to drink up! I start my day with a cup in my bathroom as I take my supplements. This is one babystep of my morning routine. After I am dressed to lace up shoes I head to the kitchen to start my coffee, dust mop my floors and fill up my two water bottles. This is all a game to me as I am racing my coffee maker. In about 4 minutes, I am ready to eat breakfast, drink my coffee and begin work.

I keep some rubber bands on one of my water bottles. Every 15 minutes my timer goes off to remind me to take a drink. I am not drinking a whole bottle at once; my goal is one 17 ounce bottle every hour. After a bottle is empty my rule is that I have to refill it. So I always have a bottle of water ready to go. This means I am getting up and moving more. Mid afternoon, I have an apple. After all an apple a day keeps the doctor away. This adds some fiber and helps to keep those clogs from forming. When I roll my rubber band up is my "Go Me" Moment to help me celebrate that I am taking care of myself. My routines give structure to my day and keep me healthy! If you have issues with

clogged plumbing maybe looking at your routines and playing a few games can be your Clog Cannon too.

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, *Sink Reflections* published by Bantam and her New York Times Best Selling book, *Body Clutter* published by Fireside. Copyright 2010 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication

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The Texas Perimeter Hike.... by Smatt



"I am twenty miles or more from the nearest fellow human, but instead of loneliness I feel loveliness."

- Edward Abbey, *Desert Solitaire*

A friend recently asked me how I've handled the solitude of my long walk around Texas. Like the land itself, my time alone has had a changing topography, and no single answer encompasses the whole of my experience. Nonetheless, I shall attempt to do the question some far from a universal reaction, I hadn't anticipated its everyday

reason than to honor those semi-quiet moments from dusk till dawn when our civilized world reduces itself to a modest hum and surrenders the floor to nature's conversation.

I have learned to enjoy being by myself, welcoming chance conversations where they might be found, but I wasn't always so comfortable. The beginning of this trip was a misery. Those early days and weeks came attached with a profound societal rejection of my station. I was a bum, a pariah, someone to avoid.

Though I put on my best face in interactions, I saw the fear in people's eyes, the anxiety in their movements, the open disdain, the pity. Though this was far from a universal reaction, I hadn't anticipated its everyday

occurrence and was forcibly ushered into a kind of solitude I hadn't been prepared to handle. Coupled with my own insecurities about life and the immensity of my hiking goal, I'd never felt more needy and alone.

Solitude isn't meant to be like this. While it can lend itself to loneliness, over-reflection, or boredom, its allure lies in its tranquility and equilibrium. I started my trek wildly off balance, but as my experience and confidence have grown, I've come to accept my time alone. I also attribute some of this stability to the countless supportive and nice people I've met along the way as well as my puppy Raisin who licks me several times a day.

A couple of weeks ago, I had the chance to walk over 120 miles in Big Bend National Park. The summers are scorches in West Texas, and some points in the south of the park regularly reach temperatures above 110 degrees Fahrenheit. Because of the heat, the park's attendance is sparse, and we had the place to ourselves. However, Raisin couldn't accompany me on any hiking trails, so I temporarily turned her over to a dogsitter. I was alone again.

The Chihuahuan Desert, a sandy, cactus-filled, and usually dry area is not the best place to experiment with the merits of solitude. It regularly humbles the strongest of athletes, and a simple bad decision can be a traveler's undoing. Like many a nimrod before me, I charged into the wilderness, aware of the dangers but unconcerned, like that stuff couldn't possibly happen to me. And it didn't. But I paid a price nonetheless. I drank water from mud puddles.

I crossed a high trail near

Mariscal Canyon and ended up getting blown into a cactus. I attempted to hike 40 miles in a day, and several times nearly wobbled off the trail due to fatigue. I disturbed a mean-looking rattlesnake and shortly thereafter intruded upon a couple of bears scrounging for dinner. On the fourth day, I sat high up on the South Rim of the Chisos Mountains and looked across the land. It was still morning, cool and crisp at 7000 feet, the trees lending a fragrance not found in the desert below.

In the distance I saw my starting point and followed the sandy, dusty contours from west to east, then northwest to where I was sitting.

I hadn't seen a soul in three days, but I didn't feel alone. I didn't even consider my solitude. I was only aware of my immediate world - birds chirping, a light breeze, the sweet air, calm - and that I was there in it, feet dangling in the loveliness.



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Important Dates

- Aug. 16.....New Teacher Inservice/Work Day
- Aug. 17-20.....Work Day/Inservice Dates of Staff Training Pending
- Aug. 23.....First Day of School
- Sep. 6.....Labor Day Holiday
- Oct. 11... Waiver/Inservice Day
- Oct. 22.....End of 1st Qtr./Early Out Students Only
- Oct. 25.....First Day 2nd Qtr.
- Nov. 23.....Early Out ALL
- Nov. 24-26.....Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 22.....End of 2nd Qtr./ Early Out ALL
- Dec 23 - Jan 7..... School Holiday
- Jan. 10.....Staff Workday
- Jan. 11.....First Day 3rd Qtr.
- Jan. 14.....Early Out ALL Stockshow
- Jan. 17....Waiver/Inservice Day
- Feb. 21.....Waiver/Inservice Day
- Mar. 11.... End of 3rd Qtr./Early Out for Students
- Mar. 14-18.....Spring Break Holiday
- Mar. 21.....First Day 4th Qtr.
- Apr. 22.... Holiday Good Friday
- May 30..... Memorial Day Holiday
- Jun 2.....Last Day of School Early Out for Students
- June 3.....GRADUATION/Work Day

Number of Days

1 st Qtr.	43 days	
2 nd Qtr.	40 days	1 st Sem. 83 days
3 rd Qtr.	42 days	
4 th Qtr.	52 days	2 nd Sem. 94 days

Instructional Days 177

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1 st Sem	Nov. 24, 2010
2 nd Sem	June 3, 2011

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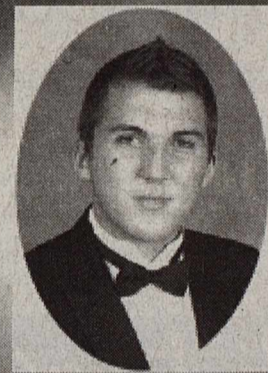
Price honored at TJLA Banquet



Photo Courtesy to The Brackett News - July 4, 2010 Jeyson Price attended the Texas Junior Livestock Association (TJLA) award banquet where he was awarded with an official TJLA jacket and patch. He was awarded for being one of the top 10 Texas Junior showman for Finewool lambs 2009 - 2010.

Class of 2010 BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

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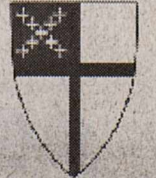
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United in Marriage Ballew-Svensson



Laura Lee Ballew and Benjamin Svensson were united in marriage on June 26, 2010 at the Catholic Church on the estate of Titignano near Orvieto, Italy. Laura Lee is the daughter of Jamie and Jimmy Ballew of Brackettville, and Benjamin is the son of Susanne and Jan-Erik Svensson of Copenhagen, Denmark. Reverend Henry Clay Hunt III officiated the ceremony. Beth Ballew, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor, and best man was Sami Zaabi, friend of the groom. Readers were Catharina Brink, sister of the groom, and J. Wayne Ballew, brother of the bride. The Ubay String Quartet and soloist, Annesa Petruschi provided music for the wedding. Following the ceremony, a cocktail hour and dinner were held in the Titignano main dining hall, followed by dancing in the courtyard. After a honeymoon on the Italian island of Ponza, the couple will reside in Malmo, Sweden and continue to be employed in Copenhagen.

Yard of the month



Photos Courtesy to The Brackett News - The Mountain Laurel Garden Club honors the home of Ida Holley as the July Yard of the Month. Ida works in the flower beds and Joe Williams keeps the yard so beautiful.

Divorces - Marriages

Kinney County public records state the following petitions for divorce were filed: Daniel Hernandez v. Alejandra Hernandez on April 8; and Fermin Villanueva II v. Ashley Villanueva on April 28. The dates reflect only the day on which the application was filed, and it should not be assumed a final divorce decree has been issued. Kinney County public records state the following applications for a marriage license were filed by: Ralph Almanza and Lauren Henke on June 1; Stephen Giblin and Phyllis Drake Giblin on June 11; Richard Sanchez and Nataly Owens on June 22; and Juan Garcia and Juana Hernandez on June 25. The dates reflect only the day the marriage license was filed, and not the actual date of marriage.

Happy 11th Birthday! Caleb K-Bar Volcsko



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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, July 12
A man reported a couple of chow dogs went through his fence and attacked him and his wife. A deputy was informed of the situation.

A woman reported someone broke in her vehicle and took some money, sunglasses and shoes. A deputy was notified of the situation.

A woman reported an accident of golf cart and vehicle on Pompey and Airport Rd. A deputy was informed.

A woman reported a young man pulled up to the car wash and urinated. She also stated he did not bother to hide what he was doing. A deputy was notified.

Tuesday, July 13
A woman reported someone had thrown a rock at her trailer and requested a deputy to her residence. A deputy was dispatched.

John H. Ford, 68, was arrested for theft by a public servant, State's application to adjudicate guilt. Ford was released on a \$5,000 bond.

Wednesday, July 14
A caller reported a suspicious vehicle driving up and down on 4th St. A deputy was dispatched.

Thursday, July 15
A caller reported been attacked by bees while mowing the lawn. The SO gave the number of the pest control stating maybe they could help him.

A caller reported a roll over on Hwy 1572. EMS, Fire Rescue and DPS were dispatched.

A man reported the neighbors were spray painting the building and accidentally spray painted his vehicle. A deputy was informed.

Fort Clark Security called requesting a deputy to meet him at the Administration Building. A deputy was notified.

Friday, July 16
A caller reported someone throwing rocks at their trailer. A deputy was dispatched.

A woman reported someone entered her home and took \$560. A deputy was notified.

Sunday, July 17
A caller reported smelling propane somewhere in the immediate area at FCS. A deputy was notified.

Dale W. Adcock, 50, of San Antonio was arrested on a fugitive warrant, driving while intoxicated, in Travis County. Adcock was released on a \$6,000 bond.

Monday, July 18
A caller reported the neighbors trailer door was wide open. He also stated the owners were out of town. A deputy was notified.

MISTAKES....



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about. She'd like that last one; a little humor was always our best medicine. But one thing we never had was a lack of love for one another.

I can honestly say that our family, our team as she affectionately called it, was one that I couldn't live without. That of course not to be taken literally, but our bond was unlike any other. When one of us was down the other two were there to lift the burden. When one of us accomplished a goal the other two were there to pitch the pedestal. All in all I had a great childhood. I lacked for nothing that I needed to live.

It is for these reasons that I believe I can speak for my father as well as myself that there is a void the size of Texas left in our hearts. She completed what seemed like the only way we could live. I look back on life's obstacles and realize all I misunderstood and took for granted was simply God's gift to me, who I called Mama. This week marks the year anniversary of her death and even 365 days later I can't find a reason to stop crying. She is everything I want to be and more, as a mother, wife and sister. She embodied all that is good and strong. Not one person could ever change an ounce of faith I have in her. I know she is in Heaven watching over us, shaking her head in disbelief when I do something stupid and giving her cheer of approval when I accomplish what I set myself out to do. And I know she knows how much she is missed, loved, thought of and remembered. But for now, and forever I just wanted to shine a spot light on a woman, who in my opinion, is the strongest fighter I'll ever know.

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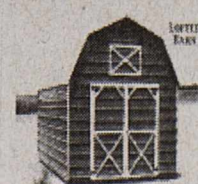
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PUBLIC NOTICE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION IN THE MATTER OF KINNEY COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT TCEQ Docket No. 2010-0875-DIS The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ" or the "Commission") has scheduled this matter to be considered by the Commission based on the determination that the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") has not fully implemented its management plan and a finding that the District is not operational by the State Auditor's Office. The Executive Director recommends that the Commission take all actions it considers appropriate, including dissolution of the District and/or the District's Board, pursuant to Tex. WATER CODE § 36.303 and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 293.22(c). The Commission will hear the matter at: 9:30 a.m.—August 11, 2010, TCEQ Park 35 Complex, 12118 North I-35, Building E, Room 2015, Austin, Texas. The Executive Director, Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District, and the Commission's Public Interest Counsel will be allowed to provide evidence on the matter to assist the Commission in determining the appropriate action as required by Tex. WATER CODE § 36.303 and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 293.22(c). Upon failure of Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District to appear, the factual allegations in the Executive Director's Report and Recommendation will be considered and the appropriate action will be taken by the Commission, including the possibility of dissolution of the District and/or the District's Board. The specific allegations included in this notice are those set forth in the Executive Director's Report and Recommendation. Kinney County Underground Water Conservation District, the Executive Director and the Commission's Public Interest Counsel are the designated parties to this proceeding. Legal Authority: Tex. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 36, and Tex. ADMIN. CODE chs. 70 and 293. Further information regarding this proceeding may be obtained by contacting James Sallans, Staff Attorney, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Litigation Division, Mail Code 175, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, telephone (512) 239-3400. Information concerning the hearing procedures and public participation in the proceeding may be obtained by contacting Blas Coy, Public Interest Counsel, Mail Code 103, at the same P.O. Box address given above or by telephone at (512) 239-6363. The original of any document filed prior to the hearing must be filed with the Office of the Chief Clerk; MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. When contacting the Commission regarding this matter, reference the TCEQ Docket Number provided at the top of this notice. Jim Sallans, TCEQ Litigation Division.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Advertisement for bids. Sealed proposals addressed to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Brackettville, Texas will be received at the City Hall, 119 West Spring Street, Brackettville, Texas 78832 until 10:00AM on the 6th day of August, 2010, for the TXCDBG 729046 "2009 STEP Water Project (Materials Only)". All proposals will then be opened and read aloud. Any bids received after closing time will be returned unopened. Principal materials include approximately 17,000 linear feet of 6" PVC water main. This is a material only bid - no Construction activities are proposed. All necessary appurtenances shall be incorporated into the bid. The material delivery site is located in the City of Brackettville, Texas. Bidders shall submit with their bids a Cashier's Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the maximum total bid, payable to the City of Brackettville, Texas without recourse, or a Proposal Bond in the same amount from a reliable Surety Company as a guarantee that Bidder will enter into a contract and execute payment bond on the form provided, within ten (10) days after the award of Contract. Bids without check or Proposal Bond will not be considered. The successful Bidder must furnish a Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price from an approved Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as Surety and acceptable according to the latest list of companies holding certificates of authority from the Secretary of Treasury of the United States, or other Surety or Surety or Sureties acceptable to the Owner. All suppliers, vendors, etc. who are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project. Specifications may be examined at the City of Brackettville and TRC Engineers, Inc, 505 East Huntland Drive, Suite 250, Austin, Texas 78752, (512) 454-8716. Specifications may be obtained from TRC Engineers, Inc, 505 East Huntland Drive, Suite 250, Austin, Texas 78752, upon deposit of Thirty (\$30.00) Dollar, which is NON-REFUNDABLE. Please make payments payable to TRC Engineers, Inc. The City of Brackettville reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. No bid may be withdrawn within ninety (90) days after the date on which bids are received. Zandra Negrete, Mayor, City of Brackettville, Texas.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: MIDDLE RIO GRANDE Development Council announces the availability of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Grant Funding for Fiscal Year 2011 in cooperation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Eligible project categories under this grant include: Local Enforcement, Source Reduction and Recycling, Citizens' Collection Stations, "Small" Registered Transfer Stations, Household Hazardous Waste Management, Technical Studies, Local Solid Waste Management Plans, River and Lake Clean-ups, Texas Country Clean-ups, Educational and Training Projects. Eligible applicants are: Cities, Counties, Public Schools and School Districts, General and Special Law Districts and Regional Planning Commissions (Councils of Governments) in the Middle Rio Grande Development Council service delivery area. Please note that as per Texas Commission on Environmental Quality guidelines applications for the collection and/or transportation of MSW are not eligible for funding furthermore, as a matter of policy the MRGDC Board does not solicit applications for soft costs. For more information on this request for project proposals, and/or a copy of an application packet, please contact: Mario A. Chavez , Solid Waste Coordinator, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834, phone (830) 876-1286 Proposals shall be accepted until 5 P.M. - July 23, 2010.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PARKING LOT PROJECTS Brackett Independent School District is soliciting proposals for multi-parking lot projects. Interested parties should contact Javier Valdez at 830 563-5044 for project information and details. Brackett ISD is requesting bids based on a chip seal mixture (hot oil & course rock) with curb stops included. All bids need to be detailed by project and submitted to Brackett ISD in a sealed envelope to the following address: **Please label envelope "Bids for parking lot projects"**. Brackett ISD Marla Madrid, Business Manager P.O. Box 586 - 400 N. Ann Street Brackettville, TX 78832 (830) 563-2491, ext. 113 marla.madrid@brackettisd.net RFP's will be received until opening on Monday, July 26, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the Central office meeting room located at 400 N. Ann Street.

REQUEST FOR BIDS PORTABLE BUILDINGS Brackett Independent School District is soliciting bids for Five Portable Buildings to be removed from the district. Bidders are asked to bid on each building individually. **The awarded bidder must have the buildings removed by August 13, 2010 at bidder's expense.** Interested parties please contact Javier Valdez at 830 563-5044 to schedule a time to view the buildings. Buildings will be labeled "A through E". **Please submit bids in a sealed envelope labeled "Portable Building (letter)".** Submit bids to the following address: Brackett ISD Attn: Marla Madrid, Business Manager P.O. Box 586 - 400 N. Ann Street Brackettville, TX 78832 marla.madrid@brackettisd.net Bids will be accepted until the opening on Monday, July 26, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. in the Central Office meeting room located at 400 N. Ann Street.

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New Listing-184 Bliss Circle: comfortable 3/2 mobile home, looks out to green area. Recent upgrades, carport, sheds, maintenance free yard, only \$20,000! **REDUCED!** Unit 15 Great buy on 3/2 doublewide, excellent condition, recent upgrades in carpet, flooring, appliances. Metal roof, sunroom, carport/storage, Now \$42,900! **869 Fairway Cr:** custom built brick home, 3/3, open den/kitchen with FP, tile flooring, large master bed, lovely setting on golf course. **REDUCED!** **117 Dezavala:** darling 2/1 cottage with many upgrades, tile flooring, painted inside/out, solar screens & solar attic fans, the perfect winter/weekend/rental property! **Tiger Alley:** Darling 3B, 1.5 B remodeled home, hardwood/tile floors, new CHA, fenced, metal roof, \$\$\$ below appraisal. **New Listing: 407 N. Fort St:** spacious 3/2 home with charm! Recent upgrades, garage, carport & fenced yard. Sale or Lease. **Ann St:** custom built metal building, 2 CHA units, large parking area, Choice Location! **20 acre ranchito:** close to town, large barn, well, electric, septic, fenced + other improvements. **183 Acres Leona Ranch Estates:** fenced, well, old house, blinds, feeders.

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- 120 Bliss Circle 1232 ftsq 2BD, 2 BA, Mobile Home, large Kitchen, 2 living areas, includes all furniture, appliances, Golf cart plus shop, carport..... \$25,000.00
- 139 Bliss Circle, 2BR, 2BA, Mobile Home, Remodeled, New Floors, Master Bath, Kitchen, New metal Roof added insulation, new water heater, New plumbing, Appliances..... \$25,500.00
- 206 E. Fulton St 2BR, 1BA bungalow, close to school, lrg backyard, central heat/AC, ceiling fans \$65,000.00
- Unit 38 Lts 1&2 3700 sqft metal cover, also has slab and plumbing for a 1600 sqft +/- living quarters \$80,000.00
- 605 N Gove St. 3BR, 2 Bath, Well maintained mobile home with many additions, Lg Den, fireplace, Wet Bar, 2 patios, fenced backyard, car port, workshop..... \$59,900.00
- 507 N. Fort, 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1307 sq ft, Remodeled, Large fenced yard, New Appliances, New Floors, Owner Financing option. **Shown by appointment** \$152,900.00
- 602 N Ann St, 4 Bedroom 3 Bath, 2890+ sqft on 2 Lots, Lg living Rm, Office/family room, kitchen, lg fenced yard, Shed, **Owner finance option, Shown by Appointment** \$75,000.00
- 514 W Crocket, 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1423sqft, Kitchen Dining, Lg Living Rm, ...Leased Only \$120,000.00
- FCS Golf Course Lots, Unit 27, Fairway Circle, 3 side by side Lots, 1 single Lot All Offers considered

Tejas Properties

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BEVERAGE BARN- established business, fully equipped and ready to go. Great Business Opportunity!!! **2/1 with RV cover.** Cover is Approximately 17x38, room for the RV & car both. All electric with central heat & air. Call to see this one now. Unit 36, Redbud, Ft. Clark. **4/2 on Ann Street,** remodeled kitchen and bathroom, large corner lot with pecan trees, recently painted throughout, enclosed porches. Only \$129,995.00! Also available to rent. **3-2 Mobil, Unit 15,** 1 lot \$18,000.00 **3/2 Palm Harbor-** on 2 lots with workshop & art studio. Watch the wildlife from the covered porch. Home has been remodeled. Carport. Please call for an appointment to see this one. \$68,600.00 **1065 +/- Acres NE of Brackettville-** New 3/2 home and New barn and fencing, well and electricity, Great Hunting-natives and exotics- \$1395/acre **1270 Acres 3 miles East of Brackettville,** 3/3 stone home, barns, bunkhouse, wells, center pivots, high fenced **LOTS:** Covered RV lot Unit 14, Golf Course Lot, Residential lot in Unit 15 **Spofford-2 City Lots-** Paved frontage, water, current survey-\$2,500. **RENTALS AVAILABLE -** 3/1 fully furnished and 2 Bedroom in the Masters Condos **HUNTING RANCHES AVAILABLE!** www.Tejas-Properties.com

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- FOR TALK**
- New Listing: 291 Bowlegs SOLD
 - New Listing: 38 Sunset Lane-Well maintained 3BR/3B Split level home w/open floor plan, FP, and many upgrades. Great Location!
 - New listing: 75 Wainwright-Adorable multilevel home with 2 living areas, 3BR/2B + screened porch and upstairs balcony! Includes 15x18 workshop. \$115,000. **REDUCE \$105,000.**
 - New listing 111 Dawn-UNDER CONTRACT SOLD
 - New listing: Unique town house located in the heart of the Historical District. 1BR/1B w/ many upgrades \$53,000.
 - 89 Ward: Awesome 4B/3B Home on 2 lots w/ Bonus AND Media Rms. 3,000 sqft \$150,000 **MAKE AN OFFER!**
 - Unit 14: RV Lot w/ metal cover. 8x10 Morgan Bldg + washer/dryer hookups. Locate next to green area. \$22,000.
 - Fairway Circle: Two Golf Course Lots (67,68) located in a great area. \$9,500. **REDUCED TO \$6,000.**
 - 240 Pompey: Three lots in a fantastic neighborhood in Unit 31. \$30,000.
 - Anderson/Travis: Cut 3BR/1.5B on 1 lot. \$42,500.
 - Fairway Circle: 2 Golf Lot w/ mature Oaks Just walking distance from Las Moras Creek! Beautiful area. \$25,000.
- BRACKETTVILLE**
- New Listing: 501 N. Ann St. Fantastic Home! 3BR/2B + 2 car garage on 2 1/2 beautiful, shaded lots. Many upgrades and wonderful features throughout. 2300sq.ft+-. Great Location!
 - New Listing: 403 Brown St. 2BR/1B Home on lg. lot.
 - New Listing: 7 City Lots - Spring St.
 - 109 W. Spring St.: Downtown Brackettville 4,400sq. ft. Great Rental Property!
 - 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.
- ACREAGE**
- 110 Acres: SOLD
 - 177 ACRES: 8 miles N. of Brackettville on Hwy 334.
 - 318 Acres: 17 miles S. of Brackettville on Hwy 131.
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