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Serving the communities of Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs, Spofford and Kinney County

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Holiday Closings

Brackettville Bank and Trust, All County Offices and All City Offices will be closed in celebration of Memorial Day on Monday, May 26, 2008.

### Local Governmental Meetings

The Brackettville City Council will host their next Regular meeting on Tuesday, June 10 at 6pm in the City Annex on Highway 90.

Fort Clark Springs Association Board of Directors will host a Regular meeting in the FCS Board Room on Saturday, June 14 at 9am.

Kinney County Commissioner's Court will hold a Regular meeting on Monday, June 16 at 9am in the County Courtroom.

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will meet Thursday, May 22, at 2:15pm at the City Annex Building on Highway 90.

Brackett ISD Board of Trustees will meet again on Monday, June 9 at 6:30 in the BISD Board Room.

### KCFR

Kinney County Fire Rescue will host Structural & Wildland Suppression Training at the station located at 401 S. Ellen Street at 7pm. Anyone interested in joining KCFR is invited to attend. 830-563-9090.

### LEPC hosts hazardous materials seminar

Residents of Kinney County are invited to a free Hazardous Materials seminar hosted by the LEPC. The seminar will be held in the Kinney County Fire Rescue Classroom at 401 S. Ellen St on June 2 and June 30 from 3 pm to 5 pm. Persons interested in attending need to make reservations by Friday, May 23 by contacting LEPC chair person Lesley Jones at 563-2347.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, are encouraged to audition. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs will be presented on Friday, June 13, at 7pm and Saturday, June 14, at 3pm at the school auditorium. For more information, call Dee Dee Brown at 563-2814.

### 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: 97  
Low: 75

Partly Cloudy

### Saturday

High: 97  
Low: 73

Partly Cloudy

### Sunday

High: 95  
Low: 73

Isolated T-Storms

## Fort Clark quorum-less

By Allison Taylor  
Managing Editor

Fort Clark Springs Association Board of Directors did not have a quorum for their Regular monthly meeting on Saturday, May 17.

Director David Palmer turned in a letter of resignation on May

15. Larry Okeeffe and Felix Cerna were present, John Carlson and Sam Holloman were absent.

The Director of Operations Genell Hobbs unofficially reported on the activities of the Fort. A few members expressed their feelings and ideas to the

public about the largely discussed restaurant. A member suggested instead of the overhaul at Dickman Hall or the Golf Club, to house the restaurant at the Service Club with fewer renovations, a good location and plenty of parking.

Recent updates to the walk-

ing bridge located down by the condos was reported and it was suggested that members go and see the transformation.

The next Regular meeting will be on June 21. A Special meeting could possibly be held earlier to appoint a new board member.



### Harris and Stewart Receive Masonic Lodge Scholarship

Photo By Allison Taylor

Seniors Hayley Harris and Bianca Stewart were each presented the \$500 Lamar Scholarship by the Las Moras Masonic Lodge on Thursday, May 15 during a special awards ceremony in the Masonic hall. Left to right, Mason Tully Welch, Hayley Harris, Master of the Lodge, James Stafford, Mason Tom Ertle and Bianca Stewart.



### Fuqua Honored with Community Builder Award

Photo By Allison Taylor

Joe York, Jr. (right) of the Las Moras Masonic Lodge presented Glenn Fuqua (left) with the Community Builder Award due to his significant contributions to the community and lodge.

### Masonic Lodge present Lamar Scholarship

By Allison Taylor  
Managing Editor

The Las Moras Masonic Lodge presented the Community Builder Award and two Lamar Scholarships and medals at a presentation on Thursday, May 15 at the Masonic Lodge.

Tom Ertle and Tully Welch presented Seniors Hayley Harris and Bianca Stewart with the Lamar Scholarship and medal. Welch gave an introduction to the Maçons and what they do for their community and the history of the Lamar Scholarship.

Joe York, also a Mason presented the Community Builder Award to Glenn Fuqua for his donations to the Lodge and the Kinney County Fire Rescue (KCFR). Fuqua donated the time and equipment to build a crushed stone road at the Las Moras Masonic Cemetery. Fuqua also donated a generous amount of money to KCFR.

## BURN BAN LIFTED

In light of the recent, desperately needed rains, Kinney County Commissioner's Court lifted the outdoor burning restriction at a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 19.

### New council takes to the table

By Allison Taylor  
Managing Editor

During a Special Called meeting of the Brackettville City Council on May 16, Charles Feagley was sworn in as Mayor and Demetrius Williams, Francisca Chica Hernandez and Stephanie B'Ann Buitron were sworn in as new council members.

The new council voted Councilwoman Mary Flores the new Mayor Pro-tem.

Flores led the rest of the meeting starting with Old Business and concerns with chang-

ing the zoning designation of property between South Patrick Street and Rock Street and West Spring Street and Crockett Street from Industrial/Commercial to Residential. The council voted to table the item until the next meeting to gather more information for the new members.

Council discussed options for creating a newsletter for the City and decided to go ahead with the newsletter to update the community on what is happening.

City Secretary Henry Garcia reported they had started picking up brush and will continue as time permits.



### BISD Field Day A Hit

Staff Photo

Jones Elementary students jumped, rolled, tugged and hopped at this year's Field Day on Wednesday, May 14 at the football field.

### Veteran's Bricks Dedication Fort Clark U.S. Army Units and All Service Veteran's Memorial

May 26, 2008

Event Schedule:  
12:30pm Medley of U.S. Armed Forces Tunes and Marches performed by the Brackett High School Band under the direction of Mr. Charles Goodson  
1:00pm Posting of the Colors by the BHS Color Guard accompanied by the BHS Band playing the "Star Spangled Banner"  
1:05pm Welcome by President of the Fort Clark Historical Society Russell Nowel  
1:10pm Opening prayer by First Baptist Church Pastor Jeff Janca  
1:15pm "Our Vision For This Memorial" by guest speaker and Fort Clark Historical Society Past President Phil Colburn  
1:25pm Unveiling of the Bricks and veteran's roll call presented by Nowel, Colburn and Fort Clark Historical Society Vice President and Narrator James Reesman  
1:40pm Echo taps performed by BHS Trumpeters  
1:45pm Retirement of Colors by the BHS Color Guard  
1:50pm "Stars and Stripes Forever" performed by BHS Band  
Snacks and drinks to be served by the Fort Clark Springs Recreation Committee

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Grief Support Group**  
Hospice Chaplain Rev. Marvin D. Wood of Val Verde Medical Center will be hosting a series of meetings on Saturday Mornings beginning May 24 at 10am at the FCS Adult Center.

**Benefit for St. Judes Children's Hospital**  
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Pictured: Sitting Phyllis Meyer. Standing from left: Debbie Isaacs and Les Meyer

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Les and Phyllis Meyer welcome Deborah Isaacs as their new Residential Sales Agent. Deborah has completed 1 year as a real estate agent and has been a member of Fort Clark for eight years. "I'm really excited to be able to share Fort Clark and it's history with the rest of the world," Deborah said. To contact Deborah, call 830-563-7272.

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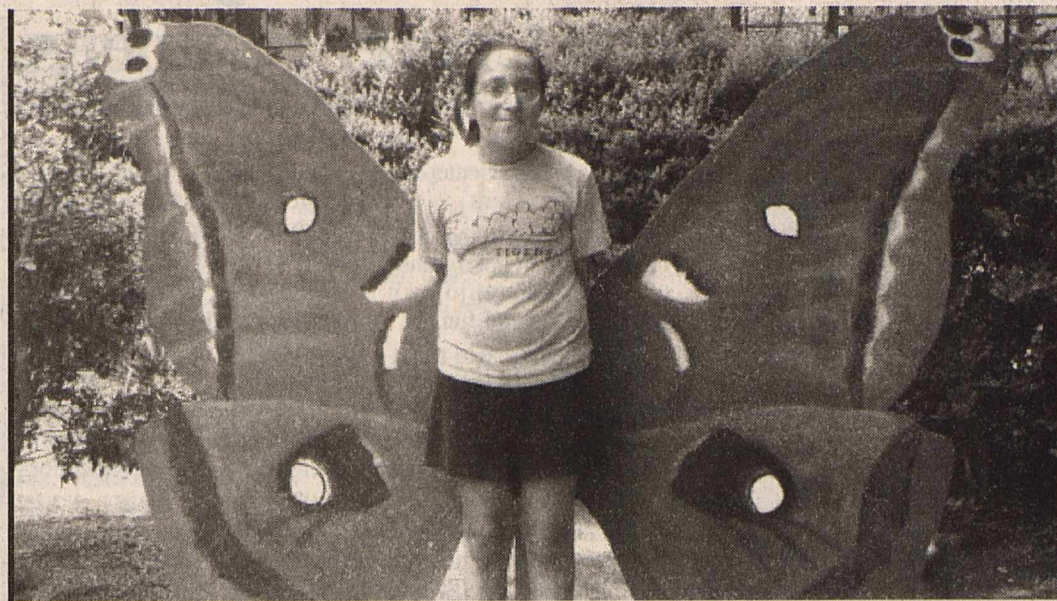
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## Music students take state honors



Courtesy Photo

Justin Hidalgo, Zachary Bowers and Shelby Schuster, students of Lynn McNew, participated in the Texas Federation of Music Clubs State Music Festival on Saturday, May 16, at Texas State University in San Marcos. All three students received Superior (1st place) ratings; Justin and Zachary in piano solos and Shelby with a vocal solo.



## Beautiful Cheyenne Takes Flight

Courtesy Photo

Jones Elementary Fifth Grader Cheyenne Pena recently traveled to the San Antonio Zoo with 34 of her classmates. The trip was meant to encourage the children in the exploration of science and was led by Social Studies and Science Teacher John Mckaskle.

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- 1990: THE HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE MADE IT OFF OF THE EARTH INSIDE OF THE SHUTTLE "DISCOVERY."

**Animal FACT:**

DOGS LIKE THE SIBERIAN HUSKY, SAINT BERNARD AND DOBERMAN PINSCHER ARE PART OF WHAT GROUP OF DOGS. ANSWER: WORKING GROUP.

**CLUES ACROSS**

- Scientific name for dog
- Shelled animals
- \_\_\_\_\_ pig; furry animal

**CLUES DOWN**

- Feline
- Poison in skin or venom
- Used for cleaning
- Man's best friend

Answers:  
 Across: 1. Canis 2. Turtles 3. Truffles 4. Trineen  
 Down: 1. Cat 2. Toxin 3. Soap 4. Dog

**new word**

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**How they SAY it in...**

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**ITALIAN:** Guinzaglio  
**FRENCH:** Leash  
**GERMAN:** Leine

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**BHS Athletic Awards Assembly**

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Publishers PLOG

Newspaper takes a new route

In May 2006 and July 2007, and again May 15, postal prices increased drastically and mailing regulations changed for The Brackett News, along with all periodicals across the United States.

This change caused MAJOR delivery delays. The biggest problem for TBN has been the Fort Worth distribution center, where the bulk of our out of town subscriber's newspapers are sent.

Subscribers complained of not getting their papers, getting them weeks late and getting two or more at one time. Phone calls to the national service center, conversations with the local postmaster and completing a postal form that tracks the progress of the newspapers for 10 weeks (#3721) have been completed, but still no improvement.

TBN and its subscribers are at the mercy of those people who work in the distribution centers, that to my understanding are larger than two Super Wal-Marts put together.

TBN's subscription business has suffered from this delivery breakdown, but we will continue to fight for a favorable resolution.

Recently, the local postmaster suggested all the out of town papers be routed through the San Antonio distribution center, a place where the papers are delivered without complaints of delay.

As many major market newspapers are cutting back their delivery to within a 100 mile radius, TBN will continue to send the paper wherever it is desired, at last count - nearly 23 different states and of course five papers are sent to our military men and women serving in the Middle East.

In keeping with the electronic age, TBN plans to start offering a complete version of the paper online. Our website (www.thebrackettnews.com) has been in a state of construction for longer than we would like to admit, but the improved version will be unveiled on or before July 1, and promises to be very pleasing to even the most inexperienced computer user.

We will continue to make the necessary changes to improve the paper's appearance and content and we are grateful for the community's input over the last two years (positive and negative).

Leigh V.

Dry Bones LESSON IN ECONOMICS comic strip with four panels discussing rising prices and falling dollar value.

What can you expect from a financial advisor?



Emily Cooper

The investment world can be complex - and trying to navigate it by yourself is a daunting task. That's why you may want to work with a professional financial advisor - someone with the experience and resources to help you reach all your important financial objectives.

- What are your goals? You'll need a financial advisor who shows considerable interest in your short- and long-term goals. After all, you'll want this person to help you accomplish a variety of things - saving for a new home, sending your children to college, attaining a comfortable retirement lifestyle and so on.

- What does your family situation look like? A financial advisor will ask you a lot of family-related questions: How many children do you have? Do you plan to send them to college? If so, how much do you hope to contribute to their education?

- What are your attitudes toward investment risk? A conscientious financial advisor will determine if you are a conservative investor - someone who favors investments that offer a greater likelihood of preservation of principal - an aggressive investor - someone who is comfortable taking greater risks in hopes of greater returns - or a moderate investor - someone who falls in between the other two groups.

- What investments do you currently own? For a financial advisor to do his or her job, and to provide the best chance of showing these possible benefits to you, he or she will need a complete understanding of your current holdings: your IRA, 401(k), stocks, bonds, government securities, Certificates of Deposit (CDs) - everything.

- What are your feelings about leaving a legacy? For many people, the issue of leaving a legacy is highly emotional. That's because so many of us, almost instinctively, want to "leave something behind" for our families and those charitable organizations we support.

As you work toward your financial objectives, you'll have a lot of questions. Just make sure your financial advisor does, too.

Drug Wars: fight to win or don't fight at all



Steven LaMascus The Way I See It

By Steven LaMascus, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, ret.

I just read a report of a bloody gang war in Mexico. Two factions of the same drug cartel, Arrillano-Felix the authorities believe, had a full-fledged firefight on the outskirts of Tijuana. Fourteen were killed. The Mexican government is sending thousands more troops to the area to combat the drug cartels.

Those drug cartels exist because the United States is a huge market for their illegal drugs and they make billions of dollars selling those drugs to United States citizens. They are better armed and have better intelligence than the U.S. Border Patrol, DEA, U.S. Customs, and FBI combined.

I was involved in this war for 22 years. I was in gunfights, fistfights, and car chases. One thing I learned during that time is that we are not winning the so-

called "war on drugs." We have not affected the drug traffic one bit. There are just as many druggs in the nation now as when I was a Border Patrol trainee in 1980, probably more. Neither has there been a huge rise in the price of illegal drugs, as you would expect if there had been a negative impact on the trafficking. The street price of marijuana did not change a penny during my tenure in the Border Patrol. In other words, we are spending billions of dollars, losing many lives, using agents and officers to fight this war that could be used in other more beneficial pursuits, and having zero effect!

It is time to change the way we fight this war! It chills me to the core to say this, but it's time we quit fighting a losing war. We seem to have learned nothing from our attempt at prohibition. Our war on drugs has accomplished nothing but to make billionaires out of lawless, amoral, murderous criminal scum. The time has come to legalize the most popular drugs, such as cocaine and marijuana; legislate their consumption, license their cultivation, manufacturer, and distribution; and tax the sale of the resulting product. If the government cannot stop the problem, it should at least profit from it.

I realize this is against our moral conscience. It is diametrically opposed to mine as well. However, what we are doing is not working. It is not going to work. If it were going to succeed, it would have done so in the 40-plus years since drugs became popular in the 1960s. I am tired

of seeing good officers killed and good money thrown after bad in a losing effort. If we want to put the drug lords out of business, the way to do it is to have government take control of the illegal product. Learn from what happened before, during, and after prohibition.

It is either that or declare actual all-out war on the problem; bring in the military and the intelligence services; authorize kill-on-sight policies and monstrous rewards for the known druggies; send out covert hunter/killer teams to terminate the drug lords; authorize full-scale military strikes on suspected drug operations, no matter where they're; and mandatory prison time for anyone caught selling or using illegal drugs. Make the penalties so horrendous that no one will be willing to take the risk of being caught. There are no halfway measures that will work. It is either a war or it is a game!

If it is a war we must fight to win. No off-limits, no rules. Kill 'em where we find 'em! Hunt them down in Columbia, Peru, Mexico, Iran, Pakistan, wherever! Never take no for an answer from some worthless third-world leader who gets paid off by the drug cartels. Find 'em, kill 'em, and forget 'em. Drop napalm on the drug crops, and machine-gun the growers.

If it's a war, fight it like a war. If it's a game we need to stop using live ammo and real jails, stop worrying about what it is doing to our youth and our nation, and legalize the stuff. There are no other options.

Dr. Lowery's advice on Spinal Subluxation



Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C., FIAMA

Back pain in often the result of recurring or persisting subluxation in the spine. Subluxations

(spinal misalignments) cause on-going stress to bones, nerves and muscles, causing tightness and loss of motion. When the body can no longer handle stress and irritation, pain often occurs. Normal everyday stresses such as lifting, bending, sitting, driving and sleeping improperly are main causes of subluxation in adults.

When a person stops exercising, their muscles often go back to being weak. When a person stops getting adjusted, their

subluxations often return. Chiropractors are specifically trained to locate and correct vertebral subluxations. When the vertebrae are properly aligned with one another, the nerves can pass between the bones without interference. This allows your brain to communicate optimally with the rest of your body.

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