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Thursday, January 7, 2010 The Brackett News is Loved by many, Cussed by some, Read by them ALL! Kinney County Is Home To Bob and Marge Nelson - Happy Anniversary!

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# HOME DELIVERY HAS **BEGUN!**

Over the next few weeks, all subscribers inside the City Limits and on Fort Clark will be transferred to home delivery. Subscribers
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# Community News

BAKE SALE BENEFIT Bake Sale benefit for **Domacio Talamantes for** bone marrow transplant on Sunday, January 10. The bake sale will take place at Grumpy's Shack behind Pico at 11am -?

**AMERICAN** LEGION MEETING

Meeting will be at the Slator Hall on January 14. (Pot Luck then meeting)

KCGCD MEETING

The Board of Directors for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a SPECIAL meeting Today, January 7, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom (downstairs) of the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas.

2010 Essay CONTEST West Nueces-Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District will be having a open essay contest to boys and girls, 14 to 18 years of age, and does not jeopardize Texas University Interscholastic League eligibility. The subject of the essay is "What Soil and water Conservation means to me. The deadline for entries will be Friday, January 22, 2010 by 5pm. For more information contact Carey at 830-563-2414.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, located on the corner of Henderson and Fort, will be on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Challenges of caregiving for alzheimers, dementia and any other health care concerns.

AA MEETING

AA closed meetings will held at 109 Spring Street on Saturday at 7pm. Info: 830-261-9596.

PICTURES AVAILABLE! Parents Night pictures are available for purchase at the news paper office for \$2 each. This includes Varsity Football, JV Football, Cross Country, Cheerleaders, Volleyball and JH Volleyball Info: 830-563-2852.

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.

### CHRISTMAS DECO WINNERS

TBN Fourth Annual Christmas Decoration Winners are The Pena-Martinez for Best Decorated House in Brackett, 15 Colony Row for Best Decorated House at Fort Clark and Brackett Cleaners for Best Decorated Business.

# 55th Annual Kinney County 4-H & FFA Livestock Show



Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko - County Extension Agent Tyler Bobinmyer gives showmanship advice to Jonathon Stafford at a clinic held at the Brackett ISD Ag Shop on January 5. Jonathon, a sixth grader at Jones Intermediate, will be showing his fine wool lamb at the 55th Annual Kinney County 4H and FFA Livestock Show and Sale on January 8 and 9 at the Kinney County Civic Center.

# Stock Show

Friday, Jan. 8 2:00 p.m. Rabbit Classes

4:00 p.m. Steer Classes

4:30 p.m. Meat Goat Doe Classes

> 5:30 p.m. Swine

Saturday, Jan. 9 8:00 a.m. Market Lamb Classes

9:30 a.m. Market Goat Classes

Noon BBQ Lunch

1:15 p.m. Stock Show Awards Presentations

2:00 p.m. Junior Livestock Show Premium Auction

# New warden introduced

By Katie Brown The Brackett News

Detention Center at a special meeting of the Commissioners

Commissioners were obligated to announce a new warden when the former warden and assistant warden promptly rerenovating the facility.

Blumberg started as a Cor- detention center." Blumberg, the county will be used to pur- \$23,030. The county must sub-

From there he transferred to the ettville.

Warden at the Kinney County college. Over the course of 14 years at the State, Blumberg worked his way up from Corposition with a private company where he worked in jails, detention facilities and prisons; workrelated prisoner escaped from county law enforcement offithe Dentention Center on Octo- cials. Then about three years ber 23, with the help of a cor- ago he retired and moved to \$10,287 from STRAC (Southrectional officer. The U.S. Mar- Edwards County. According to west Texas Regional Advisory shal Service immediately re- James McCormick, "I don't Council for Trauma). A motion moved all their prisoners think we could have found a was made and passed to estab-

it empty. Correctional officers tion at this time. He brings a ited purpose of spending the ment projects designed to imand other employees were not unique set of skills; his people money adopted under Section prove energy efficiency and permenantly laid off, as CEC put skills and his technical skills 111.0106, 111.0107 and/or reduce energy use in their them to work cleaning and will take us to the next level 111.0108 as appropriate. Those communities. Kinney County

rectional Officer 1 in 1970 at who is already on the job, in- chase a 2000 Freightliner am- mit their application for those Ramsey in Brazoria County. tends to relocate to Brack- bulance for \$10,500. This stimulus funds by January 15

James McCormick, Deputy Texas State Penitentiary at Pending the successful equipped ambulances to handle tion Office, identifying what Director with CEC (Community Huntsville and the Ellis1 Unit, completion of the final inspec-medical emergencies and as if the funds would be used for Education Centers) introduced where death row is located, tion scheduled for January 11, to emphasize the need for ad- and when they would be used. Michael Blumberg as the new While in Huntsville, he finished McCormick expects the prison to be immediately repopulated back to the level it was at on the day the prisoners were rerectional Officer 1 to Major and moved from the facility. Alretired in 1997. He accepted a though there is adequate staff to re-staff the facility, McCormick would like to recruit another five employees. He will hold signed after a Mexican Mafia ing with the Marshals, vice and another job fair in the next two weeks to fill those positions.

Kinney County received

back calls; where one ambuother emergency arises requiring an ambulance.

Carl Esser of Esser and Company, Planning and Consulting, spoke to the Commissioners regarding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG). This program is funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 which provides funds to local and housed in the facility, leaving better candidate for this situalish a special budget for the lim-state governments to implewhere we need to be with our funds in addition to \$213 from is eligible for an allocation of Dodson and Melancon were all

gives the county two fully to the State Energy Conservaditional equipment there has A proposed project would be been an increase in back to to replace the malfunctioning 35 year old air conditioner in lance is out on a call and an- the District Courtroom with a more efficient system. In the process, and in keeping with the historical design of the courthouse, the suspended ceiling in the courtroom would be removed to expose the original tin ceiling (which is in remarkable condition) and place the mechanical part of the air conditioning system in the walk space above the tin ceiling. A motion was made to get cost estimates for the project and to submit the application for the stimulus funds.

> Judge Ward and Commissioners Massingill, Montalvo,

# The Brackett News introduces their NEW "Paper Boy"



The Brackett News is finally rolling out their red carpet home delivery service.

"The beginning of new year things up and the home delivery of everyone's favorite paper changes on the way for 2010," said Brackett News Publisher at 111 W. Spring Street. Leigh Volcsko.

Vanessa Hernandez. Native, wife of Jose and mother weeks.

to four lovely children: Elyssa, Joe Anthony, Xristian and

Xevianah. Hernandez is an independent is always a great time to change contractor and will be selling new subscriptions and renewals. To subscribe or renew, please is just one of the exciting call Vanessa at 830-719-7984, or stop by the newspaper office

All current subscribers living The new "Paper Boy" is inside the city limits and on Fort Clark will be transferred to home Hernandez is a Brackettville delivery over the next several



Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko - City of Brackettville Maintenance Employee Javier DeLeon tests the water pressure of a city hydrant during a maintenance class led by A.J. Olson of Liquid Learning. Pictured from left: Marco Rodriguexz (City), Refugio Martinez (FCS), Joe Kelley (City), Javier DeLeon (City), Baldamar Martinez (FCS), A.J. Olson, George Maldonado (City of LaPryor) and Abel Longoria (LaPryor).



# Feliz Cumpleanos!!

Te deseamos lo mejor y que Dios te bendiga y te guarde por muchos anos mas.

De parte de tus hijos que te querien mucho

Mar 2

Mar 4-

Mar 9

Apr 6

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# Publishers PLOG (or Paper Log)

Its the beginning of a new year and like I do every year, I try to contain those "its a brand new year" feelings. One thing I have never been short on is hope for the future.

This year, my oldest son will graduate high school. I remember how hard I cried on his first birthday that he would have to ride a school bus!!! Was that stupid or what? Of all the things to worry about I picked him riding a bus...not war, pollution, unrest in the middle east, blah, blah, blah - a bus ride! My life changed so much when I was told, "Yes ma'am you are pregnant". Now I'm wondering where the time went...

Now here it is 2010 and nearing my fourth anniversary of owning the newspaper. Again I wonder where the time went. I've had bad employees..even one who stole my money right under my nose, I've had to deal with angry people who hate their name in the sheriff's report and my favorite of them all is the water issue. You can report the news about paid, elected officials stealing your tax dollars, but nothing sets off a person in Kinney County like reporting on water. If you want someone to read your paper or quit reading your paper or start their own paper then start writing the truth about water. If you want someone to bash you, bash your children, bash your business, go to every customer you have and bash you some more, then start writing the truth about water. But with all that said, there's nothing a real newspaper woman loves more than having EVERYONE upset because that means you're reporting somewhere in the middle and not to one side or the

I think adversity breeds strength. If you cant handle the tough times then you cant appreciate the good times like when you're invited into someone's home and you pass the fridge and there is a cut out picture that you took held to the door with a magnet. That's special to me. When someone you knew passes away and a family member pulls you to the side and says thanks for placing the obituary in the paper and I get the chance to tell them how that person touched me over the years. That's special to me. I like going to the elementary school and walking down the hall (with a pass of course Mrs. Davis xoxo!) and having little children shout out my name and pose for the chance that their picture will be in Thursday's paper. That's special to me.

I'm in love with this newspaper. I find comfort in this building, in the smell of ink and with the thought that I am carrying on a 150-year old tradition of news in Brackett.

I thank each one of you for your support in 2009 and I look forward to continuing to serve this community for the next fifty years or so..... This community has so much love and so many talented people. I've seen it time and time again and lucky for me I get to write about it all!

Leigh V.

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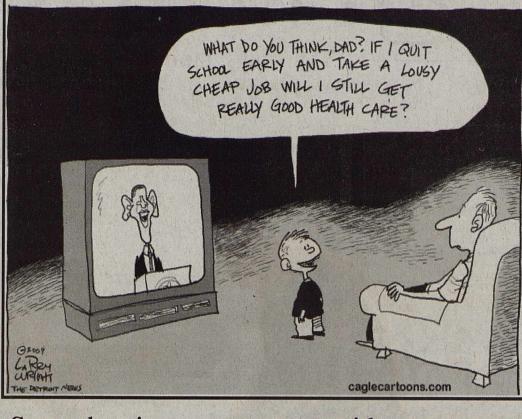
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# Start planning now to cope with estate taxes



Emily Cooper Edward Jones in Del Rio

Throughout your life, you strive to provide financial security to your family. And your efforts can extend beyond your lifetime — if you work to control estate taxes.

It's always challenging to create financial strategies that are somewhat dependent on tax laws, because these laws are always changing. In 2009, your estate could have passed up to \$3.5 million to your heirs before inmaximum rate of 45 percent. In you bought them. 2010, the estate tax was scheduled to be repealed, but in 2011, it was supposed to return, with a maximum exemption of \$1 ing the 2009 exemption and tax death. rate figures into 2010, 2011 and possibly even further.

exemption amount, costing your uled to return.) heirs a substantial amount in estate taxes.

think about some of the followtax rate of 45 percent, your beneficiaries would receive a death benefit of just \$550,000.

revocable life insurance trust (ILIT) with a new insurance policy, the trust would own the policy and distribute the proceeds to the beneficiaries you've chosen. By using an ILIT, you'd keep the life insurance out of your taxable estate.

Another estate planning consideration is a charitable remainder trust, which might be useful curring federal estate taxes at a significantly appreciated since tions.

basis, which, in plain English, ones far into the future. million and a top rate of 55 per- means the value of the stocks cent. But this may change, as would be the same as their fair Congress is considering extend- market value on the date of your

(However, in 2010 - and 2010 only — the step-up basis You might think you'll never is limited to \$1.3 million for have enough wealth to incur your children or other heirs and these taxes, but virtually every \$3 million for your surviving asset - your home, cars, life spouse. Beyond those figures, insurance policy, IRA and your heirs would assume, or 401(k) — may be included in carry over, your basis — the your taxable estate. These assets amount you paid for the assets. could push your estate over the In 2011, full step-up is sched-

All stocks, and especially those that receive step-up treat-

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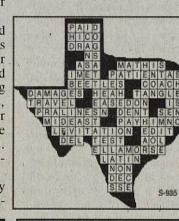
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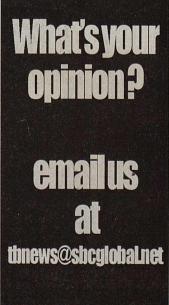
To help address this poten- ment, could add to your heirs' tial problem, you might want to estate tax burden. But you could remove the stocks from your ing estate considerations. For taxable estate by placing them example, if you owned a \$1 mil- in a charitable remainder trust. lion dollar life insurance policy, Furthermore, you could receive and it was subject to an estate an income stream for life once the trust sold the stocks. You could then use this income to make gifts to your loved ones, But if you established an ir-further reducing the size of your taxable estate. You can give up to \$13,000 per year to as many individuals as you like without incurring gift taxes, up to \$1 million over your lifetime.

Before making any decisions related to estate taxes, consult with your estate planning professional and your tax advisor. Vehicles such as life insurance trusts and charitable trusts are if you have a sizable amount of complex and don't lend themassets, such as stocks, that have selves to "do-it-yourself" solu-

Start thinking soon about es-If you kept these assets in tate tax issues. By putting your your estate, your heirs would estate plans in order early, you inherit them on a "stepped-up" could be helping your loved



# Sudoku Solution



it is a newspaper filled with headlines and inspirational messages from our friends and famon Facebook all day.

# from the past to the present

Bridges



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

As I look back on the past year asked my members what was one of their Go Me Moments. I had to ask myself the same question. What had happened that was an accomplishment for me and what had changed my way of thinking?

The biggest accomplishment for me was when Leanne and I went to Utah and read our book, Body Clutter aloud. I have never been comfortable reading out loud. Spending a week with Leanne as we read was the turning point in my oral skills. She taught me how to read. Well I knew how to read but not without awkward pauses. Her simple analogy of scallops gave me the visual I needed to make the words flow from my

I learned to read to a conjunction or a comma, then pause slightly and proceed. Thanks Leanne for helping me to overcome a fear and giving me the gentle coaching while making me laugh. I will never forget it. In the years past I never really thought about high school and the people that I grew up with.

They were in the past and when you have a busy life, high school friends don't usually come into your train of thought. A year ago I joined the social networking site Facebook. At first it was for my members have a place to challenge each other and help one another. It has become a blessing in my life.

Over this past year of reconnecting with old friends, I have watched us grow stronger with our mutual love and support. We watched the courage and faith of one of our friends as her light of this life faded and she went on to shine in the heavens. She reminded us daily that we are sunbeams touching those around us and to make the most of every precious moment. I may not need the people from high school in my life but they are a part of me and I look forward to seeing them on my Facebook page every morning. They bless me with their wisdom and love! I don't know if the software engineers knew when they built Facebook a few years ago that it would bless so many people. Facebook started out just for Harvard students and then it expanded to other universities.

Now it has hit the Baby

Boomers and we have taken it to a new level. We have re-

newed old friendships, made new ones and found lost loved

ones. My sisters and I found a

first cousin we had not seen in

forty years. It was so great to

see pictures of her children and realized that we had both named

our sons, Justin. It truly is a small world and Facebook helps

to shrink it. I think the great-

est thing about Facebook is that

Who knew that a computer could keep us connected! It is a bridge to our past and to our future. With this connection we are blessed with a present! Our friends can give us the gift of laughter every day! The only problem is that we could stay



# Brackett Tiger Baseball 2010 Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time	Game Type	Teams
Feb 19	Friday	Crystal City	There	5:00 PM	Scrimmage	All
Feb 22	Monday	Pearsall	There	5:00/7:00	Non-District	JV/Var
Feb 25-27	Thu-Sat	Sonora Tourney	There	TBA	Tournament	Var
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Mar 2	Tuesday	Crystal City	Here	4:30/7:00	Non-District	JV/Var
Mar 4-6	Thu-Sat	Crystal City Tourney	There	ТВА	Tournament	Var
Mar 9	Tuesday	Carrizo Springs	There	4:30/6:00	Non-District	JV/Var
Mar 11-13	Thu-Sat	Dilley Tourney	There	ТВА	Tournament	Var
Mar 15	Monday	Carrizo Springs	Here	2:00/3:30	Non-District	JV/Var
Mar 16	Tuesday	Pearsall	Here	4:00/6:00	Non-District	JV/Var
Mar 23	Tuesday	La Pryor	There	4:30/7:00	District	JV/Var
Mar 26*	Friday	Del Rio 9 <sup>th</sup>	Here	5:00	Non-District	JV/Var
Mar 30	Tuesday	Charlotte	There	4:30	District	JV/Var
Apr I	Thursday	D'Hanis	Here	4:30/7:00	District	JV/Var
Apr 6	Tuesday	Sabinal	There	4:30	District	Var
Apr 9	Friday	La Pryor	Here	4:30/7:00	District	JV/Var
Apr 12	Monday	Uvalde JV	Here	6:00	Non-District	Var
Apr 13*	Tuesday	Del Rio 9 <sup>th</sup>	Here	5:00	Non-District	lA
Apr 16	Friday	Charlotte	Here	4:30/7:00	District	JV/Var
Apr 20	Tuesday	D'hanis	There	4:30	District	JV/Var
Apr 23	Friday	Sabinal	Here	4:30/7:00	District	JV/Var

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# Bake Sale Benefit

Sunday, January 10 at Grumpy's Shack behind Pico. Starting at 11am -? Benefit for Damacio's Talamantes Bone Marrow Transplant

# UVALDE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

JANUARY 2010 OUTDATIENT CLINIC CALENDAR



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· Other Specialists •

# Setting up for their Christmas Party



Brackett News Photo by Leigh Volcsko

Brackett ISD administrative employees, with big smiles, set up for the BISD Staff Christmas Luncheon.

Pictured from left: Susan Esparza, Marla Madrid and Marci Resendez.

# Whole" Note



Heather Knox

With the Cabaret Dinner put on by the Old Quarry Society coming up soon, I decided since the theme is "The Fifties" that I was going to write about Fifties

period, Rock 'n' Roll started. music went from ballads and instrumentals in the forties to band is great, upbeat music as singing and upbeat music, and style changed as well.

Now, big stars like Elvis Presley and Barry Manilow were revolutionaries to the music of the time. The way they combined older instruments with new ones like electric guitars made a new sound that is commonly associated with this time period. Some good fifties Rock 'n' Roll is "Jailhouse Rock" and "Beyond the include "Jump, Jive, and Wail" The fifties in many ways made Sea". Of course Rock 'n' Roll and "This Old Cat's on a Hot a huge leap in music. During this wasn't the only music of the time. Tin Roof"

Big Band was still swinging from the forties to the fifties. Big well but what I remember it most for is the dancing that goes with it. The partners twirl each other up above them and around their bodies with a fluidity that is fast and stunning. The music was designed to be fun and the words didn't have to make sense either. As long as it was in tempo and sounded good it was accepted. Some wonderful Big Band songs

# What is 4-H?

which helps young people develop life-long knowledge and learned in 4-H project work skills to become engaged citi- help members become more enzens. Through 4-H, youth are gaged individuals and citizens. also taught how to meet the diversities and challenges of today's society by bringing together youth and adults to design programs that will teach than 101 years in Texas. skills for living. 4-H is truly a able to their needs. 4-H also tell you what to do. helps to provide opportunities race, color, national origin, resi- pictures developed. dence, or handicap. The Texas AgriLife Extension Service, which is a part of the Texas A&M University System. County and Texas! district 4-H programs are directed by Extension staff who

counties in Texas. Young people in 4-H learn about these subjects, the 4-H method of instruction. The 4-H H activities!

Program serves youth in all 254

Because of the educational concepts and methods developed by the early leaders of 4-H, the 4-H program has thrived for more

How do you join 4-H? Call model of the "learning by do- your county office of Texas ing" teaching concept. It reaches AgriLife Extension. It is listed people in their own communi- in your telephone book with the ties with delivery methods suit- other county offices. They can

How much does it cost? 4-H for families and communities to costs little or nothing to join. develop stronger bonds. The 4- Some projects might cost some-

4-H and Youth Development live? 4-H has things everybody Program is conducted by Texas can do, in the city or the country or anywhere in between. You can find 4-H inevery county in quet.

4-H is for kids of almost any also provide training and sup- age. If you're in kindergarten, port to volunteers who work first grade, or second grade, you with 4-H members. The Texas can be in Clover Kids. From

foods and nutrition, healthy ers when you join 4-H, but there lifestyles, veterinary science, are lots of ways they can help. mechanics and technology, hor- They can lead special projects, ticulture, agriculture, and other drive 4-H'ers to activities, make subjects. To leach young people refreshments for meetings, and program uses the learn-by-doing family can be part of a lot of 4-

that each member selects ac- H Volunteers are people who ing that no discrimination is incording to their interest and care about the kids and who suability is the program's corner- pervise activities. They are care- Texas AgriLIFE Extension Serstone. Projects involve setting fully screened and trained to vice is implied.

4-H is a national organization goals and evaluating progress. make sure that 4-H'ers are safe nich helps young people deThe skills and knowledge Educational programs of the Educational programs of the The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating 4-H Awards Banquet Correction: Kathryn Letsinger apologizes to Carol Pettett Williams for leaving her off the club manager roster for 2008/2009. Carol was the Senior Club manager for 08/09 and is the Jr. Club manager for this school year. Our 4-H program would not be what it is today without the active, selfless volunteers like Carol Pettett Williams, Dee Dee Brown, Jackie smith, Donna H program is a voluntary, non-thing to get started-like, if you Schuster, Kim Bleau, Yolanda formal, educational program of- want to do photography, you'll Rueda, Brian Blake, Brad Coe, fered to all youth regardless of need a camera and money to get and many others. Carol has served this county's youth for Does it matter where you over twelve years! We are very lucky to have a volunteer like her and I apologize for the major oversight at the Awards Ban-

There will be a KCLS meet-How old do you have to be? ing on Dec.29th at 5:30 P.M. at the Ag shop. Educational Programs of Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, 4-H and Youth Development third grade to age 19, you can color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. Indi-What about your parents or viduals with disabilities who reguardians? Your parents quire an auxiliary aid, service, about citizenship, leadership, don't have to become 4-H lead- or accommodation in order to participate in meetings are encouraged to contact the Extension Office at (830) 563-2442 for assistance.

The information given much more! In fact, your whole herein is for educational purposes only. References to commercial products or trade names Who are 4-H volunteers? 4- are made with the understandtended and no endorsement by



Our current Board of Trustees are: John Paul Schuster, President; Sondra Meil, Vice President; Tony Molinar, Secretary; Tony Ashley, Member; Brad Coe, Member; Mark Frerich, Member and Dan Laws, Member. The district will recognize our board at the January 11 meeting.



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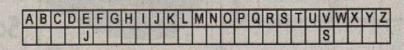
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# Cryptogram

A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.

Hint: Quote by Mother Teresa

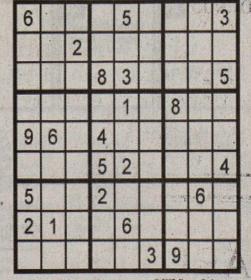


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## Sudoku

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The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.



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# **OBITUARY**

# Enrique (Henry) Lozano



March 23, 1934 -- January 1, 2010

Enrique (Henry) Lozano, age 75, entered into rest on January 1, 2010, in Del Rio, Texas, surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 23, 1934, in Lampazos, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, and was a long time resident of Brackettville, Texas.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 51 years, Carmen Lozano; daughters, Carmen and Pilar; son, Juan Enrique; his pride and joy, his beloved grandchildren, Enrique Tomas and Karina Pilar Lozano; sisters, Rosa Bertha and Gloria; brother, Gonzalo, as well as multiple nephews and nieces from both the U.S. and Mexico.

Henry will be greatly missed as he is the pillar of his family Henry will forever be remembered for being a great husband father, and grandfather, for his honor and integrity, for always taking care of his family, and for always standing up for his family and his beliefs. Henry will be sadly missed and will forever continue to live in our hearts.

Visitation were held Monday, January 4, 2010, from 5:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m., Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, Chapel of Remembrance in Del Rio, Texas.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, January 5 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville, Texas

Interment to follow at the Kinney County Cemetery in Brack ettville, Texas.

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Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, 2020 Bedell Ave., Del Rio, Texas 78840, (830)

# Kinney County Voter Registrar



Community

Martha P. Padron KC Tax A. Collector

The Mass-Mailout of Voter Registration Certificates is now complete" stated Martha Padron, Voter Registrar.

"The new certificates are valid for two years with effective date of January 1, 2010 thru December 31, 2011. All residents who were registered to vote at the time of Mass-Mailout will receive a new certificate every two years as long as their voter registration is not cancelled under some provision of the law"

'If at any time since you initially registered to vote, any information on your current certificate has changed or is incorrect, including your residence address, mailing address, or your last name please make changes or corrections in writing either on the back of your new certificate or by completing a change form. Once change has been made, please deliver document with changes to my office in person or by first class mail."

"In addition, a new 9-1-1 address may have already been updated for you, information provided by 9-1-1 Regional Sercil and local entities as well." ' However, if all the information is correct as shown, voter must

8:40pm, A call was received

personally sign his/her certificate on front where shown and retain for the upcoming elections", stated Martha Padron.

"Please be advised that if you receive a voter registration certificate for a family member or friend who no longer resides in Kinney County, please return to our local Post Office as undeliv-

"If the mailing address indicated is incorrect, the Postmaster is required to return these certificates to my office. These certificates cannot be forwarded to a voter's new mailing address untl a correction has been made

Voters who have been mailed a confirmation notice in the past but failed to respond to the notice are designated with a "S" on the list of registered voters. These voters are not mailed a renewal certificate"

"I will continue to register new voters and update changes that were received after the Mass-Mailout. These certificates will not take effect for 30 days." "If you have not received your new certificate or if you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 563-2688, we will be happy to assist you.

"Happy New Year"



Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko - Brackettville Super S Assistant Store Manager Reymond Figueroa congratulates Jim Baird of Fort Clark Springs for winning \$343 from the Texas Lottery, Baird won on Christmas Eve after successfully naming four out of the five numbers for the Cash Five game. If Baird had named all five, the winning would have been upwards of \$20,000.

### Chambliss named teacher of year vices a division of the Middle Rio Grande Development Counselect one middle school and one responsibility to mold these stu-



Chambliss named 'Texas Middle School Principal of the Year' Annette Chambliss, is the daughter of "Bo" George and

Clark Springs since 1987. Alexander Middle School principal Annette Chambliss isn't caught in the middle when it comes to success. Chambliss recently won statewide recognition as the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals' Middle School Principal of the Year. As a state winner, she will compete in the MetLife/National Association of Secondary School Principals Principal of the Year. program.

All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity

high school principal to represent their state.

From these, six finalists contend for the National Principal of the Year award. Chambliss was originally nominated by her peers as the Region 4 Outstanding Middle School Principal of the Year. TASSP selected her as a state winner based on her exemplary leadership, commitment and dedication to her students and community. since the campus opened in cessful.

years as principal of Sablatura learning experiences to be sucteacher, assistant principal and the environment they need withgrant coordinator, she has out lowering our expectations worked in education more than for excellence," she said. 20 years. Pearland ISD's 2007 Secondary Principal of the Year, she holds master's degrees in administration and curriculum and instruction. Chambliss enjoys not only shaping the lives of fifth- and sixth-graders but also creating a smooth transition from elementary to middle school and from middle school to junior high and high school. "It is our

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dents into inquiring, knowledgeable and caring teenagers who are ready to make a difference in our world," she said.

Chambliss sees herself as a stage-setter, creating a climate for great people to work together toward the goal of excellence. Together, she and her staff brainstorm solutions, implement changes and make sure that every child gets the best education possible. "Students do not fail. Chambliss has headed Alexander We fail them if they are not suc-

We have unique individuals Prior to that, she served two who need unique teaching and Middle School. A former cessful. It is our job to create

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# Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, December 28

6:25am, A woman called 911 to report she had just been involved in a two vehicle accident on Hwy 90, she stated no one was injured. A deputy and state trooper were informed of the incident and en route to the loca-

8:33am, A man called requesting a deputies assistance, stating his wife and children were approximately five mile from Brackettville and had a flat tire on their vehicle. A deputy was informed and en route to the

25, of Brackettville, was arrested for theft by check in the amount of \$750.00 and \$3,000.00. Garcia was released the same day on two separate personal recognizance bonds in the amounts of \$750.00 and \$3,000.00.

of Brackettville, was arrested for leased the same day on a per- vised of the incident. sonal recognizance bond in the amount of \$500.00.

Tuesday, December 29

3:11am, A security company called to report a alarm was triggered at the back door of a local business. A deputy was informed of the incident.

1:35pm, A woman called to report her vehicle had been side report someone had stolen a item

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swiped on First Street. Chief of off of his property. A deputy was police was notified and en route notified. to the location of the incident. 2:50pm, San Juana L. Flores, from a woman requesting a

25, of Brackettville, was arrested deputy to preform a welfare for a bench warrant. Flores is check on her sister. The woman still being held at press time. stated her sister had left two

Wednesday, December 30 messages on her phone saying 12:15am, A call was received she was feeling suicidal. A from a man to report that his son deputy was notified about the had been missing for a couple situation. hours, he stated that he knew the possible whereabouts of his son. stated he would look for the

missing individual. 4:22pm, A 911 call was received from a woman who re- and EMS were both notified to ported she was having problems respond to the location. with her neighbor. The woman stated that the neighbors children were fighting with her children, then the neighbor started arguing with her. A deputy was

notified of the situation. Thursday, December 31

requesting to speak with a in the day. deputy in reference to a break in. A deputy was notified and 11:30am, Mayra A. Garcia, dispatched to the location to take a report of the incident.

9:20pm, A call was received from a woman complaining of loud music in the area of her residence. Chief of police was

10:03pm, A call was re-11:30am, Beatriz C. Benitez, ceived from a anonymous caller who reported loud music and theft by check. Benitez was re-screaming. A deputy was ad-

Friday, January 1 1:11am, A woman called 911

to report a possible fight in progress at the Kinney County Civic Center. A deputy was informed and en route to the loca-

Saturday, January 2 6:19pm, A man called to

### Sunday, January 3 5:14pm, A man called to re-A deputy was informed and port his vehicle was disabled along Hwy 90, the man stated he was not feeling well due to

his low blood sugar. A deputy

5:16pm, A man called stating he needed a deputies assistance at his residence. A deputy was advised.

6:48pm, Chief of police was notified to respond to the KCSO to speak with two juveniles, 12:58pm, A woman called whom he had dealt with earlier

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705 N. Ellen: 3/2 brick home, custom remodeled, 1,953+/ sq.ft., metal roof, workshop & fenced yard, just \$79,900!

New Listing-Tiger Alley: Darling 3BR, 1.5B home, remodeled, hardwood & tile floors, new CHA, carport, fenced, \$\$\$ Below

214 Fulton: spacious 3/1 home, upgrades, only \$49,000! Spring St: 7 lots for sale, some with Spring St frontage

FOR KINNEY COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW? CALL 563-2852 **DEADLINE JANUARY 12** 

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### FORT CLARK

NEW LISTING: Two Golf Course Lots Unit 27 - Fairway Circle.

NEW LISTING: 39 Oak Lane- Beautiful multi-level, steel-framed home with 3BR/2B, open floor plan + large alternate family room. Many upgrades. 2900 sq. ft + /- Home Warranty offered. Great ocation! \$187,500

89 WARD: Price Reduced Awesome 4BR/3B Family Home with Bonus and Media Rms. 3000 sqft.+ -. Huge Reduction to \$155,000 221 OAK LANE Fantastic 2 story home, 3BR/3B 2 car garage separate workshop. Many upgrades, great location! \$199,500.

• 29 LAMOTTE: 3/2/2 Stucco hm w/ tiled floors, FP in large kitchen/

preakfast rm. Screened porch overlooking green area. Reduced \$124.900 • 132 DE ZAVALA: Adorable A-Frame 2BR/1B w/ 300sq. ft. Loft area, 1100 + /- sq. ft. Reduced \$35,000. UNDER CONTRACT

23 OAK LANE: Custom Built Home 3BR/2B on large, fenced corner lot. Backyard Cabana. Mature Oaks. 2100 + /- sq. ft. \$163,000 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. UNDER CONTRACT

FAIRWAY CIRCLE: 2 golf course lots. walking distance from Las Moras creek, \$25,000. UNIT 14: RV lot w/ metal cover 8 x 10 Morgan bldg. + washer/

Iryer hookups. \$32,000 Reduced to sell @ \$22,000 NEW LISTING 240 POMPEY 3 lots. Great location \$30,000.

### BRACKETTVILLE

109 W. SPRING ST.: Downtown Brackettville 4,400sq. ft. Great Rental Property!

191 ACRES - Carta Valley

NEW LISTING 110 ACRES: 25 miles N. of Brackettville 12x20 Hunters cabin, several feeders and deer blinds. \$1195.00 per

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Election Day Schedule for May 8, 2010 Election

First Day to File for Place on Ballot 02/06/10 03/08/10 Last Day to File for Place on Ballot First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail 03/09/10 04/08/10 Last Day to Register to Vote 04/26/10 First Day of Early Voting 04/30/10 Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked) Last Day of Early Voting 05/04/09 05/08/10 Election

**APPLICATION REQUEST FOR VOTING** BY MAIL AND EARLY VOTING BY MAIL **COME BY CITY HALL** @ 119 WEST SPRING STREET

### **ACROSS** 38 Vietnam War, aka **TEXAS** Conflict" TX band ZZ Top sang "Just Got 30 TXiem: CROSSWORD never mind" (ignore) 5 in Hamilton Co. on 41 magician's trick hwy. 281 prepare for publication by Charley & Guy Orbison 6 Guadalupe St. next 45 Corpus Christi's to UT: "The Mar College 7 Nancy in "The Wild 46 examination Angels" with TX 47 Internet company (abbr.) Norman Alden (init.) 48 TX-born singer who had 8 TXism: "stubborn middle name of "Mae" 9 TX-born Johnny who sang "Chances Are" 15 TX Ivory Joe Hunter's "Since You Baby 16 TXism: a circling buzzard\* 19 TX insects or small America' VW cars 52 "not" prefix 21 Wade Phillips job birth mo. of TX with the Cowboys Sissy Spacek 22 money awarded in (abbr.) lawsuits dir. to Houston 27 TX Vernon Dalhart's 54 ANSWER PG. 2 from Dallas "Can't You hammer target Callin', Caroline" DOWN thunder 8 TXism: " degree held by TX (bad hearing) 35 NY time zone footed" (clumsy) professors 13 "I'm closing golf ball cut 29 TX Roddenberry was in Abilene, Dyess 40 once a man has 14 male deer a writer on "Have Force Base 15 TX Mac Davis' said his TX Johnny Nash's in Music he's got a list of 16 TXism: "they're two down '72 hit.' "to dos" the road" Clearly Now" 24 TXism: "school 42 TX Don Henley in a pod" 32 last words of Stephen 4 17 what "X "legal eagles" co-wrote "I Can't TXism: "sells like " (teacher) F. Austin: "Texas You Why! search for (2 wds.) 25 "to no Fair" 43 TX Kenny & Dolly's recognized . . 18 TX Lyle Lovett's 26 male horses are 33 TX Blue Bell flavor: 8 in Liberty Co. on 90 Lady' to make in the

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the Cowboys (abbr.)

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