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COMMUNITY NEWS

Local Governmental Meetings

The Board of Directors for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2008, at 2:00 P.M., in the City Annex Building. Regular Commissioners meeting will be held April 21, 2008, at 9:00 A.M.

Domestic Violence Prevention

BCFS Families For A Future will be offering FREE parenting and youth workshops. For more information please call Raquel Torres or Marie Broadhead at 830-762-2788 or toll free 877-441-4188. Meals and childcare services will be provided FREE of charge.

Texas Ranks 26th In Education

Texas Ranks 26th in National Education Survey: Nation's Spending Increases Overshadow Student Performance (Washington, DC)—Based on a variety of indicators, ALEC's Report Card on American Education has found no direct correlation between conventional measures of education inputs, such as expenditures per pupil and teacher salaries, and educational outputs, such as average scores on standardized tests. For instance, class sizes in Texas today are 13 percent smaller than they were 20 years ago, yet of the 10 states that experienced the greatest decreases, only one (Vermont) is found among the highest performing states in the rankings. Even with dramatic increases in the amount of educational resources spent on primary and secondary education over the past two decades—expenditures have risen in Texas to an all-time high of \$7,584 per pupil—student performance has improved only slightly; 65 percent of eighth-graders are still performing below proficiency in math and 72 percent in reading, according to the 2007 National Assessment of Education Pro. An electronic version of the report is available online at www.alec.org.

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 is needed. For details, call Vada at 563-9377.

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 Frerich at 563-5372. Letter and notes are the most requested since it boosts their morale and reminds them that they are not forgotten.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday

High: 82
Low: 51

Partly Cloudy

Saturday

High: 89
Low: 65

Partly Cloudy

Sunday

High: 92
Low: 67

Partly Cloudy

Heckler hassles firefighters on hose line

At a structure fire on West Thomas Street, a volunteer from the non-servicing Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department was asked to leave the scene by a deputy from the Kinney County Sheriff's Department.

On April 10, a man approached some Kinney County Fire Rescue (KCFR) volunteers on a hose line and offered his assistance, but leaders of the department report he was asked to leave due to insurance reasons.

KCFR has an insurance policy and in the case of accidental injury, will only cover those volunteers that have attended training led by the department.

Interim KCFR Fire Chief Tim Ward stated the man was "hurling obscenities and impeding the efforts of the volunteers."

Attempts to reach the man in question about the incident were not successful.

In other news, KCFR responded to a brush fire on April 15, on the old Whitworth Ranch.

The fire was originally reported in Kinney County, but once on the scene it was determined the fire was actually in Maverick County.

Sixteen KCFR volunteers, supported by Texas Forestry Commission and their fleet of bulldozers, were able to create a fire break and contain the fire

that was moving towards Kinney County under aggressive wind conditions.

Four hundred sixty five acres suffered burn damage, but without the proper containment measures performed by the departments, Ward estimated more than 10,000 acres were at risk.

"The conditions are dry and the grass is about two feet high," said Ward of the 1,100 square miles of Kinney County.



A Little Air Support

Courtesy Photo

At a recent fire located near the Uvalde and Kinney County lines the Texas Forestry Commission flew in some much needed help. According to people on the scene, this fire encompassed over 100 acres of terrain that was nearly impassable. To combat the fire, teams utilized a multi agency task force comprising Kinney County Fire Rescue, Uvalde Volunteer Fire Department, Nueces Canyon Volunteer Fire Department and the Texas Forest Service assets in conjunction with their multi agency strike teams that are stationed all over Texas during extremely dangerous fire seasons.

Computer Survey 2008-2009

(Grades K thru 5th)

- Number of students who have a computer at HOME.
- Number of students with INTERNET connection at home.
- Number of students WITHOUT a computer at home.

GRADE	1. HOME	2. INTERNET	3. WITHOUT
K	23	20	17
1st	20	14	14
2nd	20	15	12
3rd	15	22	9
4th	22	16	13
5th	36	23	6

Information obtained from BISDs website: brackett.k12.tx.us

School board sets summer school schedule

Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a summer school schedule at a regular meeting on April 14.

The summer session will begin June 2, and end on June 23. Classes will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude each day at 12 noon. Free breakfast and lunch will be served from 7:30 a.m. until 8 a.m. and 12 noon until 1 p.m., respectively. Meals are free to all district students.

In March, the trustees discussed ordering new mathematics books, but were concerned the content relied heavily on students having access to the internet to complete homework assignments.

In response, trustees requested a computer survey be completed and the results are as follows: Kinder: 23 kinder students have a computer in their home, 20 students report having internet access and 17 stated they do not have access to the internet. First Grade: 20 students have a computer in their home, 14 students report having internet access and 14 stated they do not have access to the internet. Second Grade: 20 students have a computer in their home, 15 students report having internet access and 12 stated they do not have access to the

internet. Third Grade: 15 students have a computer in their home, 22 students report having internet access and 9 stated they do not have access to the internet. Fourth Grade: 22 students have a computer in their home, 16 students report having internet access and 13 state they do not have access to the internet. Fifth Grade: 36 students have a computer in their home, 23 students report having internet access and 6 state they do not have access to the internet. No action was taken after this report.

BISD Superintendent Paula Renken presented an update on the current construction projects underway throughout the district. Renken reported the concession stand and ticket booth at Tiger Stadium should be completed in early June. The covered play area behind Jones Elementary is expected to be completed in one month's time and the elementary principal's office expansion broke ground April 15.

School board members accepted the teacher resignations of Kathy Lutz, Christie Palmer and Michelle Bowers. Earlier in the school year, the board accepted retirement resignations from Kandace LaMascus and Judy Burks.

Council hosts public hearing on townhouse project

Brackettville City Council members held a public hearing on the matter of rezoning property located on the corners of South Patrick and Rock and West Spring and Crockett streets from industrial/commercial to residential property at a Regular meeting on April 15.

Fort Clark residents Clifton and Alejandra Skilbred have requested to have fourteen lots in the area of the city known as the Maverick Subdivision rezoned to accommodate their desire to build some townhouses and possibly develop a commercial business at a later date.

In an electronic message (email) read aloud at the meeting, Clifton Skilbred stated, "A side concern of mine is to ensure that I was given the correct information. Please confirm that commercial zoning allows the construction of townhouses. As a landowner of the property in question, I wish to express my desire to leave the zoning as it currently stands, especially if the preceding concern is confirmed in the positive."

Also included in the email, Skilbred expressed his desire to continue living in Kinney County with his family, but questioned whether or not the city would protect their investment. "Under commercial zoning, the area surrounding our property could only be developed by growing enterprise.

Under residential, someone could build a small, lower quality home next to an expensive project. This would damage the city, as well as affect the tax base. We need to promote quality growth. We need to stimulate quality growth. We need commercial enterprise in Brackettville. Our plan will be investing hundreds of thousands of dollars in Brackettville. I would expect that the city would cherish this type of initiative," wrote Skilbred.

In other matters, the council voted to give City Manager Henry Garcia the authority to find a collection agency to individuals who over the last few years have closed a utility account and still have a balance owed to the city. According to City Hall, the city is owed more than \$10,000.

Members also gave Garcia authority to research selling a 7,000 gallon ground water tank and some booster pumps no longer utilized by the city. City Hall states the tank was used briefly about five years ago and the pumps were replaced last summer.

Council voted to have Garcia represent the City of Brackettville at Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District meetings.

The next council meeting is scheduled for May 20, at 6 p.m. at the City Annex on Highway 90.

90 Years Young



Courtesy Photo

On Saturday, April 12, Peter Pacheco (pictured front row center, holding cup) celebrated his 90th birthday with his friends and neighbors at the home of Roger and Georgia Martin at Fort Clark Springs.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

RGEC Promotes Recycling of CFL Bulbs



In conjunction with Earth Day, April 22, Rio Grande Electric Coop will debut CFL Recycling Collection Stations in each of its six area offices. This service is available to not only RGEC member-consumers, but anyone who has used, unbroken CFL bulbs. Saving energy and the environment make compact fluorescent bulbs, or CFLs, a welcome alternative to the old incandescent light bulbs. Because lighting accounts for close to 20% of the average home's energy bill, CFLs are an important component of any energy conservation effort. They use 75% less energy, can last an average of seven years, and can save the average consumer about \$30 per bulb per year. Multiply that by the number of lights in your home, and you've got a tremendous potential for saving both energy and money! Mercury is an essential ingredient for most energy-efficient lamps. The amount of mercury in a CFL is very small. However, every product containing mercury should be handled with care. As energy-efficient lighting becomes more popular, it is important that we dispose of the products safely and responsibly. No mercury is released by the use of CFLs - only when they are broken, disposed of improperly, or are incinerated (burned).

If you break a CFL, clean it up safely. Open nearby windows to disperse any vapor that may escape and carefully sweep up the fragments. Then wipe the area with a paper towel to remove the glass fragments. Do not use a vacuum. Place glass fragments in a sealed zip lock bag and dispose with your regular household waste, if your area does not have a special disposal site. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) says, "While CFLs for your home are not legally considered hazardous waste according to federal solid waste rules, it is still best for the environment to dispose of your CFL properly upon burnout."

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc., headquartered in Brackettville, TX, is a member-owned, non-profit electric cooperative, serving rural residents in eighteen counties in Texas, and two counties in New Mexico. With offices in Brackettville, Carrizo Springs, El Paso, Fort Stockton, Dell City, and Alpine, RGEC employs over 100 rural residents. RGEC has a strong history of community service and promotion of sustainable rural development throughout its 27,000 square mile service territory. RGEC also maintains the electrical distribution system for Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX, the nation's largest Army Air Artillery Base. For more information on Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, call 1-800-749-1509, or visit the web site at www.rigrande.coop.

ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS

City and School Board elections
May 10, 2008
Locations TBA

Don't Forget To Vote!

Letter To Editor POLICY

The Brackett News welcomes and encourages letters to the editor. Letters should not exceed 350 words and be on subjects of interest. The editor reserves the right to refuse or edit all letters submitted for length, potentially libelous statements and accuracy of information. All letters must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification purposes. All writers must provide proof of identity. Letters found or believed to be written by a person other than that of the signed author will be refused. The Brackett News will not publish letters sent via e-mail. Letters published and viewpoints of columnists do not necessarily reflect the editorial beliefs of this newspaper.

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Time for some financial spring cleaning? One Nation under God

Part 3 of 4
Submitted by Joe Robinette

V. Now let's go back and compare the history of our country to current rulings and activity:

- 94% of the quotes of the founding fathers were based on scriptures.
- Concepts of our Government establishment were Biblically based, for example:
- 3 branches of government (Isaiah 33:22)
- Separation of powers (Jeremiah 17:9)
- Tax exemption for churches (Ezra 7:24)

The Congressional Record in the floor of Congress of Sept. 25, 1789 showed that a discussion after the reading of II Chronicles 6, led to the establishment of the Thanksgiving holiday. Congress openly read the Bible and prayed in its early history.

The Supreme Court ruling of Church of the Holy Trinity vs. United States in 1892 wrote "Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon and must embody the teaching of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible for it to be otherwise. In this sense, to this extent, our civilizations and our institutions are emphatically Christian." The court recited 87 precedents in coming to this conclusion and said it could have provided many more, but 87 was sufficient to show that our laws and our government must be based on Christianity.

In the case of Vidal vs. Girard, in 1844, the Supreme Court stated, "Why may not the Bible, and especially the New Testament, be read and taught as a divine revelation in the school-its general precepts expounded...and its glorious principles of morality inculcated?...Where can the purist principle of morality be learned so clearly or so perfectly as from the New Testament?"

Now let's compare these rulings to recent Supreme Court rulings:

- In 1961 Torcaso vs. Watkins ruled that Secular Humanism is a viable First Amendment religion. Secular Humanism does not recognize God as its basis.
- In 1977, Thureault vs. Silber...and Malnak vs. Yogi: Ruled that Atheism is a religion.

The latest rulings from the Supreme Court have now recognized Satanic churches as Legal organized religion whose contributions are tax deductible.

Engle vs. Vital had its long reaching effects ion 1962: America is the world leader in: (1) Violent crime, (2) Divorce, (3) Voluntary abortion, and (4) Illegal drug abuse. In the Western World, the US is now a leader in (1) illiteracy and (2) teenage pregnancy.

We must understand that separation of church and state

- Is NOT a teaching of the founder
- Is NOT a historical teaching
- Is NOT a teaching of law until recently
- Is NOT a Biblical teaching

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Emily Cooper

You may or may not engage in many of the typical activities of "spring cleaning" - de-cluttering the attic, reorganizing your closets, touching up the paint, etc. - but you can almost certainly benefit from "sprucing up" your financial situation.

As you survey your financial landscape, what areas might you want to tidy up? Here are a few suggestions:

Clear your portfolio of "redundant" investments. Over time, you may have built a sizable investment portfolio. But if you have too many investments that look alike, you may actually be hindering your progress toward your goals. After all, if you own a dozen stocks of companies in the same industry, they're all likely to be buffeted by the same economic forces. Look for opportunities to replace some of these "redundancies" with different types of securities, taking into account your risk tolerance and time horizon.

Organize your financial

records. If you're like those of us who file our taxes at the last minute, now is the perfect time to organize your financial records, because you've probably got them close at hand. And it's not just a matter of having your brokerage and 401(k) statements in nice, neat piles. Once you've got these documents together, you might see opportunities to consolidate some of your accounts. For example, you may have IRAs with different banks and financial services companies. By moving them all to one provider, and possibly rolling over an old 401(k) into an IRA, you could save some fees and reduce your paperwork, but, more importantly, you may find that such a move actually helps you better manage your investments. You'll know exactly what you're invested in, and it will be easier to follow a single investment strategy. Also, with all your IRAs in one place, it will be much easier for you to manage the required minimum distributions you must start taking when you turn 70-1/2. (These distributions are not required for Roth IRAs.)

Review your "systematic" investments. Many years ago, you might have started systematically moving money from your checking account into an investment. But perhaps the circumstances of your life have changed and this money could

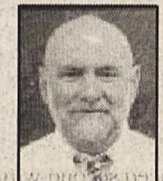
better be used elsewhere. Scrutinize your automatic investments to see if they still make sense for you.

Check your beneficiary designations. Beneficiary designations on financial documents - insurance policies, IRAs, 401(k)s, etc. - are extremely important, because they supersede even the instructions in your will. Over time, your family situation may have changed, through death, divorce, remarriage or the birth of new children, so you should periodically review all your beneficiary designations.

Examine your insurance coverage. When you have a young family, you need a certain amount of life insurance coverage to provide for some major expenses - such as your mortgage, college for your kids, perhaps some retirement funds for your spouse. But when your children have grown, your mortgage is paid and your spouse has decades' worth of retirement savings, your insurance needs may change considerably. At the same time, you may find other uses for insurance. Take some time and review your insurance coverage with your financial advisor.

By following these "spring cleaning" suggestions, you can help put your financial house in order for the seasons to follow. Take action soon.

Benefits of chiropractic care



Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C., FIAMA

Chiropractic is about natural healing. It is based on the concept that in every living thing there is an inborn, innate wisdom always striving for health.

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Chiropractic is so much more than simply a means of relieving pain it is a way to a healthier life. It is based on restoring the

body's natural functioning and eliminating obstacles to health rather than treating symptoms of curing disease. Regular chiropractic care can help you feel better, move with more freedom and stay healthier throughout your lifetime. That's worth a half an hour every 3 hours!!!

Many professional such as Michael Jordan, Mark McGuire, Tiger Woods, Joe Montana, Emmett Smith, Wayne Gretzky, Mary Lou Retton, John McEnroe, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Richard Pryor, Bob Hope, Madonna, Mel Gibson, and Robin Williams are all proponents of chiropractic care.

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"Render" your taxable property by April 16th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10% to 50% penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2006. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2007.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2007 renditions is April 16. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 16 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

For more information, stop by your appraisal district and pick up "Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities"

Or contact:
Texas Comptroller Susan Combs
Property Tax Division
P.O. Box 13528
Austin, TX 78711-3528
or call: 1-800-252-9121

or on the Web at: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/
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¡Cuidese de las multas!

"Presente" su propiedad antes del 16 de abril.

Una "declaración de propiedad" es un reporte para el distrito de valoraciones en donde Ud. enlista toda la propiedad que poseyó o controló el día 1º de enero de este año.

¿Quién debe hacer una declaración de propiedad?

Debe hacer una declaración de propiedad si Ud. es dueño y gana ingresos de una propiedad personal—por ejemplo, el inventario y equipo utilizado en un negocio. Si usted no declara a tiempo, o si presenta una declaración incompleta o falsa, se le puede imponer una multa de un 10 hasta un 50 por ciento.

¿Que ventajas me da?

Las ventajas de hacer una declaración de propiedad son:

- Ud. brinda su opinión sobre la valoración de su propiedad. El distrito debe avisarle por escrito y explicarle como protestar el nuevo valor y el cambio ante su junta de revisión.
- Registra su dirección correcta para que le puedan mandar sus tarifas de impuestos. Según la ley, Ud. es responsable por pagar sus impuestos sin demora o de pagar cualquier multa que resulte por haberlos pagado tarde—aunque la tarifa se haya mandado a una dirección equivocada.
- También puede presentar un "reporte de valoración disminuida" para avisar al distrito de cualquier reducción significativa en la valoración de su propiedad en el 2006. El distrito examinará su propiedad antes de designarle un valor en el 2007.

¿Cual es la fecha límite?

El 16 de abril es el último día para mandar sus declaraciones para el 2007. Puede obtener una extensión automática hasta el 15 de mayo si la pide por escrito en o antes del 16 de abril. El jefe de valoración/tasación puede extender su plazo otros 15 días después del 15 de mayo si usted puede mostrar una razón justificada para la extensión.

¿Dónde hago mi declaración?

Haga su declaración con su distrito local de valoraciones en:

Para más información, visite su distrito de valoración y obtenga una copia de "Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad en Texas: Derechos, Recursos y Responsabilidades del Contribuyente de Impuestos"

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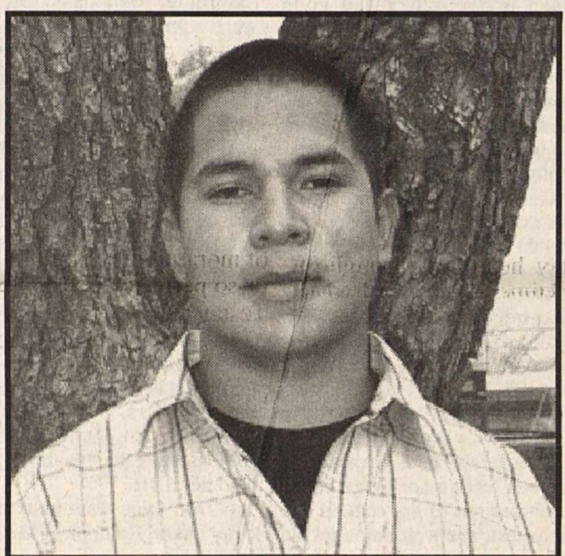
BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Class of 2008



Mari Juarez

Name: Maria Juarez
Parents: Maria and Miguel Juarez
Siblings: Miguel Jr. (deceased), Stevie and Adrian Juarez
What Are Your Plans After Graduation?: I plan to attend the junior college in Uvalde, receive my Associates Degree, then later transfer to Angelo State to pursue a career in social work.
What Teacher Influenced You The Most?: The teacher that influenced me the most would be Mrs. Curry. She was my teacher my junior year and helped me into my senior year. She inspired me to do my best, not only in English, but in everything I do. She taught me that no task is to big or small for me. Mrs. Curry was a fun, laid back teacher who made learning exciting, yet still taught me everything I needed to know to move forward to my senior year! Thanks Mrs. Curry!
What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate? I'm going to miss my family and friends. I am going to miss all the familiar faces in the hallways. There are so many good times and memories I will never forget. Good Luck to the Class of 2008!!



Fermin Villanueva III

Name: Fermin Villanueva
Parents: Fermin Jr. and Mary Jane Villanueva
Siblings: Joe, Erica and Victor
What Are Your Plans After Graduation?: My plans after school are to work in Houston and start a career as a tanker man.
What Teacher Influenced You The Most?: Coach Marquardt and Mrs. Schroeder were always there for me when I needed someone to talk to and they both wanted me to do better in life.
What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate?: Chilling with my friends at school, but I will miss football most of all.



Anolda May Watkins

Name: Anolda May Watkins
Parents: Sandra J. Fitzpatrick and Neal Watkins
Siblings: Beau O. Watkins
What Are Your Plans After Graduation?: I plan to attend Texas A&M University at College Station in the Fall of 2008. My major will be biology and then I will study pre-medicine.
What Teacher Influenced You The Most?: Mrs. Crumley who always inspired me and treated me with the greatest of kindness. Also Mrs. Ballew who always pushed me and made me believe I could do anything.
What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate?: My mother's home cooked meals and infinite hugs. I will also miss my friends that I have made, this school and the community. Also, it will be hard to leave my most favorite people in the whole world, Ray and Sharon Melton.

Gum and Bruce advance to Regionals

Submitted by Coach Bonnie Brotherton

Senior Whitney Gum won the girl's division in District 30 by defeating teammate freshman Kelsey Bruce in a three set match.

Bruce then had a playback with Callie DuPerier from Medina and beat her in two sets to earn the silver medal. Both young ladies will represent Brackett High School at College Station on April 23 and 24, at Regional Competition.

Gum and Bruce have both

been very successful this season. Gum won the Brackett Invitational and placed second at the Knippa Invitational. Bruce

placed second at the Brackett Invitational and Consolation at the Knippa Invitational.

The pair teamed up to play

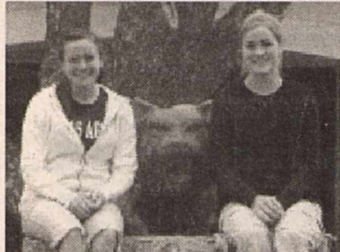
doubles at the Hondo Invitational and defeated a doubles team from Poteet to win third place.



District 30-A Basketball All District Selection



Defensive MVP: Julie Castillo



First Team All District: Daphne Hunt and Bailee Allen



Second Team All District: Bianca Terrazas and Hayley Harris



Honorable Mention: Bianca Martinez and Meghann Davis

Tigerettes place first at Area Meet

Submitted by Coach Dusty Brotherton

The Brackett girls took first at the Area Track Meet in Harper on April, 8. The Brackett girls won first by a 77 point lead, more points than second placed team, Harper, scored all together, 70.

The 400m relay team, Anolda Watkins, Daphne Hunt, Bianca Stewart and Cheyenne Smith, placed first with a time of 52.5.

Also placing first was the 800m relay team, Watkins, Hunt, Bailee Allen and Stewart with a time of 1:53.5

The mile relay team, Stewart, Hunt, Katie Braesicke, and Allen, placed second with a time of 4:23.2.

Individually, Kelsey Bruce placed second in the 3200m run with a time of 12:43.6, Sahara Rodriguez placed third with a time of 12:56.5.

B. Allen placed second in the high hurdles with a time of 17.02 and Karley Harris placed fourth with a time of 17.7.

Smith placed second in the 100m sprint with a time of 13.04.

Braesicke placed third in the 400m dash with a time of 66.03.

Harris placed fourth in the intermediate hurdles with a time of 42.9.

Smith took third in the 200m dash with a time of 27.5.

Bruce placed second in the 1600m with a time of 5:48.2 and Rodriguez placed fourth with a time of 5:56.2

Bianca Martinez placed third in the shot put event with a distance of 33'4.

Allen placed second in the discus event with a distance of 95'2 and Martinez placed fourth with a distance of 85'6 1/2.

Stewart placed first in the high jump with a height of 5'0 and Cheyenne Billings placed sixth with a height of 4'4.

There are 10 girls that qualified for Regionals; Anolda Watkins, Daphne Hunt, Bianca Stewart, Bailee Allen, Bianca Martinez, Katie Braesicke, Cheyenne Smith, Karley Harris, Kelsey Bruce and Sahara Rodriguez.

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Ramona The Pest

Chapter 2 of 16: Ramona's Great Day, Part 2

The story so far: It's Ramona's first day in kindergarten. Her teacher, Miss Binney, has mentioned a "present." There are two students Ramona finds especially interesting. One of them is a boy named Davy.

The other interesting person was a big girl named Susan. Susan's hair looked like the hair on the girls in the pictures of the old-fashioned stories Beezus liked to read. It was red-

dish-brown and hung in curls like springs that touched her shoulders and bounced as she walked. Ramona had never seen such curls before. All the curly-haired girls she knew wore their hair short. Ramona put her hand to her own short straight hair, which was an ordinary brown, and longed to touch that bright springy hair. She longed to stretch one of those curls and watch it spring back. *Boing!* thought Ramona, making a mental noise like a spring on a

television cartoon and wishing for thick, springy *boing-boing* hair like Susan's.

Howie interrupted Ramona's admiration of Susan's hair. "How soon do you think we get to go out and play?" he asked.

"Maybe after Miss Binney gives me the present," Ramona answered.

"She said she

was going to give me one."

"How come she's going to give you a present?" Howie wanted to know.

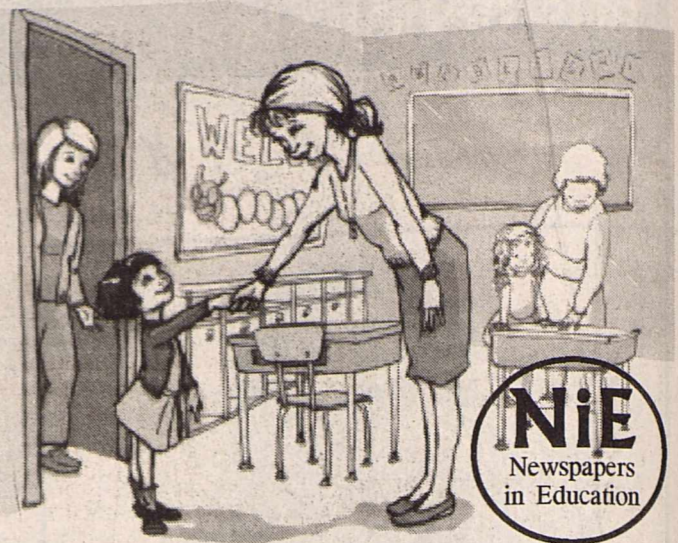
"She didn't say anything about giving me a present."

"Maybe she likes me best," said Ramona.

This news did not make Howie happy. He turned to the next boy, and said, "She's going to get a present."

Ramona wondered how long she would have to sit there to get the present. If only Miss Binney understood how hard waiting was for her!

When the last child had been welcomed and the last tearful mother had departed, Miss Binney gave a little talk about the rules of the kindergarten and showed the class the door that led to the bathroom. Next she assigned each person a little cupboard. Ramona's cupboard had a picture of a yellow duck on the door,



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and Howie's had a green frog. Miss Binney explained that their hooks in the cloakroom were marked with the same pictures. Then she asked the class to follow her quietly into the cloakroom to find their hooks.

Difficult though waiting was for her, Ramona did not budge. Miss Binney had not told her to get up and go into the cloakroom for her present. She had told her to sit for the present, and Ramona was going to sit until she got it. She would sit as if she were glued to the chair.

Howie scowled at Ramona as he returned from the cloakroom, and said to another boy, "The teacher is going to give her a present."

Naturally the boy wanted to know why. "I don't know," admitted Ramona. "She told me that if I sat here I would get a present. I guess she likes me best."

By the time Miss Binney returned from the cloakroom, word had spread around the classroom that Ramona was going to get a present.

Next Miss Binney taught the class the words of a puzzling song about "the dawnzer lee light," which Ramona did not understand because she did not know what a dawnzer was. "Oh, say, can you see by dawnzer lee light," sang Miss Binney, and Ramona decided that a dawnzer was another word for a lamp.

When Miss Binney had gone over the song several times, she asked the class to stand and sing it with her. Ramona did not budge. Neither did Howie and some of the others, and Ramona knew they were hoping for a present, too. Copycats, she thought.

"Stand up straight like good Americans," said Miss Binney so firmly that Howie and the others reluctantly stood up.

Ramona decided she would have to be a good American sitting down.

"Ramona," said Miss Binney, "aren't you going to stand with the rest of us?"

Ramona thought quickly. Maybe the question was some kind of test, like a test in a fairy tale. Maybe Miss Binney was testing her to see if she could get her out of her seat. If she failed the test, she would not get the present.

"I can't," said Ramona.

Miss Binney looked puzzled, but she did not insist that Ramona stand while she led the class through the dawnzer song. Ramona sang along with the others and hoped that her present came next, but when the song ended, Miss Binney made no mention of the present. Instead she picked up a book. Ramona decided that at last the time had come to learn to read.

Miss Binney stood in front of her class and began to read aloud from *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*, a book that was a favorite of Ramona's because, unlike so many books for her age, it was neither quiet and sleepy nor sweet and pretty. Ramona, pretending she was glued to her chair, enjoyed hearing the story again and listened quietly with the rest of the kindergarten to the story of Mike Mulligan's old-fashioned steam shovel, which proved its worth by digging the basement for the new town hall of Popperville in a single day beginning at dawn and ending as the sun went down.

As Ramona listened a question came into her mind, a question that had often puzzled her about the books that were read to her. Somehow books always left out one of the most important things anyone would want to know. Now that Ramona was in school, and school was a place for learning, perhaps Miss Binney could answer the question. Ramona waited quietly until her teacher had finished the story, and then she raised her hand the way Miss Binney had told the class they should raise their hands when they wanted to speak in school.

Joey, who did not remember to raise his hand, spoke out. "That's a good book."

Miss Binney smiled at Ramona, and said, "I like the way Ramona remembers to raise her hand when she has something to say. Yes, Ramona?"

Ramona's hopes soared. Her teacher had smiled at her. "Miss Binney, I want to know - how did Mike Mulligan go to the bathroom when he was digging the basement of the town hall?"

Miss Binney's smile seemed to last longer than smiles usually last. Ramona glanced uneasily around and saw that others were waiting with interest for the answer. Everybody wanted to know how Mike Mulligan went to the bathroom.

"Well -" said Miss Binney at last. "I don't really know, Ramona. The book doesn't tell us."

"I always wanted to know, too," said Howie, without raising his hand, and others murmured in agreement. The whole class, it seemed, had been wondering how Mike Mulligan went to the bathroom.

"Maybe he stopped the steam shovel and climbed out of the hole he was digging and went to a service station," suggested a boy named Eric.

"He couldn't. The book says he had to work as fast as he could all day," Howie pointed out. "It doesn't say he stopped."

Miss Binney faced the twenty-nine earnest members of the kindergarten, all of whom wanted to know how Mike Mulligan went to the bathroom.

"Boys and girls," she began, and spoke in her clear, distinct way. "The reason the book does not tell us how Mike Mulligan went to the bathroom is that it is not an important part of the story. The story is about digging the basement of the town hall, and that is what the book tells us."

Miss Binney spoke as if this explanation ended the matter, but the kindergarten was not convinced. Ramona knew and the rest of the class knew that knowing how to go to the bathroom was important. They were surprised that Miss Binney did not understand, because she had showed them the bathroom the very first thing. Ramona could see there were some things she was not going to learn in school, and along with the rest of the class she stared reproachfully at Miss Binney.

The teacher looked embarrassed, as if she knew she had disappointed her kindergarten. She recovered quickly, closed the book, and told the class that if they would walk quietly out to the playground she would teach them a game called Gray Duck.

Ramona did not budge. She watched the rest of the class leave the room and admired Susan's *boing-boing* curls as they bounced about her shoulders, but she did not stir from her seat. Only Miss Binney could unstick the imaginary glue that held her there.

"Don't you want to learn to play Gray Duck, Ramona?" Miss Binney asked.

Ramona nodded. "Yes, but I can't."

"Why not?" asked Miss Binney. "I can't leave my seat," said Ramona. When Miss Binney looked blank, she added, "Because of the present."

"What present?" Miss Binney seemed so genuinely puzzled that Ramona became uneasy. The teacher sat down in the little chair next to Ramona's, and said, "Tell me why you can't play Gray Duck."

Ramona squirmed, worn out with waiting. She had an uneasy feeling that something had gone wrong someplace. "I want to play Gray Duck, but you -" she stopped, feeling that she might be about to say the wrong thing.

"But I what?" asked Miss Binney.

"Well ... uh ... you said if I sat here I would get a present," said Ramona at last, "but you didn't say how long I had to sit here."

If Miss Binney had looked puzzled before, she now looked baffled. "Ramona, I don't understand -" she began.

"Yes, you did," said Ramona, nodding. "You told me to sit here for the present, and I have been sitting here ever since school started and you haven't given me a present."

Miss Binney's face turned red and she looked so embarrassed that Ramona felt completely confused. Teachers were not supposed to look that way.

Miss Binney spoke gently. "Ramona, I'm afraid we've had a misunderstanding."

Ramona was blunt. "You mean I don't get a present?"

"I'm afraid not," admitted Miss Binney. "You see, 'for the present' means for now. I meant that I wanted you to sit here for now, because later I may have the children sit at different desks."

"Oh," Ramona was so disappointed she had nothing to say. Words were so puzzling. Present should mean a present just as attack should mean to stick tacks in people.

By now all the children were crowding around the door to see what had happened to their teacher. "I'm so sorry," said Miss Binney. "It's all my fault. I should have used different words."

"That's all right," said Ramona, ashamed to have the class see that she was not going to get a present after all.

"All right, class," said Miss Binney briskly. "Let's go outside and play Gray Duck. You, too, Ramona."

April 2

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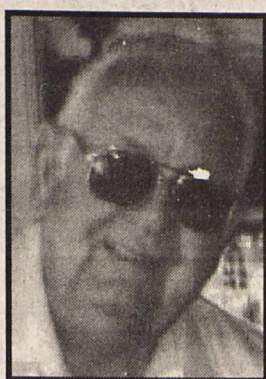
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OBITUARIES

Clyde E. Word

April 21, 1934- April 8, 2008

FORT STOCKTON—Clyde E. Word, 73, of Fort Stockton, passed away on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at his home in Fort Stockton. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, 2008, at the Northside Baptist Church with the Rev. Don Bennett and the Rev. Scott W. Owens officiating. Burial will follow in the Fort Stockton Catholic Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home.



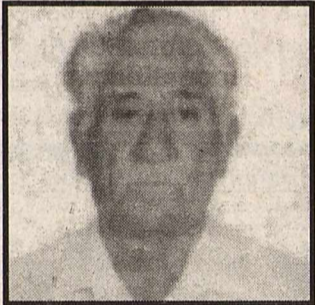
Mr. Word was born on April 21, 1934, in Brownwood, Texas. He was a test driver for Firestone; and a was veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving in the Navy. He married Mary Valenzuela on May 18, 1958. He had lived in Fort Stockton since 1954, coming from Brownwood. He was a member of the Northside Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Danielle Klein in 1997.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Word of Fort Stockton; four daughters, Martha Peterson and her husband Mike of Lakewood, Colo., Sandra Klein and her husband Steve of Georgetown, Texas, Brenda Lo and her husband James of Austin, Texas, and Becky Rojas and her husband Richard of Fort Stockton; two sons, Larry Word and his wife Kay of Sonora, Texas, and Clyde Word II of Martinsburg, W. Va.; his mother and step-father, Eda May Sparkman and Ret. Lt. Col. Robert G. Sparkman of Brownwood; two sisters, Ila May Swinney and her husband Clifton Eugene of Lake Brownwood, and Dottie Sue Layman of Brownwood; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Juan C. Cardenas

November 30, 1931- April 14, 2008

Juan C. Cardenas, age 76, entered into rest April 14, 2008 in Brackettville, Texas. He was born November 30, 1931 in Guerrero, Coahuila, Mexico. He was preceded in death by his parents Santos and Pomposa Cardenas, siblings Beto, Maria Bertha and Marcos.



Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 20 years, Rosalva F. Cardenas. Children: Esperanza, Amada, Maria, Sandra, Claudia, Marisela, Juan Roberto, Arturo, Sonia, Eloina and Cindy Cardenas. Step-children Rosa I. Pena, Jose Herrera, Rogelio Herrera, Zoila Herrera and Darius Richard. Siblings Mario, Mundo, Sergio, Julio and Leticia. Numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Tuesday, April 15, 2008 from 5:00PM to 9:00PM, Brackettville Sunset Chapel, 302 E. Spring, Brackettville, Texas.

Chapel Service was held Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 3:00PM at Brackettville Sunset Chapel, 302 E. Spring, Brackettville, Texas.

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Thank you very much,
Woody Massingill

Rio Grande Electric Co-op announces staff additions

Submitted by RGEC

Booming system growth continues to bolster hiring at Rio Grande Electric Cooperative. Recent additions to the Headquarters Office include Cindy Rhinesmith, Joe Robinette, and Catalina Saucedo.

Cindy Rhinesmith was hired as an administrative secretary. Originally from Anchorage, Alaska, she attended Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas, where she double-majored, earning BAs in Mass Communications and Theater. She is the mother of four grown children, proud grandmother of one, and is married to David Rhinesmith. Regarding her employment with RGEC, Rhinesmith says she is excited to be starting a new career and that she enjoys learning new things.

Joe Robinette will serve as materials manager for the Cooperative. He was most recently employed by Irvin Automotive in Mexico, where he worked for the past fifteen years. He is a graduate of McCallum High School in Austin, and Texas A&M University, where he earned his BBA. He and wife,

Olivia, are the proud parents of two children, Cody and Laura. Robinette says he is very excited to be working for Rio Grande, because "the people are so great!"

Catalina Saucedo will join the ranks of the dispatch department, serving as a part-time dispatcher. She is originally from Eagle Pass, and attended Texas A&M University at Kingsville, where she majored in Business Administration and Biology. Saucedo says she is very excited about her new position and that

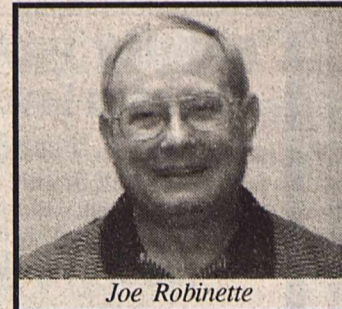
she brings with her a sincere enthusiasm and desire to take care of the linemen and Co-op members.



Cindy Rhinesmith



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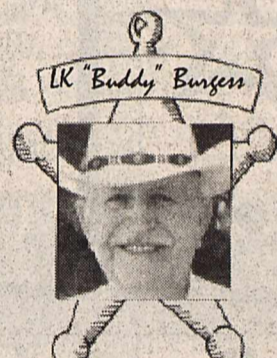
- 1 avocado, peeled & sliced
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- 1 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 med. tomato, sliced
- 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack or Cheddar cheese (2 oz.)

Sour cream, if desired or chopped green onion

Heat oven to 400°F Spray, 9 inch, pie plate with cooking spray. Arrange avocado slices in pie plate. Cook beef & onion in 10 inch skillet over medium heat for 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until beef is brown; drain. Stir in taco seasoning mix. Spoon into pie plate. Sprinkle with chiles.

Stir biscuit mix, milk & eggs in medium bowl with wire whisk or fork until well blended. Pour into pie plate. Bake 25 minutes. Top with tomato slices; sprinkle with cheese. Bake 8 to 10 minutes longer or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Garnish with sour cream or green onions.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



a local establishment reported an individual trying to buy alcohol with a fake ID. The employee kept the ID and the individual was acting hostile. A deputy was requested in order to maintain proper procedure.

Saturday, April 12

3:33 pm A local establishment reported a woman stating she had been kidnapped in San Antonio and left in town. A deputy was notified.

Sunday, April 13

11:00 am A cow was reported loose on Hwy 90 and Hwy 3008. A deputy was dispatched and was unable to locate it.

3:40 pm A brush fire was reported on Hwy 334.

5:50 pm A local reported a gray van on their property and did not know who it belonged to. A deputy was en route.

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Are other exemptions available?

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Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2006, you won't need to reapply for 2007 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2007. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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GEMINI - May 22/June 21
Gemini, if you can't make up your mind on how you want your relationship to go, it will soon be over. Do some soul searching and carefully consider the consequences.
CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
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LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
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VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
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LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
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SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
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CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Stress is on your plate but you're dusting it off as if it were nothing, Capricorn. Be a role model to others who simply think that there's no way to multitask.
AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
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- CLUES ACROSS
- Shoulder gesture
 - Upper limb
 - Quantitative fact
 - West Chadie
 - Lacrimal secretion
 - Stump forming part of a fence
 - Declare invalid
 - Double-reed instrument
 - Iris genus
 - Headache
 - Package
 - Anticipations
 - Fertilized eggs
 - Public violence
 - Caviar
 - Snakes
 - Expression of sorrow or pity
 - Short cloaks
 - Qatar capital
 - Hygienic
 - Celestial latitude
 - SNL comedian Carvey
 - Easily duped victims
 - Dinner call
 - Greek god of light
 - A short and amusing opera
 - Wife of a raja
 - Less than average tide
 - Any plant of the family Araceae
 - Design
 - Being the only one
 - Jeane Baker
 - A small island
 - Soviet Union or U.S.S.R.
 - Cause to change

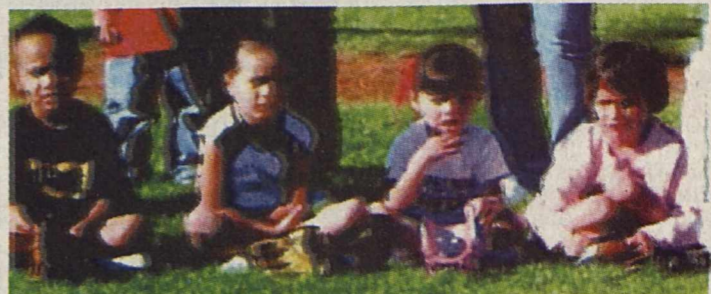
- CLUES DOWN
- Feign
 - Akha
 - Step of a ladder
 - High interest money lender
 - Collection of star systems
 - Repents
 - Medieval fiddle
 - Tse-tung
 - Displaying liveliness
 - Mexican silver city
 - Noncitizen
 - Bluish greens
 - Mends
 - ____d. music file device
 - At the peak
 - Tall perennial woody plant
 - Geological times
 - Headfish
 - Hit on the head with a baseball
 - Observe secretly
 - Badfinger album "____ce"
 - You
 - Pouches
 - Spare time activity
 - Big guns
 - W. Rumanian city
 - Afrikaans
 - Capsicum
 - Fed
 - Albanian capital
 - Steroid alcohol
 - Wrists
 - Iridescent opaque gems
 - Pheasant
 - Intended achievements
 - Civil wrong
 - Fourth dimension
 - 6th Jewish month
 - Goddess of the dawn

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¿Cual es la fecha límite?

Si su terreno nunca ha tenido una valoración productiva, o si Ud. es nuevo dueño, debe solicitarla a su distrito de valoraciones antes del día 30 de abril, para recibir el beneficio en sus impuestos de propiedad del 2007. Puede recibir hasta 60 días más si tiene una buena razón y si solicita el tiempo adicional antes del 30 de abril del 2007. Si se pasa de esta fecha, es posible que todavía la pueda obtener, pero pagará una multa. Pregunte en la oficina de su distrito de valoraciones.

¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

Por lo general, si su propiedad ya recibe una valoración productiva agrícola o maderera, no hay necesidad de pedir una nueva cada año—a menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Si se requiere una solicitud nueva, el distrito de valoraciones le mandará un aviso por correo.

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