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Community News

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION
The schedule for the annual July 4th Celebration will be as follows: On Saturday July 2, line up for the Parade will begin at 8:30am with the Parade beginning at 9am. The Patriotic Program will begin at 10am and honor all American Veterans. The 4H will be hosting a Hamburger Plate Sale at the FC Service Club \$5 presale and \$6 at the door. Fireworks will begin at 9pm at the Empty Saddle.

SUMMER LIBRARY SCHEDULE
Summer Kids Zone Schedule: June 6th -24th
Tuesday-Friday
Preschool ages: 3-5 10:30 am-11:45 am
Student ages: 6-8 10:30 am-11:45 am and 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Student's 9 & up 10:30 am-11:45 am and 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-Brackettville will be having a Revival Service featuring the Engage Revival Team. June 26-30, Services will be on Sunday at 11 am & 7 pm and Monday thru Thursday at 7 pm. Monday thru Thursday from 9:30 am - 11:30 am the Team will have a Childrens Sports Camp for grades 1st-6th. Also Monday thru Thursday from 1 pm - 3 pm there will be activities for grades 7th-12th. Call 830.563.2245 for more info.

FOOTBALL & CHEER REGISTRATION
Del Rio Youth Football & Cheer teams will host a registration on Saturday June 25 at the Kinney County Library 2-4 pm Ages 7-12 (Grades 2nd-6th) Any questions contact Joel Delbosque 830.719.6005

ROTARY FUNDRAISER
Ice Cold Watermelon by the slice scholarship fundraiser. Friday night July 1st 7 - 9 pm frito pie, watermelon & cold drink \$5. Saturday July 2nd & Sunday July 3rd 12-9 Ice Cold Watermelon, Drinks, Frito Pie (chili bags) and Nachos at the Fort Clark Swim Park.

KINNEY COUNTY POOL HOURS
Open Tues-Saturday 2-8.

AA MEETING
Las Moras Group. Slaton Hall 109, James St. Mon. - Fri. 7 pm.

GIRL SCOUTS
Activity of the week- Spa Divas - Have fun and enjoy a relaxing time when you pamper yourself with manicures, facials and learn to create your own lip gloss. Cost per girl \$10. Date: July 5, 2011 Time: 4-6 pm Place: Nutrition Center. Please register before June 30.

BHS REUNION
Brackett High All Class Reunion July 1-3. Registration Fee is \$50 per person. Contact Martha Padron. martha.padron@hotmail.com 830.563.2728.

PACK THE BUS
This year through 4-H and Brackett ISD. School supplies are to be brought to the Kinney Extension Office from now until the beginning of school.

FEDS FEED FAMILIES
The NRCS office with the Kinney Extension Office is soliciting food for the summer through August 31, 2011. The food collected will be donated to needy families. Donations of food can be brought to the 4-H members will be collecting food to give to the NRCS office.

TEXAS DPS WARNS OF TELEPHONE SCAMS USING ITS NAME
Scammers have been calling Texans in various parts of the state, demanding that residents immediately pay for overdue red-light tickets. The most recent incident was reported in Cleveland, Texas, where police say that residents have received calls from someone claiming to represent DPS and demanding payment on a red-light safety camera ticket. The scammers say that an arrest warrant will be issued if the person receiving the call does not provide a credit card number, as well as Social Security numbers and other personal information. The Texas Department of Public Safety does not collect traffic fines or oversee red-light cameras. "You should never give out personal information over the phone when someone else initiated the call," said Steven C. McCraw, director of DPS. If you are contacted by a group you believe is misrepresenting itself as part of the Texas Department of Public Safety, contact the Consumer Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office at 1-800-621-0508.

Black Bear sighting turns out to be black calf sighting

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

State Game Warden Dayton Isaacs was called to investigate a possible black bear sighting on June 15.

The Kinney County Sheriff's Department received a call last Thursday at 7:36 p.m. of a black bear crossing Highway 90, five miles east of Brackettville.

Isaacs drove out past Fritter Park, but did not find a black bear, however, he did find a loose black calf wandering along highway.

Isaacs reported he was able to

rustle the baby cow back onto its property without further incident.

There have been two confirmed bear sightings in Del Rio in the recent weeks.

The most recent black bear incident in Kinney County was October 27, 2008.

Kinney County Sheriff's Deputy Ramon Gutierrez found a dead black bear on the side of Highway 90 nearly three years ago.

Gutierrez, patrolling the area of Kinney County where FM Road 3008 intersects with Highway 90, spotted what he

believed to be a large black trash bag, however; as Gutierrez slowed his vehicle to get a closer look, he realized the bag was actually a black bear.

Gutierrez quickly determined the bear was deceased and called in Texas Parks & Wildlife Division (TPWD) Game Warden Rob Frets.

Frets believes the bear was accidentally hit by a motor vehicle and died at the scene located approximately 12 miles west of Brackettville.

The last reported sighting

prior to this was actually photographed by a visiting hunter in December, 2006.

A San Antonio police officer was driving on FM Road 3008 when he thought he saw a wild boar running along a fenceline, but when he realized it was a bear, he grabbed his camera and started excitedly snapping photos.

In 2006, Game Warden Henry Lutz explained the bears, once native to the area, were more commonly seen in Mexico. Over time and a change in conditions the bear's

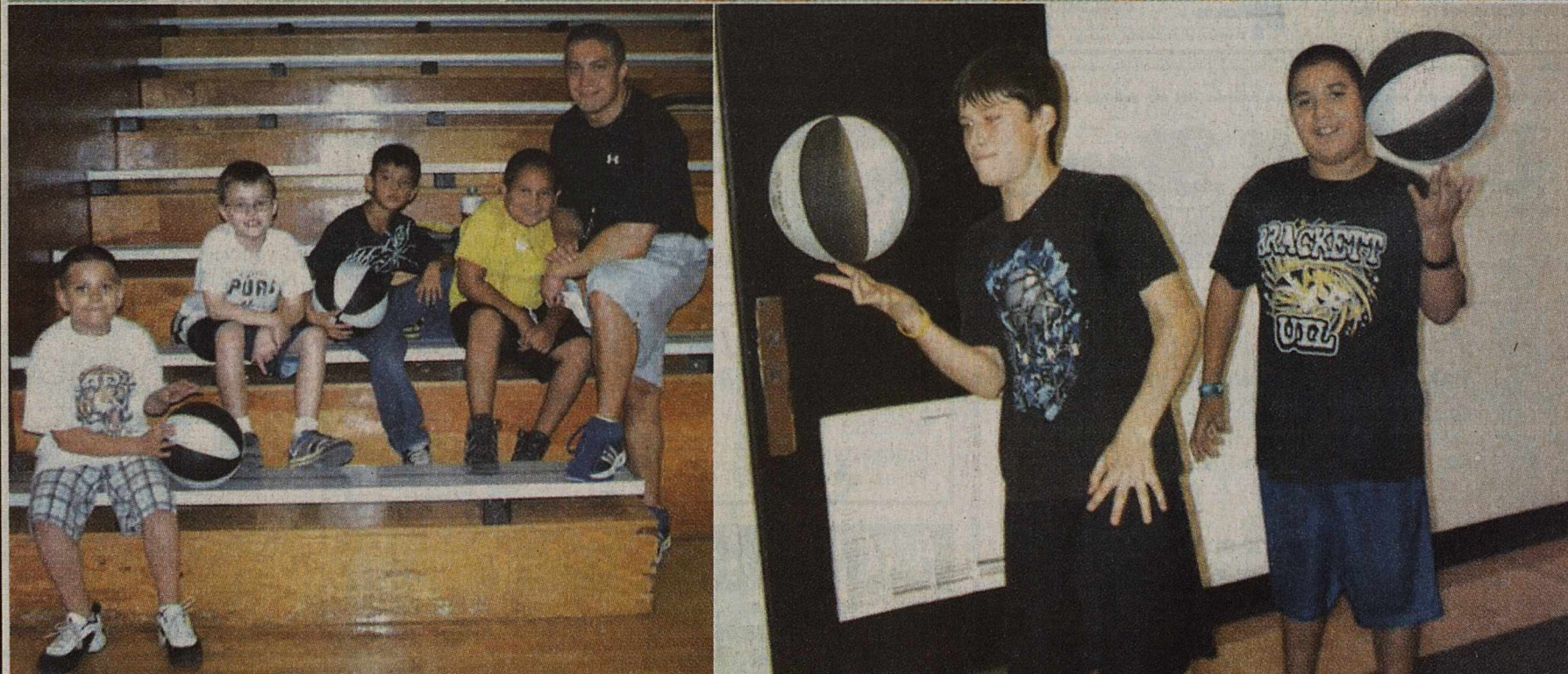
habitat has been pushed from the border up into the mountainous areas just across the Rio Grande River.

Details on the bear's re-invasion into Kinney County were not confirmed at press time.

Kinney County Sheriff LK Buddy Burgess warns the black bears are a protected species and hunters and ranchers are again cautioned not to shoot them.

To report a bear sighting, call the Kinney County Sheriff's Department, 830.563.2788.

Practice Makes Perfect



Brackett News Weekly Photos By Leigh Jenkins - Summer sports camps held this week are teaching Brackettville children the basics of tennis and basketball. Top left: Morgan Mo Welch takes a swing at her first tennis ball June 20, at Coach Terri Rambie's Tennis Camp. Top Right: Sidney Perez, Britney Castilla and Sadie Perez listen as Coach Tom instructs them on the proper way to hold a racket. Bottom left: Brandon Wilson, Ty Edwards, Alex Martinez and Noah Flores pose with Basketball Camp Coach Ralph Almanza on June 20. Bottom right: Brandon Blevins and Patrick Ortiz show off some of their skills at basketball Camp

BISD Super gives State education budget update

By Robert Westbrook
BISD Superintendent

The regular session of the State Legislature has come and gone and the State Legislature is now in a special session for a variety of issues, including determining how to "spread the cuts" to public school. During the regular session, the State approved a budget which under funds public education by four billion dollars, even though the state is projected to have nine to eleven billion dollar in reserves in the "Rainy Day Fund" at the end of the next biennium. What was undecided is how these cuts will be distributed to the public schools in the state. Why would the state do this? Why under fund public education? Going into this just ended regular legislative session the state was faced with a projected 27 billion dollar deficit if they maintained the current levels of funding in all state programs. What caused this projected budget deficit? Texas does not have an expenditure problem, it has a revenue problem. The revenue stream in Texas "choked off" in the special legislative session in 2006 as part of the Property Tax

Relief. For every dollar the state gave up the new mechanisms in place are generating about thirty - six cents. No business or entity can continue to operate in the same manner when they willingly give up 64% of a significant revenue source. When the property tax relief legislation, Governor Perry and the legislature told us schools would not be hurt; the new mechanisms set up would generate an equal amount of money as was being given up. This idea, termed a tax swap has turned out to be a "tax swamp". Perry and the legislature are unwilling to admit this failure and leaves us in the predicament we are in today. This willful, intentional act to under fund public education is in essence the largest single political contribution in the history of politics. This 4 billion dollar "political contribution" is being written and paid for by the children of Texas. Governor Perry is intent on showing the nation how to balance a budget without increasing revenue. This is all part of ultra conservative movement taking place in the state and nation. Perry is using this move-

ment to promote is political ambitions, which evidence seems to indicate a run for the White House in 2012. The evidence is indisputable in that the state of Texas inadequately and inequitably funds many Texas Public School districts contrary to the State Constitution. The funding gap between high Target Revenue districts and lower Target Revenue districts is often more than \$2000 per student, without any logical or explainable reasons for the differences. The evidence that inflation and state mandates have caused costs in school districts to increase is obvious - Just look at the increased price of diesel and other commodities needed to have school. The legislative decision to reduce state funding to school districts by \$4 billion tightens the screws on the low target districts beyond their ability to cope. Add a growing student population to this mix and those low funded districts are doomed to an ongoing struggle for survival. They cannot continue to offer competitive quality programs within the current finance system.

Fort Clark to modernize computer software

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

At the Fort Clark Springs Association Regular board meeting on June 18, a decision was made to update the computer program used by the Fort. The computer software will bring all the facets of the Fort's business under one updated program specifically made for homeowner associations.

The board successfully negotiated a new contract with the Fort Clark Gun Club. The board recently advised the Fort Clark Gun Club and the 4H Shooting Sports Club they would no longer be able to use the Fort's property due to increasing tax liabilities. In recent years, the Fort has been burdened with paying the taxes for land used

by these clubs and is now asking for them to pay the annual taxes as a condition for using the property. The contract with the 4H Shooting Sports Club is still being negotiated.

Work on Shafter Hall will begin in the near future. Shafter Hall, most known for being used for bingo recreation, is located behind the Empty Saddle Park at the front of the Fort. New steps, a new side entrance and the painting of the exterior are all being paid for with funds raised by Fort Clark Days Committee.

The board also voted to require all board sponsored committees to provide meeting minutes on a monthly basis. The item was passed with a majority vote after a lengthy discussion.

Letter To The Editor:

I would like to thank the City Manager, Mayor and Council members for not working to help me get my water turned on. Also the County Attorney for not returning my phone calls about this matter. The people of Brackettville should be real happy knowing that when and if they need help they will not get it. My husband and I are taxpayers here and when we ask for help no one stepped up to the plate. If they are here for the people I guess they do not count us as tax payers. This is not over, somewhere we will find someone to help us, but beware people of Brackettville, your Mayor, City Manager and Council members do not have your best interest at heart.

Thanks for ruining our vacation,
Maximino F. Gomez Jr.
Julia R. Gomez

EDITOR'S NOTE: This matter was brought before the City Council on May 10. It was stated on the record the Maximino Gomez and Julia Gomez wanted to set up an account for city utilities, but did not want to provide Social Security numbers as required on the application. City Manager Henry Garcia and Former Councilwoman Nancy Mendoza did speak to the matter. Garcia said the personal information was a valuable tool if the account ever went into a collection process and no other exceptions like this had ever been made. Mendoza expressed concerns about whether or not the information was necessary and/or was being collected in the proper way. The council passed a motion to table the item until more research could be performed.



How do I get my roof A/C to cool?

Del Tex RV



Jack always said
RV Hints
By Barbara Plyler

Hey Jack, I need help: My roof air-conditioner on my travel trailer is not cooling my RV.

I keep the A/C wall thermostat turned down to 70.

It blows hot air! My rig is just 3 years old. I am staying in west Texas where we have been having 100 degree plus days

with lots of sunshine.

I am working in the heat of the day and then come home to a RV that is blowing hot air.

Jack says: When the A/C is kept at a low temperature the coils may have frozen up. When you leave the RV turn up the thermostat to at least 78-80 and

get a couple oscillating fans to help that A/C.

Be mindful of using good surge protector extension vents.

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Roth IRA: A Lifetime Investment



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

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Let's take a quick "journey" through some of these stages to see just how valuable a Roth IRA can be.

To begin with, you can open a Roth IRA at any age, provided you have earned income and meet certain income limits.

So if you're just starting out in your career, put as much as you can afford into your Roth IRA and gradually increase your contributions as your income rises, up to the contribution limit.

A Roth IRA is an excellent retirement savings vehicle because it can grow tax free and your contributions can be invested into just about any investment you choose — stocks, bonds, mutual funds, CDs and so on.

Of course, when you're young, you might not be thinking much about retirement. But the earlier you start contributing to a Roth IRA, the more you could end up with — and the difference could be substantial.

In fact, if you started putting money into a Roth IRA at age 30, and you contributed the maximum amount each year un-

til you reached 65, you would accumulate more than \$766,000, assuming you are in the 25% tax bracket and you earned a 7% return, compounded annually. But, given the same assumptions, you'd end up with only about \$365,000 if you waited until 40 before you started contributing.

It clearly pays to contribute early and annually to a Roth IRA. (In 2011, the annual contribution limit is \$5,000, or \$6,000 if you're 50 or older.) There are additional benefits to funding a Roth IRA, such as its flexible withdrawal options, which are available to you even before you retire. Since you already paid taxes on the money you put into your Roth, you can withdraw your contributions at any time without paying taxes or penalties. Generally speaking, it's certainly best to leave your Roth IRA intact for as long as possible.

But if there's an emergency and you need access to the funds, you can also withdraw your Roth's earnings tax free, provided you've held your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you've reached 59½.

Now, let's fast-forward to

your retirement. Unlike other retirement accounts, such as a traditional IRA or a 401(k), your Roth IRA does not require you to start taking withdrawals at age 70½ — or ever.

If you don't need the money, you can leave it alone, possibly to grow further, for as long as you like.

This means that you might have more money to bequeath to your children or other beneficiaries, and they won't have to pay income taxes on withdrawals from either your contributions or your earnings, provided your Roth IRA account has been open for at least five years.

Keep in mind, though, that your beneficiaries will be required to take distributions based on their life expectancy.

As you can see, a Roth IRA can be an excellent financial "traveling companion" as you go through life. So consider adding a Roth to your portfolio — and bon voyage.

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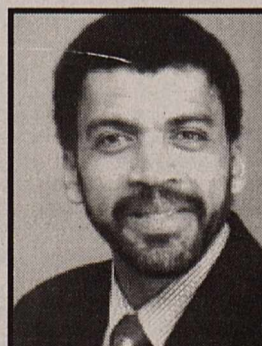
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Summer Youth Employment Program

Submitted By Workforce Solutions Middle Rio Grande

Workforce Solutions Middle Rio Grande is currently accepting applications from 2011 high school graduates for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) that is funded through the Workforce Investment Act and the Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) grants. Applicants should contact their local Workforce Center to apply for the SYEP work assignments. The

application deadline is June 30, 2011 at 5:00 P.M.

Applicants under age 18 must have parents participate in the application process. If the total eligible applicants exceed the total number of slots available region wide, the positions will be filled through a lottery system. If required, the lottery will be held at your local workforce center on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. For more information call the Information and Referral toll-free line 2-1-

1. Students funded under the Science Technology Engineering Mathematics Grant are required to have an interest in exploring a STEM related career.

The Summer Youth Employment Program is tentatively scheduled to begin on July 11, 2011. Students will work a total of forty hours per week for five weeks. The program is set to end on August 12, 2011.

Employers interested in participating as a worksite for the 2011 Summer Youth Employment Program should call their local Workforce Center.

All Summer Youth Employment Program worksites must comply with health and safety regulations, the Fair Labor Standards Act and all other applicable federal and state employment laws, including wage and hour provisions and child labor laws.

All eligible participants that are assigned to the worksites will be paid minimum wage by the Middle Rio Grande Workforce System.

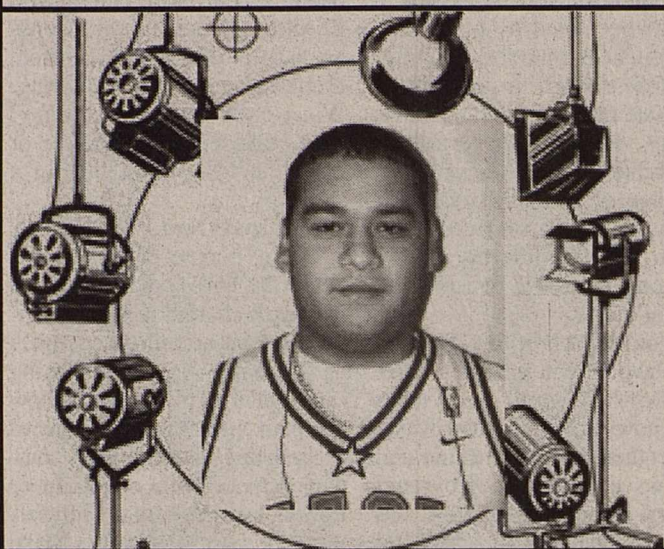
\$10K raised; School paving project begins!



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Jenkins - The paving of sections of Fulton, Fort and Thomas streets began Monday, June 20, after the Brackettville community and businesses contributed the \$10,000 still needed to pay for the project. The county received special permission to use \$110,000 in left over grant money from the Spofford paving project for a project in Brackettville, however, the cost of the project totaled \$130,000. Contractor AE Hiller & Sons were awarded the contract and stated the project should take 3 to 4 weeks to complete. Visit mybrackettnews.com to see all the pictures taken of the paving project.

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BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

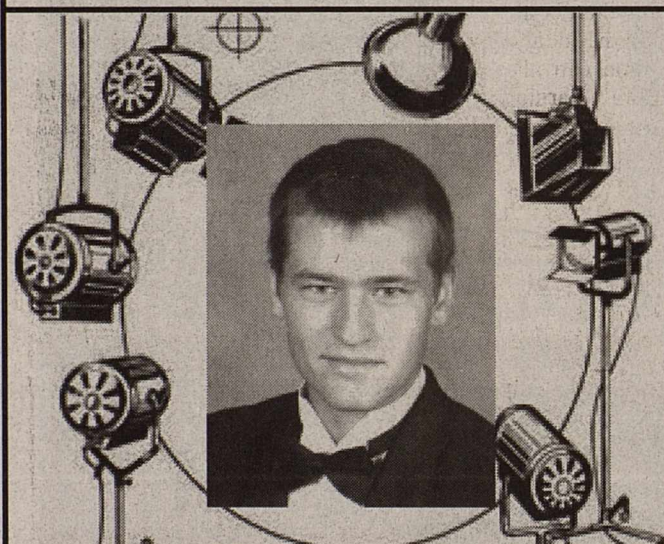


Ezequiel Salazar

Parents: Oscar H. and Elsa P. Salazar
Siblings: Oscar, Nereyda, Adrian and Brianna
What grade did you start at BISD? Head start
What are your future plans? I plan on relocating to Uvalde, not living in Brackett and having a job.

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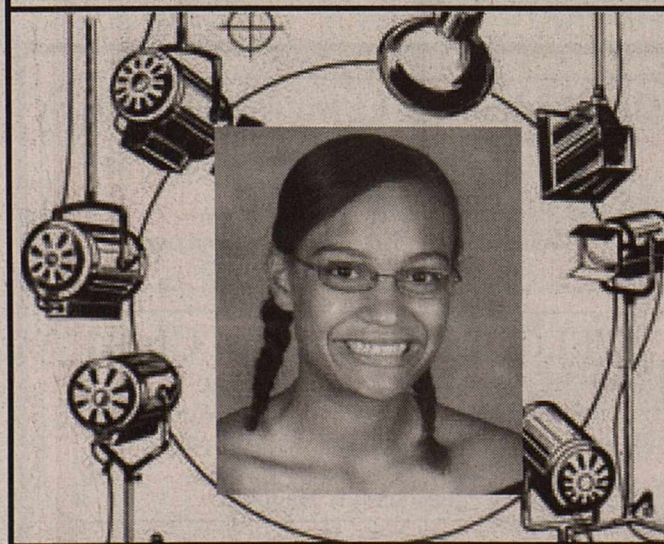


Travis Titchenell

Parents: Kim and James Titchenell
Siblings: Sara and Eric
What grade did you start at BISD? 6th Grade
My future plans? I plan on joining the Marine Corps.
In five years I will be... somewhere doing something for the Marines.

Class of 2011

BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Karley Harris

Mother: Dana Harris
Siblings: Ashley, Mandy, Casey and Bodie
What grade did you start at BISD? Pre-K then 6th-12th
My future plans? I will be joining the Navy.
In five years I will be... serving my country.

Foundation School Program system wins Best of Texas award

Submitted By BISD

A completely redesigned complex system used to distribute billions of dollars to Texas public schools won the Best of Texas award this week. The Foundation School Program system was recognized as the "best application serving an agency's business needs" at the Government Technology Conference (GTC). The new FSP system required the integration of 18 subsystems used to distribute \$20 billion annually to school districts and charter schools. The new user-friendly system ensures data integrity and saves nearly 1,100 staff hours per year for the payments subsystem alone. The new system was a joint project of the Texas Education Agency's Information Technology and State Funding divisions, both of which are under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Adam Jones. The FSP system is one of the agency's key systems. It is used to collect data from a half a dozen other systems and agencies as well as more than 1,200 public school districts and charter schools. Much of this information is used to calculate individual payments to districts under a variety of state funding formulas. Before the launch of the new system, the State Funding Division performed its many financial calculations and transactions through a variety of systems and manual processes. This

included the use of a 30-year-old mainframe system that performed most of the back-end data file processing, while school districts reported data through web modules and paper documents. The new system, which launched last summer, improved State Funding's day-to-day operations with streamlined data entry, validations, data integration and a consistent system-wide review and approval process. The improved FSP system has reduced the processing time for monthly payments to school districts by more than 95 percent. This one aspect of the program alone saves \$70,000 a year. The agency also saved more than \$200,000 a year on maintenance costs, a 46 percent savings, with the use of an up-to-date integrated system. Along with increasing agency efficiencies, districts have benefited too. "District users feel empowered by the system," said Helen Daniels, director of State Funding. "Instead of simply faxing into the dark, they can now manage their data and see changes instantly." In addition to the recognition received by the FSP project, two TEA employees received the Outstanding IT Service and Support Award Honoring Those Dedicated to Public Service. They are Systems Analyst Barbara Rodriguez and IT Services Manager Sandra Tate.

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WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS MIDDLE RIO GRANDE SEEKS 2011 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FOR THE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS (STEM) COLLEGE BOUND PROGRAM

The Workforce Solutions Middle Rio Grande System is recruiting 2011 high school graduates for the Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) College Bound Program. The 2011 STEM College Bound Program consists of a 4 week program at Southwest Texas Junior College. During these 4 weeks students will be enrolled in up to 4 semester credit hours for Summer II in Math and Physical Education. In addition to the academic training, students will also be engaged in a Science Academy. Students will cover an array of topics and experiments in the areas of Microbiology, Geology, Biology, Parasitology, Chemistry, Ecology and Hydrology. Weekly local and out-of-town field experiences will expose students to different careers in the science, technology, engineering and math areas.

SWTJC classes will start on July 25, 2011 and end on August 18, 2011. Space is limited, so call and apply today! Selection of students is subject to a lottery being conducted on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. if there are more applicants than the total number of scholarships available for this on-campus residential experience. To be considered, applicants must score at certain minimum levels on the ACCUPLACER ex-

amination as well as attain a 9.0 Educational Functioning Level or higher in Math, Reading and Language TABE Assessment.

The STEM College Bound Program will provide scholarships for all applicants who meet all the Workforce Investment Act and STEM grant eligibility requirements so that they can receive free tuition, free books, and free room/board. Additionally, students will also earn money by participating in Science Academy training. For more information call the 2-1-1 Information and Referral toll-free line.

All students must contact their local Workforce Solutions Middle Rio Grande Center to apply for the STEM College Bound Program prior to qualifying for scholarships. Students who are under age 18 must have parents participate in the application process. Applicants can apply at their local Workforce Center.

\$22,940; family of 5 - \$27,071 and for family of 6 - \$31,659. For each additional family member there is an increment of \$4,588.

Applicants for STEM must bring the basic eligibility documents to their intake interview: (1) birth certificate (2) driver's license or school identification (3) Selective Service Registration (males 18 years of age and older) and (4) social security card.

In order to qualify for STEM, youth and/or their family must also meet economic eligibility requirements and should bring these documents to their intake interview: (1) Cash Public Assistance Information (2) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit information (3) individual and/or family income (check stubs and/or employer contact information) and if applicable (4) verification of homeless, foster youth, or individual's disability status.

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Community

June Yard of the Month



Info and Photo Submitted By Mountain Laurel Garden Club: The Mountain Laurel Garden Club awarded June's "Yard of the Month" to Elizabeth and Tony Hodges. If you would like to view the recent work added to their beautiful yard, the Hodges' can be found at 407 Fort Clark Road.

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors! Lightning Awareness Week

Submitted By Hashknife Ranch

Each year in the United States, more than 400 people are struck by lightning. On average, between 55 and 60 people are killed; hundreds of others suffer permanent neurological disabilities. Most of these tragedies can be avoided with a few simple precautions. When thunderstorms threaten, get to a safe place. Lightning safety is an inconvenience that can save your life. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) collects information on weather-related deaths to learn how to prevent these tragedies. Many lightning victims say they were "caught" outside in the storm and couldn't get to a safe place. With proper planning, these tragedies could be prevented.

Other victims waited too long before seeking shelter. By heading to a safe place 5 to 10 minutes sooner, they could have avoided being struck by lightning. Some people were struck because they went back outside too soon. Stay inside a safe building or vehicle for at least 30 minutes after you hear the last thunder clap. Finally, some victims were struck inside homes or buildings while they were using electrical equipment or corded phones. Others were in contact with plumbing, a metal door or a window frame. Avoid contact with these electrical

conductors when a thunderstorm is nearby!

What You Might Not Know About Lightning

All thunderstorms produce lightning and are dangerous. In the United States, in an average year, lightning kills about the same number of people as tornadoes and more people than hurricanes. Lightning often strikes outside the area of heavy rain and may strike as far as 10 miles from any rainfall. Many lightning deaths occur ahead of storms or after storms have seemingly passed. If you can hear thunder, you are in danger. Don't be fooled by blue skies. If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to pose an immediate threat. Lightning leaves many victims with permanent disabilities. While a small percentage of lightning strike victims die, many survivors must learn to live with very serious lifelong pain and neurological disabilities.

Avoid the Lightning Threat

Have a lightning safety plan. Know where you'll go for safety and how much time it will take to get there. Make sure your plan allows enough time to reach safety. Postpone activities. Before going outdoors, check the forecast for thunderstorms. Consider postponing activities to avoid being caught in a dangerous situation. Monitor the weather. Look for signs of a developing thunderstorm such as

darkening skies, flashes of lightning or increasing wind. Get to a safe place. If you hear thunder, even a distant rumble, immediately move to a safe place. Fully enclosed buildings with wiring and plumbing provide the best protection. Sheds, picnic shelters, tents or covered porches do NOT protect you from lightning. If a sturdy building is not nearby, get into a hard-topped metal vehicle and close all the windows. Stay inside until 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder. If you hear thunder, don't use a corded phone except in an emergency. Cordless phones and cell phones are safe to use. Keep away from electrical equipment and wiring. Water pipes conduct electricity. Don't take a bath or shower or use other plumbing during a storm.

Organized Outdoor Activities

Many people enjoy outdoor activities. It's essential for the people in charge of these activities to understand the dangers of lightning, have a lightning safety plan in place, and follow the plan once thunder is heard or lightning is seen. Many outdoor activities rely on volunteer leaders, coaches or sports officials to make safety decisions. Make sure the leaders of these activities follow a lightning safety plan. Don't be afraid to ask, and don't be afraid to speak out during an event if conditions become unsafe. You could save a life!

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It's a Girl!

Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - Caleb Crumley with Baby Naomi.
Caleb and Leonor Crumley are proud parents to baby girl Naomi. Naomi was born June 16, at 3:13 pm in Corpus Christi. She weighed in at 9.0 lbs and was 21 inches in length. Grandparents James and Karen Crumley were there to welcome Naomi into the world. Naomi is the seventh grandchild for James and Karen. Caleb was a 1998 BHS graduate and is a Chemical Engineer with DOW Chemical. Caleb and Leonor live in Rockport, Texas.

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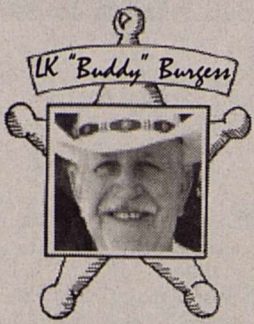
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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, June 13

A woman called 911 to report a female stranded on the side of Hwy 90 East, in Uvalde County. Uvalde PD was notified of the situation.

Tuesday, June 14

A woman called into KCSO in reference to a male individual kicking out her daughter, and not allowing her pick up her belongings. A deputy was informed of the incident and was en route to the loca-

tion.

A 911 call reported a car accident that occurred 2 miles east of Brackett on Hwy 90. A deputy, EMS and the Fire Dept were dispatched to the location.

A woman came into KCSO to report her son was beaten up. The woman stated it was her Dad that beat her son up. The son stated the man hit him on the back of legs. A deputy was asked to come into the office.

A woman called into KCSO stating that her husband was drunk and arguing with her. She stated she did not want him in her house. A deputy was en route to the location.

A woman called into KCSO stating that she had seen a black bear on Hwy 90 East about 5 miles out.

Wednesday, June 15

Jose Luis Flores, 43, of Brackettville, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury and family violence. Flores was still being held at press time.

Arnulfo Garcia, 22, of Brackettville, was arrested for probation violation. Garcia was released the same day after posting a 2,500 bond.

Friday, June 17

FCS called into KCSO to ask to do a welfare check on a woman. A deputy was informed and en route to the location.

A woman called into KCSO to report a reckless driver that nearly ran over her husband and son. A deputy was informed and en route to the location.

Sunday, June 19

FCS called into KCSO requesting a deputy to meet them at the pool, in reference to a male individual exposing himself.

McNew promoted to Lieutenant Colonel



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Clark McNew

While serving his third tour in Iraq, Major Thomas Clark McNew was recently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel by the United States Army.

Lt. Col McNew is serving on

the staff of the 3rd ACR and will be returning home in August.

His wife, Anne, currently lives at Fort Hood, TX. His son, Caleb, is a senior and his daughter, Caitlyn, is a sophomore at

Texas State University, and his daughter, Emma, lives in Kyle, TX.

Lt. Col. McNew is the son of Tom and Lynn McNew of Fort Clark Springs.

Happy Birthday



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Jenkins - Kinney County & District Clerk Dora Sandoval, seated, celebrated her birthday this week with her staff, pictured from left, Isela Ramon, Rachel Munoz and Veronica Garcia.

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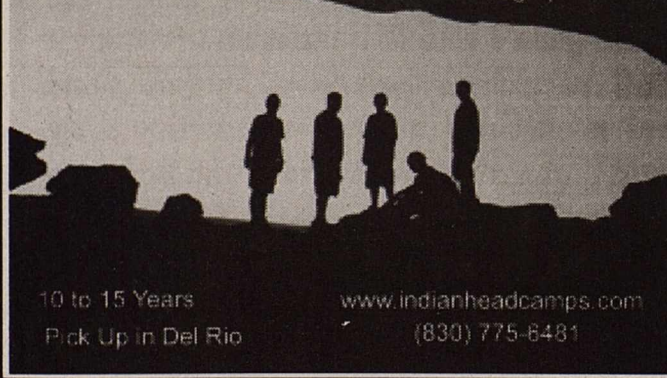
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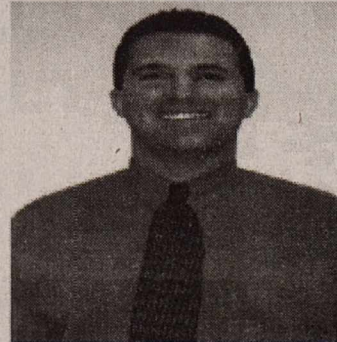
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