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Eddie Esparza elected Mayor

FCS and School Board will also swear in new leaders

At the end of what Election Judge Charlotte Corey considered, "a very long day," twenty-nine-year-old Eduardo "Eddie" Esparza defeated incumbent Joe N. Garza, Jr. for Mayor of the City of Brackettville on May 13.

Esparza garnered 281 votes while Garza ended his first term as Mayor with 193 votes.

Garza was the only incumbent to lose his seat in this year's city election.

Incumbent Alderman Matt Bland (Plc. 2) was re-elected with 262 votes to Beverly "Bev" Garcia's 186 votes.

This will be Bland's second term as Alderman.

Francisca "Chica" Garza Hernandez defeated her challenger Betty M. Ward with nearly a two to one margin. Hernandez finished with 293 votes and Ward with 149.

This will be the beginning of Hernandez' third term as Alderman Plc. 4.

Fire Chief Joe V. "Joe Boy" Williams, Jr. lacked the votes to defeat Incumbent Lydia Morin Tipps in his bid for Alderman Plc. 5.

Tipps received 267 votes and Williams received 198.

This is the start of a second term for Tipps.

With the temperatures topping the 100 mark, Election Judge Corey was forced to deal with campaigners and voters that were a little hot under the collar.

The Secretary of State's office confirmed that it received several calls from a variety of callers in Brackettville on election day.

The complaints included per-

sons on ballot and their representatives campaigning within 100 feet of the polling facility, persons on the ballot entering the building and a city employee being in the facility while the votes were being counted, after the polls were closed.

According to a statement released by Corey and included in its entirety in this newspaper, the allegations pertaining to the restricted area around the polling area were founded, but were resolved when Kinney County Deputy Ramon Gutierrez asked the parties involved to move outside the area and eventually the parties complied.

Candidate for mayor, Joe N. Garza, Jr. was witnessed entering the polling place, but when asked to step outside complied without hesitation.

Allegations that City Secretary Bonnie Mayes was inside the polling place (City Hall) illegally were found to be false.

Corey explained that Mayes was the official custodian of records for the City and was not in the room where the votes were being counted and therefore her presence, as well as that of Kinney County Sheriff L.K. Buddy Burgess, was not in violation of the law.

Brackett ISD Board of Trustee incumbents Mark Frerich and Sondra Meil were challenged by former Brackett High School principal John Paul Schuster for the two positions open this year.

Frerich was the top voter getter with 343 votes. Schuster received 250 while Meil received 197 votes.

Frerich and Schuster will serve for the next three years.

"I'm excited. I appreciate the community's support. I feel that Mrs. Meil and Mr. Frerich, both, have served the community well and the decision to run was very difficult for me, but I hope to serve for the duration. I want to see my three children graduate Brackett High School," said Schuster.

Fort Clark Springs Municipal Utility District (MUD) also

hosted their election for two open board of director positions this past Sat.

Hubbert McKelvey and Don Ralston were elected after receiving 135 and 124 votes, respectively.

Also running on the ballot were Tom McNew with 48 votes, James Spencer with 97 votes and Russell Williams with 59 votes.

This year's ballot also in-

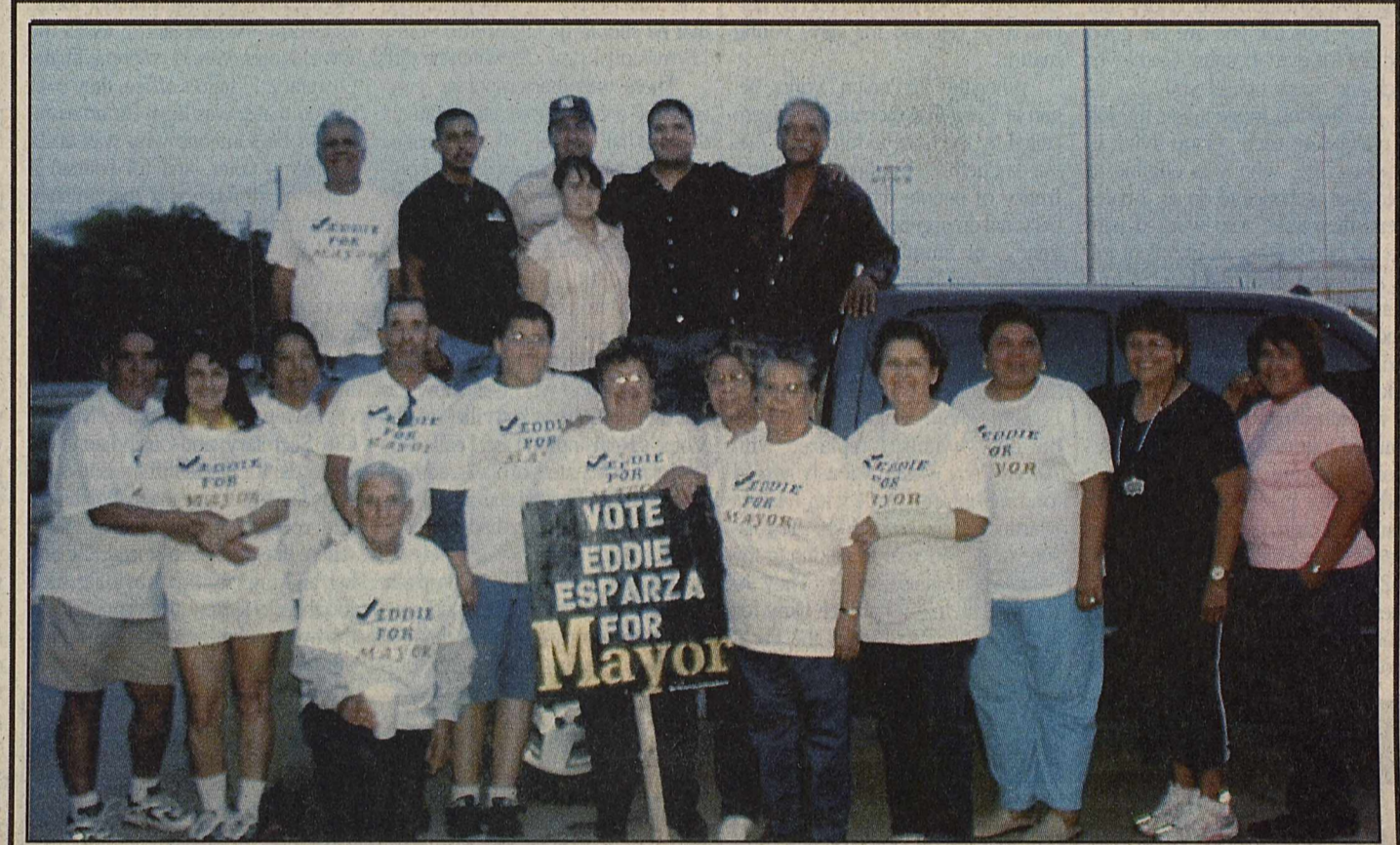
cluded two propositions that were required before proposed road repair and construction on the Fort can begin.

Proposition #1 authorized the Board of Directors of the District to secure a loan for one million dollars to repair the roads on Fort Clark Springs and passed with 168 voters in approval and 72 voting against the issue.

Proposition #2 authorized the

Directors to levy and collect an operation and maintenance tax. This proposition passed 156 votes in favor and 81 votes against the matter.

MUD General Manager Larry Sofaly will now meet with lenders to acquire funding and then contact an engineer that will solicit bids for the proposed repair work. Construction is expected to begin in early 2007.



Eddie For Mayor

Mayor-elect Eddie Esparza, his family and proud supporters celebrate at his appreciation BBQ after the polls closed on May 13.

News BRIEFS

Music Recital Da Vinci Code Deception

The piano and voice students of Lynn McNew will present a recital on Sunday, May 21, 2006, 4:00 p.m. at the Administration/Member Services building, Fort Clark Springs. The public is invited. There is no admission charge. Refreshments will be served following the recital.

Del Rio Rotary Club

The Del Rio Rotary Club is having a Rotary Independence Day Rodeo Queen Contest. Contestants must be 15-21 years old to apply. They will be judged on horsemanship, citizenship, personality and appearance. A scholarship will be awarded to the winner. Applications are available at 501 Cantu Rd, Ste 200 or call Pat Bowers at 774-1833. Deadline is June 9, 2006.

PAIC Retiring

PAIC David Alexander is retiring. Come say Adios and bring the whole family! Fort Clark Springs Rendezvous Park, June 10, 2006, 4 p.m. BYOB. B-B-Q, \$25 per couple, \$13 per person, includes meal and gift. RSVP by May 27th! Questions: Contact Brackettville Welfare and Recreation at 563-6000.

Weekend Weather

Friday
Sunny
High: 97
Low: 67

Saturday
Sunny
High: 95
Low: 68

Sunday
Sunny
High: 95
Low: 69

First Baptist Church invites you to come and hear the truth about the book and movie The Da Vinci Code. Pastor Jeff Janca will be speaking on this controversial topic on Sunday Evening, May 21 at 7:00.

Pre-K Round Up

Jones Elementary Pre-K Round Up Friday, May 19 at 8:30 a.m. Open Enrollment, Parents, Please bring copies of: Immunization Card, Birth Certificate, Proof of residency in Kinney County. All children 4 years of age as of beginning of school regardless of income.

Old Quarry "The Glory Road"

The Old Quarry Society will present "The Glory Road", a musical drama which tells the story of Fort Clark and the development of Brackettville, this summer. Production dates are June 29 and 30 and July 1 and 2 in Fort Clark Amphitheatre. Cast and crew members are needed. There are openings available for both speaking and non-speaking parts, for people of all ages. For more information, please call Lynn McNew, 563-9229.

Little League BBQ

The Kinney County Little League will hold its annual BBQ fundraiser at Shahan Park on Sunday, May 21 from 11 AM - 2 PM. Plates are \$5.00 each.

Kinney County Library Summer Program

The Kinney County Library is once again preparing for its Summer Program. The program provides the children in our community a place to go during the summer months. The library offers educational and recreational classes, everyday from June 5-29, 10 am to 4 pm for children of all ages. We would like to ask for your help in funding the program with either, supplies, Board games or snacks. For More Information, 830-563-2884

School board grants grievance to Bo Hagler

By Allison Taylor
Managing Editor

The BISD Board of Trustees granted teacher, Stella "Bo" Hagler's third grievance on May 8.

The Administration was directed to offer Hagler a new contract for 2006-2007 school year with provision that it be signed and returned no later than the close of business on May 15, 2006, or it shall be considered void. The decision was split five in favor, one against. The Board denied grievances one and two against the administration's assignment of Hagler for the 2006-2007 school year. These decisions were unanimous.

The board of trustees approved a

resolution authorizing board president Henry Lutz to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Brackettville for the sale of an 80 x 80 foot parcel of land at the track field facility on FM 334 to the City of Brackettville.

Trustees later discussed the track renovations and new concession stand. Vibrawhirl was awarded the track renovation project and Pioneer Concepts, of Brackettville, was awarded the concession stand project.

Vibrawhirl had a bid of \$183,440 for the track renovations in a 75 day period.

Pioneer Concepts had a bid of \$75,300 in a 180 day period for the new concession stand.

4-Hers compete in county fashion show

By Shelby Schuster
4H Junior Reporter

The Kinney County 4-H fashion show was held April 2 at the Brackett High School Auditorium.

The 4-Hers can compete in two different categories which are construction or buying.

In the junior construction division participants were Haley Smith, Dresses; Garon Rueda, Specialty; Shelby Schuster, Separates; and Korlee Allen, Ensembles.

The intermediate construc-

tion division participants were SuSu Seargeant, Specialty; Sarah Davis, Dresses; Icela Rueda, Ensemble; and Kelsey Bruce, Separates.

There were two participants in the senior buying division which were Bailee Allen, Dresses and Summer Allen Casual.

All participants were winners in their division and eligible to participate in the district fashion show in San Marcos on April 29.

The four members of the clothing and textile project that competed in this competition were Korlee Allen, Haley Smith, Shelby Schuster and Sarah Davis.

Sarah Davis placed third in the Dress category and Shelby Schuster placed fourth in the Separates category.

Special thanks was paid to Yolanda Rueda for helping the 4-Hers with the construction their garments and coordinating the fashion show.

Congratulations was given to all participants.

Girls track set school record in 1600 relay

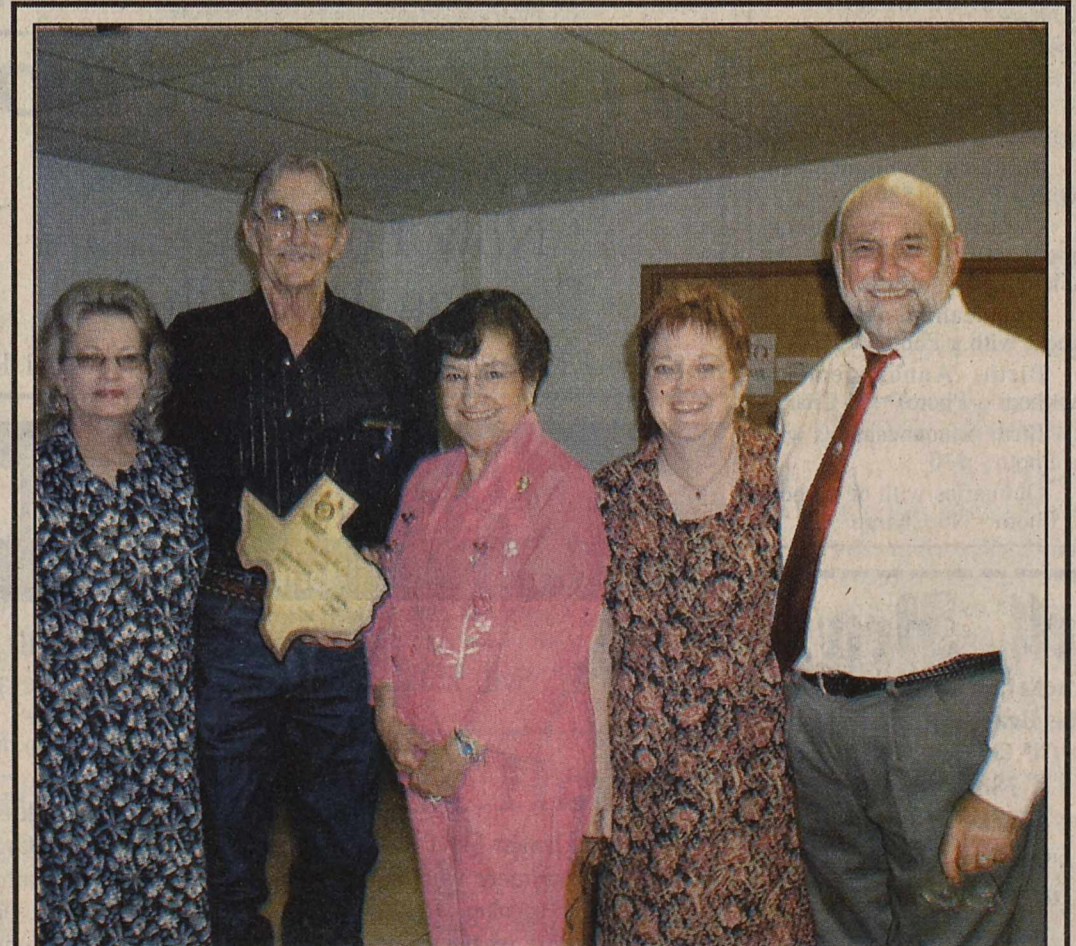
Varsity girls track set new school record May 13.

Coach Dusty Brotherton took five BISD students to Austin to participate in the state track meet.

In the girls' events, Sophomore Bianca Stewart, Sophomore Daphne Hunt, Senior Rachel Swinson and Sophomore Bailee Allen took sixth place in the 1600 meter relay with a time of 4:09.28.

Swinson placed fourth in the 400 meter run with a time of 60.8.

Senior Brand Wylie, the only boy to qualify for the state level event placed fifth in the pole vault with 13'0".



Elks Lifetime Achievement

County Judge-Elect Johnny Fritter was presented with a lifetime law enforcement achievement award by the Del Rio Elks Lodge on May 12. From left: Connie Fritter, Johnny Fritter, then Mayor of Del Rio Dora Alcalá, Susanna Lowery and Elks President Dr. Kent Lowery.



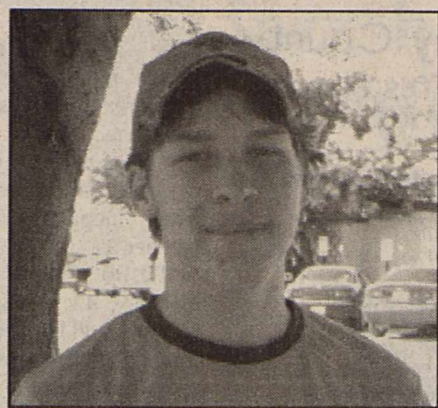
Tanya Molinar

Mother: Maria Elena Molinar
Father: Jose Antonio Molinar
Siblings: Rocio, Tony, Daniel, Elena, Elidia and Chapo
Plans after graduation: I will be attending Saint Edwards University in Austin, Texas in the fall. I will be majoring in Psychology, so that one day I can become a Child Psychologist; working with children has always been enjoyable for me. I also want to concentrate on minoring in Communication or Journalism. The University is private and Catholic, which will help me to enrich myself in my religion, because of my surroundings. By next year, I hope to be studying abroad in Switzerland.

What teacher influenced you the most? The teacher that influenced me the most was my fifth grade teacher, Mr. Alex Moses. He taught me History, but in a fun way. His class was so interesting and I loved his method of teaching, because he made it exciting and educational. He was extremely funny and he never put anyone down. Thank you so much, Mr. Moses. Two other teachers I would like to mention that had a great affect on me are Mrs. York and Mrs. Lori Schuster. Mrs. York was my 1st grade teacher, whom I adore to this day and Mrs. Lori Schuster was my fourth grade teacher. She was another teacher that was always bringing fun and new ways to learn. Thank you to all my teachers that have had the privilege to teach me...just kidding.

What are you looking forward to after graduation? What I am looking most forward to is meeting new people, having freedom, and furthering my education in my career interest. I will be four hours from home and with a million responsibilities, but I can't wait to be out there living and working hard. After being in the same small, boring town for 18 years, this is going to be a great experience for me.

What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? I will miss my mommy waking me up in the mornings, because I will have to start getting used to using an alarm clock. I will miss the way my daddy gives me advice and I will miss taking my siblings everywhere with me and hanging out with them. I will miss my puppy too. I will miss my friends, of course. But mostly, I will miss the laid-back life I have now and the way I can still act like a kid at heart. Once I'm out in the "Real World", it's going to get crazy and hectic, so I'm going to miss being a kid, BIG TIME!

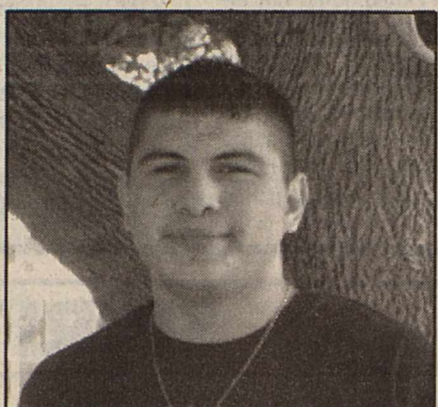


Charlie Rose

Mother: Sue Ann Rose
Father: Kyle Rose
Siblings: Brian Rose
Plans after graduation: Apply for a position on the Corpus Christi Fire Department

What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Ballew
What are you looking forward to after graduation? New Beginnings

What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? My exciting life in Brackettville.



Gumaro Martinez

Mother: Rosa Martinez
Father: Erbey Martinez
Siblings: Erbey Jr., Rafael and Nolberto
Plans after graduation: Hardin Simmons University to study speech communication

What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Bader
What are you looking forward to after graduation? Getting a further education

What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? Seeing friends and family every day.



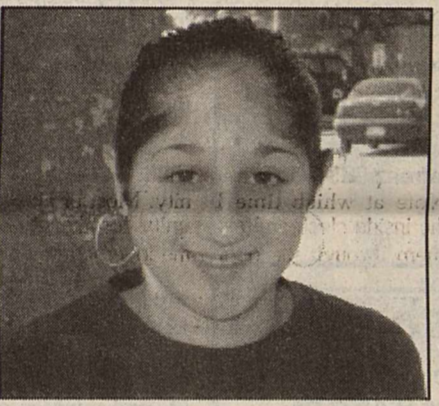
Ivory Perez

Father: Rodrigo Perez III
Guardian: Zulema T. Freeman
Siblings: Rigo Perez IV and Marcos Perez
Plans after graduation: I will attend University of Texas in San Antonio in the fall. I will be majoring in Political Science and I want to work with the Public and International Affairs

What teacher influenced you the most? The teacher that influenced me the most would have to be Mrs. Kathy Bader. She is a great teacher because she has always had an answer. She treats you like an adult and has respect for everybody. My first period class my senior year was Advance Social Studies with Mrs. Bader. The first semester was Psychology and the second semester is Current Events. I already have learned so much from this class that has prepared me for the future. A great teacher is supposed to teach as much as they can in the amount of time they have, and I believe that she has done a fantastic job!

What are you looking forward to after graduation? I am looking forward to moving up in my education. I am very blessed to be able to continue on in college. I really can't wait to make new friends, getting a job and having my own personal space.

What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? I will miss all of my friends and class mates. I will also miss the Cross Country team with Coach Brotherton. But most importantly I will miss my family. My dad and grandmother have always been there whenever I needed them. It is going to be hard to leave them.

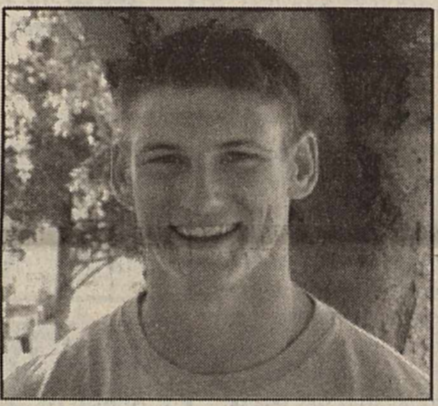


Vicky Resendez

Mother: Becky Resendez
Father: Silverio Resendez
Siblings: Charlie Adam Resendez
Plans after graduation: Hardin Simmons University to study speech communication

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What are you looking forward to after graduation? Getting a further education

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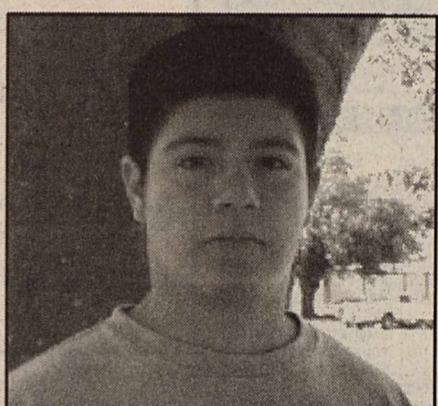
Leon Woolsey

Mother: Lisa
Father: Rod
Guardian: Tom and Francie Wylie
Siblings: Eli, Rose and Julie
Plans after graduation: Attend Texas State where I will be playing football.

What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Ballew because she had always supported my decisions.

What are you looking forward to after graduation? To broaden my horizons by attending a University.

What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? Living in a community I am familiar with.

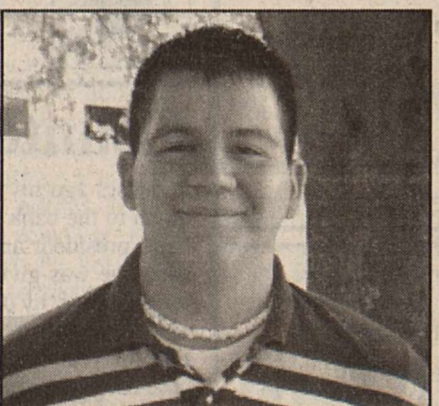


Ramiro Pina

Mother: Marivel Pina
Father: Ramiro Pina, Jr.
Siblings: Jessica and Samantha
Plans after graduation: U.S. Marine Corps and officer training school after completion of college.

What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Ballew
What are you looking forward to after graduation? Completion of college with the Marine Corps Scholarship fund I received and becoming a U.S. Marine Corps officer.

What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? Parents, grandparents, nephews and close friends.



Martin Flores, Jr.

Mother: Cyndi Flores
Father: Martin Flores, Sr.
Siblings: Amanda
Plans after graduation: Work for the summer then move to San Antonio and attend the University of Texas at San Antonio this fall.

What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Ballew because she pushed me for the extra mile. Like this year, even though I didn't take Calculus this year she still put me in a math class because she didn't want me not to take a math my last year. She was always looking after me. Thanks Mrs. Ballew. I'll miss you.

What are you looking forward to after graduation? I am ready to get out of this small town and experience the big city. Also ready to take the next step of my life. Ready to go to Cancun after graduation.

What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? My family and my dog. And also just hanging out with my friends on the weekend and just having a good time.



Brandy Smith

Mother: Jeannie Smith
Father: Clarence Smith
Plans after graduation: I will be attending the University of Texas at San Antonio, and I plan to study Communication Disorders. I want to pursue a career in Speech Pathology.

What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Smith, Mr. Streeter and Mrs. Kathy Bader

What are you looking forward to after graduation? I'm looking forward to being independent, meeting new people and making new friendships. I'm also excited about living in such a big city, where everything is at your fingertips.

What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? I'm going to miss my friends, pep rallies, football nights. But one thing I will miss the most is being on a team, such as volleyball, and having the sisterly feeling on the court. Last but surely not least, I'm going to miss the competition and the anticipation before a game.

\$500 "Future of Kinney County" SCHOLARSHIP

ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP OPEN TO ALL BHS SENIORS

- 1) Fill out the official entry form below. (Please Print)
- 2) Turn in your entry form with 2 copies of essay to the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce located on Fort Clark Springs between the hours of 10am-12pm and 1pm-2pm Monday through Friday on or before Wednesday, May 26.
- 3) Essay titled "What I Would Do", if I were Mayor of Brackettville, to improve our way of life. Essay must meet the following requirements:
 - a) No name or personal information on essay.
 - b) 1 full page, #12 Arial font, 1" margins, single spacing.
 - c) Essay must address: Economics, Natural Resources, & City Infrastructure.
- 4) Essays will be judged by Joe N. Garza. Winner will be announced in the June 1st edition of The Brackett News.

Kinney County Chamber of Commerce
OFFICIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENTRY FORM

Full name _____
 College planning to attend in Fall 2006 _____
 Address _____
 Signature (Agrees to allow Kinney County Chamber of Commerce to use winners name) _____

\$500 "Because I Graduated" SCHOLARSHIP

DRAWING SCHOLARSHIP OPEN TO ALL BHS SENIORS

- 5) Fill out the official entry form below. (Please Print)
- 6) Turn in your entry form to the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce located on Fort Clark Springs between the hours of 10am-12pm and 1pm-2pm Monday through Friday on or before Wednesday, May 24.
- 7) Drawing and winner will be announced at the High School awards ceremony Friday, May 26, 2006.

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BISD Varsity Baseball All District Honors



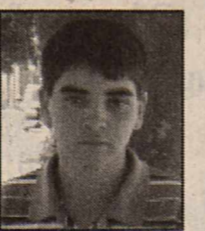
First team All District Pitcher - Leon Woolsey



First team All District Utility - Robert Davis



First team All District Catcher - Travis Bonner



Second team All District Outfield - K.J. Bonner



First team All District Infield - Robert Sanchez



First team All District Infield - Ivan Pinales



Teacher Appreciation Week Courtesy Photo
 Teacher Appreciation Week was May 8-12. PTO dressed the teacher's lounge at Jones Elementary every single day of the week to show teachers how much they are loved, respected and appreciated. Students came to school with gifts, hugs and appreciation notes for their teachers. "When you hear community members say, We have a great school, they really mean we have awesome teachers," said Principal Alma Gutierrez.

Jazz band to perform

By Woodie Hornberg

Foot tapping, hand clapping time is ahead for the Brackett 5th through the 12th grade students on Friday, the 19th at 1:30 p.m. Through the auspices of Kinney County Arts Council, the 23 piece Eagle Pass High School Jazz Band under the direction of Manuel Castaneda Jr. will be performing for the pleasure of the Brackett School students.

Also, the KCAC met at FCS Adult Center at 5:30 p.m. on the 15th to finalize plans for the summer programs for the area children from 7 to 18 years of age.

Painting, ballet, modeling and gardening are considerations for classes scheduled for June 12-16 in the afternoons and June 19-21 in the morning. Details regarding registration will be released by the last week in May.

District 10 4-H Roundup Participants successful

By Shelby Schuster

4-H Junior Reporter

The District 10 4-H Roundup was held May 6th in Fredericksburg. Seven Kinney County 4-Hers participated in the event. In the photography contest Maddie Frerich brought home first place with her black and white story board. Korlee Allen won second place in the color architectural elements category. Shelby Schuster won fourth in the color digital people category and 2nd place in the color digital still life category. In the illustrated talk division on the contest Sarah Davis and Korlee Allen placed second in the intermediate Horse category. Shelby Schuster and Austin Pettit placed first with their junior Promote 4-H power point. Bailee Allen and Summer Allen placed first and won sweepstakes in the senior Horse category. This qualifies them for State Roundup in June at Texas A&M University.

Thank You

I would like to thank all of the voters and people who worked in support of my bid for re-election to the Brackett IDS Board of Trustees. We have a very good school system and I hope everyone will continue to support the administration and the children of our community.

pd pol ad by Sondra Meil

From Where I'm Standing

Reasons why nagging doesn't work

I believe that 90% of the arguments I have in my life stem from lack of understanding. In most cases I and another fail to take the time to understand each other and our respective motives.

We don't have to agree with each other to understand each other. But understanding each other is the key to finding resolution in any disagreement.

When you find yourself at an impasse with another, you can break through it by seeking to understand their point of view. Set aside frustration on the matter long enough to understand why they think or act differently than you. Set aside the idea that one of you is right and the other is wrong because, ultimately, we are all "right" from our own perspective. Set aside your compulsion to nag the other about their behavior as this doesn't help the situation either, it just makes the other defensive. Consider what your real goal is. What do you really want? Do you want to be "right" or do you want resolution?

Resolution is not about proving why one person is right and the other person is wrong. It's about figuring out how to make the situation work in such a way that everyone gets what they want, or at least some version of what they are seeking.

When we are annoyed or frustrated with someone it's easy to forget that there is always a reason that people do what they do. Whatever weirdness you perceive your wife/husband/kid/friend/local politician to be exhibiting, remember that there is always a reason behind their behavior. They themselves may not even know their own motives, but that doesn't change the fact that there is an underlying reason. We may not be able to get to the root of why everyone one does what they do, but remembering that there is a reason is sometimes enough for us to tolerate a behavior of another that we find annoying or even offensive.

Nagging someone about their behavior doesn't help the situation because nagging doesn't get to the root of the matter. It's just annoying. If you nag, you might ask yourself where and why you learned that unproductive behavior. . . . Behaviors are patterns that develop based on what we have learned and experienced as well as what we try to accomplish in our life. For example: Your wife seems to be ignoring the fact that she isn't leaving you enough space to park in the garage. From your perspective she parks way too close to your side of the garage and this not only makes it hard for you to park, but it actually makes it hard for you to get out of your car. You've told her and told her and told her but she just dismisses your complaints and parks "badly" anyway. Or she says she's sorry and promises to leave you more room—and maybe she even manages it for a few days but then goes right back to crowding you in the garage. What both of you are failing to do is look at why she continues to do this. What you don't understand is that your wife has to stop at the grocery store on her way home from work several times a week. This means she has bags of groceries, not to mention the kids, to unload from her car. She isn't intentionally parking in your way, what she's really doing is thinking ahead. She knows in the back of her mind that if she doesn't park far enough to one side of the garage then unloading the car is going to be difficult for her. This behavior of hers is ingrained and unconscious the

same way we hardly give a thought to using our turn signal before we turn. Knowing and understanding why she keeps repeating the behavior suddenly makes what you perceived as indifference to be something quite logical. Now that there is understanding, the two of you can work together to find a way to make it easier for her to unload the car and for you to still have enough room to park in the garage. Do you need help with an issue? Do you have a problem that you can't solve? Submit your concerns to tbnews@sbcglobal.net and put "Dear Sandi" in the subject line, or write to us at The Brackett News, PO Box 466, Brackettville, TX 78832, ATTN: Dear Sandi. Look for Sandi's response in future issues of The Brackett News.

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WORD PILE By Mark Szorady

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KIDSBURG By Wes Alexander

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Groundwater District Annual Report Groundwater Usage

Submitted by Kinney County Groundwater Conservation Dist.

General Manager Darlene Shahan included a report of annual groundwater usage in Kinney County to the Board of Directors of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District during her presentation of the Annual Report at a Regular Meeting held on April 20, 2006.

The Groundwater Usage Report included the total amount of groundwater permitted by the District as well as usage for 2003, 2004, 2005 and a total for those three years. The pumping reports included two major categories: Agricultural Permits and Non-Agricultural Permits.

The Groundwater Conservation District has authorized and permitted a total of 33,856.35 acre feet of water per year in Kinney County for all users. The amount of water authorized and permitted annually for Agricultural use is 33,214.36 acre feet while the amount authorized and permitted annually for Non-agricultural use is 641.99.

2005 Groundwater Usage: The total amount of groundwater usage reported by all users in 2005 was 4,443.33 acre feet which is about 13 percent of the total groundwater permitted for the year.

The total amount of groundwater usage reported by Agricultural users in 2005 was 3,977.32, which represents less than 12 percent of the water authorized and permitted per year. The total amount of water permitted annually for agricultural use is 33,214.36 acre feet. In 2005, six agricultural users did not file pumping reports and 13 claimed no usage on their pumping reports.

The total amount of groundwater usage reported by Non-agricultural users 2005 was 466.01 acre feet, which is about 73 percent of the total amount of water authorized and permitted for Non-agricultural users per year. The total amount of groundwater permitted annually for use by Non-agricultural user is 641.99. In 2005, all Non-agricultural users filed pumping reports and only one reported no usage.

2004 Groundwater Usage: The total amount of groundwater reported by all users as being pumped in 2004, was 4,858.16 acre feet.

Agricultural Users reported 4,513.43 acre feet used in 2004 while Non-agricultural users reported using 344.73 acre feet.

In 2004, five Agricultural users did not file pumping reports and ten claimed no usage on their pumping reports. In 2004, all Non-agricultural users filed pumping reports and only one reported no usage.

2003 Groundwater Usage: The total amount of groundwater reported by all users as being pumped in 2003 was 10,285.88 acre feet.

The total amount of groundwater use reported by Agricultural in 2003 was 9,868.82, and Non-agricultural use reported was 417.06 acre feet.

In 2003, five Agricultural users did not file pumping reports and six claimed no usage on their pumping reports. In 2003, one Non-agricultural user did not file a pumping report and all others reported usage.

The total groundwater authorized and permitted does not include 928 exempt wells on record with the District as well as the City of Brackettville and the City of Spofford which are exempt users under state law and their usage reports are not part of this Report.

As of October 31, 2003, all wells requiring a permit were required to have a meter or an approved alternative measuring method. A copy of this report can be obtained from the Groundwater District Office.

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District office is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and on Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m and 1:30-5:00 p.m. Telephone: 830.563.9699. Fax: 830.563.9606, Email: kcgcd@sbcglobal.net

Geocachers encouraged to tread lightly

Submitted By Monica Clay TreadLightly Organization

Marrying high-tech gadgets with rugged outdoor travel, geocaching has become one of the hottest new forms of recreation. But some are warning that its popularity will take a toll on the nation's public land if not done responsibly. In geocaching, participants use global positioning systems (GPS) to direct them to hidden treasures or caches. Caches are usually low-priced trinkets and are most often placed in backcountry settings. There are at least 250,000 caches hidden throughout the world on any given day.

"Unwanted tire tracks, damaged vegetation and disrupted wildlife can be harsh consequences of irresponsible

geocaching," said Patti Klein, National Stewardship Coordinator for the Bureau of Land Management. "We encourage geocachers to check with their local land manager for regulations and practice minimum impact behavior at all times."

"Tread Lightly!," a non-profit organization that educates people to recreate responsibly, recently released tips to help geocachers minimize their impact on the outdoors.

TIPS FOR RESPONSIBLE GEOCACHING

- Check with local land managers to determine regulations before placing or searching for a cache. The National Park Service, for example, has strict geocaching regulations.
- Keep vehicles on designated roads and trails.

- Use the "track back" feature on your GPS unit rather than flagging and marking trails.

- In addition to your GPS receiver, always carry extra batteries, a map, compass and know how to use them.

- Practice the "lift, look, replace" technique. If you lift a rock to look under it, replace it exactly as you found it.

- Following a trip, wash your gear to reduce the spread of invasive species.

- Traditional geocaching is not appropriate in areas designated as Wilderness.

CACHE PLACERS

- Avoid sensitive areas including cultural sites, wetlands, caves and steep slopes.

- Avoid burying a cache in the ground.

- It is the cache owner's responsibility to maintain the cache and the surrounding area. If the cache area becomes impacted, confer with the landowner on how you will mitigate the impacts, and seek their advice as to whether to relocate the cache.

- Never place food items in a cache.

CACHE SEEKERS

- Use maps to find a route that will minimize impact.

- If you notice a path has started to wear in the vicinity of a cache, notify the cache owner via email.

- When allowed to hike off designated trails, spread out in open country. One exception is in deserts, where hikers should travel in single file and try to walk on hardened surfaces such as slickrock, gravel

or in sand washes.

- After you've finished searching for a cache, the area should look as though you were never there or better than when you arrived.

"It is important for the worldwide geocaching community to tread lightly on the environment in order to maintain the natural beauty of our outdoor resources," said Bryan Roth, Co-Founder and Vice President of geocaching.com, the web's dominant geocaching site.

Geocaching.com also created a program called "Cache In, Trash Out" to help the sport make a positive impression on public land.

Further information can be found on their website. Additional tips for responsible geocaching are available on Tread Lightly's website at www.treadlightly.org.



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