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BRACKETT BRIEFS

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
Come meet your teacher and get information for the 2011 - 2012 school year. Date: August 18. Time: PK - 3rd Graders/ 6 - 6:30 p.m. 4th - 6th Graders/ 6:30 - 7pm. First Day of School, August 22.

MEDIA DAY
Brackett Athletic Booster Club will be hosting a media event on August 19, at Tiger Stadium. The pep rally will start at approx. 6:30 pm, and Meet the Tigers/Tigerettes following that.

DANCE CLASSES
Twinkle Toes Dance Studio, available to girls 3 years-7th grade, will be offering ballet and tap classes September through May. Call 830.563.2211 to register by August 27.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS
BISD will hold a free orientation for anyone interested in substitute teaching, August 19, 2011, 9:00 a.m., in the Administration Central Office building, 201 Ann Street. Requirements: H.S. diploma or G.E.D. and love of kids. Information on state fingerprinting requirements will be given at the workshop. Download an application from our website at www.brackettisd.net and bring to the Admin. Central Office as soon as possible before the orientation. For additional information contact Susan Esparza, 563-2491, ext. 100. A workshop for all returning substitutes will be held August 19, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., in the same location.

SCHOOL ZONE
TXDOT will be setting the warning lights on Ann Street to start August 22. Reduced speed with warning lights (See schedule in msg. below) One way traffic around the school, 7:00 - 9:00 AM, and 2:00 - 4:00 PM Cell phone use is prohibited in a School Zone.

4H NEWS
4H Fun Day!! Join us on Sunday August 28th at the Kinney County Civic Center between 5:00-6:00 p.m. 4-H project booths will be set up to help you determine what project YOU want to be involved in! There will also be a 4-H Fundraiser Dinner immediately following for \$5.00 a plate and 4-H Awards Banquet following the dinner. 4-H members eat FREE!! If you are unable to attend FUN Day, but are interested in joining 4-H, please contact the County Extension Office at (830) 563-2442.

NUTRITION CENTER MENU
8/18- Tuna Salad Potato Salad Pinto Beans Wheat Bread Pears Milk
8/19- Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes Spinach Wheat Bread Peaches Milk
8/22- Smothered Pork Chop Sweet Potatoes Buttered Peas Roll Apple Crisp Milk
8/23- Beef Picadillo Rice Mixed Veggies Wheat Bread Frosted Pears Milk
8/24- Liver & Onions Veggie Pasta Parsley Carrots Wheat Bread Gingerbread Milk

KICKAPOO STATE CAVERN PARK
Effective September 1, 2011, Kickapoo Cavern State Park will implement a reduction in public operations as directed. The park will be open to public from 8:00 am on Thursday, until 5:00 pm on Monday. The park will be closed to the public on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Once the park is vacated, the front gate will be secured at 5:00 pm on Monday and will re-open at 8:00 am on Thursday. All visitor services, camping, and recreational opportunities will be available during the days the park is open to the public.

KINNEY COUNTY POOL
Open Tues-Saturday 2-8.



Thief steals sofa cushion; leaves behind big screen TV

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

A Fort Clark man reported a possible theft at his home on August 11.

The man told a Kinney County Sheriff's deputy he had

just returned home from Fort Worth before dawn last Thursday and left a big screen television strapped down in the back of his pickup truck.

The truck was parked under the carport of his Unit 12 home. At approximately 2 p.m., the

man went outside to unload the television and discovered it was damaged and a light brown sofa cushion being used to protect the screen during travel was missing.

It is believed a would-be thief wanted to take the 54" televi-

sion, but ended up only damaging the frame and the screen when they were not able to loosen the tie down strap holding the television in place.

The value of the television was reported to be \$850, and the value of the sofa with a missing

cushion was listed as \$150.

Interviews with neighbors did not produce any promising leads.

Information regarding this or any other crime can be reported to Kinney County Sheriff LK Buddy Burgess, 830.563.2788.

Pena honored for years of service

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

Alfred Pena was honored by Kinney County Judge Tim Ward on August 10 for his years of service to the Kinney County Memorial Fund Committee.

Pena has served on the committee since it was created in 1988.

The Memorial Fund Committee is the organization responsible for the building on James Street in Brackettville where United Medical Center operates a local health clinic.

Members from every social, religious and civic organization

in the county are permitted to have a representative serve on the committee and from that, an executive committee is elected.

A donation in 1987 built the clinic facility and the creation of the committee in 1988 provides for the maintenance of the building.

United Medical Clinic came on board and has provided health services for Kinney County as soon as the building was completed.

Over the years the facility has been expanded for additional patient rooms, but now the clinic is in need of a place for record storage and to provide a place for pediatric dentist.

Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Jenkins - Alfred Pena was honored by Kinney County Judge Tim Ward on August 10 for his many years of service to the . Pictured from left: Rosemary Slubar, Alfred Pena, Judge Tim Ward, Dr. Luz and Ashley Smith.



Magazine Models



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Ashley Castillo Sandoval - Kaili Price and Rebekah Baggett, both students at Jones Elementary participated in a photo shoot on Wednesday, August 17. The pictures on the Jones Play Park will be featured in the Miracle playground equipment company's new catalog. See story Page 3.

Nowlin leaves for Ranger College with full scholarship



Photo Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly - Brackett High 2011 Graduate Paige Nowlin left this week for Ranger College in Ranger, Texas. Nowlin was an all around athlete at BHS, but received a full scholarship to play basketball. Nowlin was invited to tryout for the team on April 9, and during the interview she said the Ranger Coach Harris was excited to see how well she would do once she focused all her talent on one sport. Nowlin expressed appreciation to her hometown coaches and thanked one of Brackett's newest coaches, Lee Abbey, for helping facilitate the tryout. Nowlin is the daughter of Julie Nowlin of Brackettville and Gregg Nowlin of Del Rio. Pictured left at Nowlin's signing ceremony: BISD Athletic Director Greg Voyles, Paige Nowlin, Julie Nowlin and Coach Lee Abbey.

City planning project completed

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

Carl Esser of Esser and Company, of Uvalde presented the results of a grant-funded planning study at a Regular City of Brackettville council meeting on August 9.

Esser said the information obtained could help the city identify its citizens needs, as well as help attract new businesses to the area.

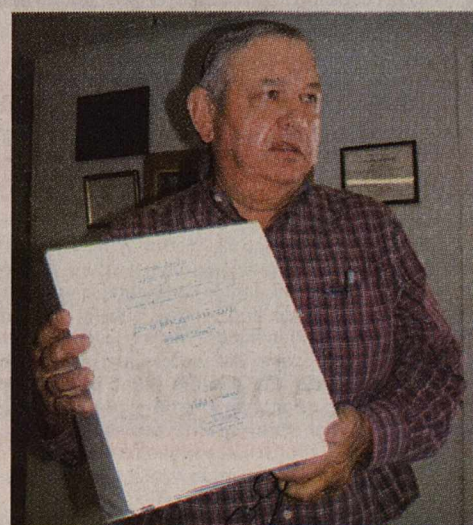
The study covered mapping the city, housing conditions, population, economic development, street condition analysis, water system analysis and zoning.

The study estimates that by the year 2030, the population of Brackettville will be 2,030. The largest population for Brackettville is reported to have been in the thirties and forties with the number near 2,000 people.

An extensive mapping process was completed and a global position was given to all 872 structures in the city. Of the 872 housing structures, 649 are occupied and 163 are vacant, of which 111 are dilapidated.

Esser said he found most of the streets in Brackettville to be in fair or poor condition, however, the water system was in, "pretty good," condition. The biggest problems with the water system are the undersized, deteriorating water lines and not enough fire hydrants.

The entire study, including a detailed history of Brackettville, is available for viewing at City Hall, 830.563.2412.



Carl Esser

Letter To The Editor:

The attached letter from FCSA cancelling terminating OQS's contract is dated 7/18/2011. On 7/17/2011 the President of FCSA Board of Directors refused the Old Quarry's check, recap of the season and Composite Statement. These documents and the check for 2011 were delivered to FCSA main office before 8:00 am on the morning of 7/18/2011. On August 3rd upon receiving the OQS bank statement and not seeing the cleared check I questioned the main office staff as to what had happened. Only to find out Mr. Stuard was holding the check. Detailed accounting information was then given to Mr. Stuard regarding the plays held in the 2010-2011 season.

As a Texas nonprofit corporation and with IRS 501 (C) (3) and Public Charity Status 170 (b) (1) (A) (vi) our records are open to all citizens upon request. The OQS contract does not specify a date by which the payment is to be made. A simple courtesy phone call any member of the OQS board that we were on the agenda would have resulted in prompt delivery of check and documents. The current FCSA's Board has shown a pattern of heavy hand dealing with organizations and individual members of FCSA. The OQS fiscal year is May 1st to April 30th therefore, we have until September 15th to file with the IRS. We finalized our composite statement in June and wrote FCSA's check on June 12, 2011.

To our Old Quarry Society members, I will state the delay was mine alone and not intentional. We were very fortunate to have a trip to the Masters Golf tournament in April and a three week trip in May/June for graduations etc. These trips coupled with UIL, Dance Recitals, Music Contests and Music Recitals; put finishing the books for the Old Quarry Society in low priority. Little did I know someone was just waiting for some minor reason to shine a bad light on the OQS.

The statement made by FCSA staff (I'll quote the KCP) "Ron Stuard reported nothing had been received in two or three years" is absolutely false. Attached you will find the payment record from 2005-2011. Each payment since 2009 included a composite statement and a letter to the board. In fact the 2010 letter was read into the minutes in May of 2010.

The entire staff, cast and crew of the Old Quarry Society are all volunteers and most are members of FCSA. While Lynn and I have worked 23 years trying to provide entertainment, for Fort Clark Springs members and the citizens of Kinney County and Brackettville others have worked longer. The Old Quarry Society appreciates Fort Clarks Springs Association's Boards of Directors past and present. We realize the unique relationship that exists between the OQS and FCSA. At the present, private funding sources are responding to multiple requests from all sectors of the non-profit community. Corporate and individual donors face difficult choices due to these increased needs. We recognize that during this difficult time as OQS's major corporate sponsor, a signal must be made to private donors that giving to the arts should be included among their contributions. Exposure to the performing Arts is crucial to a thriving cultural life.

If the FCSA board wishes us to discontinue our efforts so be it. Three items included in the OQS season were originally FCS Recreation's events. OQS in response to requests from Recreation or FCSA's Board included the Christmas show, Cabaret Dinner and the Variety Show in our "Season". One of our major functions is to assist FCSA's purpose as stated in Article Four of FCSA's Articles of Incorporation, section: "(a) To provide social and recreational facilities for its members....."

Tom McNew



Happy Living Things



Fly Lady Marla Cilley

This past week I joined many members from our community to kick off the fundraising for our new Animal Shelter. While I was a County Commissioner several years ago it had been on our priority list, along with a new library and a new jail. Now the time has come for the Animal Shelter to be put at the top of the list. I am very proud of our Commissions for thinking of the future needs of community and the helpless critters who live here. They have committed to \$750,000 toward our new shelter. The Friends of the Animal Shelter are looking for donations to make our Shelter the best it can possibly be. All we need is \$350,000! Please donate what you can today. <http://animalsheltertc.org/>

I am also proud of the volunteers who rescue these homeless creatures from our animal shelter. In 2010 our Transylvania County Animal Shelter took in 586 animals and 514 of them were given new homes. Other counties in North Carolina are euthanizing thousands. According to records at the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Davidson County tops their list by having reported killing 7013 dogs and cats in 2009.

I believe that the reason our numbers are a mere 1% of

Davidson County has to do with the volunteer organizations; TAAG, Charlie's Angels, Friends for Life, Catman II, Noah's Ark and many others who foster these pets. Our community has been blessed because, not only do these volunteers rescue these helpless critters but they also make it easier and affordable to be a responsible pet owner. They provide help with shots and spay and neutering clinics. We have fewer unwanted animals because these people devote their time and money into saving these happy living things.

My vet, Clyde Brooks who is the Co-Chair of this Fundraising project speculated that it would be nice to not need an animal shelter. Another vet, Dr. McPherson said that he went into schools teaching children what it means to be a responsible pet owner. Several parents would get upset with him because they were being shamed by their children to get their dogs and cats fixed so there would not be any more unwanted puppies and kittens.

This is a big part of being a responsible pet owner. We want to teach our children responsibility by getting them a pet. Our dogs and cats need; food, water, shelter, love, companionship and routines, just like you do. Some of the funniest testimonials I receive have to do with our pets. One lady as she was putting her shoes in the morning, her dog would bring her the leash because shoes had to mean they were going for a walk.

Our homes would not be the same without our animals. When you are ready to get a new pet

for your home please check with your local animal shelter. All of my dogs and cats are rescue animals. The first dog I ever got on my own was from a shelter.

His name was Ranger and I believe that dog saved my life when someone tried to rob the store I had opened at the crack of dawn. Some stranger came in the door and every hair stood up on Ranger's back. That dog loved everyone. I just looked at that man and said, I don't know what you have in mind but if you don't get out of here Ranger is going to attack you. That man hit the door running and Ranger was right after him; keeping him away from the door. The dog didn't attack but I know in my heart that Ranger protected me from evil.

This week I got these two quotes. I don't know who to attribute them to but they are worth sharing. "Until one has loved an animal, part of their soul remains unawakened." The next quote says it all, "To the world, you are just one more rescue person. To a rescued pet, you are the world."

Please volunteer with your local organizations and donate to them. Help us build our new Animal Shelter. <http://animalsheltertc.org/>

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Brush Up on Your Investment Education



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

You don't need to be keenly aware that we've reached that "back-to-school" time of year.

Whether you're shopping for school supplies or not, you may want to take a cue from this season to think about getting a little more education yourself — specifically, investment education.

Many people find the language of investing to be confusing, but with a little effort, you can learn important concepts and principles. And the more you know about investing, the better off you'll be because, in the investment world as in other areas of life, knowledge is power.

So take just a few minutes to read more on these basic investment concepts:

Growth — You purchase some types of investments with the hope that their value will rise over time. Of course, over the short term, the prices of growth-oriented investments can and will fluctuate, sometimes substantially, and the preservation of your principal is not guaranteed.

Income — When you invest in income-oriented or fixed-income vehicles, you receive income in the form of interest payments. The market value of fixed-income investments can also fluctuate, but if you hold them until maturity, you can generally expect to receive the original principal value.

Investment risk — When most people talk about investment risk, they are usually referring to the possibility of losing money — and that is indeed an ever-present risk. But all investments carry some type of risk. When you invest in fixed-income investments, for example, you may incur interest rate risk — the risk that the value of your investment will drop if interest rates rise. Or you may encounter purchasing power risk — the risk that your rate of return may not keep up with inflation.

Risk tolerance — Generally speaking, your risk tolerance refers to what type of investor you are. If you're an aggressive investor, you may be willing to accept greater risk in exchange for potentially higher returns, whereas if you're a conservative investor, you'll take lower returns if you can receive greater preservation of principal.

Time horizon — Your investment strategy will be partially based on your time horizon — the number of years in which you plan to invest. Your time horizon will likely stretch into your retirement years.

Diversification — Diversification is an important factor in investment success. By spreading your investment dollars among an array of investment vehicles, you can help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio, although diversification, by itself, can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.

While far from exhaustive, this list of investment terms can help you gain a clearer understanding of the "nuts and bolts" of investing — and perhaps encourage you to further your investment "education."

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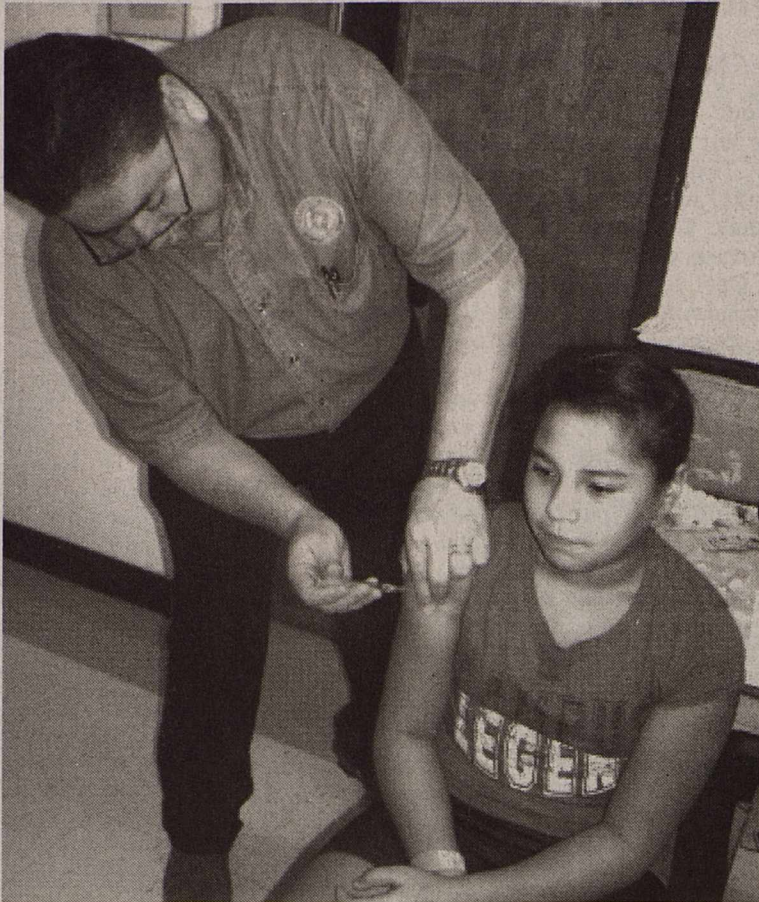
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BISD hosts health fair



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Ashley Castillo Sandoval - Seventh Grader Marissa Flores gets caught up on her immunizations at Tuesday's health fair at BISD.

Info Submitted by BISD
School Nurse Nicole Frets and DSHS with the help of Brackett National Honor Soci-

ety Students and the CHEER organization host the 5th annual Back to School Health Fair on Tuesday, August 16.

The community was invited to receive informational handouts from a variety of booths. Many families attended and students received school supplies and free immunizations.

Tigerettes defeat D'Hanis; Leakey

By Ashley Castillo Sandoval
Contributing Writer
Stats Submitted By Head Coach Lindsey Kunz

The Varsity Volleyball team traveled to D'Hanis on August 22-23, for their first tournament of the season.

Coming up short in the consolation game against Sabinal, the Tigerettes ended the tournament with 2 wins and 4 losses, one of those wins against D'Hanis, a district opponent.

Leaders from the D'Hanis Tournament: Kills- Maddie

Frerich (24), Aces- Priscilla Aguirre and Tyler Roberts (4), Digs- Morgan Brown (10), Assists- Priscilla Aguirre(46), Blocks- Maddie Frerich (6).

On Tuesday, August 16, the Tigerettes hosted Crystal City and Leakey for a dual match. The Tigerettes came up short on both matches.

Crystal City defeats Brackett 21-25, 25-18, 23-25, 25-16, 15-10
Brackett Leaders: Aces- Priscilla Aguirre (2), Digs- McKenzie Castillo (3), Kills- Maddie Frerich (12), Assists-

Priscilla Aguirre (24), Blocks- Maddie Frerich (7).

Game 2:
Crystal City defeats Leakey 24-26, 25-16, 25-19, 25-20

Game 3:
Brackett defeats Leakey 25-16, 25-12, 25-15
Brackett Leaders: Aces- Priscilla Aguirre (1), Digs- Morgan Brown (5), Kills- Maddie Frerich (3), Assists- Priscilla Aguirre (7).

The Tigerettes next game is scheduled for August 23, in Utopia at 5 p.m.

Jones playground chosen for Miracle Catalog



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Ashley Castillo Sandoval - Students at Jones Elementary participated in a photo shoot on Wednesday, August 17. The pictures will be featured in the company's new catalog.

Submitted By Christy Price
Gary Reile of Park Place Recreation Designs, Inc. took pictures of the playground when it was completed and submitted them into a contest for the upcoming 2012 Miracle Catalog. Miracle is the company that produces the type of play-

grounds constructed at BISD last school year.

The catalog goes out nationwide to promote sales of their play equipment.

Out of seven playgrounds chosen, four of them were purchased and built by Park Place Designs.

The four chosen were playgrounds in Laredo, Sea World San Antonio, Waco and Brackettville.

Jones Elementary/Intermediate students were good sports in this extreme heat and enjoyed being photographed for the catalog.

Free and reduced meals

Submitted By Honey Bee Guajardo
BISD Food Service Manager

This week Brackett ISD will be sending an application for Free & Reduced meals.

The district requires an application from every household, so even if decide not to participate in the National School Lunch Program it will still be

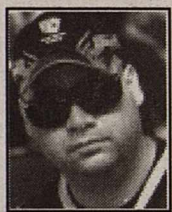
necessary to submit an application.

If you want your household to participate in the program please bring your application into any of the school offices so that they can be processed. If your child is new to the district please keep in mind that your child is considered a "paid" student until an application is ap-

proved for them.

Brackett ISD will not allow charging of meals so also keep in mind to bring money to school to deposit into your child's account. The cafeteria cannot accept payment this has to be done in the office. Cost per meal is .40 cents for reduced price meals and \$1.50 for full pay students.

Tiger pre-season preview



Rey Sifuentes, Jr.

Brackett High School's varsity football team took a couple of hits while scrimmaging Harper on Friday.

"Overall the scrimmage went well, we saw plenty of progress from start to finish by our players," Head Coach Greg Voyles, who is entering his seventh season, said. "The only bad thing is that we had some injuries take place which hurt us. A couple of those injuries should only require a week or two to heal, but one in particular (a broken foot) will necessitate six."

The Tigers will not be scrimmaging George West this week, as previously scheduled for Thursday (August 18). Brackett commences its season next Friday (August 26) by hosting San Angelo TLC Academy in a non-district game at 7:30 p.m.

Voyles and his boys have not been taking it easy during their preseason workouts, even after the Tigers were predicted to win the District 14-1A Division I crown this fall (ahead of Johnson City, La Pryor and Center Point) by the summer issue of Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine.

"We coaches just make sure the kids show up every day and get to work," Voyles said. "We are going to be the hardest working team in our district no matter what anyone has predicted. Then we will let the chips fall where they may."

Last year, the Tigers went 1-2 in district (5-6 overall) and reached the bi-district round of

the playoffs. District 14-1A Division I previously consisted of eight teams - including La Pryor, Sabinal, D'Hanis, Nueces Canyon, Leakey, Medina and Center Point - before the University Interscholastic League realigned every athletic conference in the state back in February 2010.

That realignment by U.I.L. cut Brackett's district lineup in half, while augmenting their yearly number of exhibition games.

The Tigers, this season, begin district competition in Week Seven when they visit La Pryor on October 21. "It's hard to find non-district games out here," Voyles said. "It was a lot nicer when we had a more contested district race with eight teams a few years ago. Right now we are playing seven non-district games and in all reality those games do not mean a whole lot as far as making the playoffs."

Even though three out of four teams from their district will advance into the postseason, Voyles is well aware that winning the 14-1A title will throw Brackett into a tough dog fight. "I think it will be a three-team race between us, Johnson City and La Pryor," Voyles said. "Both of those teams beat us last year and each has a new coach this season. I know Johnson City lost a good number of seniors from last year's team, but they still have a good tradition of winning."

After losing 12 starters from their 2010 sideline, the Tigers have ten (five on offense and five on defense) returning this season. "We only have one senior on the team this year, so this group is very young," Voyles said. "So us coaches are keeping a positive attitude with this bunch in practice, teaching them a good work ethic while not rushing into things too quickly."

Players to watch this season -

according to DCTF - include Levi Gutierrez (offensive lineman), Daniel Falcon (offensive lineman and inside linebacker), Cesar Castillo (offensive lineman and inside linebacker), Erbey Martinez (wide receiver and defensive back) and Charlie Resendez (outside linebacker).

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OBITUARY

Oscar Anthony Corey

May 20, 1917 - August 10, 2011



Oscar Anthony Corey, age 94, entered into rest August 10, 2011 in Uvalde, Texas. He was born May 20, 1917 in Wallace, Van Zandt County, Texas. He was preceded in death by his first wife Winzola Opal Elizabeth Moore, and second wife Blanch Hendrix Corey. Parents Charles Henry and Lucinda "Cindy" Hill Corey.

In his youth he was part of the CC Corp that built the tourist trails and shelters at Grand Canyon, AZ. He owned and ran his own gas station in Dallas, TX for many years, but the majority was spent in serving the Dallas Metroplex area through his company, Trolley Pest Control.

At age 91, he suffered a double heart attack and was moved to Uvalde Health Care and Rehabilitation Center in Uvalde, TX. Left to cherish his memory is his only daughter, Mary Ann Corey Cooper Shuttles Morin (adopted by Raymond and Dorothy Cooper after his first wife's death) of Ajjic, Mexico and his only son, Pastor Robert W. Corey, of Brackettville, Tx. He is also survived by four grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Graveside Service will be held Friday, August 12, 2011, 6:00pm, Kinney County Cemetery.

Rio Grande College creates two new departments

Submitted By RGC SRSU
 Administrators of Sul Ross State University last week voted to divide the Liberal Arts Department of Rio Grande College into departments of Humanities (English, History, Political Science, Social Science and Spanish) and Natural and Behavioral Science (Biology, Chemistry, Criminal Justice, Mathematics and Psychology).

The division came at the suggestion of RGC's newly-appointed Associate Provost/Dean, Dr. John Paul Sorrels, as a means to enhance program continuity and communications among faculty involved in more closely related academic disciplines.

The former Liberal Arts Department supported 14 fulltime professors and 10 main fields of study. With the opening of the fall semester on August 29, students will note that the faculty members and their fields of study will be equally divided between the two new departments.

Under Dr. Robert Overfelt, who retired this summer after 21 years as chair of the department, the popularity of RGC's Liberal Arts offerings grew substantially as such fields as Criminal Justice and Biology were expanded or added.

Two tenured faculty members were chosen to head each of the new departments. Dr. Sarah Roche, a professor of English since 1999, becomes chair of RGC's new Humanities Department. Dr. Patricia Nicosia, who has been a mathematics instructor at RGC since 2001, was chosen as head of the Natural and Behavioral Sciences Department. Both reside in Del Rio and maintain offices at the RGC's Del Rio Campus.

Dr. Roche received her Ph.D. in English from Texas A&M University in 1998. She coordinated RGC's Quality Enhancement Plan which, since 2008, has set enhancement of student written and verbal communication skills as its goal.

Dr. Nicosia received her Ph.D. in Mathematics Education from The University of Texas at Austin in 1990. Her higher education teaching experience includes appointments at the University of Texas, Vernon (TX) Regional Junior College, the University of Maryland, Park University, and SWTJC.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservat will hold a public hearing on a proposed ax rate for the tax year 2011 on 08/26/2011 at 9:00 AM at LIBRARY ANNEX. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the ax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Lloyd Lee Davis, Jim McDaniel, Dennette Coates, Beth Ann Smith & Stan Metcalf
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Dr. Kent Lowery & Tony Frerich

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

	Last Year \$0.066500/\$100 Adopted	This Year \$0.070400/\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.066500/\$100	\$0.070400/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		+ \$0.003900/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		+ 5.86%
Average appraised value	\$44,235	\$44,922
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$6,866	\$6,838
Average taxable value	\$37,369	\$38,084
Tax on average residence homestead	\$24.85	\$26.81
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		+ \$1.96
and percentage of increase (+/-)		+ 7.89%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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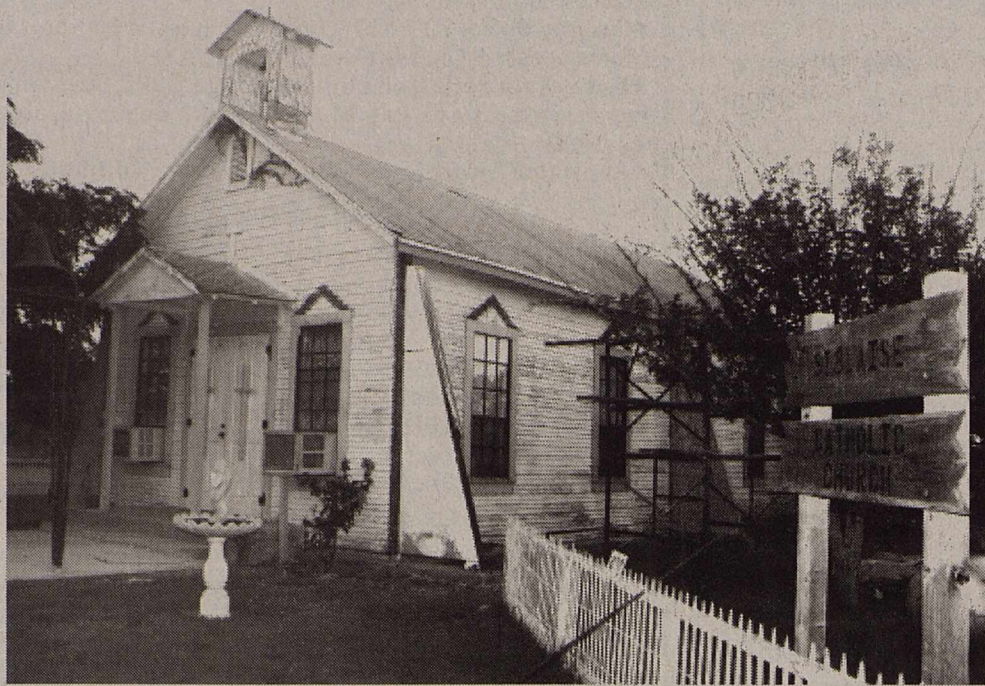
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St. Blaise Catholic Church remodeling underway



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Ashley Castillo Sandoval - St. Blaise Catholic Church in Spofford is undergoing repairs. Remodeling began on Monday August 15 and the work is expected to be completed by the end of the month.

Submitted By
St. Mary Magdalene
Catholic Church
Henry Fuentes

Repairs and modifications to St. Blaise Catholic Church in Spofford have begun.

All work to be performed on exterior of Church building to include but not limited to: install concrete curbing around entire building at ground level, replace six building support beams, replace all exterior window trim and install new facia

boards, completely cover exterior walls and apply plaster and stucco finish and install cable vents.

The church was built in 1884. Sunday afternoon Mass is still scheduled to continue while repairs are being done.

Cerna, Salmon win

Submitted By Wally Jones

Twenty (20) players, ten (10) teams, turned out for the Fort Clark Springs Blind Draw Golf tournament on Saturday, August 13, in great golf weather, slightly overcast and with a light breeze. The RAIN Thursday settled a lot of the dust and we still need more RAIN.

Felix Cerna and Wade Salmon shot a 63 to win the tournament.

Two Teams ended up tied for second place with a score of 65; Trent Brown/Robert Hernandez

and Rick Keyes/Ron Null.

The "Closest to the Pin", shot on the Par 3 Hole 2, was won by Don Allen.

All players enjoyed fajitas with guacamole prepared by Jamie Munez and Ronnie Mata after play.

The Fort Clark Golf Course Pro Shop 2 Person Select Shot Blind Draw (Scramble) is held on the second Saturday of each month.

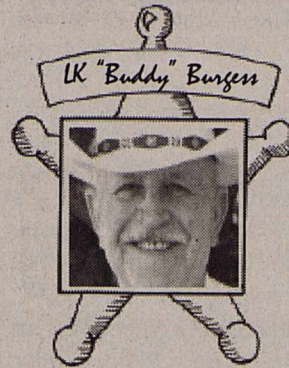
The next tournament will be September 10, showtime is 8:30 a.m. and tee time is 9 a.m. So

mark your calendar, sign up at the Pro Shop and come on out and enjoy a fun day of golf.

All golfers (Ladies/Gentlemen) are invited.

Rules are available at the Pro Shop. A modest \$15 entry fee, not including green fee or cart rental, is charged.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, August 8

A woman called KCSO to report a man had backed his pickup truck into her vehicle at Dollar General. A deputy was dispatched to the location.

Tuesday, August 9

Jack Ernest Legg, 47, of Brackettville was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, 3rd offense. Legg was released after posting a \$1,500 cash bond.

A woman called KCSO to report a truck hit her front porch and the truck was still on her property. A second call was made into the KCSO to report the vehicle was on its side and a man was trapped inside of the vehicle. A Deputy, EMS and a DPS officer were dispatched to the scene.

A woman called to report an accident on Ann Street near Conrad's Trading Post. Deputies were en route to the location.

A woman called to report a break in at her apartment on Brown Street. She received a phone call from an friend that people were on her property without permission. A deputy was dispatched to the incident.

Wednesday, August 10

A woman called KCSO to report a house fire on East First Street. The woman was concerned about a propane tank in close proximity to the fire. A Deputy, EMS and KC Fire Rescue were dispatched to the location.

A woman called KCSO to report gun shots could be heard in the 400 Block of Thomas Street. Multiple calls were re-

ported for the same incident.

A woman called KCSO to report a vehicle had run over a woman's foot.

KCSO received a 911 call for a vehicle rollover on Hwy 90 west about 2-3 miles outside of Brackett. Emergency vehicles were dispatched to the area.

Thursday, August 11

A woman called KCSO to request a deputy's assistance at an apartment complex on First Street. The woman stated she could hear screams, arguing and glass breaking. A deputy was dispatched to the location.

A man called KCSO to report a possible break in. A deputy was dispatched to the location.

George Hilario, 25 of Brackettville, was arrested on a Motion to Revoke Probation. Hilario was still being held at present time.

Friday, August 12

A man called KCSO to request a deputy's assistance with an accident he was involved in at Pico's. A deputy was dispatched to the location.

A woman called KCSO to request assistance due to an argument with her boyfriend. A deputy was dispatched to the area.

A 911 caller reported that bales of hay in the middle of the road. TxDOT was notified of the situation.

A woman called KCSO to re-

port she had received a phone call from a friend that needed assistance at her residence. A man was reported as being intoxicated and acting aggressively to the residents at the location. A deputy was dispatched.

A Fort Clark resident called KCSO to report loud voices being heard from her neighbors house. The resident reported that FCSA Security has been called on various occasions and the incident had not been resolved. A deputy was sent to the location.

Saturday, August 13

A Fort Clark Security Officer called KCSO to verify a break-in at 149 Bowleg. A TV was reported as being stolen. Deputy Pena was dispatched to the area.

Sunday, August 14

A woman called KCSO to report a rollover accident on County Road 674. KC Fire Rescue and Airlife responded to the accident.

A man called into KCSO to report an accident on Hwy 277 South near Pinto Creek. A deputy responded to the accident and later requested EMS to be dispatched to the scene. A woman was reported to have deep lacerations.

A man called KCSO reporting livestock were loose on Hwy 90 west and 3008. A deputy was dispatched to the location.

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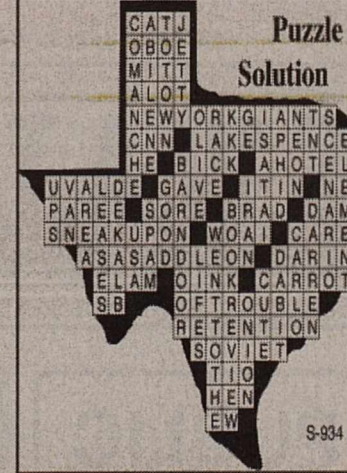
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OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. **CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)** Dist/Div: San Antonio Contract 6230-51-001 for REMOVE AND REPLACE SPEED LIMIT SIGNS - SOUTH IN BEXAR County, etc will be opened on August 09, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$921,367.97. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 36958 State Office Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540 Dist/Div Office(s) San Antonio District District Engineer 4615 NW Loop 410 San Antonio, Texas 78229-0928 Phone: 210-615-1110 Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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MARK AND BRAND NOTICE Every 10 years Texas Livestock producers are required by law to re-record their brands and earmarks if they intend to continue using them. Re-recorded brands and other marks must be recorded in the County Clerks office starting Sept. 1, 2001 thru March 2011. The fee for recoding each brand is \$11.00. If you have any questions, please call me at 830.563.2521. Dora Elia Sandoval County Clerk Kinney County, Texas



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FORT CLARK

- **New Listing: 161 Chandler.** Fantastic deal on 49'er Duplex. Approx. 2,500 sq. ft. **Under Contract**
- **New Listing: 271 Crockett.** Darling 4BR/2B home with tiled floors, great open floor plan, sunroom and beautiful fenced back yard with guest quarters. Many upgrades! **Reduced \$128,000**
- **73 Broken Arrow.** 2BR/2B mobile home. Needs a little TLC. Priced to sell
- **Fairway Circle:** 72'x120' Lot. Walking distance from Las Moras Creek! \$12,5000 Reduced to 9,500.
- **Fairway Circle:** 2 Golf Lots w/ mature Oaks. Just walking distance from Las Moras Creek! Beautiful area. \$25,000
- **Anderson/Travis:** Cute 3BR/1.5B on 1 lot. \$42,500

BRACKETTVILLE

- **106 West First Street:** Beautiful 1,900 +/- sq ft w 3BR/2B in a great neighborhood on 1 1/2 lots. Many upgrades. Great price @ **Reduced \$149,900.** Priced under appraised value!
- **204 E. Fulton St:** Darling little 2BR/1B Cottage on 2 large fenced lots! Located close to schools. Priced to sell!
- **403 Brown St.** 2BR/1B Home on lg. lot
- **7 City Lots - Spring St.**
- **109 W. Spring St.:** Downtown Brackettville 4,400sq. ft. Great Rental Property!

ACREAGE

- **820 Acres:** 16 miles N. of Brackettville on Hwy 674. "Bowhunter's Paradise" World class hunting operation. Unbelievable Opportunity **Price Reduced**
- **717 ACRES:** 8 miles N. of Brackettville on Hwy 334 **Under Contract**
- **318 Acres:** 17 miles S. of Brackettville on Hwy 131

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New Listing-23 Oak Lane: wonderful home under canopy of oaks, 3BR, 2B, great kitchen, guest quarters, covered patio, fenced yard & storage.
New Listing-122 LaMotte: nice 3/2 stone home in private setting, fireplace, tiled screen porch, carport, & fenced yard.

869 Fairway Cr: lovely brick home overlooking golf course fairway, 4BR, 3B, tile floors, FP
203 Oak Lane: custom built home under giant oaks! 2,998+/-sq.ft., 3BR, 2.5B, 2 FP, sunroom with hot-tub, recent upgrades. **REDUCED**
New Listing-30 Huisache: darling remodeled home, 1BR, 2B, office, new CHA, carport & storage building, seller financing, great locale next to green area!
Unit 14: 1R, 1B cottage only \$15,000
Unit 36: RV property with efficiency apt, great location, **REDUCED**
705 N. Ellen: 3/2 brick home, 1,900+/-sq.ft., totally remodeled, workshop, fenced, \$69,900
Ann St: custom built metal building, choice locale next school & store, soon to be only laundry mat in town!
10-15 Ac: fenced, electric close-by

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ACROSS

- Lady Bird's real init.
- woodwind in the Houston Symphony
- glove for Rangers' "Pudge" Rodriguez
- TXism: "got ___ of arrows in his quiver" (capable)
- Tom Landry was an All-Pro cornerback for this team
- TX judge Crier's first TV network
- reservoir in Coke Co.
- TXism: "___ got his spurs tangled" (fell)
- Rock Hudson's character in "Giant"
- TXism: "busier than ___ in a boom town"
- Dale Evans' town
- TXism: "___ his pall beaers the slip" (recovered)
- TXism: "nip ___ the bud"
- direction to Houston from Zapata
- Paris, TX: not known as "Gay ___"
- TXism: "a sight for ___ eyes"
- Cowboys' announcer Sham
- on Buchanan & Inks lakes: Buchanan ___
- TXism: "has to ___ a mirror to fix her hair" (homely)
- San Antonio AM
- TXism: "couldn't ___ less"
- TXism: "useless ___ a sow"
- Bobby of TX-filmed "State Fair"
- this Jack was in "The Texas Wheelers"
- pig sound
- Valley veggie
- Denton's famous outlaw Bass (init.)
- TXism: "in a heap ___ (big problems)"
- students learning gauge
- TX Swayze fought troops in "Red Dawn" ('84)
- former King Ranch manager Kleburg
- in Brewster Co.: ___ Egg Mountain
- head of JFK Warren Commission (init.)
- TX Quannah's tribe
- home of ACU
- TX Kenny sang "Don't Take Your Love ___"
- pier into the Gulf
- TX Duvall's Oyl
- Waco's "The Great TX Raft ___"
- political party of 1st female in TX legislature ('22)
- Rice won this College Bowl in '66
- Quannah Parker's medicine man
- cotton pest
- TXism: "never sign anything by the glow of a ___ light"
- cable network (or dynamite)
- "worst case ___"
- ATF lost ___ of surprise in '93
- cult raid near Waco
- TXism: "nail his hide to the ___"
- and downs"
- TX pianist Cliburn
- a critique of TX authors (2 wds.)
- A&M All-American Lewis ('90)
- a flag over Texas
- TXism: "___ well once too often"
- Yvonne de ___ starred in film about 46-across
- "___ little joke"
- TXism: "___ on" (apply it)
- TXism: "___ as a bug's ear"
- essential ingredient in TX chili

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