

## SABINAL CITY COUNCIL SEEKS NEW POLICE CHIEF

by Billie Franklin

At the regular meeting of the City of Sabinal on June 14, a large crowd was on hand to hear action from the council regarding the current position of Ambrose Rymers as Chief of Police. Under citizen comments, David Sprott, representative for Sabinal Neighborhood Watch, presented a petition with 168 signatures of local citizens. The petition was in support of

retaining Rymers as Sabinal Police Chief. Sprott asked the council to reconsider their action to advertise for a new chief.

Joe Rodriguez spoke of his support for Rymers and added that Henry Alvarado, prior to winning the mayoral election, said the first thing he planned on doing when he won the election was to get rid of Rymers. Santos Flores

addressed the council regarding the continual upheaval and hiring and firing of the police chiefs. Flores said she thought it would be best to try and work with Rymers. She said one infraction was not enough, she felt, to lose a position. Former mayor Louis Landeros pointed out that under his term, Rymers was hired as a full time Police Chief, not as interim chief. Mayor Alvarado said

that since he was mayor, the correct title was interim chief. Councilwoman Eloisa Munoz agreed. When asked for a motion from the council by the mayor, Ricky Rodriguez stated that it was obvious that Rymers was a popular person, but he felt that in the best interest of the City, the council continues advertising for a Police Chief. In a vote of 5 to 1 with Florene Russell voting against, the City

of Sabinal decided to continue advertising for a new Police Chief.

Other action taken by council, closing of Davenport and Kennedy Streets for a family reunion from 5 pm to midnight on the night of June 26, 2010. There will be a DJ and the street will be blocked off. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## REAL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION AND TRANSFER STATION LEASE

- Editor

Real County Commissioners met on Monday June 14, 2010. The first item on the agenda was discussion and or approval of submission of an application for a Colonia Grant for wastewater. Jose Rodriguez with Naismith Engineering, filling in for Tom Brown, reviewed for the commissioners the need for Real County to apply for a grant to facilitate inclusion of Twin Forks Subdivision into the current proposed wastewater treatment project. Rodriguez reminded the commissioners last year the Texas Department of Health and Human Services returned a "no nuisance evaluation" regarding contamination in the Twin Forks subdivision.

TDHHS findings meant the subdivision could not be included in the current project without contributing a substantial amount of funds. In previous public meeting representatives of the Twin Forks Homeowner's Association made it clear the subdivision would like to have access to a sewer system, but would not be able to afford the cost if grant funds were not available. Rodriguez told the commissioners with the application for the Colonia Grant the subdivision would be able to be included in the project. He said several applications could be necessary to obtain the funds to complete the project lines

to the subdivision. He also told the commissioners there is a possibility the applications would be staggered depending upon costs and completion. County Attorney Garry Merritt reassured the Commissioners the application did not commit the county to any debt associated with the project. Merritt said the reason the county has to apply is because the subdivision is located outside of the city limits. Commissioners voted to approve the submission of the application for the Colonia Grant for wastewater.

The next item on the agenda was the discussion and or approval of Nueces River Authority Lease for Transfer

Station. The station is to be located on county property and a lease is necessary to proceed with the project said Merritt. Merritt and Rodriguez briefed the commissioners regarding the status of the project. Commissioner Joe B. Connell questioned Rodriguez as to how many participants in the project have been secured. Rodriguez told the commissioners the City of Camp Wood declined to participate in the project, citing questions regarding the day to day running of the site to be built in Camp Wood and the distribution of the proceeds. Commissioner Reagor questioned the ability of the community to utilize the station. Rodriguez said he was

not familiar with the details of the usage but felt it would be accessible to the community for a fee. The commissioners voted to approve the lease of the County property for the transfer station.

Justice of the Peace Pct. 3&4, Chris Lacey approached the court regarding new software for her office. Lacey said she had in the past declined to purchase the new software but since the state will require it soon, she requested the purchase be taken under review for the next budget workshop.

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# Commissioners Approve Courthouse Repairs

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Commissioners approved the proposed holiday schedule for 2011 with one change. They voted to remove the July 1, 2011 holiday, giving employees only the Monday

holiday of July 4, 2011. In other business Commissioners approved payment of invoices which included payment to attorney's Eggleston & Briscoe on the Standley lawsuit. The total

attorney fees paid out by Real County to date is \$67,839.73. A special meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. regarding discussion and or approval of pending litigation reading the suit. No action was taken. Other

invoices included courthouse repairs; tree removal to Pannell Construction for \$2,750, repair of flowerbeds to Francisco Sanchez for \$1,186 and Gonzalez Irrigation for \$7200 for the new sprinkler system.

Commissioners took no action on the burn ban. Discussion and approval of monthly reports brought the meeting to an end.

# Real County Court Results June 9, 2010

**Russell Allen Sheedy**, Assault Family Violence (A), reset-Defendant incarcerated in Hood County;  
**Jared Scott Michael King**, Driving While License Invalid-Enhanced (B) Pled Guilty, 15 days in county jail;  
**Justin Roberts**, Possession of Marijuana (B), Pled Guilty, 20 days in county jail, report June 30<sup>th</sup>, \$240 court costs, \$175 Attorney fees, 60 days to pay;  
**James Lynn Newell**, Assault Causing Bodily Injury (A), appointed attorney, reset for trial;

**Steven Gaultney**, Criminal Trespass (A), reset to August 4, 2010;  
**Jeremy Billman**, Violation of Protective Order (A) Pled Guilty, sentenced to 30 days in jail, report June 16, 2010, \$310 court costs, \$175 attorney fees, to be paid in 120 days, no charge on Failure to Appear;  
**Michael Bradley Thomas**, Violation of Protective Order (A), Pled Guilty, sentenced to 360 days in jail, probated for 6 months, \$4000 Fine, \$310 court costs, \$1,175 attorney fees, to be paid in 4 months, report

months 1-4 in person, report by mail other months, Dismissed remaining 4 charges;  
**Melissa Lynn Chippewa**, Driving While Intoxicated-with Open Container, (B), Pled Guilty, \$750 Fine, \$420 court costs, 40 hours community service, \$250 Attorney fees, 10 months to pay;  
**Kristofer Aaron Manis**, Possession of Marijuana (B), Pled Guilty, \$500 Fine, 365 days in jail, probated for 12 months, \$310 court costs, \$175 Attorney fees, 10 months to pay;

**Steven Harrison Fee, Jr.**, Driving While License Invalid (B), Pled Guilty, sentenced to 30 days in jail, credit on Real County Charge, \$310 court costs, due in 30 days;  
**Steven Harrison Fee, Jr.**, Failure to Appear (A), Pled Guilty, 30 days in jail, credit time served on Real County Charge, \$310 court costs, 30 days to pay;  
**James Allen Lynch**, Assault (A), Pled Guilty, sentenced to 360 days in jail, probated for 12 months, \$500 Fine, \$310 court costs, \$175 Attorney fees,

40 hours community service, attend anger management classes, dismissed Failure to Appear;  
**Bradley Earl Cox**, Criminal Trespass (B), Failed to Appear;  
**Patrick Musquiz**, Theft >500<1500 (A), Motion to Revoke, Pled True, 120 days jail, no credit for time served;  
**Patrick Musquiz**, Harassment, Pled Guilty, 120 days in jail, no credit for time served, \$240 court costs, due in 180 days.

# District Court Results June 11, 2010

**Santiago Alvarez**, Driving While Intoxicated-3+, reset to August 6, 2010;  
**Brett Michael Frazier**, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Pled No Contest, Found Guilty, sentenced to 10 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, probated for 8 years, \$2000 fine, must write letter of apology, no contact with victim, \$950 Attorney fees, court costs and 300 hours community service;  
**Franklin J. Lespreance**, Prohibited Substance in Correctional Facility and DWI

3<sup>rd</sup>+, reset to August 6, 2010;  
**Gary Meyers**, Theft of Property >\$20k<\$100k, Defendant incarcerated in Kerr County, reset to July 9, 2010;  
**Jeffrey Wayne Reigle**, Possession with Intent to Promote Child Pornography (5), Cruelty to Non-Livestock Animals/Torture, Possession of Child Pornography, Defendant waived Arraignment, reset to August 6, 2010; Hearing held on request from Defendant to Modify Restrictions of Bond, Defendant requested he be able to travel outside of Real County to Uvalde County to purchase

groceries, Defendant requested he be allowed to attend church services at the Church in the Valley which would violate the requirement he have no contact with any child under the age of 17, Defendant advised the court he has necessary savings which allows him to sustain his existence without gainful employment and he had a home computer business which he is unable to perform because of the bond restrictions, Defendant advised the court the Child Protective Services found no evidence of abuse on the part of the Defendant to his

biological child and requests supervised visitation with his daughter, the visitation is to be supervised by either the biological mother or maternal grandmother, Motion Granted, Restrictions Modified;  
**Bobby Reyes**, Theft of Service >\$1,500<\$20K, Defendant pled Not Guilty, reset to August 6, 2010;  
**Bobby Arias Reyes**, Driving While Intoxicated 3+, reset to August 6, 2010;  
**Calvin Shannon**, Burglary of Building, reset to August 6, 2010;  
**Joshua Benjamin Shannon**,

Sexual Assault of Child, reset to August 6, 2010;  
**Russell Allen Sheedy**, Abandon/Endanger Child-Criminal Negligence (2), Defendant to be Bench Warranted to Uvalde County for arraignment on June 15, 2010;  
**Michael Scott Short**, Stalking, reset to July 9, 2010;  
**Lisa Gaylene Thomas**, Possession of a Controlled Substance, reset to August 6, 2010.

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## JAIL REGISTER June 7-June 14, 2010

**Jared Scott Michael King**, W/M 23, Leakey, Texas, Grayson County-Violation of Probation-Driving While Intoxicated-2<sup>nd</sup> w/open container, sentenced to 15 days in jail, A/O Gass, In Custody;  
**Franklin Jackson Lespreance**, W/M 44, Leakey, Texas, Violation of Pre-Trial Release, A/O Tolleson, In Custody;  
**Joshua Robert Reeves**, W/M 25, Hondo, Texas, Medina County Indictment, Indecency with a child, A/O Gass, In Custody;  
**Zachary John Mauel**, W/M 31, Leakey, Texas, Driving While License Invalid w/previous conviction/suspension, Theft by Check >20<500-Travis County, Failure to Report non-injury Accident to proper Authorities, A/O Gass, \$2000, \$2500, \$1000 Surety Bonds;  
**Jeremy David Billman**, W/M 34, Leakey, Texas, No Drivers License, Expired License Plate, No Proof of Insurance, No Inspection Sticker, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Display Fictitious License Plate, A/O Sanchez, \$1000 Surety, \$1000 PR, \$1000 Surety, \$1000 PR, \$1000 Surety, \$1000 PR Bonds.

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**J.D. Martinez, Deputy Sheriff**  
**Bruce Whitley, Deputy Sheriff**  
**Jim Wilson, Constable**  
**Joe Tolleson, Constable**  
**Corporal Jake Sanchez, DPS Highway Patrol**  
**Shane Hohman Game Warden**

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## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON

submitted by Jack Hallum

Post 489 is attempting to start a Sons of the American Legion Squadron here in Leakey. Below are the eligibility requirements taken directly from their website. Here is the link for that site <http://www.sal.legion.org/membership.html#memd> Please contact Jack Hallum, Commander, Miles-James Post 489, American Legion at 232-4449, or e-mail, [chief66@hctc.net](mailto:chief66@hctc.net) Not everyone is eligible to become a member of the Sons of The American Legion. There are specific membership requirements. To be eligible, you must be a male descendant (includes stepsons and adopted sons) of a member of The American Legion. You would also be eligible to join the Sons of The American Legion if you are the male descendant (stepsons and adopted sons included) of a veteran who died in service during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, or the Persian Gulf War. You would also be eligible to join the Sons of The American Legion if you are the male descendant (stepsons and adopted sons included) of a veteran who died subsequent to his or her honorable discharge from service in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, or the Persian Gulf War, Active Duty Service Eligibility Dates for Membership in The American Legion (note: potential S.A.L. members should use these dates to determine if their parents or grandparents are/were eligible for membership in The American Legion)

### World War I

April 6, 1917 - Nov. 11, 1918

### World War II

Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946

### Korean War

June 25, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955

### Vietnam Era

Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975

### Lebanon/Grenada

Aug. 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984

### Panama

Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990

### Persian Gulf

August 2, 1990 - (this eligibility period remains open)

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## Leakey ISD Honors Local Media by Naming Them to the TASB Media Honor Roll

News Release-Leakey Independent School District-Fred R. McNiell, Superintendent

Penny Maguire, Julie Corley, and Heidi Hood were recently named to the Media Honor Roll, a recognition program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). Maguire is the editor, publisher, and owner of The Leakey Star, a Leakey newspaper that has served the Tri-Canyon area for more than seven years. Corley is the editor of the Hill Country Herald, a weekly newspaper that has been in existence for the past eight months. Hood is a reporter for the Uvalde Leader-News and has been employed by this bi-weekly newspaper for the past three years.

The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives statewide who deserve recognition for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools. Media representatives from

approximately four hundred and fifty Texas newspapers and radio and television stations all across Texas were honored by their local school districts.

Criteria for the district selection included the media representative's efforts to get to know the superintendent, Board president, and the district's mission and goals; reporting school news in a fair, accurate, and balanced manner; giving a high profile to positive news about schools; visiting the schools; and maintaining a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school officials.

"Districts across Texas appreciate these reporters for their balanced and accurate approach to sharing both the challenges facing our schools and the successes achieved by local teachers, students, and school boards. Their work aids



local communities in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child," said Sarah Winkler, TASB president.

TASB is a nonprofit organization established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School Board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than four and a half million public school students.

Mrs. Maguire, Mrs. Corley, and Mrs. Hood were publicly recognized at the

Leakey ISD School Board meeting held on Monday evening, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The ladies were presented with flowers and beautifully personalized certificates that read: "In recognition for fair and balanced reporting, providing valuable information to the community about public schools, their students, parents, and patrons. The Leakey Star, the Hill Country Herald, and the Uvalde Leader-News are hereby acknowledged and honored as members in good standing of the statewide 2010 Media Honor Roll.

A Board Resolution was unanimously approved by the Leakey ISD School Board and was attached to the minutes of the meeting. The Media Honor Roll nominees

are posted on TASB's website at [www.tasb.org/services/communications/pr](http://www.tasb.org/services/communications/pr). In the photograph above the three media honorees are pictured. The honorees are: (left to right) Penny Maguire, Heidi Hood and Julie Corley.

In addition to fair and balanced reporting of school news and events, the Leakey Star, Hill Country Herald and Uvalde Leader-News have very faithfully published the weekly news releases that have been submitted by various school employees during the recently completed school year! Without the reporting support of our local media, the school district would be greatly hampered and restricted in communicating to the shareholders and taxpayers regarding the good things that are happening on our campus that benefit the children of our community.

## Hot and Dry

ByLee Sweeten

What happened to all the rain? A couple of months or so ago, the countryside was green and there was wild flowers blooming all over. It looked like we were in for a bountiful spring and summer. Then, at least around here, it was like someone put up a clear bubble overhead. While we have had many chances for good rains, all we have received is a little here and a little there. East of IH 35 there has been an over abundance of rain with many areas experiencing severe flooding and here hardly a thing. Although still decent, stream flows on both the Frio and Nueces Rivers are slowly dropping. Over the last few days, we received a little less than ½ an inch of rain here in Barksdale; but with the windy days most evaporated

before any benefit was gained. Unless the area receives more substantial rains in the near future, it is likely that we will soon be back in drought conditions.

The hot and windy days of late should remind us all to water lawns and gardens only during the late evening and early morning hours. Otherwise, a large portion of the water will evaporate before it ever reaches the soil. As I have mentioned before, during spring and summer, the majority of domestic water use is for lawns and gardens. By watering late evenings and early mornings, we can cut this use substantially. Other measures such as mulching, drip systems and soaker hoses will also cut down on the amount of water needed to

maintain your trees, shrubs and gardens. The average lawn needs about one inch of water per week. When using sprinklers, place a small empty tuna can where the sprinkler can fill it and once the can is full, it will be time to move the sprinkler. Use sprinklers that dispense large droplets instead of small and remember to place the sprinklers where there will be no run off onto streets. By following these simple tips, you can maintain your lawn and garden and conserve a substantial amount of water at the same time.

In my last article, I mentioned the problems with the litter and trash along the local rivers and noted that we all need to make an effort to keep these waterways clean. I noted that many of the businesses

around the area have free litter bags to pass out. Since early spring, our office has passed out approximately 3,000 of these bags to local businesses, groups and individuals. Local groups such as the Friends of the Frio around the Leakey area and an un-named group here in the Camp Wood area sponsor river clean up projects and are always looking for additional volunteers to assist. While we applaud these groups dedicated effort, wouldn't it be nice if there was no need for their clean up activities. Even though that is a goal we should work towards, in the mean time, these groups and individuals will continue their efforts to keep our rivers clean. If you would like to get involved in this clean up effort, contact Ann or Tim

Mauel with the Friends of the Frio in the Leakey area and Betty McFatter in the Nueces Canyon area. You can also pick up a few of the litter bags at a local business or at our office and when you see someone at the river, stop and offer them a bag and encourage them to pick up their trash. Like conserving water, every little bit of trash removed from the river helps. If we all did our part, soon there would be no trash along the waterways in our area.

As always, if you have comments or questions about this article or other activities of the District, please feel free to contact our office at (830) 597-3322 or email [recrd@swtexas.net](mailto:recrd@swtexas.net)

Until next time,

**Do Your Part  
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## LEAKEY ISD SCHOOL BOARD LOOKING FOR CONSERVATIVE PATH – Editor

The Leakey ISD School District held its regular meeting for the Board of Trustees on Monday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Leakey Cafeteria. Board President, Jerry Bates, called the meeting to order. Bates led the Pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer. Fred McNeil, Leakey ISD Superintendent, announced the Media Honor Roll Recipients. (see article page 4) The Board approved the payment of the bills and invoices for June 2010 including the funds returned to the state totaling \$319,000.

In response to that figure, board member Charlie Reagor relayed the current status of the Strategic/Facilities planning committee to the board in an effort to retain some of those funds in the future. Reagor said one of the only ways to retain those Chapter 41 funds is for the school district to have a capital project. He said the state would not require

return of the funds if a school district were in the process of a construction project for the district. Reagor told the board the committee has been expanded to include Richard Sprouse, Javier Rangel, Jim Hesson, Bella Rubio and Glenn Bradley. He said the committee is still focused on the three main ideas “what do we need?”, “when do we need it?” and “how do we pay for it?”

Reagor reassured the board the committee is approaching the project very conservatively. He said they are all doing their homework, researching newspaper articles, online reviews and discussion with other districts to see how they successfully completed and paid for construction projects. Reagor questioned business manager Don Ferguson as to an estimate of next year’s Chapter 41 (Robin hood) fund return calculation.

Ferguson responded that according to his calculation the district could have to return as much as \$500,000 next year. Reagor reiterated if a district has an ongoing or proposed capital project it could decrease the amount of funds required to be returned. Chapter 41, Equalized Wealth Level, enacted by the Texas Legislature in 1995 attempts to remove the burden of tax increase from the state and place the burden on the local level. When local tax revenue exceeded the required level in this statue, Leakey ISD became a victim of the Robin Hood program, “rob from the rich and give to the poor.” Reagor noted Real County Chief Appraiser, Kelly Shults, must perform property evaluations based on state requirements. Superintendent Fred McNeil reviewed and requested approval to submit an application to the Texas

Education & Facilities Fund for Qualified School Construction Bond. McNeil told the board this is a program for a substantially lower interest rate on bonds. With the current Federal Reserve rebates on interest through the program, the rates could be as low as .5% to 1.5%, a tremendous saving over the current rates. McNeil told the board the deadline for submission is June 30<sup>th</sup>. The board approved the request and submission of the application.

In other business the board accepted the bid from Jose Partida for the construction of a handicap ramp at Eagle Stadium. Partida’s bid was \$3000 less than the other bids. The board went into executive session to discuss personnel and hiring of teacher/coaches. When the board returned they took no action on the personnel matter and voted to hire Carlos Robles and Sean Mound for the 2010-2011 school year. They

also accepted the resignation of Joe and Cara Thomasson.

Don Ferguson presented the Business Manager’s Report to the board. Ferguson noted based on student enrollment of 253 next year’s budget should remain basically the same. He also noted that until the tax roll is certified on July 27, 2010 he will not be able to calculate firm numbers for next year’s budget. Rusty Baldwin, LISD Principal, reported TAKS test results were excellent. Over all the results were: Reading 94.5%, Math 91.4%, Social Studies 91.9%, Science 93.4% and Writing 97.2%. He said the state has not notified the district of the school rating yet, but he anticipates a recognized rating. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## FRIO CANYON CHAMBER GEARS UP FOR JULY JUBILEE-Editor

The Frio Canyon Chamber of Commerce met in their regular meeting Tuesday June 15, 2010. Chamber president Robin Albright called the meeting to order. Linda Hassell read the minutes from the previous meeting and the financial statement. They were both approved. The first item on the agenda was guest speaker Oscar Sierra III, from the Small Business Development

Center at Sul Ross-Rio Grande College. Sierra gave chamber member a review of the programs offered through his agency. Under the economic recovery a program entitled America’ Recovery Capital, or ARC, lone program, small business can apply for loans for temporary financial relief so they can keep their doors open and get their cash flow back on track. More information

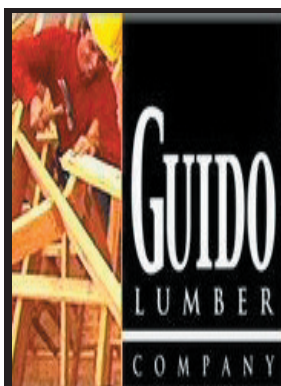
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In new business Albright reviewed the successful Shrimp Boil details and let the chamber members know the event raised around \$1900. The next item was the July Jubilee, Albright reviewed the details of the dance and Parade Coordinator

Julie Corley advised the parade details are being finalized. Linda Hassell said the Arts & Crafts booths are sold out. Of the 100 booths, 88 are arts and crafts and 12 are food booths. Members approved purchase of a new sign for the beginning of the parade welcoming visitors. Members approved submission of bids for a storage building on the chamber property. Albright will submit bid requirements

to local media outlets. Members approved purchase of two tables and chairs for the chamber booth and other chamber events.

The next chamber meeting will be July 20<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 noon at the Leakey United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.



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# LEAKEY ISD SALUTATORIAN RECEIVES OVER 18,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Kati Young received 16,000 from the Luxton/Butler & Anonymous Scholarships & Grants, \$1,000 from Bandera Electric Cooperative, Inc. \$1,200 from the Hill country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. , all together she received \$18,200. Kati played Volleyball all four years, Basketball for two years, Track for three years, and Golf for one year. She was a member of Fellow Christian Athletes for 4 years, National Junior honor Society/ National Honor Society for 5 years, FFA for one year, yearbook for one

year. Kati said "I want to thank my mom for everything she has done for me, without her I would be nothing and I love her so very much!!" C l a s s m a t e H a n n a h Windham wrote about Kati for the Senior Spotlight. Kati Renee Young court



is the daughter of Peggy and step-father Dean Yaklin. She has one brother, Stan, and one sister, Nina, and may step-brothers and sisters who include Debra and Nick Yaklin of Leakey. Whenever the people of the community think of Kati, two words that come to mind are athletic and ambitious. For years, Kati has shown her athletic talents on and off the court and has represented

Leakey well.

Out of school, she has proved her diligence by working for a local business, and helping our many different organizations in the community. Now, as she has graduated from high school, she has high goals set for college life. She has been accepted to Texas State University in San Marcos and plans to attend this prestigious school in the fall. She plans to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Disorders, then furthering her education to obtain a Master's Degree in

Speech Pathology.

Her parents, teachers, and friends are very proud of Kati for all her accomplishments, and also for just being a loving and respectable person. Leakey will miss this amazing Senior. Kati had this to say about Leakey ISD, "I loved Leakey ISD because everyone actually knew who I was and I was not just a number like I was at my old school!" We wish Kati luck in her new endeavours!!

## Mini Cheer Camp

By: Cheer Sponsors, Kara Harney & Nancy Luce

Nueces Canyon Cheerleaders are hosting a Mini Cheer Camp. The camp is scheduled for Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Elementary Gym. The camp will run from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Mini Cheer Camp is for participants age 4 years through 12 years only. There will be a \$20.00 registration fee collected at the door! Participants need to bring a sack lunch.



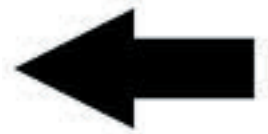
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## Sabinal High School Baseball Players Earn Honors by Coach Royce Gregory

This year was one of turnaround for the Sabinal High School baseball program. First, there was the hiring of a new coach. Next, there was a strong commitment from the Superintendent Richard Grill. His statement to the new coach was very succinct: "Build us a competitive baseball program". Then the A.D. Jesse Rodriguez put his support on top by

getting the funding to start the process for the success of this endeavor. All of these steps were necessary to bring about the changes for the program. This year saw Sabinal baseball players able to increase their roster in the number of players from 10 in previous years to 22 this year. There are 16 returning players for next year. The team was also able to extend their

schedule to 16 ballgames. The team won 3 ballgames this year, a promising show for the future since most of the team was comprised of freshmen and sophomores. The players were able to take several ballgames into late innings. This was a priority goal from the onset to put in motion a plan to strengthen the program. Our players responded well.

As a direct result of the commitment and support from the administration things are looking up for Sabinal Baseball. This is further evidenced by the individual awards garnered by the Sabinal H.S. Baseball Players for the 2010 season.

- 1st. Team All- District Outfield  
Reid Harton/ Soph.
- 1st. Team All- District Utility  
Elijah Gonzales / Fr.
- 1st. Team All-District Co-

- Newcomer of the Year  
Matthew Gregory / Fr.
- 2nd. Team All-District  
Outfield Robert Aguilar / Fr.
- 2nd. Team All District Pitcher  
Steven Sanchez / Sr.
- 2nd. Team All-District Utility  
Jesse Joe Rodriguez / Jr.
- Players receiving Honorable  
Mention:  
Joey Rodriguez /Soph, Miguel  
Sandoval / Jr.,  
and David Rodriguez. / Soph.

## SABINAL NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY CEREMONY

submitted by Glenda Haynes

Sabinal National Junior Honor Society held their induction ceremony Thursday, May 20, 2010 at noon in the gym. Junior high students, parents, family and friends attended the ceremony. Sponsor,

Glenda Haynes said students must have a 3.5 GPA, must obtain a 3.5 average on the teacher evaluation on: honesty, integrity, character, school spirit, and respectability. Current members of the NJHS

assisted with the ceremony and refreshments. The new NJHS inductees are 6<sup>th</sup> Graders: Anthony Rodriguez, Valarie Verstuyft, Hannah Carter, Jada Ramirez, Kammi Rihn, Jordan Jones, Abigail Mechler, Karina

Davis, Julyssa Rodriguez and Bernardo Jimenez. 7<sup>th</sup> Graders: Clarissa Lopez, Abby Jones, Lorenzo Rodriguez and Autumn Davis. Current NJHS members include 8<sup>th</sup> Graders: Alisha Contreras, Olivia Davis,

Claudia Puente and Mercedes Muniz and 9<sup>th</sup> Grader Jesus De La Torre

## Texas Prepared for Potential Effects of Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry said today Texas is prepared to respond to any effects of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill along the Texas coast. While oil from the spill is not predicted to reach Texas shores in the immediate future, the State Operations Center has remained at an increased readiness level and the state continues to work with federal and local authorities to track the spill and prepare contingency plans.

"While the Texas coast has been spared the worst of this disaster, it's vital that we have plans and resources in place to respond should oil from this spill begin

to come ashore," Gov. Perry said. "We will continue to coordinate our activities across numerous agencies to ensure a rapid and effective relief effort, if needed."

The Office of the Governor participates in daily conference calls with the White House, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and gulf state governors.

Any oil reaching Texas shores is expected to be in the form of weathered tar balls, which cannot be prevented by boom deployment and would necessitate aggressive physical

removal. Texas' General Land Office (GLO) has five coastal offices equipped with boats, 4x4 trucks, trailers, ATVs, and skimmers available for response activities. Silt curtains could be deployed to protect washouts.

"The Texas GLO's Oil Spill Prevention and Response Program is well equipped and well trained," Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said. "We know this could have happened off the Texas coast, so we're ready on any given day for a spill."

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has activated 12

Mobile Response Spill Assessment Teams, capable of conducting air monitoring and collecting sediment and water samples. TCEQ also has staff available to advise on waste disposal and provide training in shoreline clean-up techniques.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is coordinating with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NOAA, TCEQ and GLO to provide any assistance necessary. TPWD has also formed an internal oil spill response team and is conducting weekly conference calls with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), Texas

Sea Grant College Program and commercial fisheries. No fisheries have been closed along the Texas coast due to this oil spill. TDA is working with grocery stores to promote consumer awareness that both the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Texas Department of State Health Services have affirmed the health and safety of Texas seafood and shrimp. Officials with the U.S. Coast Guard Houston-Galveston, Port Arthur, Corpus Christi and the GLO will continue regular communication to coordinate activities on the federal, state and local level.

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June 15: All Aboard: Stories about Trains - Trixie's Magic Performance  
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