

# 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 STATE CHAMPION KELSEY BRUCE - Girls Cross Country 1A Champ!

## What's Happening

### BRIDGE

FCS Duplicate Bridge will now be played every Friday afternoon at 1pm at the Adult Center. All Bridge players welcome.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Upcoming holiday schedule for BSD: **THANKSGIVING:** Early release on Nov 23 @1pm and return on Nov 29 as scheduled; **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY:** Early release on Dec 22 @ 1pm and return on Jan 11 as scheduled; **SPRING BREAK:** Early release on March 11 @1pm and return on March 21 as scheduled.

### CONCERT

Frontier Baptist Church would like to invite the community to join them on Sunday November 21 at the 11AM service for a concert by the Borderline Singers. Pat Sitzes CHEER Executive Director PO Box 706 Brackettville, TX 78832 830-563-5528

### NATIVITY SCENES

Frontier Baptist Church corner of Ann and El Paso Streets wants to invite the community to their second annual Christmas Nativity Scenes Event. The nativity scenes will be on display in the church's educational building until December 9. On Mondays, the Nativity Scenes will be shown from 6:30PM to 8:30 PM, and on Thursday's from 2:30-4:30PM. This event is free to the public.

### BHS/BJH CALENDAR

November 18: Progress reports mailed out; JH Boys B/A Basketball teams vs. Sabinal at 5pm; JH Girls B/A Basketball teams vs. Sabinal at 5pm.  
November 19: JVB/VB Basketball vs. Dilley in Brackett at pm; November 22: JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball @ Comstock at 5pm  
November 23: Early Out - All at 1:00 p.m.; JVG/JVB/VG/VB vs. Nueces Canyon at 5pm  
November 24-26: Thanksgiving Holiday

### JONES ELEM-INTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of Nov. 15th - 19th: No tutorials this week - Benchmarking Week  
19: Thanksgiving Dinner the schedule will come home with student(s)  
Week of Nov. 22 - 23:  
23: Early Out @1:00; Get Fit Club in the cafeteria @6pm  
23 - 26: Thanksgiving Holidays

### 90<sup>TH</sup> 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 Slator 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 Slator Hall following worship. For more information, please call 830-563-5188.

### 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

### 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.

## County considers closing rest areas Fritter Park not on the hit list

By Leigh Jenkins  
[mybrackettnews.com](http://mybrackettnews.com)

Kinney County Commissioners discussed closing the county's rest areas at their regular meeting on November 15.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) officials want Kinney County to close their three rest areas or begin taking on the responsibility of maintaining them.

TxDOT says the cost of maintaining the Kinney areas is approximately \$25,000 each year. The major expenses, include mowing the grass and disposing of the trash. Trash especially becomes an issue during the fall and winter months when visiting hunters dispose of their household-style trash at the rest areas.

TxDOT said the money saved on maintaining the rest areas

would be better used for road maintenance and improvements within the county.

Fritter Park, the county's most scenic and most heavily trafficked rest area, is located five miles east of Brackettville. The second area, Pinto Park, is located five miles west of town. The third, and least visited, park is located on Highway 277 in Kinney County between Maverick and Val Verde counties.

Commissioners said Fritter Park is a beautiful, scenic area, popular for bird watching and was immediately eliminated from the closure hit list. Closing Pinto Park was not discussed, but the court was not opposed to closing the 277 Park and have placed it on the agenda for December's Regular meeting.

TxDOT said Webb, Zavala and Duval counties closed all

or part their rest areas, while Val Verde voted not to close any of their roadside areas.

A closed park will not just be an abandoned site, but returned to their natural state, according to TxDOT.

Kinney County EMS Director Chris Keith asked to the court to approve the hiring of a

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## STATE CHAMP!



Photo Courtesy To The Brackett News - BHS Senior Kelsey Bruce takes first at the state cross country meet in Austin November 13.

By Shelby Schuster  
*High School Reporter*

Brackett High Senior Kelsey Bruce is something of a celebrity now.

She is the new Cross Country State Champion.

But she did not think that this would happen.

"I didn't know at all I would be first," Kelsey says. "It had

been my goal all year, but anyone can show up and run a good race."

The Champion title is definitely something Kelsey has worked towards in High School. When she was a Freshman, she placed third and Regionals and eleventh at state. When she was a Sophomore, she was third at Regionals and thirteenth at State. In her Junior,

she placed second at Regionals and third at State. This year, she was the District, Regional and State Champion.

"It was really close. The girl that placed second was only three seconds behind me," Kelsey explains. "After the race, a lot of people came up and congratulated me, but my dad was the first person that I knew that found me, and he found me right

away."

"I could here people yelling the whole way! Everyone helped me so much. I could hear my mom yelling a mile away! She was on the other side of the course when I crossed the finish line, so she didn't know I won."

And what does this super busy girl plan on doing next?

"Right now, I'm going to

take some time off from running and enjoy basketball. But I definitely plan on running in college! I'm not sure where I will run yet, it's a big decision."

Kelsey is also a National Honors Society and a 4-H club officer, Math Club president and active in ULL academics.

See full sports story on the Tiger Page 3.

## City to step up water line repairs with STEP Grant

By Leigh Jenkins  
[mybrackettnews.com](http://mybrackettnews.com)

The City of Brackettville celebrated the start of a city wide water line repair project on November 15.

With a fire hydrant on display surrounded by city maintenance employees, City Manager Henry Garcia announced the supplies for the project were on hand and thanked those who had contributed to the grant

being approved.

Earlier in the year, the city was notified they had been awarded a STEP, or Small Town Environment Program. Grant by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs.

The city will use the funds to replace the leaky water lines originally put into service in 1929.

Garcia said the city will replace the two and four inch pipes with fifteen thousand lin-

ear feet of new PVC pipe and install an additional 15 new fire hydrants.

Garcia thanked Kinney County Judge Tim Ward for lending his time and talent to the project as well as grant facilitator, Carl Esser of Esser & Company of Uvalde.

City Manager Garcia said the completion of the project will improve health conditions, insurance ratings and provide for future growth.

Brackett News Photo By Leigh Jenkins - City Employees gather to celebrate the beginning of the water line repair project that will be funded by a grant recently received by the city.



## Both baby Tiger teams to go to championships



Brackett News Photo By Michael Ford [www.photosbymjf.com](http://www.photosbymjf.com) - Brackett PeeWee Tiger Javier DeLeon carries the ball for Brackett's Del Rio Youth Football League team. Brackettville hosted the annual DRYFL playoff games on November 13, for the third year in a row. Both the PeeWee and Prep teams will play for the championship titles on Nov 20 at Ram Stadium in Del Rio.

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

## Letters to the Editor

Fort Members,  
FCSA Board Member Mr. Haenn sent out a reply to the Membership Petition Preamble via email to several of you. I do not intend to answer his beginning statements. If you require proof, come by my office and you can read for yourself. **NO PENDING LITIGATION!** I have a letter from an attorney requesting complete payment of the contract plus attorney fees, **THAT IS LITIGATION.** The board is open for a law suit as a whole, and each individual board member can also be sued separately.

Common Property Tax Levy - Obtainable from the office, (any member can go to the office and see all financial documents), and the Appraisal District. I voted **against** the Common Property Tax Levy, Mr. Haenn proposed, because as former treasurer, I am aware of the hardships facing our Fort. The Fort's income has dropped and will continue to decrease as long as our country's economy remains in a downturn.

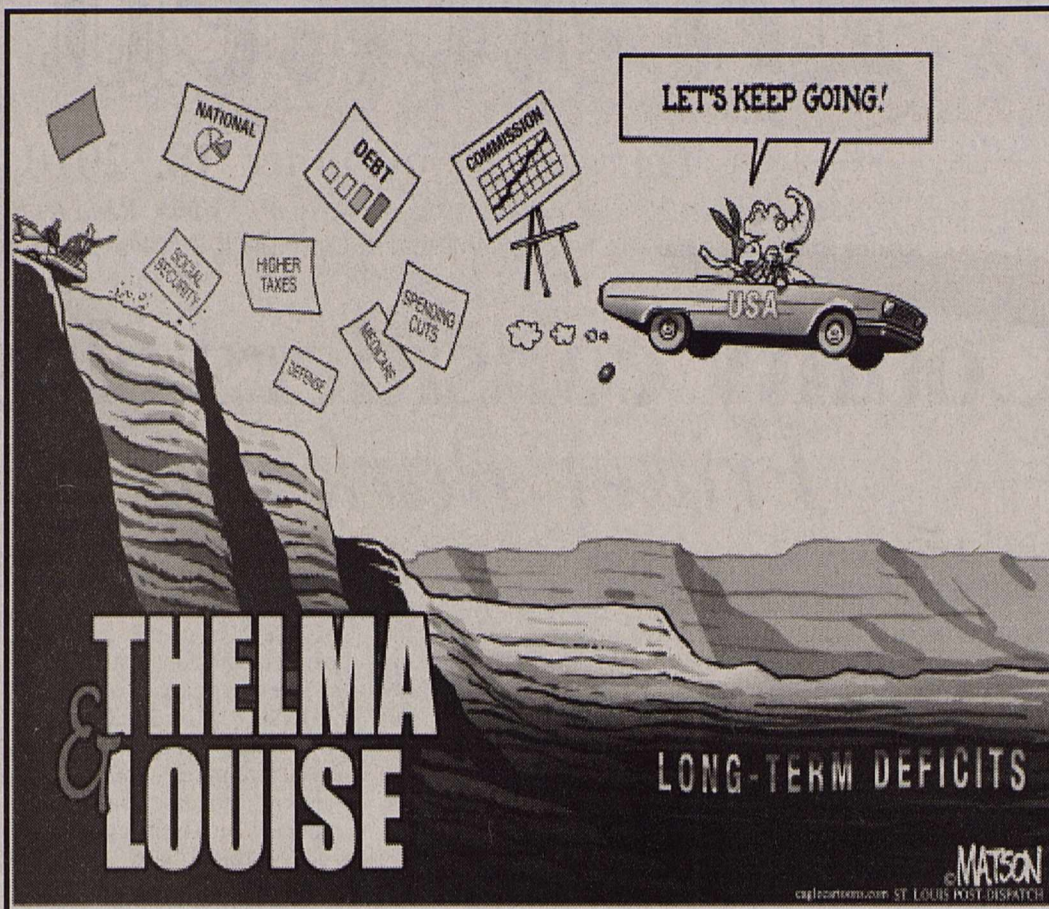
Removal of special appraisal, Preamble stated "removal of restrictions". I was only allowed to protest the fact that golf course lots are not assessed equally in value, the protest was denied. A lot owned by a member is assessed lower than a lot owned by Fort Clark. You can read this for yourself, log into the Kinney County Appraisal District, click on property search, move down the screen to the Advanced tab, click on it, then move down the screen and click on subdivisions tab. You will see all the units of Fort Clark. Golf course lots are in Unit 27 you will see the assessed value of member lots and Fort Clark lots. You might also look at Unit 21, most of Fort Clark's buildings are in Unit 21, open the roll history tab of each building and see what happened in the year 2000 when the Chief Appraiser was William F. Haenn. If the tax and penalty is **WHOLLY** my fault, **this is retaliation.**

As a board member I felt it was my responsibility to protect all data in the office. When asked by an employee what to do about the spy ware I instructed her to uninstall the program. I personally gave Mr. Holloman a copy of the documents I had on Matthew Stavley of Lonestar Copiers. If you want to see any of these documents come by my office, I can give you a copy. The Fort's current vendor for copiers is Xerox, and not included in the indictment. I have not talked with or received from CIT Solutions anything pertaining to slander.

Violation of Declaration of Restrictions: the very fact that Mr. Haenn proposed placing Member Owned Buildings in TRUST or DEDICATED TO any special interest group violated the Declaration of Protective Restrictions the document he so often says he defends.

If you would like a copy of the court records on Mr. Haenn's incident with the employees, I have a copy.

**Hattie Berleth**  
Member in Good Standing 10 times



## Don't let "Double Dip" fears sink your investment plans



Emily Cooper  
Edward Jones in Del Rio

Fears of a "double-dip" recession are in the air. Obviously, this isn't particularly good news; we'd all like to feel that the economy is growing robustly. At the same time, however, you'll want to avoid making hasty, ill-advised investment decisions based on the mere threat of a slide into another recession. Instead, you'll want to keep your long-term investment plan intact — in all economic environments.

The possibility of a double-dip recession makes great headlines. But such events have been rare. In fact, we've seen only one double-dip recession in the past 77 years. However, this history hasn't stopped gloomy forecasters from predicting a double-dip in 1991 (it didn't happen) and in 2003 (when it didn't happen again). Will we again avoid the double-dip recession this time? It's dangerous to make predictions, but it seems more likely that what we're really experiencing is a "soft patch" in the economic recovery as retail sales remain weak, consumer confidence is low and unemployment remains high. But on the positive side, manufacturing activity has been strong, corporate earnings have rebounded to pre-recession levels and profit margins are near all-

time highs.

And yet, many investors are focusing strictly on the negative reports — and they're acting on their fears by moving money from stocks to fixed-income vehicles, such as bonds. During the period from July 2008 through June 2010, investors pulled more than \$200 billion out of stock-based mutual funds and put more than \$475 billion into bond funds, according to the Investment Company Institute.

Bonds can provide a source of regular income and will return your principal when they mature, providing the issuers don't default. They're an important part of most investors' portfolios. But if you're joining the crowd and over-concentrating on bonds, you risk losing the following:

**Growth opportunities** — According to Ibbotson, a leading investment research organization, stocks have done particularly well following 10-year periods in which the stock market hasn't performed strongly — and the past 10 years were one of the worst periods we've ever seen for stocks. And right now, many quality stocks are trading at some of the most attractive values in 15 years, as measured by price-to-earnings ratio, or P/E.

**Portfolio balance** — Ideally, you want your portfolio to contain a mix of investments — stocks, bonds, international and cash — designed to reflect your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals. You'll need to adjust your investment mix over time to reflect changes in your life, and regular portfolio reviews will prompt you to rebalance back to your target mix and determine whether any other changes are needed. But if you're constantly disrupting your portfolio's balance by reacting to short-term events, you'll have a much harder time achieving your objectives. In virtually all areas of life, balance is essential — and that's certainly true in regard to your investments.

A "double-dip recession" might sound scary, but it may well never come to pass — so don't let the mere prospect throw you off your investment strategy. Good investment opportunities are out there — so dip into them. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Before investing in stocks, you should understand the risks. Stocks are subject to market risks, including loss of principal invested.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

## Getting ready for the holidays



Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Every year we swear to ourselves that this Christmas is going to be different and every year we find ourselves wrapping presents as we walk out the door. Why do we allow our procrastination to play havoc with our lives year after year? I want to help you cruise through this holiday season with **FLYING** colors!

Our main problem is that it all seems like so much work to us. This is why we put it off another day. Who wants to work; we had much rather play and that is what we are going to do! We are headed for a cruise; that is we are going to pretend to go on a two week cruise just before Christmas. We will not be home till December 21st. If we are to have an enjoyable cruise our holiday plans have to be complete before we set foot on the ship! Our goal is to have all the gifts purchased, wrapped and under the tree. This means that our home has to have a decorated tree and holiday food waiting in the pantry for us to prepare when we arrive home. We won't have time to do much shopping when our cruise is over. We have a few weeks to do this. All we have to do is take babysteps. We need a plan. This is my gift to you this holiday season; a Holiday Control Journal that is free for you to download on my website [www.FlyLady.net](http://www.FlyLady.net). All you have to do is put a little action with this plan and you will be cruising toward your most peaceful celebration ever. While you are on my website check out our link to Holiday Cruising Missions' videos to help you take your babysteps. We used a basic weekly plan to develop the Holiday Cruising Missions. Don't think that you have missed the boat. We have plenty of time. Get started today!

**Monday - Clean and Fling:** In order to have fun this holiday season we need to start with our routines keeping our home looking nice. You can't organize clutter this is why we have to fling the clutter so that our home are easier to keep clean.

**Tuesday - Plan and Play:** Oh do we love to play and make lists. We set aside a few minutes each Tuesday to fill our need to play. Decorating our homes is fun when we don't try to kill ourselves by doing it all at once. Using this day to make our plans and implement them helps us to take our babysteps and be ready to Cruise Through the Holidays.

**Wednesday - Anti-procrastination Day:** The buck stops here! No longer can put off doing things like wrapping presents and addressing Christmas cards; this is our day to stop procrastinating and do just a little to make our cruise a reality.

**Thursday - Go and Do:** When we make our list of things to do and then get out into the world and do them; amazing things get accomplished. Before we know it we are checking things off our list and we are Cruising Through the Holidays. Many things we can finish without having to leave the house by using the internet: Postage stamps and gift shopping. Friday - Budget don't Begrudge it: The holidays can play havoc with our checkbook balances and our credit cards when we wait to the last minute to purchase gifts and buy the extra food that makes our holiday special. Plan for your purchases and make a simple budget and stick to it. Friday is your day to check your Holiday Control Journal and make sure you are staying within your predetermined budget for the holidays. Your checkbook and credit cards will thank you come January. This makes not only the holidays peaceful but the New Year has a great start without the holiday debt dragging you down! Are you ready to Cruise Through the Holidays! Come join us and enjoy a peaceful holiday for the first time ever! Check out [www.FlyLady.TV](http://www.FlyLady.TV) for special videos!

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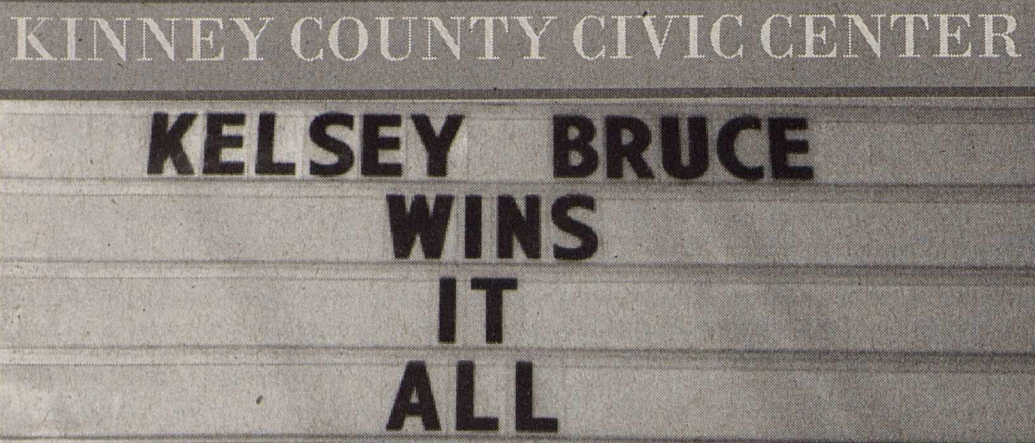
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## Kelsey takes triple crown



Brackett News Photo by Shelby Schuster

By Shelby Schuster  
High School Reporter

On November 13, members of the Brackett Cross Country ran in the State Cross Country Meet in Round Rock.

In the Boys Division, Junior Joelson Terrazas placed 15<sup>th</sup> with a time of 17:38.

In The Girls Division, Senior Kelsey Bruce is the 2010

Division 1-A State Champion with a time of 11:46, making her the first Cross Country State Champion in Brackett High School history.

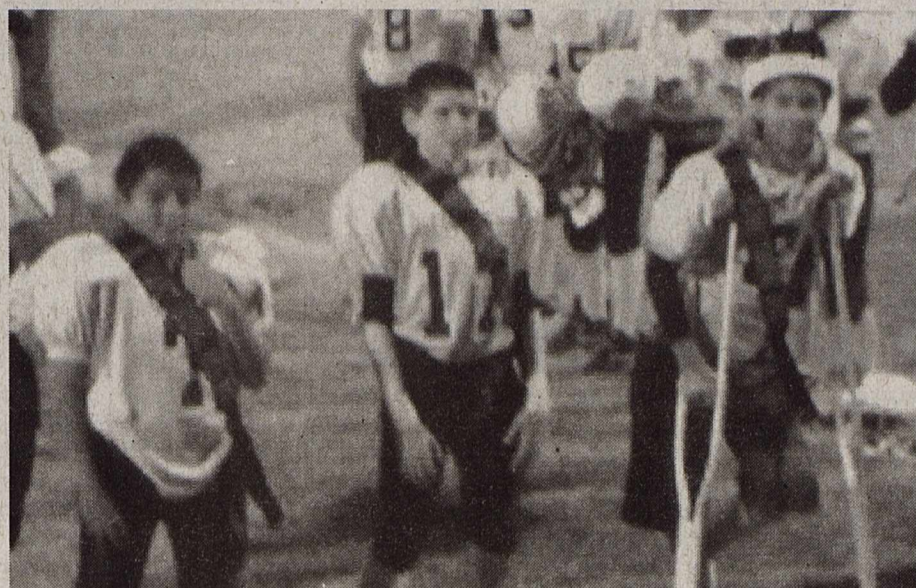
Bruce was also the District and Regional Champion, making her Brackett's own Triple Crown winner.

Freshmen Jaelyn Abbey placed 16<sup>th</sup> with a time of 12:34. Senior Bianca Cruz placed 42<sup>nd</sup>

with a time of 13:18. Senior Haley Hale placed 58<sup>th</sup> with a time of 13:38. Senior Cheyenne Smith placed 95<sup>th</sup> with a time of 15:00. Senior Erica Villanueva placed 103<sup>rd</sup> with a time of 15:34.

The girls placed 6<sup>th</sup> as a team. This is the fourth consecutive year the Girls Cross Country team has finished in the top ten of 1-A schools across the state.

## Youth Football Homecoming Court



Courtesy Photo - Eddy Argil, Justin Callegos and King Angel Jaso



Courtesy Photo - Michael Falcon, King Javier DeLeon and Ty Winfree



Courtesy Photo - Prep Team pays tribute to the Talamantes Family and thier late son Damacio

## Fourth grade to perform Pirates from Grammar Island



Tyler Schuster

This Friday, November 19, Jones Elementary fourth grade

students will be performing *Pirates from Grammar Island*.

The play will be at 9:30 a.m. in the Brackett ISD auditorium.

The play is 25 minutes long and all 39 fourth graders will be participating.

The play includes different parts of speech and lots of songs. This musical play was

written by Ron Fink and John Heath.

The main characters are Captain as played by Sam Palmer, Downing as played by Kali Price and Shmittty as played by Zane Shamsher.

The fourth grade has been working very hard and hopes everyone will attend.

## Jones Elem/Inter Featured Author

My Magic Ring

By Zane Shamsher

One day I was going through my dad's stuff and I found a lot of cool things, like albums and journals. I found this really shiny ring with an "E!" painted on it. "This is so cool," I said. Then without thinking I put it on my finger. "Wow," I said to myself.

"Zane, honey, you need to clean your room," my mom hollered. I replied, "Okay mom I will be right down." Then I walked downstairs and stared to

clean my room, it was a pretty big mess. When I was done cleaning, I went to leave my room when I turned around, it looked like a tornado hit my room! So I went back to cleaning it. When I finished, and went to leave, it looked like an even bigger tornado hit it. Before I could get started on cleaning again my mom said, "It's bed time."

The next day I put the ring on before I went to school. When I got to school my teacher made me clean up the classroom. When I cleaned up the classroom, it

looked my bedroom. There was a chair on the chalkboard, a table on the teacher's head, a math book in my friend's pants, and paper everywhere. When I got home I told my mom all about it. I told her, "I had the weirdest day at school." Then we had to go run some errands.

We went to the bank because my mom needed to get some money. When we got there, there was a guy holding up a sign to the teller's face. He said, "give me your money," as he was pointing to himself. I whispered to myself, "There must be something I can do about it." Then suddenly a costume (kind of like Superman) appeared on my body. It was orange, with a purple cape which had an "E!". I opened the vault which made money fly everywhere. A one-hundred dollar bill flew in the guy's face! He could not see anything. Using my distracting explosion power I made a chair fly right into the robber's face. It knocked him out so hard the cops were able to come and arrest him. The teller told me, "Thank you, I guess," looking at the mess. "You're welcome ma'am, I am exploding with the power of mess," I replied.

My Second Day of School  
By Alexia Talamantes

When it was my second day of school I was still nervous because I thought I would not have a friend. Then I met Bailey she

was nice to me and set by me at lunch. At recess we played tag and had fun. We went back to Miss Flores classroom and we did fun stuff. At the end of the day we pact up and lind up to

go home. When I walk home and told my mom that Miss Flores is the best teacher of all the teacher. I had a bran new friend name Bailey. It is going to be a good year.

## Tigers vs. Mason Stats By Cash Letsinger

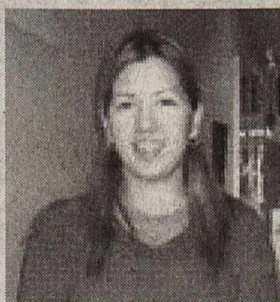
	TIGERS	Mason
Points Scored	13	48
First Downs	13	15
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	7/3/3	12/2/1
3rd Downs Made/Att/Eff	4/13/31	1/6/17
4th Downs Made/Att/Eff	1/3/33	2/2/100
Total Yards / Avg per Play	259/4.5	400/10.3
Total Yards Rushing	194	369
Rushing Att/Avg	45/4.3	38/10.2
Total yards Passing	65	51
Pass Att/Comp/Int	13/7/0	3/2/0
Average Yards per Pass	5.0	17.0
Punts /Avg	4/27.2	3/40.7
Punt Returns/Yards/Avg	1/0/0	1/8/8
Punts Blocked	1	0
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	6/82/14	2/19/10
Fumbles /Lost	2/2	1/1
Total Turnovers	2	1
Penalties /Yards	3/27	6/53
Sacks /Yards	1/2	1/6
TDs	2	7
TDs Rush/Pass	2/0	4/2
Field Goals Att/Made	0/0	0/0
Time of Possession	28:39	19:21

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Mason	13	21	14	0	-	48
TIGERS	7	0	0	6	-	13

Scoring Summary

TIGERS: 5 Plays, 63 Yards, at 9:28 1st Q, Sam Stewart 44 yard rushing TD.  
PAT Kick Attempt - Brandon Allen - Good  
Mason: 2 Plays, 65 Yards, at 8:33 1st Q, 62 yard rushing TD.  
PAT Kick Attempt - Good  
Mason: 4 Plays, 50 Yards, at 5:04 1st Q, 41 yard rushing TD.  
PAT Kick Attempt - No Good  
Mason: 15 Plays, 99 Yards, at 8:25 2nd Q, 19 yard passing TD.  
PAT Kick Attempt - Good  
Mason: 1 Play, 19 Yards, at 6:32 2nd Q, Bolcked punt recovered in end zone for TD.  
PAT Kick Attempt - Good  
Mason: 5 Plays, 59 Yards, at 1:23 2nd Q, 32 yard passing TD.  
PAT Kick Attempt - Good  
Mason: 6 Plays, 65 Yards, at 10:13 3rd Q, 17 yard rushing TD.  
PAT Kick Attempt - Good  
Mason: 3 Plays, 54 Yards, at 7:14 3rd Q, 7 yard rushing TD.  
PAT Kick Attempt - Good  
TIGERS: 16 Plays, 88 Yards, at 4:27 4th Q, Erbey Martinez 6 yard rushing TD.  
PAT Pass Attempt - No Good

## BISD Employee of the Week



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## Rotary News



Photo Courtesy to the Brackett News - At the regular noon meeting of the Brackettville Rotary Club on November 11, Program Chairman BISS Superintendent Robert Westbrook introduced BISS Social Studies Teacher Lisa Conoly as guest speaker. Conoly told of plans for the drama group this year and some of the comical stories about students playing Shakespeare. Also pictured is Brackett High Principal Frank Taylor.

## Christmas Greetings Signs

Submitted By RGE

After a brief interruption last year because of construction, Rio Grande Electric Co-op will once again be providing spaces along Highway 90 for Christmas Greetings signs. This is a great way to welcome visitors to our community, and both businesses, and organizations are encouraged to participate.

The Co-op has 110y electrical connections available for each of these 34 spaces, and will provide two 75 watt flood lights and extension cords necessary to illuminate each sign. Twinkle lights may also be used, but will not be provided by the Co-op.

The sign for your organization or business may be hand-made, or may be professionally made. Signs are not to exceed 5 feet in height and 8 feet in width. Student organizations such as NHS, FCA, and FFA are also encouraged to participate. If demand exceeds the number of

spaces with wiring available, signs may still be placed along RGE's property along US 131, where they will be visible during daylight hours.

There is speculation among some who have placed signs before that what makes securing them a true challenge is the combination of the wind tunnel effect (caused by the traffic zooming down Hwy. 90) and the fact that the signs face the north wind. Whatever the cause or causes may be, in order to

allow the community and visitors to enjoy the full impact of the display, participants are asked to take extra care to insure the signs stay up.

Signs are to be placed the first Monday after Thanksgiving (November 29), and removed by January 3.

It is the responsibility of the individual business or organization to place, maintain, and remove signs on a timely basis. The main thing is to share the spirit of the season! Spaces are

on a first-come basis, so if interested in participating, please call 563-2444, ext. 1182. When calling, please provide a daytime contact number.

The Community Christmas event is scheduled for December 2 at 6:00 p.m. There will be singing and traditional Christmas treats for all to enjoy. Please make plans to share the spirit of the season.

RGE reserves the right to refuse any signs deemed inappropriate.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, November 8

A woman reported her TV was missing from her residence, the back door was opened and it seemed like the fence was cut to get in the property. A deputy was notified.

A woman reported two horses were out on the road. A city employee was notified of the situation.

A caller reported two cows were out on West Fulton St. A city employee was notified of the situation.

Tuesday, November 9

A woman reported they were having problems with their brother. A deputy was notified.

A caller reported a car accident on Hwy 90 in front of the beverage barn. A deputy was en route to the location.

The Val Verde Sheriff's Office called to report a loose bull was hit by the Federal Express Truck on Hwy 90. No injuries were reported. A deputy was informed to check for any road debris.

Wednesday, November 10

A caller reported he had hit a deer on Hwy 90 in front of

Julie's Restaurant. A deputy was informed.

Friday, November 12

A woman reported a disturbance in Unit 3 at the FCS. A deputy was notified.

A man called to report he had hit a car at Super S. A deputy was informed.

Saturday, November 13

A caller reported individual on a four wheeler was armed with rifles. Game Warden was notified of the situation.

A caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 90 by the Foyt Ranch. A deputy was notified.

Sunday, November 14

Fernando Rodriguez, 19, was arrested on a bench warrant. Rodriguez is still held at press time.

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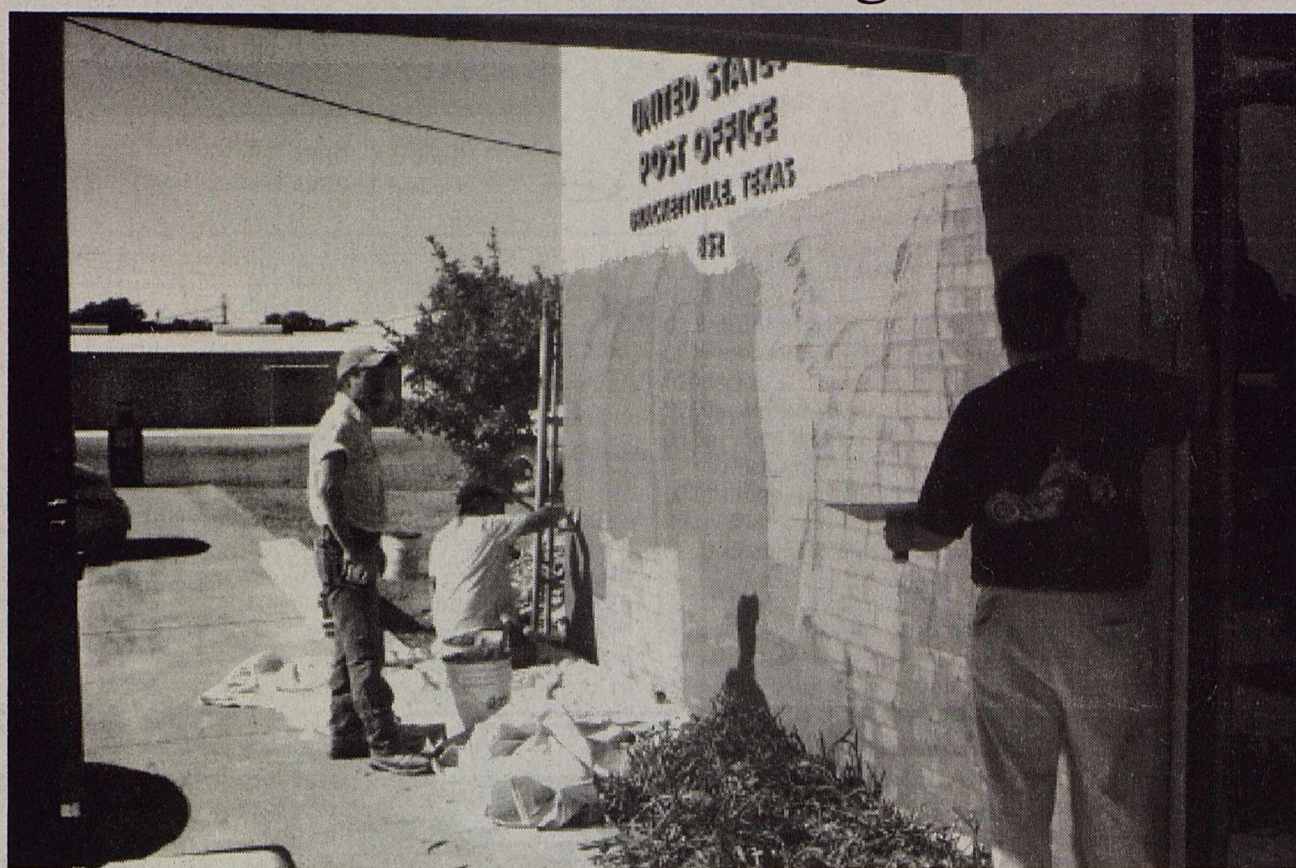
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## Brackett-ville Post Office gets a face-lift



Brackett News Photo By Leigh Jenkins - After a postal customer drove his truck through the front wall of the post office in late September, Rangel Brick Laying of Uvalde repaired the hole and is now covering the building in stucco.

## County considers closing rest areas

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new full-time employee to reduce the expense of overtime. At the end of a lengthy discussion, the item was tabled to be addressed again at next month's meeting.

Keith asked the court to approve a mutual aid agreement with Maverick County. With approval from both county courts, Maverick will agree to be the first responders for the twelve-mile stretch of Highway 277 in Kinney County and Kinney will

agree to take care of the Maverick County area east of the Union Pacific Railroad and south of Highway 1572. The commissioners voted in favor of the item.

Keith's third request was to purchase a new software system that would increase the efficiency of billing for their services. Commissioner Precinct 4 Pat Melancon was not in favor of purchase because it was not specifically listed in the budget. Commissioner Precinct 2 Joe

Montalvo agreed. Judge Tim Ward explained EMS is owed more than \$200,000 in past due accounts. The matter was tabled until more research on alternative funding for the software can be completed.

The final request from Keith was to advertise to purchase an EMS unit and a large brush truck that would be 100 percent paid for by grant monies. Melancon was concerned about the maintenance and insurance

expenses that would be incurred by adding more vehicles to the county's fleet, but was reassured by Ward the department would be looking to sell some of its older equipment.

The court canvassed and accepted the results of the November 2, General Election.

Judge Ward and commissioners Melancon and Montalvo were present. Commissioners Dennis Dodson and Woody Massingil were absent.

## OBITUARY

### Gerald B. Lewis

July 12, 1935 - November 2, 2010

Gerald B. Lewis, was born July 12, 1935, in Timber Lake, S.D., a son of Clifford and Leah (Reide) Lewis. At a young age, he moved to Dupree, S.D., where he grew up and attended school. In 1956, he married Eileen Miller in Rapid City, S.D. They had four children, Jerry Jim, Doug James, Roxie, and Tammie. He served in the U.S. Air Force until 1960. During this time, he was stationed in Albany, Ga., where he was a control tower operator for the AACS Unit. Following his service, they moved to Dupree where he served as a policeman for several years. In 1969, he began working for the Federal Aviation Administration in Butte, Mont., Jamestown, N.D., Huron, S.D. and in 1979, they moved to Laramie where he was Chief of Flight Service Station. He retired in 1993 and shortly after his retirement, they moved into their log cabin near Centennial. In 2007, they settled in Belle Fourche. Together Jerry and Eileen enjoyed 54 years of marriage. Jerry had many loves in life. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and aviation. His biggest love in life was his family. He loved spending time with his wife and children and grandchildren, and he especially loved the holidays throughout the year. Many special times were experienced at the log cabin near Centennial, where he loved to be outdoors experiencing all that nature had to offer.

He will be greatly missed by his family. He was a special man and a good man. Jerry died at 75 on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010, at the Spearfish Regional Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen, of Belle Fourche; two sons, Jerry Jim and his wife, Sheila, of Anchorage and Doug James and his wife, Carol, of Denver; two daughters, Roxie and her husband, Rob Taft, of Upton and Tammie and her husband, Dan Kerby, of Palmer, Alaska; six grandchildren, Michael, Levi, Tory, Katelyn, Donielle and Danielle; a great-granddaughter, Lilian; a brother, Darvel and his wife, Nedra Lewis, of Indiana; and a sister, Evelyn and her husband, Billy Capps, of Austin, Texas. He is also survived by his step-parents, Wilma Lewis, of Brackettville, Texas and Ralph Hancock, of Custer, S.D.; and his half brothers and sisters, Ralph, Candy, Cherie, Leah, Cathy, Scott, and Karen. He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

KINNEY COUNTY IS SOLICITING BIDS for a large brush truck bid package can be picked up at address below. 1. Bid Due 12/01/2010 9:00AM in person or mailed to: County Judge's Office ATTN: Large Brush Truck Grant Judge Tim Ward 501 S. Ann Street Brackettville, TX 78832 Phone: 830-563-2401

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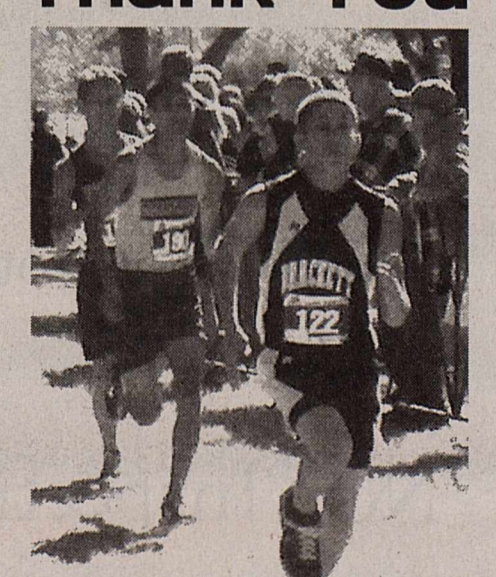
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