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Kinney County Is Home To John Anthony and Cindy Castro and Family

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TRACK FIELD CLOSED
The Track Field, Tiger Stadium, and the Tiger Practice Field will all be closed on July 31 and August 1 for maintenance. The areas will be sprayed with pesticide and for safety reasons will not be open to the public.

BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR
Cheer in partnership with Health and Human Services Commission's Colonia initiatives holds its 3rd annual Back to School Health Fair on August 29th from 2pm-6pm in the gym. Please bring your child's shot record to make sure if he/she needs shots to start school on time. For more information contact BISS Central Office at 563-2491 or Cheer Pat Sitzes 563-5528.

BRACKETT ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB
Brackett Athletic Booster Club will meet on Monday, August 3, 2009 in the high school gymnasium. The meeting will begin at 7pm. The Booster Club will elect officers for the upcoming year.

CUB SCOUT PACK # 257
The Cub Scout Pack # 257 will be having a drawing for a spa basket on Wednesday, August 5th at their monthly meeting. Winner does not have to be present. Come by The Brackett News to purchase tickets and see the spa basket. For more information contact Rachel Earwood 830-563-7801.

CELEBRANT SINGER
The Celebrant Singers a world-renowned Christian singing group, will be returning to Kinney County for a free performance at the Old Quarry Amphitheater of Fort Clark at 7:30 PM on Thursday, August 6th. A free-will offering will be taken to help defray the group's expenses. A pot-luck supper will be offered to the group at 5:30 at Slator Hall, 1st United Methodist Church. Sponsors are needed to provide housing for 1 married couple, 10 women and 8 men for the night of August 6th. Those who participated last year will tell you this is a most pleasurable experience. If you can provide overnight accommodations for one or more of this group, call Pastor Jean Reardon at 563-5188 for more information.

FLAG FOOTBALL
Southwest Texas Youth Football-Uvalde Flag Football League Flag. Ages: Boys 6 and 7 years old. Point of contact: Frank Castillo 830-563-7140.

COUNTY POOL SCHEDULE
The County Pool hours of operation are set for 4:00 pm-8:00 pm each day Thursday - Sunday. Admission is free. Snack bar available. Waiver of Liability/Permission Form will be required to be completed and signed by parent/legal guardian for each child before admittance is allowed to the Kinney County Swimming Pool. Forms are available at the gate.

HOME DELIVERY
Get your Brackett News hot off the press and in your yard! All local and Fort Clark patrons of TBN are asked to submit their street addresses as there are plans to have the paper delivered directly to your home beginning in August. Please Call 563-2852 for details today.

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STUFF THE BUS PROJECT
Provide kids, who need it, with a fresh start for the school year. Donate NEW school supplies for Brackett's local students. Items will be gathered until Monday, August 17. Items needed: backpacks, pens, pencils, pencil cases, pocket folders and dividers, composition notebooks, binders, ect. Bring your items to Tx. AgriLife Extension Office 602 Military Hwy 830-563-2442

Billy Jack Dorris gets the boot

FCS wins case to regain custody of Duck Inn, but must wait for appeals process to play out

By Leigh Volcsko
The Brackett News

Fort Clark Springs Association was awarded a small victory in Kinney County Justice of the Peace (JP) court on July 24; however, the victory was short lived when defendant Billy Jack Dorris filed an appeal immediately following the verdict.

In December, 2008, Billy Jack Dorris, dba J & J investments, signed a contract to lease the Duck Inn snack shack for one dollar a year for five years. The Inn is located at the swim park on Fort Clark Springs. The lease specifically stipulated the Duck Inn was to be opened on March 1, 2009, but Dorris did not open it until nearly 60 days later. The Fort notified him by way of certified letter that they considered the delay a breach of contract and asked him to immediately vacate the property.

Dorris however refused to

leave and the Fort was forced to pursue legal action against him in JP court to regain custody of the building.

Dorris, reported by a source to have bragged he wanted to drag the case out until the end of summer, requested a trial by jury and the first docket date was delayed when enough jurors to form the required six for a petit jury failed to appear.

The court pooled another jury and they were seated by mid-afternoon on July 24.

The Fort was represented by Catrina Longoria and Patrick Kelly of Langley and Banack of Eagle Pass.

In her opening statement, Longoria introduced herself and quickly went to work explaining to the jury the Fort was only interested in having them decide

whether or not Dorris complied with the contract that he willingly entered into last year.

Rogelio Munoz of Uvalde represented Dorris and chose not to give an opening statement.

The first and only witness for Fort Clark Springs Association (FCSA) was Executive Secretary Genell Hobbs, who at the time when the contracts were ratified by the board of directors, was

the acting director of operations.

Longoria asked Hobbs a series of questions regarding the lease and her dealings with Dorris that led up to the Fort having to go to court to get him to vacate the Duck Inn building. Each question was answered confidently and clearly by Hobbs and she explained through her answers that Dorris did not open the facility on time and stated the contract was voided by this action, citing repeatedly Section 25 or the Non-performance clause in the lease. Hobbs also detailed how Dorris was sent letters and given an opportunity to resolve the matter before going to court.

Munoz, who immediately took an aggressive tone, attempted to badger Hobbs in to admitting the Fort did not allow Dorris time to correct any violation of the contract as stated



Duck Inn

Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko - The Duck Inn snack shack at the swim park is still being occupied by Billy Jack Dorris as he has appealed a recent unanimous jury decision to have him vacate the premises on July 24.

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Pool Princess

Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko - Caydie Feliz Castro, 2, of Fort Clark Springs takes a moment to say cheese for the camera at the FCS Swim Park. Caydie is the daughter of John Anthony and Cindy Castro.

Groundwater district will remain open this summer

By Diana Ward
The Brackett News

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District's office will remain open this summer. The district's Board of Directors took no action on an agenda item to close the office for business during the summer hiatus at its regular meeting on July 9.

President Kent Lowery, city at large director, introduced the item by stating, "I have already heard from Director (Beth Ann) Smith on this. I could tell you that is probably a no, but I was asked to put it on the agenda (so) I put it on the agenda."

Smith, who represents Precinct 1, responded, "I just felt like we needed to keep the office open because there are go-

ing to be people coming in with late water payments, people wanting to drill domestic and livestock wells, especially with the drought going on."

"We are a government entity and I know it would be nice to save money possibly and shut the door for a little while, but I think we need to keep it open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday," she added.

Christopher Ring, director of Precinct 3, and Tony Frerich, county at large director, agreed with Smith.

"Well we do not have to do anything," Lowery told the board. "As long as there is no motion made, it just dies."

With no further comments from the directors, Lowery declared the agenda item "void."

Linda McDaniel

Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko Administrative Assistant Linda McDaniel will man the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District office this summer.



Kinney County EMS: Your life line

By Katie Brown
The Brackett News

He seems a bit rough around the edges, and his tattoo's hint at a more rugged background than that of an agency administrator. His demeanor may seem a bit gruff, but then when you are most likely to see him he is working under stressful conditions with emotions around him running high. You will not see him wearing stiffly pressed shirts, sitting behind a desk. No, he is usually wearing jeans and a navy colored tee shirt with a Kinney County Fire Rescue emblem on it. That way when the alarm sounds he can hit the ground running.

Bruce Hudgens is a native of Florida, having grown up on the beaches of Pensacola.

Graduating ahead of his high school class in 1989, he immediately enlisted in the military, doing his basic training and advanced infantry training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. First deployed to Germany, he served briefly in the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment and then the 1st Battalion 37th Armor in the 1st Armor Division. Hudgens was then deployed to Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1991. Not yet 21 years of age when he returned to Germany from Desert Storm, he extended his enlistment for another five years. As an M1 tank mechanic,



Bruce Hudgens

he worked on the M1 Abrams fire control and weapons systems. He was also attached to the Scout Platoon HHC, 137th Armor, working on the Humvees and track vehicles.

In 1996, Bruce got out of the military and returned to the United States. His mother, who was an RN and a hospital administrator/troubleshooter for failing hospitals, was working in New Orleans and he joined her there. He took some time off before deciding to go to work as a diver in the oil field. He attended dive school where he became certified as a scuba diver and also received training in surface supplied air diving using the dive helmets, mixed gas diving, decompression, underwater welding and construction. He then hired on with an oil field company, starting out as a tender; a person who helps the divers suit up and tends the lines. Advancing to underwater construction, often in conditions of little or no visibility and at depths of 280 feet, he worked burying pipeline. In 2001, after losing a friend who died as a result of a tender who used an incorrect decompression profile, Bruce decided to leave oil field work.

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"Nemo me impune lacesset - No one will provoke me with impunity"

Publishers PLOG (or Paper Log)

good cop, bad cop

Katie Brown is a reporter for The News and before she was hired we spoke for about six months back and forth about what she could offer the newspaper and how her skills could take the newspaper to the next level. When we finally negotiated what made us both happy, she began to get out into the community and submit stories for the paper. One of the things we discussed was that I didn't want to control what she wrote. It had to come from her perspective and be totally her voice. I didn't even want to tell her who to report on other than she needed to cover City Council and Commissioner's Court and do stories about people that live in our community.

Talk about being opposites. Katie Brown is a polished woman with impeccable manners, a lovely sense of style and she possesses the grace that I believe is lost to the younger generations.

I am a beer drinker that swears too much and has a very low tolerance for "untruth telling".

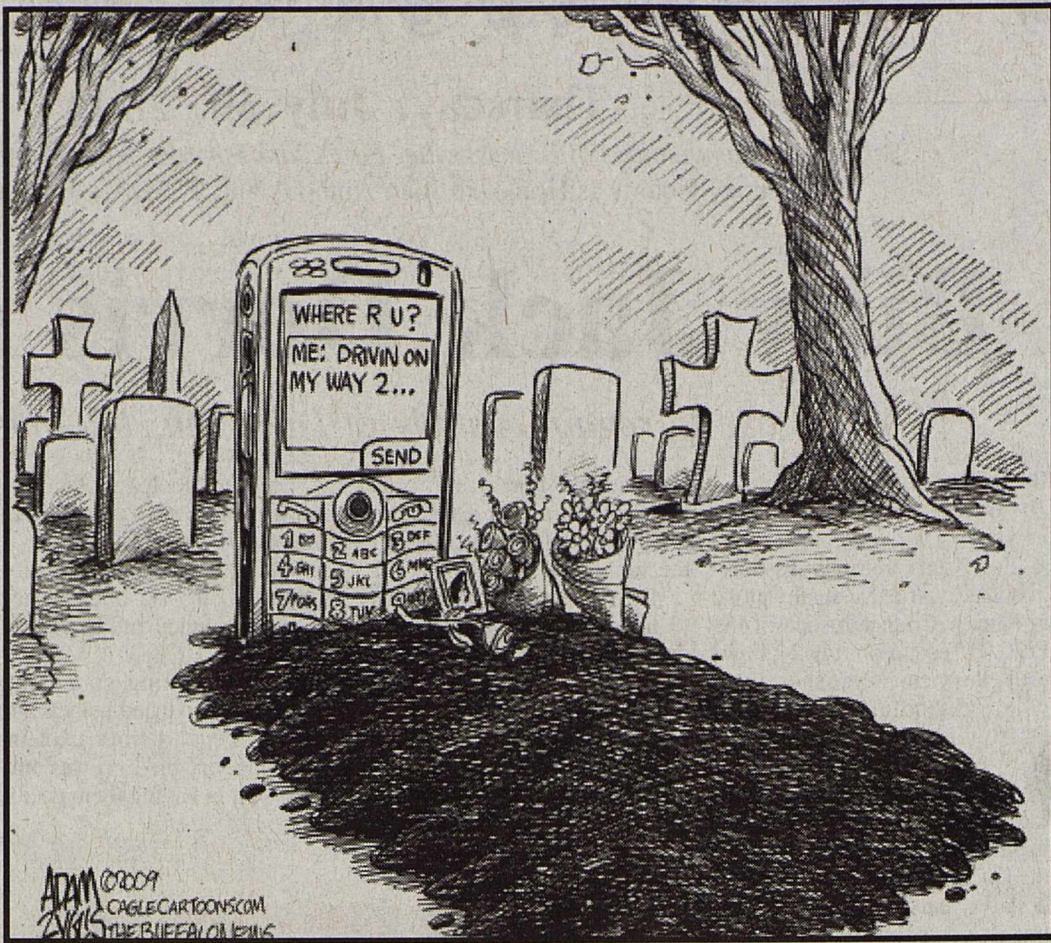
Katie has such a gentle way about her and I am like sending in a bulldozer to pick up a wine glass. Get it? I knew what I was doing when I brought Katie on board.

Here's something funny that proves the point:

Katie had an idea for a story and approached the subject for an interview. Before the interview was conducted the person asked Katie if they were in trouble or something. Katie just smiled and said no, we just want to highlight you in the paper. When Katie told me the story later, I just laughed and said something to the effect that she should have told him, "you're only in trouble if Leigh wants to do the interview!" Katie just burst out in laughter and said, "like good cop, bad cop."

Now that I've said that, I'll have a hard time getting an interview in the future, but remember that Katie does travel and I love a good story, too. I'm just deeply sympathetic to the needs of the regular guy and want to use the power of the press to protect this community and promote the greater good.

Leigh V.



Own a business? Put retirement plan in place



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

If you own a small business, you have a lot to think about: sales, expenses, marketing, cash flow, competition the list goes on and on. However, by spending so much time on the issues of today, you may overlook the concerns of tomorrow. That's why, if you haven't already

done so, you need to choose a retirement plan for your business.

Which plan is right for you? It depends on different factors, such as how many employees you have and how much you can afford to contribute each year. Let's take a look at some popular retirement plans for small businesses:

Owner-only 401(k) Also known as an individual 401(k), an owner-only 401(k) offers you many of the same advantages of a traditional 401(k): a range of investment options, tax-deductible contributions and tax-deferred earnings growth. You may even be able to choose a

Roth option for your 401(k), which allows you to make after-tax contributions that can grow tax free. In 2009, you can contribute up to \$49,000 to your owner-only 401(k) or \$54,500 if you're 50 or older. (To make deductible contributions for the 2009 tax year, you'll need to set up your plan by Dec. 31, 2009.)

Solo defined benefit plan You may have thought you had to work for a big company to participate in a traditional pension plan, also known as a defined benefit plan, but you can set one up for yourself if you're self-employed or own your own business. This plan has high contribution limits, which are determined by an actuarial calculation, and your contributions are typically tax-deductible.

SEP IRA If you have just a few employees or are self-employed with no employees, and you're looking for a low-cost, low-maintenance retirement plan, you may want to consider a SEP IRA. You'll fund the plan with tax-deductible contributions, and you must cover all eligible employees. (Employees themselves cannot contribute.) You can contribute up to 25 percent of compensation (if you're an employee of your own corporation) or 20 percent of income if you're self-employed, up to \$49,000 annually. And you can fund your SEP IRA with virtually any type of investment you choose.

SIMPLE IRA As its name suggests, a SIMPLE IRA is quite easy to set up and maintain, and it can be a good plan if your business has fewer than 10 employees. As the business owner, you must contribute in one of two ways: a dollar-for-dollar match of up to 3 percent of salary or a contribution of 2 percent of employees' salaries (up to \$4,900 per year). Employee contributions are tax-deductible, and your matching contributions are generally deductible as a business expense. Still, while a SIMPLE IRA may be advantageous for your employees, it's less generous to you, as far as allowable contributions, than an owner-only 401(k), a defined benefit plan or a SEP IRA. For 2009, your annual contributions are generally limited to \$11,500, or \$14,000 if you're 50 or older by the end of the year. You can also make a matching contribution of up to 3 percent to yourself.

To determine which plan is best for you, consult with your tax advisor and a financial advisor who has experience with small businesses. But don't wait too long to get started you're moving closer to retirement all the time.

To eat only one or a dozen



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Do you ever catch yourself having conversations with a voice inside your head? I don't think you are crazy because this can be a good thing if you will choose which voice to listen to. Do you remember when you were little watching cartoons? A cartoon character would have a little angel on one shoulder and a little devil on the other. It was a battle for making a good choice or a bad choice. In real life the voices are part of you; in your mind. You are not stuck in the middle of this conversation; you are actually a part of it with only one of the parties.

Let's say you want to eat a dozen donuts. It is you who has tempted you with the donuts. Then it is the voice of reason who is telling you why you should not eat the whole box of donuts. You have a choice to eat them or not to eat them. You get to make the ultimate decision. When you recognize that you are actually having the conversation is the beginning of your journey. The next big step is realizing who that voice in your head really belongs to! Those voices don't just talk about donuts. They tell you how big your thighs are and they beat you up! When you are FLYING you deserve to be treated nicely and it starts with telling those voices to go away! You don't have to listen to those negative voices that say ugly things. Instead of them berating you over your dress size; they can love you into not eating twelve donuts by saying how much better you will feel if you don't eat the whole thing. They can give you a reward for being kind to your body. Do you see that just recognizing the voices for what they are is such a huge step!

When you replace those negative voices with a voice that is kind and gentle, you will start to see a change in your attitude. We don't have to feel put down and punished or resort to rebellion when we love ourselves. When we are FLYING, we won't do anything that hurts us. My friend Pam Young has come up with a good way to teach us how to join in the conversation. We can use her Get Out of Debt Book to learn to be nice to ourselves. When we first heard those hurtful words, we were young children. All we have to do is treat ourselves as if we were children and show that little child the same love and kindness we show our very own children. This takes a little practice; I know you can do it! Join the conversation! Don't hide behind the dozen donuts and feel sad and defeated. Use the donuts as a way of reinforce doing good things for yourself. You don't have to eat them all when you eat only one or share one! You know in your heart that you could have eaten the whole box. Ask yourself why you want them, why you bought them? Then celebrate your success at eating only one and not the whole box! You won't feel deprived or guilty! You can find joy in talking to yourself about this! I'll bet you can even tell yourself just how proud you are for only eating one when you wanted a dozen. I think you deserve points. I know I did yesterday when I went to McFarland's Bakery to pick up a birthday cake! I'll take points any place I can get them! For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her website and join her free life coaching at www.FlyLady.net , listen to her channel

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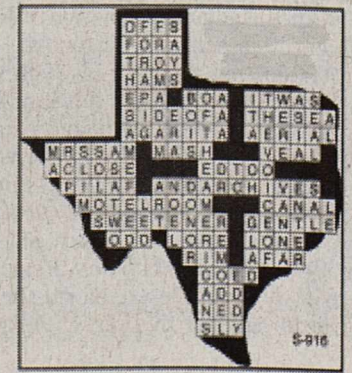
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4-H Camp Shaving Cream War

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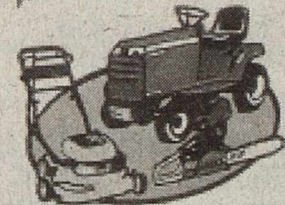
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Billy Jack Dorris gets the boot

FCS wins case to regain custody of Duck Inn, but must wait for appeals process to play out

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in Section 24 or the Violation of Contract clause. At one point Longoria stood to her feet and objected to Munoz' attempts to lead the witness and his failure to give her an opportunity to answer his questions in her own words. Judge Narce Villarreal agreed and instructed Munoz to, "take a better tone," and not personally attack the witness. Hobbs, although under pressure from Munoz, never waived and stuck to her testimony that Dorris did not open on time and the contract clearly stated it was grounds for termination. Witnesses for Dorris were former FCS board member John Carlson and current vice president to the board Sam Holloman. Carlson was asked by Longoria about how he came to be involved with the creation of the contract. He readily admitted to working closely with Holloman and another former board member Lee Winchell and local attorney Tully Shahan in the creation of this contract. Longoria pressed him to explain it further and he stated he spoke several times a night with the men involved and was able to get a "deal" together. Longoria then asked him if he was familiar with the Texas Open Meetings Act and if he was aware that speaking to these men about the contract outside the confines of a posted meeting was a violation of the law. Carlson replied, "I see where you are going with that."

Dorris took the stand in his own defense and explained the Duck Inn made approximately \$50 per day and if he had to pay employees he would be unable to "make it." Dorris stated he was not in fact open on March 1, but offered a variety of reasons including he was locked out of the building, there was a lot of the Fort's possessions still stored in the building, the electricity and plumbing were not separated from the Fort's accounts and the new board members elected earlier this year did not like him. The plaintiffs were able to prove by Dorris' own admissions that he had access to the buildings in late January and the only keys he was "missing" were to some security bars placed over the windows. Dorris also admitted he never contacted Hobbs for the keys or any member of the board. In the matter of the Fort still having items stored in the building, Hobbs adamantly stated there were only a few paint cans and some lifeguard equipment. Dorris claimed he pulled at least, "half a dump truck," of stuff out of there. The plaintiff's attorney's quickly jumped on the fact that Dorris had to have had access to the building he claimed to be locked out of in order to remove all these items. As to Dorris' claims of the electricity and plumbing still be joined with the Fort's general utility accounts, Kelly was able to point out by way of

the original contract Section A2, that Dorris accepted the building "as is" and there were no other items in the contract that obligated the Fort to making any changes to the utilities, making it Dorris' responsibility to have changed these items over prior to the expected March 1 opening. Munoz strongest defense was his repeated attempts to prove the Fort failed to "mediate with Dorris," however the plaintiffs were able to show a copy of a letter sent to Dorris making him an offer to come to the board and settle the dispute prior to filing against him in court.

One of Dorris' last statements before the jury adjourned was, "if this was the old board, we wouldn't be here today." The jury was out for approximately 30-40 minutes and unanimously sided with Fort Clark Springs. Within minutes the Dorris Camp submitted their appeal. The case will now move to the county court and will be heard by recently appointed Judge Tim Ward. A date for this hearing was not available at press time.

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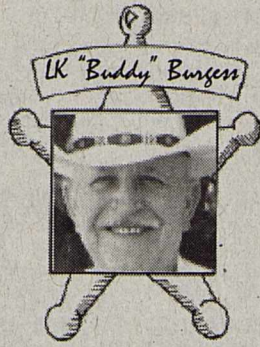
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Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcosko - Members of the Old Quarry Society hosted a karaoke night at the Smoke House Restaurant on July 25. Several locals entertained the crowd with their musical talents.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, July 20

8:33am, A woman called stating that her husband was causing a problem at her residence and she needed a deputies assistance. A deputy was informed.

11:40am, A woman called requesting a deputy at her residence. A deputy was informed and enroute to the location.

11:45am, A 911 call was received from a woman stating that another woman was yelling at her. A deputy was informed.

1:35pm, A woman came into the SO to report that someone had stolen some tools. A deputy was informed.

1:45pm, A call was received in reference to trash being on Hwy 90. TXDOT was notified.

2:07pm, A woman called 911 stating a red vehicle was driving recklessly on Hwy 90 East headed towards Brackettville. A deputy was informed of the situation.

Tuesday, July 21

12:13pm, A 911 call was received about a possible heart attack, they requested an ambulance. EMS was dispatched.

8:33pm, A woman called the SO stating she wanted to speak to a deputy about putting a restraining order on someone. A deputy was notified.

9:52, A man called 911 stating that there was a reckless driver on Hwy 90 West headed towards Brackettville. A deputy

was notified and enroute.

10:34pm, A man walked into the SO requesting a deputy perform a welfare check on his wife. A deputy was advised.

Wednesday, July 22

9:45am, A woman called stating a dog was chasing her while she was driving her golf cart. A deputy was informed.

5:43pm, A woman called to report she was having problems with her daughter. A deputy was advised.

Thursday, July 23

8:26am, A man called to report he had a possible of four flat tires. A deputy was informed and enroute to the location.

9:43am, A 911 call was received in reference to a man being assaulted at a local business. A deputy was informed and enroute to the location.

1:39pm, A man called stating that a vehicle was parked and vacant with all of the doors open.

A deputy was informed.

6:00pm, A woman called stating her daughter had left her residence and would not come back. A deputy was informed.

8:46pm, A man came into the SO wanting to know if a weren't had been issued on a man for threatening to kill him and his girlfriend in their sleep. A deputy was advised.

9:00pm, A call was received about a red vehicle driving fast on Beaumont St. that almost caused an accident. A deputy was advised.

Friday, July 24

4:16pm, James Woods, 44, of Brackettville, was arrested for assault. Woods was released on a \$2,500. bond.

8:55pm, Fort Clark Springs Security called the SO stating that a residence property had been moved. A deputy was notified.

Kinney County EMS: Your life line

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Returning to New Orleans and needing a job to pay his bills, he went to work at a large club in the French Quarter as door staff. He had already decided to go EMT school, so when the semester started he quit his job and went through EMT basic training. "I went to work for both 911 and Transport in the city of New Orleans. Transport EMS is critical care transports from hospital to hospital. On the 911 side they had between 70 and 100 trucks on the street. "In a 12 hour shift, a slow night for us was about 28 calls," said Bruce, "on a busy night, which was about 60 percent of the time, we would run 40 to 50 calls." During Mardi Gras they ran under disaster protocols, setting up triage disaster points all over the city and working 18 to 20 hour shifts. Routinely they ran transport from New Orleans to the Shriners Burn Hospital in Galveston. He recalled one incident in particular involving twin baby boys. It was Christmas morning and the babies were crying. In order to stop their crying, their father, under the influence of crack cocaine, submerged them in a crawfish pot. Bruce was on the 911 call and also on the transport to Galveston.

"Everything becomes a blur. Random gunfire is really not a big deal." The Air Force routinely sends their special operations people, like the Pararescuemen, to New Orleans to do their battlefield trauma rotations because there is no shortage of gunshot injuries. He stated that he never really got to know the people he dealt with. Once he treated them for their injuries, administered medications with an IV, stabilized and transported them, he was only in contact with them for a matter of minutes before delivering them to a medical facility. "You never see them again," he said. It is different here because of the distances to medical facilities. By the time they load a patient into the ambulance, stabilize and transport them, they are often with that individual for up to an hour.

In late 2003, after a year as an EMT in New Orleans, he accepted a friends' invitation to run his business, a custom gunsmith operation in Del Rio. They built ground fighting systems and weapons systems; basically building long range tactical rifles. They did work for the Border Patrol, certain agencies in the government and private contractors going over to Iraq. On the weekends he was working for EMS in Kinney County.

After six months in Del Rio, Bruce accepted a full time position under the EMS Director Steven Burch, who at that time was looking to retire. Later he worked under the direction of April Guerra who left the department after less than a year. The County Commissioners endeavored to find a new director but after two months with no applicants, they approached Bruce and appointed him interim Director.

Meanwhile, he had returned to school and achieved his National certification as a paramedic and his Texas certification shortly thereafter. In December 2006, after 3 months as the Interim Director, he accepted the position as the new Director of EMS.

Having come from a background with EMS in an area the size of New Orleans, he found Kinney County EMS somewhat lacking in updated equipment. "Steven said I lived in a delusional world because I wanted to build (the department) and I wanted to have better equipment." When Bruce took over as EMS Director, the department had just been reprimanded by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for having expired equipment on the truck. He set his priorities. First, "do no harm"; take care of the people being transported. Second, clean, stock and inventory the trucks so they are always ready to go.

"DSHS regulates our licensure as an EMS Agency. I operate under the auspices of our Medical Director, Frank Meissner. He says what I can do. He is primarily a cardiologist and an ICU interventionist; he is basically everything cardiac and everything ER to Eagle Pass. He is a Colonel in the Air Force and he sits on the Chairman's Committee for Advanced Traumatic Life Support. I believe he is also one of the President's 50, one of the 50 people who are allowed to operate on the President." Because Bruce has such a high level of certification, Meissner does not require him to call in every time it becomes necessary to start an IV, administer drugs for pain or to dispense Nitro for example. However, if advanced cardiac drugs are called for, protocol dictates that he contact Meissner. As to which hospital a patient is transported to, that is also determined by protocol. Our geographic location sets us apart and the location of the incident determines whether they transport to Uvalde or Del Rio. Everything Spofford and Highway 131 south would go to Fort Duncan. If the patient is stable, EMS will make every effort to transport them where their doctors are. However, if the patient is critical they will be transported to the nearest facility.

Bruce is the only certified paramedic in the county although at least one other is currently taking instruction to become certified. Regionally, Bruce is teaching a paramedic grant funded class through Texas A&M. The department currently has 3 fulltime EMT's and 4 part timers. Those who do not live in Kinney County utilize the accommodations at the station while on duty. The Paramedic Field Supervisor's position was vacated last March with the unexpected death of Michael John Gilbert and the position has not been filled.

Funding for the department comes from the county. Before EMS was affiliated with Fire Rescue they only qualified for about three tenths of a percent

of the grant expenditures. Fire Departments receive more grants than stand alone EMS departments. As a part of Fire Rescue they qualify for more grants. Bruce is a participant in the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC). "As a participant in STRAC, it qualifies us for DSHS 911 funding. That funding, every year, is based on my participation within the RAC," said Bruce. There are six meetings within the region every year and he attends at least three. That qualifies him once a year for a grant between ten and twenty thousand dollars. That money goes for medical supplies, equipment and repairs. They also receive grants for training, automated external defibrillators and other various things.

Kinney County encompasses an area roughly the size of Rhode Island. Response time averages three to six minutes in

town or on the Fort. Things that affect response time are streets without street signs and houses without numbers. City Manager Henry Garcia is working to resolve these problems in Brackett. There are things that we as citizens can do to help EMS help us. (1) Make sure there are house numbers on your house and that they are visible from the street. On Fort Clark, many residents still have their section and lot numbers on their residences. The addition of the 911 number assigned to that property is confusing. The only number that should be displayed on your residence is the 911 address. UPS will still find you. (2) If your street sign is missing, please notify the City Manager if you live in Brackett or the County Commissioners if you live outside of town. On the Fort, notify the Director of Operations. (3) If you call EMS to your location, please get out

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GARAGE SALES

Garage sale Saturday, August 1st 8am-1 at the FCS RV Park Kitchen behind RV Office. Carport sale Saturday, August 1st 8am-1 89 Bliss Circle FCS furniture, bikes, clothes and much more.

MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM Zero Down if you own your land or your family owns land. Credit doesn't matter. 1-888-277-2758 RBI 35624 [lly]

MOBILE HOME, 16X76 2000(yr) Palm Harbor (make). 3BR/2BA, newer appliances: smooth top stove, SBS fridge, W/D unit. Indoor paint/carpet one yr old. Covered 8X16 porch, separate 8X10 outdoor shed. Located in Wyrich MH Park, EP. Bank/Owner financing possible for qualified buyer. 830-776-5496.

DOUBLEWIDE HOME FOR SALE 5/BR, 2 1/2 Bath, fireplace, in a corner lot fenced yard in Brackett \$87,500 Assumable loan, Call 563-2155 or 563-5457 [jn]

3BR, 2B W/ONE separate jacuzzi tub with kit appliances, large living room, new carport & paint great price. Call 830-563-7436 FOR SALE 3BR/3B ALL BRICK & tile home w/carport. over 2000 sq.ft. at 869 Fairway Circle Unit 27 FCS call 830-234-7598 and 830-719-9590

2 STORY TOWNHOUSE. 2BR, 1B. Large enclosed yard. Unit 1 at Fort Clark Springs. \$17,000. 830-563-9234 or 830-563-7626.

REDUCED 10K TO \$124,900. \$2,000. CASH REBATE IF CLOSED WITHIN 60 DAYS. Fort Clark Springs scenic overlook of 13th green on golf course! 2,420 sq ft, 4 BR, 2 1/2 bath, 3LR, 2004 Solitaire. Attached 24x24 carport w/ workshop on approx 1/3 acre on Fort Clark golf course. (830) 563-2525 or 830-734-6083 - For photos and full details go to http://InfoTube.net/209898 [ms]

HOMES FOR SALE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS. Sealed proposals addressed to the Kinney County Commissioners Court will be received at Kinney County Court House, P.O. Box 348 (501 East Ann Street), Brackettville, Texas 78832 until 10:00 A.M. on the 17th day of August, 2009, for the "Border Colonia Access Program Kinney County Road Paving Project". All proposals will then be opened and read aloud. Any bids received after closing time will be returned unopened. Principal items of construction will include approximately 10,800 L.F. of asphalt streets 22' wide and miscellaneous brush clearing within street rights-of-way. Bidders shall submit with their bids a Cashier's check in the amount of five (5%) of the maximum amount bid.

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reliable Surety Company as a guarantee that Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bond and guarantee forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of Contract. Bids without check or Proposal Bond will not be considered. The successful Bidder must furnish performance and payment bonds each in the amount of 100% of the contract price from an approved Surety Company holding a permit from the state of Texas to act as Surety and acceptable according to the latest list of companies holding certificates of authority from the Secretary of Treasury of the United States, or other Surety or Sureties acceptable to the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. In case ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the price of bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof or to reject the bid. Unreasonable or unbalanced unit prices will be considered sufficient cause for rejection of any bid or bids. The final notice of award of Contract shall be given to successful bidder by the County within thirty (30) days following the opening of bids. Award of contract shall be to the lowest responsible bidder. This project is being funded by the Texas Department of Transportation. Plans and Specifications may be examined at the Kinney County Courthouse and at TRC Engineers, Inc., 505 East Huntland Drive, Suite 250, Austin, Texas 78752. Plans and Specifications may be obtained from TRC Engineers, Inc., 505 East Huntland Drive, Suite 250, Austin, Texas 78752 upon deposit of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, which is NONREFUNDABLE. Please make payments payable to TRC Engineers, Inc. Kinney County Commissioners Court

KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS. Request for Proposals FYE 2008-2009. Financial and Financial Audit Services. Kinney County Commissioners is seeking financial audit services and financial reform information into the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report with corresponding ad-

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IN HISTORICAL AREA OF FORT CLARK- loft bedroom, 2 baths, laundry room central air, furnished, appliances. Antiques and art negotiable \$70,000

LARGE ROCK BUILDING in downtown Brackettville. Many possibilities for either residential or commercial use. Only \$70,000

RV IN UNIT 14 - fully furnished with 2nd roof and wide driveway. REDUCED \$15,000.

RENTALS

LAS MORAS REALTY

104 E. Spring Street • 830-563-2997
Debbie Trant, Owner/Agent & Barbara Voss, Broker
www.realestatetxkinneycounty.com

New Listing-127 Bowie: unique home with 3BR, 5B. Updated kitchen, large master BR with 2 baths & closets. Private patio for entertaining with bar & 1/2 bath + separate office.

38 Sunset Lane: well maintained 3BR, 3B split level home in great area. Large kitchen, FP & nice upgrades. REDUCED!

Unit 15: 3/2 furnished doublewide in immaculate condition, metal roof, storage shed.

Unit 27-Birdie Cr: choice lot on golf course, \$7,700.00

Unit 14: 1BR cottage next to green area, \$16,500.

For Rent-Ft. Clark: 1 BR furnished apt, CHA, water/tv paid.

For Sale/Rent-407 N Fort St: cute 3BR, 2B home call for details!

214 W. Fulton: spacious 3BR home, interior/exterior upgrades. only \$59,000!

Commercial Prop: 2 acres, Hwy 90 front, high fenced, building, housing, multi-use, call today!

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justment for year ending 2008-2009. It is Kinney County's intent to obtain proposals from and the services of a qualified, certified public accountant with the extensive experience in performing financial audit services for government agencies. Proposals must be submitted as instructed: three copies of your proposal shall be placed in a sealed envelope (if mailed) with each appropriate page manually signed by a person having the authority to bind the firm in a contract. The proposal number and title must be clearly marked on the outside of the proposal. Mark proposal: FYE 2008-2009 Financial Audit Services and Financial Services. Facsimile transmittal (830-563-2404) shall be accepted. Return Proposals to: Kinney County Commissioners Court, PO Box 348, Brackettville, Tx

78832. Request for any information regarding matters related to this RFP should be directed to Kinney County Commissioners Court @ 830-563-2401. Proposals shall be received August 14, 2009 no later than 5:00 p.m. It is understood that Kinney County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals as it shall deem to be in the best interest of the county.

WANTED

MEDICAL SUPPLIES needed for disabled people in Mexico. Call (830) 563-2291 [mm]

PEACOCKS WANTED: Want to buy 1-3 peacocks. Call 830-352-4689.

Tejas Properties

Phyllis & Les Meyer Broker/Ranch Sales 830-563-9911
Deborah Isaacs Agent/Residential Sales 830-563-7272

4/2 on Ann Street, remodeled kitchen and bathroom, large corner lot with pecan trees, recently painted throughout, enclosed porches, move-in ready. Only \$129,995.00!

2/1 Mobile Home, remodeled kitchen, covered parking, no maintenance yard, \$17,500.

2 bedroom, 1 & 1/2 bath mobile home with glassed in breezeway. Has 2 storage areas and parking in the front and back. \$27,000 or make offer!

Unit 14 - 2 lots with RV cover and 804 sq. living area. Reduced to \$40,000.

Unit 14 - 2 Lots with cover and small 5th wheel - \$25,000.

Golf Course Lot on Fort Clark Road - \$4,500.

926 Acres off 674 North of Brackettville, improvements, wells, good hunting - \$1,195. an acre

RENTALS AVAILABLE:

1 and 2 bedrooms- long or short term leases
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KEN BARNETT REAL ESTATE

102 W. Spring St., Brackettville, TX 78832
Ken Barnett - Melissa Davis
www.kenbarnettrealestate.com

FORT CLARK

New Listing: 221 Oak Lane Fantastic 2 story home, 3BR/3B 2 car garage + separate workshop. many upgrades, great location! \$199,500.

29 Lamotte: 3/2/2 Stucco hm w/ tiled floors, FP in large kitchen/breakfast rm. Screened porch overlooking green area. Reduced to sell. \$155,000. Motivated seller!

132 De Zavala: Adorable A-Frame 2BR/1B w/ 300sq. ft. Loft area, 1100 +/- sq. ft. REDUCED \$35,000.

23 Oak Lane: Custom Built Home 3BR/2B on large, fenced corner lot. Backyard Cabana. Mature Oaks. 2100 +/- sq. ft.

Anderson/Travis: Cute 3BR/1.5B on 1 lot \$42,500.

80 Baylor: Home in Historical District 3BR/2B Approx. 1836 sq. ft. \$60,000.

Fairway Circle: 2 golf course lots. walking distance from Las Moras creek. \$25,000.

143 Walnut: Immaculate 3/2 Palm Harbor Hm. on 2 lots overlooking green area. Must see! \$42,000. Make an offer!

104 McClelland: 2BR/2B Townhouse/Historical District. 1260 +/- sq. ft. REDUCED

Unit 14: RV lot w/ metal cover Includes 27' Wilderness travel trailer, 8 x 10 Morgan bldg. + washer/dryer hookups. \$32,000.

BRACKETTVILLE

New Listing: 201 N. Ann 3BR/2B Stucco Hm. Includes Game Rm. or 4th BR. Great Home on 4 lots.

Commercial: US Hwy 90: Metal Construction Bldg. w/ storage, workshop, office and restroom. 3 lots. Prime Property.

109 W. Spring St.: Downtown Brackettville 4,400sq. ft. Great Rental Property!

ACREAGE

221 Acres: N. of brackettville on 674. Log Cabin w/ panoramic views. 1400 +/- sq. ft. w/ Loft

OFFICE: 830-563-2446 or 830-563-5121

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ACROSS

- Cowboy starts: kick- _____
- TXism: "couldn't buy hay _____ nightmare" (poor)
- ex-Cowboy Aikman
- showy actors
- agcy. that monitors air of TX cities (abbr.)
- feathery scarf
- TXism: "if _____ any better the sheriff wouldn't allow it"
- TXism: "couldn't hit the _____ barn"
- Corpus Christi: "The Sparkling City by _____"
- TX Indians used this flower to make dye & jelly
- Tony Romo toss
- historic Washington Co. site: _____ Houston House
- homemade brew: sour _____
- calf meat
- TXism: "_____ shave" (near miss)
- ex-Cowboy _____ "_____ Tall" Jones
- steamed rice dish
- "State Library _____ Commission"
- accomodation at Day's Inn (2 wds.)
- Las Colinas Mandalay waterway
- coffee additive
- TXism: "_____ as a lamb"

- peculiar
- TX tradition
- TX Ranger film: "_____ Wolfe McQuade"
- Sea _____ State Park
- TXism: "_____ piece"
- woman at A&M
- TXism: "it don't _____ up"
- this Beatty starred with TX Jimmy Dean in "Big Bad John"

- Dallasite founder of the Family Stone

DOWN

- TXism: "they're eatin' out _____ bag" (associated)
- TXism: "buying pearls _____" (wasting money)
- TXism: "wouldn't know him _____"
- "Simon _____"
- TX tree: _____ d'arc
- "Bridge _____" over the Panama Canal
- Andrews H.S. class
- TXism: "call _____ day"

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- displayed at TX museums
- Sir _____ Coward contributor
- White of the "Wheel"
- get in the contest
- TX lake: La _____ del Rey
- Houston _____ the army at San Jacinto
- Pepe _____ Pew
- to make over
- TXism: "I'm _____ to know you"
- Waller of film "Bandit King of Texas"