# Brackett

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## Community News

**APPLIANCE REBATE** 

The Texas Appliance Mail-In Rebate Program will begin on December 20, 2010. Only purchases made on or after December 20, 2010, will be eligible. New Texas Appliance Mail-In Rebate Program Through unclaimed rebate funds, Texas will be able to offer a new appliance rebate program beginning December 20, 2010. Approximately \$10 million will be available for this program. The goal of the program is to promote awareness of ENERGY STAR® appliances and decrease energy consumption by encouraging appliance replacement. Visit http:// www.texas smart.org/rebate/ appliances.php for: · Appliance rebates will be available on a first-come, first-served basis through a purchase and mailin rebate program. View the Frequently Asked Questions for basic information to educate yourself on the new program. · See our list of eligible ppliances and their associated rebate amounts. · Go to the ENERGY STAR website to learn more about ENERGY STAR appliances.

LIBRARY NEWS
A PLUS FAMILY CARE LLC Family care provider agency will be holding a job fair at the Kinney County Public Library on Friday, Dec. 3, 2010 from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm For more information: 1-888-758-1874

JONES E/I EVENT CALENDAR

Dec. 6th - 10th: 7th - Get Fit Meeting @6p.m. in the cafeteria 9th - BDAC @3:45 in central Office 11th - UIL Meet 8:00 - 4:00

VET OUTREACH

ATTENTION VETERANS Men or Women, Vets4Vets meeting at 2:00 PM on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at the Kinney County Library Annex GRACE after FIRE outreach coordinator/veteran: Tammi Jean Franklin out of the Boerne, TX, is looking to start a Vet-to-Vet support group here in Kinney County; the meeting is free & informal For more information call 830-

SIMMONS FUND RAISER

We're having a Drawing Bar-bara and Neal !!!!! As many of you know, Barkley and Amanda will be traveling back to the Heart Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio on December 4, and it is expected to be another lengthy stay. The Simmons' are overwhelmed by your generosity, and the fundraising efforts continue. In addition to the Sweet's hosting an Open House event, friends of the Simmons' have decided to have a drawing the amazing culinary talents of Barbara and Neal !!!!! The lucky winner of the drawing will receive an elegant dinner party for six catered by Barbara and Neal. "Dinner Party for 6". You may buy your tickets by contacting one of the following ticket sellers. Nancy Musgrave Diane Wilson Trina Lee Christi Maddox David Rex Xyan McWilliams Debbie Ward Other sellers to be announced The drawing will be held on Saturday evening, December 18, 2010 at The Filling Station. Although you don't have to be present to win, we hope you will join us from 7:00 to 7:30 pm for the drawing, hot cocoa and cookies, and so that we may thank you for your support. Friends of the Simmons family

BRIDGE

FCS Duplicate Bridge will now be played every Friday after-noon at 1pm at the Adult Center. All Bridge players wel-

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Upcoming holiday schedule for BISD: 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

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.

# Former FCS DO files suit

By Leigh Jenkins mybrackettnews.com

Former Fort Clark Springs

fice on November 17.

Association Director of Opera- attorney for Cerna, pleads for 2009 and terminated in Octo- favorable performance re- thirty days ago to pay out his tions Felix Cerna filed a law suit the court to force Fort Clark ber of this year.

against his old employer, ac- Springs Association, Inc. to pay cording to documents filed at the balance of Cerna's three- ducted himself, "in accor- the claims Cerna was terminated the Kinney County Clerk's Of- year contract that includes his dance with the by-laws of the with out cause and the Fort had Tom Harwood of Uvalde, Cerna was hired in June of he was interviewed and given mitted to the Fort more than

Harwood claims Cerna con-

salary and other benefits. Ft. Clark Springs association, not responded to a request sub-

# Finnessey Family fills fort



Photo Courtesy To The Brackett News - Matriarch Mildred Finnessey with her great-grandson Ethan visit the Fort for their family reunion and to celebrate Thanksgiving.

**Article Courtesy To** The Brackett News By Katie Brown

union to celebrate their mother week long celebration was held TX, and Alice, TX with grand- prise was that granddaughter on Facebook. Laughter filled season.

Brown with a Thanksgiving tin, TX. feast served at Creekside, ca-

at the home of Trent and Mary children also coming from Aus- Shandi, former Miss USA 2004, the air. All agreed that Fort

Mildred, who lives with her geles to attend the event. tered by Barbara Simmons. In daughter in Granite Shoals, was attendance were seven of the thrilled to see all her "boys"

Francisco, CA, Colorado in 2004. Sadly missed was children met cousins for the first

was able to fly in from Los An- Clark was a beautiful place to visit; the weather was perfect The gathering was truly a and as if on cue, the deer and celebration of family, complete turkey made several appear-The Finnessey family, whose children and numerous grand- together again. It had been six with "tell all" stories of child- ances to the delight of all. Then, daughter Mary K. Brown lives children and great grandchil- years since all had gathered hood antics passed down with a touch of sadness and lots on Fort Clark, had a family re- dren. They traveled from San when her husband passed away through the years. Great grand- of hugs, everyone said their goodbyes and headed home on Mildred Finnessey who just Springs, CO, St. Louis, MO, daughter Theresa who passed time, forming immediate bonds Saturday. What a wonderful turned 90. The Thanksgiving Granite Shoals, TX, Houston, away in 2003. A special sur- with promises to keep in touch way to start off the Christmas

# Shipley's take holiday decorations to airwaves

taken it to the airwaves.

If you pass by the Shipley House at 15 Colony Row and tune your radio to FM 88.5, you can enjoy a lightshow that coordinates with a selection of musical holiday classics.

Thousands of lights feature a Nativity Scene,

A post of the Brackett News nual Christmas Decoration Con- to be announced soon.

The Shipley's have decorated fan page on Facebook.com sug-test, unless of course another resitheir rented Fort Clark Springs gested members of the Fort were dent of Kinney County out does home for Christmas, but have complaining about, "too many this massive display lights", but Seth Shipley said he validate the comment after check-

ing with Fort security.

Shipley has been declared the and rules," she concluded. winner of The Brackett News An-

"What do we do? How do you saw the post, but was unable to top this kind of display?" said TBN Publisher Leigh Jenkins Volcsko.

"Our judges are already out Thousands of lights feature a looking at potential candidates Nativity scene and a countdown for a winner. Because of this we are updating our contest, prizes

Brackett News contest details

# RGEC to host Community Christmas event

Area residents are invited to take part in the Community Christmas event Thursday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. in front of Rio Grande Electric Co-op. There will be singing of Christmas songs by several local church and school groups, and plenty of opportunities to sing along with those favorite old holiday classics.

Light refreshments will be served, and children will have a chance to tell Santa Claus what they would like for Christmas. Their photos will be taken with Santa and can be downloaded from RGEC's Facebook page the following day. (For safety's sake, the photos will not be identified with any of the children's per-

Please join in this fun-filled event to kick off the Holiday Sea-

# Jingle Bell 5K Fun Run/Walk

Open to Community of Brackettville

Submitted By Christie Palmer

Brackettville will hold a 5K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010. Those wishing to participate can complete this flyer and drop off at Jones Elementary school prior to the event. Onsite registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. the day of the event with the run/walk beginning at 8:00 a.m.

This event is being sponsored by Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas as part of their Get FIT program. This program promotes healthier lifestyles by educating both children and parents. This year initiative has also included elimination of sugary beverages in the school cafeteria, tracking of time children spend viewing TV and weekly parent lessons.

The first 100 people completing the 5K run/walk will receive a FREE t-shirt. Please show your support for a healthier Brackettville by coming out on Saturday, Dec. 18th and participating



Brackett News Photo By Leigh Jenkins - The Shipley House at 15 Colony Row on Fort Clark Springs is the front runner for the Sixth Annual Brackett News Best Decorated House Contest. If you see a house in Kinney County you think others need to see, call 830.563.2852

## Publishers PLOG (or Paper Log)

Two Things real quick....

#1 - Due to a lot of Thanksgiving holiday madness and a family emergency, some of our papers were not delivered, delivered late or delivered twice. We sincerely apologize for the delay or multiple delivery and we will work to correct the problem so the Christmas and New Year's holiday delivery will be smooth. We appreciate your business and if you do not receive your paper, please call us at 830.563.2852.

#2 - Once again we are kicking off our annual holiday decoration contest. But this year there is a twist. We already have a winner.... It's the Shipley's at 15 Colony Row at Fort Clark Springs (See Page 1 for pic and brief story). You can still win though, you just have to beat the Shipleys! Prize Details for this year are still being worked on and will be posted, but the names and addresses for the Drive By This House List starts today. So call in your favorite house on the Fort or in Brackettville to 830.563.2852, email it to tbnews@sbcglobal.net or find brackett news on Facebook.com.

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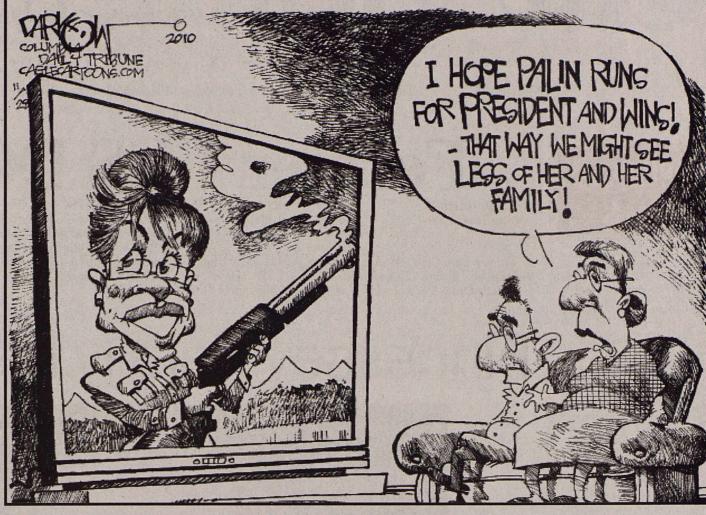
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CHAOS. They thought that since keep warm, if needed. There are there was no power, there was no power(discipline in our home)! Routines are a discipline. So with- So we won't starve. Knowing what out power, we didn't need routines, you can do and how, is part of not because we couldn't adhere to getting panicked. We also have a

Our biggest problem is pickkeep the children on track with of a power outage.

them anyway. FREE FOR ALL.

their routines. kids are out of school, and you the dark? are without power, you still have allow the fact that there is a little emergency you know what I am talking about. Play games by flashlight, read to them, just remember to stay calm handy? and don't let your home get panicked. You are still in charge.

Plan B is like being on a camping trip for me. I love to make do with what every I have. Since we live in the country and have our own water system, we have to be of water in the basement, for making coffee, washing our hair, sponge also have two fireplaces, so we can cation.

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dutch ovens for cooking in the fireplace and a real perk coffee maker. gas grill on the back deck. So if Well if your routines were habit, the freezer was without power for you would not have been able to more than 2 days, we would have toss them out into the snow so fast. to start cooking up a storm.

Do you have an emergency ing up after ourselves. Without our backup plan in your home? Think routines we do not police our about this for a little while and see hotspots, keep our sink clean or exactly what you would do in case

Do you know where your flash-So when the storm hits, the lights are? Can you find them in

Do you have a weather radio, sunlight(during the day). Don't or battery operated radio for an problem to stand in your way of How about Extra water for drinkdoing things like you have been ing and minimal bathing? Do you doing for months. You want a per- have an alternate way to heat your fect world and most days are not home? How about to cook? And like this at all. Enjoy the challenge the pot and pans to do it with? of feeding your family with a Do you know about safety in the buddy burner. If you were in scouts, house with kerosene heaters, grills and candles?

Do you have a fire extinguisher

Do you have plenty of Blankets? Hats and gloves? Just a little planning can keep you from pulling your hair out after the crisis is over. Learn to adapt and you will be so pleased the next time there is a weather emergency. Get prepared. So we have some bottles Ready for a Storm; you will be glad you did!

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# Tiger Page

# Basketball teams start season



Shelby Schuster

against the Sabinal Junior High Boys teams.

Lira: 6, Walt Ashley: 5, Walker Abbey: 2, Bianca Cruz: 1, Selina Harris: 4, Jaido Pinales: 2, Rafael Martinez: 2, Donovan Harris: 11, Paige Nowlin: 6, Swilley: 2, Diego Luna: 2. The Priscilla Aguirre: 2, Bianca Cruz: Girls won 61-51. 7th Grade Boys won 38-32.

The 8th Grade Boys had a sity Girls lost 53-51. total of 35 points- David Ortega: Stephenson: 4, Blake Duncan: 2, November 22. Teno Flores: 2, Jose Talamantes: 2, Matt Gutierrez: 2, Christian points- Shelby Schuster: 4, rebounding leader with 5 relost 38-35

Varsity Girls Basketball teams was the leading rebounder with Selina Gerardo: 8, Jaclyn Abbey: played the Rocksprings Lady 6 rebounds. Briana Garza was the 6, Rachael Nash: 5, Kelsey Quiroz: 4, and Victor Robledo:

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Cilley ubliShelby Schuster: 6, Calli Cam- Girls lost 24-17. pos: 4, Cynthia Salazar: 2.

The Varsity Girls had a total On November 15, the Junior of 51 points- Karley Harris: 15, started their season with games Aguirre: 9, Bianca Cruz: 6, Kelsey Bruce: 2, Rachael Nash: 2, 10 steals- Kelsey Bruce: 4, 2, Selina Gerardo: 1. The Var-

The Girls also played against yon Lady Panthers. 14, Saul Talamantes: 8, Colten the Comstock Lady Panthers on

Castillo: 3, Clarissa Cruz: 3, On November 16, the JV and Haley Smith: 2. Shelby Schuster of 40 points- Paige Nowlin: 11,

The JV Girls had a total of Cynthia Salazar was the team's Meghan Flores: 2, 25 rebounds-25 points- Mercedes Ocasio: 13, leader in steals with 4. The JV

Against Comstock, The Var-Cynthia Salazar and Shelby sity Girls had a total of 61 Schuster were the rebound lead- points- Paige Nowlin:15, ers with 6 rebounds and Cynthia Meghan Flores: 13, Kelsey Salazar was the leading stealer Bruce: 12, Jaclyn Abbey: 9, with 4 steals. The JV Girls lost Rachael Nash: 7, Selina Shelby Schuster: 1, Priscilla Gerardo: 5, 25 steals- Kelsey Bruce: 12, Rachael Nash: 5, Priscilla Aguirre: 3, Paige Now-High Boys Basketball teams Paige Nowlin: 15, Priscilla lin: 2, Meghan Flores: 2, Selina Gerardo: 1, 18 rebounds- Kelsey Bruce: 8, Selina Gerardo: 3, Paige Nowlin: 3, Karley Harris: The 7th grade boys had a Bianca Cruz: 4, Priscilla 1, Priscilla Aguirre: 1, Jaclyn total of 38 points-Julian Quiroz: Aguirre: 1, Jaclyn Abbey: 1, 7 Abbey: 1, Meghan Flores: 1, 6 8, Brandon Blevins: 7, Moses assists-Kelsey Bruce: 2, Jaclyn assists-Rachael Nash: 2, Selina Gerardo: 2, Jaclyn Abbey: 1, Gerardo: 1, 22 rebounds-Karley Karley Harris: 1. Paige Nowlin of 41 points- Erbey Martinez: also had 1 block. The Varsity

played against the Nueces Can-

The JV Girls had a total of 8 steals- Calli Campos: 4, Briana The JV had a total of 17 Garza: 4. Haley Smith was the Quiroz: 1. The 8th Grade Boys Mercedes Ocasio: 3, Mikaela bounds. The JV Girls lost 49-9.

The Varsity Girls had a total assist leader with 4 assists. Bruce: 5, Priscilla Aguirre: 3, 2. The Varsity Boys lost 60-51.

Paige Nowlin: 9, Kelsey Bruce: 6, Selina Gerardo: 4, Jaclyn Abbey: 3, Rachael Nash: 1, Shelby Schuster: 1, Mercedes Ocasio: 1, 12 steals- Kelsey Bruce: 4, Paige Nowlin: 3, Selina Gerardo: 2, Jaclyn Abbey: 1, Aguirre: 1, 10 assists- Selina Gerardo: 4, Paige Nowlin: 2, Jaclyn Abbey: 2, Kelsey Bruce: 1, Priscilla Aguirre: 1, 4 blocks-Paige Nowlin: 2, Kelsey Bruce: 1, Priscilla Aguirre: 1. The Var-

On November 19, the JV and Varsity Basketball Boys played against the Dilley Wolves.

sity Girls lost 65-40.

The Varsity Boys had a total 12, Victor Robledo: 12, Jonathon Quiroz: 8, Joelson On November 23, the Girls Terrazas: 5, Ayland Letsinger: 2, and Brandon Sandoval: 2. The Varsity Boys lost 47-41.

The JV and Varsity Boys also played against the Comstock Panthers on November 23.

The Varsity Boys had a total of 51 points- Erbey Martinez: 19, Cesar Castillo: 8, Joelson Terrazas: 8, Sam Stewart: 6, Ayland Letsinger: 4, Jonathon

## **BISD Employee of the Week**



KACIE WILLIAMS Campus Secretary, BHS,BJH,BEA

#### Six Things About Me You Probably Didn't Know...

- 1. I got married in a run down motel... due to a hurricane on my wedding day in Florida that was supposed to be an all out beach wedding.
- 2. I have my Florida Real Estate License.
- 3. I am an only child born in San Jose, California.
- 4. My favorite color is deep pink.
- 5. I was an active firefighter for 2 years before my youngest was born.
- 6. My 3 beautiful children are my life!

# 2010 Brackett Tiger Football District 14-A All District Selections



TIGERS SAM STEWART - SR OFFENSE: District Offensive Co-MVP Academic All District



**BRANDON ALLEN - SR** 1st Team Quarterback 1st Team Kicker 2nd Team Punter 2nd Team Defensive Back Academic All District



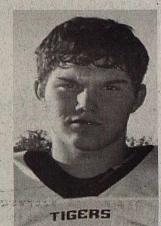
VICTOR ROBLEDO - SR 1st Team Running Back 1st Team Def. Outside Linebacker



AYLAND LETSINGER - SR 1st Team Tight End Academic All District



JAIME RODRIGUEZ - SR DEFENSE 1st Team Defensive Line 1st Team Offensive Line



LEVI GUTIERREZ - JR 2nd Team Offensive Line 2nd Team Defensive Line



**TIGERS ERBEY MARTINEZ - SOPH** 2nd Team Defensive Back



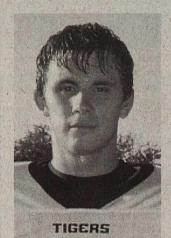
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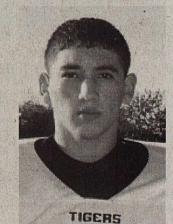
TIGERS DANIEL FALCON - SOPH 2nd Team Def. Inside Linebacker



JOSH SMITH - SR Academic All District

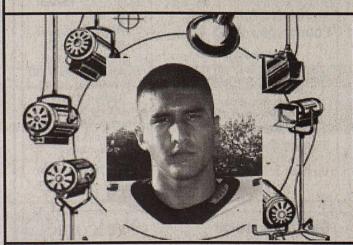


JAIME SANDOVAL - SR 2nd Tm Def Outside Linebacker Academic All District



**CESAR CASTILLO - SOPH** 2nd Team Offensive Line

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Victor Robledo

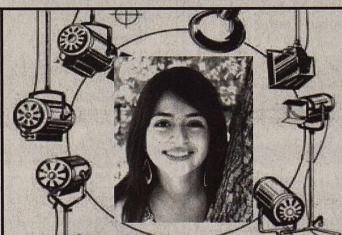
Mother: Linda Sanchez

I will miss my friends and family.

What are your plans after graduation? I plan to enlist in the

What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Bader influenced me the most.

What are you most looking forward to after graduation? I look forward to getting out and seeing the world. What do you think you will miss the most after graduation?



Sahara Rodriguez

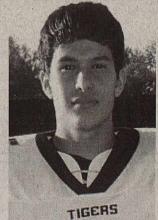
Mother: Irma Rodriguez

Father: Jesus Rodriguez Siblings: Steven Rodriguez

enced me the most.

What are your plans after graduation? I plan on attending UT Austin and majoring in International Buisness What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Ballew influ-

What are you most looking forward to after graduation? I'm excited about being on my own and meeting new people. What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? I will miss my mom! But I will also miss all my family and



JONATHAN PINALES - SOPH Academic All District



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**CHARLIE RESENDEZ -**SOPH Academic All District



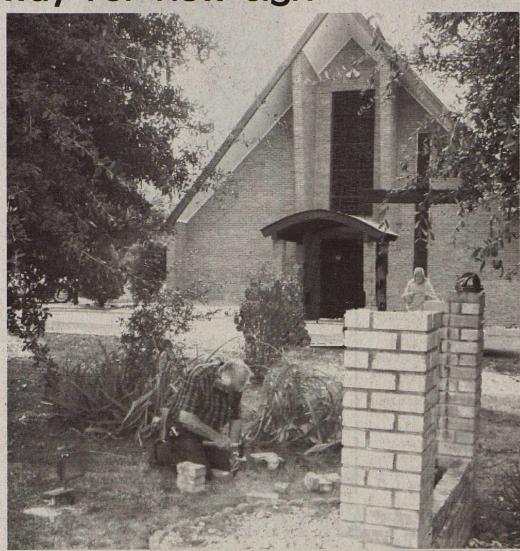
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# Catholic Church makes way for new sign



Brackett News Photo By Leigh Jenkins and Artistic Enhancements By Sara Rivas - St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church Parishioner Henry Fuentes has been working with others to prepare the brick sign in front of the church for a new insert and over the last year have been developing a garden area around the sign. Also seen in the background is the entrance to the church

## Mexican drug violence could help South Texas onion farmers

Onions from down south may not reach U.S. markets this season

Kinney County Ext Agent

Wrtitten By Rod Santa Ana more acres than they did last year based on speculation that drug cartel violence may keep Mexican onions out of the U.S. market next year, according to an expert with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

"Onion acreage here is up by as much as 2,000 acres over last year's 8,700 acres based on sevmay not make it into the U.S. year," said Dr. Juan Anciso, an year, he said. AgriLife Extension vegetable specialist in Weslaco.

ing memories of high market here. prices for last year's crop and year, Anciso said.

had lots of rain that affected both the U.S., Anciso said. planting and harvesting in stayed that way until the end of ing for 10,000 acres, another doing very well." the planting window on Nov.

Bad weather last season led to fewer onions and higher market prices for growers who were

"Depending on how much rain they got, some growers here made a killing, some broke

Submitted by Tyler Bobinmyer even and some lost their shirts," he said.

Mexican onions, which ususpring, were not a factor due to of farmland in one location. heavy tropical rains there too.

what kind of weather Mexico has, speculation among growers is that the drug violence will in one tract," he said. keep Mexican onions from comthis season," Anciso said.

eral factors, including the fact how much seed was bought and that competing Mexican onions planted in Mexico this fall, but the violence will have an impact forces," he said. during our harvest window next this year that wasn't there last

Other factors include linger- trucks to ship the produce up

excellent planting weather this Free Trade Agreement pushed or down." farmers south into Mexico dur-"Weather was a huge prob- ing the 1990s, the violence is lem last year," Anciso said. "We now pushing growers back to variety and are doing well, as

Mexico and here in South come to my office to talk to me carrots and others, Anciso said. Texas. But not this year. The about buying farmland here in entire peak planting month of South Texas," he said. "Just were planted on time, stands October here was dry and it recently, one grower was look- came up well and overall are

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wanted 3,000 and another was looking for 1,000."

Anciso said that due to ur-WESLACO - South Texas ally compete with the South banization, prospective buyers onion growers have planted Texas onion harvest in the are not likely to find large tracts

"Of course, I send them to "This year, regardless of real estate agents, but if they buy large tracts of land, it will likely be piecemeal, not all together

The growers looking to move peting with our onions again north from Mexico are sorghum growers who will likely stick to There's no way to determine growing what they know, but could branch out to other crops, "depending on the market

"Nobody could have predicted all this craziness in "It's getting difficult to farm Mexico," Anciso said. "But it's there and even harder to find indicative of the volatile global economy we're in now. Markets of any commodity, not just ag-While the North American riculture, can quickly move up

Most of the onions planted in South Texas are of the sweet are other winter vegetables, in-"I've had Mexican growers cluding cabbage, leafy greens,

"All our winter vegetables

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Brackett News Contributor The sights and sounds of God. The gift of eternal life, Christmas are all around us. dwelling with God the Father Store windows with displays, and with Jesus the Son for eterneighborhoods with lights, and nity in heaven, if we accept Jesus decorated trees in the living and trust in Him alone.

and businesses, be sure to ap- wore as he voluntarily submitpreciate the meanings of the ted Himself to trial and crucisymbols of Christmas.

These symbols originated hundreds of years ago, when on the top of the tree, the star families would gather in quiet reminds us that Jesus birth was solitude to decorate simple farm announced by the appearance of homes. These symbols origi- a star. That star led the wise nated during times when deco- men to Bethlehem, the birthrations were rare, and often re- place of Jesus. Bethlehem was quired a financial sacrifice for the family

**THE TREE:** Most research- birth of the Messiah. (Micah 5) ers agree that the modern Christmas tree is a symbol of the new to proclaim the birth of Jesus. life that springs forth from the root of Jesse. Jesse was the fa- ity scene reminds us of the lowly ther of King David. The Messiah was promised from the line He left heaven to redeem us for of King David. Jesus was a direct descendant of King David, entry reminds us that "He who and His life is symbolized as the is last shall be first." "new life" that sprouts from the tree. Jesse and David are the

roots. Christ is the life. THE CHRISTMAS CANE: Shaped like a Shepherd's cane, for Jesus said that He was "the good Shepherd." The color red in the cane symbolizes the blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross for all of humanity. The white symbolizes the purity of Jesus' life on this earth a perfect, sinless life. The canes that are made of candy remind us that Jesus said that we are to eat

of His flesh

THE WREATH: In the Book of Revelation, Jesus is described as The Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. The circular wreath has no beginning, and no end. His Kingdom knows no beginning and no end. The green of the wreath reminds us the Jesus is eternal, springing forth a new life, a new covenant.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: Jesus is the Light of the World. (John 8:12) A great Light has come into the world.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS: Christmas gifts are symbolic for two reasons. First, they remind us that the wise men brought gifts to the baby Jesus. Those gifts were chosen to be gifts for a king, gifts for a priest, and gifts for a funeral. Jesus was both king and priest, and He gave His life for us. Second, the gifts remind us of the eternal gift that we have if we accept Jesus

Christ as Lord and Savior, and recognize Him as the Son of

As we decorate our homes the crown of thorns that Jesus fixion

THE STAR: Usually placed the fulfillment of an old Testament prediction concerning the

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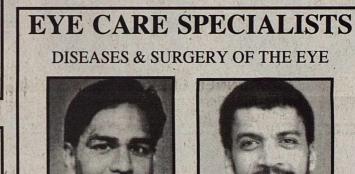
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# OBITUARY

# Connie K. Fritter



April 14, 1951 - November 25, 2010

Connie Kathleen Fritter, 59, of Brackettville, Texas passed away November 25, 2010, in San Antonio, Texas. She was born April 14, 1951, in Ector County to Mark Ora & Cordelia Jane (Perry) Forbus.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mark Ora and Cordelia (Dee) Forbus; husband, John S. Fritter; and a brother, Mark Forbus.

Connie is survived by son, Cody Carl Shannon Sr. and wife, Sheri, of Kerrville, Texas; daughter, Dedra Kathleen Boutwell and husband, Stephen, of Three Rivers, Texas; grandchildren, Taylor Phelan Boutwell, Micaela Kathleen Boutwell, Cody Carl Shannon Jr.; step-grandchildren, Hagen Robert Fryrear, Palmer Bradley Fryrear; brother, Kenneth Lloyd Forbus; sister-in-law, Barbara Lomax; numerous nieces, nephews and many friends.

Pallbearers include Cody Shannon, Garry Don White, Stephen S. Boutwell, Taylor Boutwell, Perry White, and Kenneth

Funeral services was held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 29, 2010, at the First Baptist Church in Brackettville, Texas, with Pastor Jeff Janca officiating. Interment will follow in the Brackettville Cemetery.

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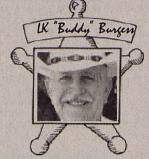
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#### November 23

A security company reported an alarm was sounding off at a ranch on Hwy 334. A return call from the company cancelled the

A woman reported she lost her purse and it was recovered in D'Hanis. She said her social security card, birth certificate, school papers and \$50 in cash possible break-in at her Brackwere missing.

A woman reported loose cattle on Fulton and Beaumont streets in Brackettville.

A woman called to report her infant was locked inside a ve-

A man called to report his children said a neighbor he was having problems with lurking around his house while he was not home.

An anonymous caller reported juveniles skateboarding at the high school.

#### November 26

A property owner at Fort Clark reported a renter he was having problems with tried to run over a fence to get into the

#### November 29

Michael Shane Cox, 38, of New Caney, was arrested on an outstanding failure to appear warrant. Cox was still being held at press time.

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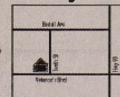
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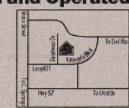
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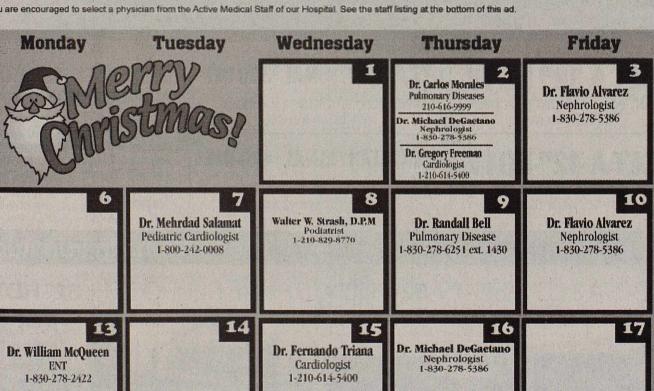
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New Listing: 210 Airport Rd. Darling 2Br/2B cottage style home on 1 lot in a great location! 1000sq.ft. +- \$65,000. •75 Wainwright Adorable multilevel home with 2 living areas, 3BR/2B + screened porch and upstairs balcony! Includes 15x18 workshop. \$115,000. REDUCED \$105,000. •407 Ft. Clark Rd. Unique town house located in the heart of the Historical District. 1BR/1B w/ many upgrades \$53,000.

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•7 City Lots - Spring St.

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