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SEMINOLE CELEBRATION

The 139th Annual Seminole Day Celebration will be September 17 and 18 at the Carver School Grounds in Brackettville. Parade begins at 9:30am; Ceremony: 11am; and Lunch Plate Sale: 11:30am.

SCHOOL BD MTG

Monday, 9/12/11, 6:30 PM, Central Office Boardroom. Topics of Interest to the Community: 2010-2011 District Year-End Audit, Adoption of the 2011-2012 Property Tax Rate, Truancy Prevention Measures, Consider Consolidating Brackett Educational Academy with the Brackett High School

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

There will be an athletic booster club meeting on Wednesday September 14 at 6:30 at the HE cottage. We will be discussing the concession for the homecoming game. Dinner will be served.

PRAY FOR RAIN

The Kinney County Church Alliance will be having a Community Prayer for Rain on Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 PM on the Kinney County Court House lawn. Please join us as we pray and intercede for our community's need for rain. For more information contact Jeff Janca at 563-2245.

HUNTER'S GUIDE

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LIBRARY NEWS

Effective Monday, August 22, the Kinney Co Library will have new hours of operation due to staff shortages: Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm. CLOSED Saturday & Sunday

HUNTER'S ROUNDUP

The annual Hunter's Round Up and Wild Game Dinner is scheduled for November 5, at the Kinney County Civic Center. Dinner is free with a valid hunting license.

NUTRITION CENTER MENU

Sep 8 Fried fish, herb pasta, spinach, garlic bread, peach cobbler
Sep 9 Beef tacos, guacamole, shredded lettuce, zucchini & tomatoes, taco shell, cookie
Sep 12 BBQ chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, wheat bread, peanut butter bar
Sep 13 Sloppy joe on a bun, baked beans, corn on the cob, amrosia
Sep 14 Tuna melt, mustard greens bread, fruit salad
Sep 15 Country pork, lima beans, cauliflower, wheat bread, banana pudding
Sep 16 Baked Tilapia, coleslaw, roasted red potatoes, roll, brownies

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.

AA MEETING

Las Moras Group, Slaton Hall 109, James St. Mon. - Fri. 7 pm.

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Murder or suicide? Hunters find remains

Texas Rangers investigate mysterious death

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

On September 3, several people interested in leasing some hunting property discovered a car parked approximately 150 yards off Tularosa Road, north of Brackettville.

The hunters, suspecting they happened upon a poacher, found an empty, 2009 Honda Civic Hybrid on what is said to be a little known trail on the Wilson Ranch. Beside the car, they discovered a severely decomposed body.

A report of the finding was called into the Kinney County Sheriff's Department at 10:59 a.m. last Friday.

Preliminary reports state the skull appeared to have a gunshot wound and handgun was found in close proximity to the



Photo Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly - Texas Rangers continue to investigate the finding of human remains discovered by hunters on September 3, on Tularosa Road, north of Brackettville.

remains.

Officials estimate the body could have been out there up to sixty days.

Kinney County Sheriff LK Buddy Burgess said there was no identification on the body, however, locked inside the car was a wallet and other personal documents that identified the owner of the vehicle. Burgess said without further scientific tests, including DNA, officials cannot positively identify the body as the person named in the documents found inside the car.

The mystery, according to Burgess, is the person identified as the owner of the car has not been found alive, nor are there any missing person reports on file in the national databases.

The Texas Rangers are continuing to investigate the matter.

Methodist pastor to take new assignment in Odessa



Brackett News Weekly File Photo - Brackettville First United Methodist Church Pastor Jean Reardon announced Sunday, September 4, she will be taking a new assignment in Odessa. A new pastor for the Brackettville church has not yet been announced.

Commissioners to discuss plant; 20 new jobs

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

Kinney County Commissioners plan to discuss the possibility of a new company opening a small assembly plant in Brackettville and along with it, the potential for 20-25 new jobs.

A representative from Southwest Research Center in San Antonio, Victor Rivas, has made presentations to the court about the company leasing the west end

of the Kinney County Civic Center, making improvements to the facility and providing jobs to people in Brackettville.

The commissioners will meet again tomorrow, Friday, September 8, at 9 a.m.

Brackett BP nabs 900 lbs of dope

AUG 30, 2011 DEL RIO, Texas - U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector seized 900 pounds of marijuana Tuesday.

The case involved the seizure of more than 900 pounds of marijuana when an agent, work-

ing near Brackettville, spotted a group of 13 people walking through the brush carrying large backpacks. When agents approached the area to investigate, the group dropped the backpacks and scattered. Agents apprehended one subject and

seized 12 duffel bags containing marijuana. The rest of the subjects absconded to Mexico. The marijuana has an approximate street value of \$723,000. The subject and marijuana were turned over to Drug Enforcement Administration.

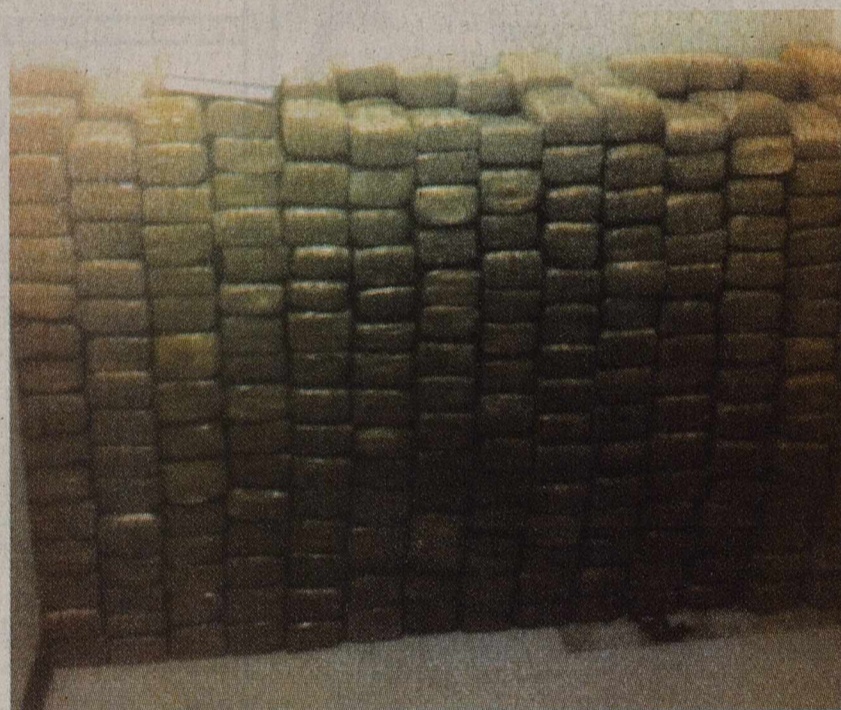


Photo Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly - Brackettville Border Patrol Agents nabbed 900 pounds of marijuana on the Rancho Rio Grande in Kinney County on August 30.

Fort Clark rescinds restaurant decision; Accepts Heann resignation

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

Fort Clark Springs Association (FCSA) board members rescinded their previous decision to open a restaurant and lounge at Dickman Hall at a Regular meeting on August 20.

FCSA administrators explained the board will review it again at a later date and cited budget constraints as the reason for their decision.

The board appointed Jack Phillips and Laura Phillips to the nine member Recreation Committee. The committee plans and host FCSA functions throughout the year, including Fort Clark Days.

William Bill Haenn resigned his position on the board. Heann served approximately half of his three year term. A new director has yet to be appointed.

A land use contract with the Fort Clark Gun has been approved after several months of negotiations. The contract for the use of 60 acres used by the gun club was cancelled and a new contract was recently agreed upon with the most notable change being the club is responsible for annual taxes due on the land. The board also cancelled the Kinney 4H Shooting Sports Club land use contract and it has also been renegotiated to include the payment of the annual taxes.

Friday Night Lights



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Castillo - Brackett Tiger Chris Cruz, #11, stands under the stadium lights on September 2. Cruz is featured in a BNW Facebook video "PostCast" from Friday's game against Rocksprings. Cruz's father is currently serving in Afghanistan and was able to view a special message from his son. See game story and stats on Page 3. To view all the photos and videos from last week's game visit mybrackettnews.com or search Brackett News Weekly on Facebook.com.

Eighth arrest in cocaine conspiracy made

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

Another arrest was made September 2, in the two-year long investigation into cocaine trafficking in Brackettville.

Erika Garza, 26, of Brackettville, was arrested this morning for conspiracy to distribute cocaine and for distributing co-

caine in a school zone, bringing the total of arrests for the community impact investigation to eight.

The warrant stated Garza is believed to have participated in illegal drug trafficking while she lived in a house near the Brackettville ISD tennis courts. Garza was arrested at her Brackettville Housing Authority apartment

on East First Street just after 9 a.m. and taken to the Kinney County Jail. Garza was later transported to a women's facility in Del Rio.

Drug Enforcement Administration Resident Agent In Charge Armando Ramirez, Jr. confirmed more arrests are expected as the multi-agency investigation continues.

Photo Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly - Ericka Garza (center) of Brackettville was the eighth person arrested in a two year long, multi-agency community impact investigation for cocaine trafficking on September 2.



Plog: Paper Log by Leigh Castillo:

Last week my cell phone rang and I readily recognized the number. After the standard greetings the caller dropped a bomb on me. I of course took in the words and offered my congratulations, but as the conversation progressed, it dawned on me that she just told me she was leaving. She's been reassigned to Odessa.

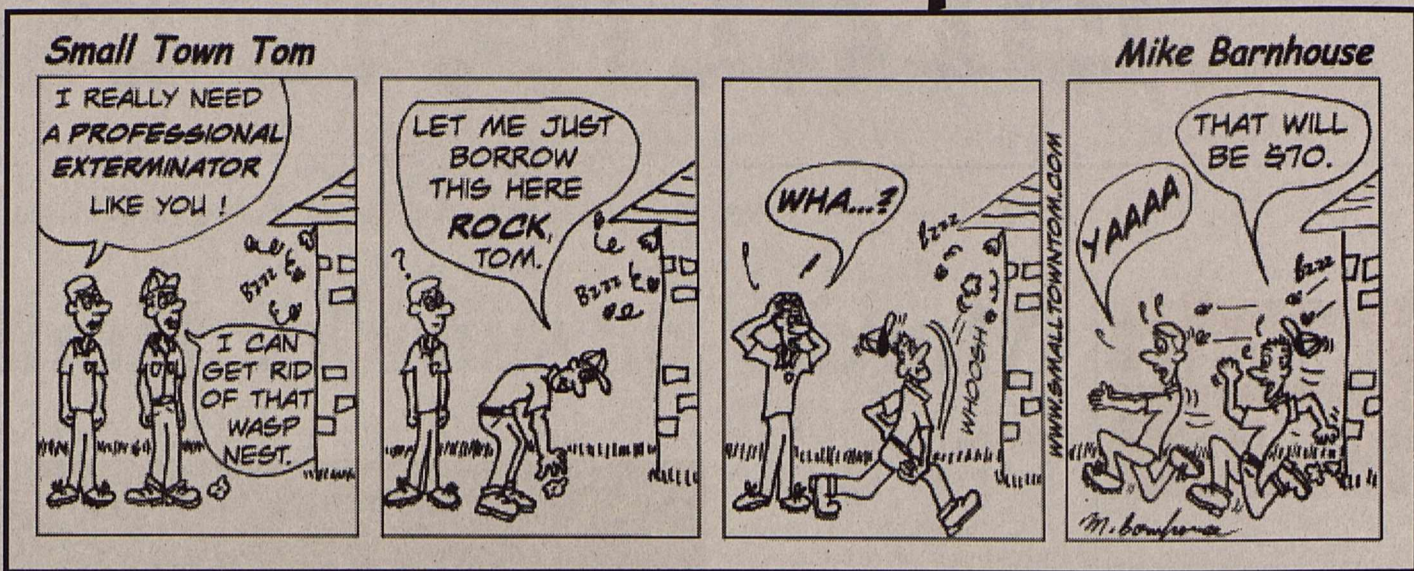
I am not a very religious person. I'm not even good at pretending to be religious. I swear too much and I have a very bad church attendance problem, however, all these things have never prevented Pastor Jean Reardon from having a huge impact on my life.

Pastor Jean confirmed both of my older children and baptized my baby, so those things alone make her special to me.

Over the years we've known each other, there is not one thing in my life personally or professionally that I have not sought her counsel on.

I have always been a religious skeptic and its very easy for me to not believe, but there is a part of me that can recall her gentle words of faith during difficult times. And its been those words that keep me from getting more stupid-er than my wild, aging heart is capable of without a little spiritual guidance.

Go In Peace.



Let it begin with me

Fly Lady Marla Cilley

This week we are all reminded of the tragedies of September 11th. It was a terrible time for all of us. That day is also the birthday of my son. I will not allow the terror of that day to ruin a most joyous day for me. So today I choose to remember those who died and mourn the loss of our security. I hate that we are always looking over our shoulder. I am writing this essay, I am listening to Eric and Andy Dodge sing their rendition of "Let There Be Peace on Earth". I am playing it over and over with their voice filling my head and heart with love and passion for all people in this world!

If only we could love all people without finding fault with

their religion, race, accent, sex, political party affiliation and any other thing that makes each one of us a unique person. If only's are hard to deal with.

Let's quit looking at the whole picture and let's just focus on what we can do with ourselves. Until we open up our hearts to love ourselves there will never be enough love to give others. Loving yourself is the fuel to pass that torch of love onto others. Your light shines in a sea of darkness.

I never dreamed in a million years that I would have one or two people wanting to listen to me on the radio, read my essays or that I could even write a paragraph much less two books. I never knew that I had a love that could bless myself and that blessing could be passed on to others.

You can do this too! Your light shines just like your shiny sink! We can pass that light by a thoughtful gesture or a kind word. Sometimes it is just a simple "I so proud of you!" that

can kindle joy in someone who has never heard those few words.

When we are surrounded by our clutter we don't recognize those precious opportunities to touch your light to the soul of someone else. Clutter steals our ability to see that precious soul that is hidden behind the visual differences. That clutter is perfectionism.

Perfectionism hides in all the vile acts of this world. It is deep rooted in generations of thinking someone is better than another. Or that a religion is the chosen religion or that someone's race or nationality is the chosen country. Aren't we all going to be surprised to find out in the hereafter that we are all brothers and sisters with the same father who is known by many names? In the end we were all arguing for the same thing but we just didn't know it!

Let's love one another first by loving ourselves. If you find any fault with my message then look hard at the perfectionism

that separates you from the love that I know is hiding underneath the clutter in your heart. None of us are perfect! We just try to pretend like we are and that false sense of pride destroys the love!

Are you ready to Finally Love Yourself and pass that love to the world?

If you live within driving distance of Fletcher, NC. I am doing a 5 Week Workshop. It will be for 5 Thursday evenings starting September 15th; The FlyLady Stress-free Thursday Nights.

For more info and to sign up go to; <http://www.veritasnc.org/FlyLadyatVeritas.htm>

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 Random House and her New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter published by Simon and Schuster. Copyright 2011 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

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Be aware of key benefits of life insurance



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

You may be unaware of it, but September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. And while a whole month may seem like a long time to focus on life insurance, it's actually a good opportunity for you to realize the important role that life insurance can play in your life.

Unfortunately, many people don't have sufficient insurance. A recent report by LIMRA, a research and consulting group, shows the following:

- Individual life insurance ownership among U.S. households has reached a 50-year low.
- Three out of every 10 households (about 35 million households) currently have no life insurance—an increase of 11 million households since 2004.

These figures help explain why the nonprofit LIFE Foundation coordinates Life Insurance Awareness Month each September. Simply put, many people don't realize how many ways that life insurance can help them and their families.

To be specific, life insurance can:

- Educate your children-If you were to die prematurely, your life insurance policy can pay, in whole or in part, your children's college education. And if you

live a normal life span, life insurance can help to pay for your grandchildren's college education.

- Pay off your mortgage- If you have sufficient life insurance, the death benefit can pay off your mortgage, so your family wouldn't have to move.
- Help pay for your spouse's retirement -Your spouse might be counting on sharing some of the money you eventually withdraw from your retirement plans -such as your 401(k) and IRA - to help with his or her own retirement. If you were to die early, your spouse, as beneficiary, would receive the existing account balances in these plans, but your future contributions would, of course, die with you.
- Help pay for your retirement -You don't even have to die to reap some benefits from your life insurance. If you've purchased some form of permanent insurance, such as whole life or universal life, you have the opportunity to build a cash balance. And through policy loans or withdrawals, you can tap into this cash to help you pay some of your expenses during retirement.
- Help you leave the legacy you desire-Life insurance can be an important part of your estate plans. To use life insurance properly for estate planning, consult with your legal advisor.
- Of course, one big question that you may ask is this: How much life insurance do I need? You've probably seen those estimates that say you should have insurance that's worth a certain number of years times your annual income. While this might not be a bad estimate, it's not a hard-and-fast rule for every single individual. The amount of insurance you need will depend on a variety of factors: your age, income, size of family, value of home, employment situation and so on. Your financial advisor can help you determine the level of insurance that's appropriate for your needs.
- Now that you've seen how life insurance may help you over the years, and you've got a sense of how to determine the amount of coverage you need, you can appreciate the message behind Life Insurance Awareness Month- so take it to heart and make sure you've got the proper insurance plan in place.

Brackett super summarizes school budget cuts

Despite the historic cuts recently made by the Texas Legislature, educators across our state are now focused on children in the classroom. School administrators are shifting through the legislative directives passed by lawmakers as lean budgets are finalized for the new school year.

There are approximately 4.6 million students in Texas. Another 80,000 joined them in the halls this year alone. The \$5.3 billion in educational cuts by legislators this biennium will leave visible marks. Schools across Texas will be forced to consider increasing class sizes, reducing staff, instituting "pay to play" for extracurricular activities and charging for student transportation. Increasing lunch prices, reducing teacher health benefits, weakening vital children programs and raising local taxes top the list of other considerations. I can summarize this paragraph by saying we are adding thousands of students to the already millions enrolled while having billions less to educate them all.

The words thousands, millions, and billions are used so frequently the value of the number becomes blurred. This is one reason why the topic of school finance can be so confusing. Let's step back and see if we can make sense of the numbers. A good place to start would be with a simple question: On average, how much are we really spending on each student to educate?

In order to digest the answer, we will start with a big number and work down to an average dollar amount that will surprise you. The numbers are rounded for simplicity.

First, the big number — Texas spends around \$50 billion per year for public schools. This figure includes local, state and

federal dollars. \$50 billion is a 50 with nine zeros added to it. Now, let's break the number down.

According to the Texas Education Agency, Texas spends on average \$11,000 per student. This figure includes debt service, operating and facility costs. If we divide \$11,000 by 180 instructional days, we are spending about \$61 a day per pupil. Using a standard seven-hour day, the average cost to educate each student is \$8.50 per hour.

This is not a typo; we are spending on average \$8.50 per hour to teach our children the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in life. In case you are wondering, Texas ranks near the bottom in the nation with regards to spending per pupil.

When viewing the big picture of education, the figure of \$8.50 gives us a new perspective. It becomes a manageable number to understand — something shared on a personal level. This dollar figure adds value to three areas worth appreciating.

First, the current financial cuts to our educational system are real. Choosing not to fix the broken system of school funding undermines the higher goals and more rigorous accountability standards set by our legislators.

Second, the value of our own education is renewed. The \$8.50 figure represents something greater than monetary value. As I look at my education, I ask you to look at yours and where we are today. As individuals and with regard to prosperity, we find education as our cornerstone. The investment made in our education years ago is now priceless.

And third, our children's future becomes clearer. The edu-

cation we provide them today will define their prosperity tomorrow. We must not forget a prosperous society is dependent upon an educated public.

We can all agree education is important. But, is it really a priority? The actions of Governor Perry and our Legislators in the recently ended legislative session where they purposefully and intentionally balanced the budget at the expense of our children indicates that education is not a priority. To them, education is a political tool and a rallying cry.

As a result of their actions, there will be school finance litigation. The acts of the 82nd Legislature and Governor Perry made sure of that, and many in the state are moving forward in response. I anticipate a lawsuit or lawsuits will be filed in September.

This litigation will be about having the public education system that we all know we must have — one that is fair to our public school children and taxpayers; one that positions Texas for a solid economic future. Our Constitution gives the state the responsibility to fund quality public education for all our children. Every child in Texas public education deserves access to the same quality education that a similarly situated child would have in any other district.

There will never be an adequate system until there is an equitable system. Inequity allows the legislature to under fund most districts while funding a few politically-favored districts at or above an adequate level. There are districts this school year taxing at the maximum rate and still being funded in the \$5,300 range. If districts like Alamo Heights or Highland Park were funded at that level, the legislature would surely have

found a solution — perhaps the Rainy Day Fund would have been used to do what it was devised to do, and the structural deficit would have already been fixed.

Instead, the legislative leadership took money from the absolutely lowest-funded districts, many already at the \$1.17 maximum, to protect those inequities. Unless used truly for a brief transition to a fairer system, hold-harmless, Target Revenue and other funding gimmicks are divisive. They pit one school district against another. If you ever doubted it, just ask yourself this question: When the legislative decision was made to limit cuts made to the highest-funded districts, where did they get the money that allowed them to do that?

They took about \$400 per WADA over the biennium from districts on the lower end, that's where. These districts did not have \$400 to lose (averaging out to more than \$10,000 per classroom). What's more, they left unchanged the weights and formulas based on 20-30 year old data, or inadequate to begin with, untouched for yet another two years. They kept Target Revenue largely intact, preserving the funding chasm between districts, allowing the divisiveness to continue.

When the funding for a basic education is reduced at the same time that the expected results are dramatically increasing, this must not go unchallenged. Fundamentally, it all comes down to this: you shouldn't cheat children. And, when you know that children are being cheated, you have to fight to stop it.

No one can guarantee that right will win out, but if we truly are to stand together for children, it is a battle that must be fought.

BISD Employee of the Week



LOUISA STONE,
Counselor, BJH, BHS, BEA

Six Things About Me You Probably Didn't Know...

1. I have lived in Minnesota and Tennessee
2. My husband and I have been married 37 years
3. My hobbies are pottery and birdwatching
4. I have visited 13 countries so far!
5. My husband and I love to camp (RV style)
6. I have two grown sons.

Junior High Volleyball begins

Submitted by Coach Rhonda Marquardt

Brackett 8th grade volleyball team played Del Rio on Tuesday night and lost 16-25; 25-18; 12-25

Leading Scorer: Hannah Baggett with 8

Other good serves: Kate Frerich with 13 Kayla Morelli

with 7 Juanita Vasquez with 5 Good passers: Gage Brown 12 Juanita Vasquez 11 Kate Frerich 8 Good sets: Gage Brown 5 Angie Roberson and Juanita Vasquez with 3 Spikes: Kate Frerich, Gage Brown, and Juanita Vasquez each with 1 Kills: Gage Brown with 1 Our record is 0-1

Nominate a High School Football player

Submitted by Ford Motor Company

Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Player of the Week Program Seeks Nominations on PlayeroftheWeek.com As Texas high school football kicks off this week, Ford Motor Company is reminding fans to show their team spirit and visit www.playeroftheweek.com to nominate their favorite players for the Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Player of the Week award.

For the sixth consecutive year, Ford Motor Company will recognize six outstanding student-athletes each week through the program that invites fans, coaches and Texas media to pay tribute to those players who demonstrate toughness, sportsmanlike conduct and scholarship throughout the high school football season.

New this fall, Facebook and Twitter users will be able to post comments on the Texas Ford dealers Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/texasforddealers and follow discussion about the program on www.Twitter.com/txforddealers. Fans are encouraged to visit playeroftheweek.com and catch up on weekly winners, view video clips of players in action and get the latest program details.

"Nothing says 'Texas' like trucks and football," said Philip Podgorny, Ford's Sales and Marketing Manager of the Central Market Area. "Ford is proud that the F-150 is the best-selling truck in Texas and proud to honor the superstars of our

state's favorite pastime through the Built Ford Tough Player of the Week program."

"If past history is any indication, year six of the Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Player of the Week and Player of the Year program should again produce outstanding young men who succeed on the field, in the classroom and in the community," he said.

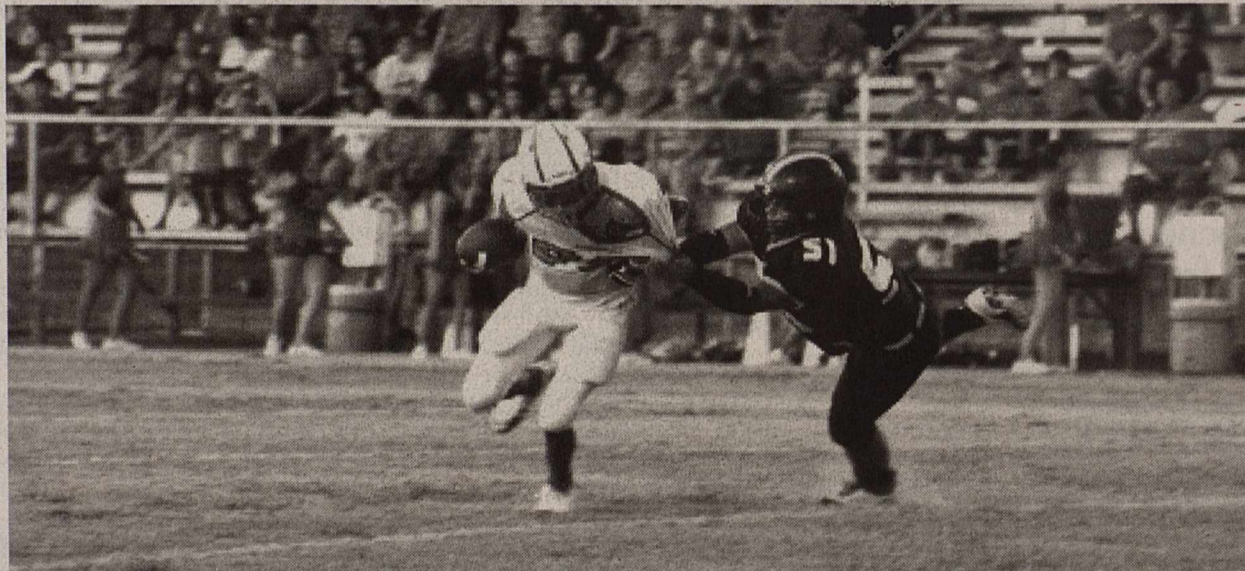
The Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Player of the Week program will recognize one high school student-athlete in six of the state's athletic classifications every week of the regular season of the 2011 Texas high school football schedule.

Throughout the 2011 football season, fans can nominate any player who takes the field for the Player of the Week Award, as long as they excel in three categories:

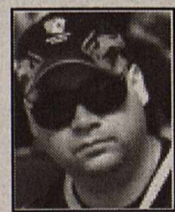
- Individual performance on the field, including significant statistics from that week's game;
- Contribution to the team's success through their individual leadership abilities;
- Performance off the field of play, including academic success and good community citizenship.

At the conclusion of the 10-week regular season, Ford and an independent advisory board will select one student-athlete from the ten weekly winners to be the Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Player of the Year in each classification. Following the championship games, honorees will once again be recognized at a statewide banquet event.

Tigers fall short versus Rocksprings



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Michael J. Ford - Junior Daniel Falcon, #51, holds on for the tackle in Friday night's game against Rocksprings. Want a copy of this picture? Please call 830.563.7912 or email michael@photosbymjf.com.



Rey Sifuentes, Jr.

Brackett High School's varsity football season hit a snag after the Tigers lost to Rocksprings 6-0 on Friday. "This was a very good defensive battle," Head Coach Greg Voyles said. "Offensively, neither team did a whole lot. Defense was the name of the game on Friday."

Offensively, the Tigers put together 195 yards total; 171 rushing and 24 passing. Jonathan Quiroz had a rough

night completing only one of his six pass attempts for four yards. Colten Stephenson completed his only pass attempt for 20 yards. Running the ball were Jonathan Quiroz (70 yards on 15 carries), Paul Resendez (42 yards on 13 carries), Charlie Resendez (33 yards on 12 carries) and Jonathan Pinales (26 yards on five carries). Making single catches were Paul Resendez (20 yards) and Jonathan Pinales (four).

Brackett's defense held Rocksprings to 228 yards of offense, 107 passing and 121 rushing. Rolando Gutierrez led the Tigers with 13 tackles. Close behind were Daniel Falcon (12 tackles, five solo) and Saul Talamantes (10). Also bringing down ball carriers were Cesar Castillo (nine), Amadeo Martinez

(seven), Paul Resendez (six), Charlie Resendez (six), Jonathan Pinales (six), Daniel Brinker (six), Jonathan Quiroz (five), Bradley Edwards (two), Austin Del Bosque (two) and Eric Falcon (one).

"We had a real good strategy going into this game," Voyles said. "Our defense stepped up and played very well by tackling and hustling as best as they could."

Beginning on Monday, Voyles was ready to go over the A-B-C's in practice this week. "We are just going to go over the fundamentals, which is what we need to work on more than anything," Voyles said. "We know where to go and what to do, now it is just a matter of improving. Our offense is not too far away from clicking, we just need to fine tune some things."

The Tigers visit Sabinal at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

"Sabinal is a pass oriented type of a team that knows how to throw the football around," Voyles said. "They have some big physical kids, so this should be another good test for us." One plus for the Tigers so far this season has been their fitness. "We pride ourselves on consistently being in better condition than the other team," Voyles said. "Many of our kids play on both sides of the ball, so they understand that they have to be in very good physical condition. Our kids like to see the players on the other team tired and bending over which is when we know we have them beat." Brackett Junior High School's football team hosts Sabinal at 5 p.m. on Thursday.

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Submitted By Tom Collins
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 Governor Muniz reported 49 percent of U.S. students in school today have not been immunized against polio. Twenty five years ago there were 350,000 cases of polio world wide but only 330 cases reported this year.
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OBITUARY

Zama Lou Shipman

September 11, 1928 - August 30, 2011



Zama Lou Shipman, also known as Lucy, age 82, entered into rest Tuesday night at 10:20pm at the Uvalde Memorial Hospital in Uvalde, Uvalde Co., TX. She was born September 11, 1928 in Foreman, Little River Co., AR to Barney Tillman Mason, Sr. and Ethel Corilla Whisenhunt both of AR.

For 58 years she was the "Beloved" wife of Charles B Shipman, Jr. who passed on to be with the Lord on June 22, 2005. Both had lived in Brackettville, Texas since 1977 where they were known for their generosity in helping the needy in "Cardboard Village" outside Acuna, Mexico and before it became too dangerous, would often pick up hitchhikers, bringing them home to feed them the famous "Shipman Tacos" and providing Godly witnesses to the unconditional love of Jesus.

Lucy Shipman assisted at the Kinney County Early Voting team for over 25 years. People often contacted her to do clothes alterations, but she was mostly known to those who sought her out for prayer and counseling. Lucy had a large library of Christian counseling materials, videos, cassettes, books, etc., which she generously loaned out to people to bring encouragement and solace to their souls. Lucy was known as Zama or Aunt Zama to her brothers and sister's families. She was known as "Nonnie" to her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. Many others adopted "Nonnie" as their own mother or grandmother. She was quick to pray, quick to praise, quick to cook and supply the needs of others in any way that she was able. She taught her children and grandchildren to practice unconditional Godly love and has left a legacy of the love of Jesus Christ. She was an active member of Gateway Ministries church since 1994 and now is the heavenly service of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus, Yeshua.

She is survived by her daughter, Charolette and husband Robert Corey, sons Jerry Shipman, John and his wife Bambi Shipman, grandchildren: Joseph and Cary Haynes, Heather Corey LaGioia, Amy Corey Martinez, and great-grandchildren Mandissa, Mateo, Jeff, Epiphany, Elizabeth, Ebony, Matthew, Jared, Alyssa, Madisson, Cas, Kathryn, Khris, Daniel, Kimberly, Jonathan, Jeremiah, Nichole, Larissa, plus one great-great grandson, Myles; Zama's sister, Mildred Wynn and brothers, Bobby and Tim Mason plus many many nieces and nephews.

Memorial Sing-A-Long was held at First Baptist Church of Brackettville, TX on Friday, 9/2/2011 at 6:30pm and Graveside services held Saturday, 9/3/2011, at one pm at the Uvalde Memorial Cemetery, Uvalde, Uvalde County, TX.

Sympathy gifts for the family may be addressed to Gateway Ministries, Inc., PO Box 1449, Brackettville, TX. For more information call Pastor Bob or Charolette Corey at 830-563-2121 or cell 830-513-0891.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, 114 North Street, Brackettville, Texas 78832 (830) 563-9600.

Americans asked to support Texas Wildfire Relief Fund

Volunteer firefighters need in historic wildfire season
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Texas Wildfire Relief Fund, a statewide non-profit that is working to raise funds and awareness about the ongoing crisis facing first responders battling wildfires across Texas, is making an urgent national plea for donations. The Texas Wildfire Relief Fund was established to aid volunteer firefighters battling wildfires across Texas, including the largest active fire here in Bastrop.

"Over 77 percent of fire departments in Texas are volunteer departments who struggle daily on getting the equipment they need to respond to emergencies across the state," said Chief Chris Barron, Director of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas (SFFMA). "Eighty-six percent of the state's volunteer firefighters use personal funds for their de-

partments' safety equipment and supply needs."

Tax-deductible, secure online donations to the Texas Wildfire Relief Fund can be made by visiting, www.txwildfirerelief.org.

Barron added, "As Texas struggles with one of the worst droughts and wildfire seasons in state history, these volunteer first responders and their limited budgets are stretched thin. We hope Texans and people across the United States will give generously to these hard working volunteer firefighters."

The Texas Wildfire Relief Fund website also offers additional information about the ongoing efforts to save lives and property while working to extinguish the worst wildfires in Texas history.

Since January, wildfires have burned more than 3.5 million acres of Texas and destroyed more than 2,400 structures.

"With over 3.5 million acres burned, numerous livestock lost and a tragic loss of life and property, we have to make sure the volunteer firefighters of Texas have the minimum amount of protective gear necessary to perform their jobs," said Barron.

Since many volunteer fire departments operate with lean budgets in the best of circumstances, the wildfires only make their work more challenging and stretch their already limited resources.

Barron noted that the Texas Wildfire Relief Fund has received nearly half a million dollars in requests for wildland firefighting gear since March and requests continue to come in from volunteer departments across the state.

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Pursuant to 111.0075 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Kinney County, Texas gives notice that they will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2011-2012 Budget. The Proposed Budget is on file at the County Clerk's Office for public inspection. The Budget Hearing will be on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the County Courthouse, Brackettville, TX. The Commissioners invite the public to attend and participate in the Hearing as it will consider the Proposed Budget on said date.

Pursuant to 152.013 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Kinney County, Texas publishes any salaries, expenses, or allowances of each elected county official that are proposed to be increased; and the amount of the proposed increases. They are as follows:

Elected Officials and Appointed Officials Salary's FY 2011-2012	Current	Proposed Increase	State Supplement	Longevity	Proposed Salary
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Commissioner Pct. 4	12,354.00	1,000.00		616.00	13,970.00
Attorney	26,866.00	1,000.00	20,834.00		48,700.00
Clerk	40,843.00	1,000.00		1,575.00	43,418.00
County Auditor	38,750.00	1,000.00			39,750.00
Assistant Auditor	27,040.00	1,000.00		249.00	28,289.00
Justice of the Peace	38,550.00	1,000.00		500.00	40,050.00
Constable	31,209.00	1,000.00		1,225.00	33,434.00
Tax Assessor/Collector	33,558.00	1,000.00		1,675.00	36,233.00
County Treasurer	33,558.00	1,000.00		1,765.00	36,323.00
Sheriff	42,423.00	1,000.00		955.00	44,378.00
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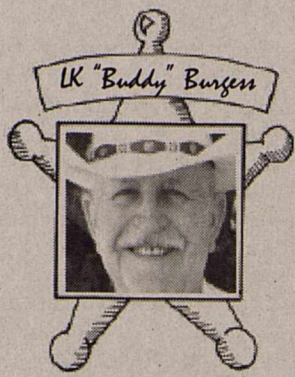
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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Tuesday, August 30

Michael Moak, 44, of Brackettville, was arrested for harassment. Moak was released the same day after posting a \$1,200 bond.

Friday, September 2

Nathan Luna, 26, Brackettville, was booked into the county jail to serve time.

Saturday, September 3

A caller reported loud music on Beaumont Street.

Fort Clark Security called to request a deputy's assistance in regards to damage to a FCSA member's golf cart.

Sunday, September 4

Jaime Puente Jr, 26, of Brackettville, was arrested for disorderly conduct. Puente was released the same day after paying a \$150 fine.

Jose Luis Vasquez, 38, of Alvin, was arrested for unauthorized use of a vehicle. Vasquez was still being held at press time.

A woman called to report a welfare concern about a relative in Hondo. The woman had been unable to reach her relative by phone and was concerned she was a victim of domestic violence. The woman was given the number to the police department in Hondo.

A 911 caller reported his ex-wife's new boyfriend had been threatening him and his son. The caller provided address information.

A woman from a local business called to report a driver of a tan truck with an extended cab and a lift kit drove off without paying for gasoline. US Border Patrol agents at the checkpoint were also notified.

A 911 caller reported arguing and glass breaking at her neighbor's house. A deputy was informed of the situation.

Familiar bus departs

Submitted by Wally Jones

A familiar sight departed Fort Clark on Thursday September 1.

The Answer, Mickey & Irene Braun's black and white modified bus motorhome, was located on Huisache Road in Unit 34 for many years.

The Brauns built the revolutionary two story thirty-five foot bus in the early 70's. The Answer was the Brauns' home for eighteen years as they traveled the United States and Mexico for fun and work at RV and Trade shows before coming to Fort Clark in the eighties.

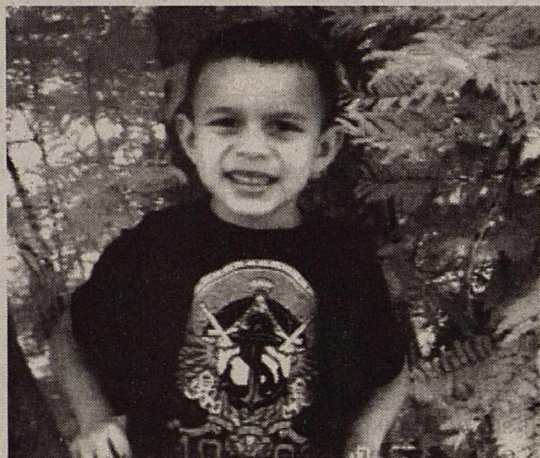
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PUBLIC NOTICE Kinney County. Kinney County has recently received notice of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Award Colonia Planning Fund from the Texas Department of Rural Affairs. The award in the amount of \$24,250.00 is to prepare a Comprehensive Colonia Plan for Kinney County. Accordingly, Kinney County is seeking to contract with a qualified planning consultant to assist in several aspects of contractual compliance with the Texas Department of Rural Affairs Contract #711365. Please submit your statement of qualifications and references to Kinney County to the address below: Tim Ward, County Judge, PO Box 348, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Proposals must be received by Kinney County no later than September 15, 2011 to be considered. The County reserve the right to negotiate with any and all firms or consultants that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act. The County of Kinney is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

PUBLIC NOTICE A public hearing will be conducted at 2:45 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2011, in the District Courtroom of the Kinney County

PUBLIC NOTICE Kinney County. Kinney County has recently received notice for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Award Community Development Fund from the Texas Department of Rural Affairs. The award in the amount of \$227,293.00 identifies Street Improvements in the City of Brackettville. Accordingly, Kinney County is seeking to contract with a qualified Management Firm to administer the project and an Engineering Firm to prepare the preliminary and final plans and specifications for this TDRA Contract # 711299. Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the address below: Tim Ward, County Judge, PO Box 348, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Proposals must be received by Kinney County no later than September 15, 2011 to be considered. The County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms or consultants that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act. The County encourages small, minority, and women business enterprises to submit a qualifications statement for consideration. The County of Kinney is an Affirmative Action/Equal Op-

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4/2 ON ANN STREET, remodeled kitchen and bathroom, large corner lot with pecan trees, recently painted throughout, enclosed porches. Only \$129,995.00!

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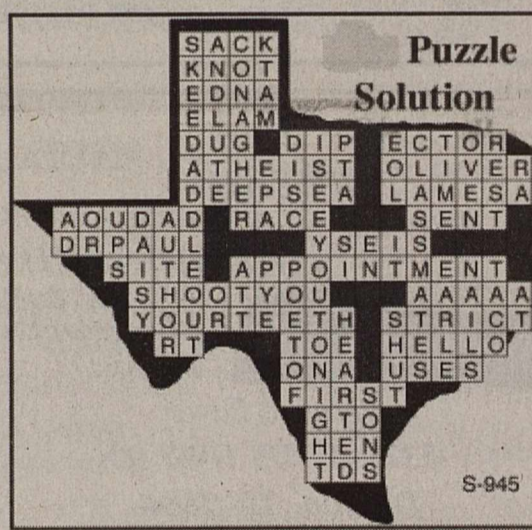
BEVERAGE BARN!!!!- Established Business, fully equipped and ready to go. Great Business Opportunity!!!

1270 ACRES 3 miles East of Brackettville, 3/3 stone home, barns, bunkhouse, wells, center pivots, high fenced

1332 ACRES, GREAT LODGE with indoor swimming pool, foreman's house, walk-in cooler, Exotics!!!! Just 18 miles N of Brackettville on 674.

If you are thinking about selling give us a call and let us help!

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "tow ____" (burlap bag)

5 TXism: "tie the ____" (get married)

6 this Ferber wrote TX novel "Giant"

7 actor Jack in "Big Bad John" with TX Jimmy Dean

8 TXism: "he ____ his own grave"

9 chips & ____

12 Odessa is seat of this county

17 TX Madalyn Murray O'Hair description

19 this Stone directed film "W." about TX George W. Bush

21 Gulf fishing (2 wds.)

22 Dawson Co. seat

23 "Barbary sheep" brought to TX after World War II

28 event at Texas Motor Speedway

29 transmitted

30 way to refer to TX '08 pres. candidate, Ron (2 wds.)

31 San Antonio celebration: "Diez ____ de Septiembre"

35 in Hood Co.: "Acton State Historic ____"

36 TX Ann Sheridan '53 film: "____ in Honduras"

42 TX country band "Slobberbone" tune: "____ Dead"

44 Abilene High won '09 title in this class

46 TXism: I'll rattle ____ (threat)

48 Wade Phillips is not a ____ coach

49 "Men in Black" TX actor Rip (init.)

50 TX Waylon album: "Never Could ____ the Mark"

51 TX Willie wrote "____ Walls"

52 TXism: "panting like a lizard ____ hot rock"

53 TXism: "he ____ barbed wire for dental floss" (tough)

54 Ted Williams was Rangers manager

56 Pontiac "muscle car" of 60s & 70s

57 in Brewster Co.: "____ Egg Mountain"

58 Cowboy scores (abbr.)

DOWN

1 TXism: "____ of here" (flee)

2 can hear harp ____ recitals at TX Renaissance Festival

3 TX Barry Corbin '91 film based on Louis L'Amour novel

4 Bryan AM station

9 "____ jockey"

10 TX Tanya's "Can ____"

11 TX Jeannie C.'s "Harper Valley ____"

12 this Lovett was 1st pres. of Rice (init.)

13 school buddies

14 TX Willie's "Funny How ____ Slips Away"

15 baking chamber

16 "____ in Peace"

18 U.S. environment agency (abbr.)

20 radium symbol

23 classified ____

24 TXism: "come hell ____ high water"

25 "____ and downs"

26 East TX oilfield first big well: "____ Bradford No. 3"

REAL ESTATE

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FORT CLARK

•New Listing: 161 Chandler.

•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!

•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

•819 Acres: 16 miles N. of Brackettville on Hwy 674. Unbelievable Opportunity Price Reduced

•730 ACRES: 8 miles N. of Brackettville on Hwy 334

•318 Acres: 17 miles S. of Brackettville on Hwy 131

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Debbie Trant Agent-Owner, Lawrence Mendive-Broker

Great Opportunity- only Laundromat in town! custom built metal building, large parking area, choice location.

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.

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

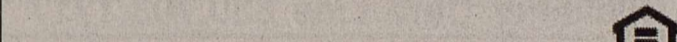
Unit 3: nice 2/2 mobile home, spacious addition, large carport, shed, fenced yard \$22,000 possible seller financing

Unit 36: RV property with small apt, next to green area, REDUCED

Unit 7: 2/1 unit, nice upgrades, CHA, only \$22,000!

705 N. Ellen: spacious 3/2 brick home, remodeled, workshop, carport, fenced, a steal at \$69,900!

107Ac: near town, hwy 90 front, fenced, elect, well, barns



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38 "Cowboy ____ Texas." Red Steagall

39 TX tall man, Jack

40 TXism: "hard as ____" (tough)

41 TX-based chain: "____ Bueno"

43 TXism: "it's root hog ____ die"

45 TX band: "Asleep ____ the Wheel"

47 TX Waylon's "Good-____ Woman"

48 well pitched game: "____ out"

55 TX Hyer film "The ____ of Katie Elder"