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COMMUNITY NEWS

Local Governmental Meetings

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a regular meeting of the Governing Board on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

LEPC

The Kinney County Local Emergency Planning Committee will hold the monthly meeting on Monday March 31, 2008, in the Kinney County Fire Rescue classroom at 7 p.m.

KCCGD Town Hall Meeting

Dr. Robert Mace of the Texas Water Development Board will be the featured speaker at a town hall meeting hosted by the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District on Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom of the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas.

KC Little League Registration

Little League Registration is scheduled for Thursday, March 20 at 6:00 P.M. at the High School Baseball Field. The fee is \$30 per child or \$55 for 2 or more. Bring proof of residency, child's birth certificate, and a 12 pack of soda for the concession stand.

Seminar by Natures Medicine

A seminar for Holistic Treatment & Prevention of Heart Disease will be given by Dr. Steven Hines, ND on Monday, March 24, 2008 at 7:00pm in the Sabre Room in the Administration Building on Fort Clark at Brackettville. The cost of the seminar is FREE!

Relay for Life

Are you up to the challenge? It's not too late to form a team or join a team and help raise money to help find the cure for cancer. The American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Kinney County will be held, March 29, 2008. So gear up and come out and join us in the worthwhile fight. For information contact: Adela Avila at (830) 591-7566 or Tracy Dorris at (830) 563-9323.

Aging Center Bingo

Bingo will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:30 to 11:30 am at the Aging Center. For more information call 563-2015 or 563-9141.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday

High: 84
Low: 51
Mostly Sunny

Saturday

High: 85
Low: 52
Partly Cloudy

Sunday

High: 85
Low: 52
Partly Cloudy

County gives City and Fort ok to burn brush

By Allison Taylor
Managing Editor

Kinney County Commissioner's Court met for a Regular meeting on Monday, March 17, in the County Courthouse.

Commissioners granted the City of Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs an exemption from the current 90-day burn ban in order to burn municipal brush at a designated Texas Commission on Environmental Quality inspected site located on the Fort. The exemption stipulates the parties must seek the approval from Director of Emergency Services Bruce Hudgens and good weather conditions must exist prior to burning.

Commissioner Melancon made a motion to approve a resolution presented by Carl Esser for a Border Colonia Access Grant that authorizes an application to be filed on behalf of the County for the City of Spofford. Spofford is the only recognized colonia in Kinney County and is seeking funds for paying additional roads in Spofford. According to the Secretary of State's website, "The term 'colonia,' in Spanish means a community or neighborhood. The Office of the Secretary of State defines a 'colonia' as a residential area along the Texas-Mexico border that may lack some of the most basic living necessities, such as potable water and sewer systems, electricity, paved roads, and safe and sanitary housing."

Commissioners unanimously approved the resolution.

The court tabled any action on renewing the Kinney County Little League Baseball lease and issues with the electrical meter loop. According to the league's representative, Mitzie Brandt, there were concerns about the outdated power meter last year and American Electric Power removed all wiring and boxes from the location. Little league officials are now seeking donations from the local electric cooperative. Commissioner Joe Montalvo requested the league look into donations then report

back to the court with a cost for materials. Commissioner Pat Melancon stated he would like to have an exact amount the county would be spending before they could authorize any expenditures.

Outside auditor Wayne Beyer presented his audit of fiscal year ending on September 31, 2007

to the commissioners. The county had an ending reserve in the General Fund of \$1,446,254.00. Beyer stated there was "good conservative budget management in this county". Also according to Beyer, Kinney County has a reserve of approximately seven months. He normally suggests a

three month reserve or a million dollars, which ever is greater. Commissioner Marvin Davis was absent from the meeting.

The court will hold a special meeting before their next Regular meeting to discuss pending items such as the Kinney County Little League and other important issues.

Cantu welcomed as PAIC of Eagle Pass Station South



Cantu Welcomed as PAIC by Chief Hill

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

Cesar Cantu, Jr. of Brackettville was honored at a United States Border Patrol Change of Command Ceremony on March 14. Cantu was selected as the new Patrol Agent in Charge of the Eagle Pass Station South.

Senior apartments apply for facelift funds

A large sign in front of the Brackettville Senior Apartments is serving as public notice that its management is currently seeking financing to rehabilitate the property, located at 600 West Spring Street.

The apartment complex was built in 1991, by Calhoun Builders and is privately owned and managed by MAC-RE, LLC of Metairie, Louisiana.

MAC-RE is applying for Texas Department of Housing and Community Development funds to paint, repair roofs and air handling systems, as well as replace windows, doors and

flooring as needed throughout the 32-unit facility.

The 2.215 acre apartment complex is locally managed by Linda Jaso and is nearly leased to capacity.

The apartment complex is specifically for residents 55 years of age and older and Murray Calhoun, Manger of MAC-RE, reports the complex will maintain its senior designation status in accordance with the terms of the original funding provided by the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development, formerly known as the Farmers Home Administration.

Once the application process is complete, the improvement construction can begin.

"Our hope is that we get funded and get to start construction by year-end. We plan for it to take six months to complete

construction," read an email from Calhoun to TBN.

Calhoun added MAC-RE owns and manages 170 complexes across Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas and nearly half are designated for senior tenants.

Scholar of the Month

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC
PROPOSED MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL RENTAL COMMUNITY

Brackettville Senior Apartments, Ltd. has made application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for HOME funds for the rehabilitation of the multifamily residential rental community, Brackettville Senior Apartments, located at 600 W. Spring Street, Brackettville, Texas 78832. This development community is comprised of 32 units on 2.215 acres. There will be a public hearing to receive public comment on the rehabilitation.

Date: February 14, 2008 Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: 600 W. Spring Street, Brackettville, Texas 78832

For information on the proposed application including how to qualify for leasing information, please contact Murray A. Calhoun with Lynac, LLC at 3224 26th Street, Metairie, Louisiana 70002, telephone 504.561.1172.

To submit comment on this application or to inquire about the Housing Programs in general, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13045, Austin, Texas 78711 or by telephone at 512.475.3240 or view its website at www.tdca.state.tx.us

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Children's Miniature Garden contest

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club at Fort Clark is having a Children's Miniature Garden contest at their annual Flower Show on Sunday, April 6th. The contest is for children in grades K through 5th and there will be prizes of \$25 for first place, \$15 second place and \$10 third place. Gardens may contain flowers, herbs, cactus - use your imagination! Container size is limited to 2 foot x 2 foot, or smaller. Miniature gardens should be brought to the Flower Show for display and judging. Call 563-2010 with any questions.

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Camp. The Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp is by invitation only and boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Players from 50 States and 10 Foreign countries attended the 2007 camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All American Team. There is also a summer camp available for boys and girls ages 6-18 of all skill levels. For a free brochure on these summer camps, please call 704-373-0873 anytime or visit the website www.tenstarcamp.com

Benefit for St. Judes Children's Hospital

The greeting cards you receive during the year are needed to help benefit the St. Judes Children's Hospital. Only the front of the card depicting any and all occasions. For details, call Vada at 563-9377.

Income Tax Information

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program will begin offering services to qualified individuals and families in the Middle Rio Grande region this month. For more information call the Workforce Center nearest to you or dial 211. You will be directed to the appropriate Workforce Center. The Middle Rio Grande Development Foundation in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service, the Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board, the Middle Rio Grande Development Council and four community-based coalitions are sponsoring these free services to qualified individuals.

Runoff Election Early voting

Early voting for the April 8 runoff election begins March 31 through April 4.

Letters to our Troops

If you would like to send out a postcard or letter to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan please contact Bonnie Frenich at 563-5372. Letter and notes are the most requested since it boosts their morale and reminds them that they are not forgotten.

FCA Adult Chapter to hold Annual Golf Ball Drop

The Adult Chapter of Brackett High School and Junior High's Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold its' 2nd annual Golf Ball Drop Wednesday, May 7th, 7pm. For more information see page 3

Publishers PLOG

This week marks two years of ownership of the newspaper. I continue to think how lucky I am and pray for humility.

As I did in my one year anniversary PLOG, I will take this opportunity to reflect a little on this last year of pure insanity...

Best Purchase Year One: New computers
 Best Purchase Year Two: Salt and pepper shakers
 Smartest Thing I did Year One: Hire Allison Taylor
 Smartest Thing I did Year Two: Demote myself and promote Allison to Editor

Lesson Learned Year One: Don't let just anybody touch the cash register.
 Lesson Learned Year Two: Forgive.

Things I believe in now more than ever:
 #1 I will always surround myself with people smarter than me.
 #2 I believe in the power of the press; this power can make the lives of the common man better.
 #3 Crooked people hate the newspaper.

Happy Easter! All Halloween decorations and Christmas lights should be neatly tucked away in storage by now. Beautify Brackett.

Leigh Volcsko

Smart moves can help women achieve financial goals



Emily Cooper

All of us face challenges in our efforts to achieve our long-term financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement. But if you're a woman, the unfortunate truth is that you may have more hurdles to overcome than a man. However, knowledge is power, and as long as you are aware of what you are up against, you can take steps

to boost your chances for success. What are the special issues facing women? Here are a few to ponder:

- Longer life expectancies than men - No matter when you were born, your life expectancy is going to be longer than that of your male age-group peers. Obviously, these "extra" years of life mean more expenses.

- Lower earnings than men - In 2006, women who worked full time earned, on average, 81 percent of what their male counterparts earned, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In the future, this gap may narrow, because the earnings of younger women entering the work force today are very close to those of men. But if you've been in the workforce for many years, there's a pretty good chance that your earnings trail those of your male peers.

- More time out of the workforce - To raise their families, women spend far more time out of the workforce than men. During those years away, women are not contributing to Social Security, pension plans or 401(k) plans - which means they'll have less retirement savings than men.

These figures may seem somewhat depressing, but they don't have to lead to gloomy results. You can actually do quite a bit to improve your financial fortunes. Consider these suggestions:

- Take an active interest in your investments. Whether you are single or married, make sure you are familiar with your investment portfolio. Know what you own and why you own it. Work with a financial advisor who understands

your goals and risk tolerance and who can help you make the right choices for your individual situation.

- Contribute as much as you can to your retirement plans. Each year, put in as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. And when you get a raise, increase your contributions. Also, if you don't have a Traditional or Roth IRA, open one - and try to fully fund it each year.

- Invest for growth. Some evidence suggests that women may be more conservative investors than men. Of course past performance is not an indication of future results, but if you're going to achieve your long-term objectives, you'll need to invest for growth - and that means you'll need a certain amount of your portfolio devoted to stocks, which have traditionally outperformed all other asset classes. It's true, of course, that you can lose some - or even all - of your principal in stocks. But if you purchase a variety of quality stocks and hold them for the long term, you can potentially reduce the effects of market volatility and inflation and potentially earn a rate of return that can help you make progress toward your objectives. You may not be able to single-handedly change the social and institutional forces that can create problems for women striving to achieve their long-term goals. But by becoming an informed, active investor, you can better improve your chances to go a long way toward achieving the financial freedom you deserve.

Disc degeneration & atherosclerosis



Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C., FIAMA

The abdominal aorta supplies blood to the lumbar spine by way of the lumbar and middle adulthood raises the question of whether blockage of the lumbar and middle sacral arteries or high serum cholesterol levels are associated with low back pain and/or disc degeneration.

An MRI was done on 51 patients with chronic pain who were between the ages of 35 and 70.

Overall, 78 percent of the males and 77 percent of the females showed blocked lumbar and/or middle sacral arteries. 62 percent of the men and 50 percent of the women also had significant disc degenerations.

Additionally, patients with high LDL cholesterol reported more severe back symptoms than patients with normal cholesterol.

Reduced blood flow and nutrient supply to the spine and surrounding areas are factor leading to disc degeneration and lower back symptoms

Your chiropractor can help you to determine ways to improve spinal health and prevent or treat low back pain. Call Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C. for an appointment at 563-6249 in Brackettville. Our clinic is located at #1 Mesquite Alley. We offer acupuncture and accept most insurances.

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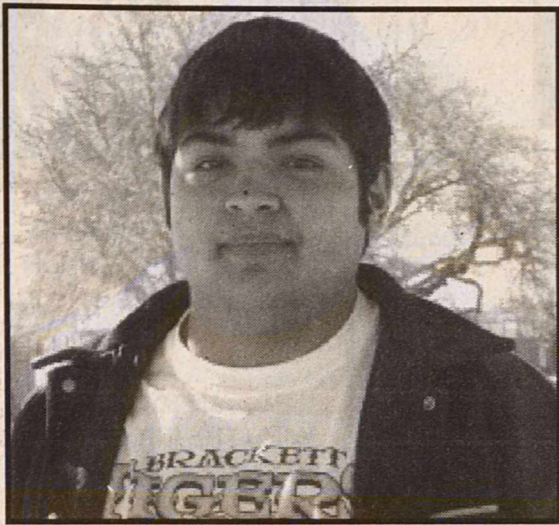
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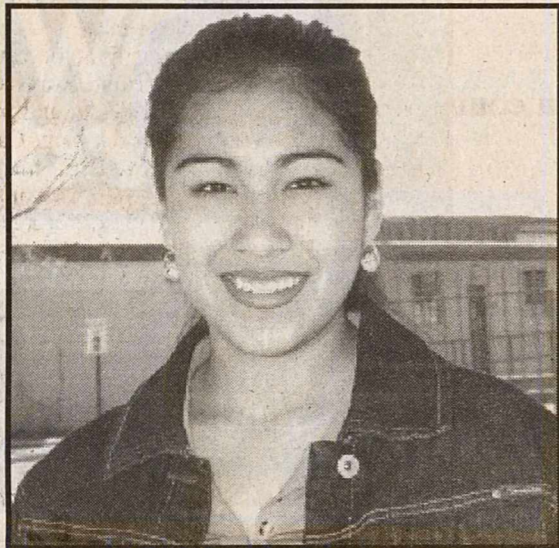
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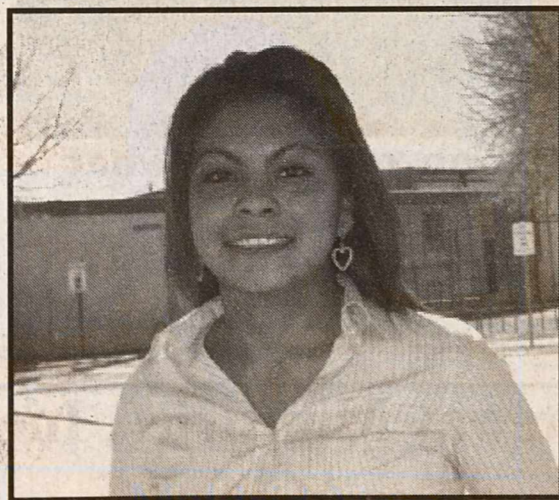
Cesar Cantu III

Name: Cesar Cantu III
Parents: Cesar and Rosa Cantu
Siblings: Victor
What Are Your Plans After Graduation?: To go to Schriener University and study accounting or finance.
What Teacher Influenced You The Most? Mrs. Garcia from Premont, Mrs. Ballew and Coach Marquardt. They all have pushed me to succeed and work hard.
What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate? Basketball and being with my family and friends. Also hanging out with my girlfriend.



Erica Rodriguez

Name: Erica Rodriguez
Parents: Baldo and Aracely Vasquez
Siblings: Baldo Jr. and Juanita Vasquez
What Are Your Plans After Graduation?: I will be going to a cosmetology school in Del Rio, then I want to keep singing for God.
What Teacher Influenced You The Most?: Mrs. Crumley influenced me because she is so smart, I always wanted to be as smart as her.
What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate?: I will miss all of my friends, I wish the best for them.



Meldrid Vara

Name: Meldrid B. Vara
Parents: Rosa Robles Lopez
Siblings: Miguel A. Ramos
What Are Your Plans After Graduation?: Go to cosmetology school in Del Rio and have my own salon!!
What Teacher Influenced You The Most?: Mrs. Crumley and Mrs. Ballew because they encouraged me to be my best.
What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate?: My friends.

Varsity girls place first at Brackett meet

Submitted by Coach Dusty Brotherton

Brackett hosted the Brackett Relays this past Thursday, March 13, 2008. The varsity girls placed first.

The 400m relay team placed first with a time of 52.98, the 800m relay placed first as well with a time of 1:53, and the 1600m varsity relay team placed first with a time of 4:28.9

Kelsey Bruce placed second in the 3200m run with a time of 13:08.2, Sahara Rodriguez placed third with a time of 13:33.7 and Courtney Kirkland placed sixth with a time of 14:20.9.

Bruce placed second in the 1600m run with a time of 6:04.2, Rodriguez placed third with a time of 6:10.6 and Kirkland placed fourth with a time of 6:23.62.

Icela Rueda placed first in the 800m run with a time of 2:35.56, Bianca Cruz placed third with a time of 2:47.04 and Lauren Comelius placed fourth with a time of 2:55.6.

Rueda placed first in the 400m dash with a time of 65.2, Katie Braesicke placed second with a time of 65.4 and Rachael Nash placed third with a time of 66.8.

Anolda Watkins placed second in the 200m dash with a time of 28.3 and Cruz placed fifth with a time of 29.9.

Cheyenne Smith placed second in the 100m dash with a time of 12.8 and Lauren Hernandez placed fourth with a time of 13.75.

Karley Harris placed first in the 300m hurdles with a time of 53.6 and Bruce placed second with a time of 57.2.

Harris placed second in the 100m hurdles with a time of 16.5 and Laura Swinson placed third with a time of 19.8.

Bianca Martinez placed second in the discus event with a distance of 103'7 1/2" and Ashley Shadwick placed third with a distance of 81'8".

Martinez placed first in the



Martinez Takes Charge at Shot Put

Photo by Allison Taylor

Bianca Martinez gets in position for the shot put throw at the meet held in Brackett. Martinez placed first in the event.

shot put event with a distance of 33'5 1/4", Shadwick placed third with a distance of 29'6 1/2" and Paige Nowlin placed fifth with a distance of 26'10 3/4".

Smith placed third in the long jump with a distance of 14'4 and Brook Gose placed fourth with a distance of 13'11 3/4".

Harris placed second in the triple jump with a distance of 29'11", Gose placed third with a distance of 29'4 1/2" and Swinson placed fourth with a distance of 28'3".

Bianca Stewart placed first in the high jump even with a height of 5', Rueda placed fourth with

a height of 4'2" and Daphne Hunt placed fifth with a height of 4'2".

The junior varsity team placed fourth overall.

1600m junior varsity team placed third with a time of 4:51.5 and the 800m JV relay team placed second with a time of 2:03.5.

In the 3200m run, Hayley Hale placed fourth with a time of 13:54.4 and Brianna Escamilla placed fifth with a time of 14:07.6.

Escamilla placed fifth with a time of 6:40.2 in the 1600m run. Hale placed fifth in the 800m run with a time of 2:56.50.

Cheyenne Billings placed fifth in the 400m dash with a time of 73.2 and Erica Villanueva placed sixth with a time of 77.2.

Sarah Davis placed sixth in the 100m dash with a time of 14.1.

Guajardo placed sixth in the discus event with a distance of 65'9 3/4".

Davis placed sixth in the long jump even with a distance of 13'5 1/2".

Billings placed third with a height of 4'6" in the high jump event.

FCA 2nd Annual Golf Ball Drop

Submitted by Carolyn Conoly

The Adult Chapter of Brackett High School and Junior High's Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold its 2nd annual Golf Ball Drop Wednesday, May 7th, 7pm. Once again, Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, has offered to host the Golf Ball Drop and provide a location for the event. One lucky winner will win \$1,000! All money raised will be used to send Brackett High School and Junior High School FCA members to Christian leadership camp this summer. FCA sends between 25 and 35 students to camp each summer. Here's how the Golf Ball Drop works: Chances to win are \$10 each. Buy as many chances as you'd like. For every \$10 chance you buy, FCA will assign your name to a golf ball. A RGECC Bucket Truck will raise a trash can full of golf balls and drop them from 50 feet in the air. The ball that lands at the bottom of a funnel, or closest to it, wins the \$1,000. Last year's winners were Marion and Marvin Walton, who do-

nated the prize money back to FCA's camp fund. You do not need to be present to win. You may mail cash or make a check payable to FCA and mail to: Rhonda Marquardt, FCA Coach Sponsor/Treasurer P. O. Box 1482 Brackettville, Texas 78832. Be sure and give us your phone number. All golf balls must be purchased by Wednesday, April 30th, 2008. See you at the Golf Ball Drop on Wednesday, May 7th, 2008.

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First Annual Pi Day

Submitted by BISD

This past Friday, March 14, 2008, the Brackett Jones Intermediate 6th grade students had quite a treat when they participated in the 1st Annual Pi Day, led by Mrs. Bruce and her Pre-AP Math Club. The 6th graders participated in many fun and creative activities involving circles and the number 3.14 (Pi). One game was much like "Pin the Tail on the Donkey" in which

students tried to pin the radius on a circle. Most found this station to be very amusing. Another booth was called "Wearing Pi". This taught students that when customers go buy hats, to get their hat size, they divide the circumference of their head by the number pi. Many found this surprising! The 2007-2008 6th graders were the first to enjoy Pi Day, but Mrs. Bruce hopes to continue this new tradition.

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Book FACT:

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ANSWER: THE BOOK

Musical Crossword

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		4				
		5		7		
6						
			8			

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Relating to music
- 4. Beneath something
- 5. Percussion instruments
- 6. Proceed
- 8. Musical group

CLUES DOWN

- 1. In motion
- 2. Noise
- 3. Ancient Greek stringed instruments
- 7. North American country (abbr.)

Answers
 Across
 1. Musical 4. Under 5. Drums 6. Go 8. Band
 Down
 1. Moving 2. Sound 3. Lyres 7. USA

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- 2003: U.S. GROUND TROOPS ENTERED IRAQ.

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combination of simultaneously sounded musical notes

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ENGLISH: Song
SPANISH: Canción
ITALIAN: Canzone
FRENCH: Chanson
GERMAN: Lied

Did You Know?

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Hilda L Viestenz

May 22, 1922 - March 9, 2008



Mrs. Viestenz died peacefully in her sleep following several years of health problems at the age of 85. She is survived by her loving husband Ralph Viestenz, 2 daughters, Sharon Campbell and Karen Vanatko, 3 stepsons, Kirk, Kerry, and Kirby Viestenz and 1 brother, Warren DeLong of Michigan, and 17 grandchildren. She spent most of her life as a Cosmetologist and after retiring; she enjoyed painting, sewing, and traveling. She had traveled around the world prior to her marriage to Ralph Viestenz in 1975. They moved to Fort Clark Springs and spent the rest of her years there. A private service was held at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Mission Park Funeral Chapels South.

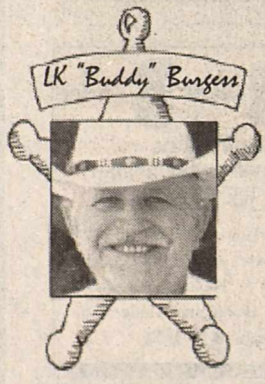
Pedro Salas

April 9, 1927 - March 15, 2008



Pedro Salas, age 80, entered into rest March 15, 2008 in San Antonio, Texas. He was born on April 9, 1927 in Santa Maria, Coah., Mexico. Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 52 years, Maria C. Salas. Son, Pete Salas, daughter Blanca Lydia Garcia and husband Eddie. Grandchildren Erika Garcia, Ryan Eddie Garcia, Pedro Daniel Salas and family, Johanna Salas. Great-grandchildren Mariah Garcia and Sarah Ann Garcia. Numerous other relatives. Visitation was held Tuesday, March 18, 2008, from 3:00PM to 9:00PM, Brackettville Sunset Chapel, 302 E. Spring St., Brackettville, Texas. Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church at 10:00AM. Interment followed at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



on Hwy. 90. Deputy was en route to the location.

Sunday, March 9

9:05 pm A man notified sheriff's office that a black truck was playing very loud music. Deputy was informed.

10:23 pm A local woman called stating that her husband was intoxicated and had been for the past three days. She asked if he could be taken from her residence.

Monday, March 10

1:16 am A caller reported that a deputy needed to report to Bullis Hall for criminal mischief.

4:35 am A local man called stating that two tires had been sliced at the RV park and the individual was still in the area.

A deputy arrived at the location and asked for backup.

Jesus P. Hidalgo, 41, of Camp Wood was arrested for nonpayment of child support. Hidalgo was released the same day on a \$480 cash bond.

10:00 am Albert Jamail, 67, of Brackettville was arrested for interfering with public duties and resisting arrest. Jamail was released on a PR Bond.

Tuesday, March 11

7:15 pm Douglas B. Joy, 42, of Mississippi was arrested for possession of less than 2 oz. marijuana. Joy was released the same day on a \$1,200 bond.

Wednesday, March 12

6:45 pm A woman reported a green truck driving recklessly. A deputy was dispatched.

7:39 pm A 911 caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 90 west toward Del Rio.

8:10 pm A man requested a deputy to a local establishment in regards to an assault.

Thursday, March 13

4:45 pm A fire was reported on Hwy 693 and Standard Lane.

A windy win for ladies golf



Runner-Up Club Champion, Ruth Spencer (left), Tournament Medalist and 2008 Club Champion, Sheri White (right).



2008 9 Hole Champion, Shirley Canfield.



1st Place Low Net, Dee Curry (left) and 2nd Place Net, Deb Tishler.

Submitted by Luanne Pendorf
Nothing—not even 45 mile per hour winds—could stop the Fort Clark Ladies Golf Club from playing its annual Club Championship Tournament on a windy Monday, March 4 and a calm March 5.
After 2 grueling days, Sheri White emerged as both Tournament Medalist and 2008 Club Champion. Sheri commented after her victory that the tournament was "a windy experience which made us appreciate what the pros go through."
Runner Up—2nd Place, was Ruth Spencer, who said, "I've never played in such wind. It was horrendous. Tiring."
Other winners were: Dee Curry, 1st Low Net; Deb Tishler, 2nd Low Net; Shirley Canfield, 9 Hole Champion; Barbara Hunter, 9 Hole 2nd Place.
Congratulations to all these winners who played well despite the extremely tough conditions!

FCS Rubber duck race winners

Submitted by Ed Dillon
The Brackettville Rotary Club held its first Rubber Duck Race at the Fort Clark Festival, Saturday, March 8.
Almost 1,000 bright yellow rubber ducks were dumped into the Las Moras River, while individuals bought chances on ducks to win the race.
The race ended near the front entrance bridge of Fort Clark. Several hundred spectators lined the creek to cheer the ducks on.
The winner of the Rotary Club's Rubber Duck race were: John and Lena Horalek, they won a "At the Creek" original oil painting donated by Jean Hood.
Sammy Juve won a mobile GPS donated by Sam and Tammy Holloman.
Kerry Keisling won a pecan gift box donated by Weyrich Farm.
Ron Greenburg won a \$50 savings bond donated by the Bank and Trust.
Greenburg then donated the bond to the Scholarship and Project fund of Brackettville Rotary Club.
Paula Renken won a \$25 gift certificate donated by Pico.
Justin Shackleford, Paula Renken, Carol Thompson and Leslie Jones each won a solid silver dollar donated by Sam and Tammy Holloman.
Jeff Davidson won a \$15 gift certificate donated by Burger N Shake.
Bruce Flohr won a half processed Axis deer donated by Fred and Barbara Bowlin.
Mooney won a processed pheasant also donated by Charles Schmidt.
Ron Greenburg, Bob Young, Ruth Potter and Bruce Trautwein each won gift bags donated by Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc.



Ballew named to Texas A&M Dean's List

Texas A&M University has named Elizabeth Amanda Ballew as one of the honor students for the fall 2007 semester, recognizing her for outstanding academic performance. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours during the fall semester who have maintained a 3.75 or higher grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0. Ballew is a senior at Texas A&M and is currently attaining a Bachelor of Science-Construction Science.

Beef ranchero



Vada Baldree

2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. chili powder
1/4 tsp. black pepper
cook onions, pepper & celery in oil until onions are soft. Add meat & fry until mixture falls apart. Add tomatoes, rice, seasonings & mix well.
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Correction

On January 24, 2008, Page 1, County docket explodes. The story read: John S. Fritter, Judge of the Kinney County Court in Brackettville, Texas, set the following cases for pre-trial conference... Judge Fritter did set the docket, but the story failed to mention Senior Judge James Simmons, of Del Rio, adjudicated the cases. The Brackett News apologizes for the omission.

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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
 Aries, if plans don't work out the way you expected this week don't get discouraged. Bounce back and set a new agenda for the days and weeks to come.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
 Taurus, do not be controlling of the finances when it's a joint venture between you and a spouse or a housemate. Don't place blame on spending.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
 Slow down at work and leave more time for fun, Gemini. Recharging your battery for a few days will allow you to be more productive when you return.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
 A friend has you running, Cancer. Don't be so quick to jump every time this person calls. Saturday is a complete surprise to you as many interesting events unfold.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
 Leo, others are anxious to let you run the show this week and you're certain to oblige them. Just don't let the power go to your head, or think that this will be a repeat occurrence.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
 Virgo, there is so much going on that you don't know where to begin. The stars indicate that the best place to start is with some quiet time for you so that you can mentally prepare.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
 A move that you made a few weeks back is turning out to be all that you expected. Enjoy your freedom, new place and all of the enjoyment that is the result of your choice, Libra.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
 Scorpio, despite wielding a poisonous stinger, no one seems to take you seriously this week. It could be that you've been crying wolf and others are calling your bluff.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
 Rest is the key this week because you haven't been feeling so well. Save your energy now because there's some action on the horizon for which you'll need to be in top form.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
 Capricorn, now is the time to plan that fantasy vacation that you've been brooding over for a while. Go solo or go with a group. Either way, be sure to have fun.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
 Home improvement projects will dominate all of your time this week, Aquarius. You're Mr. or Ms. Fix-it. Financial problems may put a hiatus on big projects.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
 Pisces, things will simmer down quickly at work after a battle of words takes place on Monday. There's more bark than bite to the situation.

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19. River in Florence
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23. Airborne (abbr.)
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26. Chinese cooking pan
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40. Come down violently
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43. Knife used with fruits or vegetables
44. Loves intensely
46. One point east of due south
47. Mined metal-bearing mineral
49. People related by blood or marriage
50. Helps little firms
53. "The View" creator & star
57. Sunrise (Spanish)
58. Festive occasion
59. Yellow-fever mosquitoes
60. Live Aid rocker Bob _____ of
61. Essential oil obtained from flowers
62. Showing lack of skill
63. Lyric poems
64. Dried up (esp. of vegetation)
65. Designers Charles & Ray

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1. Rural Croatian singing
 2. Egyptian dry measure
 3. Shoe (pl., archaic)
 4. Precision approach and landing radar (abbr.)
 5. "Life in Biblical Israel" author Lawrence
 6. Large heavy knives
 7. Federal job safety law
 8. Unifying ideas in literary work
 9. Narrow headband
 10. Petty quarrel
 11. Cooking thickener
 12. Anabaptist
 13. Corporation's first offer to sell stock to the public
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 41. End zone score
 44. Expose to fresh air
 45. Entwine
 48. Hindu melodies
 50. Fleshy leaved perennial
 51. Norwegian footballer Hangeland
 52. Donkeys
 54. Radioactivity units
 55. Axillary
 56. Bju-Mandara
 57. In the past

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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 NEW LISTING: 104 MCCLERNAND - Located in the Historical district, this 2BR/2B Townhouse has an open floor plan with cathedral ceiling. Great second home or rental! Approx. 1260 sq.ft.
 FORT CLARK SPRINGS: Corner of Travis/Anderson. 1 lot w/metal RV cover & 33' travel trailer. \$10,000.
 BEAUTIFUL, LARGE HISTORIC rock home. Approx. 3,400 sq.ft. This property now includes a 900 sq.ft. guesthouse plus shop Great peaceful location on Calvary Trail culdesac. Great location! REDUCED \$ 230,000 for both properties.
 110 SUNSET LANE. Fantastic 3BR/1.5B main house (2,500 sq.ft.) w/laminate wood floors and tile. Detached (1,000 sq.ft.) 2BR/1.5B cottage w/large connecting patio and RV pad. 2 car carport and garage. Many extras! MUST SEE!
 223 POMPEY Wonderful 3BR/2B w/detached guest house in great neighborhood. New carpet, paint and blinds throughout. REDUCED TO \$135,000.
 UNIT 35: Warm and welcoming manufactured home has 4BR/3B. Features: Open floor plan, fireplace, extra built-ins in kitchen, backyard deck w/hot tub, 2 storage rooms and sprinkler system. 1848 sq. ft. PRICE REDUCED!
 BEAUTIFUL NEW HOME Overlooking Las Moras Creek in "The Oaks" at Fort Clark. 3BR/2B w/2nd floor bonus room and 2 car garage. 1,981 sq.ft.
 BRACKETTVILLE:
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Little Miss Kinney County
Tyler Schuster



Little Mister Kinney County
Stetson Schuster



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