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Community

Local Governmental Meetings

BISD Board of Trustees will hold a Regular meeting on September 8 at 6:30pm.

City Of Brackettville City Council will hold a Regular meeting on September 9, 2008 at 6:00pm.

Kinney Commissioner's Court Commissioner's will hold a Regular meeting on Monday, September 15 at 9am in the County courtroom.

Fort Clark Springs FCS Board will hold a Regular meeting on Saturday, September 20 at 9am in the main office board room.

TOPS Meeting

TOPS is Take Off Pounds Sensibly and is a Non-Profit Weight Loss Support group. Meetings on Thursday's. Weigh-Ins will be from 5:00 -5:30pm. Meeting will be from 5:30 - 6:00pm. Slator Hall, First United Methodist Church, 109 James Street. Call if you have any questions: Junetta Myers, 830-563-9984 or 830-703-6221 or email junetta2002@ yahoo.com

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 the are not forgotten.

Computer Classes The Kinney County Library will be offering an "Introduction to Microsoft Office" class on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am - 10am beginning July 8. "Cyberspace 101: Introduction to Computers and the Internet" class will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am -10am beginning September 9.

TBN Mailbox

The Brackett News recently installed a mailbox on the front door of the office. We hope this will be of help to the early birds that stop by the office before 10am.

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 830-563-9377.

Weekend

WEATHER Friday High:85 Low:71 Scattered T-Storms

Saturday High:88

Low:71

Isolated T-Storms

Sunday High:90 Low:71

Isolated T-Storms

BISD Board reneges and rehires

By Allison Taylor Editor

Brackett ISD Board of Trustto hire two elementary teachers lar meeting to discuss options trance to Tiger Stadium located entrance is restricted. at Special Meeting on August

Trustees, on August 18, took a recommendation from the Jones Elementary School Principal Alma Gutierrez to hire Margarita Sepulveda and Jennifer Baggett as elementary teachers after Superintendant Paula Renken did not offer either candidate's name.

Renken strongly questioned the legality of the board's decision and stated she would seek legal action against the board and the elementary principal as the board's own policy states, "The superintendant has sole authority to make recommendations to the Board regaring the selection of contractual person-

At the same meeting, Renken, resigning to take a position with Region 20, was temporarily replaced by All Level Assistant Principal George Stoney Burks.

Burks in his newly appointed position immediately recommended Sepulveda and Baggett. The trustees then once again voted unanimously in favor accepting the contracts thus elimi-

Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) will meet with the ees rescinded an earlier decision board at the September 8 Reguing Tiger fans at the new ennew entrance. Parking at the old

ing a new superintendent for the game this Friday, August 29. 2008-2009 school year.

nating any further legal ques- and their services regarding hir- on Brown Street at the football

All Tiger patrons and guests The board will also be greet-should use the parking at the



Tiger Stadium's New Face

Photo by Allison Taylor

The new entrance and concession stand, located on Brown street, was recently completed at Tiger Stadium and is ready for a new Tigeriffic football season starting this Friday, August 29. This entrance is the only entrance to Tiger Stadium for the use of the public. Parking is located directly across the street.

Will Perez get his home back?

By Leigh Volcsko Publisher

On August 18, homeowner Roger Perez filed a law suit 25 against Kinney County Chief Appraiser William F. Haenn for sions presented Haenn with a failure to perform duties cor- certified check to reclaim his

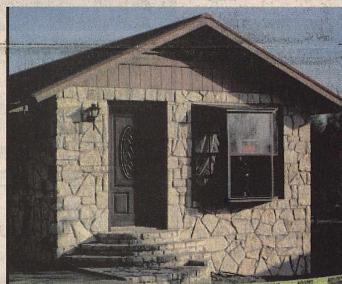
15 at Fort Clark Springs, is val- 2008. ued at \$30,679 and was sold to

Ortiz, P.C., state Perez has tried only six months long.

to redeem his property from Allen, but Allen refused to complete the Redemption Deed as requested in a letter dated June

Perez has since on two occahome and has twice been de-Perez, sued in 2007 by the nied. In his most recent attempt, Kinney County Appraisal Dis- Perez received a letter from trict (KCAD) for failing to pay Haenn stating, "The enclosed \$113.65 in taxes and attorney cashier's check in the amount fees, lost his home at a sheriff's of \$1,354.54 is returned withauction on November 14, 2007 out action. The redemption peand is now trying to reclaim it. riod for KCAD property [num-Perez' home, located in Unit bers] expired by law on May 12,

In his suit Perez claims he W. Ned Allen for \$1,063.63. has up to two years to reclaim Court documents filed by his home, but Haenn maintains Filemon Ortiz of Ortiz and the redemption period to be



Roger Perez' Home on Fort Clark Photo by Leigh Volcsko



Shake'n Things Up

Photo By Leigh Volcsko

Pura Fernandez, at right, and Rene Luna, of Brackettville, recently purchased the Burger & Shake Resturant from from the Aubrey and Xaveria Haynes of Uvalde. The young couple have already made a few exciting changes to the menu to include selling slices of their grandmother's homemade cakes. The Burger & Shake has been a mainstay of Brackettville since 1976.

Rio Grande College Extends Registration. Late registration for the fall semester at Sul Ross Rio Grande College has been extended until Friday, August 29.The one-week extension allows area students a final opportunity to sign up for upperlevel courses before classes get too far along in the semester. Classes began August 18th. The previous enrollment deadline was August 22. All registration is conducted online at rgc.sulross.edu. Call an RGC campus nearest you for additional information: Del Rio (830/703-4808) Eagle Pass (830/758-5005) and Uvalde (830/279-3001).

Red Hatter's Reminder for your calendar! "Viola Veronica Crout" Red Hatters' Chapter will meet 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 10th, Anyone who enjoys a fine dining experience, is to sign up at FCS's "Adult Center" by September 5, in order to give our favorite chef an estimate in preparation. An added treat will be keyboard music provided by the talented Ann Barron. If you appreciate aesthetic activities, this event will "fill your cup!"

Christian Revival

Pastores Salvador y Rosie Saldivar, Centro Cristiano Vida Nueva presenta Explosion Espiritual 2008. Sanidad, Uncion, y Lienura del Espiritu Santo, 29-31 de Agosto, Viernes y Sabado 7pm, Domingo 5pm, Fort Clark Springs Brackettville, Invitado especial, Evang. Jose L. Matos.

Food Pantry Distribution
The CSFP Over Age 60 Distribution will be on September 18 from 1pm until 5pm at the newspaper office. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY AND YOU MUST PICK UP ON THIS DAY.

The KCCA TEXCAP Food for Families Program will be distributed on September 19 from 1pm until 5pm at the newspaper office. If you are eligible for commodities on this date, you will receive a phone call. There is a waiting list. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY AND YOU MUST PICK UP ON THIS DAY.

TexasSure vehicle insurance information An estimated 1 out of 5 vehicles on our Texas roads

has no automobile insurance, but that is about to change. TexasSure Vehicle Insurance Verification matches vehicle registration information to insurance policy data, which immediately tells law enforcement officers and tax collectors who is driving without insurance. So, if you are not covered, better get insured. To learn more, visit: www. TexasSure.com

Be on the lookout for school children, school buses As Texas school children prepare to head back to school, the Texas Department of Public Safety reminds all drivers to watch out for children walking to school or waiting for school busesand to obey all traffic laws related to school buses.



Okay so I am having this conversation with a man I know and he tells me that I just might not be a republican.

This is news to me because I tell people that I am a republican. Being republican in my family is like a religion.

It was almost expected that I would grow up, get married and give birth to lot of little republican babies - but are my liberal

thoughts and actions letting my people down?

As a child I always identified with my parent's republican ways and when I cast my very first presidential vote in California in 1988, I voted for George #1.

I know I have confessed to being raised Pentecostal (way right of wacky), but I knew at a young age that it was not for me.

Being republican I could handle, but being a right-wing nutcase I could not. As the years have passed by, I have always cast my presidential vote for a republican, but I have crossed over the invisible party lines and voted many, many times for a democrat

What does it mean to be a republican? Do I want to make money? Yes. Do I believe everyone should have at least one job? Yes. Do I believe in enforcing immigration laws? Yes. Am I prolife? Yes, but I will never march around in front of an abortion clinic and I think a sticker of a fetus on your bumper is kinda' stupid. Do I believe in less government? Yes. Universal healthcare will be a complete and outright disaster and I would lay down big odds that if it does not fail, you will see lots of private hospitals being built that only accept good old American dollars and not any government aid cards. Am I republican enough? Along with these things, I feel that babies and old people need to be cared for and if you know me, you know I believe that everyone else in between should get a job, or two, whatever it takes to make ends meet. So where did this doubt about me being a true republican come from? Now my friend says all these things to me, he speaks with knowledge and I would consider him "informed" and "savvy when it comes to political and world events and I agreed with him word for word, but I know that when it comes down to election day I will vote for McCain and he will vote for Obama. During this conversation, we laughed, made bold statements and asked each other hard questions about our beliefs, but why is it that I will vote one way and he another when, again, we both agreed on so many things? Why will I vote for McCain? The first thing out of my mouth was that I vote republican because I am voting on behalf of my business. If my personal taxes increase, then the way my business is set up, so will my business taxes. And if my taxes go up then that means there is less money to give to my employees, there is less money to pay for my kid's college tuition and there is less money for me to spend on shoes. Why will I not vote for Obama? I believe that Obama will raise taxes to fund lots of programs like universal healthcare that I absolutely do not believe in. It sounds great when you talk about it, but I don't want to pay more and get less! I believe the government should do things that make working for a living less of a pain in the butt! Don't get me wrong...Obama is nice to look at and all and I want to make a donation to his campaign every time I hear him speak. Lord help me Jesus, get the phone, we can do it, yes we can, but then I collect myself and think that McCain was a prisoner of war for five years and never "broke" for his enemy captors. I guess when

John Johnny Boy Big Mac McCain is getting my vote. So take my 1 vote for McCain and my friend's 1 vote for Obama and that makes it a tie. So here's the challenge: Now that I've made my case, let's have some folks make their cases for each candidate. Write or email....let's get both sides in.

it is all said and done I want to feel safe and pay lower taxes so



Financial tips for college students



Emily Cooper

If you're a college student, you may already be back on campus. If not, you don't have long to go before school starts again. And this year, in addition to whatever courses you may be taking, try to master some financial lessons, as well. Of course, many students already have at least one foot in the "real world," because, in addition to taking classes, they're working many hours a week to help pay for school, rent and living expenses. But even if you're a full-time student, living on campus and paying for school

throughout your adult life

Specifically, consider these suggestions:

Credit card marketers aggresyou'll need to be vigilant about all the offers that will bombard you. While it might not be a bad idea to carry a single credit card for use in emergencies, it's very easy to over-use the "plastic" and rack up big debts. You'll need to discipline yourself to save for the things you want, rather than charging them.

 Shop around for financial services. You'll find plenty of banks willing to give you a T-shirt or a frying pan for opening an account with them. But these places may not checking or savings accounts or loans. It pays to shop around.

 Keep track of your student through a combination of grants, loans. Make sure you understand loans, savings and help from your all the terms of your student

parents, you can learn some fi- loans: how much you're expected nancial basics that can help you to pay each month, when payments are due, what interest rate you're paying, what credits may be available for on-time repay-• Don't overuse credit cards. ment, etc. You might be able to achieve a more favorable repaysively target college students, so ment schedule by consolidating two or more loans. Once you start repaying your loans, do whatever you can to stay on track with your payments.

 Never stop looking for financial aid. The aid package you may have received as an incoming freshman doesn't have to be the final word on financial assistance. Colleges offer some scholarships based on college-level academic achievement or realworld experience — both of which you may have accumulated since your freshman year. Study your be offering you the best deal on college's scholarships and be aggressive in going after them.

You may not know exactly what you want to do when you graduate, but if you have a career path in mind, try to learn what sort of your first few years out of colidea of how much you're going to earn, you may have the motivation you need to avoid bad financial practices, such as accumulating big debts. College should be a learning experience - in many ways. And if some of the knowledge you obtain during your college years can help you develop sound financial habits, so much the better.

When is pain a good thing?



Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C., FIAMA

Pain is usually the last symptom to show up when a problem occurs and is the first thing to be relieved when treatment begins. Pain is nature's "smoke detector" and is one of the most important ways in which the body protects itself from further injury. Having symptoms doesn't mean we are unhealthy. Symptoms are part of the body's natural adaptation to illness or injury. They are the means that nature has developed to heal it-

The amount of pain you experience is not necessarily proportional to the severity of an injury. Some life-threatening conditions - diabetes or high blood pressure, for example rarely have pain as one of their symptoms. Serious injuries such as being shot or stapled cause very little physical pain, even if there's been significant physical

Chiropractic treats pain by determining the underlying cause and implementing a plan of treatment that will ensure that the pain does not return. Acu-• Estimate your future income. puncture can be effective in eliminating pain as well. Call Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C., FIAMA in Brackettville at (830) 563-6249 for an appointment. Our salary you can expect during clinic is located at #1 Mesquite Alley. We offer acupuncture lege. Once you have a realistic and accept most major insur-



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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservat will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2008 on 09/04/2008 at 2:00 PM at the County Courhouse in the District Courtroom. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal:

Dr. Kent Lowery, Lloyd L. Davis, Jr., Tony Frerich, Christopher Ring, Beth Ann Smith, Ed Dillon

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not

voting: ABSENT:

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The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	Last Year \$0.059200/\$100 Adopted	This Year \$0.061200/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	+ \$0.002000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	+ 3.38	
Average appraised value	\$48,202	\$49,662
General exemptions available		4.3,002
(excluding senior citizen's or disabled		
person's exemptions)	\$8,061	\$7,760
Average taxable value	\$40,141	\$41,902
Tax on average residence homestead	\$23.76	\$25.64
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if		
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	+\$1.8	88
and percentage of increase (+/-)	+ 7.91	%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

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back to school success

Submitted By Pat Sitzes

CHEER about for Kinney on the first day. Spiritual health

wearing new backpacks, having their teeth checked, and getting school should put any doubt that the Kinney County community had a common goal to make the CHEER's Second Annual Back to School Health Fair a success.

event. To do this it took the Mrs. Yolanda Rueda prepared Bank and Trust, Brackettville Home Medical Supply, Carmen's Boutique, D&D Hard-OP, Wool & Mohair, Frontier which lasted from 2 p.m. until 7 Baptist Church, CHEER and the p.m. Health Human Services Comschool supplies or door prizes.

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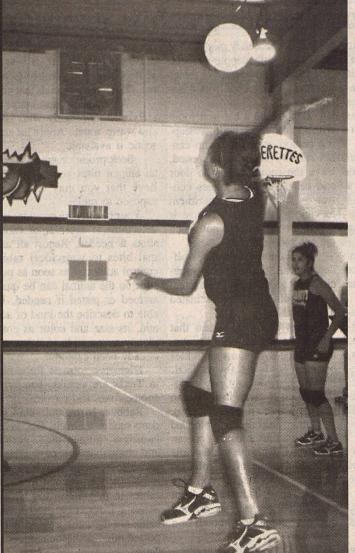
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partment of Health to insure that We Have Something to students were able to start school was addressed by a booth from If you have doubts about our the Frontier Baptist with attendcommunity being united behind ees being able to submit confia cause, put those doubts aside. dential prayer requests. State The smiles of school children Senator Carlos I. Uresti's office provided free backpacks for the first 100 students. The custodial basic school supplies to start staff at BISD provided assistance. Many members of the community and students from BISD provided hours of volunteering to do set-up, man the school supply booth, assist the dentist, and There were 256 children and to assist the community agencies 175 adults that attended this who provided their services. community to support it. The food for the workers which was appreciated by all, and sweets were provided by students and parents who helped to get the ware, Rio Grande Electric CO- exhibitors through the event

Watch for next year's event mission Colonias Initiative Part- and become a part of helping this ners, and several individuals of community to be united to help the community donated money, our school year start out on a positive note. Let's CHEER Shots were provided by the De- Kinney County, our community.



Varsity Tigerettes defeat Lady Mavs

ball team defeated Pearsall 25-21, 25-20, 26-24.

Team leaders were: Aces: Martinez (4); Digs - Samantha 25-16. Moore (12); Kills: Becca Mann (8); Assists - Bianca Terrazas

Check Out the CAFETERIA BUZZ

Submitted By Honey Bee Gomez BISD Cafeteria Director

We're off to a great start! It's good to be back and I'm sure that the kids were ready for another year. Senioritis is in the air - I should know I have a senior living in my household (no Cristi, I don't mean your dad!). I'm currently accepting lunch applications for the 2008-09 school year. I would like to ask parents to take just a couple of minutes to fill one out and return it to me or their child's teacher. Any grade level that has 100% of their students applications in will receive an ice cream party compliments of the cafeteria. So come on parents let's get those applications in!

The Brackett varsity volley- (14); Blocks: Becca Mann (1). Brackett Junior Varsity de-

feated Pearsall 25-11, 25-19 In the Freshman game, Bianca Terrazas and Bianca Brackett defeated Pearsall 25-16,

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The BRACKETT ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM 09/08/2008 in B.I.S.D. Intermediate DL Room Brackettville, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax

\$1.040000 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters \$0.000000 /\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure

Maintenance and operations OVATA & Debt service

Total expenditures

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Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code)

Total appraised value* of all property Total appraised value* of new property** Total taxable value*** of all property Total taxable value*** of new property**

Preceding Tax Year \$200,669,556 \$2,809,923 \$147,520,788 \$2,297,843 Current Tax Year \$202,486,399 \$1,516,529 \$152,992,175 \$1,355,776

"Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code. "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

"Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness:

Outstanding principal

Last Year's Rate	Maintenance & Operations \$0.970000	Interest & Sinking Fund* \$0.000000*	Total \$0.970000	Local Revenue Per Student \$2,262	State Revenue Per Student
	\$0.970000	20.000000	\$0.970000	\$2,202	\$6,892
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue &	90.40		uniarstic		Gout renicifi
Pay Debt Service	\$1.070030	\$0.000000*	\$1.070030	\$2,565	\$6,495
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.000000*	\$1.040000	\$2,565	\$6,996
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The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

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Average Market Value of Residences	\$48,356	\$49,668
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$30,521	\$32,295
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.970000	\$1.040000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$296.05	\$335.86
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.00	\$39.81

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.040100. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.040100.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid

> Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) \$3,000,000 Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)

Community

DSHS offers suggestions on avoiding rabies exposure



Barbara Hogan State Health Nurse

Many Texans continue to enjoy outdoor activities into the late summer and early fall days. But Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) health officials warn that September and October often have the highest number of laboratory-confirmed rabies cases.

Last year, 114 rabies cases were reported in September, 93 of those in bats. The only month with a higher total was March with 116 cases out of 969 cases for the year. In 2006, 120 rabies cases were reported in September and another 109 cases in October, most in bats.

While these numbers can be eye-opening, DSHS health officials say there are things that you can do to keep from being exposed to the rabies virus.

"The most important thing and never keep a wild animal as that people can do is to have their a pet. animals vaccinated against rabies

the department's Zoonosis Control Branch. "State law requires tance. that you have your dogs and cats

not receive proper care. Teach children not to play

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tic and wild, that appear disoriented, fearless or aggressive. Nighttime animals such as bats, raccoons and skunks that are active in the daytime may be sick. Do not touch any wild ani-

your local animal control or local health department for help. · Don't attract wild animals to your yard. Avoid leaving pet through the bite of an infected

mal that appears ill or dead. Call

in closed containers. Stay away from wild animals,

· Prevent bats from entering

to date," said Dr. Tom Sidwa, in contact with people or pets. must not be delayed. If you or DSHS veterinarian who heads You cannot, however, get rabies someone in your family is bitjust from seeing a bat from a dis-ten, DSHS recommends that you:

vaccinated against rabies by a vet- with an unattended child, a sleep- and warm water. Apply an antiing person or anyone who can-DSHS also offers this advice: not reliably say what happened, Keep cats and ferrets indoors leave the room, close the door an animal bites you or you beand keep dogs indoors or in a and call your local rabies con- lieve that you may have been trol or local health department exposed to rabies. Spay or neuter pets to pre- to capture the bat and have it vent unwanted animals that may tested for rabies. Do not touch the bat yourself.

Have domestic ferrets, wolfwith any animal that they do not dog hybrids and livestock, espeknow, even if the animal seems cially those that are in frequent contact with humans, vaccinated

> Rabies is a viral illness that affects the central nervous system. Once symptoms of rabies occur, it is almost always fatal. However, a series of post-exposure shots, if given in time, can coons, foxes and coyotes. prevent rabies from developing.

Humans and all warm-blooded animals can get rabies. You can be infected with the rabies virus food outdoors, and keep garbage animal. Though rare, you also an infected animal gets directly fresh wound.

Rabies is a medical urgency Texas

and keep those vaccinations up the home where they might come not an emergency, but decisions

Wash the wound immedi-If you find a bat in a room ately and thoroughly with soap septic if available.

Seek prompt medical care if

Your health care provider will determine if a series of rabies shots is needed. Report all animal bites to your local rabies control authority as soon as possible so the animal can be quarantined or tested if needed. Be able to describe the kind of animal, its size and color as completely as possible if it has not already been captured.

High-risk animals for rabies in Texas are skunks, bats, rac-

Rabbits, hares and small rodents such as squirrels, rats, mice, hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils and chipmunks are rarely found to be infected with rabies and have not been known to cause can get rabies if the saliva from rabies in humans in the United States. Dogs, cats, horses and into your nose, eyes, mouth or a cattle are the most frequently reported rabid domestic animals in

Kinney County Sheriff 's Report

Thursday, August 21 12:30 am A Val Verde Sheriff's Office employee reported a stranded motorist on HWY 277. A deputy was notified. 12:39 am A 911 caller reported

a rollover on HWY 277. An ambulance and air life were called to the scene

8:23 pm A Sentry Security employee reported an alarm sounding at the high school. A deputy was notified

7:41 pm Claudia Reyes, 33, of Del Rio TX, was arrested on a fugitive warrant for failure to identify. Reyes was still being held at press time.

Friday, August 22

3:53 am A 911 caller reported a person knocking on her door, she stated she had a gun and barricaded herself in her room. A deputy and FCS Security was advised.

6:23 pm A woman called to request a deputy escort because she thought she would have a problem with a motorist that she witnessed something happen. A deputy escorted her to the county

Saturday, August 23 7:35 pm A 911 caller reported a blow out near the base. The truck went off the highway and got stuck. Val Verde was notified.

7:18 pm A 911 caller called to saying she wanted her husband out of her house but did not want him to go to jail. A deputy was advised.

9:50 pm A woman reported a reckless driver on Brown and Thorn Streets. A deputy was dispatched to the area. Sunday, August 24

> fighting with her daughter. A deputy was advised. 7:55 pm A man reported shots fired near Spring St. A deputy was

girl came to her house and started

2:33 pm A woman reported a

enroute to the location. 9:09 pm Railroad police reported a derailment south of Cline.



Monday, August 18 8:30 pm A Sentry Security employee called to report an alarm going off at a local ranch. A

deputy was advised. Tuesday, August 19 1:59 am A Central Security employee called to report an alarm sounding at BISD. A deputy was notified and later stated every-

thing was okay. 6:03 pm A man reported an individual firing a 9mm weapon up in the air. Deputies and DPS were notified.

7:51 pm A man called wanting to speak to a deputy in reference to a dog bite. A deputy was 8:11 pm A DPS trooper re-

possibly going to make a suspicious stop. A deputy was advised. 9:07 pm A 911 hang up call was received.

ported a green mustang that was

9:13 pm A woman reported she had a minor vehicle accident in a local store parking lot. A deputy was notified.

10:00 pm Bryan Daniel Huddleston, 26, of Scurry TX, was arrested on DWI first offense with open container. Huddleston was released on a \$1,200 bond the next

Wednesday, August 20 9:21 pm A DPS trooper requested assistance from a deputy in regards to pulling a suburban with a trailer over. A deputy was advised.



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charity in Gil's memory. Whatever you did to console the heart, We thank you so much, whatever the part.

Thank you Brackettville, Ft Clark Springs Assoc, Brackett ISD, US Border Patrol, St Mary Magdalene Parish and all the wonderful people of the this community for your kindness during our loss.

> The Family of Gilbert Gil Rueda Yolanda, Tres, Icela & Garon

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2008-2009 KINNEY COUNTY BUDGET AND NOTICE OF **INCREASE OF OFFICERS' SALARIES**

Pursuant to 111.0075 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Kinney County, Texas gives notice that they will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2008-2009 Budget. The Proposed Budget is on file at the County Clerk's Office for public inspection. The Budget Hearing will be on Monday, September 15, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the County Courthouse, TX. The Commissioners invite the public to attend and participate in the Hearing as it will consider the Proposed Budget on said date.

Pursuant to 152.013 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Kinney County, Texas publishes any salaries, expenses, or allowances of each elected county official that are proposed to be increased; and the amount of the proposed increases.

They are as follows:

FYE 2008-2009

Employee		2007-2008 Budget Salary	2008-2009 Budget Salary	Increase	
	County Clerk	\$40,042.00	\$40,843.00	\$801.00	
	Clerk Longevity	\$1,340.00	\$1,400.00	\$60.00	
	Constable	\$30,009.00	\$30,609.00	\$600.00	
	Reimbursment Meals	\$200.00	\$200.00		
	Cell Phone Allowance	\$600.00	\$600.00		
	Constable Longevity	\$995.00	\$1,055.00	\$60.00	
	County Attorney	\$34,495.00	\$35,185.00	\$690.00	
	Attorney Supplement	\$20,834.00	\$20,834.00		
	Attorney Longevity	\$1,800.00	\$1,860.00	\$60.00	
	District Judge	\$2,279.00	¢3 335 00	Asc on	
	District Attorney	\$2,279.00	\$2,325.00 \$2,325.00	\$46.00	
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	Justice of Peace	\$36,265.00	\$36,990.00	\$725.00	
	Cell phone Allowance	\$360.00	\$360.00	t by the Park Barry	
	Travel	\$1,200.00	\$1,200		
	Longevity	\$234.00	\$270.00	\$36.00	
	County Comm. Pct 1	\$12,112.00	\$12,354.25	\$242.25	
	County Comm. Pct 2	\$12,112.00	\$12,354.25	\$242.25	
	Longevity	\$620.00	\$668.00	\$48.00	
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	County Comm. Pct. 3	\$12,112.00	\$12,354.25	\$242.25	
	Longevity	\$321.00	\$357.00	\$36.00	
	County Comm. Pct . 4	\$12,112.00	\$12,354.25	\$242.25	
	Longevity	\$249.00	\$285.00	\$36.00	
	Sherriff	\$41,591.00	\$42,423.00	\$832.00	
	Longevity	\$576.00	\$624.00	\$48.00	
	TAC	\$32,900.00	\$33,558.00	\$658.00	
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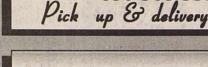
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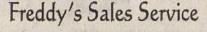
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTE-NANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S) Dist/Div: Laredo Contract 6183-13-001 for INSTALL PVT MARKERS in VAL VERDE COURT MARKERS in VAL VERDE County, etc will be opened on September 23, 2008 at 2:10 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$295,627.09. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/ Div Offices listed below. If appli-

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Judge, P.O. Box 348, Brackettville,
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2 BEDROOM 2 BATH CONDO - 2 Verandas overlooking #1 Fairway and Green. Must See!

Unit 14 - 2 lots with RV cover and 804 sf living area. \$46,000

Golf Course Lot on Fort Clark Road - \$4,500 RENTALS available - Masters Condo and Calvary Barracks - each will sleep 4

962 ACRES off 674 north of Brackett, improvements, wells, good hunting - \$1195 an acre.

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NEW LISTING: Fantastic 2 story home on OAK LANE. 3BR/3B, 2 car garage + separate workshop. Many upgrades and fine features throughout. 2,740 sq.ft. on 1 LOT. Great Location!

NEW LISTING: 115 Mesquite St. Very nice home w/ 2BR/1B plus a bonus room/office. Open floor plan, approx. 1,162 sq. ft. Covered RV parking and 2 storage areas. Great buy @ \$69,900. BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED HISTORIC HOME on Colony Row.

Hardwood floors and upgrades throughout. Spacious screened porches overlooking 3 par golf course. 4BR/3B. What a treasure. Reduced to \$145,000. 104 McClernand Located in the historical district, this 2BR/2B townhouse has open floor plan w/ vaulted ceiling. Great second home or rental. Approx. 1,260 sq. ft. 155 BLISS CIRCLE, Unit 15, 2BR/2BA, very clean, well main-

407 FT. CLARK RD. Unique Townhouse located in the heart of

the Historical district. 1BR/1B. Covered parking in the back. Appliances included, CHA. Great decor! Great price! Approx. 945 sq.ft. Reduced to \$52,000. BRACKETTVILLE: NEW LISTING: 602 N. Ann St. Beautiful 4 BR/3B family home

w/FP and CHA on 2 lots in a Great Location! New carpet, blinds and paint throughout. Fenced back yard. Approx. 2,900 sq. ft.

154 CROCKETT, 4BR/2BA, 2 car garage, privacy fence. No
Assessments, near Border Patrol Office. \$120,000.

221 Acres Prime Hunting. Approx. 1,400 sq. ft. Log cabin w/
panoramic views. 25 miles north of Brackettville on FM 674

191 Acres: N/E Val Verde Co. Hunters travel trailer, deer blinds and storage building. \$925 per acre.
ON GOING BUSINESS with established customer base. Movie rental, beer, soda and snacks.

HAVE BUYERS, NEED LISTINGS!

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Section 65 of the Texas Constitution. (Por la presente se ordena que se lleve a cabo una elección el día 4 de Noviembre. 2008, en el Condado de _____, Texas, con el propósito de elegir los siguientes oficiales del condado y del precinta Articulo XVI, Sección 65, de la Constitución de Texas.) (List Offices) (Enúmere los puestos oficiales) Vote on all Candidates presented on the Nov. 4, 2008 General Election Ballot. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: County Clerk's Office (La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:) County Clerk's Office 501 Ann Street, Kinney County Courthouse, (location) (sitio) Recommended but not required a.m. and 5:00 between the hours of 8:00 p.m. beginning on 10/20/2008 (entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 10/20/2008 (fecha) and ending on 10/31/2008 10/31/2008 (y terminando el (fecha) Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:) Dora Elia Sandoval (Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada) P.O. Box 9 (Address) (Dirección) Brackettville, Texas 78832 (City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal) Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:) (date) (fecha)

Texas for the purpose of electing the following county and precinct officers as required by Article XVI,