

Brackett News

Weekly

Thursday, December 30, 2010

Kinney County Is Home To Huntress Crystal Fisher at the Back Porch Ranch

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

EMS WEEKLY REPORT

The week of December 19 - 25: Kinney County EMS responded to a total of 9 medical calls. Four 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.

NEW YEARS SONG

A song of friendship and salutation recognized across the English-speaking world, the Burns song we know and love to sing on Burns's Night and at New Year was by no means the first of its kind. Burns claimed to have transcribed it 'from an old man's singing', but a similar 'Auld Lang Syne' tune was actually printed circa 1700 and is therefore certain to be much older. The Burns version was adapted by Thomson (probably with Burns's acquiescence) but Johnson had already reprinted Allan Ramsay's 'Auld Lang Syne' (a different tune set to a love song rather than a song of parting) in Vol I of SMM in 1787. The timeless Burns gem still treasured to this day had to wait for publication until after the Bard's death and appeared in Vol V of SMM in 1796. 'Light be the turf on the breast of the heaven-inspired Poet who composed this glorious Fragment' wrote Burns to Mrs Dunlop on 7th December 1788. In a note to George Thomson (1793) he describes it as 'the old song of the olden times, and which has never been in print, nor even in manuscript, until I took it down from an old man's singing.'

By Robert Burns:

AULD LANG SYNE
CHORUS
 For auld syne, my dear, [old long ago]
 For auld lang syne,
 We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
 For auld lang syne.
 Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
 And never brought to min'?
 Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
 And days o' lang syne?
 We twa hae run about the braes, [hillsides]
 And pou'd the gowans fine; [pulled/daisies]
 But we've wander'd mony a weary foot,
 Sin auld lang syne.
 We twa hae paidl't i' the burn, [waded/stream]
 Frae morning sun till dine, [noon/dinner-time]
 But seas between us braid hae roar'd [broad]
 Sin auld lang syne.
 And there's a hand, my trusty fiere,
 And gie's a hand o' thine,
 And we'll tak a right guid willie-waught, [goodwill drink]
 For auld lang syne.
 And surely ye'll be your pint-stowp, [pay for]
 And surely I'll be mine;
 And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet
 For auld lang syne.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Upcoming holiday schedule for BSD: 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

Man severely burned by campfire

By Leigh Jenkins
 Contributing Writer

An undocumented alien flagged down a Kinney County Sheriff's Deputy on December 27 and wanted to turn himself into immigration authorities.

Javier Ramirez, 41, of Ucareo, Michigan, Mexico, was walking on Highway 90 east when he waved down a deputy because he needed medical assistance.

Ramirez, according to information released by the Kinney

County Sheriff, was burned while he slept near a campfire in the early morning hours on Monday. Ramirez reported he had been walking down the fenceline on Highway 90 all day until he saw the deputy.

The deputy immediately

called for medical assistance.

Ramirez was transported to Uvalde and later air lifted to a San Antonio hospital for what is believed to be second and third degree burns to his back and hands.

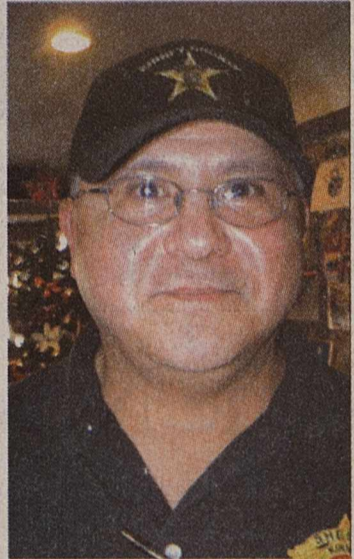
Ramirez said he entered the

United States illegally near the Amistad Dam thirteen days ago. Ramirez also said he was traveling with another man, but had not seen him in three days. Ramirez could not say if the other man had abandoned him or just wondered off.

New Years Resolutions...



"Be more patient with my husband..."
 -Vanessa Nava



"To be a better person and exercise more..."
 - John Samaniego



"To continue being helpful in the community..."
 -Monica White



"I don't make New Year's Resolutions..."
 - Manny Pena, Sr.



"Live, Love and Laugh more..."
 -Susan Moore

Local huntress takes brut with bow

Story By
 Back Porch Ranch

Three weeks ago Crystal Fisher, Ranch Manager, decided to try and harvest an old brut at the Back Porch Ranch with a bow.

"I had seen the buck several times and asked her if she wanted to harvest him and she said that she did," said Ranch Owner David Watts.

Watts says the first evening Fisher went down to the blind; the buck did not show up.

Fisher, unparsed by the deer's previous failure to show up, went out the next morning with the mercury hardly reaching 25 degrees.

Meeting back at the lodge around 9:30 a.m., Fisher told Watts that she shot the buck with her bow after it came out of the brush. After the shot the buck ran about 20 yards and Fisher said it looked like it was going to fall down, but did not. Watts said Fisher did the right thing by returning to lodge and not trying to track the deer immediately. The decision was made to allow the deer to lay down for 2 1/2 hours, then they would all go look. While they waited, the group decided to have a celebration drink, which now they know was the kiss of death.

The newly formed sign cutting team made its way down to the blind and located a blood trail. The team followed the trail

for four hours, at times even getting on their hands and knees to look for the smallest drop of blood.

Friends of the Fisher Family luckily lent the use of their tracking dog. Once on the scent, the dog quickly followed the same trail and then continued on, but

it was soon evident the hunt might be over when the dog gave every indication the buck may have jumped onto the neighboring property.

"So we all thought, well the legal and right thing to do is call and get permission and we will get the deer, but after several at-

tempts, including cashing in favors with friends and associates, we were no where closer to the deer than we were the day before," said Watts.

To further discourage the hunters, they were told the owner of the neighboring ranch did not much care for hunters, outdoors

people, guns or even dogs, and crossing over the fence would probably be impossible.

But all hope was not lost and the team began to think the deer just might return if it had not been struck in a vital organ. But in the back of their heads they were hoping all of Fisher's hard work and the animal itself would not go wasted.

The hunting gods must have heard their prayers because on December 19, Watts decided to go for an afternoon hunt and at around 4:40 p.m., out limped the brut from the woods.

"With one look through my binos, I noticed the double patch neck, grey triangle forehead, curved G1 and hole that was the size of a brohead in the center of his right shoulder. Hell, I had buck fever and could not get to the radio fast enough to tell Crystal her buck had returned," said Watts.

On December 20, Fisher made the familiar trek to the stand to finish what she had set out to do. Fisher said the buck came right out and she was able to harvest the deer after hunting him for three weeks.

The buck was aged at 7 1/2 years, with eight fine points.

"This experience is just a reminder to keep your composure and your hunting ethics at hand. It may not always work out like Crystal's buck did, but the hunting torch was carried on once again by doing the right thing!" Watts concluded.

Photo Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly - Cystal Fisher of the Back Porch Ranch bags this 7 1/2 year old, eight point buck after three weeks of hunting and tracking on December 20.



Singing in Spofford



Photo Courtesy To The Brackett News Weekly - Children from all around gathered in Spofford to sing Christmas Carols on December 23.

Fort sues KCAD

By Leigh Jenkins
 Contributing Writer

Fort Clark Springs Association filed suit against the Kinney County Appraisal District on December 6.

Fort Clark Springs Association (the Fort) represented by local attorney Tully Shahan and Joseph M. Harrison IV, of Floresville, contends the Kinney County Appraisal District illegally cancelled the restricted classification on two tracts of land, totaling over 1,300 acres inside the private homeowner's association, and billed them an additional \$19,000.55 in taxes for 2009.

Court documents read, the Fort maintains the property has been used as, "recreation, park or scenic use," land and according to the law should not be taxed at a higher rate, or at an unrestricted appraisal rate. The Fort wants the 63rd Judicial District Court to reinstate the Restricted Use appraisal, have the 2009 and 2010 tax rolls corrected and recover attorney fees and court costs.

Representing the Appraisal District, Attorney Judith Hargrove, of Hargrove & Evans LLP in Austin, answered the Fort's original petition on December 13.

Hargrove filed a general denial to all of the allegations brought against the Appraisal District. Hargrove would like to see the Court dismiss the case entirely based on their contention the Fort protested the special appraisal status, but did not protest the property's value and without doing that, the Fort should, at the very least, have to re-file a corrected petition.

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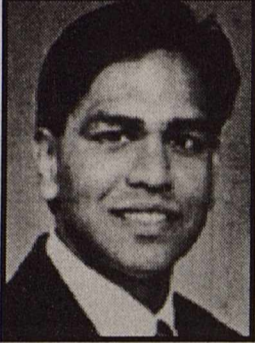
Paper Log: PLOG by Leigh Jenkins

- My New Year's Resolution is as follows:
- to continue exercising so I can eat what I want
 - not to covet the candy in the bowl in the County Treasurer's Office
 - to get organized
 - to (attempt to) be on time more
 - to volunteer
 - to be able to express my expectations more clearly
 - to love like I'm running out of love and don't want to waste an ounce of it
 - to give myself a break
 - to learn to write more better
- Happy New Year!

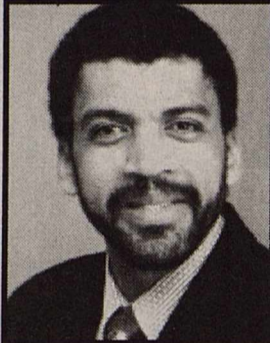
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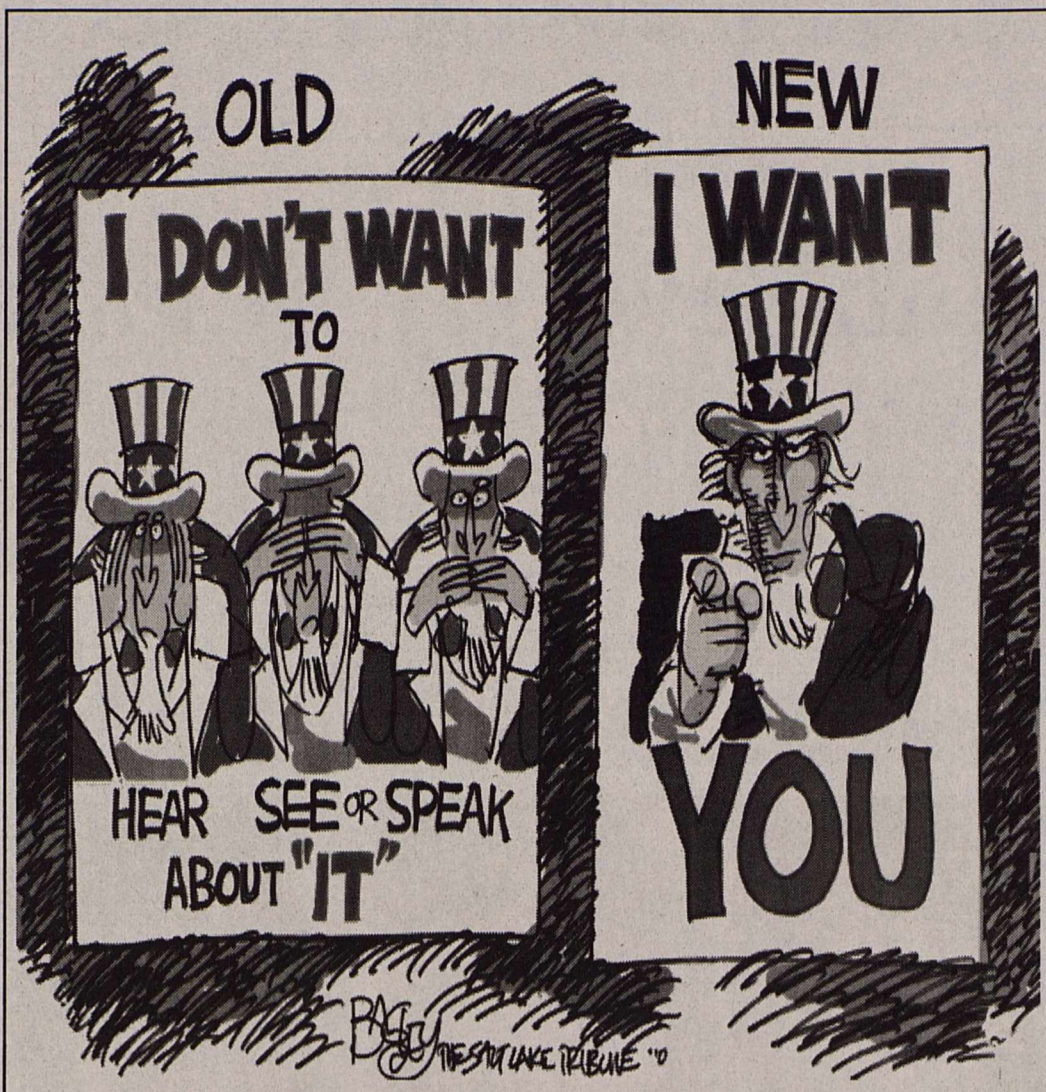
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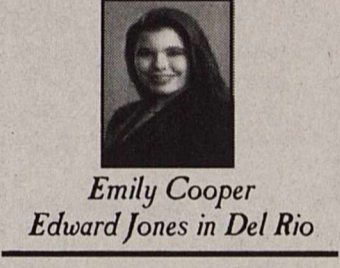
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Ring in some New Year's financial resolutions



Now that 2011 is almost here, you may want to make some New Year's resolutions. Planning to volunteer? Go to the gym more often? Learn a new language? All worthy ambitions, of course, but this year, why not add some financial resolutions as well? Which resolutions should you make? Here are a few ideas to consider:

• Boost your retirement accounts. No matter how old you'll be in 2011, one thing is certain — you're a year closer to retirement than you were in 2010. And that's why you'll want to increase your contributions to your retirement accounts. If your salary is going up in 2011, boost the amount you defer for your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 403(b) plan (if you work for a school or other tax-exempt or-

ganization) or a 457(b) plan (if you work for a state or local government). With tax-deductible contributions, tax-deferred growth of earnings and several investment options, these types of plans are tremendous ways to save for retirement. And try to "max out" your traditional or Roth IRA, too.

• Look for opportunities. With the uncertainties in the economy and the volatility of the financial markets, many people decide to head to the investment "sidelines" for a while. Yet, this environment may actually be a good one for investors with patience, discipline and the ability to look beyond yesterday's headlines. For one thing, many quality securities are now good values. Also, we're still seeing low inflation and low interest rates — factors that may lead to greater economic demand and improved strength in the financial markets.

• Don't over-react to market swings. Over the past few years, we've seen plenty of sudden, sharp swings in the financial markets, and you're likely going to see more of them in 2011. Don't over-react to either the "ups" or the "downs" of the market. Over-

reacting leads to short-term thinking — and successful investors are the ones who can maintain a long-term perspective.

• Rebalance when necessary. At least once a year, review and rebalance your portfolio, as necessary, to make sure it still reflects your goals, risk tolerance and family situation, all of which can change over time.

• Reduce your debts. While the sluggish economy of the past couple of years has obviously been a cause of concern for everyone, we have seen one "silver lining" in that many people, concerned about over-spending, have shed some of their debt load. The less money you have to spend on your debts, the more you'll have available to invest for your future, so do what you can to cut down on what you owe.

• Maintain adequate cash levels. As an investor, you've got at least two good reasons for maintaining enough cash in your portfolio. First, having adequate cash available means you'll be ready to act quickly to take advantage of good investment opportunities. And second, by having a cash cushion, you won't be forced to liquidate long-term investments to pay for short-term needs such as a major car repair, a new furnace, a big doctor's bill, and so on.

By following these suggestions, you can position yourself to make progress toward your long-term goals in 2011 — and in all the New Years that follow.

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Winter Storms



Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Why do we let unexpected problems with weather, electricity, and other little things, throw our routines in the trash?

I can tell you, it is not a perfect world. One little thing out of whack throws a monkey wrench into our plan. In the northern hemispheres, we are getting ready for fall and winter. With these seasons, come flooding, snow, school closings, ice storms and power outages. Are you prepared with plan B?

Let's pretend for a minute (some of you will not have to pretend at all) You have lived it. O.K. your power goes out and you have no heat, no hot water, no stove, you can't stay home, because it is very cold. So you go to the neighbors, because they have a fireplace, but the family is still running in and out of the house. After the power comes back on, your home is trashed. WHY?

You have not been cooking, washing dishes, taking baths or watching TV. You have not really even been at home, except to run in and out getting things. Here is why your home became trashed! Everyone reverted back to your days of CHAOS. They thought that since there was on power, there was no power (discipline in our home)! Routines are a discipline. So without power, we didn't need routines, because we couldn't adhere to them anyway. FREE FOR ALL. Well if your routines were a habit, you would not have been able to toss them out into the snow so fast.

Our biggest problem is picking up after ourselves. Without our routines we do not police our hotspots, keep our sink clean or keep the children on track with their routines.

So when the storm hits, the kids are out of school, and you are without power, you still have sunlight (during the day). Don't allow the fact that there is a little problem to stand in your way of doing things like you have been doing for months. You want a perfect world and most days is not like this at all. So except the fact that plan B is more the norm than your regular routine and be light on your feet. Enjoy the challenge of feeding your family with a buddy burner. If you were in scouts, you know what I am talking about. Play games by flashlight, read to them, just remember to stay calm 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 prepared. So we have some bottles of water in the basement, for making coffee, washing our hair, sponge baths, and cooking if needed. We also have two fireplaces, so we can keep warm, if needed. There are dutch ovens for cooking in the fireplace and a real perk coffee maker. So we won't starve. Knowing what you can do and how, is part of not getting panicked. We also have a gas grill on the back deck. So if the freezer was without power for more than 2 days, we would have to start cooking up a storm.

Do you have an emergency backup plan in your home? Think about this for a little while and see exactly what you would do in case of a power outage.

Do you know where your flashlights are? Can you find them in the dark?

Do you have a weather radio, or battery operated radio for an emergency channel?

How about Extra water for drinking and minimal bathing? And a way to sterilize it. Do you have an alternate way to heat your home? How about to cook? and the pot and pans to do it with? Do you know about safety in the house with kerosene heaters, grills and candles? Do you have a fire extinguisher handy? 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.

Are you prepared for bad weather, power outages and evacuations? Go get an empty Rubbermaid Tub to start building your Emergency Supplies. Label it! Only Use in Case of Emergency!

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Get Fit 5K produces lots of young winners

Information provided by Christie Palmer

The Ninth Annual 5K Run/Walk sponsored by the Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc as part of the Brackettville Get Fit Initiative on December 18, produced several young winners.

Dante Luna, an eighth grader at BISD, won first place overall and first place male age 13-20, with a time of 22 minutes, 51 seconds.

Emma Palmer, a seventh grader at BISD, won first place female.

First place female age 13-20 was Hannah Bagget, a seventh grader at BISD.

First place male age 21-35 was Frank Castillo.

First place female age 21-35 was BISD school teacher Lindsey Kuntz.

First place male age 36-49 was John Matthews.

First place female age 36-49 was Marla Hibbitts, a BISD school teacher.

First place male age 50-65 was Bill Braun.

First place female age 50-65 was Maxine Bonner, a BISD

school teacher.

First place male 66 and over was Joe Partlow.

First place female 66 and over was Jerry Braun.

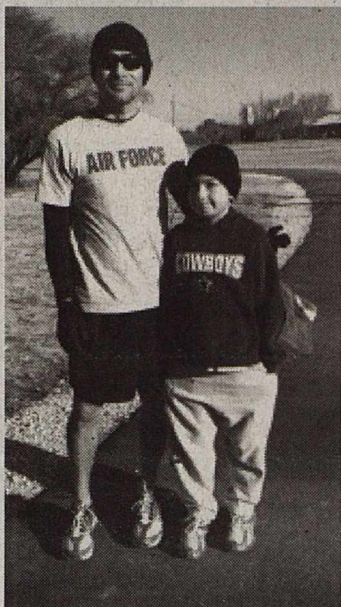
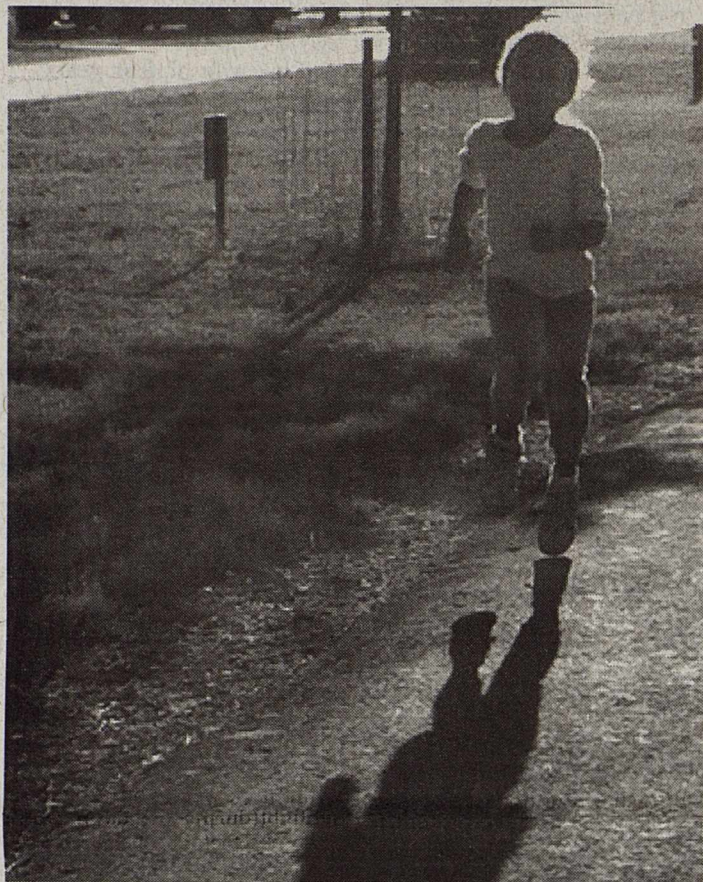
First place Fun Run boy 6 and under was Anthonie Falcon.

First place boy age 7-8 was Diego Castillo, a third grader at BISD.

First place girl age 7-8 was Becca Baggett, a second grader at BISD.

First place boys age 9-10 were Tyler Winfree and Sam Palmer.

First place Fun Run girl was Kristal Cook.



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Holiday basketball scores



Shelby Schuster

On December 2, The Eighth Grade Boys team traveled to Comstock to play in a tournament, where they played against Sacred Heart, Ozona B, and Ozona A.

Against Sacred Heart, the team had a total of 51 points- Teno Flores: 10, Colten Stephenson: 9, Jose Talamantes: 8, David Ortega: 7, Christian Quiroz: 6, Saul Talamantes: 6, Blake Duncan: 3, Ryan Lindhorst: 2. The team won 51-7.

Against Ozona B, the boys had a total of 32 points- Blake Duncan: 8, Colten Stephenson: 7, David Ortega: 6, Saul Talamantes: 3, Mark Garcia: 2, Jose Talamantes: 2, Christian Quiroz: 2, Ryan Lindhorst: 2. The team won 32-5.

Against Ozona A, the team had a total of 22 points- David Ortega: 10, Blake Duncan: 8, Saul Talamantes: 2, Colten Stephenson: 2. The boys lost 34-22, to take home 2nd Place.

On December 3, the Brackett Seventh Grade Boys played in a tournament in Brackett against Nueces Canyon and Sabinal.

Against Nueces Canyon, the team had a total of 13 points-

Jaido Pinales: 7, Jonathon Stafford: 4, Eleazar Salazar: 2. The team lost 35-13.

Against Sabinal, the team had a total of 21 points- Jonathon Stafford: 4, Eleazar Salazar: 4, Rafael Martinez: 4, Nolberto Martinez: 4, Jaido Pinales: 3, Diego Luna: 2. The team lost 31-21.

On December 6 The Eighth Grade team played against Utopia.

The team had a total of 42 points- David Ortega: 9, Saul Talamantes: 8, Christian Quiroz: 6, Colten Stephenson: 4, Matt Gutierrez: 4, Blake Duncan: 4, Mark Garcia: 2, Lane Turner: 2, Ryan Lindhorst: 1. The boys

won 42-22.

On December 13, the teams traveled to La Pryor.

The Seventh Grade team had a total of 37 points- Walt Ashley: 12, Julian Quiroz: 6, Eleazar Salazar: 4, Jaido Pinales: 4, Moses Lira: 4, Brandon Blevins: 3, Walker Harris: 2. The team won 37-16.

The Eighth Grade team had a total of 41 points- Saul Talamantes: 11, Colten Stephenson: 6, Matt Gutierrez: 6, David Ortega: 5, Christian Quiroz: 3, Ryan Lindhorst: 2, Teno Flores: 2, Jose Talamantes: 2, Mark Garcia: 1, Blake Duncan: 1. The boys won 41-20.

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Gettin' Fit

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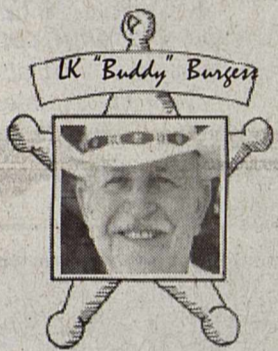
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Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Jenkins - Kinney County's finest gifts preformed December 17 and 18 at the Fort Clark Spring's Historic Post Theatre. The cast and crew performed an original one-act play by Brackettville's own Suzanna Lowery with Biblical narrative from The Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Pictured front row at left: Jewel Robinson as Grandma and Justin Hildalgo as Jeremy. Front row riser at left: David Rhinesmith as Balthasar, Playwright Suzanna Lowery and Narrator Dr. Kent Lowery. Second row riser at left: Pat Melancon as the Innkeeper, Nathan Lafrenz as Melchior and David Loftus as Caspar. Kneeling front row at right: Angel Gracie Maddox. Second row at right: Angel Trey Seargeant, Dennette Coates as Mary, David Lee Murray as Joseph, Angel Serina Martinez, Shepard Erika Loftus and Shepard Adam Beard. Third row at right: Angel Cindy Rhinesmith, Angel Jean Reardon, Angel Jana Murray, Angel Carolyn Carver and Shepard Daniel Loftus. Cast Not pictured: Morgan Welch and Anna Lafrenz. Also part of the production was the Technical Crew: Set Design & Construction: Kent Lowery, Bob Hendricks, Tom McNew, Lynn McNew, Jack Phillips, Laura Phillips, Rachel Munoz. Programs: Tom McNew. Lights & Sound: Tom McNew, Bruce Tratuwein, Lynn McNew and Bryan Gresty. Tickets: Charlene Simmons. Bethlehem Set: Jack Phillips. Animal Construction: Hoagy Nelson.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, December 20

A woman reported an ice chest and two 24-packs of beer had been taken out of her pickup truck at the civic center on December 18.

A woman reported someone was shooting behind the house on El Paso and Gove streets.

A man called to report a reckless tanker truck driver. A security company called to report an alarm was sounding off at BISD.

Tuesday, December 21

A 911 caller reported a possible break-in. She stated someone had entered her house while she was out.

A man called to report he found a bicycle in the alley near his house.

A woman called to report a possible break-in. She stated she had been gone for a few days and when she returned the lights were on and her dog was let out of the bathroom.

Val Verde SO reported a reckless driver on Highway 277 traveling towards Eagle Pass.

A security company called to report an alarm was sounding off at the BISD Library. A deputy reported back later that there were teachers in the library.

Wednesday, December 22

David Maurice Debury Jr. 21, of San Antonio, was arrested for burglary and criminal trespass, felony. Debury was still being held at press time.

Uvalde PD called to report they were pursuing a vehicle headed west into Kinney County. Kinney County responded and reported back later that the vehicle had been stopped near the old check point in Cline.

A woman reported she told an individual in a car to turn down their music and she followed them to get their license plate number.

Thursday, December 23

Lawrence James Collier, 30, of Brackettville, was arrested for theft by check. Collier was released after posting a \$1,500 cash bond.

Friday, December 24

A woman called to request to speak with a game warden. She was concerned about some possible poaching happening close to her ranch.

A man called to report a sick deer at Fort and Fulton streets in Brackettville.

Saturday, December 25

A 911 caller reported a man in the water at the Sycamore Creek Bridge on Highway 277 waving his arms around and screaming.

A security company called to report an alarm was sounding off at the Super S grocery store.

Sunday, December 26

A woman called to report

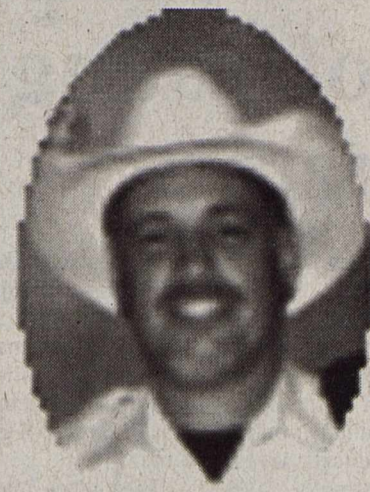
someone had run into her fence. A security company called to report an alarm was sounding off at BISD.



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OBITUARY



Michael Ray Schaefer

October 10, 1955 - December 25, 2010

Michael Ray Schaefer of Uvalde passed away on December 25, 2010 in Uvalde Memorial Hospital at the age of 55. He was born on October 10, 1955 in Hondo to William and Patricia (Clower) Schaefer. He married Sylvia Gonzales on May 21, 2006 in Uvalde. He is survived by his wife of four years; parents; daughter, Amanda Schaefer of Uvalde; three sons, Justin and Stephen Schaefer, both of Houston; and Joshua Schaefer of Uvalde; four sisters, Vicki Kring of Knippa; Tricia Van Pelt and Judy Gutierrez, both of Sabinal; and Laura Richarz of Utopia; and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 29, 2010 at 2 p.m. at Rushing-Estes-Knowles Chapel with the burial that followed at the Sabinal Cemetery. Rev. Robert Richarz will officiate. Pallbearers were be Charlie Mendeke; Ricky Valdez; Mike Villarreal; Bob Cook; Tony Salas; and Armando Garcia. Honorary pallbearers will be Brandon McCutcheon; Buddy Burgess; Eloy Garza; Juan Maldonado; Beau Watkins; James Earl Bryce; and Don Gass. Memorial donations may be made to the Living Waters Church, PO Box 534, Utopia, TX 78884; or to the charity of one's choice.

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OBITUARY

Nicolasa San Miguel

November 10, 1912 - December 22, 2010

Nicolasa San Miguel, age 98, entered into rest December 22, 2010 in San Antonio, Texas. She was born November 10, 1912 in Brackettville, Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband, Nieves San Miguel and parents Felipe and Erlinda Hernandez.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and numerous relatives.

Visitation was held Sunday, December 26, 2010, 5:00pm-9:00pm, Brackettville Sunset Funeral Home, Brackettville, Texas.

Mass of Christian burial was held Monday, December 27, 2010, 10:00am, St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

Interment will follow at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery.

Please visit our website www.sunsetfuneralhomes.com and sign our guest book.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Brackettville Sunset Funeral Home, 302 E. Spring, Brackettville, Texas 78832 (830) 563-9600

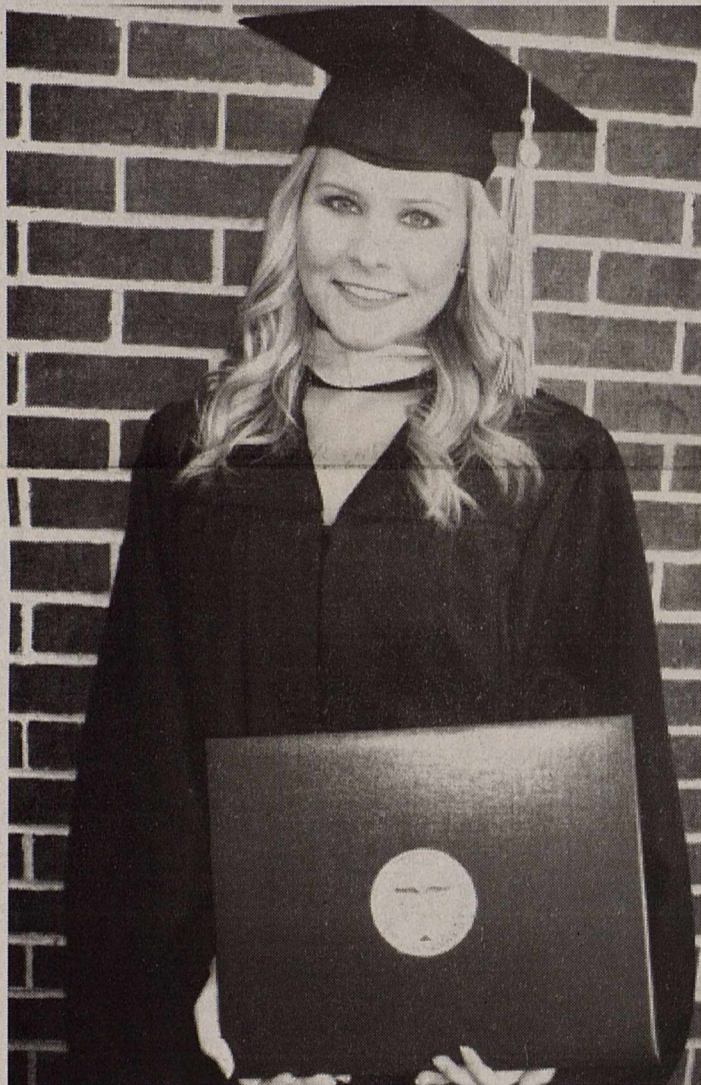
Sarah Rose graduates DBU

DALLAS, TX - Sarah Angela Rose of Brackettville was awarded a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Business Communication at Dallas Baptist University on Friday, December 17.

A native of Brackettville, Rose is the daughter of Pat and

Sharon Rose.

Sarah has secured a full-time position with KPMG, LLP in Dallas, TX. KPMG is ranked as one of the "Big Four" accounting firms while being recognized as one of the largest professional service firms in the world.



Sarah Rose

Rotary celebrates Annual Christmas Party



Submitted By Tom Collins

At the regular Thursday noon meeting of the Brackettville Rotary Club on December 23, the members enjoyed their annual Christmas party. Pictured front row from left: President Ed Dillon and Glen White. Back row from left: Dave Crowe, Angela Haenn, Darlene Shahan, Paula Crowe, Barbara Dillon, Jean Reardon, Mary Partlow and Tully Shahan.

Earlier this month, on December 13, the three Rotary Clubs of Del Rio, Eagle Pass and Brackettville held a joint club meeting in Eagle Pass. Rotary District Governor, Stephanie Macchia, was present. Each club president reviewed the fund raiser projects for the past year. A Mexican buffet was offered.

Thank you

Thank you for the kindness & generosity that was shown at the Christmas Open House. The benefit for Amanda Simmons was a great success. Many thanks to all of those who organized for the event and to those of you who participated.

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