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BRACKETT BRIEFS

MOAA MTG

The Fort Clark/Del Rio Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will meet at noon, Saturday, Sept 24 at the Ramada Inn in Del Rio. All former commissioned officers of all branches of service are invited to attend. For information or reservations call (830) 775-0100.

PEEWEE-PREP FOOTBALL

Tiger PeeWee and Prep teams will play in Brackettville at Tiger Stadium on October 8 versus the Del Rio Ponies. Brackett will be hosting the Del Rio Youth Football League all day next Saturday. Come out and support your young Tigers and enjoy the PeeWee-Prep Team Homecoming Ceremony. The DR PeeWee Longhorns will play the DR Lions at 9am; DR Prep Longhorns vs. DR Lions at 11am; DR PeeWee Chiefs vs. DR Cowboys at 1pm; DR Prep Chiefs vs. DR Cowboys at 3pm; DR PeeWee Ponies vs. BKT Tigers at 5pm; DR Prep Ponies vs. BKT Tigers at 7pm; BYE weekend for the DR Lobos.

HOMECOMING

BHS Homecoming 2011 is right around the corner! If you are a community business, organization, or would simply like to show your TIGER SPIRIT, sign-up now to participate in the 2011 Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 7th. All entries need to be submitted by Sept 30. Parade route lineup notification will be given out Tuesday, Oct. 4th. Get your pink parade entry form now! The theme for the parade this year is "BRUISE THE BADGERS!" This is the biggest parade in Brackettville, hope more will join the fun! Contact Yolanda Rueda, at 563-2480, ext. 412

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The FC Historical Society will meet this Saturday, September 24 at the Palisado Building. There will be a presentation on the Montalvo House. Donuts and coffee will be served at 9:30 am with the meeting beginning at 10:00. Those interested in joining the Historical Society will have an opportunity to join at the meeting.

PLATE SALE

BHS Class of 2014 Enchilada Plate Sale September 23, 2011 from 4-6. Plate includes: cheese enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, & tea. All proceeds will go to Relay for Life Pick-up Plates at Moody Hall (H.E cottage) \$5.00 a plate

BISD SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 22: JH Football @ Junction at 5pm.
JH HS Progress Reports mailed out.
September 23: Varsity Football vs. Junction at 7:30 p.m.
September 24: JH & HS Cross Country at Nueces Canyon
JV, V DIST Volleyball vs. Charlotte at 2pm.
September 26: JH Volleyball "B,A" teams at LaPryor at 5pm.
September 27: Fall Picture Day
JV, V DIST Volleyball vs. Sabinal at 5pm.
September 28: FCA at 8pm in the Gym
September 29: JH Football vs. D'Hanis at 5pm.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Kinney County Livestock Fundraiser Golf Tourney. Saturday, October 22. Fort Clark Springs Golf Course Starts at 1:00 pm and will be followed by a hamburger supper. \$50 a man for four man teams. \$10 cart fee. For more information and to sign up call: Mark Frerich at 563-2075 or 563-5846.

LIBRARY NEWS

College plans for the spring semester? SWTJC will be here on October 6, 2011 9:30 am-3:00 pm to help with financial assistance and registration call KC Library 563.2884 to set up an appointment or for additional information.

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.

Past due property owners to vote; Law changes affect who can vote in Fort election

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

At a Regular meeting on September 17, the Fort Clark Springs Association (FCSA) board of directors were advised of the latest changes in legislation that will allow all property owners, regardless of standing within the organization, to vote in the upcoming election.

In the past, members delinquent in their payment of assessments on December 31, were not allowed to participate in the fol-

lowing March election, but changes in the laws governing homeowner associations will now give them the right to vote.

FCSA Director of Operations Ron Stuard stated the qualifications for home owners changed, but recreational members must still be completely up to date on their assessment payments to receive a ballot.

Stuard said the law is brand new and the Fort is waiting for an attorney's opinion to make sure the association is properly

complying with the law.

Nancy Frerich was named as the election judge. Frerich has served as the election judge for nearly twenty years.

Certified public accountant firm Schuler & Schuler, of Del Rio, were named as the election auditors.

Russell Nowell, Jeff Janca, Glen White, Don Smith and John Carlson were appointed to serve on the 2011-2012 Nominating Committee.

Positions currently filled by

Debbie Isaacs, Larry Farlow, Henry Garcia and Steve Giblin will be on the ballot.

No action was taken on the matter regarding the possibility of building storage units as a source of revenue for the Fort. Seven hundred fifty questionnaires were sent out, and 191 were returned. One hundred seventy two of the questionnaires stated they were against building the units; 14 stated they were in favor of building the units; five stated they might use the

units if the price was right and had a need for one.

Wade Salmon was appointed to the Golf Committee after the resignation of Jim Spencer.

The agreement with Old Quarry Society of the Performing Arts is being negotiated.

The directors voted to approve digging four new cells at the landfill and awarded the contract to 90 West Contractors. Stuard stated a cell is approximately 150 feet wide by 130 feet long by 8 feet deep.

Abbey Takes First At UTSA



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly by Antonio Morano/SAsports.com - Brackett High Sophomore Jaelyn Abbey finishes first in Saturday's Ricardo Romo Cross Country Classic held at UTSA. See full story and results on Page 3.

Tourney celebrates late golf lover; Two teams tie for first

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

Family and friends of the late Javier Happy Cervantez hosted a the First Annual Happy Cervantez Golf Tournament September 17 and 18.

Happy, who passed away in April of this year, loved the game of golf and held a particular fondness for the golf course at Fort Clark Springs and its members.

After a slight rain delay Saturday, the two man teams took to the greens and played through Sunday afternoon.

With a tie for first in the Championship Flight, Team Fry (Rock Springs) and Hargrave (San Angelo) and Team Goodspeed (Del Rio) and Martin (Mason), both finished with a two day total of 113.

Placing third in the Championship Flight was Team Reinach (San Antonio) and Schandua (San Antonio), with a two day total of 114.

Taking first place in the First

Flight was Team Renfro (Uvalde) and Garza (Uvalde), with a two day total of 117. Placing second in the First Flight was Team Aguirre (San Angelo) and Aguirre (San Angelo), with a two day total of 119. Team Chapoy (Uvalde) and Trevino (Uvalde), placed third with a two day total of 123.

Organizers issued a heartfelt thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers who helped make the event successful. Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase a memorial sitting bench to be placed on the Fort Clark Golf Course and make improvements as needed.

Family members say they are already planning the second annual event for September or October, 2012.

Happy was a Brackettville native and the son of the late Lela and the late Nicho Cervantez; brother to Michael of San Antonio; Raul of Oregon; Ruben of Dallas; and sister to Denise of North Dakota.

TCEQ, MUD & FCS all watch the water

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

Fort Clark Springs Association administrators said Monday, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is monitoring the flow of the Las Moras Creek very closely after they ordered all water from the Las Moras Spring no longer be diverted through the swimming pool.

A press release from FCSA last week stated their spring fed pool, a popular tourist attraction in Kinney County, would be closed until further notice and no swimming would be allowed.

Concerns from downstream landowners stating there was not enough flow in the creek to sup-

ply their livestock prompted the TCEQ to take action.

Fort Clark Municipal Utility District (Fort Clark MUD) General Manager Randy Castilla said Tuesday, after TCEQ ordered the Fort to open the gates, the MUD well dropped eight inches, the largest drop in approximately 12 years.

Castilla said the drop was caused by the release of the pressure head on the well and the next day it rose 4.5 inches.

The MUD well is normally monitored every Monday, but it is now being measured daily, Castilla said.

Fort Clark Springs Association Director of Operations Ron Stuard is scheduled to meet with the TCEQ again this week.

Brown Girls Saddle Up



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - From left: Morgan Brown and Gage Brown, pictured with their parents DeeDee and Clinton Brown, win at the TYRA - Texas Youth Rodeo Association 2011 Year End Event Saddle Winners. Morgan Brown won Senior Pole Bender and Senior Cloverleaf. Gage Brown won Junior Pole Bender and Junior Goat Tying. In the Finals Event Saddle Winners, Morgan Brown won Senior Cloverleaf and Gage Brown won Junior Goat Tying.

Castillo named new warden

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

Community Education Centers, Inc. (CEC), a jail management company that operates the Kinney County Detention Center (KCDC) for Kinney County, announced Al Castillo as its new warden late last week.

Castillo, originally from the Rio Grande Valley, has served as the KCDC's assistant warden for the last 18 months and replaces Warden Michael Blumberg.

Before hiring on with CEC, Castillo retired from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in 2009, with more than 28 years experience in the field of corrections.

The facility, temporarily closed in 2008 after a correctional officer aided in the escape of an inmate, has made a strong comeback by hosting 357 U.S. Marshal Service inmates on

Tuesday. The maximum capacity for the center is 384.

The detention center provides nearly a million dollars in revenue each year to Kinney County.

The facility provides employment to 80 people, including correctional officers, administrative personnel and food service employees. Twenty nine employees live in Brackettville.



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Castillo - Al Castillo was named the new warden for the Kinney County Detention Center on September 15.

Prospect Show winners



McKenzie Castillo



David Salazar



Jeyson Price



Kalli Ann Price

Photos Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - Four place in Hondo Prospect Show on September 17 and 18. McKenzie Castillo placed second and sixth with her goats; Southdown Lambs: 7th place; Finewool: 7th place. David Salazar won Pee Wee Showmanship with his lamb; Goats: 4th and 6th; Southdown Lambs: 7th; Finewool: 6th. Jeyson Price won Junior Showmanship with his Goat; Goats: 1st and 7th; Southdown Lambs: 3rd; Finewool: 3rd and 4th; Finewool Cross: 3rd; Medium Wool: 6th. Kalli Ann Price placed fifth and eleventh with her goats; Finewool: 2nd and 7th; Finewool Cross: 1st.

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Question of the Week
Should controlled burns be allowed during this time of drought?

JJ- "Sometimes it is better to do small burns so that flammable material is burned before it can add to a wildfire. Especially in populated areas and outlying neighborhoods."

BAS- "Yes, if there is a certified control burn specialist assisting with the burn."

WLM- "I agree with BAS."

CPT- "No, not when there is elevated fire danger. Great question!!"

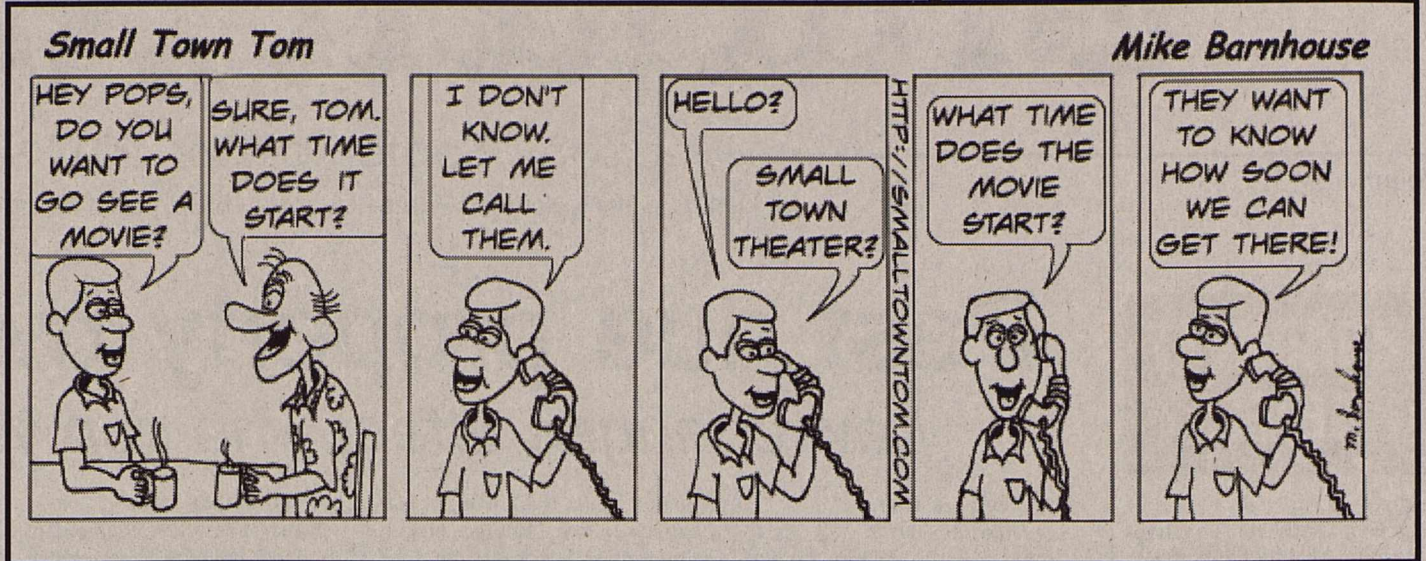
RM- "Texas Forestry has advocated this but cities and counties have said no I say yes because you reduce potential fire load"

FC- "Yes, if you know what you're doing and aren't an idiot. There's a lot more to it than that but years of experience has taught me to err on the side of caution, especially during low humidity and high winds. You must plan ahead and have the right equipment and plenty of help. Common sense must prevail."

BAS- "Today there is a greater fire danger around populated subdivisions because the areas are no longer grazed or cultivated as in the past. Underbrush has been allowed to become dense close to homes."

YP- "No. There won't be a "Burning of the T" this year so if its that bad then no one should have a fire controlled or not"

LC- "No ma'am"



Not a 50/50 Proposition



Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Several years ago when I began to mentor women on the internet I wanted to help them gain control of their homes and lives. My mentoring was not to teach them how to nag their husbands to help them around the house.

Many have complained that I don't understand that husbands and wives have an equal responsibility in keeping the home working. YES, I do know this. But unless your husband or wife is a part of our group, I can't help them. I can only help you. I don't expect you to do it all, but you can and many have. What about the single moms or widows that have to do it all by themselves? They don't have husbands to help. They have to take care of the whole home alone. Oh and I almost forgot the members, whose spouse is in the military and away from home for months at a time; Also the spouses that have to travel a lot with their jobs. The spouse left behind has the responsibility for the entire home on their shoulders.

What I have noticed, is that when the member of our group, albeit the husband or the wife, gets their routines in place and the clutter in the home is decreased, that they have found that the other spouse comes around and starts to help, so do the children. They start to clean up their "off limits" HOT SPOTS! You know the ones that if you even touch, will get you in HOT WATER!

Marriage is not a 50/50 proposition, as many of you think. I believe that this perception is hurting many families. Here is why. When we feel we are doing our half of the work, we automatically feel slighted

because we don't feel our mate is doing his or her fair share. So we pout, fuss, or even go on strike. This is so silly.

Marriage is a 100%/100% proposition; Each person giving their all to the family. When you do all that you can, you have done your best. When you sit at the computer all day, don't get dressed, and don't hit a lick at a snake (Southern for just do something), you are not spending your time wisely. All because your perception is, "Why should I clean up, it is just going to get messed up again!" or "He won't even help, this isn't my entire job! If he won't help then it can just stay this way, I didn't make the mess, so why should I clean it!"

There are many reasons our members to not get up and move. Most are just excuses. We all have the same number of hours in each day. Even members with several children are seeing progress. There are members with sickness that are doing well and there are members that work, either at home or away from home, that are seeing great progress.

So what is your excuse? Are you sitting pouting 'cause your spouse does not do his or her fair share? You can only change yourself and your own attitude. Get the mote out of your eye first. We don't give you permission to declutter your husband or wives things. Quit nagging and set the example by taking care of your own clutter first. As you set the example, by getting your HOT SPOTS clean, you are going to be so surprised at the changes in your family. Are you ready to FLY?

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.

Reinvesting Dividends Can Pay Off



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

When you invest in stocks, you want their price to go up. But of course, you can't control the rise and fall of stock prices. However, there is a key element of investing that you can control — the number of shares you own. And in the long run, share ownership may be more important than rising stock prices in determining your long-term investment success.

Of course, you might think that the advice of "buy more shares" is easier said than done. After all, not everyone can easily find a lot of extra money to invest. But you don't need access to vast wealth to increase your share ownership — you just need to consistently reinvest your stock dividends.

Just how important are reinvested dividends to wealth accumulation, as compared to capital gains (the increase in stock prices)? Over the 135-year period from 1871 through 2003, owning stocks and reinvesting the dividends produced 97% of all stock market returns, with only 3% coming from capital gains, according to a major study done by Dr. Jeremy Siegel, one of the world's leading researchers on stock market performance. Other studies have also pointed to the importance of dividends as a component of total returns.

What are the implications of this disparity between the effectiveness of dividend reinvestment versus that of capital gains? First of all, it suggests that you may not want to spend an undue amount of time and effort in chasing after "hot" stocks, hoping for big capital gains. For one thing, by the time you buy these stocks, they may already be cooling off, but even

more importantly, your focus on achieving large capital gains may not be the best use of your financial resources.

Ultimately, the power of dividend reinvestment means, not surprisingly, that you may be able to help yourself if you look for quality dividend-paying stocks — and then reinvest the dividends, month after month and year after year.

With just a little research, you can find stocks that have paid — and even increased — dividends for many years in a row. (Keep in mind, though, that not all stocks will pay dividends, and even those that do can reduce or discontinue them at any time. Dividend reinvestment does not ensure a profit or protect against loss.) So, to help boost your share ownership, consider reinvesting the dividends back into the stock, rather than taking them as cash payments. If you do choose to reinvest your dividends, though, you will need to look to other types of investments to provide you with income, assuming you need some income from your portfolio, which may become more necessary during your retirement years. Your financial advisor can help you determine the appropriate investments to help provide this income.

But in any case, if you can do without the current income provided by dividends, give careful consideration to reinvesting them. Dividend reinvestment is not a glamorous investment strategy, and it won't help you "get rich quick," but it can help you make steady progress toward your long-term financial goals — and that's a key dividend in itself.

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Community Open House

The Brackettville First United Methodist Church will be hosting an Open House to say thank you and goodbye to Pastor Jean Reardon on Saturday, October 1, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend. Reardon, affectionately known to her parishioners as Pastor Jean, will take up her new assignment in Ozona the week of October 12. A new pastor for the Brackettville church has not been announced.

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Prep and Pee Wee Tigers stomp over Del Rio Chiefs

By Ashley Castillo Sandoval
Contributing Writer

Tiger Prep and Pee Wee Football starts off their season strong, and coaches have high expectations. Both Tiger teams have reached the championship game for the past two years, and Head Coach Joel Del Bosque is pushing for a third.

This season the Tiger Prep team is working to come out

Champions, falling short of that goal last year.

The Tiger Prep team gets a big win against the Del Rio Chiefs in Saturday's match-up, final score 32-6. Leading the Tigers in yards was Moises Hernandez and Edgar Rivas returned the ball twice for touchdowns. Leading the Tigers in defense was Eddie Argil with numerous tackles and Luis Cardenas had an interception

that was returned for another Tiger touchdown. The Prep Tigers are 2-0.

The Tiger Pee Wee team comes into this season hoping to win the Championship for a second year in a row.

The Pee Wee Tigers clutch a win against the Del Rio Chiefs on Sunday, final score 12-0. Scoring for the team was Javi Deleon and Michael Falcon. Playing tough defense with nu-

merous tackles were Stetson Shuster and Brent Winfree. The Pee Wee Tigers are 2-0.

The Tigers will go on to play the Del Rio Lobos on Saturday September 24th at North Heights Elementary School in Del Rio. The coaches invite the community to come out and support the Tigers. First game will begin at 9 am with the Pee Wee team and then at 11 am with the Prep team.



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Castillo - DRYFL Brackett PeeWee Tiger Javi Deleon, #8, runs the ball while Logan Fisher, #9, goes for the tackle in Sunday's game against the Chiefs. The PW and Prep Tigers will play in Brackett on Oct. 8.

Tigerette Cross Country places 2nd overall

By Ashley Castillo Sandoval
Contributing Writer

BHS Varsity Cross Country teams compete in the Ricardo Romo Classic held at UTSA on Saturday, September 17.

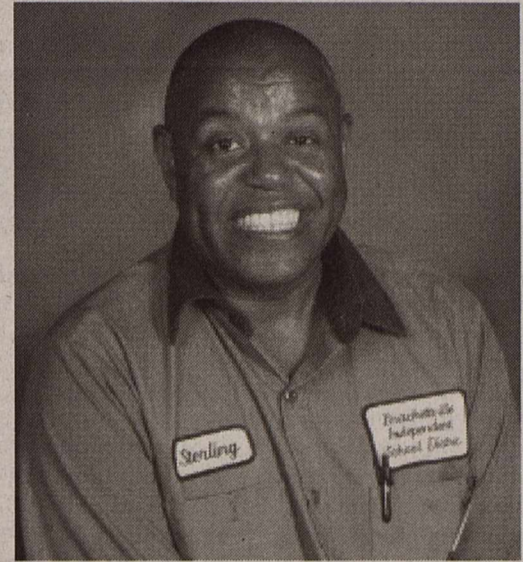
The Varsity Girls totaled 66 points coming in 2nd overall in the 1A division, missing the first place spot to Johnson City. Coming in 1st with a time of 12:59 was Jaclyn Abbey. 6th Clarissa Valdez, 13th Elvia Guerrero, 17th Gabby Sandoval, 42nd Mercedes Occasion, 48th

Shannon Gammill.

The Varsity Boys placed 5th overall in the 1A Division. Leading the Tiger team was Joelson Terrazas placing 3rd with a time of 17:27. 24th Wyatt Blake, 45th Dante Luna, 46th Hayden Turkett, 50th Garon Rueda.

The next Cross Country Meet will be on Saturday, September 24 in Nueces Canyon. Both high school and junior high teams will be competing.

BISD Employee of the Week



STERLING "SMILEY" GOODLOE
Custodian / Bus Driver

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

1. Who named me "Smiley"... a man in Brackettville, at a basketball game.
2. My nickname when I was growing up was "Button."
3. My brothers and sisters call me "Kim."
4. I was born in Brackettville, TX.
5. When I was in school, I wanted to drive busses.
6. And I also wanted to work for the E.M.S., and drove for the Kinney County E.M.S. for 16 years.

BISD and the financial allocation study for Texas

Submitted by BISD

State Comptroller Susan Combs' office released financial and academic progress ratings for school districts recently in an attempt to show how efficiently districts use their money.

"It's looking at the return on investment, seeing if the spending is achieving good academic results and progress in those results," said R.J. DeSilva, spokesman for the comptroller's office.

The Financial Allocation Study for Texas rates districts with one to five stars, with the most stars going to districts with low spending and strong academic gains on state reading and math tests.

Brackett Independent School District superintendent Robert

Westbrook said the district is pleased with the district's rating of four and one-half stars. Westbrook stated the district is getting very good results on state mandated tests and is one of the lowest funded districts in the state, so it makes sense that we would receive a high rating.

"Getting the most bang for our buck, spending the money the best way to get the best academic results is very important," he said.

This is the second year of the FAST study. The 2009 state Legislature ordered the comptroller's office to create a method to fairly compare the state's school districts.

FAST ratings are updated annually using the most recent data from the Texas Education Agency.

NHS Community Service



Photo to Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - On Sunday, 5 NHS students

took to our roadways to pick up trash from community service. Each NHS member must earn 15 hours of community service by November. They walked and picked up trash for 4 hours totalling in 32 bags of trash, 5 bags were trash and 27 bags were recyclable. Mrs. Marquardt will take all the trash to the recycling center in Uvalde. When asked by teacher Mrs. Marquardt what they learned from this experience they said, 1. People drink a lot of beer and throw their bottles or cans out, that was the majority of the trash. 2. People drink a lot of Gatorade and throw them on the side of the road. 3. Most trash can be recycled. 4. If there is a creek, people will stop and drink and throw their trash there. 5. Picking up trash is a lot of work.

JV and Varsity Volleyball defeat Junction

By Shelby Shuster
Contributing Writer.

On September 17th, the JV and Varsity Tigerette Volleyball teams played against the Junction Lady Eagles. The JV also played against the Sabinal JV Lady Jackets.

Against The JV Lady Eagles, The JV Tigerettes had 3 aces; August Stephenson: 1, Shelby Schuster: 1, and Peyton Bonner: 1, 3 kills; Marlinda Rivas: 1, Shelby Schuster: 1, and Peyton Bonner: 1, 5 digs; Peyton Bonner: 1, Meghan Flores: 1, Rebecca Rangel: 1, August Stephenson: 1, and Shelby Schuster: 1. Shelby Schuster also had one block. The JV defeated Junction in two games; 25-20, 25-16.

In their second game against Sabinal, the JV had 4 aces; Nadia Rodriguez: 2, Shelby Schuster: 1, and Marlinda Rivas: 1, 3 kills; Marlinda

Rivas: 1, Nadia Rodriguez: 1, and Shelby Schuster: 1, 10 digs; Peyton Bonner: 3, Vyviana Flores: 2, Shelby Schuster: 1, Meghan Flores: 1, August Stephenson: 1, Rebecca Rangel: 1, and Nadia Rodriguez: 1. Tea Sandoval also had one block. The JV defeated Sabinal in two games; 25-11, 25-16.

The Varsity Tigerettes showed their long-time rival Junction Lady Eagles that they have what it takes to make it to the State Tournament. The Tigerettes leading players were Maddie Frerich with 12 kills and 2 blocks, Priscilla Aguirre with 24 assists and 5 aces, and Selina Gerardo with 7 digs. The Tigerettes defeated the Lady Eagles in four games; 22-25, 25-11, 25-19, 25-16.

The Tigerettes next home action is on September 24th when they take on the Charlotte Lady Trojans for the start of the 2011 District season.

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Brackett Tigers take on Sonora Broncos; Junior High Cubs start season with a win



Rey Sifuentes, Jr.

Brackett High School's varsity football team stomached a difficult outing on Friday losing 56-0 to Sonora.

"To be honest with everyone, Sonora was just a better team than we were, they are among the top ten in the state in the 2A classification," Head Coach Greg Voyles said. "We just

played to the best of our abilities. So we will just go back to practice and work on the things we need to improve."

Next up for the Tigers is Junction who comes over to Brackettville at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

"Junction is a very good 2A team that likes to run the football," Voyles said. "We have another good challenge ahead of us."

Brackett Junior High School's football team defeated Sabinal 38-8 on Tuesday, September 13.

Eleazar Salazar was the leading rusher for the Tigers with 91 yards on 10 carries, three touchdowns and a two-point con-

version. Lino Garcia gained 54 yards on 10 carries and scored a pair of two-point conversions. Also carrying the ball were Walt Ashley (two carries for 18 yards, a touchdown and a two-point conversion), JT Rosas (two carries for 18 yards), Adrian Resendez (two carries for 18 yards), Justin Gallegos (two carries for eight yards) and Brandon Blevins (four yard touchdown run).

BHHS's defense held Sabinal to 88 yards gained on offense. Leading tacklers were Walt Ashley (four), Adrian Resendez (three), Noberto Martinez (three) and Angel Jaso (two). Making single tackles were Eleazar

Salazar, Julian Quiroz, Walker Harris, Anthony Aldaco and Da Pang.

Jaso also forced a fumble which was recovered by Quiroz. Ashley returned three kicks for a total of 66 yards. Lino Garcia returned two kicks for 37 yards total.

"Our junior high football team played very well in their first game of the season," Voyles said. "There were a few rough spots, but overall all of us coaches were pleased with their performance. Our junior high program looks good this season, these kids really work hard and we are excited about this group eventually coming up to the high school."

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OBITUARY

Betty M. Ward

November 19, 1926 - September 15, 2011



Betty M. Ward, age 84, peacefully passed into the arms of our Heavenly Father on Sept. 15, 2011, in Brackettville, Texas. She was born on Nov. 19, 1926, in Brackettville. "Miss Betty" was raised in Brackettville and graduated from Brackett High School in 1944. She married Richard C. Ward on Feb. 5, 1946. They began their life together in Germany, where Richard was stationed at the conclusion of World War II.

Richard and Betty raised two sons, Richard Jr. and John. The family resided in Lovington, N.M., from 1955 to 1968, where Richard and Betty opened the Dick Ward Chrysler Plymouth Dealership.

The family later moved back home to Brackettville, where the couple owned and managed several local businesses. In addition, Betty worked at Fort Clark Springs and later retired from the Bank & Trust. In recent years, she worked at Alamo Village.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Richard C. Ward Sr., her parents, John and Pearl Miller, and her sister, Joyce Ruth Miller.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Richard C. Ward Jr. and wife Diana of Brackettville, and John T. Ward and wife Diana of San Antonio; four grandchildren, Amanda Ward Simmons and husband Barkley of Brackettville, J.J. Guidry and wife Samantha of Corsicana, Texas, Samuel Sampson and wife Ginger of Del Rio, and Misty Sandbach of Sunnyvale, Calif.; 10 great-grandchildren, Shealee, Alli and Tre Guidry, Ryan, Ashton and Collin Sampson, Tracelyne and Lyla Vick, and Camberlin and Shayna Gonzalez; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation was held Saturday at Brackettville Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral services were Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Brackettville with Rev. Jeff Janca officiating. Burial followed at the Masonic Cemetery in Brackettville. Serving as pall bearers were Richard C. Ward Jr., John T. Ward, J.J. Guidry, Samuel Sampson, Brian Townsend and Ruben Teniente.

Arrangements were with Sunset Funeral Home.

1st Annual Happy Cervantez Golf Tournament



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - Family, friends and golfers celebrated the life of Javier Happy Cervantez at the First Annual Happy Cervantez Memorial Golf Tournament. See story on Page 1.

Drive Clean Across Texas

Submitted by TPA

Wildfires, record-setting heat and a statewide drought have made for a summer that many Texans would just as soon forget. But even as summer winds down, temperatures are still hitting the 100-degree mark, and many areas of the state continue to experience high ozone levels.

Through the end of the month, the state's Drive Clean Across Texas air quality campaign is asking drivers to do their part to reduce air pollution. That includes replacing dirty air and fuel filters, keeping tires properly inflated and getting vehicles serviced on schedule.

"Many drivers don't realize how a few simple steps not only will help them reduce tailpipe emissions but also save them money at the pump," says Brenda Flores-Dollar with the Texas Department of Transportation's Drive Clean Across Texas campaign. "A poorly maintained car or truck can release ten times more pollution than one in top condition."

To support their recommendation to drive a low-emission hybrid car or truck as another

way to improve air quality, the Drive Clean Across Texas campaign is giving away a 2012 Ford Fusion Hybrid donated by the Dallas Cowboys Football Club. The Cowboys are also providing two tickets to a Cowboys' home game to three additional winners in the sweepstakes.

Texas drivers who are at least 18 years old can enter for a chance to win and get more tips on helping improve air quality by visiting www.DriveCleanAcrossTexas.org. The deadline to sign up to win is midnight Monday, September 26, 2011. The lucky grand-prize winner in this year's Drive Clean sweepstakes will be given the keys to the hybrid car at the Dallas Cowboys' Valley Ranch headquarters in a ceremony later this fall.

The annual Drive Clean campaign, now in its tenth year, encourages motorists to make cost-saving, no-cost and low-cost changes in their driving and vehicle maintenance behaviors to reduce harmful vehicle emissions.

For more information, visit www.DriveCleanAcrossTexas.org.

Voyles speaks at Lions Club meeting



Submitted by Brackettville Lions Club

Athletic Director/Head Football Coach Greg Voyles, shown here with Lion President "Mac" McCain, spoke to the Brackettville Lions Club on Tues., Sept. 20. Coach Voyles gave an

interesting and informative talk on BISD sports in general, the effect of state budget cuts and what may be coming in the future. He stated we are very fortunate to have students who are dedicated and hard working and also a supportive community.

Buckle Them Right

Submitted by TxDOT

TxDOT Urges Texans to Buckle Them Right? During Child Passenger Safety Week - Sept. 18-24

Free hands-on child safety seat inspections held across the state during the week and on National Seat Check Saturday?

According to figures from the National Center for Health Statistics, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children 14 years old and younger. The National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that roughly 3 out of 4 child safety seats are not used correctly.

Correctly installed child safety seats and booster seats save lives offering the best protection for children in the event of a crash. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), along with SafeKids, will be offering free safety seat check-ups and advice throughout Texas during Child Passenger Safety Week, Sept. 18 - 24.

When it comes to the safety of your children, there is no room for mistake. Child restraint seats can be complicated to install and use correctly. "We want to make sure Texas families are buckling their children up right," said Carol T. Rawson, P.E., Traffic Operation Director for the Texas Department of Transportation. We want to encourage adults to read the child safety seat manufacturers instructions, in addition to the vehicle manual on installation, in order to protect our smallest Texans?

On Saturday, Sept. 24, TxDOT and SafeKids certified technicians will offer free hands-on child safety seat inspections and advice at locations across the state to help Texas families learn to secure their children in the appropriate child safety seat, booster seats and seat belts. More information on how to properly secure children and where to find a child safety seat check point is available at www.bucklethemright.org.

A 2011 study conducted by the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) in 14 cities across the state found that 10.5 percent of observed children were riding unrestrained. The same study found that nearly one third of children observed in child safety seats were restrained in an unsafe manner.

The Texas Child Restraint Law was changed in 2009, requiring all children younger than 8 years old, unless taller than 4 feet 9 inches, to be in child restraint seats or booster seats in the car. Fines of up to \$25 for a first offense and \$250 for a second offense may be issued for noncompliance.

Visit www.bucklethemright.org to learn more about the 4 Steps for Kids guidelines for determining which restraint system is best suited to protect children based on their age and size, and where to find a child safety seat check point. The website also features video demonstrations on installing child safety seats and crash test simulations, where parents and caregivers can see firsthand the effects of improper child restraint. For more information, you can visit the NHTSA site at <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/CPS> or SafeRiders at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/saferriders/>

Rotary introduces "Teens in the Drivers Seat"



Submitted by Tom Collins

At the regular noon meeting of the Brackettville Rotary Club, Frank Taylor, BISD Principal, introduced representatives of "Teens in the Drivers Seat." Al-Shown (L) Kelli Kennedy, President, (R) Vanessa Villarreal, Vice President and Kacie Williams, sponsor. "Teens in the Drivers Seat" is an organization

to promote safe driving by teenagers. They have five rules for teen drivers. (1) Be extremely careful when driving at night. (2) Avoid distractions, like cell phones and too many teen passengers. (3) Don't speed. (4) Always wear a seat belt. (5) Don't drive under the influence of alcohol. Teen fatal crashes have dropped 40 percent since their organization.

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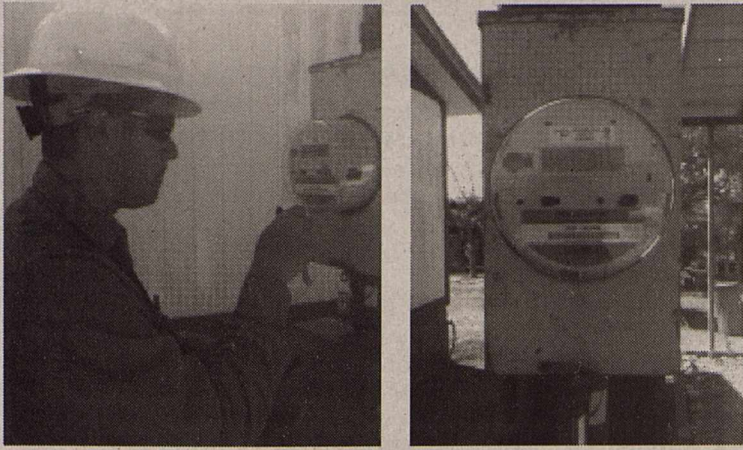
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AEP installs Smart Meters



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Ashley Castillo Sandoval
At left: Jacob Bright of Scope Services, a company contracted by AEP, installs a new Smart Meter in Brackettville

Submitted by AEP

The AEP Texas Advanced Metering Infrastructure system (AMI) is a program that moves the existing electric grid into the digital age. Smart Meters are the heart of the AMI Program, which is the first step of a larger AEP Texas gridSMART(SM) initiative. Smart Meters will transport us into a new era of energy delivery and customer service. For you, this means a number of benefits including: greater reliability, enhanced customer service and innovative tools that will help you save money and energy.

AEP Texas began installing Smart Meters to customers this past spring. By 2013, these new

advanced meters will be available to all customers.

Smart Meter is an electronic metering device that allows for advanced, two-way communication between AEP Texas and you, the customer. These advanced electric meters are equipped with wireless communications technology and will provide near real-time collection and secure transfer of your usage information. Smart Meters are a key part of establishing the smart electric grid of the future.

In the near future, you'll enjoy the many benefits of this advanced technology, including

- Timely access of your electricity information - You'll be able to view your daily use

online so you can better understand your usage habits.

- Improved reliability - Smart Meters provide instant power outage notice to AEP Texas so repairs can begin quickly.

- Reduction in service fees - Greatly reduces connect and disconnect fees.

- Expanded product options - Ability to support new rate offerings from Retail Electric Providers (REPs), like real-time pricing and pre-paid electricity, as well as consumer in-home networks.

- Greater privacy - Smart Meters can be read remotely so meter readers no longer have to enter your property. AEP Texas will still need occasional access for testing and maintenance.

No Angel Food distribution this month

Submitted by First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church in Brackettville has received word from Angel Food Ministries that there will be no distribution of food from them this month. We are praying that the difficulties this ministry is facing will be solved so that this wonderful program can be resumed. Checks will be returned to the people who had ordered through us prior to this notification. The following is the text of the message received from Angel Food Ministries.

"We regret to inform you that Angel Food Ministries (AFM) will not be holding a food distribution for the month of September.

Full refunds are now being processed to those who have already placed orders for the September distribution.

Like the thousands of businesses in America that have endured one of the worst recessions in the past 100 years, we too have faced operational and financial challenges. We have every intention to continue offering great food at great prices

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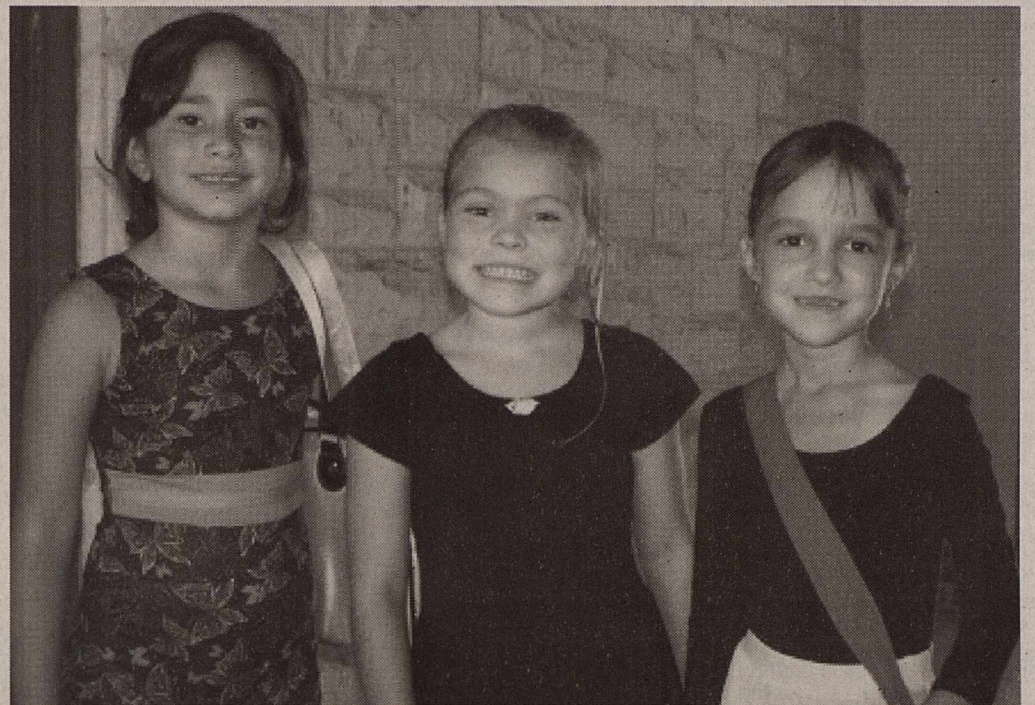
We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause to the hundreds of thousands of customers who have come to rely on us every month, to our Host Sites and to the thousands of volunteers who join us in serving God by helping those in need.

Please check this website often for the latest information. Thank you for your understanding and May God Bless.

Twinkle Toes Dance Studio



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Castillo - Twinkle Toes Dance Instructor Adrienne Loftus practices a dance step with Madisyn Munoz and Samantha Britton.



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Castillo - Morgan Welch, Morgan Welch, Bailee Fisher, and Tarim Smith smile as they wait to rehearse with Dance Instructor Rachel Loftus at Twinkle Toes Dance Studio.

Kinney County Hunters Roundup

Submitted by Kinney County AgriLife Extension Office

Hunters Roundup, sponsored by the Kinney County Wildlife Damage Management Association, Kinney County Wool and Mohair, other area businesses, outfitters, and local organizations, will be taking place on Saturday, November 5, this year from 6 pm to 10 pm.

KCWDMA has six guns on display at Kinney County Wool & Mohair available to take chances on. The following are ready to take chances on: a Remington 770 Bolt Action .270 with a scope, a Remington 770 Bolt Action 7mm with a scope,

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There will be a Wild Game Dinner for \$10.00 a plate (no charge for those showing a valid hunting license,) door prizes, booths and exhibits, drawings, and fund raisers for the K.C. Trapping Club, 4-H, KC Livestock Show Scholarship Fund, Masonic Lodge Scholarship

Fund, and others.

Booths for Hunters Roundup are limited and can be reserved for \$25 each. Additionally, each booth will provide a door prize or prizes for the event. Call Kinney AgriLife Extension Service at 563-2442 for booth reservations or Kinney County Wool & Mohair at 563-2471 for gun information.

Masons award Taylor and Stone

September 14, 2011 - Las Moras Masonic Lodge #444 awarded Brackett High School Principal Frank Taylor and Brackett Secondary Counselor Louisa Stone, the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award of Excellence for Personal Achievement. The Lamar Award and Medal are awarded to students and educators in recognition of outstanding

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PUBLIC NOTICE: First day to apply for ballot by mail for the November 8, 2011 constitutional amendment election will be September 9, 2011 thru October 24, 2011. Please see county and district clerk's office to pick up applications.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BRACKETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S State Financial Accountability Rating Brackett ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., October 10, 2011 in the New Central Office Meeting Room 201 N. Ann Street, Brackettville Tx The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Brackett Independent School District's Superior Achievement Rating on the state's financial accountability system

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- * 1 Lot on Pompey
- * 2 Lots in Unit 38- with small living quarters and storage-will sell together or separate

SHORT or LONG TERM RENTALS

1/1 Masters Condo- fully furnished
3/1 fully furnished in Unit 7

FOR SALE or LEASE

2/2 mobile home completely furnished.
2/1 mobile home in Unit 3

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510 East El Paso, 3BR, 2BA, 1500sqft, spacious living area, carport, huge lot, privacy fence, tile floors. \$87,000.00

139 Bliss Circle, 2BR, 2BA, Mobile Home, Remodeled, New Floors, Master Bath, Kitchen, Appliances, PRICE REDUCED..... \$23,500.00

507 N. Fort, 3 BD 2 BA, 1307 sq ft, Remodeled, Large fenced yard, New Appliances,\$89,900.00

602 N Ann St, 4 BD, 3 BA, 2890+ sqft, Lg living Rm, kitchen/bar, Office, Great for Family, Price Reduced Appointment only.....\$140,500.00

515 W Crocket, 3 BD, 2 BA, 1144 sqft, Kitchen, Living Rm, utility Rm, Price REDUCED for quick sale\$69,000.00

1 BR, 1Ba, Loft Unit 22 FCS.....FOR RENT.....\$400.00

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election November 8, 2011

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 14)

SJR 14 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 4)

SJR 4 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding."

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 50)

SJR 50 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for students, subject to certain constitutional restrictions, including a restriction as to the maximum principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 63)

HJR 63 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county, and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 26)

SJR 26 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal contract.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment

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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

- 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!

RANCHES

- 819 Acres: 16 miles N. of Brackettville on Hwy 674. Unbelievable Opportunity Price Reduced
- 717 ACRES: 8 miles N. of Brackettville on Hwy 334
- 318 ACRES: 17 miles S. of Brackettville on Hwy 131

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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

New Listing-30 Huisache: darling remodeled home, new CHA & metal roof, 1BR, 1B, office, carport, storage, Seller Financing!

Unit 3: cute 2/1 furnished mobile home, sunroom, carport, \$20,000

Unit 14: one of a kind home! Large upstairs master suite, metal barn with entertainment bar & wood stove, covered RV parking, backs up to green area Must See!

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

10-15 AC: near town, fenced, elect close by

authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

Proposition Number 6 (HJR 109)

HJR 109 would amend the constitution to increase the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution. Increased access to the principal of the state public education trust fund would be based upon HJR 109 granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund. HJR 109 would also provide authority to distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

Proposition Number 7 (SJR 28)

SJR 28 would amend the constitution by adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

Proposition Number 8 (SJR 16)

SJR 16 would amend the constitution by requiring the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 9)

SJR 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the governor, on the written recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, to grant a pardon, relieve, or commutation of punishment to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

Proposition Number 10 (SJR 37)

SJR 37 would amend the constitution by extending the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders if they announce candidacy or become candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."

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