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Tiger football gets off to roaring start

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RESCHEDULEDI First United Methodist Church's Vacation Bible School. Will Be offered as an after school children's weekday ministry at a later date. Watch for an announcement as to day and time

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 Please bring your child's shot record to make sure if he/she needs shots to start school on time. For more informa--tion contact BISD Central Office at 563-2491 or Cheer Pat Sitzes 563-5528.

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, etc. Bring your items to Tx. AgriLife Extension Office 602 Military Hwy 830-563-2442

TWO CATTLE FEVER TICK WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED FOR SOUTH TEXAS

To help landowners, stock-men, and wildlife ranch operators fight Cattle Fever Tick, two workshops have been scheduled to discuss technical and financial technical and financial assistance available through the USDA- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The first workshop will be held Monday, August 10, 2009 at the International Center for Trade, 3295 Bob Rogers Drive, in Eagle Pass and the second workshop is

Former Brackett couple involved in Camp Wood shooting

By Leigh Volcsko

The Brackett News ness owner was killed by his found the body of Jay spouse in Camp Wood Hills on Weatherby on the living room

Weatherby. Paige Weatherby then took the sheriff to the A former Brackettville busi- Weatherby residence. Officers floor of the home lay Weatherby had been shot in the Paige, both registered voters in head and was unresponsive and appeared to be deceased. Edwards County Justice of the Peace Joe O. Baker was called Jay Weatherby dead at 7:35 a.m. Letsinger stated the shooting being fully investigated and the Texas Rangers are assisting the was interviewed and released around 6:30 p.m. the evening July 31. Judge Baker ordered a full autopsy by the Bexer County Medical Examiners Office and Letsinger has submitted forensic evidence to Bexer County as "Anytime there is a death by matter. We are not accusing anyone of wrong doing, but we want

Alamo Saddlery

By Katie Brown The Brackett News

Certainly a gracious lady and an astute business woman, Leisha Ashley knows just how to carry her father's business forward by following her instincts for current trends in design and incorporating them into Alamo Saddlery's tack. Saddles and other tack have historically been designed with a decidedly masculine influence. Leisha saw a need to design a line marketed specifically for women who comprise a large segment of the industry. Implementing her ideas has been tremendously successful. Keeping abreast of fashion in the world of art, clothing and accessories is evident in her cur-

2009 Brackett Tiger Football Schedule

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Varsity

Aug 15	Falls city (Scrimmage)	Away	
Aug 20	Ozona (Scrimmage)	Home	
Aug 28	Dilley	Away	
Sept 4	Harper	Home	
Sept 11	Rocksprings	Home	
Sept 18	OPEN		
Sept 25	*Leakey	Away	
Oct 2	*Centerpoint	Home	
Oct 10	*DHanis	Away	
Oct 16	*Medina	Home	
Oct 23	*Nueces Canyon	Away	
Oct 30	*LaPryor	Home	
Nov 6	*Sabinal	Away	
*District Games All game times are 7:30 p.m. except scrimmages			

Groundwater district votes to change August meeting date By Diana Ward Special To The Brackett News

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors voted to move its August monthly meeting to Thursday, August 27.

During last month's regular meeting, board president Kent Lowery explained, "This came about because I'm going to be gone the first part of August, Lloyd (Davis, director) will still be gone, and I know Director (Dennette) Coates is going to be gone during that period of time, and also I've heard that maybe one or two others. We may not have a quorum if we try to have the meeting at the regularly stated meeting date of the second Thursday. So, I will bring to the board, if it's alright with everyone, to move that to the last Thursday which, correct me if I am wrong here, but that's Aug 27.

Return Of The Tigers Brackett News Photos By Leigh Volcsko - Tiger team members sweat it out during ther first week of practice for the 2009 Season that will begin with an away scrimmage against Falls City at 10 a.m. August 15.

scheduled for Tuesday, August 11 at the Salle County Fair Building, Hwy. 97, in Cotulla. Both workshops will begin at 8:30am and end at 4:30pm. Lunch will be provided for the first 100 participants to RSVP for each workshop. There will be a charge of \$8 for all who RSVP after the first 100. CEUs will be offered.

FISH STOCKING PRO-**GRAM 2009**

Fish Stocking Program 2009 will be held on Friday, August 21,2009 at the Kinney County Civic Center at 1:00pm. Orders and payments must be received by Friday, August 14, 2009. To place an order call 563-2414 or stop by the office and complete an order form.

CCSWT RECEIVES AWARD OF TRANSIT FUNDS

The Community Council of Southwest Texas Inc. announces the grant award of \$331,000 from the Texas Department of Transportation for capital purchases under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act. Though the grant award, the agency will be able to purchase five wheel chairs accessible vehicles and one maintenance shop truck for its Southwest Transit program. Funds were also awarded for the construction of a maintenance bay on the CCSWT property located at 713 East Main Street in Uvalde. "We are extremely grateful for the stimulus funds being awarded to our region. We are in constant need of replacing vehicles in our aging fleet, and this assistance will benefit all of our service area", states Sarah Hidalgo-Cook, Transit & Safety Director for the agency. CCSWT has administered the rural public transpor-tation program since 1981 and serves the counties of Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, and Zavala. Job Access, Medical, Elderly/Disabled, and Rural Public Transportation services are provided through out the region. The agency which serves as the Rural Transit District in the region is also the lead agency for the Middle Rio Grande Regional Transportation Planning Initiative. For more information on transportation services in your area, you can contact Southwest transit at (830) 278-4155 or 800-499-1617 Monday through Friday during business hours.

Jay Weatherby and his wife Kinney County, were owners of

a gift store known as The Giftbox located on east Spring Street in Brackett, but in 2007 closed the to the residence and pronounced store, selling the building and land to the Robles family of Del Rio. The Brackettville Sunset at the present time appears to be Memorial Funeral Home is now a case of self defense, but it is located there.

At 5:05 a.m. last Friday, Edwards County Sheriff's Office investigation. Paige Weatherby Dispatch received a non-emergency call from a woman identified as Paige Weatherby and according to Sheriff Don Letsinger, Weatherby stated guns had been fired and she needed an officer at her residence

Sheriff Letsinger, followed well. by another Edwards County deputy, made their way to the a gunshot wound, it is a serious Weatherby property on County Road 390 in Camp Wood Hills, a subdivision located in Edwards to make sure we know exactly County. The officers were met what happened," concluded at the property gate by Paige Letsinger.

rent designs. It was this ingenuity that brought her to the attention of Southern Living magazine and resulted in the article written in the August 2009 issue.

Leisha attended Texas Tech and graduated with a degree in Business Education. She went to work as an agent for New York Life in Del Rio prior to marrying her husband who was in the Army. He was stationed in Alabama and when he got out of the Army they returned to Texas where Leisha taught school for three years in the Sequin area.

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Sylvia Owens to open new community bank in Brackett

"Initially we will open as a Ìoan production office ... '

By Katie Brown The Brackett News

Sylvia B. Owens, Executive Vice President with Texas Community Bank, will be opening a loan production office in Brackettville in the building at 112 W Spring Street, formally occupied by Attorney Robert Adams.

This office will be a satellite of the branch office in Del Rio. The main office of TCB is located in Laredo.

Owens comes to Brackett with



28 years of banking experience. She and her husband live in Del Rio and have two children; a daughter who just completed her first year at Angelo State University, San Angelo and a son who is a junior in high school. Her husband is a contractor, who, when not working to get the Brackett office ready to open, is working on the Federal Building in Del Rio.

"Initially we will open as a loan production office; we can do commercial loans, residential loans, consumer loans; any type of loan there is a demand for. Demand will determine what we do. If there is a deto serve the community," said Owens.

Plans are to open the Texas Community Bank on Spring Street on Monday, August 10.

Owens hopes to have the sign up and the hours posted by the end of this week.

Board member Stan Metcalf asked if the directors were going to have a workshop in addi-

tion to its regular meeting. Lowery replied, "Yeah, we would have the workshop the next morning."

Earlier in the meeting Lowery explained that Dr. Robert Mace of the Texas Water Development Board had offered to come down and assist the district in establishing desired future conditions.

"Desired future conditions is a piece of our management plan that we need to get and get done. and they are due in September, the 11th of 2010," Lowery said. "That would be a day that we need to make sure that the board could be in attendance so that you guys could, uh we need everybody there for this.'

Metcalf responded, "I don't like jumping around, but if that is what we've got to do, because we just now got the meeting set on the second Thursday, you know.

Lowery asked, "Is there any conflicts that anyone knows of? Director Davis will be back also by that time so we will have will have a full board back.

Director Tony Frerich made mand for a full fledged bank we a motion to move the meeting will consider that. We are here back to the last Thursday in August. Director Christopher Ring seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The board tentatively set the workshop with Mace on Friday, Aug. 28, at 8 a.m. The location of the meeting has yet to be announced.

No one will provoke me with impunity

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LETTER to the Editor

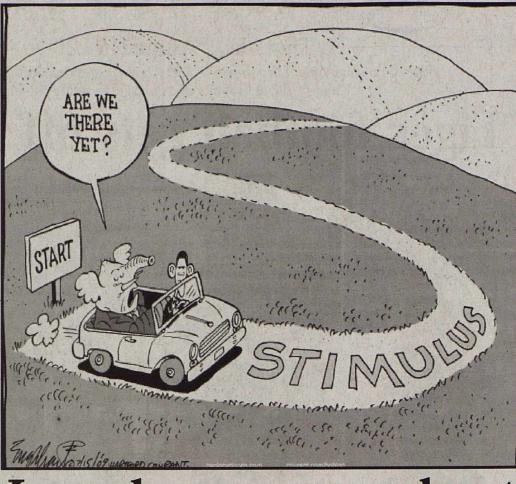
On Saturday, August 1st a few residents civic leaders, and elected officials met together to exchange ideas on how the three entities (City of Brackett, Fort Clark Springs, and the remainder of Kinney County) can unite as one to promote our community. Every individual shared ways on improving tourism to attract more tourist. Beautifying the entrances on both ends of Hwy 90 entering city limits to make a great first impression would be a first start. Involving our community's young little angels and teenagers would be a great incentive! Organizing constant activities, functions, festivals, such as an annual biker rally, even looking into a miniature golf course, upgrading the existing basketball, tennis, and volleyball courts is also something that was considered. Let's get together to brainstorm to make our community a better & safer place to live! Keep your eyes and ears open for an upcoming meeting to set up commit-

Stephanie Buitron

Publishers PLOG (or Paper Log)

NEWS ALERT****NEWS ALERT****

It's that time of year again folks when I can almost smell victory in the air! IT'S TIGER FOOTBALL SEASON !!!! There's nothing like TEXAS high school football and you just have to love the Tigers. Here we are in the midst of a hot August and who's on the field at the crack of dawn, sweating it out, some even puking???? It's our very own football players gearing up for another exciting season. I've been on the phone all day and since I'm such a fanatic about our hometown team, people have been asking me what I think so far. I'm only gonna say this: We've always had a real good group of kids, but one thing I noticed that did not happen or it happened too late last year was the boys did not "gel" as a team or better, play as a team until the very end of the year. For example, if you went to a junior high football game last year or even a junior varsity game, you could feel how the boys played as a team all the way up in the stands. Some people said that was created because the boys had grown up since kinder and played pee wee football together forever. Some just said the younger boys just had the magic. I really can't say, but I know the boys from last year, which I love them all dearly, didn't have the "magic" until too late in the season. Today when I went out to the field I was looking for IT, the magic. Do these kids have the skill? Yes. Do. these kids have the leaders/coaches? Heck yes. Do they have the magic? I want to say yes, but I'm holding back until after the first scrimmage. BUT, what makes me want to say yes is the fact that I saw an older player (Ramon Gutierrez) go to a young player and counsel him on the play they were running, Gutierrez wanted to make sure the younger kid knew what to do, so the whole TEAM, will succeed. Second thing I saw that impressed me was that the players were asking the coach to explain what they didn't understand as he was rapidly firing off plays. This gave me the warm fuzzies! Some players that I am expecting a lot of this year is Victor Robledo: He proved himself in the last few games last season and especially the last quarter of the last year's playoff game. Give this boy the ball. Jeff Sitgreaves: He's got height and even though he's slimmed down a little since last year, I believe if you want a guy on the ground, send this guy in to put him there. Sam Stewart: He was newcomer of the year freshman year. The whole town is expecting him to shine this his junior year. He can move and he's fearless. Tony Esquivel: just give him the ball and he won't stop running until he hits the pine trees on Sweeny Street. He's fast and speed is something every team needs. But in the end,



undry scavenger



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Do you feel like you never get finished with the laundry? Is there evidence of the laundry process all over your home? Are there soured towels in the washabout them?

Do you have a dryer full of wrinkled clothes because you folded them are they still on top laundry has gotten out of hand of your dryer or piled in your laundry basket waiting to be put do not have a routine for stayaway?

Welcome!

Laundry is just like dishes. If you eat on plates and drink wa- to get it done and then give you ter out of glasses; you will have a routine for keeping up with it. dirty dishes. If you get up and We are going on a laundry scavget dressed and get ready for bed enger hunt. Put on some fun you will have dirty clothes. Dishes or clothes don't magically get clean, someone has to for forgotten clothes: Start sortlift a hand to start the process. ing those clothes into piles: Starting the process is just the beginning of five step journey of climbing Mount Washmore! One day you wake up to no

clean underwear. So you either have to go buy ing machine because you forgot some new undies or do the laundry. By this time you have worn ground for dirty clothes. Get the every clean item of clothing you children involved too. Ask them have and Mount Washmore to look under their beds and in were on the phone when the seems like Mount Everest. their closets. Keep sorting the buzzer went off? If you actually Where do you start? If your there is a good chance that you dry baskets and put your launing on top of it!

I am going to teach you how music! Go to your laundry room and check the washer and dryer Whites, delicates, colors, jeans, towels and sheets.

Then check your laundry hot spots; the bathroom floor and hamper, treadmill handlebars and the bedroom chair. You know your favorite dumping clothing into your piles.

Next gather up all your laundry detergent, softener and stain pretreater in one basket. Then go to all your closets and gather

Millennials, Gen X and Baby Boomers should invest for growth



Emily Cooper Edward Jones in Del Rio

Is there a "generation gap" today? In some ways, it's possible. While many baby boomers are happy just to understand the basics of Facebook, "Millennials" are busy texting and twittering. And yet when it comes to investing, baby boomers (born between 1946 and 1962), Generation X (1963 - 1981) and Millennials (1982 - 2001) may have a lot in common

Specifically, to achieve their long-term goals, these groups should structure their investment portfolios to provide some growth potential. However, due to their age differences, they may need to take different approaches in how they invest for growth. Let's take a look at all three groups:

Millennials - One of your biggest objectives may be to save enough money for a down payment on a house. For this short-term goal, you may want an investment whose value won't fluctuate too much.

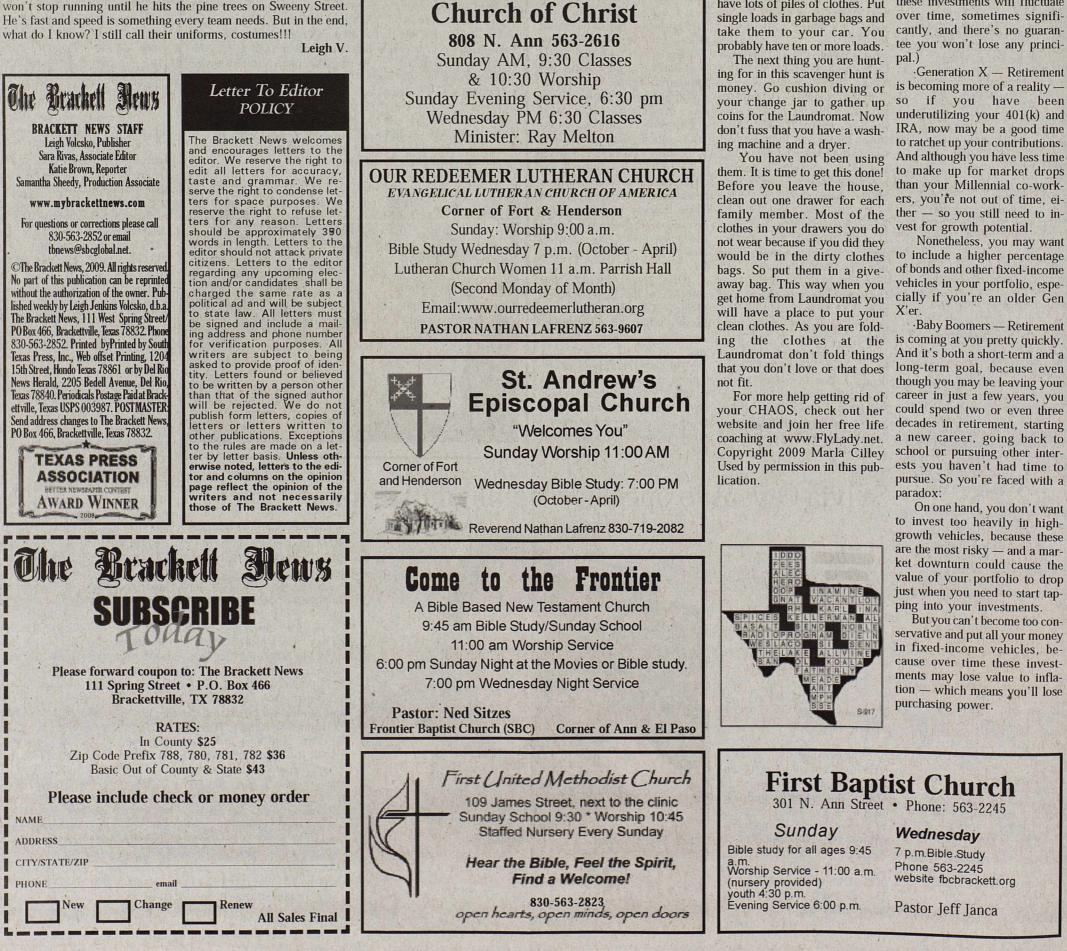
At the same time, don't ignore the need to save for retirement, even though it's likely decades away. Contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan, and if you still have money available, consider opening an IRA.

And you may want to fund these accounts with an appropriate amount of growth-oriented investments, such as stocks or up all the empty hangers and put stock-based vehicles. (Keep in them in another basket. You mind, though, that the value of have lots of piles of clothes. Put these investments will fluctuate single loads in garbage bags and over time, sometimes signifiBy Hea The Bra This derful Man" b ten by Meredi wrote th duced th first pro Theatre Robert I and Bar

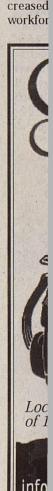


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GeoFORCE: the next genera-

By Heather Knox

The Brackett News

Theatre on December 19, 1957,

The program recruits from the tion of geoscientists: The Jack- predominantly Hispanic South son School of Geosciences takes Texas region and inner-city the brightest high school students Houston. It is open to all stufrom across Texas and teaches dents in the region regardless of them college-level earth sciences background, as reflected in the in diverse field locations like diversity of the inaugural class Currently, GeoFORCE GeoFORCE Texas is a sum- Texas serves 18 public school mer program that rewards out- districts in the South Texas area standing students from select and 19 public schools in Hous-South Texas and Houston from grades 8-12 with the students who excel in math and chance to travel the country, science and complete a GeoFORCE Texas Academy application have two ways to get involved: 9th grade students selected to participate this summer were: Selina Gerrardo...GeoFORCE Academy...Florida Austin Pettett and Daniel program, and several locations Brinker...Young GeoScience Program Graduating seniors who completed the innagural program were: Emily Calk, Sam Moore, Jacob Schroeder

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The "Whole" Note

City, Iowa in 1912.

Marcellus Washburn, who tells My Someone.' him "he will never be able to

This week I reviewed the won- uniforms and instruments, but the library to convince Marian of derful musical, "The Music instead of buying them he keeps his cause. He tries to impress her Man" based on the book writ- the money for himself. Marcellus by telling her he is a professor of ten by Franklin Lacy and tells him that his biggest obstacle music and a graduate of Gary In-Meredith Willson who also is the town's music teacher/li- diana University, in the goldwrote the lyrics, music, and pro- brarian, Marian Paroo, a stuck- medal class of 1905. duced the play. This musical was up kind of girl who will see right first produced at the Majestic through his shenanigans.

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Photo courtesy to The Brackett News - Texas Terror takes 3rd

place at Regional in Eagle Pass defeating Hamburg , Ark 7 to 6. Teams that where at Regional's where – Eagle Pass, TX – De

Rio , TX , Hamburg , AR (ICE), New Orleans , Louisiana (PAC),

and of course us; Texas Terror. Pictured with the team is Sonny

Groom, Southwest Texas Babe Ruth Director

Paroo." The play is set in River ing out the bad influence on the fraud, but seeing the towns enthu-

Tiger Page

The play starts out on a train When Marian appears he tries After having everything here, where Harold Hill over hears to win her over with his charm, two men talking about his pow- but she brushes him off. But ers of selling. When he arrives Marian is a soft girl as she reat River City, Iowa he meets veals in her song "Goodnight, also in love with Marian, de-

work his racket here". Harold's the town's enthusiasm for a boy's "racket" is to go from town to band, this time though the chiltown and encourage the dren all join in to convince the townsfolk to start a boy's band. town to start the boy's band. He collects the money for Later that evening Harold goes to

A week later the Wells Fargo Meredith Willson. wagon come to town and delivers Unconvinced, Harold Hill, the uniforms and instruments just songs, or plays you would like Robert Preston as "Harold Hill" arouses the town's interest in when Marian was about to reveal me to review email me the title and Barbara Cook as "Marian starting a boy's band by point- to the mayor that Harold is a at soazsweetheart@yahoo.com.

ing the 2009-2010 school year.

Thurs.8/20 6-10 (special event /performance)

Wed. 8/12 4-8PM

Mon. 8/17 6- 9PM

Thurs. 8/13 4-8 Fri. 8/14 4-8

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children by the local pool hall. siasm, she can't go on to do so. Marian does not deny anymore that she is in love with Harold.

Harold, after realizing he is cides that instead of taking the Harold tries again to rouse money he will actually put together a boy's band, and for the finale, the band splutters out their first song.

This play features wonderful songs including "Trouble" "Seventy-Six Trombones", and "Till There Was You."

It is a heart-warming tale with great characters and wonderful songs and I fully recommend watching "The Music Man" by

If you have any musicals,

SUMMER BAND SCHEDULE

FOR H.S. BAND

The Brackett High School Tiger Band attended a summer band

camp held at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas from June 6th through June 10th. The days were spent rehearsing music and practicing marching. The band will display all that

they learned each Friday night at half time of the Tiger football games. It was a great learning experience for all and will help

the band to reach the goals they have set for themselves dur-

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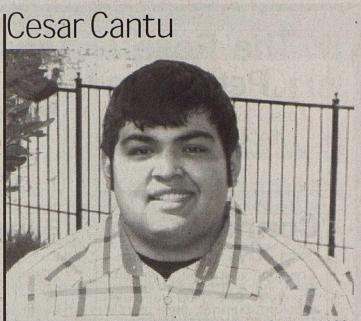


Photo courtesy to The Brackett News - Cesar Cantu, a 2008 graduate of Brackett High School has been named to the Dean's List for both the Fall and Spring Semesters at Schreiner's University. Cesar is majoring in Accounting. To qualify for the Dean's List, a full-time student must have passing grades in all courses, must earn at least a 3.30 grade point average and must have at least 12 hours credit for the term.

Brackett Atheltic Booster Club

The Brackett Athletic Booster Club will be having a meetofficer elections will be held. Plan to meet the Tigers and Tigerettes. Junior High and High School parents are welcome

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Meet the Tigers and Tigerettes on Monday, August 24th, at the Football Stadium at 7 pm for an ice cream and dessert social. The athletes will be signing autographs and intermingling with the public.

How can you help support the Booster Club?

Help out with anything.

Donate: food, money, time, etc....

Help at Booster Club Events

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South Texas Independent School ton Districts and Houston schools meet inspiring people, and learn about opportunities for careers in the geosciences. Students admitted to this selective program meet each summer for one week, traveling to The University of Texas at Austin's Jackson School of Geosciences, which hosts the of geologic significance around the United States. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, the program is free with all expenses paid for admitted students. GeoFORCE Texas was launched to address two pressing needs: inspiring the next generation of geoscientists and fostering increased diversity in the U.S.

workforce.



Photo courtesy to The Brackett attending Kansas State University in the fall.

Photo courtesy to The Brackett News - Emily Calk completed the News - Samantha Moore com-GeoForce program and will be pleted the GeoForce program and will be attending Texas A&M at College Station.



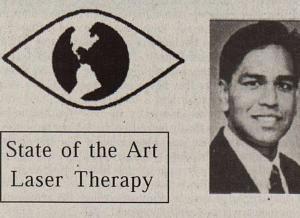
Photo courtesy to The Brackett News - Jacob Schroeder completed the GeoForce program and will be joining the United States Coast Guard.

Funding Available for Texas Grassland Owners

Temple, Texas, July 27, 2009 – Grassland owners in south Texas, the area hardest hit by the state's drought, will be given priority consideration to participate in USDA's Grassland Re-serve Program (GRP), a \$4.2 million conservation program in Texas. "While GRP is open to anyone who owns grassland, we are giving priority consideration to drought areas so ranchers can protect their land resources through rental agreements or perpetual easements," said Don Gohmert, state conservationis or the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas. Extreme or exceptional drought has been designated in 78 counties in south Texas by the U.S. Drought Monitor. Land-owners in these counties can sign-up for GRP to be compen-sated to defer cattle grazing until grassland conditions improve. "Areas in South Texas are the driest in the entire country based on USDA's Drought Monitor," said Juan Garcia, Farm Service Agency (FSA) state executive director for Texas. "By enrolling Agency (FSA) state executive director for fexas. By enfolding in GRP, landowners can defer grazing, protect their land, and receive compensation." GRP is a continuous sign-up program, but landowners are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to be eligible for the 2009 funding cycle, which ends in Septem-ber. The NRCS and FSA administer GRP, a voluntary program reauthorized in the 2008 Farm Bill to protect grazing uses and ther related compension when the protect grazing uses and other related conservation values by restoring and conserving eligible grasslands and certain other lands through rental agree ments and easements. The enrollment options for GRP include: Rental agreements – 10, 15, or 20-year duration, USDA pays 75 percent of the grazing value in annual payments for the length of the agreement. Permanent easements – USDA makes pay-ment based on the fair market value of the property less the grazing value. Land that is privately owned is eligible for GRP. The land must be grassland for which the predominant use is grazing. Land that has been historically dominated by grassland and provides habitat for animal or plant populations of signifi cant ecological value, or land that contains historical or archeological resources is eligible. Land previously enrolled in the Con-servation Reserve Program is eligible for GRP. Publicly owned land is not eligible or land already under protection from conver-sion to non-grazing uses is also not eligible. For more informa-tion about GRP and conservation programs that may be available for conservation technical and financial assistance, visit the nearest USDA Service Context or with the MPCS. USDA Service Center or visit the NRCS Texas Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/GRP. Contact Mark Habiger, 254-742-9881 or Lori Valadez, 254-

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Meanwhile, in the spring of 1996, Roy Martin, who had been working for a company in the saddlery business, approached Leisha's father, Hadley Wardlaw, with a business proposition. He suggested that they open up something on their own "Dad really didn't really know anything about the business, he was funding Roy who had been doing this for another company," she said. So they started out buying and selling leather products. Shortly thereafter they began manufacturing everything and established a factory in Acuna where the labor was cheaper. By this time Leisha and her young family had moved back to Del Rio. She had planned to be a stay at home mom but needed more. In May, working out of the Del Rio office, she began putting the business on the computer. She began to get more involved, making suggestions as Roy was doing tack. "This industry is very male dominated. All the old saddle makers are men. At that time 70 percent of the women in their 40's to 60's were doing all the trail riding. The females in the buying section were the ones with all the money; that older woman age group. 70 percent of buyers were women. All the decorating had been done by men. I thought it was a good time to get more feminine products that looked more like jewelry.

She found pieces of jewelry she liked, getting ideas wherever she went. She designed conchos based on the parameters she had to work with and began incorporating stones and rhinestones and leather crosses; anything to achieve the desired fashionable affect.

The cosmetics and the colors used distinguish

factory turning. "Not all stores that we sell (to) can sell jewelry on tack, it depends on their niche; where they are located and who is around." Barrel racing is where advertising is good for selling jewelry on tack. Barrel racers from the youth to the older want to be the flashiest and the fanciest. It is all about the bling.

Every year Leisha designs a limited edition. The 2009 edition is bedecked with leather crosses sporting turquoise stones and the saddle has matching turquoise leather material.

The attention to detail is evident in every aspect of the trim and the tooling. Truly it is a work of art.

A walk through the warehouse was a treat for the sensory perceptions. There were rows and

Alamo Saddlery

the female side of tack. However, while Alamo rows of saddles in various shades of leather, deco- lot of customer contacts are made through the Saddlery is known for their jewelry on tack de rated in a wide variety of tooled designs and flashy shows. Most of their sales are made through sales signs, it is still the working tack that keeps the embellishments. The walls were laden with horse catalogues. All of their products are manufacaccessories in every conceivable design. The tured at their factory in Acuna which employs 55 wonderful smell of the leather permeated the air. Employees were busy boxing up items ready to be shipped to every corner of the country and for finished products and distribution sales; as some destined for far away places like Italy, Aus- they only sell wholesale they don't have much tralia and Germany.

Twice a year Leisha attends a show in Denver, the largest Western market in the world. A she says, "It's a challenge!'

individuals. The embellishments are applied to the product at the facility here. This facility is walk in traffic.

Leisha runs the business today. She laughs as



Alamo Saddlery Limited Edition 2009 Saddle

Community

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Friday, July 24 9:45pm, Saul Javier Chacon, 28, of Eagle Pass, was arrested for DWI, 2nd offense and evading arrest. Chacon is still being held at press time Saturday, July 25

11:40pm, A woman called requesting a deputy to remove a unwanted man from her residence. A deputy was informed. Sunday, July 26

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10:01am, A woman called report that a man had been bit stating she had a blowout on her vehicle and needed a deputies assistance. A deputy was notified.

11:25am, A woman called the SO to report a domestic dispute at her neighbors house. A deputy was notified.

3:57pm, A woman called stating that her cat was sick and my have rabies. A deputy was advised

4:10pm, Fort Clark Security called the SO stating a man may have possible violated his restraining order. A deputy was advised

7:25pm, A call was received about a stranded motorist involved in a possible hit and run accident on Hwy 90 East. A deputy was notified and enroute to the location.

Monday, July 27 3:05pm, A woman called to

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by his neighbors cat. A deputy was notified. 5:34pm, A woman called to woman

report a lot of noise coming from her neighbors residence. A deputy was notified.

8:35pm, A deputy called to inform the SO that he was at a

residence for a disturbance. L 11:04pm, A 911 call was received about a reckless driver on Hwy 277. A deputy was notified of the situation.

Tuesday, July 28

1:07pm, A woman called to report the smell of marijuana near her residence. A deputy was informed and enroute to the location

Wednesday, July 29 9:21am, A 911 call was received to report two dogs were loose on Hwy 90. A deputy was informed.

8:40pm, A call was received about a cow loose on the road. A deputy was informed.

Thursday, July 30

11:49am, A man called to report a emergency protective order was not being follow. A deputy was informed and enroute to the location.

To Know Him!

was notified.



That the god of our Lord Jesus Christ, the father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of

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OBITUARY **Dorothy G.** Cruz December 5, 1955 - July 19, 2009

Dorothy G. Cruz, age 53, entered into rest July 19, 2009, in Brackettville, Texas. She was born December 5, 1955, in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Armando Cruz. Daughter, Amanda Ford and son-in-law, Michael Ford. Granddaughter, Ava Grace Ford. Sisters, Barbara Shellhamer and Kathy Tyler. Brother, Virgil Gibson. Mother-in-law, Victoria Cruz. Sisters-in-law, Juanita Poppaw and Lydia Cruz. Brothers-in-law, Santiago Cruz, Victor Poppaw and Russell Tyler. Numerous nieces, nephews and many cousins.

Visitation were held Friday, July 31, 2009, 5:00 PM-9:00 PM, Brackettville Sunset Funeral Home Chapel, Brackettville, Texas.

Funeral Mass was conducted Saturday, August 1, 2009, at 10:00AM, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

Please visit our website www.sunsetfuneralhomes.com and sign our guest book.



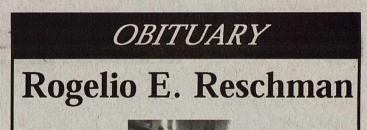
Johnny A. Woodson



February 2, 1956 - July 27, 2009

Johnny Ambrase Woodson, born February 2,1956 in Houston, TX., died on July 27, 2009 in Lake City, Florida. After an eight month battle with cancer. He is survived by two children, Amanda Woodson and AJ Simon of Winston, Oregan. Two brothers Mike Woodson and wife Sandra, Rory Don Woodson and son Daulton, one sister Molly Ramsey in Houston, TX. Also survived by his dad Donald Woodson and wife Linda of Brackettville. John will be missed by all his family and friends. He was cremated in Elorida cremated in Florida

Submitted by: Linda Woodson



Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

Happy 49th Wedding Anniversary! Mom & Dad Love, Flavio Jr., Armando, Valerie, Raymond, Michelle, Celina, Alexis, Isabella, and Baby Grant.

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what is the exceeding greatness of his power toward us

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of who believe, according to the working of his mighty power. Ephesians 1: 17-19

12:46pm, A call was received

2:30pm, 'A man called to re-

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to do a welfare check on a local

port a house fire on Hwy 1572.

Fire Recuse was dispatched to

11:18pm, A unknown caller called to inform the SO that there

was minors drinking and smok-

ing marijuana at a local resi-

dence. A deputy was informed. Saturday, August 1 5:30pm, A woman called stat-

ing someone was intoxicated and

interrupting a baby shower. A deputy was advised.

called stating a man was driv-

ing fast on Beaumont St. and did

not have a drivers license. A

deputy was informed. 4:26pm, A 911 call was re-

ceived about three vehicles trav-

eling at high speeds on Hwy 90. A deputy was notified. **Monday, August 3** 5:49am, A alarm company

called to report a alarm going off at a local business. The owner

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The Kinney County Groundwater Conservat will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2009 on 08/19/2009 at 10:00 AM at Kinney Co Court Room. 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: Stan Metcalf, Beth Ann Smith, Christopher Ring, & Tony Frerich AGAINST the proposal: 0 **PRESENT** and not voting: 0 ABSENT: Kent Lowery, Lloyd L. Davis & Dennette Coates

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) \$0.061200/\$100 \$0.064600/\$100 Adopted

Last Year This Year Proposed

Difference in rates per \$100 of val	+ \$0.003400/\$100			
Percentage increase/decrease in ra	+ 5.56%			
Average appraised value	\$48,828	\$49,288		
General exemptions available				
(excluding senior citizen's or disabled				
person's exemptions)	\$7,561	\$7,084		
Average taxable value	\$41,267	\$42,204		
Tax on average residence homestead \$25.26 \$27.26				
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if				
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	+ \$2.01			
and percentage of increase (+/-)	+ 7.95%			

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.



August 22, 1947 - July 31, 2009

Rogelio E. Reschman, age 61, went to be with the Lord Friday, July 31, 2009 at his home in Levelland, Texas. He was born August 22, 1947 in Spofford, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Micaela Reschman; brother, Johnny Joe Reschman; and sister, Diane Reschman. Family members left to cherish his memory include his beloved wife of 42 years, Terry Reschman of Levelland; sons: Mark Reschman and wife Veronica of Sweetwater, Juan Antonio Reschman of Brackettville, and Roy Reschman and wife Connie of Corpus Christi; daughters, Keta Lopez and husband Roy, and Barbara Reschman, all of Levelland; grandchildren: Roy Lopez Jr, Micaela, Santana, Ivan, Johnny Rey, Roy Reschman Jr., and Leslie; Rogelio is also survived by 3 nieces and 1 nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic Church. Interment followed at St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic Cemetery. Active pallbearers were: Jesse Guerrero, Jose Gaitan Jr., Angel Guerrero, Beto Gaitan, Michael Gaitan, and Ricky Gaitan. Honorary pallbearers were be: Rudy Sepulbeda, Mark Reschman, Roy Lopez Sr., Roy Lopez Jr., Santana Lopez., Ivan Lopez., and Johnny Rey Lopez.

OBITUARY

John D. Clasen

October 22, 1918 - August 2, 2009

John Delwin Clasen, age 90, passed away August 2, 2009 at the Veterans Hospital in Kerrville, Texas. He was born in Cokato, Minnesota on October 22, 1918 to parents Emil and Lillian Clasen.

He was a newspaper man all his life. First with his folks then with his older brother, when his brother left for a larger newspaper, he bought The Lewiston Journal from him and became the Editor and Publisher. He later sold and moved to San Diego, California and worked for The Evening Tribune for 25 years. He served with The United states Army in Guinea in the Philippines for 3 1/2 years during World War II.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years Marcia, two sons; Brian of Eagle Pass, Texas and Roland of Kentfield, California and one brother Warren of Silver Bay, Minnesota, and several Nieces and Nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a private family service is planned for a later date.

Submitted by: Marcia Clasen

Classified Market

BUY GOLD & SILVER

BUY SCRAP GOLD AND silver (broken jewelry, coins, etc.) Lo-cated in Brackettville, call 210-865-0506

FREE LEAF PICK UP

Free leaf pick up call 830-563-2291

EMPLOYMENT

Part-time Call Center Dispatcher Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. is seeking qualified appli-cants for a Part-time Dispatcher in the Brackettville office. Position will work the night shift on weekends and holidays. Must be reliable and able to provide efficient and courteous service in the receiving/directing of calls. Excellent oral and written communications skills in the English language are required in addition to experience with office machines, technical equipment, & computers. Must be willing to work overtime, if needed. Applications are available at the Brackettville RGEC office, can be downloaded from www.riogrande.coop or re-quested by calling 830-563-2444. Return completed applications to RGEC, Human Resources Department, P.O. BOX 1509, Brackettville, TX, 78832. Job open until filled. EOE

New and returning substitude teachers

BISD will hold a free orientation for anyone interested in substitute teaching, August 20, 2009, 1:00-2:30 p.m., in the H.S Career Center. Requirements: H.S. diploma or G.E.D. and love of kids. Information on state fingerprint requirements will be given at the workshop. Download application from website: www.brackett.k12.tx.us under **District Administration - Person-**For additional information nel. contact Susan Esparza, 563-2491, ext. 100. A workshop for all returning substitutes will be held August 21, 2009, at 8:00 a.m., in the H.S. Career Center.

HELP WANTED : BARTENDER/ Waitress, position available part time or full time. Day and night shifts will train. Apply in person, talk to Ray at Alibi Lounge Bar & Grill, 1270 E. Hwy 90, Brackettville 12pm - 5pm, 830-563-9400. [cr]

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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

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GARAGE SALES

PORCH SALE- Saturday, 8am -1pm. 414 Henderson St. Draperies, clothes, shoes variety of items.

GARAGE SALE Saturday, 8-12. 104 Crockett, FCS (driveway behind house, off Baylor Street). Camera, dishes, horseshoes/volleyball sets, clothing, etc.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE Middle Rio Grande Development Council Regional Solid Waste Grants Program FY 2010-2011 Funding Plan The Middle Rio

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Deborah Isaacs Agent/Residential Sales

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Tejas Properties

New Listing - Unit 1 1/1 Townhome with enclosed court-

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

2 bedroom, 1 &1/2 bath mobile home with glassed in breeze-

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Unit 14-2 lots with RV cover and 804 sf. living area. Re-

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

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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 & ½ bath + separate office.

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

Unit 37: covered RV lot, sleeping quarters with bath, large outdoor kitchen & great patio area!

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

Spring St:Large building, CHA, rental income, owner financing!

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tection or municipal solid waste management and any other interested persons. Available at the meeting will be reference documents and oral and written comments will be accepted. Should you have any questions, please contact Mario A. Chavez, Solid Waste Coordinator, MRGDC, at (830) 876-1286. If you have a disability that requires special arrangements, please contact MRGDC at (830) 876-3533 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting for reasonable accommoda-

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TOWN HALL MEETING August 18, 2009 5:30 pm City Annex Building Meeting with Representatives from the Office of Rural Community Affairs. To discuss the Small Town Environmental Program (STEP) Present the need for funding for the replacement of the aging water distri-bution system. Show community support for the project.

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Historic Property: 2 apartments, CHA, high ceilings & Unit 14: 1BR cottage, \$16,500 Make Offer! For Rent-Ft. Clark: 1 BR furnished apt, CHA, water/tv

LAS MORAS REALTY E

Ken Barnett - Melissa Davis www.kenbarnettrealestate.com FORT CLARK 89 Ward: Price Reduced Awesome 4BR/3B Family Home with Bo-

nus and Media Rms. 3000 sqft.+ - \$180,000. \$169,500 New Listing: 221 Oak Lane Fantastic 2 story home, 3BR/3B 2 car darage + 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/ 300 sq. 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 overlook-ing green area. Must see! \$42,000. Make an offer!

104 McClernand: 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. ERACKETTVILLE

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

221 Acres: N. of brackettville on 674. Log Cabin w/ panoramic

Bath call 563-9887 or 563-5379 for more info.[ar]

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(MRGDC) anticipates receiving a portion of the state solid waste fees during the FY 2010-2011 biennium. A competitive project selection process will be con-ducted, FY 2010, with grant funds available for local and regional solid waste implementation projects. Date: August 13 2009 Time: 10:00 AN Place: Uvalde Workforce Center AM Large Conference Room 216 W. Main Uvalde, Texas 78834 We will discuss and specifically seek your input on: FY 2010/ 2011 grant funding plan; •Proposed solid waste implementation project selection criteria and process; Process by which private industry concerns about a project will be considered. Invites to this meeting include cities, counties, public schools

and school districts, river authorities, council of governments, other general and special law districts with the authority and responsibility for water quality pro-



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