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Kinney County Is Home To Cookie Steward - Happy Birthday!

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Community News

EMS WEEKLY REPORT

The week of December 26, 2010 thru January 1, 2011: Kinney County EMS responded to a total of 8 medical calls. Seven of the calls were transported to area hospitals.

AA MEETING

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

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Upcoming holiday schedule for BISD: Christmas Holiday: Students return on Jan 11 as scheduled; Spring Break: Early release on March 11 @1pm and return on March 21 as scheduled

LIBRARY NEWS:

FREE TAX HELP SITES NOW OPEN

Courtesy tax return preparation service now available throughout Brackettville. Volunteers throughout Kinney County are now offering free tax return preparation through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, the Kinney County Library announced today. You can learn which sites are nearest to you and their hours of operation by calling the Kinney County Public Library @ 830-563-2884, or by calling the IRS @ 1-800-829-1040 or by viewing the VITA Site List @ www.irs.gov. The VITA Program reaches out to people whose incomes are \$49,000 or less, said Sarah Terrazas, Library Director. "Our volunteers are the heart of this program; they have attended the training and have received the certification needed to prepare basic returns. Kinney County, in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service, will kick-off the tax season at the Kinney County Public Library on 510 S. Ellen on January 18, 2011. Call to make an appointment and take advantage of our free service.

GED CLASS:

Students needed for GED Class Spring Semester. Classes will be held during the day from 9:00 -12:00 starting January 18, 2011. For more information contact the library @ 830-563-2884

CORRECTION:

On December 30, 2010, the BNW printed New Year's Resolutions and the name for Monica Castillo was erroneously printed as "Monica White". Please accept our most sincere apology.

New Years Resolutions...



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

Spofford fire leaves only ashes

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

A small, wood-framed house in Spofford burned to the ground in the early morning hours on January 3.

At approximately 4:30 a.m.

on Monday, Kinney County Fire Rescue was dispatched to 352 North Second Street in Spofford.

The house is owned by the Melton Simmons estate, with the taxes paid by Kinney County Constable Bobby Guidry, a family member and the caretaker for

the property.

"The house was empty at the time and we are happy that no one was hurt," said Guidry.

The house is located within a few hundred feet of the historic Blaise Catholic Church and across the street from the Lawson

Residence, the only other occupied structures on the street.

Guidry confirmed there was no electricity connected to the house. He said it was possible that undocumented aliens may have started a small fire in the house as a way of keeping warm

and it could have gotten out of hand, "but we don't know for sure," said Guidry.

Guidry also said he could tell that someone had been in the building and had recently replaced the kitchen door more than once.



352 N. Second in Spofford

Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Jenkins - A small, wood house in Spofford burned to the ground in the early morning hours on January 3. A family member says it may have been the result of undocumented aliens attempting to stay warm.

Fabric on the go

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

Arlene Ryan said she started her business with the quilter in mind, but has lately been catering to the renewed interest her customers have found in old fashioned dress making.

Ryan, the owner of Roadrunner Fabrics, operates a mobile fabric store that contains more than 400 bolts of mostly cotton fabric, thread, notions and quilt-

ing supplies.

Traveling from Hondo to Del Rio and making stops in Leakey, Sabinal and Utopia, Ryan and her husband Joe, make their rounds, selling their wares in a converted school bus they bought on ebay.

Since March of 2008, the Ryans have been offering Brackettville and other small town stitches the convenience of a quality products without having to drive a great distance.



Bus Full O' Fabric

Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Jenkins - Arlene and Joe Ryan travel in their converted school bus selling fabric and quilting supplies to small towns around the Area. In the picture: Arlene and Joe, parked at Brackettville's Burger N Shake, hold the Texas T-shirt Quilt Arlene made with t-shirts from around Texas.

Locals arrested in cocaine bust make bail

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

Four arrested during a drug raid in Brackettville have been released from federal custody after their bond hearing on December 22.

A host of local, state and federal agents descended upon four Brackettville homes last month where they arrested four men and two women for trafficking cocaine. A seventh man was arrested two days later.

On December 16, 2010, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Resident Agent In Charge Armando Ramirez said his team had been conducting an investigation into cocaine trafficking in Brackettville. The investigation, that began in June of this year, included using undercover agents and confidential informants to purchase cocaine from various local dealers.

Marivel Fernandez-Lumbreras, 23, was arrested on December 16, 2010, for being, "involved in the distribution of street level quantity narcotics," read the complaint on record at the United States District Court in Del Rio.

Fernandez-Lumbreras was released on an unsecured bond in the amount of \$20,000, guaranteed by a family member's signature on December 22, 2010.

Manuel Cruz-Fernandez, 30, was arrested for being in possession and, "affecting commerce a firearm, a Glock 9 millimeter handgun," on or about Septem-

ber 1, 2010, a violation of his probation for a prior felony conviction for assault, causing bodily injury, the record stated.

Cruz-Fernandez was released on an unsecured bond in the amount of \$20,000, guaranteed by a family member's signature on December 22, 2010.

Guadalupe Lumbreras, 31, was arrested at his Pear Alley home for selling a confidential informant, accompanied by an undercover federal agent, "25 small bags (referred to as twenties) containing 8.1 grams of cocaine," on or about December 7, 2010, with \$500 cash provided by the DEA, according to the record.

Lumbreras is being held without bond.

Roxanna Julian, 20, and Salvador Pacheco, 41, were arrested for, "unlawfully knowingly and intentionally possessing with the intent to distribute approximately 4.3 grams of cocaine," on or about July 22, 2010, at their Sweeny Street home. A confidential informant asked Pacheco for \$500 worth of cocaine. Pacheco, according to the record, said he did not have any cocaine ready for distribution and would need to, "break down \$500 worth."

Julian was then witnessed to physically divide up 13 individual bags, known as, "twelve forties and one twenty," that were then sold to the informant.

Pacheco was released on an unsecured bond for \$20,000, guaranteed by a family member's signature on December 22, 2010.

Julian was released on an unsecured bond for \$20,000, guaranteed by a family member's signature on December 22, 2010.

Vicente Flores, 18, was arrested for "unlawfully knowingly and intentionally possessing with the intent to distribute approximately 1.9 grams of cocaine," on or about June 29, 2010, at his East Fulton Street home. A confidential informant was given \$200 from the DEA and purchased five individual bags of cocaine, known as twenties, for \$100. The informant turned over the cocaine and the remaining \$100 to the DEA.

Flores is being held without bond.

On December 18, Cesar De Leon, 48, was arrested for, "unlawfully knowingly and intentionally possessing with the intent to distribute approximately 13.3 grams of cocaine," on or about July 9, 2010, and on July 30, 2010, at his East Thomas Street home. On July 9, 2010, De Leon sold a confidential informant, "two individual blue baggies of approximately 2.2 grams of cocaine," with \$200 given to him by the DEA, the record stated.

Later on July 30, 2010, De Leon, again sold a confidential informant, accompanied by an undercover agent, "11 individual pink zip-lock baggies containing approximately 11.1 grams of cocaine," with a total of \$1,000 provided by the DEA.

De Leon's bond hearing is scheduled for tomorrow, January 7, at the US District Court in downtown Del Rio.

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Paper Log: PLOG by Leigh Jenkins

Let me first thank all of you that have been calling about the things that concern you, bother you or just simply get on your nerves.

I am glad that you feel the paper can help you solve a problem or I should say, shine a light on the problem so that the proper authorities or whomever can make the situation right for you.

Lately I have been getting a lot of calls about various situations on the Fort, and not just from the regulars.

There have been a lot of changes on the Fort recently, and from what I take from the people is that they are very unsure about what is happening and they are not sure who to trust.

I feel for you because there are a lot of different groups on the Fort. There is a certain group that believes the Fort should remain exactly how it was in the "glory days". The days that most, even members of the current board of directors, never saw for themselves, just heard about. Then there are the people that have moved to the Fort in the years since the glory days that feel compelled to run everything and tend to be hostile. Then there are people that liked the glory days, but don't mind the modernization of the Fort and want to participate, but quickly get burned out by those who complain to the point the volunteers want to quit and then soon become frustrated and move away, like to San Angelo. Then there are the families that have moved in and are too busy with raising their children and paying the mortgage to get involved with the bees nest politics. Then there is a group of people that say they are smart enough to stay away from all the other groups because they believe they came here to get away from the drama and retire in peace. Maybe in this group of people are all the leaders and talented people that will comfort the rest of the groups, but the world will never know.

My point is that there are so many talented people living (or trapped) on the Fort. I can find the good even in the ones that regularly say they hate me and this newspaper. I get lectured on how naive I am when I say that, but I've only met a few people that I believe have no redeeming qualities (call me later and I'll tell you what unit they live in).

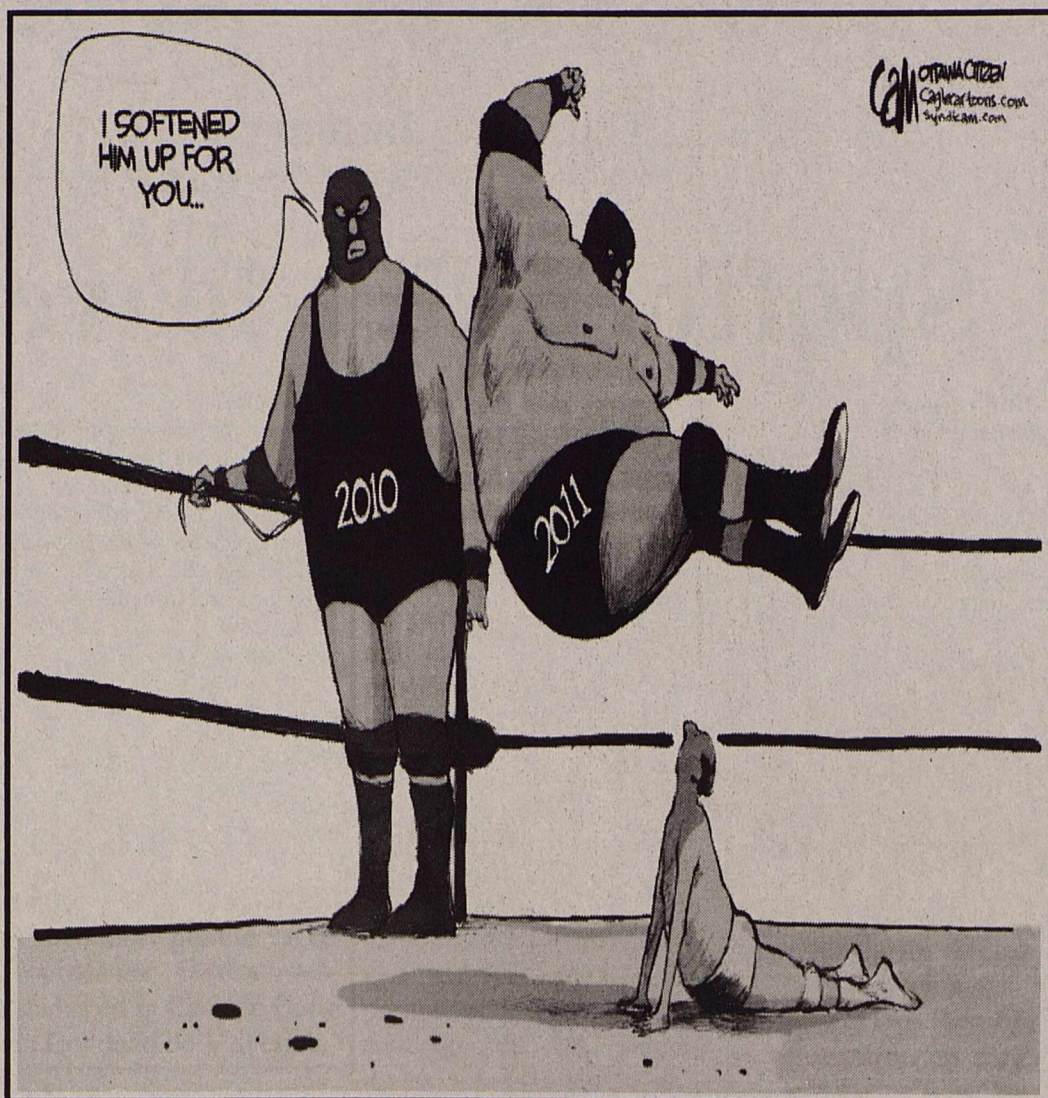
When do you say I'll give this guy a chance?
When do you say that's it, I've given them enough chances?
When do you say I'm moving to San Angelo?
When do you say shut your mouth with all that complaining already?

When do you say I just love it here?
I don't know what the answer is for the Fort, but I do know that some of the long-timers (and five or ten years is not a long timer) say that through it all, the Fort has remained...

And know that I will listen to you and take your concerns serious, unless you are one of those that send me unsigned letters telling me JFK lives in the back of the Fort.

The power of the press is power for the people.

Leigh J.



Progress NOT perfection



Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Here we are again embarking on a brand new year with all the joys and anticipation that it brings. In 1999 I woke up on New Year's Day determined to get organized. That determination is what made it happen! The reasons behind that purpose had more to do with fear that people would find out my dirty little secret.

Now I share my shortcomings with the world because if I am having a problem then many of you are too. I am not ashamed of who I am or how I got here. Every bad thing that has ever happened to me has made me who I am today! I am very proud of how I have taken those things from my childhood and not continued to abuse myself with those thoughts and actions. I can't change those years of growing up; but I can see when I allow that shame to enter back into my

life and delete it.

I use everything that happens these days to help teach me a lesson to help others. I look at the situation and say to myself. What am I supposed to learn from this and usually an essay comes from it and maybe even the theme of a new book. Life is too short to just skating from one problem to the next and not use those lessons to teach ourselves how to not repeat them and help others.

Skating is what we do best. Do you remember when you were in school and you did just enough to get by. Instead of reading a chapter that was our homework assignment and answer the questions at the end; we would skip the reading part and go straight to the questions. There we go skating at an early age. We were proud of ourselves for finding a shortcut to getting our homework finished. We were just too stubborn to understand that we were really making more work for ourselves in the long run.

If we had read the chapter, processed the words in a quiet environment and listened in class instead of day dreaming; we could have answered those questions easily. Instead we picked and skimmed the reading looking for the answer. This kind of piecemeal

learning robbed us of our education. Did you ever think this is why you can't remember anything from high school? You were skating to just get by not feeding your hungry brain the knowledge it was starving for. Then came test time; you had to cram instead of using the babysteps of your homework to be able to pass! We thought we were so smart.

This happens today. We are good at hiding it from others. We skate at home and in our work life. At work when you skate you will eventually be found out and your job is at stake. You don't have that problem at home or do you! You really know the truth and that truth makes you feel guilty. The guilt manifests itself in many ways; weight gain, financial problems, clutter taking over and relationship problems. When we are confronted with our skating; we deflect the attention on us to the problems around us. It doesn't work; you are found out!

When we skate through life we have our heads down and we don't see what is going on around us. We are skating as fast as we can and as a result we go round and round in circles; doomed to repeat the mistakes and stay stuck in our ruts. How do we stop this vicious circle that we have created for ourselves?

You join FlyLady to try to get your house in order but you start skating all over again. You just want to jump to the end of the chapter and start answering questions without allowing the process of FLYing to help you find the peace I have promised you. There are no short cuts.

Whenever someone complains that FlyLady is not working for them we ask have you started to declutter your home. Are you getting dressed to lace up shoes? Have you shined your sink? You see you just can't skip to the end without going through the babysteps that help you get there.

Don't make it harder than it really is! Take your babysteps and enjoy the process!

Progress Not Perfection; let's get out of our ruts, raise our heads and open up our eyes to focus on the prize of peace in our lives!

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Smart financial moves for new parents



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

If you've just had a new baby, your life is filled with more joy (but less sleep). You're probably already aware of the time and effort you must invest in raising your child, but you may not have thought as much about another aspect — the financial one.

Consider this: The average cost of raising a child to age 17 is now \$222,360, according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture report on how much middle-income, two-parent families spend on their offspring. And this is the amount you might spend before your son or daughter heads to college. Clearly, you need to start making the financial moves necessary to take your child from diapers to a degree. Here are some suggestions for doing just that:

•Purchase sufficient life insurance. When it was just you and your spouse, it was a good idea for you to have life insurance — but now that you have a child, it's an absolute necessity. If you have any doubts about the value of life insurance, just look again at that \$222,360 figure above, and then tack on the costs of four years of college. If you or your spouse were to die unexpectedly, would the survivor earn enough to raise and educate your child? In this day and age, that's not likely — so make sure you have adequate life insurance in place.

•Prepare a will. Obviously, you hope to enjoy a long life — one in which you see your child grow to adulthood. But none of us can predict the future, so it's essential that you draw up a will to provide for the care of your child, both financially and physically. When you create a will, you can name a guardian to step in and take care of your child, if necessary, and you can make sure your child receives your financial assets. However, many people go beyond writing a will and establish a living trust, which gives them more control over how and when they want their assets distributed. Your legal advisor can help you prepare a will and determine if a living trust is appropriate for your needs.

•Maintain adequate cash. To help pay for all those expenses related to child rearing, keep enough cash on hand. By having enough resources available in liquid accounts, you can avoid having to dip into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs.

•Save early and often for college. It's never too soon to start saving for the high costs of higher education. A 529 plan is a tax-advantaged vehicle and may be a great option for your college savings. Contributions to a 529 plan are made with after-tax dollars, and have the opportunity to grow tax-free. Withdrawals used for qualified higher education expenses are also tax free. Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may be eligible for a state tax deduction or credit depending on the plan and state.

•Stay balanced. As we've seen, it takes a lot of money to raise a child. But even as you're meeting these expenses, think about your own future, particularly your retirement. Strive to strike a balance between the money you spend on your child and the amount you invest in your 401(k), IRA and other retirement-savings vehicles.

You can't put a price-tag on your child's future, but when it comes to taking care of that child, you'll want to know the costs involved — and be prepared for them.

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Kinney County Stockshow And Sale

Important notes for stockshow participants and parents:

Submitted by Kinney County Extension Office:

We need individually wrapped breakfast tacos and/or baked goods to sell in the concession stand on Friday and Saturday at the Stock Show on January 14-15. 4-H gets the profit from the concession stand. We also need workers, no more than three per hour to take shifts from 8am to 6pm on Friday and from 8am until 5pm on Saturday. We need parents to help as well, so we will have at least one parent working with the kids for each hour.

Remember that your unsold BBQ tickets and Money need to be turned into Kathryn at the Extension Office on Thursday, January 13 before 5 pm. There

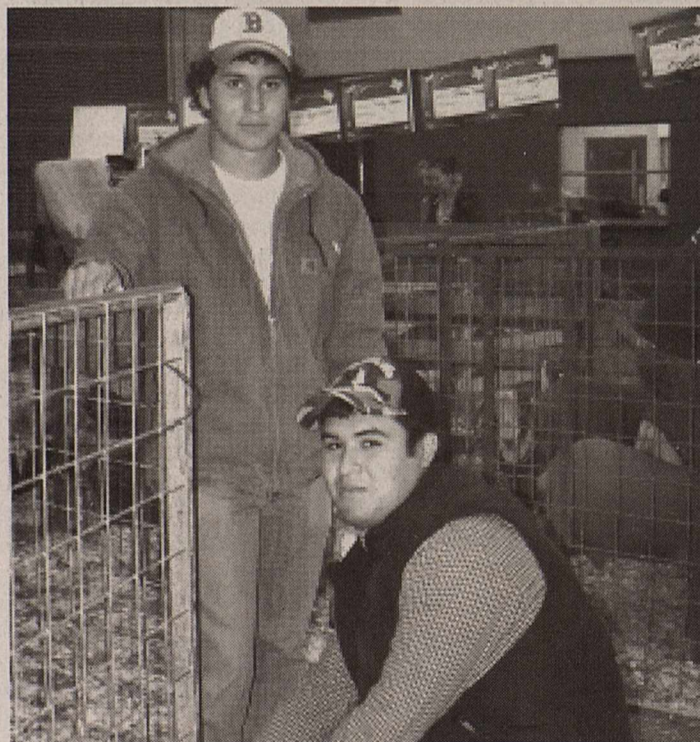
is one complimentary ticket per exhibitor in your envelop and five tickets to be sold at \$6.00 each. We also need an extra \$5.00 from each family to use to buy side dishes with. The BBQ is at noon on Saturday, January 15.

THERE WILL BE NO 4-H MEETING FOR JANUARY. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20 at 6pm at the Courthouse. There will be NO dance, lock-in, party, etc. after the Stockshow.

Grades come out on January 11 to be used to determine whether or not Stockshow Exhibitors are eligible to show. You will get a call before the stockshow if you are not eligible to show.

TOP THREE

The first THREE people to email tnews@sbcglobal.net with the correct names of the Kinney 4Hers/FFAers in the THREE pictures below will receive a free THREE month online subscription to the Brackett News Weekly.



2011 KINNEY COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW

The Kinney County 4-H & FFA Livestock Show will be held at the Kinney County Civic Center on January 14-15, 2011.

The premium sale will be held Saturday, January 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.
The following event schedule is as follows:

Friday, January 14, 2011

Weigh in

8:00-10:00 a.m. Lambs and Goats

10:00 a.m. Swine

9:00-noon Rabbits

Classes

2:00 p.m. Rabbit Classes

4:00 p.m. Steer Classes

4:30 p.m. Meat Goat Doe Classes

5:30 p.m. Swine

Saturday, January 15, 2011

8:00 a.m. Market Lamb Classes

9:30 a.m. Market Goat Classes

Noon BBQ Lunch

1:15 p.m. Stock Show Awards Presentations

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

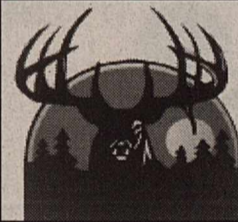
Kinney County 4-H Photography Project Show Friday and Silent Auction ends Saturday.

The BBQ lunch is Saturday at noon right before the Awards and Sale. Tickets are \$6.00 and benefit the 4-H & FFA programs. There is a drawing for a Rifle to benefit the stock show scholarship program. It will be given away on Saturday. Tickets are \$5.00 for 1 or 5 for \$20.00. 4-H and FFA stock show exhibitors can tell you how to get a ticket!

We value your support of all of our 4-H & FFA exhibitors in Kinney County and look forward to seeing you there!



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WATCH FOR IT!

Submitted by Lynn McNew:
The Old Quarry Society will present "The Glory Road" in association with Fort Clark Festival on March 4 & 5. Auditions for soldiers, townspeople, Indians, tech help, etc. will be coming soon. Many people are needed to make this show a success. Call 563-9229 or 563-5701.

Happy Anniversary



25 Years

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Laura & Louis Waddell

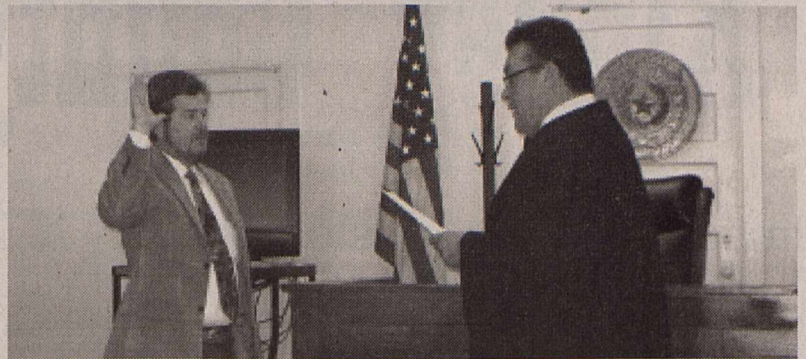
"To my beautiful wife. Thanks for being my "better half" and for putting up with me all these years! I love you!"

Louis "Devil"

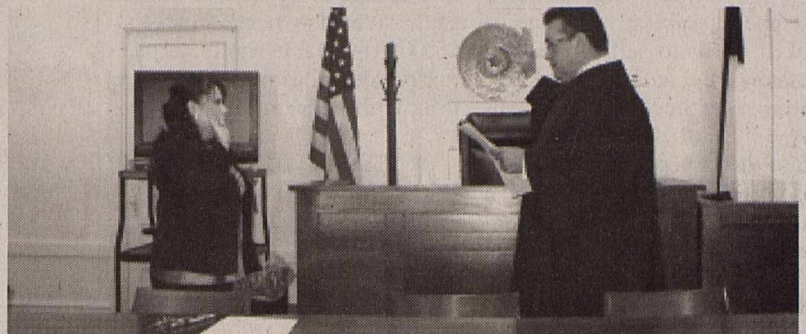
Elected officials swear in



Kinney County commissioners Joe Montalvo and Pat Melancon are sworn in by 63rd Judicial District Judge Enrique Fernandez on January 1, 2011.



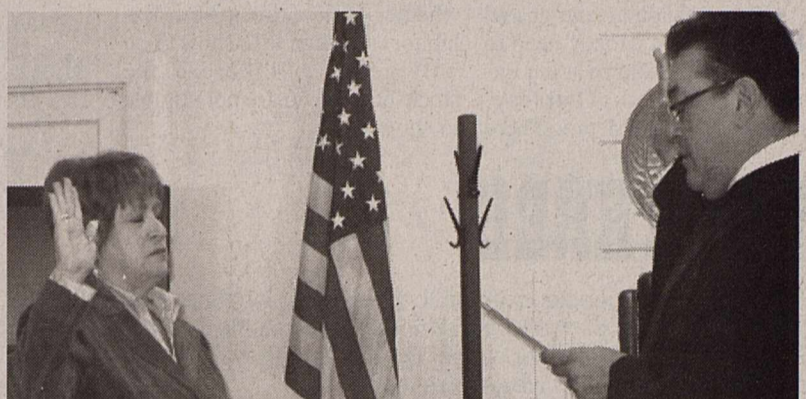
Kinney County Judge Tim Ward is sworn in by 63rd Judicial District Judge Enrique Fernandez on January 1, 2011.



Kinney County Justice of the Peace Narce Villareal is sworn in by 63rd Judicial District Judge Enrique Fernandez on January 1, 2011.



Kinney County Treasurer Diana Gutierrez is sworn in by Kinney County-District Clerk Dora Sandoval.



Kinney County-District Clerk Dora Sandoval is sworn in by 63rd Judicial District Judge Enrique Fernandez on January 1, 2011.

Multi-county ag conference set Jan. 19 in LaCoste

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For those of you needing some of those last minute C.E.U.'s before your license expires, here is a great opportunity to get 5 of them without having to drive a great distance.

LaCOSTE — Texas AgriLife Extension Service will sponsor the Multi-County Agriculture Conference on Jan. 19 at Our

Lady of Grace Parish, 15825 Bexar Street in LaCoste.

The conference will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., with registration from 8:30-9 a.m. The cost is \$10 and includes a catered lunch.

"This conference will cover a variety of topics that will be of interest to landowners, producers and others involved in agriculture," said Jerry Warren, AgriLife Extension agent for agriculture in Bexar County and a conference coordinator. "We've got some very knowledgeable presenters who are experts in their respective fields. They'll be sharing some valuable, science-based information that will be of practical benefit

to those attending."

A total of five continuing education units — one in integrated pest management, one in laws and regulations and three in the general category — will be given for conference attendance.

Morning activities will include a welcome and program overview, followed by a presentation on water law by Dr. Robert Gulley, program manager, Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program. This will be followed by a presentation on spider mites by Dr. Noel Troxclair, AgriLife Extension entomologist in Uvalde.

The next presentation will be

on managing alternative crops by Dr. Travis Miller, AgriLife Extension statewide agronomist and soil and crop sciences associate department head at Texas A&M University, College Station. A break will follow, then a presentation on drought-resistant crop technology by Atila Deak, Monsanto Technology Development.

The morning's final presentation will be on deficit irrigation and yield implications by Dr. Diane Rowland, Texas AgriLife Research crop physiologist at the Uvalde center. Lunch will follow from noon-1 p.m.

The afternoon's first presentation will be on the management of corn disease pathogens by Dr. Tom Isakeit, AgriLife Extension plant pathologist in College Station. This will be followed by a presentation on pesticide laws and regulations by Vick Alexander, Texas Department of Agriculture.

The conference will conclude with a question-and-answer and evaluation session to take place from 2:40-3 p.m. Attendees are requested to RSVP to Annette Pawelek in the AgriLife Extension office in Bexar County at 210-467-6575 on or before Jan. 14. The registration cost after that date will be \$15.

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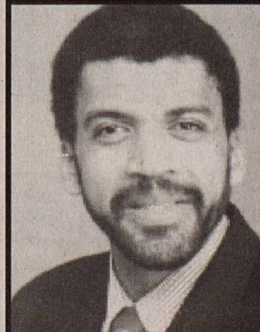
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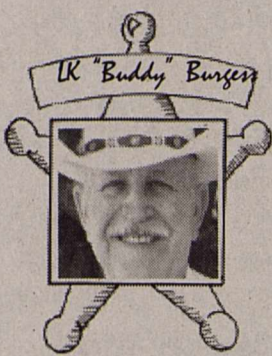
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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



attacking an axis deer on West Thorn Street.

A 911 caller reported a disturbance in the alley on West Thorn Street.

Thursday, December 30
Travis Allen Foster, 32, of Quemado, was arrested for DWI, second offense. Foster was released on January 1, 2011, after posting a \$2,000 bond.

A woman called to report a hit and run in the parking of a local convenience store.

Friday, December 31
Two callers reported fireworks landing on their houses at Beaumont and Fulton streets.

Saturday, January 1, 2011

Jose Luis Flores, 43, of Brackettville, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury, family violence. Flores was still being held at press time.

Jose Tom Martinez, 32, of Brackettville, arrested for public intoxication. Martinez was released on January 2, after paying a \$255 fine.

A Maverick County dispatcher requested assistance from Kinney County in regards to an accident on Highway 277.

Two callers reported an elderly man had run off the road and wrecked his vehicle.

A woman called to report a fight in progress on Brown

Street.

Sunday, January 2
Armando Estrada, 39, of Brackettville, was arrested for public intoxication. Estrada was still being held at press time.

Rogelio Estrada, 61, of Brackettville, was arrested for public intoxication. Estrada was released after paying a \$255 fine.

A caller reported a disturbance at a local bar and requested assistance from a deputy.

A woman called to report loud music near Beaumont and Spring streets.

A man called to report a very intoxicated man was hitting his car.

Notes of Interest:

Submitted by Roland Boysen:

Just a short note to any that has not yet heard the news about my wife Rosalie. She got so weak that she could not stand even long enough for me to move her from bed to her wheelchair or from it into the car or back again. On our last trip to the doctor appointments, I had to always find or ask someone to help me move her.

It just got to where I had no other choice except to put her in a nursing home. That was bad too, because she has not, or cannot talk since the second day there. The she quit eating, and did not want to eat and the doctor put a feeding tube into her stomach. A nurse has since told me this is helping her.

Rosalie is in Del Rio which is the closest place I could find, since that way I can go almost every other day to see and check up on her. The doctor also found a blood clot in her lung, which is not good if it should move from where it is to her heart.

If you'd like to send her a card or message, please send it to:

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Del Rio, Texas 78840

Also, our 60th Wedding Anniversary is on January 7, 2011.

Out With The Old, In With The New



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Jenkins - Fort Clark Security employee Jose Vela waves on a member from the newly constructed guard shack. The old guard shack at the left is in the process of being torn down.

Giraldo to speak at St. John's

St. John's Missionary Church is inviting the public to come and hear Pastor Giraldo on January 9, at 10:30 am.
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For more information, please call Sister Judith Adams at 830.563.3550.

Water war conference planned

Submitted By Linda Curtis, Independent Texans, IndyTexans.org
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Months ago, we incorrectly reported to some of you that the plan by private water profiteers to raid the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer that feeds Bastrop and Lee counties (aka the Simsboro Pipeline Project) was all but dead. It is VERY much alive. It's statewide implications are now clear.

On December 16, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB, all 6 Perry appointees) approved the pipeline over the objections of the local community and groundwater district — while in the same breath claiming Texas could not afford water conservation. The original plan for a 50-mile, \$300 million pipeline is now a 100-mile, \$400+ million pipeline.

The stage is now set for a statewide water war and the related rise of an independent (outside the parties, non-aligned) unified movement.

The question is whether local communities will have any real control over their groundwater — as we have argued — a bigger, badder Trans-Texas Corridor.

Consider these facts:
• 1,000 people per day are moving to Texas — many from California who already lost their water war. Growth should pay for itself, but is currently rigged to help large-scale developers. (See CostofGrowth.com and ChangeAustin.org.)

Hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") is mushrooming and requires massive amounts of water. Citizens and officials in the DFW area are raising legitimate concerns about potential contamination of groundwater from thousands of wells. Now, Chinese state owned energy company investments that will help escalate fracking wells from Milam County to south Texas counties (through Fayette & Lee counties.)

The Texas Railroad Commission already has the power to exempt oil and gas drilling from the regular process for groundwater permitting.

Local control of groundwater is under attack. The TWDB

decision was a set up for private water vendors to sue local groundwater districts.

If the State Pipeline becomes a reality, the Governor's allies will pick the winners and losers in the water war, threatening property rights, economic stability and local food sources.

Therefore, we at Independent Texans have called together this forum to begin statewide organizing plans. Much more will

follow this event.

WHEN: Saturday, January 15th, 2-4 pm

PLACE: Bastrop Library, 1101 Church Street

TOPIC: The Texas Water War: Will the people unite?

SPEAKERS (so far): Steve Box, Environmental Stewardship

Phil Cook, Sierra Club

Linda Curtis, Independent Texans

Pati Jacobs, Bastrop rancher
Judith McGeary (or rep),
Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance

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•Unit 14: RV Lot w/ metal cover. 8x10 Morgan Bldg + washer/dryer hookups. Located next to green area. \$22,000. REDUCED \$21,500

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ACROSS

- TX nuclear plant in Somervell Co: "Comanche"
- TX Strait's "All My Live in Texas"
- "Grand Ole"
- h.s. senior dance
- Lavaca River was 1st named "Veches"
- TX Jim Reeves' "Losing You?"
- in Morris Co. on 67
- first black to arrive in TX
- TXism: "pull yourself up by the boot"
- TXism: "fast -shot coyote"
- garage door
- composer Bach
- "to your own business"
- British boys
- TX Zellweger line: "me at hello"
- TXism: "six half a dozen of the other"
- hot molten rock
- "that's idea" (stupid)
- TXism: "active hen house"
- TX Perot started as a man
- TXism: "that's the pot calling black"
- these once navigated the Rio Grande
- ouch!
- TXism: "dull as week-old pop"

DOWN

- Stanton, TX: "Home of 3,000 Friendly Old"
- Pleasanton, TX newspaper
- Marfa blimp to deter drug smuggling
- San Antonio FM TXism: "got in the oven" (pregnant)
- actor in "Streets of Laredo" ('49)
- TXism: "slinger" (writer)
- "bear" south of the border
- Titus Co. seat
- "Hill Country State Natural"
- TX Woodward was a boss in "Cool Luke" ('67)
- gorillas
- actor Vigoda
- Alpine university was named for this TX gov. (init.)
- TX outlaw Younger (init.)
- TX Shelley Duvall's "Popeye" character (init.)
- Hawaiian dance
- "he beat retreat"
- pronunciation of southwest Native American tribe
- Santa, TX
- TX Buddy Holly tune: "Boy!"
- dir. to Dallas from Goldthwaite (abbr.)
- wood chopper
- TXism: "ain't worth two"
- TX flag should fly with white
- TX "Spanky's" girlfriend in "Our Gang"
- in Bastrop Co. on hwy. 290
- legal document of ownership
- TXism: "mighty fine"
- Rangers' Elvis position (abbr.)
- horseshoe pits should not run west
- TXism: "as a one-legged man in a butt-kicking contest"
- Astros divisional foe