

# The Brackett News

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The Brackett News is Loved by many, Cussed by some, Read by them ALL!

Kinney County Is Home To A New Business: The Rockin' Spade On Spring Street At The Five Points

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**HUNTER'S ROUND UP**  
The annual Hunter's Round Up will be held Saturday, November 6 @ the Kinney County Civic Center from 6p to 10p. The Wild Game Dinner will be \$10 or FREE to individuals with a valid hunting license. Music and entertainment by David Murray, Prize Drawings, Door Prizes and booths of all kinds.

**EMS WEEKLY REPORT**  
The week of October 17 - 23: Kinney County EMS responded to a total of 8 medical calls. Seven of the calls were transported to area hospitals.

**AA MEETING**  
The Joy of Living Group of Alcoholics Anonymous closed meetings, has changed its meeting time from Saturday at 7pm to Friday at 7pm at 803 E. Crockett Street.

**CASINO NIGHT**  
Following the PTO Meeting Thursday, November 18 in the new BIRD Cafeteria at 6:30pm. Fundraising Hold 'Em and Fundraising Black Jack tables. For more info contact Crystal Fisher, 214.505.0036.

**FREE HEARING TEST**  
New Sound Hearing Aid Centers will be offering FREE hearing tests at the Kinney County Nutrition Center TODAY at 11:30am. Examenes Del Oido GRATIS!

**TRICK OR TREATING**  
Trick or Treating in the Brackettville City Limits will be on Saturday, October 30 from 6pm - 10pm.

**SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY**  
First United Methodist Church at 209 James Street at 10:45 a.m., October 31. Special music provided by "Jericho", Christian music group. Plus, favorite hymn sing. All are invited for this special worship service.

**COATS FOR KIDS**  
First United Methodist Church is accepting donations of new or GENTLY used, clean coats of all sizes, children and adults. We are undertaking a new "Coat Closet" ministry. Donations will be accepted every Sunday between 9 and 10:30 AM and on the days designated for Angel Food Orders or Distribution. Coats will be distributed to anyone needing one on Saturday, December 4. There is no qualifying necessary. Call Pastor Jean at 563-5188 for more information

**BOX TOP COLLECTION**  
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**90TH ANNIVERSARY**  
Welcoming all in God's name since 1920. The people of Brackettville United Methodist Church Invite you to join us on November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 as we celebrate 90 years of worship in our sanctuary Saturday, November 20 at 12 noon Gather in the Kinney County Courthouse District Courtroom to acknowledge our beginnings. A Barbecue Lunch will follow at Slaton Hall across the street from the church at 1pm. At 3pm, Service of Celebration and Remembrance. On Sunday, November 21 at 10:45am a Worship Rededicating the Sanctuary to God and a Birthday Cake in Slaton Hall following worship. For more information, please call 830-563-5188.

**QUEMADO LIBRARY**  
Quemado Public Library is having a Veteran's Day Celebration Fundraiser! Brisket Plate & Hot Dog Plate Sale November 6, at 6pm at the Quemado Community Center Veterans Program, starting at 7pm PM with Speakers and Patriotic Songs. "Texas Celebrates Her Veterans" Quilt Raffle will finalize the event. Please come join us! Call the library at 830-757-1313.

**BHS/BJH CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
October 28: JH Football vs. Johnson City at 5pm  
October 29: Varsity Football @ Johnson City at 7pm  
October 30: Halloween Dance, hosted by the Class of 2014 at the Old Cafeteria from 9-12, Entry is \$6  
November 4: JH Football @ Center Point at 5pm  
November 5: Varsity football against Center Point at 7:30 pm; ACT Registration Deadline; SAT Registration Deadline  
November 6: SAT Test Date

## Election brings in early voters

By Leigh Jenkins  
mybrackettnews.com

The November 2, General Election is just days away and County Clerk Dora Sandoval reported Kinney County early voters have turned out in large numbers.

At 5 p.m., Wednesday afternoon, 576 had voters had already cast their vote.

The Clerk's Office says the record number for early voters

tops 800, but the numbers for this election are definitely up from weak turnouts in 2008 and 2009.

**On the ballot:**  
Current Kinney County Judge Ward (R) is being challenged by Joe N. Garza (D) for the county's top seat. Ward was appointed nearly two years ago after the passing of Judge Johnny Fritter.

County-District Court Clerk Dora Sandoval (D) will run un-

opposed.

County Treasurer Diana Ward (D) will run unopposed.

County Commissioner Precinct 2 Joe Montalvo (D) will run unopposed.

Incumbent County Commissioner Precinct 4 Pat Melancon (D) is being challenged by David Tinney (R).

John Quigley (R) will challenge Mary Flores (D) for political County Chair.  
Kinney County Groundwater

Conservation District (KCGCD) Precinct 1 Incumbent Beth Ann Smith is being challenged by Ida Holley.

KCGCD Precinct 2 Incumbent Lloyd Lee Davis is being challenged by Rosemary Slubar.

Jim McDaniel will run for KCGCD Precinct 3 and is being challenged by Vada Baldree. Christopher Ring currently holds the Precinct 3 position, but did not run for re-election.

**Where to vote:**

Precinct 1: EMS Building on Ellen Street.

Precinct 2: BHS Auditorium on Ann Street.

Precinct 3: Senior Apts. on West Spring Street.

Precinct 4: Library Annex on East Spring Street.

Questions about where to vote? Call, 830.563.2688 or 2521.

Friday, October 29, is the last day to early vote before the General Election on Tuesday.

## HALLOWEEN FOR DOGS



Photo Courtesy To The Brackett News By Kathy Kluzek - Fort Clark Dog Park Group will be hosting a costume party and parade on Saturday, October 30 at 5 pm at the Fort Clark Country Club Building at the Golf Course. Tickets are \$6 per person.

## FCS fills empty seats on the board

By Leigh Jenkins  
mybrackettnews.com

Fort Clark Springs Association Board of Directors appointed two new directors at a Special meeting on Monday, October 25.

After the abrupt resignations of directors Rick Keyes and Hattie Berleth last week, directors Sam Holloman, William Bill Haenn and Garland Young appointed Henry Garcia and Jack Howard to replace them.

Keyes and Berleth both resigned after they disagreed with the majority vote to dismiss Director of Operations (DO) Felix Cerna at a Special executive meeting on October 20. Cerna was hired as the DO in June of 2009, with a three-year contract and said he was not given a reason for his unexpected dismissal. Cerna has since retained legal counsel.

Garcia said he was sworn in and will complete the unfinished term that expires early 2011. Howard was not sworn in at Monday's meeting.

Also discussed by the board members at the meeting was an article printed in this publication on October 21. The article detailed the concerns of an unnamed source about FCSA member's personal information that may have been transferred to non-Fort owned computers by a Del Rio based computer company hired by a board majority vote to conduct a technology assessment.

The company, CIT Solutions, LLC, said through their attorney on October 26, they did not have, "access to any private information without obtaining passwords. Passwords were never provided to personnel of CIT Solutions."

## BHS rating upped

By Leigh Jenkins  
mybrackettnews.com

Brackett ISD Superintendent Robert Westbrook announced Wednesday evening Brackett High School (BHS) had received a Recognized status, after a months long appeal process.

Earlier this year, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) originally gave BHS an Acceptable rating, a level two out of a four-tier rating system that combines a school's test scores, ethnic breakdown and a host of other factors in determining its rating. The rating system starts with Exemplary, to Recognized, Acceptable and then down to Unacceptable.

## New playground planned



Brackett News Photos By Leigh Jenkins - Pictured from left: Lauren Almanza, Christy Price and Alma Gutierrez with playground features, including the oldest one, the slide.

Submitted By Alma Gutierrez  
BISD Jones Elementary-Intermediate Principal

Jones Elementary-Intermediate is in need of a new playground. School playgrounds are more than places for children to burn off excess energy. They are places where children can develop physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually.

We need a safe outdoor learning environment where children can have fun and learn.

A new playground will provide newer equipment to address news physical education and Health TEKS; address Fitness Gram for Child Obesity; and further supplement programs like Little Giant Steps and Get Fit.

At Jones EI, a playground committee was formed this past summer and met with playground companies. The committee gave a presentation to the school board at a Regular meeting on October 11.

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has been working hard on fundraisers for the past two years in order to raise money to help pay for the new playground project.

BISD Superintendent Robert Westbrook said with the money raised by the PTO and funds already budgeted, Jones EI will have a new playground in the very near future.

## Salmon reels in an exotic Pacu

By Leigh Jenkins  
mybrackettnews.com

Fisherman Jimmy Salmon, of Brackettville, caught an exotic Brazilian Pacu in the Las Moras Creek at Fort Clark Springs on October 12.

Salmon was fishing around 12 noon, last Tuesday, when he

reeled in the mysterious big, black fish he had been telling his friends and family about.

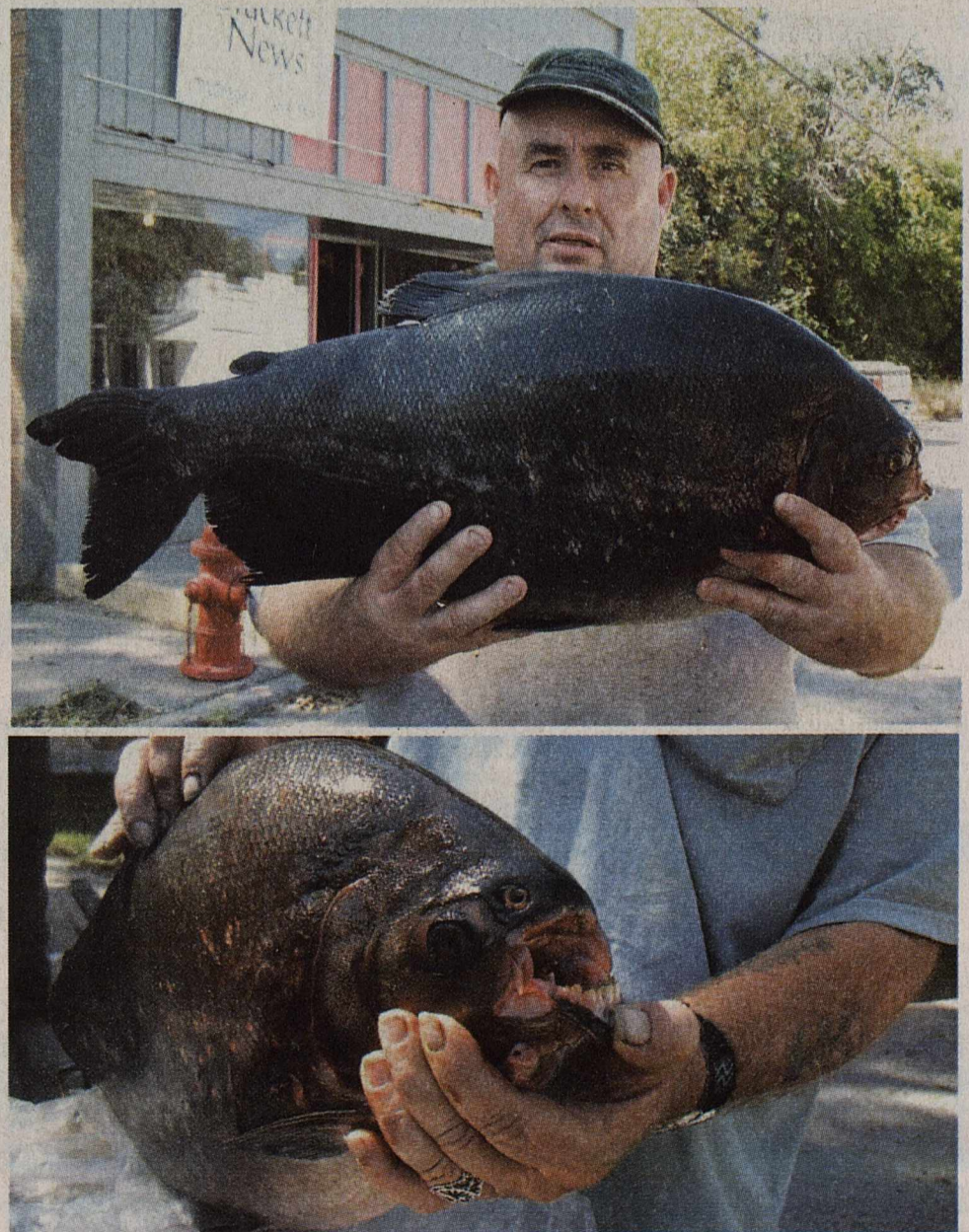
The Pacu, according to wikipedia.org, is a fresh water fish with large square teeth, and a cousin to the piranha.

Pacu are pet store novelties in the United States and their overwhelmed owners are to

blame for illegally releasing them into America's waterways.

Salmon says the fish weighed in at 15.5 pounds, was 28 inches in length and had a girth of 25 inches.

Salmon wanted to have the fish stuffed but found the price for the trophy to be a little too high.



Brackett News Photos By Sara Rivas

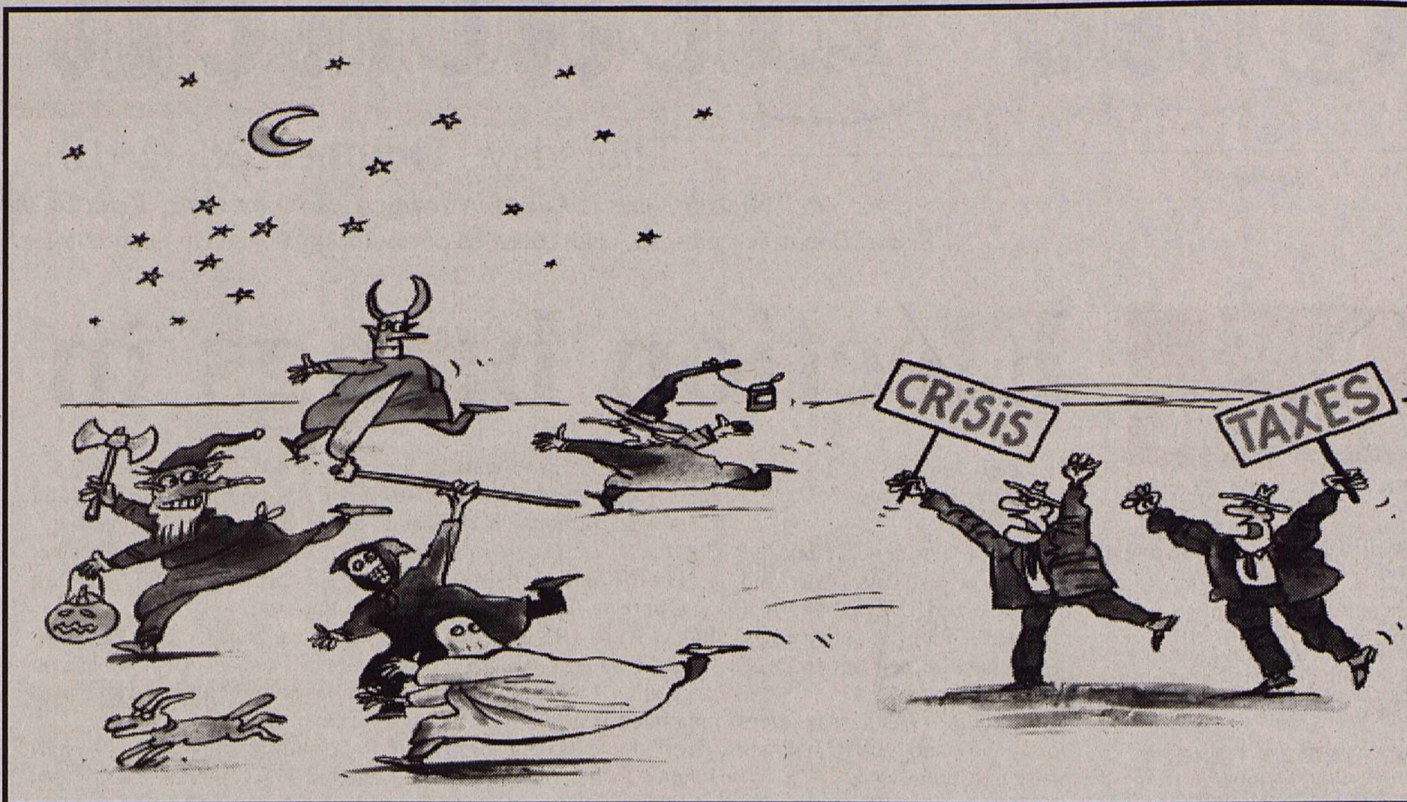


"Nemo me impune lacesset - No one will provoke me with impunity"

## Letters to the Editor

I would like to let our Brackett Tigers know that, even though the score does not show a Win, the game against LaPryor was a testament to your determination to NEVER GIVE UP!!!!!! I am very proud of you Boys for that and how hard you fought back. As for the So-called fans, I am very VERY disappointed in those of you that think it is OK to leave BEFORE the game is even over. Some were even leaving during the 3rd quarter.....WOW ( To those of you that stay for the whole game, I applaud you!) Those boys work their butts off 5 days a week, and play their hearts out every Friday night, not just for themselves. They do it for YOU too!! How do you thank them? You leave when they NEED your support THE MOST!!!!!! How do you think they feel when they are losing and turn around for support and you all are walking out? I know how upset I am about it so I can imagine that they feel like their efforts and time are not worth it to you UNLESS they are winning!!!! That is a very sad message to be sending to them and all the young kids watching..." If you are not winning then we will not sit here and support you." I remember when I was in school, everyone stayed till the end of the game (no matter the score) cheering the team on and singing the school song with gusto.....because we were PROUD of our boys EFFORT, and that they never gave up. I do not even have a child going to school in Brackett anymore but I am there EVERY home game from the START to the FINISH, and I stand there and sing the song WITH THEM, in SUPPORT of ALL their sacrifices and hard work. I am asking that you all PLEASE stay for the WHOLE game and CHEER our young boys to VICTORY.....and by that I mean even if they lose it is a victory, if they play their best and WE, as their support system, let them know that we are proud of all their hard work. Who knows, maybe if they see that we are behind them ,no matter what ,they might just find a little something more in themselves. We only have one more home game so lets all try this out and show our BOYS that we do care and thank them for there efforts!!!!

Sincerely, Charene  
A Brackett Fan



## Culling Quarterly Young@Heart



Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Now that the kids are back in school it's a great time to streamline their rooms. Children are much more likely to keep them neat if they don't have congested drawers and closets. Parents have to be the laxative here, because kids can't do it alone, it is too overwhelming to them. You may or may not have heard my warning: KIDS GROW QUARTERLY. It needs to be a bumper sticker to remind parents that the reason their kids' rooms are a mess is because they haven't been culling quarterly. (I like to think that God made seasons as a sign for parents to

go through their children's clothes every three months.) As we come to the end of this calendar quarter that should mean as much to parents of growing children as it does to Boeing Inc. I received an email from a very shocked mom telling me about being at her wit's end with an eight-year-old son. She said she and her husband had HAD it and they made a drastic move! They gutted his room (including the closet and dresser drawers) of everything but the clothes that were currently in the laundry (in other words the clothes the child was actually wearing on a regular basis) every toy except for a collection of small Army men the child played with regularly, every book except for one his father was currently reading to him each evening before bed. They left just a bed, a table

with a lamp on it, an empty bookshelf and a dresser with the clean laundry in it. (It sounded like prison to me.) They took the twenty garbage bags of belongings to the attic. They expected this event would be a punishment, but the child saw it as relief! Here's the deal; let's say you have a five-year-old and here it is September 17 the gateway to fall. The adorable, sleeveless white dress with the pink piping trim and embroidery done by hand, still fits her as do her fashionable bathing suit that Grandma bought her when she was in Cancun, the shorts, tank tops and sandals in every color and the silky nighties. They probably would still fit the child well into winter although they'd start to hurt and the child would tend to be cold running around in the snow in shorts and a tank top. BUT it's

fall now and ALL the summer clothing is out of season and by next summer when it's back in, your five-year-old will be six and into a bigger size. So buck up and have the courage to face that porpoise on the bathing suit and say, "Goodbye, it's been fun, but it's time for you to move on." Relief is just a trip to Goodwill away. Bag up every shirt, sock, shoe, coat, pair of jeans, pajamas, slippers, bathrobe, (see even this sentence is getting cluttered) from your kids' drawers. Also take everything that is out of season and doesn't fit and head out to Goodwill. Goodwill will thank you and so will your kids. Join Pam's happier outlook on life free at [www.innerkiddies.com](http://www.innerkiddies.com). Copyright 2010 Pamela Young. Used by permission in this publication.



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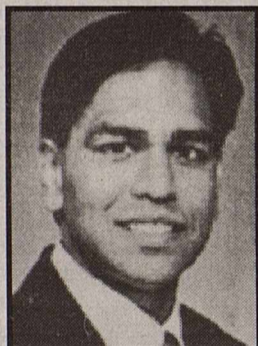
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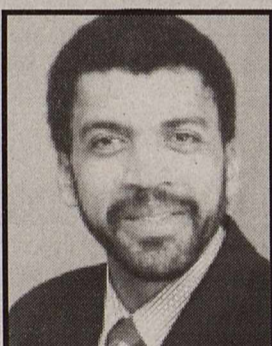


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- ✓ Groundwater Management Plan protects landowners & flow of Las Moras Springs
- ✓ Scientific studies are underway to determine amount of water in Kinney County
- ✓ Hired a professional and experienced General Manager, Ken Carver

Our district must uphold the laws of the State of Texas. We must manage our groundwater based on science, not hidden agendas, political favoritism, or scare tactics.

### My Previous Community Service:

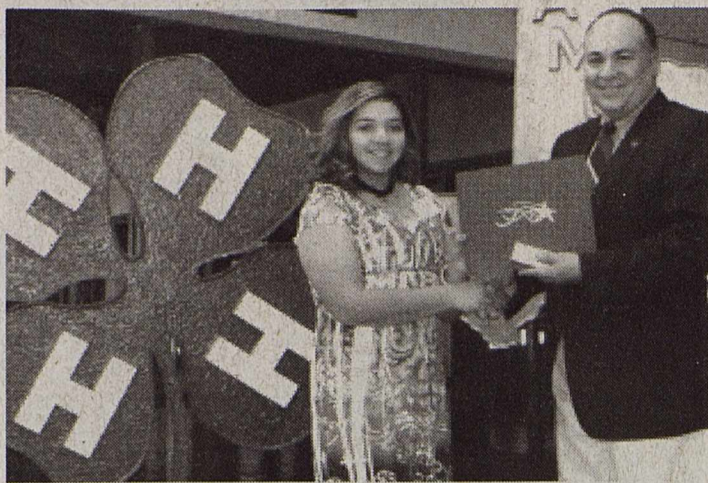
- ✓ Two terms as Director, Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District
- ✓ 9 years, Trustee for Brackett ISD
- ✓ 4 years, Director, Val Verde-Kinney County Farm Bureau

Political ad paid by Beth Ann Smith, PO Box 731, Brackettville, TX 78832





## Abigail is awarded The Gold Star



**Submitted By KC Ext Office**  
Kinney County 4-Hers Honored at District 4-H Honors Banquet The District 10 4-H Honors Banquet was held Saturday, October 16, at the Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde. This event honors the outstanding 4-H members from the 21 counties in District 10 who have been selected to receive 4-H's highest honor: The Gold Star Award 4-H member from Kinney County that was recognized was Abigail Gutierrez This event also recognizes outstanding volunteers from the 21 counties in District 10 who have gone above and beyond to provide their talents and expertise as a leader in the 4-H program. The Golden Clover Award recipient recognized from Kinney County

was Kim Keyser. The honorees were special guests of AEP-Texas, the sponsor of the Banquet for over 40 years. Each Gold Star honoree received the traditional Gold Star Pin from Texas AgriLife Extension Service and a USB memory stick from AEP-Texas. The volunteer leaders were honored by the District 10 Volunteer Leaders Association with a pin and certificate. The keynote speaker at this year's banquet was one of District 10's own 4-H members and current Texas 4-H Council Health & Safety Officer, Ms. Lana Franceschini also serves as the District 10 4-H Council State Delegate. The Gold Star Award has a long tradition in the 4-H. The first Gold Star Awards in Texas were presented to County Extension

Agents. In 1929, agents who submitted the most 4-H record books from their county to the State received the award. In 1933, E.C. Martin, Boy's 4-H Club Specialist, wrote that nominations would be received and the top 100 4-H'ers across Texas would receive the Gold Star Award at State Short Course at College Station (currently called State 4-H Roundup). In 1948, the award was changed to include the outstanding boy or girl in each county. In 1953, Texas allocated 250 Gold Star tie clasps and 250 bracelets across the state. By 1972, boy and girls designations were changed to include only the outstanding 4-H'ers in the county. In 1979, the Gold Star pin was redesigned and the current allocation system based on 4-H enrollment was implemented statewide. Volunteers in Texas 4-H are critical to the success of the program. In 2009-10, District 10 had 3,455 adult volunteers involved in the program. Using an estimate of 40 hours per year and the value of volunteer time as defined by the Independent Sector of \$20.85 per hour, the total value of the District 10 volunteers last year was \$2,881,740.00! Thank you to our volunteers who give of their time, talents, and resources to teach youth through 4-H! Congratulations to the Kinney County Gold Star and Golden Clover Award Recipients for a job well done! We look forward to seeing what your future holds as you continue to "Make The Best Better!"

## National School Bus Safety Week



Photo & Article Courtesy to the Brackett News - From Left: Robert Westbrook, Alma Gutierrez, Blanca Ortega, Antonia Pena, Sterling "Smiley" Goodloe, Maria Molinar, Elia Gutierrez, Mary Payne, Mary Jane Garcia, and George Burks. Bus drivers have a tremendous responsibility placed on them each and every day. They are responsible for

getting our children to and from school in a safe and efficient manner, while maintaining control of student behavior. This can be a difficult task from time to time and our drivers do an outstanding job. Furthermore, as the first school employee a child sees each day, our drivers help to set the child's "tone for the day" by way they greet/wel-

come and interact with them. October 18 - 22 was national school bus safety week. Brackett ISD recognized our bus drivers on Thursday, October 21st with an appreciation luncheon and presented them with certificates of appreciation for the jobs they do. Our drivers travel over 430 miles each day and transport approximately 150 children every day. Thank you bus drivers!

## Tigers vs. La Pryor Stats By Cash Letsinger

	TIGERS	La Pryor
Points Scored	13	29
First Downs	10	15
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	9/0/1	7/6/2
3rd Downs Made/Att/Eff	3/12/25	4/11/36
4th Downs Made/Att/Eff	2/4/50	1/1/100
Total Yards / Avg per Play	142/3.0	304/5.6
Total Yards Rushing	131	139
Rushing Att/Avg	35/3.7	32/4.3
Total yards Passing	11	165
Pass Att/Comp/Int	12/4/1	22/13/1
Average Yards per Pass	0.9	7.5
Punts /Avg	4/26.8	4/43.5
Punt Returns/Yards/Avg	3/15/5	0/0/0
Punts Blocked	0	0
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	5/106/21	2/25/12
Fumbles /Lost	5/1	0/0
Total Turnovers	2	1
Penalties /Yards	7/60	12/75
Sacks /Yards	1/13	0/0
TDs	2	4
TDs Rush/Pass	1/0	4/0
Field Goals Att/Made	0/0	0/0
Time of Possession	20:59	27:01

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
La Pryor	15	14	0	0	-	29
TIGERS	0	7	6	0	-	13

### Scoring Summary

La Pryor: 3 Plays, 63 Yards, at 10:55 1st Q, 6 yard rushing TD.  
PAT Pass Attempt - Good  
La Pryor: 14 Plays, 75 Yards, at 0:11 1st Q, 1 yard rushing TD.  
PAT Kick Attempt - Good  
La Pryor: 10 Plays, 54 Yards, at 7:50 2nd Q, 1 yard rushing TD.  
PAT Kick Attempt - Good  
TIGERS: 1 Play, 40 Yards, at 7:50 2nd Q, Erbey Martinez, 66 yard kickoff return for TD.  
PAT Kick Attempt - Brandon Allen - Good  
La Pryor: 7 Plays, 76 Yards, at 5:27 2nd Q, 26 yard rushing TD.  
PAT Kick Attempt - Good  
TIGERS: 2 Plays, 8 Yards, at 1:42 3rd Q, Victor Robledo 6 yard rushing TD.  
PAT Pass Attempt - No Good

## BISD Employee of the Week



**CAROLYN CONOLY**  
Jones Elementary Teacher  
Six Things About Me You Probably Didn't Know...

1. My husband & I had 3 dates before we got engaged.
2. In high school they called me "\_\_\_\_\_ on Wheels."
3. I really wear a size 12 shoe.
4. I check my tire pressure daily.
5. I anchored the news in Corpus Christi for 20 years.
6. I love gardening & yard work.

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## Brackett ISD News....

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All you have to do is clip the box top off of items that you buy at your local grocery store or retailers and turn them into the school.

Above is an example of what a box top looks like (some may be color or black and white). Some retailers (HEB & Target) print coupons off when you check out and for every item you buy with a Box Top they give you credit for extra Box Tops.

Each box top is worth 10 cents each. Students are given a collection sheet where they fill it up with Box Tops and turn it into their teacher. Students are collecting Box Tops and are in competition with each other to see which grade level can collect the most. Community members are encouraged to help your local school out by collecting Box Tops and turn them into a teacher or to the school office. Mrs. Keta Magers is the Box Top

Coordinator for Jones Elementary/Intermediate. Money earned can be used on supplies, playground equipment, and school

projects We want to thank everyone for their support and look forward to a great year collecting Box Tops for Education.



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## South Texans Raise Awareness with "Food Stamps Challenge"

Submitted by JC Dwyer  
 Advocates and concerned citizens from Laredo, McAllen and the Rio Grande Valley joined Texans across the state Monday for a five-day "food stamps challenge" by limiting their purchases to the average food stamps benefit. Challenge organizers hope to raise awareness of the low federal benefit level and the impact of proposed cuts to the program. Challenge participants are limiting their food purchases to \$4.50 per day, which is the national average benefit for an individual. On Thursday & Friday, participants will be asked to spend even less - \$3.70 per day - in order to demonstrate the effect of proposed cuts to

the program. Participants have been discouraged from accepting free food or using any food currently in their home in order to better understand the options available to hungry families. "The challenge is not meant to imitate or emulate a life in poverty," said JC Dwyer, State Policy Director of the Texas Food Bank Network. "We are just asking participants to limit one aspect of their lives for a short period of time, so they can better understand some of the difficult choices faced by families in need."

3.6 million Texans, or one in seven currently use food stamps in order to help feed themselves and their families. As a result of the recession, 26% more Texans now receive help from the program compared to twelve months ago. In the last year alone, the program brought more than \$4.75 billion in federal hunger relief to Texas.

The benefit cuts under consideration by Congress are earmarked to pay for an expansion of child nutrition programs. Congress is expected to revisit the measure in the lame duck session following the mid-term elections.


"We hope this challenge will demonstrate the value of the food stamps program to Texas, and help our leaders understand the real impact of any cuts," said Dwyer. "We urge Congress to pass a good child nutrition bill as soon as they can, and then immediately fix the cut to food stamps through another legislative vehicle."

The Texas Food Bank Network, of which the Kinney County Church Alliance Food Pantry is part of, provides a unified voice among nineteen food banks in support of a common mission to end hunger in Texas.

## Peña graduates from the University of Alabama



Submitted by Martha Padron - Regina Peña, daughter of Reggie and Cecilia Peña, graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Information Sciences. With this degree, Regina receives a Major in Public Relations and a Minor in Civic Engagement and Leadership. Regina has returned to the Lone Star State and is currently living in San Antonio, Texas pursuing a career in Public Relations and Corporate Affairs. Proud Grandparents are Angel & Minnie Rodriguez of San Antonio, PeeWee and Nena Peña of Brackettville, Aunts Rebecca Moore and Martha Padron also of Brackettville.

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# LET'S TALK ABOUT THE WATER AND GET SOME THINGS STRAIGHT

We believe Beth Ann Smith and Lloyd Lee Davis are running very similar campaign ads asking voters to support them in their re-election campaigns for the KCGCD Board. Just like all politicians who have failed to do what they were elected to do, they have trouble telling voters how things really are. Both of them allege the Board has made great progress in the last four years in correcting the District's financial and legal problems. What they do not tell you is that they have been part of the problem and they would not have changed their stances were it not for Texas State Agencies informing the District that they had to comply with State law or the District would be abolished.

Now they are suddenly 'born again law abiders' telling you they MUST follow the law even though they have not done so in the past? Give me a break. They will tell you anything to get re-elected but their past performances do not mesh with their current campaign promises.

Both of them now say they are not opposed to EXCESS groundwater being exported from Kinney County. Yet both of them were AGAINST such a proposal last year, even in the face of facts, science and a judge's decision. A judge held an impartial hearing regarding the issuance of permits for exporting water. After hearing all the evidence he determined there was excess water and permits should be issued. But the Board then voted, unanimously, to reject the permits! Is it any wonder, after that rejection, Grass Valley Water filed multiple lawsuits?

Do not be taken in by the statements issued by Davis regarding his 'even handed, science-based approach to groundwater management' and his attempts to reach an agreement regarding his personal water rights. Grass Valley Water tried for YEARS to negotiate an acceptable agreement with Davis. We thought we finally reached an agreement. But Davis, and his attorney, added one more item. They wanted Grass Valley Water to **GIVE them \$70,000 to be used as a permit application fee.** Grass Valley Water was absolutely willing and had agreed to provide the \$70,000 fee for Davis but Grass Valley Water was not willing to pass title to the \$70,000 to Davis. So the deal fell apart.

But character can be gleaned from the failed negotiations. Davis, his sister and a third partner rancher were perfectly willing to lease their water rights and have water taken from their lands UNDER PRECISELY THE SAME CONDITIONS AS GRASS VALLEY WATER PROPOSED TO PUMP WATER FROM THE DAVIS ADJACENT GRASS VALLEY WATER LAND.

At that time Davis thought it was a good project and he expressed no qualms whatsoever regarding his other neighbors being negatively impacted. He just wanted to personally profit from the deal! Now he tries to convince voters the Grass Valley Water project was somehow flawed and he is proud it was rejected? That is not what Davis' negotiation stance shows and it certainly is not what the Judge determined.

What about Smith and Davis claims that they have been instrumental in settling past lawsuits? The Board, including Davis and Smith, tried to settle the lawsuit that had been going on prior to the election 4 years ago. But the settlement agreement had some significant flaws brought about by personal avarice and greed. The Board illegally issued permits (without any kind of public hearing) to some people and decided others should not get permits. So the settlement was appealed, has been overturned and today it is still ongoing and costing more money. Currently KCGCD has more active, pending lawsuits than at any other time in their history. Is that good stewardship?

If the Board was really interested in following the law and managing Kinney County groundwater, according to the law, then the Board would already have entered into negotiations to settle ALL the lawsuits, issue appropriate permits and begin the process of paying off the enormous debt (more than \$500,000) the Board has incurred. Otherwise, the citizens of Kinney County are going to be called upon to pay off that debt through increased taxes because it cannot be done with current well permit fees.

And that's a fact.

Who gets elected to the Board is for the voters to decide but false and misleading information about past activities needs to be known so an intelligent decision can be made.



# Kinney County Fire Rescue receives new fire truck



Brackett News Photo By Leigh Jenkins - Kinney County Fire Rescue took possession of a new fire truck today. The new truck has many features necessary for the volunteers to fight fires more efficiently. Pictured are the old truck at the left, new truck on the right and KCFR volunteers.

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## READ

### "The Truth About Selling Water"

The subject of groundwater exportation from Kinney County to a distant city certainly ignites feverish emotions in our community. This is perhaps understandable to a certain degree when citizens are not aware of the KCGCD Groundwater Management Plan-2008 (amended 2010) that protects spring flow in Las Moras and Pinto Springs as well as existing water users throughout the county. Furthermore, a close look at the new Rules recently adopted by the District reveals that an applicant for a large permit for exportation must prove to the District's satisfaction that the amount requested to be pumped will not impact spring flow or water levels of surrounding landowners. In addition, the amount permitted can in reality be temporarily reduced to zero, if necessary, should drought conditions call for such action. Without a doubt, the Management Plan and Rules insist that the groundwater in Kinney County is managed on a "sustainable" basis.

I am often asked if I am "for" or "against" groundwater being exported from Kinney County. It would be unwise for me or any director of the KCGCD to publicly state or advertise that he/she is against groundwater exportation. As directors sworn to uphold the laws of the State of Texas, we must base decisions on the laws as stated in the Texas Water Code, Chapter 36. Specifically, Section 36.122(g) states "The district may not deny a permit based on the fact that the applicant seeks to transfer groundwater outside of the district..." Any director who makes such a public statement establishes "prior bias" against an applicant who might apply for a permit to transfer groundwater outside the district for beneficial use. In the event that such permit application is denied for good cause, the applicant could appeal the Board's decision to District Court and possibly have the Director/s' "no" vote/s disqualified.

I firmly believe that attempts to use our groundwater district to prevent the transfer of water from Kinney County will result in a State takeover of groundwater management in our community. Certainly, that would not be in our best interest. The current KCGCD Board of Directors is well aware that outside interests have more political influence in Austin than we do. The State Water Plan (2007) calls for groundwater to be moved throughout the State via pipeline from areas of low population with excess water to areas of growing populations with increasing needs for water. All governmental entities in Kinney County, including the KCGCD, are political subdivisions of the State of Texas and must operate under State law. Currently, the State has given us the opportunity to locally manage the groundwater of Kinney County in a responsible and lawful manner. This opportunity could be lost if the District Board chooses not to comply with State water law. If anyone tells you that they absolutely will not allow any water to leave Kinney County, please ask them to show you their plan—in writing—and bring it to the next KCGCD Board meeting and share it with us.

You, the voters, have the choice to decide the future of water in Kinney County. Will you choose to retain local management of groundwater or will you choose the State of Texas as your manager?

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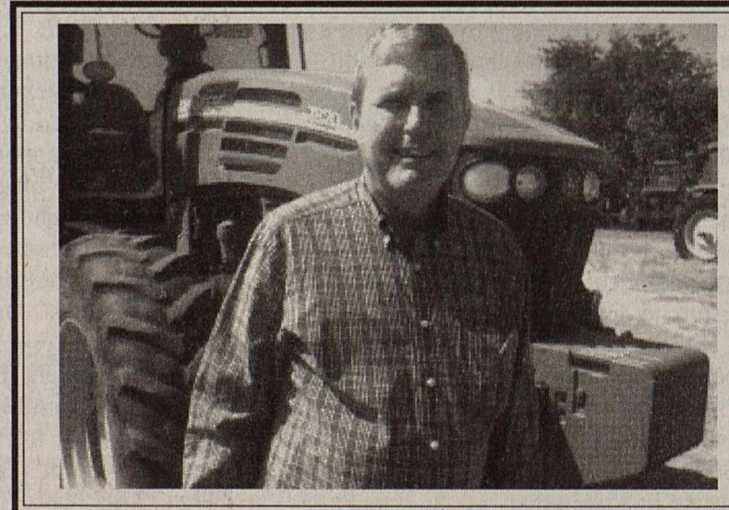
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