

The Brackett News

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Kinney County Is Home To Yessenia Argil - Happy 13th Birthday!

Community News

BHS 2009 HOMECOMING
Spirit Week of October 12th-16th: Monday: No School Tuesday: Multiplicity Day (Get as many people to dress alike) Wednesday: Super Hero Day (Dress like your favorite Super Hero) Thursday: Fashion Disaster Day (Wear your most disastrous outfit) Friday: Spirit Day (Wear as much black and gold as possible) Burning of the "T"-Following the JV Home Football Game with Sonora @ dusk Homecoming Parade- 2:00pm Friday 16 Oct. Five Points Pep Rally- 2:30pm Friday 16 Oct. Parent Recognition Night- Friday night 6:00 Tiger Stadium Homecoming Court- Friday 16 Half-time Tiger Stadium.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY
Parents pleased be advised that Monday, October 12 is a student holiday for all BSD students. No classes will be held in honor of Columbus Day.

TRAIL RIDE
A trail ride to benefit Tomas Herrera's medical expenses will be held on Sunday Oct 17 at 9 am at Tula Rosa Road Hwy 334 and ending at Tomas Herrera's residence, 411 E. Second in Brackett. BBQ plates will be sold for \$5, all riders eat free. Loteria. Info: 830-563-7324.

PICTURES AVAILABLE!
JH Volleyball Parents Night pictures are available for purchase at the news paper office for \$2 each. Info: 563-2852.

WATER BOARD MEETING
Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a REGULAR meeting TODAY Thursday, October 8, 2009, at 2pm in the District Courtroom of the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas.

FCS REC COMMITTEE
The Recreation Committee of Fort Clark Springs is sponsoring an October Fest on October 31st, in conjunction with Halloween. The Fest will be held in the Service Club at Fort Clark from 4-7pm. The meal will consist of Kielbasa sausage on bun with sauerkraut, Hot German potato salad, coleslaw, dessert and a drink. Tickets go on sale October 1st and can be purchased on the Fort at the Administration Office, Adult Center, RV Park Office, or from any member of the Recreation Committee. Adult tickets - \$6, children under 12 - \$3. There will be Halloween treats for the kids. Bring your family and enjoy the evening. Tickets will be sold until October 23rd.

OLDEST COUNTY RESIDENT
Who's the oldest person in Kinney County? Are you 80, 85, 90 or 100 years old? We want to know who the oldest person in KC is. Call 830-563-2852 or email us at tbnews@sbc global.net. Name and birth date required. So far we have Teresa Garcia, age 98! Are you older than Teresa?

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social and Gospel Fest Sunday, October 18 starting at 3pm ice cream and cake in Slaton Hall until 4:30pm music following in the Sanctuary of First United Methodist Church. Donations will benefit our reach ministries of Kinney County Church Alliance and FUMC.

TIGER AUTO DECALS
Show your love for the hometown team with a window decal for your automobile. Stop by the newspaper office at 111 W. Spring. The decals are on sale for \$6 each or two for \$10 and feature the new tiger logo. Both Tiger and Tigerette decals are available.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
AA closed meetings will be Saturdays a 7pm at 109 Spring Street. info: 830-261-9596.

Groom-to-be dies from ATV injuries

Bachelor party ends in tragedy on Lauger Ranch

By Leigh Volcsko
The Brackett News

Cody John Ellison, 25, of LaSalle was killed on a ranch located in Kinney County last Friday night after the all terrain vehicle he was driving rolled over on a steep hill.

According to the Kinney

County Sheriff's Office Incident Report, on October 2, at approximately 11:15 p.m. ranch owner Craig Lauger called 911 and requested medical assistance for a person with a possible head injury.

Kinney County sheriff's deputies and emergency medical personnel were dispatched to 3556

Nueces River Ranch Road, approximately 20 miles north of Brackettville.

The officials were then led to a pasture where Cody Ellison was found unresponsive on the ground at the base of a hill.

Cody Ellison was driving a 2005 Polaris Ranger all terrain vehicle along with front passen-

ger Nathan Franz, 24, of Inez; back seat left passenger Clayton Fernandez, 25, of Vanderbilt; back seat center passenger Michael Malone, 25, of Tomball and Bradley Ellison, 27, of Inez.

Bradley Ellison, brother to the deceased, was the only one of the survivors to be trans-

ported for medical treatment.

Kinney County Justice of the Peace Narce Villarreal was brought to the location and officially declared Cody Ellison deceased at 1:35 a.m.

Cody was reported to be here in Kinney County with his closest friends celebrating his impending wedding.



Going A Little Batty

Brackett News Photo By Katie Brown - Imagine the surprise of Fort Clark homeowners Trent and Katie Brown when they found a bat hanging out in the potted plant just outside their front door Wednesday morning, October 7. Last year, around this time, the Browns found a Black Witch Bat in their yard and were delighted and a little un-nerved to find out the legends behind finding that type of rare bat in their yard. The Halloween season has begun, if only at the Browns!

Smith speaks to FC Historical Society

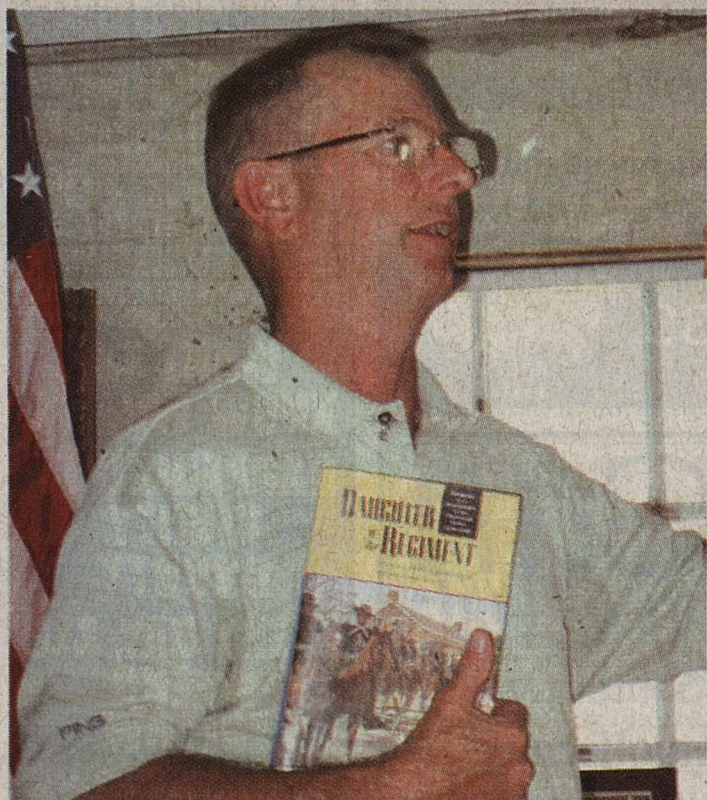
By Katie Brown
The Brackett News

At the invitation of Dr. Don Smith (no relation), Lt. Col. Thomas Tyree Smith spoke at the September meeting of the Fort Clark Historical Society. "Ty" Smith, a prolific author of books on Texas Military History, has a long distinguished military career that will come

to an end with his retirement, as he says, "in three days and a wake-up". Bill Haenn remarked that Smith is not straying far from his military career. Currently at Fort Sam Houston, Smith said that all he will be doing is moving down two desks, putting on a coat and tie and becoming a civilian employee of the Army.

The topic of Smith's presen-

tation was the *Relationship Between America's Largest 19th Century Corporate Body* (the Army) and *America's Largest Geo-Political Body* (the state of Texas). His speech was entitled "Under the Double Eagle" referencing the eagle that was emblazoned on the regimental collars and the buttons of the skirmishers and the eagle that was at work in Texas on the twenty dollar gold coin. Part of the thesis that he explored in his book *The US Army & The Texas Frontier Economy 1845-1900* was that in many ways the Army was the economic engine that drove the development of Texas, particularly from the line of San Antonio/Dallas west. He told the story of how Texas was the Army's most expensive theater of war and how the Army fueled the development of west Texas including the roads, agriculture, stock trade and wagon trade. Smith went into great detail on the structure of the Army in the 19th Century and how it greatly differed from that of the 20th Century. His Power Point presentation showed a series of maps depicting the development of Texas from the Mexican War to the 1880's; the use of steamboats to carry supplies up the Rio Grande River



FC Gun Club votes to update range

By Katie Brown
The Brackett News

The Fort Clark Gun Club held their meeting on September 16; it was conducted by club president Kurt Partlow before a room packed with club members. Currently the club has 122 paid memberships.

One of the concerns is the lack of a restroom at the gun range. Partlow is researching building costs and estimates that the total cost, including all the

fixtures, plumbing, septic and water tanks would run between \$3,000 and \$4,000. Although the issue was not voted on at the meeting, a show of hands indicated that most members would like to have a restroom available.

A proposal was made to build a much needed storage shed to house supplies such as shooting packs in case they need to change the backboards. By utilizing and enclosing the 50 yard shed, the cost would be an estimated

\$150. A motion was made and passed.

After meeting with the Gun Club officers last week, Partlow said he was informed that the Fort had renewed their contract with S.O.E. to conduct the hunt for another two years. "I'm disappointed because I had mentioned to the Fort that we might be interested in doing it and it seemed a little rushed to me as

Damacio returns

Damacio Talamantes, 16, a tenth grader at Brackett High who was recently diagnosed with Leukemia was allowed to return for a short visit to Brackettville from the hospital in San Antonio on October 7.

His mother and father, Jesus and Juanita Talamantes, immediately took him to St. Mary

Magdalene Catholic Church where they said prayers of thanksgiving and healing for their son.

Damacio will have to return to the hospital in a weeks time for continued testing and treatments, but was in very good spirits as his family and friends were at the church to greet him.



A Prayer For Damacio

Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko - From left: Damacio Talamantes, Lety Rivas and Jesus Talamantes pray for healing and strength during these difficult times.



Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko - From left: Father Pius Ezeigbo of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Jesus Talamantes, Damacio Talamantes and Juanita Talamantes take a moment to pray for healing for Damacio.

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

LETTER to the Editor

One of the biggest threats to our freedom today is our debt. The United States owes \$11.75 trillion dollars, which is \$500 million interest, per day, in debt. We have an interest payment due in 2011 that is \$1 trillion dollars. The debt in America is \$38,000 for every man woman and child living in the country. We will have to borrow money to pay that interest payment payable in 2011.

Why is that a threat to our nation??? Is it because we are giving our national soul away to the other nations of the world? We already saw that the empire state building was lighted red and yellow on September 29/30. Why did we 'celebrate' the 60th anniversary of the communist takeover of China, where millions of innocent people were murdered? Is it because we owe the Chinese the majority of our debt? China, as we speak, is trying to convince the world to return to the gold standard, dropping the U.S dollar as the standard for oil exchange. The Gulf States moved on Oct. 6 to replace the American dollar as the standard for the world's oil exchange. It has become worthless. So what is the Democratic (Socialist), party doing to solve the problem? They borrowed \$3.75 trillion more dollars and did not even pump it into the industrial sector which is the heart of our economy. They haven't even spent 70% of it!

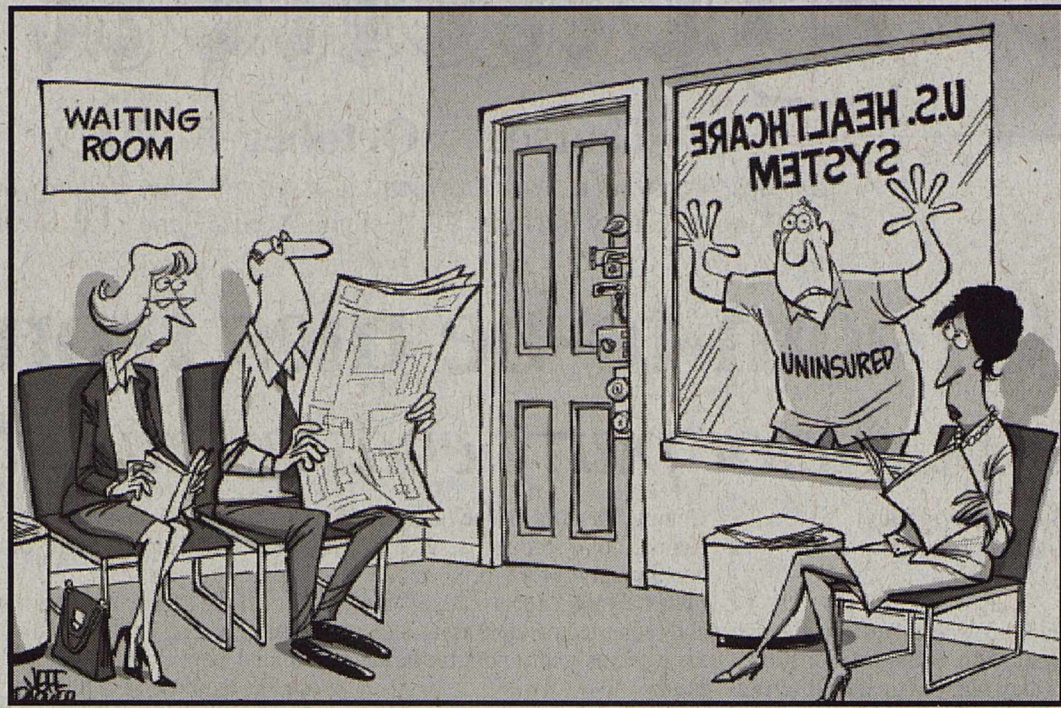
So we have accumulated more debt / interest! What are the results? Medicare is broke. Medicaid is broke. Social Security is broke in 2 years. So, they get their think tank together and decide let's do something about it! Let's go into debt an additional trillion dollars with a socialist plan for Health care!! Wake Up America! Obama has already proven he is a liar. He is deceptive. He announced in his national speech last month that no tax dollars would be spent on abortion. Two days later the Capps amendment was added to the Baucus bill to fund abortions. You going to tell me he is so stupid he didn't know about it? Try again. He stated also that no tax dollars would be spent to fund illegal immigrant's health care. Of course not! He has already announced that the next big item on his agenda is for Immigration Reform. He is going to legalize them! He won't have to spend it on illegals, they will become legal! This is one of the major issues that is bankrupting California. Do you realize how shallow the rhetoric is in this debate?

It was made illegal to deny emergency care to anyone/anywhere in the United States in the 1960's. They have the health care if they need it! Again, I say it is really about giving 17% of our economy to the president's control. What is my point? When I was a child only 8 to 9 years old my father taught me the basic of family economics. Give a minimum of 10% to the Lord, pay your debt, put 10% in savings, and the rest is disposable income. Our politicians in Washington don't have the fiscal grasp of an 8 to 9 year old child. They spend now and will bet on the income later. That income will be from taxes. Chet Edwards, democrat in the US House of Rep. was my suite mate at A&M. We argued many a night until 2:00 A.M. in the morning about fiscal responsibility and government spending. His solution was tax the rich. The problem is the rich are the ones that supply the jobs! Taxing them lowers profits, which cuts jobs. We already see Jimmy Carter's failures in motion again. Remember when he left office we had double digit inflation and unemployment rates? Hmm, the unemployment was 7% in 2009 when the socialists took office. It is now 9.6% and 200,000 more lost their jobs in September, despite the rhetoric from Vice Pres. Joe. Robinette Biden, claiming jobs were saved. (That's right, I am afraid to say he might have family ties with me.) The rhetoric doesn't match the performance. We lost billions on the Cash for Clunkers fiasco. Where is the public outcry? Don't we even care? I am afraid we don't. If we did we would not have allowed any Senator, including Hillary, Obama, nor McCain to run for office in 2008 based on the Article I, section 6. None of them were eligible! They had voted themselves a raise the year before while in the Senate making them ineligible. We had better wake up before it is too late. I strongly feel that the socialist are deliberately bankrupting us so that we will have to abdicate to international rule.

One last comment, since my Christianity was questioned by another in a recent article, James 1:27 says that "pure and undefiled religion is this: look after the widows and orphans in their distress, and keep oneself from being polluted by the world. God intended us to individually take care of the poor, the orphans and the widows. We will be individually judged by that on the judgment day, (Matthew 25th chapter verse 31ff). He was not expecting the socialist to rob from the rich to give to the poor to have that commission executed. That theft belongs in Sherwood Forest, not in national economics. God is expecting us as individuals and our churches to execute that plan. Please pray continually and contact your congressmen, and hope/pray they care about this as much as their reelection.

Joe B. Robinette Jr.

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Lessons from a Bear Market



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

If you invest for many years, you'll eventually encounter both bull and bear markets. Although you obviously prefer seeing the bull, you may actually learn more from the bear and when it's "hibernating," you can put these lessons to good use in making investment moves for the future. Here are some of the key "bear market lessons" to consider: Purchase quality investments. A bear market tends to drag everything down with it. But quality investments those with strong fundamentals and good prospects have the potential to bounce back quickly once the bear market ends. That's why you'll want to consider owning these quality vehicles in all investment climates. In fact, try to avoid owning investments today that you wouldn't want to own in a bear market tomorrow. Maintain realistic expectations. Many investors look back fondly at the mid-to-late 1990s, when we frequently experienced double-digit stock market returns. Unfortunately, these results "raised the bar" in terms of what investors expect and these elevated expectations led to problems for people whose long-term financial goals were based on overly optimistic projections. By anticipating more modest returns, you'll be able to set more realistic, achievable goals. At the same time, don't be surprised at the recurrence of bear markets, which are a normal part of the investing process. Know your risk tolerance. If you find yourself losing sleep over the fate of your investments in the midst of a bear market, you may need to review your risk tolerance and adjust your portfolio accordingly. But keep things in perspective. Instead of fretting over daily or monthly downturns, ask yourself this: "How much can I afford to lose and still meet my financial goals, such as achieving a comfortable retirement?" You'll come up with different answers at different stages of your life. Base investment decisions on principles not predictions. Everybody can make investment predictions and they usually do. But many of these prognosticators have poor track records. So, instead of acting on predictions, base your investment decisions on principles, such as buying quality investments, maintaining a long-term perspective and diversifying your portfolio. While diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against a loss, it can help reduce risk when the market is volatile. Maintain adequate liquidity. If you are planning on cashing out a long-term investment to pay for a major expense, such as a down payment on a home or college tuition for a child, you could run into difficulty if a bear market is raging and the value of your investments have dropped. To avoid this problem, maintain a portion of your portfolio in liquid investments. Although these vehicles won't provide you with a high return, they offer greater preservation of principal which is just what you need when you need the money now. Look for good investment opportunities. During a bear market, you can almost always find quality investments. While their prices may be down, these investments can still offer good growth potential and typically, the best time to buy them is when their value is down. By following these lessons, you can prepare yourself for a bear market and help avoid getting "clawed" by it.

Holiday perfectionism sinks the ship



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Before we know it the holiday season will be upon us. In a few weeks will be Halloween then Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. We love to decorate but most of the time we wear ourselves out doing it. Did you know that you don't have to decorate your home in one single day? It seems that none of us have that kind of time anyway, so why don't we enjoy the process and do a little every day.

One member put up a naked tree for Thanksgiving Day with just the lights on it and as each guest arrived they were given their choice of ornaments to place on its branches. Then each night after that she made a big deal out of putting on a few more decorations; they would light a candle and carefully pick out the ornament to put on the tree. Then they would turn on the lights and admire it as it blossomed before their eyes.

Now isn't that much more fun than trying to do it all at once and letting your perfectionism take over and ruin it for every-

one! Our mother made Christmas torture for us because of her perfectionism. Every icicle had to be hung just so and this crazy tree she wanted us to help construct had no room for us in the house. We felt like it was this big monster in the living room that was about to devour us. It is probably because when we were making the tree it was her perfectionism that was the hateful part. I know you are trying to figure out what kind of tree this was; it is really hard to explain, but I will try.

Imagine a plain tree without any leaves; not an evergreen tree either: Just branches and no leaves. Then she would cut one inch strip of cotton quilt batting for us to wrap around each and every single branch; there could be no bark showing at all. This tree took over our living room. You had to turn side ways to go to the bedrooms. Then she would buy only one color of glass ball ornaments. We had to put them on the tree spaced perfectly. Then there were the icicles. This just sends me into spasms to think of this. Each one had to hang evenly over the branch and they had to be spaced one inch apart all over this tree. Do you hear the perfectionism? This was just the inside of the house and I'm not even going to talk about all the

lights on the outside of the house.

So don't allow your perfectionism to ruin the holidays for everyone in the family including you! It is not fun to feel guilty for yelling at your babies. Let of your perfectionism and find yourself FLYING to a different tune this holiday season.

A lot of our bad moods and fussy attitudes come from feeling pressured by too much to do and not thinking that there is enough time. This is why we have developed a fun way to get ready for the holidays. We pretend that we are going on a three week cruise that sets sail on December 1st. We have to be ready for the holidays by December 1st. This gives us the freedom to enjoy the whole month of December without the procrastination we have suffered with all these years. Can you imagine not being rushed to wrap presents as you are driving to a party? You too can Cruise through the holidays with your Holiday Control Journal. A little planning and doing will make your holidays enjoyable again! All I want you to do is spend 15 minutes a day with your Holiday Control Journal.

Downloaded your free ticket to cruise through the holidays. <http://www.flylady.net/images/Hcj2003.pdf>

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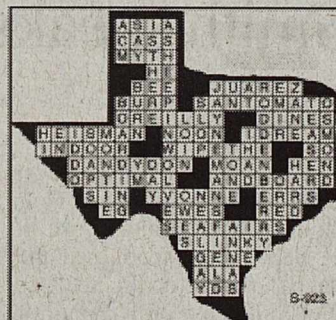
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5	8	9	2	1	3	4	7	6
6	2	5	4	3	9	1	8	7
7	4	3	1	6	8	2	9	5
9	1	8	7	5	2	6	4	3
8	5	7	9	2	1	3	6	4
4	9	1	3	7	6	5	2	8
3	6	2	5	8	4	7	1	9

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Brackett Tigers beat the Pirates



Tiger Gridiron
Thomas Hurney

The Brackett Tigers notched their third win in as many weeks, this one a 42-7 blowout of the Centerpoint Pirates Friday night at Tiger Stadium. Ordinarily, one would best describe the Tigers run-heavy offense as "methodical", grinding out yards in three to five-yard increments, but that Tiger team had the night off, or so it would seem. The team that showed up this past Friday snatched up real estate at a rate that would have made Donald Trump blush. Of course, the above was a literary device (probably not a very good one, either). It was the same team as before, albeit one that scored quickly, and often.

For the record, only one of Brackett's six scoring drives required more than seven plays to complete. The Tigers led 14-0 in the first quarter, by virtue of two long touchdown runs from halfbacks Victor Robledo and

Sam Stewart (38 and 44 yards, respectively). In the second quarter, senior Cody Clark hooked up with tight end Jeff Sitgreaves on an 18-yard touchdown pass to extend the Tiger's lead to 22 (Brackett opted for the two point conversion).

An onside-kick attempt by Centerpoint to open the second half failed, and the Tigers took over at about midfield (Brackett would operate on the Pirate's side of the 50-yard line for most of the rest of the evening). Senior Tony Esquivel took it in four plays later from the eight, and the Tigers led 29-0. Centerpoint fumbled on their next possession and Brackett recovered at about the Pirate 35-yard line. Esquivel again did the honors, this time from six yards out, advantage Brackett, 35-0.

I'd be remiss not to mention freshman running back Erbey Martinez, since he had a touchdown run of his own, this one from 26-yards out after the Pirates failed to convert on a fourth and long at their own 39, with about four minutes left in the game. Brackett visits D'Hanis this week in what could be a pivotal game within the district. Pivotal or not, it should be entertaining if recent history is a guide.



The Brackett News Photo by Leigh Volcsko

	TIGERS	CenterPoint
Points Scored	42	7
First Downs	23	9
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	15/2/6	4/3/2
3rd Downs Made/Att/Eff	5/8/62	2/9/22
4th Downs Made/Att/Eff	0/2/0	0/1/0
Total Yards / Avg per Play	340/7.1	108/2.6
Total Yards Rushing	280	32
Rushing Att/Avg	40/7.0	29/1.1
Total yards Passing	60	76
Pass Att/Comp/Int	8/4/0	13/6/1
Average Yards per Pass	7.5	5.8
Punts /Avg	0/0.0	4/18.5
Punt Returns/Yards/Avg	2/1/0	0/0/0
Punts Blocked	0	1
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	0/0/0	7/119/17
Fumbles /Lost	1/0	6/3
Total Turnovers	0	3
Penalties /Yards	6/30	7/85
Sacks /Yards	4/30	0/0
TDs	6	1
TDs Rush/Pass	5/1	0/1
Field Goals Att/Made	0/0	0/0
Time of Possession	23:16	24:44

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
CenterPoint	0	7	0	0	-	7
TIGERS	14	8	13	7	-	42

Scoring Summary

TIGERS: 2 Plays, 45 Yards, at 7:42 1st Q, Robledo, Victor 38 yard rushing TD.
PAT Kick attempt, Allen, Brandon - Good

TIGERS: 4 Plays, 63 Yards, at 0:48 1st Q, Stewart, Sam 44 yard rushing TD.
PAT Kick attempt, Allen, Brandon - Good

Centerpoint: 4 Plays, 40 Yards, at 10:57 2nd Q, 33 yard passing TD.
PAT Kick attempt - Good

TIGERS: 14 Plays, 77 Yards, at 5:46 2nd Q, Clark, Cody passes to Sitgreaves, Jeff for 18 yard TD.
PAT Pass attempt - Clark, Cody to Stewart, Sam - Good

TIGERS: 4 Plays, 50 Yards, at 10:35 3rd Q, Esquivel, Tony 8 yard rushing TD.
PAT Kick attempt - Short

TIGERS: 7 Plays, 35 Yards, at 4:50 3rd Q, Esquivel, Tony 6 yard rushing TD.
PAT Kick attempt, Allen, Brandon - Good

TIGERS: 4 Plays, 39 Yards, at 3:44 4th Q, Martinez, Erbey 26 yard rushing TD.
PAT Kick attempt, Allen, Brandon - Good

JHVB "A" Team vs Sabinal Monday night

Brackett JH A team beat Sabinal on Monday night: 25-8; 25-14 REcord is 8-3.

Aces: Morgan Brown 2, Korlee Allen, Mckenzie Castillo, and August Stephenson

JHVB "A" Team vs Sabinal Tournament

Brackett JHVB A TEAM won consolation in the Sabinal Tournament.

We lost to LaPryor 19-25; 25-15; 11-15

Sets: Clarissa Cruz 9 and Marlinda Rivas 8, Hits: Clarissa Cruz 4, Marlinda Rivas and Mckenzie Castillo 2. Pass: Mckenzie Castillo and Clarissa Cruz 15 and Marlinda Rivas 7. Servers: Clarissa Cruz 19, Mckenzie Castillo 8, Marlinda Rivas 6 and Lydia Johnson 5. We beat Sabinal 25-13; 25-23

Kills: Marlinda Rivas 1, Hits: Clarissa Cruz 2, Serves: Clarissa Cruz 13, Mckenzie Castillo and Consuela Rodriguez 5, Marlinda Rivas and Lydia Johnson 4 and Mikaela Castillo 3. Aces: Mckenzie Castillo and Mikaela Castillo 1. Passers: Nadia Rodriguez 10 and Clarissa and Mckenzie 7. Sets: Marlinda Rivas 3. Our record is 7-3

JHVB "B" Team brought home "1st Place"



Photo Courtesy To The Brackett News - The following girls travelled to Sabinal on Saturday, 3 October to participate in a "B" Team Tournament. For the second time in two years the girls brought home 1st place. Everyone played extremely well and all have showed a lot of improvement!!!

Maddie Frerich, Alexis Castillo, Peyton Bonner, Rebecca Rangel, Claire Valdez, Ariana Rodriguez, Delores Garza, Yessenia Argil, Gabi Sandoval, and Karina Perez.

The girls first match of the tournament was against LaPryor. The girls all served awesome!!! Top servers were; Maddie Frerich, Karina Perez, Peyton Bonner and Delores Garza. The girls won in two games: Game 1-Brackett 25 LaPryor 4 and Game 2-Brackett 25 LaPryor 15.

Our second match was for the championship against D'Hanis. Serving it up again for the cubettes were; Karina Perez, Maddie Frerich, and Yessenia Argil. The girls won in two games: Game 1-Brackett 26 D'Hanis 16 and Game 2- Brackett 25 D'Hanis 15.

The girls will then travel Sabinal Monday, 5th October. Their last home game will be Monday, 12 October against D'Hanis.

JHVB "B" Team vs Sabinal

The following girls played away at Sabinal for BJH Volleyball on Monday, 5th October: Maddie Frerich, Alexis Castillo, Peyton Bonner, Rebecca Rangel, Claire Valdez, Judith Adams,

Haley Smith, Kate Castillo, Delores Garza, Ayssa Rodriguez, Yessenia Argil, Sierra Falcon, Gabi Sandoval, Denise Salmon, Karina Perez and Lydia Johnson.

Monday, 5th October the "B" Team continued their season with a match at Sabinal. The girls demonstrated improvement in the area of serving once again. Showing their ability of serving were 7th Graders Maddie Frerich and Karina Perez, and 8th Grader Delores Garza. This team really has shown development of their over-all skill level.

The girls won in two games: Game One-Brackett 25 Sabinal 17 and Game Two-Brackett 25 Sabinal 13. The next Match will be this Monday, 12th at home against D'Hanis. The girls will then travel to LaPryor for their final game of the season.

Varsity vs Sabinal

Sabinal defeats Brackett 26-24, 23-25, 25-17, 16-25, 16-14

Brackett Leaders:
Aces - Nena Molinar (1)
Digs - Rachael Nash, Nena Molinar (13)
Kills - Paige Nowlin (16)
Assists - Lila Molinar (12)
Blocks - Paige Nowlin (2)

Brackett Athletic Booster Club

The Athletic Booster Club is currently accepting membership. Single, Family and Business memberships offered. If you are a Tiger and/or Tigerette Fan... we want you!

The Athletic Booster has several fundraisers underway: Sponsorship, Tiger Flip Flop sale, Tiger Sunglass sale and Supporter Sign sale. Be sure to check on these fundraisers!

Sponsorship - Sponsor an athlete (\$10) or team (\$20) of your choice and receive an 8x10 personalized photo. Currently we have football, volleyball, cross country and cheerleading.

Tiger Flip Flop and Sunglass Sale - Flip Flop are \$20 a pair, Sunglasses are \$15. Orders due

October 16th!!!

Supporter Signs sale (3 different choices) - 40x20 Business sign "We Proudly Support Our Tigers and Tigerettes" (\$30), 24x18 sign "Home of a Tiger" or "Home of a Tigerette" (\$20), Player Cut-out sign (\$45).

Information and order forms can be found at the school's website (www.brackett.k12.tx.us). Click on the Parent's & Community link on the left side of the page. Then click on Athletic Booster. Contact persons are Lisa Falcon, 563-5751 or Pam Hale, 563-5432. Look for our table/booth at most of the home games. All proceeds go towards the Athletic Department, Banquet and Scholarships!

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The Tigeretts Traveler



Morgan Knox

I think one of the best places in the world is Corpus Christi! (Next to Brackett) It has everything you could want to do. First of all you need to find a place to stay.

If you want to stay in a hotel there are great places on North Padre island, where you can have a view of the ocean. We stayed in a hotel on the beach, where we could walk to the ocean. We have also stayed in a RV park on Laguna Shores, which is on the outskirts of Corpus Christi. I liked the RV park because it had a big black cat that liked to be pet.

There are many interesting and fun places to go. The Texas State Aquarium was my favorite. It has three floors. The first floor had displays with sharks, fish, and hermit crabs.

You could see the dolphin show that taught you about how to train dolphins. I got to be a

volunteer to show the dolphins shape signs. It was amazing that the dolphins could tell different shapes! Also there were giant sea turtles; the trainer touched the turtles' shells.

On the bottom floor there was a place you could touch the manta rays. We saw a show about birds. One of the trainers threw a plastic toys and a stork ran over and caught it and threw it up in the air! There was a large underwater viewing area of the dolphins. The dolphins could see us, and they would chase you up and down the glass.

On the top floor was a place to look out all over the bay. It was beautiful, you could see people skiing, and boating.

On North Padre Island we went on a dolphin watch boat. The dolphins would come up in groups called pods and jump out of the water. I wanted to swim with them. My sister and I got to steer the ship! You can also see the dolphins if you take the ferry across to Rockport, Texas. We also went bungee-jumping, which is a little scary at first.

Corpus Christi has a great Science Museum, there are a lot of things to do. The best thing was a scavenger hunt.

They give you a list of history things to find. You go out

in pairs and whoever finishes first gets an award. Some of the exhibits were large models of Columbus' ships, navy things, and a lighthouse.

When you are tired of all that, there is the beach. We swam, built sand castles (complete with hermit crabs), and wake boarding. The water was warm and salty. At night my dad and I went fishing off a pier. We did not catch anything, but we saw a lot of squids.

You need to take a trip to Corpus Christi at least once, I am telling you it is the best place ever!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BRACKETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S

State Financial Accountability Rating

Brackett ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., October 12, 2009 In the Intermediate Distance Learning Lab 400 N. Ann Street, Brackettville

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Brackett Independent School District's Superior Achievement Rating on the state's financial accountability system

OBITUARY

Ronald J. Lundquist

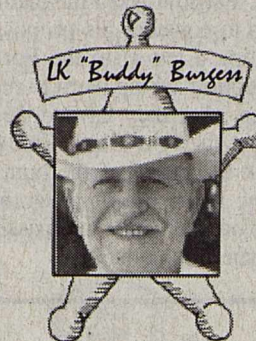


February 24, 1944 - September 27, 2009

Ronald John Lundquist, age 65, of Ashland and Brackettville, Texas, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, in Texas after a battle with cancer. Ronald was born Feb. 24, 1944, in Ashland to Gordon and Lorraine (Klaus) Lundquist. Ronald proudly served his country in the U.S. Army from May 28, 1963 until May 27, 1966. Ron was a Vietnam War veteran, which earned him the Combat Infantry Badge. Ronald was united in marriage to Ellen Kurzhals on March 12, 1965. Ronald worked for James River in Ashland for over 30 years until its closing. He made many wonderful lifelong friends while employed there and carried on those friendships to the end. He was a life member of the VFW and the Ashland Elks Lodge. He was an avid and excellent golfer, deer hunter and fisherman. He played on the local pool leagues for years. Ronald will be missed for his sense of humor, his helping hand to whoever needed it and the love he had for his grandchildren. Ronald is survived by his parents, Gordon and Lorraine of Brackettville, Texas; his wife of 44 years, Ellen, of Brackettville, Texas; a daughter, Paula (Paul) Kraft of Ashland; a son, Ronald (Lori) Lundquist of Ashland; four brothers, Gordon (Mary Lou) Lundquist, Richard (Diana) Lundquist, Timothy (Fran) Lundquist and Roger (Wendy) Lundquist; a sister, Lorene (Robert) Burrig; seven precious grandchildren, Ashley, Taylor, Jonathan, Lorraine, Kiara, Trent and Isabel; a special sister-in-law, Peggy Lundquist-Wegner of Texas; many nieces and nephews; aunts and uncles, including two special uncles, Alfred Lundquist of Highbridge and Ernie Lundquist of Ashland; and many wonderful friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and a younger brother, Thomas Gene Lundquist. Ronald was a loving and dedicated son, father, husband, grandpa and friend, and will be greatly missed.

We love you, Dad. A memorial service was held Friday, Oct. 2, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Ashland with Pastor Dale Chesley officiating.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, September 28

8:18am, A call was received to report a dead dog on the road. City Hall was notified of the situation.

10:15am, A call was received to report a grass fire at a ranch off of Hwy 90. Brackett Fire and Rescue was dispatched to the location.

2:20pm, A man called stating there was a vehicle driving recklessly on Hwy 90 East. A deputy was notified and enroute to the location.

10:20pm, A woman called stating individuals were going in and out of unlocked apartments. The Housing Authority Director was notified and stated the apartments were open because they were being painted.

10:30pm, Fort Clark Security called requesting a deputy to assist with a deranged woman. A deputy was informed of the situation.

11:00pm, A woman called stating that three apartment doors were open. A deputy was informed.

Tuesday, September 29
12:34pm, A woman called stating she needed assistance because she was locked in the storage unit on Hwy 90. A deputy was informed and enroute to the location.

2:24pm, A unknown motorist called to report two vehicles were racing on Hwy 90 West. DPS was informed of the situation.

4:14pm, A woman called to report an individual walking on Hwy 674. A deputy was notified and enroute to the location.

5:25pm, A man called to report an individual walking on Hwy 674. Border Patrol was notified of the situation.

7:15pm, A woman came into the SO to write a incident report about a individual verbally threatening her. A deputy was notified and spoke with the individual.

Wednesday, September 30
3:18pm, A woman called stating she was having problems with a individual at her local establishment. A deputy was notified and enroute to the location.

6:54pm, A man called stating a vehicle was driving recklessly on Hwy 90 East and almost ran him off the road. The Border Patrol check point Station and Uvalde PD were both notified.

11:38pm, A woman called stating a unknown individual was turning the knob on her front door. A deputy was notified and unable to find anyone at the residence.

Happy 13th Birthday!

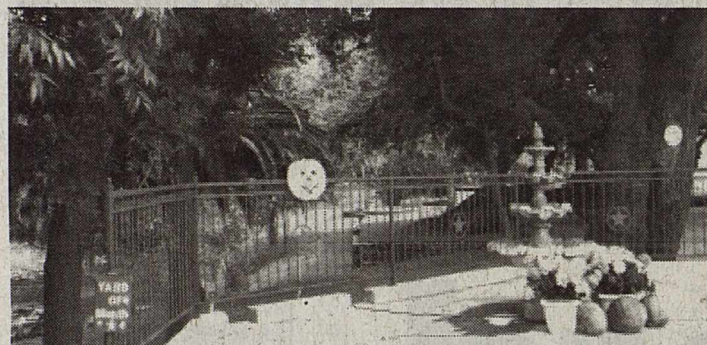


Happy Birthday Yessenia! We wish you the best teen years of your life. We love you and will always be there for you. God Bless you. Love you always, Mom and Joe

Creekside Restaurant
Fort Clark Springs
"Las Moras Creek"
at Golf Course
563-9395

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by our own
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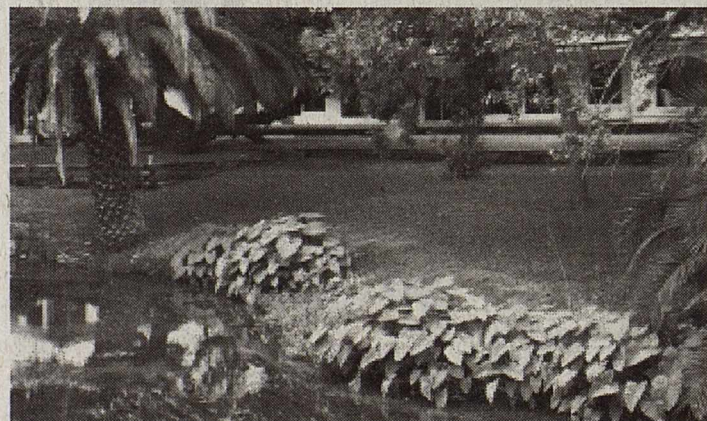
Dinner Served 6-8 PM
Music begins
at 7:00 PM



Yard of the Month

The Sweet's creek-side home has been designated as 'the yard of the month'. This lovely yard of our local pharmacist and his wife was designed around an aged oak tree. B.E. and Charlotte Sweet built their spacious Spanish style home along Las Moras Creek to provide a view of the tree and creek from all the back windows.

The lawn is terraced down to the creek and sod with Zoyzoia grass, leaving it to blend with the flow of the creek. Standing on the foot-bridge offers a serene vista of the house, lawn and its natural setting. It is worth taking a drive down and a walk out on the bridge to enjoy the charm and ambiance of this lovely setting.



MUD MATTERS

Well folks, I got some good news and some bad news. First, the good news. Yes, we are going to pave the roads. Now for the bad news we ran into another delay! Let me explain. When we sent the road paving package to TCEQ in December 2008, we ASSUMED they would review it in a maximum of 5 (five) months. That way we would be able to do the work in the summer of 2009.

After nine months in Austin, our baby finally popped out!!!! We got approval on September 22, 2009 to go ahead with the bond issue for the road project. However, our tax rate for 2009 had already been set. If we start the bond process now, we will not collect any tax money until January of 2011. That means the bonding company would have to wait 16 months for their first payment. They will not do that!!!! Our other option was to make the first two payments out of MUD'S own funds. That would be a minimum of \$120,000. First off, we don't have that much money. However, we would be able to get it back when the bonds were issued. However, the catch was that road construction money would be reduced by that same amount. So, the MUD Board of Directors met this morning (Oct.1, 2009) and unanimously

voted to Delay the start of the bond process until the first part of 2010. That process will take about 4 to 6 weeks. So folks, as of now, we hope to start work on the roads in March or April of 2010. If you have any questions please call me (Larry Sofaly) at the MUD office. The number is 563-2828, Thank you for your patience.

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Rio Grande Electric Co-op's 64th Annual Meeting

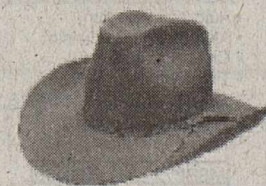
Saturday, October 10
Kinney Co. Civic Center
Brackettville, Texas

8:00 a.m. Registration & Breakfast

Business Meeting 10:00 a.m.



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Door Prizes (\$100 value ea.)



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Call 1-800-749-1509, for additional information.

Meeting is for RGEC Members & Immediate Family Only,
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NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Brackettville, Texas:
(a las votantes registradas del Condado de Brackettville, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on 11/3/09
2009, for voting in a special election to vote on constitutional amendments

(Notifique, por las presentes, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3 de Nov.
20 09 para votar en la Elección Especial para votar sobre enmiendas a la constitucion)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Precinct 1 EMS Building Spring Street Prec. 3 Senior Citizen
Precinct 2 High School Auditorium Ann Street Apts. Office
Precinct 4 R.G. Library Annex

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

501 Ann Street. Kinney County Clerk's Office
(Location) (sitio)

If the county clerk is not the early voting clerk, the information in the block is required.

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on Oct. 19, 2009
(entre las 8:00 en mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 10/19/09)
(date) (fecha)

and ending on 10/30/09 (y terminando el 10/30/09)
(date) (fecha)

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Dora E. Sandoval
(Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)

501 Ann St., P.O. Box 851
(Address) (Dirección)

Brackettville, Tx. 78832
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:)

(date) (fecha)

Smith speaks to FC Historical Society FC Gun Club votes to update range

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and the westward expansion using freight wagons and eventually the railroad. He expounded on how the Army influenced the development of the economy in Texas and the great impact of the railroad in moving supplies. Smith's presentation was very informative, infused with humor and interesting to all who attended. In his own words, he is an Army historian who loves telling the Army story. "It's really a story about people; it's about soldiers and officers trying to overcome the most extreme environments, the most difficult circumstances you could ever imagine and then trying to get on with the nation's business."

Following the guest speaker, Bill Haenn, president of the Fort Clark Historical Society, launched into the business portion of the meeting. There are three new pamphlets now available; Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks in Kinney County, the Palisado Building (paid for by the Fort Clark Historical Society), and the Texas Pecos Trail which features a stop at Fort Clark.

More historical markers are on the way and dedication ceremonies will be scheduled.

There are new exhibits at the museum. Haenn stated that there have been 1,390 visitors to the museum so far this year; only three percent of whom are from the Fort, including members of the Historical Society. They are in need of more volunteers to cover the hours the museum is open.

The program for next month will be the gentleman with the camels. Although the camels will not be here, Haenn said, "He will be talking about the journey they will be taking from Fort Lancaster to Fort Stockton for Fort Stockton's Sesquicentennial which is on October 17. A contingent from the Historical Society will be there with a wagon and a tent." If the gentleman cannot be here for the October meeting, the program will be on the Last Tattoo. November will be the bicycle/golf cart tour of Fort

Clark and December will be the Christmas party.

Lots of things are happening with the Fort Clark Historical Society. There are many projects in the works and new members are always welcome.

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they still had a full year on their current contract," said Partlow. The last year that the Gun Club ran the hunt, they gave \$12,000 to the Fort and \$3,000 each to the Living Historians and the Historical Society. Partlow asked the membership to consider his proposal of writing a letter (to the Fort) of exception asking them to reconsider what they have done and to put the Fort Clark Gun Club back in charge of the hunt and game management program. A motion was made and passed to pursue this endeavor.

A Border Patrol Firearms instructor came to the meeting to request permission for local Border Patrol agents to have access to the range certain days of the month for the purposes

of training and qualifying. According to the club by-laws through NRA, federal employees, marshals, officers and any law enforcement must be allowed to use the range if they need to.

What's your opinion?
tnews@sbcglobal.net

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Sunday Bible study for all ages 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. (nursery provided)
 youth 4:30 p.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 7 p.m. Bible Study
 Phone 563-2245
 website fbcbrackett.org
 Pastor Jeff Janca


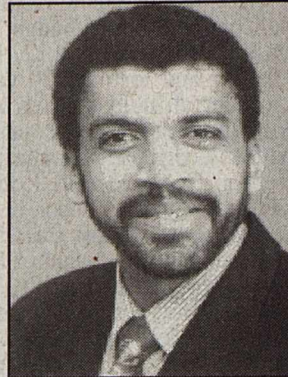
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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM The City of Brackettville is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Texas STEP Fund Application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant application request is \$350,000.00 for water system improvements in the City of Brackettville. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TXDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S) Dist/Div: Laredo Contract 0037-03-071 for FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEALCOAT TYPE WORK IN ZAVALA County, etc will be opened on October 21, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the State Office. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TXDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 30676 State Office Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540 Dist/Div Office(s) Laredo District District Engineer 1817 Bob Bullock Loop Laredo, Texas 78043 Phone: 956-712-7400 Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

NOTICE OF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE COUNTY OF KINNEY DATED the 1st day of October, 2009, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Kinney County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 1st day of October, 2009, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in November, the same being the 3rd day of said month at the Courthouse door of Kinney County, in the City of Brackettville, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Kinney and the State of Texas, to wit: 3394 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. RACHEL FUENTES LOT 14, BLOCK C OF THE MAVERICK ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE AND A MOBILE HOME, SERIAL #TXFLR12A22130, TITLE #1960, SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS SHOWN BY A DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME A-101, PAGE 176 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS ACCT. NO.: 12285 3476 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. RANDOLPH D. CASTILLA AND MARY FRANCES CASTILLA, ET AL TRACT #2: LOTS 20 & 27, BLOCK 26 1/2 TO THE CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE, SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS SHOWN BY A DEED OF RECORD IN VOLUME A113, PAGE 16 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS ACCT. NO.: 11933 3478 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. JOSE A. ESCAMILLA AND GRACIELA ESCAMILLA, ET AL TRACT #3: LOT 3, BLOCK VI OF THE MAVERICK ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE, SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS SHOWN BY A DEED OF RECORDS IN VOLUME A143, PAGE 880 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS ACCT. NO.: 12222 3485 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. EMILIO PEREZ AND ARACELI PEREZ, ET AL LOTS 9 & 10 AND THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT

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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.

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38 Sunset Lane: well maintained 3BR, 3B split level home in great area. Large kitchen, FP & nice upgrades. REDUCED! #155 Unit 1: spacious 3/2 townhome, FP, interior upgrades, beautiful setting overlooking Las Moras Creek.

Unit 14: 1BR cottage, great weekend/winter getaway, only \$16,500

214 W. Fulton: spacious 3BR home, interior/exterior upgrades. REDUCED to \$49,000.

Garden Center: here's your chance to buy a business with potential, possible seller financing!

Spring St: large bldg, CHA, rental income, great buy & choice downtown locale!

Spring St: 7 lots, some with Spring St. frontage

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11, BLOCK 18 TO THE CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE, SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS SHOWN BY A DEED OF RECORD IN VOLUME A141, PAGE 383 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS ACCT. NO.: 11271 3489 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. ORLANDO TALAMANTES LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK P TO THE CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE, SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS SHOWN BY A DEED OF RECORD IN VOLUME A126, PAGE 85 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS, ALONG WITH A 1999 16 X 76 FOOT, HALLMARK MOBILE HOME, LABEL #PFS0595225, SERIAL #12533241 ACCT. NO.: 11869 3528 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. ELIZABETH FALCON TRACT 1: LOT 14 BLOCK 65 TO THE CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS AS SHOWN BY A DEED OF RECORD IN VOLUME A148 PAGE 661 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS ACCT. NO.: 11601 TRACT 2: LOT 26 BLOCK 26-1/2 TO THE CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS AS SHOWN BY A DEED OF RECORD IN VOLUME A148 PAGE 766 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS ACCT. NO. 11937 3574 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. ISAURO RIVAS, ET AL TRACT #2.- LOT 3, BLOCK P TO THE CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE, SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS AS SHOWN BY A DEED OF RECORD IN VOLUME A117, PAGE 501 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS ACCT. NO.: 11870 3580 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. TODD CHRISTOPHER ROSS, ET AL LOT 14 BLOCK A UNIT 27 FORT CLARK SPRINGS SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 1 PAGES 67-73 OF THE MAP AND PLAT RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS ACCT. NO.: 21177 3677 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. MARTIN SHEETS, DOING BUSINESS AS S&H ASSOCIATED LOT 21 OF THE FORT CLARK SPRINGS ADDITION UNIT 14 SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 1 PAGES 27-28 OF THE MAP AND PLAT RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS ACCT. NO.: 15343 3682 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. MARK ANTHONY GOMEZ, ET AL LOT 1 BLOCK 1 OF THE BRACKETT ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME A-37 PAGE 228 OF THE MAP AND PLAT RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS ACCT. NO.: 11140 3691 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. CARL BRAD HERBELIN AKA BRAD HERBELIN LOT 1 OF THE FORT CLARK SPRINGS ADDITION

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UNIT 7 SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 1 PAGES 13-14 OF THE MAP AND PLAT RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS ACCT. NO.: 14052 3693 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. WILMA C. YATES, ET AL LOT 86 OF THE FORT CLARK SPRINGS ADDITION UNIT 15 SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 1 PAGES 29-30 OF THE MAP AND PLAT RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS ALONG WITH A 14 X 70 CHATEAU MOBILE HOME LABEL # TEX0183193 SERIAL # 180777 ACCT. NO.: 15471 3696 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. ROBERT FAY WILSON, ET AL LOTS 2 & 3 BLOCK H OF THE BRACKETT ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME A-103 PAGE 591 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS ACCT. NO.: 20778 3723 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. TOMAS CASTILLO, ET AL LOTS 10-12 BLOCK 15 OF THE BRACKETT ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE DEED THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME A-103 PAGE 591 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS ACCT. NO.: 11250 3737 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. GARY LEE TYSON, ET AL LOT 53 BLOCK J OF FORT CLARK SPRINGS UNIT 27 SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 1 PAGE 67 OF THE MAP AND PLAT RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS ACCT. NO.: 21170 3757 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. RAUL SANDOVAL LOT 18 BLOCK 41 TO THE TOWN OF BRACKETT SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE DEED THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME A-19 PAGE 314 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF

Tejas Properties

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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 sf. living area. Reduced to \$40,000. CONTRACT PENDING

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

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New Listing: 25 Birdie Road Fantastic spacious Home with 4 BR/2.5B + Sunroom on 3 lots overlooking 13th green of golf course. 2420 sq. ft. +- w/many special features and upgrades. "SELLER DESPERATE" PRICE REDUCED BY \$20K TO \$114,900

89 Ward: Price Reduced Awesome 4BR/3B Family Home with Bonus and Media Rms. 3000 sqft. +- . BELOW APPRAISED VALUE AT \$166,900

221 Oak Lane Fantastic 2 story home, 3BR/3B 2 car garage + separate workshop. Many upgrades, great location! \$199,500. SALE PENDING

29 Lamotte: 3/2/2 Stucco hm w/ tiled floors, FP in large kitchen/breakfast rm. Screened porch overlooking green area. REDUCED TO SELL. \$'S BELOW APPRAISAL @ \$139,900

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.

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

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

191 Acres - Carta Valley

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GVW Believes There Are More Water Board Violations

The KCGCD was created by state law in 2002 to "to provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of groundwater", (Tex. Water Code § 36.0015). It was NOT created to be a tax burden on the people of Kinney County. The majority of Texas is facing serious drought conditions with 64 counties currently under water restrictions, according to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ"). These Texas municipalities NEED water; Kinney County is able supply it. Groundwater in Kinney County aquifers is constantly moving into, across, and out of Kinney County. This groundwater flow is constantly being replaced. A few vocal individuals insist that the groundwater be "saved". One cannot "save" groundwater that is leaving Kinney County as rapidly as it is entering. If not captured and produced this rapidly moving groundwater is lost to Kinney County, along with the hundreds of thousands of dollars in potential revenue. The "New Board" is implementing the faulty notion of "saving" the groundwater that flows through and out of Kinney County by unlawfully refusing to responsibly manage and permit the groundwater resource to protect and economically benefit Kinney County.

KCGCD Financial Burden on Community

Every year for the past three years the KCGCD has increased your taxes. The KCGCD was NOT created to be a tax burden on the people but was created to maintain local control over the Kinney County groundwater supply. The Directors are elected by, and ultimately must be answer to the people of Brackettville and Kinney County. The KCGCD "New Board", mirroring the old board, is subverting the groundwater district's intended purpose and imposing unintended and unnecessary tax burdens. The "New Board" must be motivated by personal agenda, as it is obviously not motivated to implement the legislative intent.

Budgeting & Accounting Practices

The "New Board" took over in November 2006 after the former General Manager, Darlene Shahan resigned. For over three years now, the "New Board" has not righted the wrongs of the "Old Board." No board can continue to claim a freshman learning curve past the first year of their term. The District's financial books have not been fixed, according to the their own official financial statements. For one thing, the '05 fiscal year closing balances still do not jive with the opening balances of the following fiscal year. And there's more... several asset accounts that were questionable in '05 still have not been resolved.

The \$28,353 "profit" in September 2008, that President Lowery mentions, conveniently overlooks the fact that there was no audit completed in the prior year, which, based on the most current quote from the KCGCD's audit firm would have added an additional expense of \$9,000. Additionally, there is a highly suspect accounts receivable entry amount of \$47,773 that seems to appear out of nowhere, with no explanation detailing the transaction. Similarly, there was an entry made in 2005 for \$120,605 listed as "Due from Permittees." Both these amounts are directly related to income and were recorded as such. The entry from 2005 was changed to \$128,550 at the beginning of 2006 without any explanation and has remained at that figure since then. Take the \$128,550 figure alone away from the Retained Earnings and the KCGCD liabilities exceed its assets. There are four other asset accounts totaling slightly more than \$50,000 that are of a similar nature - unchanged, unverified and unaudited - since 2006, which further exacerbate the negative net worth of KCGCD. Furthermore, there is an additional accounting error made in 2008 wherein the "GV Deposit" trust funds are understated by more than \$113,000 and the Retained Earnings are overstated by the same \$113,000. These errors clearly shows that the KCGCD has liabilities more than \$150,000 in excess of assets and, furthermore, has no plan or program to make the District financially viable. This is the textbook definition of bankruptcy.

Transparency Problems

The District's own minutes and agendas exposed President Lowery's withholding of facts from the public. The minutes of April 24, 2008, show that the District hired a Mr. Ronald Boyson for some unspecified service, fired him the very next month and hired "Colman, Horton and Company to correct the books and bring them into compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Procedures ("GAAP") and correct the amendments made by previous General Managers after the completed year audit."

KCGCD refuses to acknowledge its contingent liability for \$500,000 paid to lawyers who mediated the Boulware Mediated Settlement Agreement? This kind of recordkeeping would not pass muster with GAAP. Why was this hidden? And then there are those pesky "legal fees" that continue to accumulate and have not yet been entered on the books because the District does not have resources to pay them. These are liabilities and someday they will have to be addressed. Transparency demands they be accounted for now!

District "in the red", not "in the black"

When confronted with these numerous and grave accounting inconsistencies, The KCGCD Board's only response is to blame Ms. Diana Ward, the KCGCD former General Manager. Although the daily financial operations of the KCGCD do fall under the duties of the General Manager, however as per state law the buck stops with the District President and the Board of Directors. Why, as stated by President Lowery, did it take "a year and a half to discover that Diana Ward did not know how to fix the problem?" Blaming Ms. Ward, is a meager attempt to cover for the KCGCD "New Board's" own incompetence. And why did the Board wait another year and a half before they terminated her? The "New Board" can't hide behind Ms. Ward's skirts forever.

The KCGCD Board of Directors can try all they want to pass the blame on to Ms. Ward and the previous Board, however, the "New Board" was aware of the gravity of the KCGCD's financial situation when it took office in November 2006. As stated in GVW's previous article, the State Auditor found in its January 2006 Audit Report on KCGCD, SAO Audit Report No. 06-021 that there are, "Significant deficiencies in the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District's (District) financial operations" and that the "District should act immediately to address serious financial issues and implement a long-term financial remediation plan."

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