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COMMUNITY NEWS

ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS

City and School Board elections

May 10, 2008

Both elections to be held in the BHS Auditorium
Don't forget to Vote!

BHS Softball Play-offs
The Tigerettes Area Playoff Game versus Falls City will be held this Friday, May 2nd, at 7:00pm in Honda.

BISD Activity Calendar
Thurs., May 1: TAKS testing.
Fri. May 2: Tigerettes Area playoff game. **Mon.-Fri. May 5-9:** Teacher Staff Appreciation Week. **Mon. May 5:** AG Mechanics Contest @ Kingsville, PTO in Auditorium @ 6pm. State Golf held at Morris Williams Golf Course in Austin. **Tue. May 6:** Last Day for early voting for School Board in the Auditorium from 8:00-4:00pm. **Wed., May 7:** National School Nurses Day, Student Council Blood Drive in front of High School from 8:30-3:00pm.

Auditions for Missoula Children's Theatre
An audition will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Monday, June 9, 2008 at the school auditorium from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Those auditioning should arrive at 10:00 am and plan to stay for the full two hours. Students, entering 1st grade through 12th grade, are encouraged to audition. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs will be presented on Friday, June 13, at 7:00 pm and Saturday, June 14, at 3:00 pm at the school auditorium. For more information, call Dee Dee Brown at 563-2814.

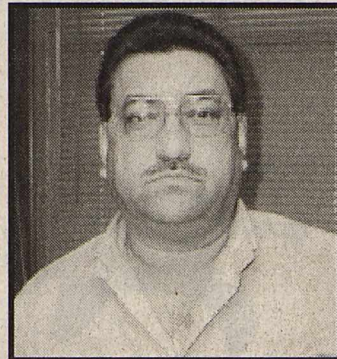
Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp
Final applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and Girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp Locations Include: Commerce, TX, Prescott, AZ, Thousand Oaks, CA, Babson Park FL, Gainesville, GA, Champaign, IL, Glassboro, NJ, Lebanon, TN, and Blacksburg, VA. 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. www.tenstarcamp.com

Weekend WEATHER Friday
High: 92
Low: 58
Mostly Sunny

Saturday
High: 87
Low: 62
Mostly Sunny

Sunday
High: 87
Low: 68
Mostly Cloudy

David Luna set for trial



By Allison Taylor
Managing Editor

According to the 63rd District Judge, Tom Lee, former City Manager David Luna is scheduled to appear for trial in Del Rio on August 11 at 9 am. Luna is accused of intentionally and knowingly, unlawfully appropriating funds of \$1,500 or more, but less than \$20,000 without the effective written con-

sent of the owner (City of Brackettville). The offense is punishable by two to ten years in a state jail facility and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Luna is also accused of unlawfully appropriating funds of \$20,000 or more, but less than \$100,000 between June 9, 2001 and June 8, 2002 and for unlawfully appropriating funds of \$20,000 or more, but less than \$100,000 from July 1, 1998 to

June 8, 2001.

Luna's case was reset in Kinney County on numerous occasions before his attorney, Tony Reyes of Nicholas & Barrera requested a change of venue due to his belief that Luna would not receive a fair trial in Kinney County.

Luna will appear before the court in the Val Verde County Judicial Complex on the corner of Broadway and Main.

County extends burn ban

By Allison Taylor
Managing Editor

The Kinney County Commissioner's Court met on Monday, April 21. After discussion on the status of the land and whether or not the burn ban should be lifted, Commissioners voted to extend the county wide burn ban for another 30 day period.

Kinney County Fire Rescue Chief Tim Ward gave the court an update on the activities of the department.

The court accepted a donation of NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) compliant firefighting equipment from Howard County Volunteer Fire Department with an estimated value of \$20,000 and approved a Texas Forest Service grant application for equipment and payments.

Commissioners approved temporary part time help in the maintenance department due to the current overwhelming maintenance issues.

Commissioners also tabled possible action concerning complaints against the Kinney County Nutrition Center Director made by the public until the next meeting in order to discuss the issue in executive session.

The next regular scheduled meeting is set for Monday, May 19 at 9 am in the County Courtroom.

Too low to remember?



Making Cents Out Of Gas Prices

Courtesy Photo

In 1938, Larry Sofaly worked at a parking garage and service station at the Penn-Albert Hotel in Greenburg, Pennsylvania when gas prices were merely cents. He commented "There's a big difference between the gas prices back then (see the sign) and those today-wages too."

Six BHS UIL students State bound



Submitted by UIL Coordinator, Cindy Brandt

Six Brackett High School students advance from Regional to State competition which will be held May 2-3, 2008 at the University of Texas campus in Austin.

Senior Lauren Cornelius will be competing in Lincoln-Douglas Debate. Lincoln-Douglas debate is a one-on-one argumentation in which debaters attempt to convince the judge of the acceptability of their side of a proposition. One debater argues the affirmative and one debater argues the negative side of a resolution. Participants are judged on poise, speaking ability, and the ability to defend the position they have chosen to take on the given resolution.

Junior Laura Swinson, will lead the way for the Accounting Team as they return to state competition for the second year. Senior Gabby Schroeder and Junior Arlene Roth were also participants in last year's team. The Accounting Team of Swinson, Schroeder and Roth swept first, second and third places respectfully at both the District and Regional levels.

For the first time in Brackett history, the Mathematics Team will head up I-35 toward Austin. Laura Swinson placed fourth at Regionals followed by Victor Cantu placing sixth to put the four member team in first place. Junior Emily Calk and Senior Gabby Schroeder will round off the team.

High School UIL Advances To State

Courtesy Photo

Top row from left: Laura Swinson, Victor Cantu and Lauren Cornelius. Standing from left: Arlene Roth, Emily Calk and Gabby Schroeder.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Community Forum tonight

The Brackett News will be hosting the 2nd Annual Community Forum tonight at 7p.m. in the new high school cafeteria. Candidates in the May 10 Election race for City Council and BISD School Board will be present.

The Forum will begin with the candidates introducing themselves, then answer a series of questions about their respective positions and conclude with a short speech. The candidates voluntarily participate in the forum.

Light refreshments and live musical entertainment are planned to complete the evening and the public at large is invited to attend.



Laughlin Air Show

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Air Amistad 2008 organizers expect 20,000 to 30,000 visitors to attend Laughlin's free air show and open house scheduled for 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., May 10th here. Laughlin's main gate will open at 9:00 a.m. for the general public and remain open for inbound traffic until 3:00 p.m. Although the show extends past 3:00 p.m., visitors will need to make sure they are on base prior to the inbound gate's closure at 3:00 p.m. This year's theme "Thunder over the Amistad" will include a large number of static displays, ground exhibits and aerial demonstrations. Aircraft performances start at 10:30 a.m. and will culminate with the exciting precision aerobatics of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. Other performances include current and vintage military aircraft. Among them are Laughlin's training aircraft, a T-6 aerial demonstration team, a B-2 flyover and performances by World War II and Korean War era aircraft. Food, beverages and souvenirs will be available for purchase. Guests are encouraged to bring enough cash (U.S. dollars) since ATMs will not be available on the flight line. Admission and parking is free and open to everyone. Because of the anticipated traffic volume and security, visitors should plan additional travel time to the base. Additional security might cause delays since everyone must pass through checkpoints separating the parking area from the air show displays. Limited shuttle bus service will be available, but most visitors will face a 1.5-mile walk from the parking area to the flight line. No weapons, large bags, backpacks or coolers will be allowed beyond the checkpoints. Only service animals will be allowed on the flight line, guests should leave their pets at home. Complete, up-to-date details about Air Amistad are available on the Internet at www.laughlin.af.mil/airshow.asp. Individuals without computer access may call (830) 298-5143 for additional information.

Benefit for St. Judes Children's Hospital

St. Judes Children's Hospital can use the front of any greeting cards you receive throughout the year for craft projects. 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.

Letters to the Editor

My name is Megan Reinhold and I am currently stationed in Al Hillah, Iraq. I am asking for your support to give children in Iraq things that they need such as school supplies and toys. I have been here seven months and have seen first hand some of the living conditions of the local population here. Some of it is sad. I am sad for them



None of this is associated in any way shape or form to the US Army. Since being here I have learned tolerance and have befriended some of the Iraqi citizens here. I believe by extending our hand and showing them that we care we will be that much closer to winning this and going home. The news alone cannot paint the picture of how life is here. There are great things being done here, there are great people that are here, and great progress is being made. Thank you for your support. Below is a list of suggested items.

Soccer balls! they LOVE THEM HERE!, School Supplies (Paper, pencils, markers, back packs, crayons, etc), arts and crafts stuff & stickers, bubbles, play doh, hula hoops, jump ropes, kites, dolls and stuffed animals and polly pockets.

DO NOT SEND MONEY. THIS IS NOT A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION! THANK YOU.

Please mail to:
Megan Reinhold
USMI-SC/REO
AL HILLA
APO AE 09316

The Board of Directors of Fort Clark Springs Association held a Town Hall meeting in March, in order for the membership to voice their preference of the location of the fort restaurant. It appears that the meeting was a waste of the members time.

It was apparent that by a show of hands, approximately 20 to 1 were in favor of the restaurant being at Dickman Hall. No one spoke in favor of the restaurant being placed at the ProShop. I believe that all of the members that attended left with the assumption that the restaurant would be located at Dickman Hall.

At the April board meeting, the vipers must have again raised their ugly heads (you know the ones that think they are the Movers and Shakers) and the issue is still undecided. The ProShop is still being considered regardless of the membership wishes.

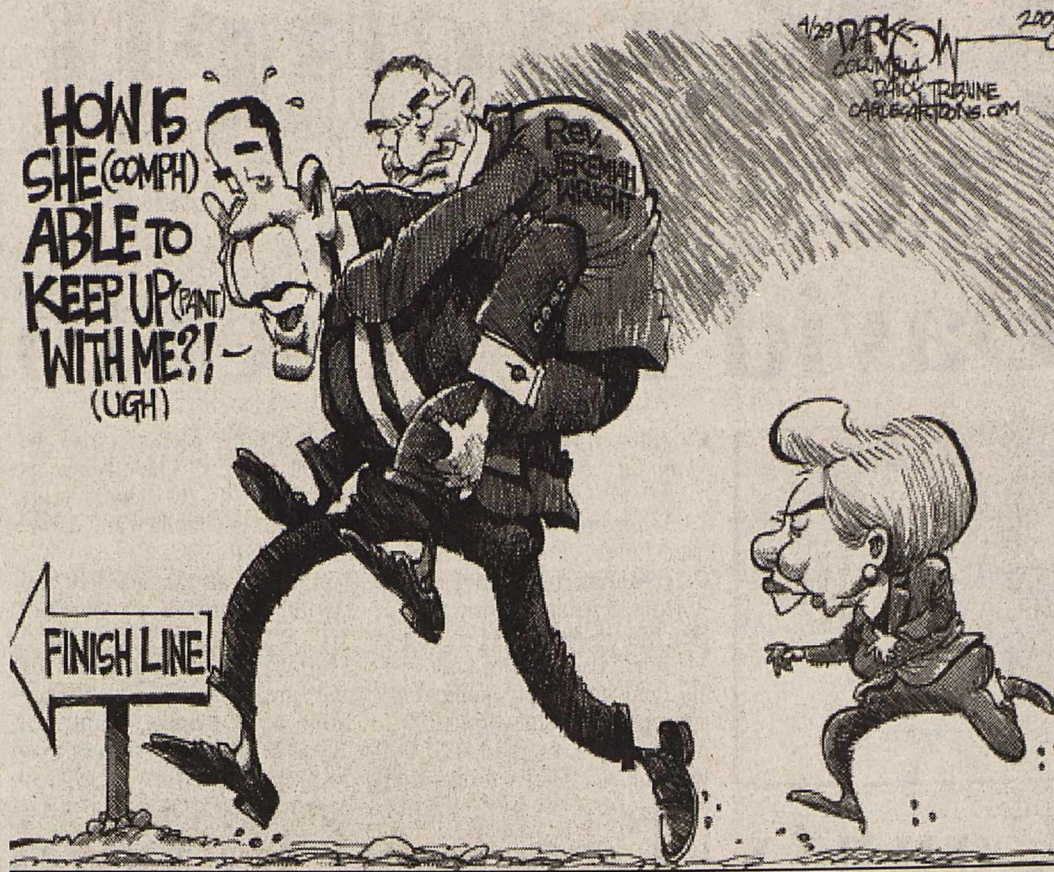
The membership spoke loud and clear at the Town Hall meetings as to where they want the restaurant to be located. It is time for the board to listen to the majority of the members and not a select few. It is important that the issue not be settled in the summer after our winter Texas have left. Their say is important too.

The "Movers and Shakers" spent their own money to have an architect design a plan for the restaurant at the ProShop. These plans were presented to the Rotary Club as though it was a "done deal." The board should return the plans to the group and instruct them to burn them along with their ego's.

Two of the five board members are in favor of Dickman Hall (one who was just elected and the other whom has volunteered his time and effort on the walking/jogging trail), so vent your rage on the other three.

The membership has the power to make the board listen to us. That is my two-cents worth. Lets hear yours.

Garland W. Young



Facades of perfectionism



The Fly Lady Marla Ciley

My grandmother taught me that if you couldn't say anything nice then say nothing at all. That is such a wonderful adage to live by. I first wrote to love by and that is probably the best way to live.

When are we ever going to learn? Not every thought in our head should be voiced or written quickly and sent via email. If someone had wanted our opinion then don't you think they would have asked for it?

Even the closest people to you don't need to hear your every thought on a subject. These people are allowed to have opinions of their own. They can make decisions on their own. If they desire an outside opinion they are smart enough to ask for it and have enough courage to listen to it.

Just because they asked does not mean they have to take your opinion and use it. If they ask for an opinion then when they don't get the answer they were

prayers are not the only answer; we have to dig deep to stop this behavior in us because we know how it feels to be criticized. If we know how it feels then why do we do this!

I think it is perfectionism plain and simple. The truth is that we think we are better and therefore our opinion should and must be shared. Now that is a scary thought. Perfectionism rears its ugly head again and we are determined to stick our foot in our mouths just 'cause we're right.

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Just because they asked does not mean they have to take your opinion and use it. If they ask for an opinion then when they don't get the answer they were

looking for it will teach them not to ask again.

Opinions should be given honestly when requested. The old adage comes back into play if you are not asked, "If you can't say anything good then say nothing at all!" We can always find something nice to say if we will choose our words wisely.

Have you been hearing your mother or father's voice coming out of your mouth? You don't have to allow this behavior to hurt another person. You can nip it in the bud by letting the words fill your head first and imagine how someone might react. We can also write it out to get the full impact of the harshness of the criticism. Then we can tear it up. We can stop negativity from becoming a cancer in our lives.

Has your perfectionism caused you to put on the facade of cattiness, gossiping, whining, sarcasm, martyrdom, cynicism, snide remarks, realism or I'm just saying? Isn't it awful that perfect can turn into such ugliness? Watch yourself this week. Put signs to up remind yourself to stop this negative behavior. Just because you think you are right doesn't give you permission to rain on someone's parade.

Put your tax rebate to work



Emily Cooper

You may not be familiar with its formal name - the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 - but you're almost certainly aware of its key outcome: a tax rebate. Now comes the big question: What should you do with it?

If you spend it, you will do your part to help stimulate the economy. But by investing the rebate, you could help speed your progress toward your long-term financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

Before we look at investment possibilities, let's quickly go over the "nuts and bolts" of the plan:

How much? You can receive up to \$600, if you're filing as an individual, or \$1,200, if you're filing a joint return. Plus, you can get an additional \$300 for each qualifying child. However, the size of your rebate will be reduced by \$50 for every \$1,000 you earn above adjusted gross income (AGI) limits (\$75,000 for singles and \$150,000 for married couples).

When? The IRS will begin mailing Stimulus Act rebate checks in May. If you've selected the "direct deposit" option for receiving your 2007 income tax refund, your Stimulus Act rebate will be placed in the same account that you've chosen for your refund.

Investment Choices Here are a few possibilities for investing your rebate:

Traditional or Roth IRA - Suppose that you are a joint filer and did receive the full \$1,200 rebate. If you put that \$1,200 in an investment that earned a hypothetical 7 percent return, and that investment were placed in a traditional or Roth IRA, the money would grow to more than \$9,000 in 30 years. (This figure does not include fees, commissions or expenses, all of which would reduce your investment returns.) Keep in mind that traditional IRA withdrawals are taxable, whereas a Roth IRA's earnings have the potential to grow tax free, provided you don't begin taking withdrawals until you're at least 59-1/2 and you've had your account for at least five years.) All investments within these accounts do fluctuate in price, so it is possible to have more, less or the same amount when you sell your investments.

Section 529 savings plan - In a Section 529 college savings plan, you put money in a specific mix of investments. Section 529 plans are tax deductible in some states for residents who participate in their own state's plan. All withdrawals will be free from federal income taxes if the money is used for a qualified college or graduate school expense of your child or grandchild. (Withdrawals for other reasons may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes. Also, Section 529 distributions will appear as income on the child's tax return, which could affect financial aid calculations.)

Emergency fund - It's a good idea to put six to 12 months' worth of living expenses in a liquid account for use as an "emergency fund." Without such a fund, you might be forced to liquidate some of your long-term investments to pay for things such as a costly car repair or an unexpected medical bill.

A rebate like this one doesn't come along every year - so put it to work for you. Someday, you may be glad you did.

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Patient education



Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C., FIAMA

"The doctor of the future will give no medicine but will interest his patients in the care of the human frame, in diet, and in the cause and prevention of disease."

Thomas Edison
Relieving pain and treating the cause of the pain is my main

focus as a doctor.

However, it is equally important that I try to educate my patients as well. It is essential that my patients be partners in determining their plan of care. Stretching techniques, proper exercise, diet and nutrition suggestions, and relaxation techniques are all part of my treatment protocol.

Sometimes this additional care take the form of just listening to my patients. It is my intent to help my patients maintain good health on a long-term basis to enable them to have as active a life-style as they choose.

Many times surgery can be avoided as well with the alternative therapies chiropractic offers.

Too many of us ignore the messages our body sends to us. There is no reason you need to "just live with" pain. It can be minimized and in many cases eliminated with natural, drug-free chiropractic care.

Please call Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C., FIAMA for an appointment at 563-6249 in Brackettville. Our clinic is located at #1 Mesquite Alley. We offer acupuncture and accept major insurances.

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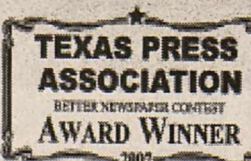
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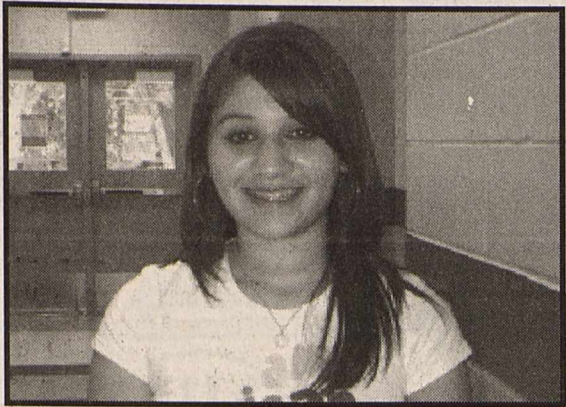
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Minister: Ray Melton

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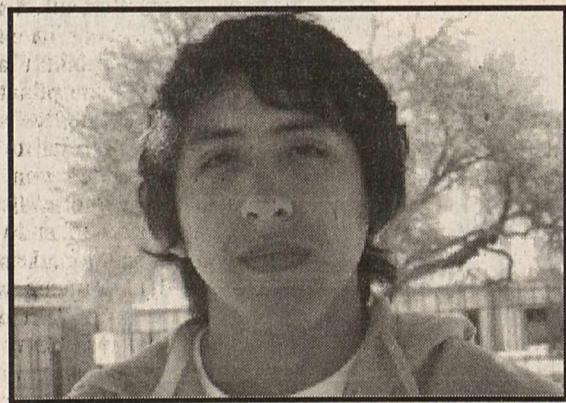
Evelyn Rojas

Name: Evelyn Rojas
Parents: Hortencia and Ricardo Rojas
Siblings: Nayellie and Ricardo Jr.
What Are Your Plans After Graduation?: I am planning on attending Southwest Texas Junior College
What Teacher Influenced You The Most? Mrs. Ballew, she is a supportive teacher and always available when I needed her. She would always push me and never let me give up.
What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate? I will miss my family and friends



Savannah Fernandez

Name: Savannah Marie Fernandez
Mother: Janie Fernandez
Father: Gilbert Gonzalez
Siblings: Gilbert Fernandez, Sarah Gonzalez, Gilbert González, Esmeralda Gonzalez, and Santa Gonzalez
What Are Your Plans After Graduation?: To pursue a career in law enforcement
What Teacher Influenced You The Most?: Mrs. Hodges, because she encouraged me to never give up
What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate?: The Academy, which has prepared me to move on to the next phase in my life.



Manolo Rosas III

Name: Manolo Rosas III
Mother: Michelle Hernandez
Father: Manolo Rosas
Siblings: Amanda, Celina, Isaac, JT and Roman
What Are Your Plans After Graduation?: Going to DeVry University in Irving
What are you most looking forward to after graduation? Getting out of Brackett
What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate?: My friends and family

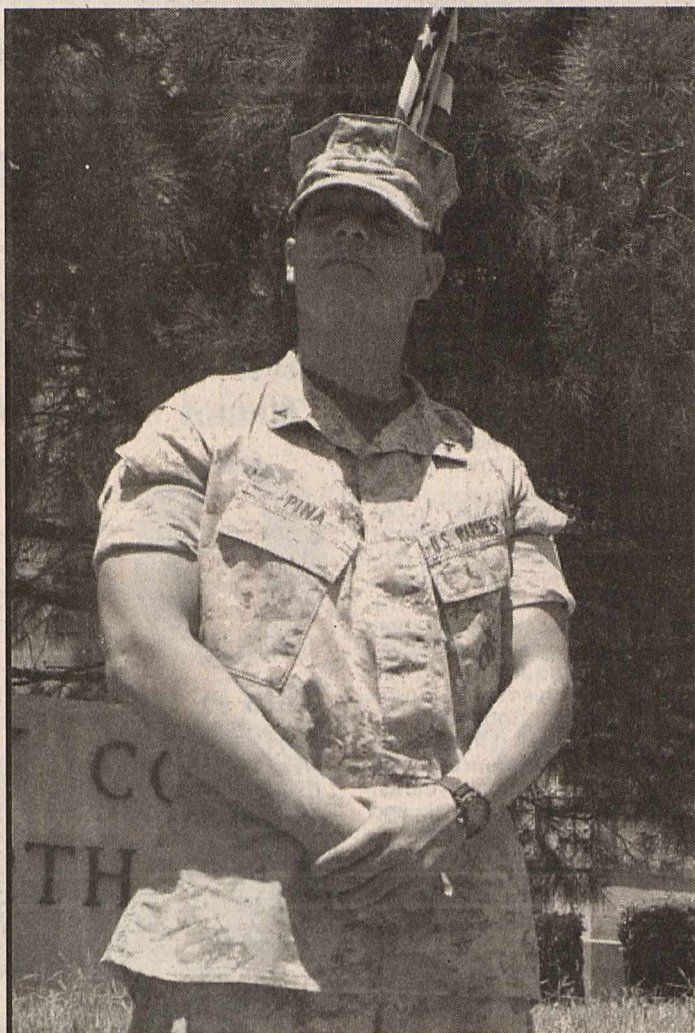


Julie Castillo

Name: Julie Castillo
Mother: Susanna Castillo
Father: Tomas Castillo
Siblings: Vanessa, Ashley and McKenzie
What Are Your Plans After Graduation?: I plan on attending Southwest Texas Junior College
What Teacher Influenced You The Most?: All of my teachers and coaches have influenced me in different ways. Thank you for all of the support and encouragement.
What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate?: I am going to miss my family and friends. But most of all I am going to miss playing volleyball, basketball and softball.

Track girls place sixth at Regionals

Submitted by Coach Dusty Brotherton
 The Varsity track girls placed sixth at the Regional Meet held in Huntsville on April 25 -26, 2008.
 The 400m relay team, Anolda Watkins, Daphne Hunt, Bianca Stewart and Cheyenne Smith, placed sixth with a time of 52.5.
 The 1600m relay team, Stewart, Hunt, Katie Braesicke and Bailee Allen, placed third with a time of 4:17.1
 Kelsey Bruce placed fourth in the 3200m run with a time of 12:10.7.
 B. Allen placed sixth in the high hurdles with a time of 17.4
 Bruce placed fourth in the 1600m run with a time of 5:39.9
 Stewart placed fourth in the high jump with a height of 4'10.



Welcome Home Soldier

Photo by Tara Eckerprod
 LCol Ramiro Pina was greeted home after a 7 month detail in Iraq with a welcoming party ending at the Kinney County Courthouse on Monday, April 28. LCol Pina is currently on two week leave and will return to Camp Pendleton, CA where he is currently stationed.

Thank you

Thank you to my husband for preparing a wonderful brunch for my birthday. Also "Thank you!" to all my family and friends that were in attendance, and for all their wonderful gifts.

Carmen Gallegos

-Attention- City of Brackettville Customers

Due to upgrade in the billing system, recent water bills showing the usage amount are missing the last zero. Usage is incorrect but the dollar amount is correct. Any questions contact City Hall at 563-2412

ELECT

Demitreus Williams

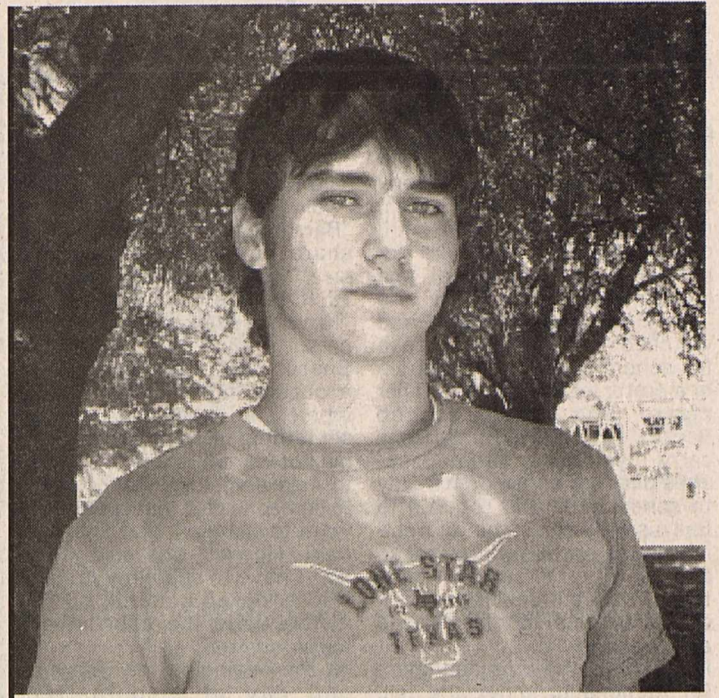
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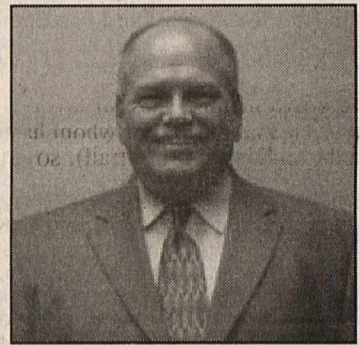
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State Bound Golfers

Courtesy Photos
 Lane Nowlin (top) and Ashley Stephenson (bottom) are headed to the State Golf Meet at the Morris Williams Golf Course in Austin on May 5-6, 2008.



Vote for Dan Laws - School Board!

I respectfully ask for your vote for School Board on Saturday, May 10th. My promise to you is that I will always be fair, honest, and never lose sight of the fact that this is about our children. If elected, I will bring both my values and my dedication to the job; and I will be accountable.

Pol. Adv. pd. for by Dan Laws

PK/Kinder Round Up Friday, May 2, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.

Jones Elementary/Intermediate School would like to invite parents to the Pre-K/Kinder Round-Up. The Round-Up is for children who will be four (Pre-Kinder) or five (Kinder) before September 1st. If you would like to register your child please bring the following documents:

- Birth Certificate (the original)
- Social Security Card (the original)
- Shot Record
- Proof of Residence (ex. water, etc... The document has to have your physical address on it.)
- Legal Papers (ex. custody papers, guardianship, etc...)
- Driver's License

AGENDA

- Meet the teachers, the nurse and the principal
 - Learn about PK/Kinder objectives
 - Explore the classrooms
 - Opportunity to register for PK/Kinder
 - Visit the library and gym
 - Have lunch with PK/Kinder in the cafeteria
 - Ask questions about school
- Please check in at the elementary office and have your driver's license so you can get a "Visitors Badge".

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Ramona The Pest

Chapter 4 of 16: Show and Tell, Part 1

Ramona looked forward to many things - her first loose tooth, riding a bicycle instead of a tricycle, wearing lipstick like her mother - but most of all she looked forward to Show and Tell. For years Ramona had watched her sister Beezus leave for school with a doll, a book, or a pretty leaf to share with her class. She had watched Beezus's friend Henry Huggins carry mysterious, lumpy packages past her house on his way to school. She had listened to Beezus talk about the interesting things her class brought to school - turtles, ballpoint pens that wrote in three different colors, a live clam in a jar of sand and seawater.

Now at last the time had come for Ramona to show and tell. "What are you going to take to show your class?" she asked Beezus, hoping for an idea for herself.

"Nothing," said Beezus, and went on to explain. "Along about the third grade you begin to outgrow Show and Tell. By the fifth grade it's all right to take something really unusual like somebody's pickled appendix or something to do with social studies. An old piece of fur when you study fur traders would be all right. Or if something really exciting happened like your house burning down, it would be all right to tell about that. But in the fifth grade you don't take an old doll or a toy fire engine to school. And you don't call it Show and Tell by then. You just let the teacher know you have something interesting."

Ramona was not discouraged. She was used to Beezus's growing out of things as she grew into them. She rummaged around in her toy box and finally dragged out her favorite doll, the doll with the hair that could really be washed. "I'm going to take Chevrolet," she told Beezus.

"Nobody names a doll Chevrolet," said Beezus, whose dolls had names like Sandra or Patty.

"I do," Ramona answered. "I think Chevrolet is the most beautiful name in the world."

"Well, she's a horrid-looking doll," said Beezus. "Her hair is green. Besides, you don't play with her."

"I wash her hair," said Ramona loyally, "and the only reason what's left of her hair looks sort of green is that I tried to blue it like Howie's grandmother, who has her hair blue at the beauty shop. Mama said putting bluing on yellow hair turned it green. Anyway, I think it's pretty."

When the time finally came to start to school, Ramona was disappointed once more to see Mrs. Kemp approaching with Howie and little Willa Jean. "Mama, come on," begged Ramona, dragging at her mother's hand, but her mother waited until the Kemps had caught up. Willa Jean was even sloppier this morning. There were crumbs on the front of her sweater, and she was drinking apple juice out of a nursing bottle. Willa Jean dropped the bottle when she saw Chevrolet and sat there with apple juice dribbling down her chin while she stared at Ramona's doll.

"Ramona is taking her doll to school for Show and Tell," said Mrs. Quimby.

Howie looked worried. "I don't have anything for Show and Tell," he said.

"That's all right, Howie," said Mrs. Quimby. "Miss Binney doesn't expect you to take something every day."

"I want to take something," said Howie.

"My goodness, Howie," said his mother. "What if twenty-nine children each brought something. Miss Binney wouldn't have time to teach you anything."

"She's taking something," Howie pointed to Ramona.

There was something familiar about the way Howie was behaving. Ramona pulled at her mother's hand. "Come on, Mama."

"Ramona, I think it would be nice if you ran in the house and found something to lend Howie to take to school," said Mrs. Quimby.

Ramona did not think this idea was nice at all, but she recognized that lending Howie something might be faster than arguing with him. She ran into the house where she snatched up the first thing she saw - a stuffed rabbit that had already been given hard wear before the cat had adopted it as a sort of practice gopher. The cat liked to chew the rabbit's tail, carry it around in his mouth, or lie down and kick it with his hind feet. When Ramona thrust the rabbit into Howie's hand, Mrs. Kemp said, "Say thank you, Howie."

"It's just an old beat-up bunny," said Howie scornfully. When his mother wasn't looking, he handed the rabbit to Willa Jean, who dropped her apple juice, seized the rabbit, and began to chew its tail.

Just like our cat, thought Ramona, as the group proceeded toward school.

"Don't forget Ramona's bunny," said Mrs. Kemp, when they reached the kindergarten play-

ground.

"I don't want her old bunny," said Howie.

"Now Howie," said his mother. "Ramona was kind enough to share her bunny so you be nice." To Mrs. Quimby she said, as if Howie could not hear, "Howie needs to learn manners."

Share! Ramona had learned about sharing in nursery school, where she either had to share something of her own that she did not want to share or she had to share something that belonged to someone else that she did not want to share either. "That's all right, Howie," she said. "You don't have to share my rabbit." Howie looked grateful, but his mother thrust the rabbit into his hands anyway.

At the beginning, on that second day of kindergarten, Ramona felt shy because she was not sure what Miss Binney would think about a girl who had been made to sit on the bench. But Miss Binney smiled, and said, "Good morning, Ramona," and seemed to have forgotten all about the day before. Ramona sat Chevrolet in her little cupboard with the duck on the door and waited for Show and Tell. "Did anyone bring something to show the class?" asked Miss Binney, after the class had sung the dawning song.

Ramona remembered to raise her hand, and Miss Binney invited her to come to the front of the room to show the class what she had brought. Ramona took Chevrolet from her cupboard and stood beside Miss Binney's desk, where she discovered she did not know what to say. She looked to Miss Binney for help. Miss Binney smiled encouragingly. "Is there something you would like to tell us about your doll?"

"I can really wash her hair," said Ramona. "It's sort of green because I gave her a blue rinse."

"And what do you wash it with?" asked Miss Binney.

"Lots of things," said Ramona, beginning to enjoy speaking in front of the class. "Soap, shampoo, detergent, bubble bath. I tried Dutch Cleanser once, but it didn't work."

"What is your doll's name?" asked Miss Binney.

"Chevrolet," answered Ramona. "I named her after my aunt's car."

The class began to laugh, especially the boys. Ramona felt confused, standing there in front of twenty-eight boys and girls who were all laughing at her. "Well, I did!" she said angrily, almost tearfully. Chevrolet was a beautiful name, and there was no reason to laugh.

Miss Binney ignored the giggles and snickers. "I think Chevrolet is a lovely name," she said. Then she repeated, "Chev-ro-let." The way Miss Binney pronounced the word made it sound like music. "Say it, class."

"Chev-ro-let," said the class obediently, and this time no one laughed. Ramona's heart was filled with love for her teacher.

Miss Binney was not like most grown-ups. Miss Binney understood.

The teacher smiled at Ramona. "Thank you, Ramona, for sharing Chevrolet with us."

After a girl had showed her doll that talked when she pulled a cord in its back and a boy had told the class about his family's new refrigerator, Miss Binney asked, "Does anyone else have anything to show us or tell us about?"

"That boy brought something," said Susan of the springy curls, pointing at Howie.

Boing, thought Ramona, as she always did when those curls caught her attention. She was beginning to see that Susan was a girl who liked to take charge. "Howie, did you bring something?" asked Miss Binney. Howie looked embarrassed.

"Come on, Howie," encouraged Miss Binney. "Show us what you brought."

Reluctantly Howie went to his cupboard and brought out the shabby blue rabbit with the damp tail. He carried it to Miss Binney's desk, faced the class, and said in a flat voice, "It's just an old bunny." The class showed very little interest.

"Is there something you would like to tell us about your bunny?" asked Miss Binney. "No," said Howie. "I just brought it because my mother made me."

"I can tell you something about your bunny," said Miss Binney. "It has had lots of love. That's why it's so worn."

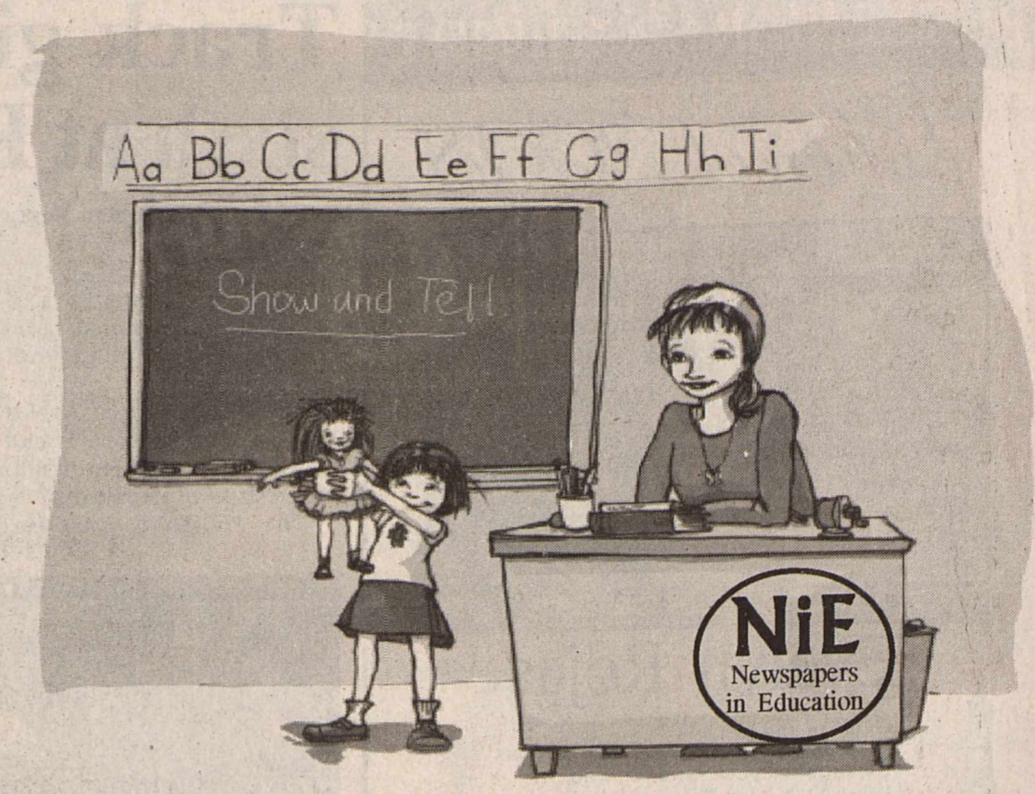
Ramona was fascinated. In her imagination she could see the cat lying on the carpet with the rabbit gripped in his teeth while he battered it with his hind feet. The look that Howie gave the rabbit was somehow lacking in love. Ramona waited for him to say that it wasn't his rabbit, but he did not. He just stood there.

Miss Binney, seeing that Howie could not be encouraged to speak in front of the class, opened a drawer in her desk, and as she reached inside she said, "I have a present for your bunny."

She pulled out a red ribbon, took the rabbit from Howie, and tied the ribbon around its neck in a bright bow. "There you are, Howie," she said. "A nice new bow for your bunny."

Howie mumbled, "Thank you," and as quickly as possible hid the rabbit in his cupboard.

Ramona was delighted. She felt that the red ribbon Miss Binney had given her old rabbit took the place of the present she had not been given the day before. All morning she thought about the things she could do with that red ribbon. She could use it to tie up what was left of Chevrolet's hair. She could trade it to Beezus for something valuable, an empty perfume bottle or some colored paper that wasn't scribbled on. During rest time Ramona had the best idea of all. She would save the ribbon until she got a two-wheeled bicycle. Then she would weave it in and out of the spokes and ride so fast the wheels would be a red blur as the wheels went around. Yes. That was exactly what she would do with her red ribbon.



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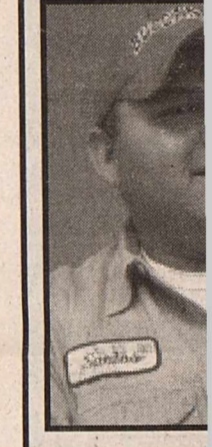
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Submitted by B& Public Health N

In the thirteen receptions, National Immunization Week a call to parents, health care providers participate in activities awareness of immunization before their day. The week of 2008 has been declared Infant Immunization help ensure that all their vaccinations two. This year Tuesday on the fourth day 15-18 months.

Vaccines are tools to prevent death. Vaccination among children States is the highest recorded. High vaccination means record low levels of preventable disease. A few reminders of disabilities and diseases prevented. A decision to vaccinate protects that individual the community. reduce the spread those who have it.

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National Infant Immunization Week

Submitted by Barbara Hogan, Public Health Nurse

In the thirteen years since its inception, National Infant Immunization Week has served as a call to parents, caregivers, and health care providers to participate in activities to increase the awareness of immunizing children before their second birthday. The week of April 19-26, 2008 has been declared National Infant Immunization Week to help ensure that children have all their vaccinations by the age of two. This year Texas will focus on the fourth dose of DTaP at 15-18 months.

Vaccines are public health tools to prevent disease and death. Vaccination coverage among children in the United States is the highest ever recorded. High vaccination coverage means record or near record low levels of vaccine-preventable disease. Today there are few reminders of the suffering, disabilities and death caused by diseases prevented with vaccines. A decision to vaccinate a child protects that individual child and the community. Vaccinations reduce the spread of disease to those who have not been vacci-

nated, for medical reasons or by choice.

The department of State

Health Services recognizes United Medical Center-Brackettville Clinic for their role in

providing vaccinations to children in Kinney and surrounding counties.



Recognition for National Infant Immunization

Photo by Tara Eckenrod.

Barbara Hogan, Public Health Nurse, presented United Medical Center-Brackettville, Michelle Hernandez, Gaylene Frerich, and Lydia Tipps, with recognition for participation in National Infant Immunization Week. These ladies administer the vaccinations at UMC-Brackettville.

Grandma's ham rolls and corn flake pastry



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Biscuit dough
2 cups cooked ham, cut in small pieces
2 cups milk (white) gravy
Roll the biscuit dough into an oblong shape, making it about 1/3 inch thick. Spread the ham over it & moisten with just enough gravy to do so. Roll up

like you would a jellyroll & out into a greased loaf pan. Bake at 450° for 20 to 25 minutes. Serve with remaining gravy.

4 cups corn flake cereal
1/4 cup sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 melted butter or margarine

Roll the corn flakes to make 1 cup of fine crumbs. Add sugar, cinnamon, & melted butter to crumbs; stir well. Press mixture firmly into an 8 inch pie tin/plate. Fill with instant pie filling of your choice. Does NOT do well if baked.

Call unto Me



Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

Moreover the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet

shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

Thus saith the Lord the maker thereof, the Lord that formed it, to establish it; the Lord is his name;

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Jeremiah 33:1-3
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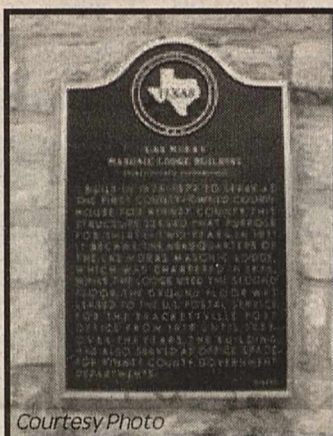
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Kinney County Historical Commission restores Texas Historical Markers



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Submitted By Bill Haenn

The County Historical Commission has completed restoration of two Recorded Texas Historic Landmark Markers and three Texas Historical Commission Roadside Markers located

around Kinney County. The markers were restored to Texas Historical Commission standards by Mike Nelson of Brackettville. All the markers suffered from fading and neglect over the years. The restoration project returns these markers to like new condition and hopefully will convey to the traveling public and heritage tourists that Kinney County cares about our unrivaled history.

The markers are identified and located as follows:
Las Moras Masonic Lodge Building (First County Courthouse) (RTHL 1990) - Ann Street (Hwy 334) at Cook Alley, City of Brackettville.
Fort Clark Officers' Row Quarters (RTHL 1991) - Colony Row between Quarters Nos. 8-9 and 10, Fort Clark

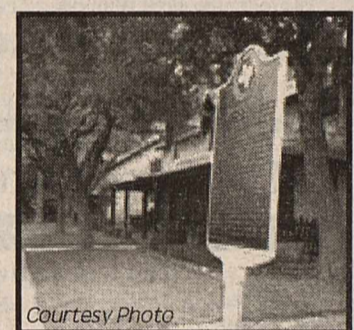
Springs (these eight sets of stone officers' quarters have the distinction of being the first RTHL District designated in Texas).
Military Roads in Texas (1968) - U.S. Hwy 90 just east of Fort Clark entrance, Brackettville.

Fort Clark (1994) - Inside Fort Clark: near entrance (off U.S. Hwy 90), at the "Empty Saddle" statue, Fort Clark Springs.
Dolores Townsite (1970) - at the Texas Highway Department picnic area on U.S. Hwy 90 at Pinto Creek seven miles west of Brackettville.

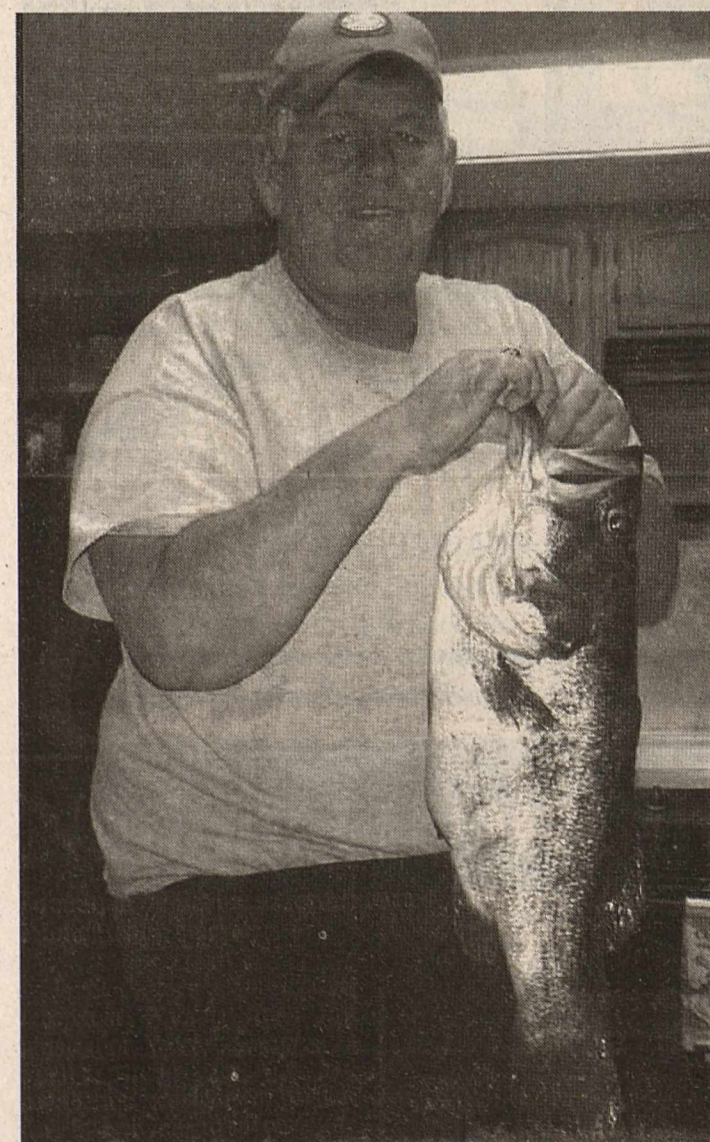
For more information about Kinney County's historic county courthouse, National Register properties, historical markers, cemeteries, museums, military sites, and neighborhood surveys

visit the "ATLAS" tab on the Texas Historical Commission website at <http://thc.state.tx.us> and select KINNEY County.

The Kinney County Historical Commission holds a public meeting the first Thursday of each month at 7 P.M. on the 2nd floor of the County Heritage Museum, the Filippone Building, on El Paso Street. New members are always welcome.



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Not Just A Fish Story

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BHS Principal Frank Taylor caught this black bass at Lake Amistad. The fish was 11 lb, 24 1/2 inches long. Frank is planning on mounting and displaying in his office at the school

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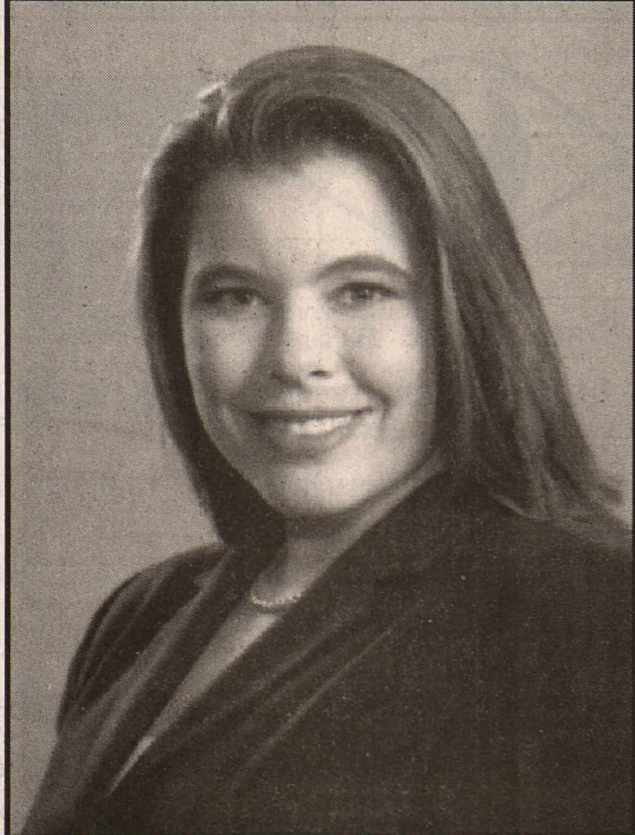
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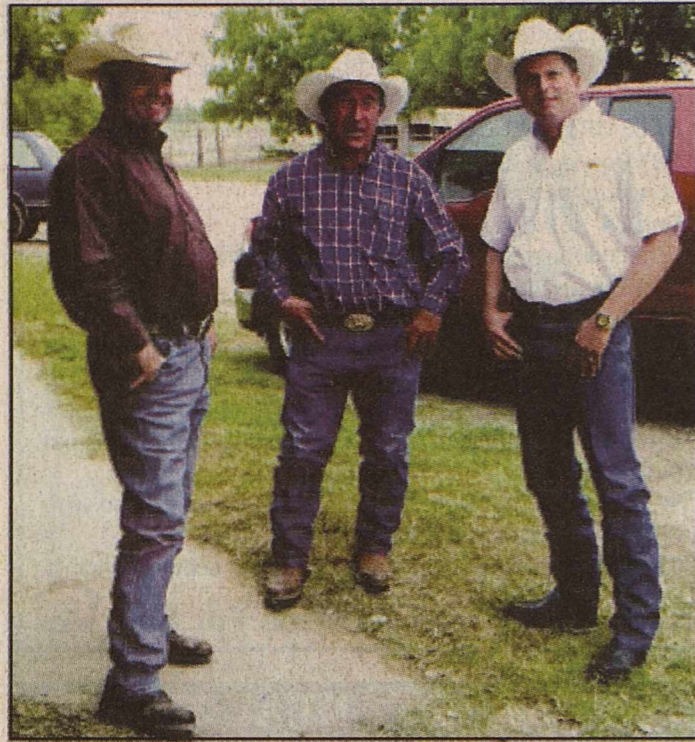
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