

# Brackett News

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Kinney County Is Home To Anne Watts - A Protector of Our Wildlife

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### NHS INDUCTION

The 2010-2011 Brackett High School National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be next Monday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. All students, faculty, families, and community members are invited to come and honor those students who have achieved this honor, through their scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

### YOUTH GROUP

First Baptist Youth Group meets Sunday at 6pm in the Youth Building on Veltman Street. Join us for Bible Studies, games, and food. For more information call 563-2245.

### EMS WEEKLY REPORT

For the weeks of February 6 - 19: Kinney County EMS responded to a total of 18 medical calls. Eleven of the calls were transported to an area hospital.

### BATTLE OF THE EXES

MARCH 5 Make a basketball team Team: \$35 a Team (6 Players Max) Men's & Women's Teams Welcome cutoff date is 2/26. Contact Sponsors @ the High School: Kacie Williams, Misty Rose & Ralph Almanza @ 830.563.2491 ext 411. By e-mail to the Event Coordinator at meach98@yahoo.com. Come Watch Them Play: \$2 Adults, \$1 Students & Children

### JONES ELEM-INTER EVENTS:

Feb 28: Counseling Sessions  
Mar 1: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing TAKS  
Mar 3: JAC Meeting  
Mar 4: Fort Clark Days Field Trip  
HEART: 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

### BJH/BHS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 3: Baseball Popeye Tournament in Crystal City; Softball LaPryor Tournament  
March 4: Baseball Popeye Tournament in Crystal City; HS Track at Ingram; JH Track at LaPryor; Softball LaPryor Tournament; HS Tennis in Sabinal  
March 5: Basketball Brackett Ex's Tournament hosted by Teens in the Drivers Seat; Baseball Popeye Tournament in Crystal City  
Softball - LaPryor Tournament; HS Tennis in Sabinal  
March 7: JH Tennis in Sabinal; Girls Varsity Golf in Devine  
March 8: HS Baseball at Carrizo Springs at 4:30pm and 7pm; JH Track meet at Nueces Canyon; HS Softball vs. Medina in Brackett at 6pm  
March 9: UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest in Pleasanton; UIL One Act Play Clinic at Kerrville Tivy  
March 10: HS Baseball tournament in Dilley; HS Track in Nueces Canyon; HS Tennis Brackett Invitational  
March 11: HS Baseball tournament in Dilley; HS Boys Golf in Uvalde; One Act Play Performance for High School students; HS Tennis Brackett Invitational; SPRING BREAK: Early release on March 11 @ 1pm and return on March 21 as scheduled  
March 12: HS Baseball tournament in Dilley; HS Boys Golf in Uvalde

### SENIOR CENTER MENU

For Feb 24 - Mar 4  
THURSDAY, Feb 24: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes w/ gravy; pickled beet salad; biscuit & applesauce  
FRIDAY, Feb 25- BBQ Ribette sandwich, steak fries, tossed salad & cookie  
Closed Saturday and Sunday  
MONDAY, February 28: Baked ham; scalloped Potatoes; yellow squash; roll & pineapple chunks  
TUESDAY, March 1: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, diced pears.  
Wednesday, March 2: Closed for Holiday  
THURSDAY, March 3: Chicken & Dumplings, fried okra, corn bread and jello.  
Friday, March 4: Fried Fish, cole slaw, pinto beans, wheat bread and yellow cake.  
All are welcome, but with the unexpected jump in the number of people wanting to be served, please call one day in advance so the correct amount of food can be prepared.

### 5K RUN

Fort Clark Days 9<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Run/Walk & Children's Fun Run March 5 at 7:30 a.m. at the Youth Recreation Center

## Court to move voting lines; locations

By Leigh Jenkins  
Contributing Writer

The Kinney County Commissioners Court discussed moving precinct lines and voting places at a Regular meeting on February 22.

Kinney County has a total of 2,287 registered voters, and 751

of them live in Precinct 4; 547 registered voters in Precinct 2; 528 registered voters in Precinct 1; and 461 registered voters in Precinct 3.

Precinct 4 currently includes the southeast quadrant of the county and is sectioned off by Ann Street, East Spring Street

Highway 90 and a section of Fort Clark Road.

The proposed changes would move the line for Precinct 4 down to Highway 90, follow Fort Clark Road to its end and move units in the southwest corner of the Fort to Precinct 1.

The lines for Precinct 3 are

also up for discussion as it has become the smallest of the four precincts.

Moving the actual voting locations was also discussed.

The proposed changes are moving Precinct 1 to Slator Hall at the Methodist Church; moving Precinct 2 to the Frontier

Baptist Church Annex; and moving Precinct 3 to the First Baptist Church Annex.

Precinct 4 will remain at the Library Annex.

A series of public meetings are being scheduled and the court encourages residents to attend.

## Fishing line fatality

Submitted By Anne Watts

Fort Clark birders retrieved the body of a Barred Owl from the waters of the Lagoon after this uncommon bird became entangled in an abandoned fishing line.

Birders on the Fort are very familiar with this particular bird and often admired it as it perched on branches overhanging the Las Moras Creek.

Its very distinctive call also will be missed sounding like, "Who, who, who, who cooks for you, who cooks for you all". "It was saddening to think of the suffering of this creature as it struggled in vain to free itself and eventually sank into the water to drown," said the Anne Watts.

Not wishing to leave this familiar creature to the tender mercies of our Vulture population we waded in and recovered the body. It was a rare opportunity to appreciate the beauty and softness of the feathers and the fierce appearance of the claws and beak.

Another Barred Owl was lost last year when the body was discovered pinned under a fallen tree branch.

"We can hope that the Barred Owl will continue to make Fort Clark Springs its home as we will hear its call again," said

Watts.

This also can be a reminder to Fishermen to try to retrieve their fishing lines that become entangled with power lines and tree branches. These lines do form a hazard as has been shown here and also add an unsightly feature to the landscape.

Fort Clark Springs is also home to The Great Horned Owl and the Screech Owl and Fort Clark Birders are committed to helping to preserve the many species that are found here.

Over 90 species were re-

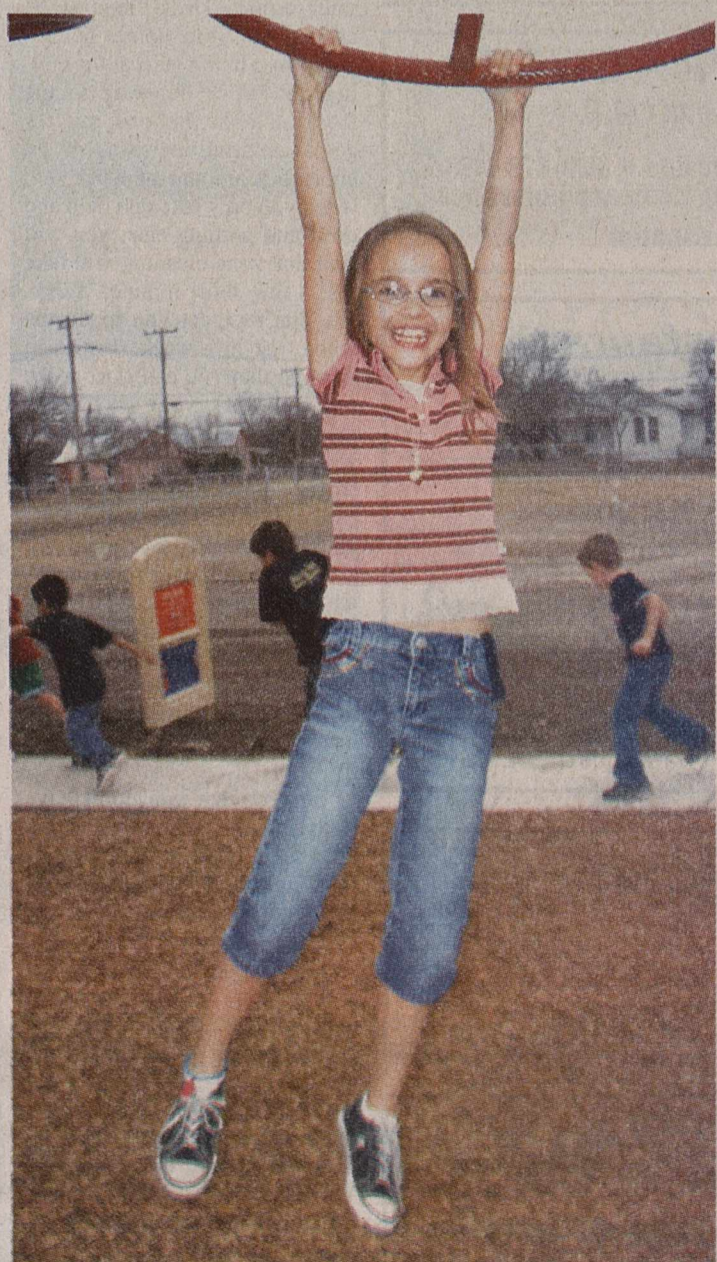
corded during the Audubon Christmas Bird Count and as Spring approaches more birds will be arriving with the warmer weather.

*The Barred Owl, a protected animal, was turned over to Texas Game Warden Rob Frets on February 18. Frets stated it is against the law to possess any part of a protected Barred Owl. Frets believes the owl may have been going in for a kill and got tangled in the line and drowned when he could not free himself.*



Photos Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly - A protected Barred Owl was found dead in the Lagoon area of Fort Clark Springs last week by Anne Watts. It is believed the owl was going in for a kill and became entangled in a fishing line hanging from a tree and drowned.

## BISD celebrates new play park opening



Submitted By BISD

Brackett ISD put in a new playground not only for good old fashion fun but for reasons that have waited a very long time.

The "old" playground has been around for a long time and some pieces have become safety problems, and would not pass a safety inspection. Staff members, parents, and administrators have given concerns about the safety issues for many years.

Maintenance and school personnel have done the best with what they can to make it as safe as possible, but other measures needed to be made. So about three years ago a group of teachers and administrators put together a presentation about the safety and other playground concerns to share with the school board. Staff and parent concerns have been brought up over the past 3 plus years to the following: Jones Advisory Committee (which is a group of parents, teachers, administrators, and business representatives), Faculty meetings, PTO meetings, Safety committee meetings, and Facilities Committee meetings. The teachers placed the playground as the number one priority on the budget 2 years in a row, and it was number one on the facilities committee priorities as well. PTO has been raising funds the past 2 years to help out as well.

This is an item on the budget that has not been taken lightly. A lot of planning, talking, consideration, and concerns have

committee was formed the summer of 2010 and worked hard to come up with a plan. The committee came up with options to take to the board with location, cost, and safety in mind.

In order to keep down on cost it was decided to move the playground to the back of the building. Up to date safety codes, inspectors, and designs were used while constructing this playground. Park Place Recreation Design, a company with over 25 years experience in building playgrounds was chosen for the construction of the new playground. There are many areas of education that will be addressed by using the new playground. Children need physical activity such as crawling (tunnel), balancing, and climbing to stimulate their learning process. Research and studies have gone into the connection to the above physical activities and learning how to read, comprehension skills, and memory. Some of the programs that will use the new playground will be the: Fitness Grant for PE; Get Fit; Little Giant Steps, and Occupational/ Physical Therapy. Social skills are also learned by playing.

A break down of the cost is as follows:

- Custom Kids Choice Playscape which includes: sky wheel (monkey bars), jungle bongos, 5 slides, rock climbing wall, and 4 other climbing components \$ 47,669.00
- Tots Choice Playsystem which includes: 3 slides, climb-

ing components \$ 23,678.00

- Webscape Pegasus Activity Net \$10,406.00
- Boulder Ridge Rock Wall - in ground 4 sections \$ 3,399.00
- 4 Fitness Stations - Chin Ups \$352.00 Step Up \$ 445.00 Sit Up \$541.00 Back Stretch Bench \$525.00
- Multi-Pondo (teeter totter) \$ 2,038.00
- Pirouette \$1,386.00
- 8' Swing Set for 4 people \$1,465.00
- 10' Swing Set for 4 people \$1,550.00
- Soft Wood Fiber Surface (required for safety and cheaper than rubber) \$25,874.00
- Installation for wood fiber \$4,127.00
- Freight \$4,136.00
- Installation for playground equipment \$28,948.00
- Discount \$27,477.00
- Trike Track/Sidewalk/concrete \$5,000
- Shed/equipment/bench \$4,000 Donated by PTO
- Bench donated by Jones Elem/Inter Teachers and Community Members in memory of Mrs. Brenda Perry
- Trash-can donated by Park Place Recreation Mr. Gary Reile

The equipment that does not meet safety requirements on the old playground will be removed and disposed of properly. Some components will be removed and may be placed in an auction in order to give the community the opportunity to own one of the historic pieces on which they

Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Jenkins - Taylor Smith celebrates the grand opening of the Brackett ISD Jones Element-

## Letter To The Editor:

### Oh to be Elite

Response to Woody Hornburg's Letter on February 17  
 Woody wants us to be Ethereal— meaning delicate, light as air, insubstantial or heavenly Well my first encounter with that Old Guard "civilized and refined" Elite group was when they got rid of Maggie Kerr She was a manager at the Fort who had tried to activate the old staff into more energetic behavior. Believe me there was nothing civilized or refined about the way they got rid of her. Ask anyone who was here at that time and a member of the Unelite- That firing was shocking in its brutality and callousness leaving her in tears in front of the entire membership present at the General Board Meeting . There were a lot more of the Elite around in those days but better not ask one of those remaining about that. It was in the years following that we began to see some of the misadventures like Deer Run and the Walking track, the Dorris Saga and the Hunting Debacle. All this has nothing to do with our present Board and Director who are trying to bring the Fort into the 21st Century

Tax matters, publicity, Grant discovery and 21st Century Communications are probably not the Elite Peoples strong point these days and unfortunately they have not been the strong point of most past Board Members. Actually most of those past Board Members until our present Board were voted in thanks to the efforts of the Preservation Society who as we "Unelite" know carried out expensive and thorough letter writing campaigns before previous elections to inform or misinform members who were off the Fort for years and had no idea who to vote for. This is why we were presented with "properly" elected hand picked by the Elite new Board Members that almost all of us who regularly attend meetings here had never heard of. There was also the fact that many of them had very little knowledge of the geography or history of the place they were required to direct. This resulted in some quite strange decisions -like Deer Run and the Walking Track.

I admire anyone who has the fortitude to brave the election process and become a Board Member. It is a thankless non paying, time consuming job. Let us support the people we have on this Board and those elected in the future and trust that they have our best interests at heart and not their own agenda. I would not want to commit to spending my entire summer here worrying about complicated and sometimes difficult decisions. All the time knowing there are some sections of our Membership just itching to criticize and bring us down. This section of our populace need to spend more time supporting and less time rumor mongering and realize that things are not like they were in the Glory Days or the Way They Were and never will be again.

Sincerely,  
 Anne Watts



## Spring cleaning dread



Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Every year I am asked to do interviews about Spring Cleaning. The reporters are always shocked to find out that I have a chapter in my book Sink Reflections called, You Never Have to Spring Clean Again! All our lives we have been subjected to the torture of Spring and Fall Cleaning! Our mothers and grandmothers thought that this was the way to get the house clean. Sometimes they would spend days pulling out all the furniture and the junk from the closets; then expecting us to put it back in some order. Well I am

here to tell you; you cannot organize clutter! All you can do is get rid of it.

With our system of zones, I can promise that you will never have to spring clean again. After all, when was the last time you spring cleaned anyway? I bet you can't find the corners of the rooms to get to the cobwebs anyway! How can you get rid of cobwebs, dust bunnies and spiders when you can't find the floor? This is why it is so important to declutter your home first, before you start your zone cleaning. I am tired of you all feeling guilty because you have not spring cleaned yet, or for that matter you probably didn't fall clean either. This guilty feeling has got to be zapped right out of your head. Now hear this. We don't clean like our mothers did! Not anymore. We have a better way that doesn't even seem like we are cleaning at all. Our zones free us up to have a life with less guilt and more peace. Your

home will always look great, not just for one day in the spring and the fall.

This idea that it all has to be done at once is for the birds. This all or nothing attitude is the perfectionist again. We like to stand back and admire what we have accomplished, but what fun is that if you are too tired to enjoy the fruits of your labor. What happens if you don't have a week or even a day to spring clean? You think you don't have time, so you just don't do anything. Here we go again with the perfectionist attitude! Then the guilt starts to smother you and the depression eats away at your being. I can hear those ugly things you have said to yourself. "I'm no good, I can't keep house like my mother did!" Well for the hundredth time! You are not your momma, you can keep house and you can do it your way; a much better way! Routines and zones are the tools to help you stay on top of your never-ending cycle of housecleaning.

Now this is not as bad as it all sounds. Doing a little every day is the key to never having to spring clean again. I like to call it BabySteps! Kelly's missions are part of those babysteps. On our website we have detailed cleaning lists for every room in your home. These need to be adapted for your home, but for the most part we start at the ceiling and work our way to the floor. The little jobs put together on a full list seem like an enormous amount of work, but when you only take one item and do it and nothing else; you will find that zone cleaning will take just a few short minutes a day. We don't expect you to do the whole list in a week. Just keep in mind that you can start at the top and work your way down the list and in a few months, you will be able to mark off every single item on your list and you can start over. If you will do this, you will find that your home will always be company ready. After all, doesn't your family deserve to be treated like company? I think that you deserve to live in a home that is a reflection of you and the love that you have for yourself and your family.

So now that you don't have to Spring Clean anymore. What are you going to do with all your free time? It is so much fun to FLY without spring cleaning holding you down!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her website and join her free mentoring group at [www.FlyLady.net](http://www.FlyLady.net) or her book, Sink Reflections published by Random House and her New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter published by Simon and Schuster. Copyright 2010 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

## Brush up your estate plans



Emily Cooper  
 Edward Jones in Del Rio

During your lifetime, you make a lot of moves to provide financial security to your loved ones. You put away money for college for your children. You save and invest for your own retirement so that you won't burden your grown children with significant expenses. And you purchase adequate life insurance to enable your family to maintain its lifestyle should anything happen to you. Yet, if you're going to help preserve your family's financial well-being after you're gone, you also need to take one additional step: Create an estate plan.

Toward that end, you'll want to start by learning a few of the estate plan basics, such as these commonly used tools:

**Will** — For most people, a will is probably the most essential estate-planning document. Regardless of the size of your estate, you need a will to ensure that your assets and personal belongings will be distributed according to your wishes. If you die intestate (without a will), your belongings will be distributed to your "heirs" as defined by state laws — and these distributions may not be at all what you had in mind.

**Living trust** — A simple will may not be sufficient for your needs. Consequently, you may want to design a living trust, which provides you with more flexibility in distributing assets. For example, you could direct your living trust to disperse assets to your children or grandchildren at specific ages. Also, a living trust makes it possible for your assets to be distributed without going through the often time-consuming, and public, probate process.

**Beneficiary designations** — Over time, your life may change in many ways, through marriage, remarriage, children, stepchildren and so on. That's why it's important to periodically update your beneficiary designations on your insurance policies and retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k). These designations are powerful and can even supersede the instructions left in your will or living trust, so it's essential that you've got the right people listed as your beneficiaries.

**Irrevocable life insurance trust** — Depending on the size of your estate, your heirs may ultimately have to pay estate taxes, though the estate tax laws have been in flux in recent years and may continue to evolve. If estate taxes are a concern, you may want to take steps to alleviate them, such as establishing an irrevocable life insurance trust, under which you'd transfer a life insurance policy out of your estate and have the trust distribute the proceeds to the beneficiaries you've chosen.

**Power of attorney** — A power of attorney allows you to appoint a person (an "Attorney-in-Fact" or "Agent") to handle your affairs if you can't do so yourself.

**Health care directive** — A health care directive allows you to name someone to make health care decisions on your behalf, should you become physically or mentally incapacitated. Estate planning can be complex, so you'll need to work with your tax, legal and financial advisors to make the arrangements that are appropriate for your needs. It may take some time to develop your estate plan, but it's well worth the effort.

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## Brackett Tigerette basketball season ends; All District announced

Submitted By  
Coach Lee Abbey

The Tigerettes season ended in the second round of the state playoffs Friday night at the hands of the Port Aransas Lady Marlins. The Tigerettes battled head to head most of the game only to fall behind in the third. Despite a heroic effort to come back the Tigerettes fell short 46-43.

The Tigerettes played well but failed to lengthen their lead early in the game. Despite one of their best defensive outings a poor shooting night along with

late foul trouble was more than the Tigerettes could endure. The Tigerette team again showed the heart of a champion and came back from an 8 point deficit to get within 3 but eventually ran short on time. Seniors Paige Nowlin (18 pts, 9 rebs, 5 steals), Kelsey Bruce (10 pts, 3 rebs, 4 steals, 2 asts), Rachael Nash (8 pts, 6 rebs, 6 stls), and Bianca Cruz (6 pts, 4 rebs, 6 stls, 3 asts) led the way. "I can not express how much they will be missed. Despite the scoreboard and some tears in the locker room I think everyone who saw this game believed the Tigerettes left

the gym as winners. The Tigerettes should keep their heads high and enjoy their success in completing a great season," said Coach Lee Abbey.

"Great Thanks goes to assistant Coach Rhonda Marquardt, Athletic Director Greg Voyles, and Coach Ralph Almanza for all their help. Superintendent Robert Westbrook and Principal Frank Taylor were super supportive along with the rest of the community. Those fans who attended the playoff game left us with a moving impression I know we will never forget," said Abbey.

District 30 A Division 1 All-district Announcements

**OFFENSIVE MVP**  
Paige Nowlin- Senior

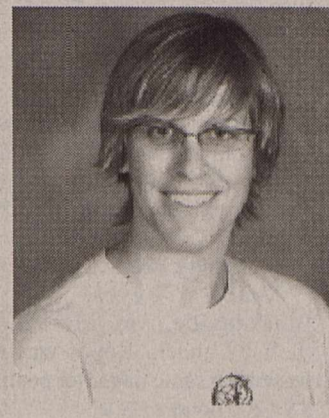
**FIRST TEAM**  
Kelsey Bruce- Senior

**SECOND TEAM**  
Rachael Nash- Senior  
Bianca Cruz- Senior

**HONORABLE MENTION**  
Jaelyn Abbey- Freshman  
Selina Gerardo- Sophomore  
Meghan Flores- Sophomore  
Priscilla Aguirre- Sophomore

**ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT**  
Kelsey Bruce, Meghan Flores, Selina Gerardo, Jaelyn Abbey, Mckenzie Castillo

## BISD Employee of the Week



MARLA HIBBITTS

**MARLA HIBBITTS**  
Jr High Science Teacher

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

1. I ran track and cross country for Texas A&M. Whoop!
2. I am a rock hound.
3. I have 2 dogs (Sandy & Abby).
4. I have 3 cats (Sirius, Apollo, & Nimitz).
5. I have 50+ snakes.
6. I spent only 3 weeks at home this summer. I went to Africa, Oregon, & Minnesota.

## Play Park Pics

Brackett News Weekly Photos By Leigh Jenkins  
visit mybrackettnews.com to the rest of the pics taken at the Ribbon Cutting on February 18



Calista Terrazas, First Grade



JT Rosas, Sixth Grade



Nicole Mestas, Third Grade

## All Region Band Announcements made; Calk qualifies for State Solo

Submitted by BISD

Brackett High School recently had students participating in various band competitions. Bryan Calk and Leslie Allen qualified to participate in the All Region Band Concert. Bryan was unable to play do to a scheduling conflict but Leslie played with the All Region Band in Lytle on January 15.

The High School Solo and Ensemble contest was recently

held in Uvalde. Four students competed and all received a Superior Rating of 1: Leslie Allen; Grant Westbrook; Bryan Calk; and Garon Rueda. Furthermore, Bryan Calk has qualified for the State Solo and Ensemble Contest which will be held in May.

On Friday, February 25, the following students will perform vocal solos at the Vocal Solo and Ensemble Contest in Uvalde: Selina Gerardo, Brenda Pacheco and Madison Koontz.

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### Elderly or Disabled Homeowners May Defer Property Taxes

Texans who are 65 or older or who are disabled may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit at the Kinney County Appraisal District office.

Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred – but not cancelled – as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Taxes continue to add up, along with 8 percent interest per year. The law extends the tax deferral to the surviving spouse of the person who deferred taxes on the homestead if the surviving spouse was at least 55 years old when the deceased spouse died.

If a tax deferral affidavit is on file, an older homeowner or one who is disabled cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent property taxes. A homeowner can halt a pending sale to foreclose on the homestead's tax lien. No taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit to collect delinquent taxes. There are no penalties on delinquent taxes during the deferral period; however, a tax deferral does not cancel penalties that were already due.

All deferred taxes and interest become due when the homeowner or surviving spouse no longer own and live in the home. If the tax debt remains unpaid, penalties may be imposed and taxing units may take legal action to collect the past due amount.

For further details about property tax deferral, contact Kinney County Appraisal District at 412 S. Ann St, Brackettville TX. Further information is also available on the Comptroller's website, [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/) or by calling the Comptroller's Property Tax assistance Division at (800) 252-9121 (800) 252-9121, ext. 2.

### IT JUST MAKES SENSE

A growing business requires a growing team. Edward Jones believes that relationships are key to success. We feel that the best way to develop strong relationships is by doing business face-to-face. In order to meet the needs of our growing business I'm pleased to announce that Jessica Leyendecker will be joining me to help provide you with one-to-one, personalized service and advice.

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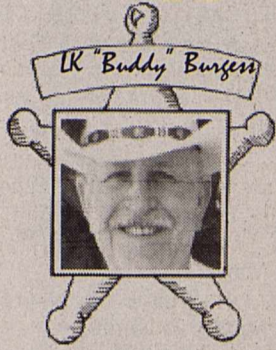


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## Kinney County Sheriff's Report



**Thursday, February 17**  
Vanessa Reyes, 27, of Brackettville, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Scurry County. Reyes was released the same day after posting a \$2,500 bond.

**Friday, February 18**  
Vanessa Reyes, 27, of Brackettville, was arrested for theft by check. Reyes was released the same day after posting a \$1,200 bond.

**Saturday, February 19**  
Eugene Gaida, 63, of Live Oak, was arrested for driving while in-

toxicated, first offense. Gaida was released on February 20, after posting a \$1,200 bond.

Armando Estrada, 39, of Brackettville, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, paragraph 4, less than 28 grams. Estrada was released the next day after posting a \$1,200 bond.

**Sunday, February 20**  
Angel DeHoyos, 27, of Brackettville, was arrested for public intoxication. DeHoyos was later released on his own recognizance.

**Wednesday, February 16**  
John Gibbs, 54, of Brackettville, was arrested for a violation of parole. Gibbs was still being held at press time.

## New restaurant opens on the Fort



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Jenkins - Pictured from left Arami's Restaurant Owner Monica Preciado and Manager Gloria Rosales display their new menus.

### Restaurant Review

By Leigh Jenkins

Monica Preciado opened her own restaurant on Friday, February 18, at the golf course facility on Fort Clark Springs and has served a steady stream of patrons ever since.

Preciado, a restaurant veteran with nearly 20 years of experience, said she was excited about her new venture and has wanted to open

a restaurant on the Fort since the closing of MiMi's some years back.

The family friendly environment and right-priced menu offers just about everyone their choice of foods with a Mexican buffet on Wednesday and a seafood buffet on Friday.

The menu also includes a vegetarian plate; a hamburger priced at \$5.25; Kids meals for around \$3; Cincos for \$4.25; and a Ribeye

steak for \$13.95. The uniformed staff is very accommodating and the meal served in that appropriate window of time that allows you to visit with friends without getting too impatient.

Approximately ten people are employed at the restaurant.

The hours of operation are Monday - Saturday, 9am - 2pm and 4pm - 9pm and on Sunday, 8am - 2pm.

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## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

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The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

**Informal Review**  
(Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)  
Informal meeting with Appraisal District Staff  
830-563-2323 or at the office 412 S. Ann St.  
Brackettville TX

**Review by the Appraisal Review Board**  
If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The CAD might ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

**Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\***

**Usual Deadline**  
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

**Special Deadlines**  
For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at  
(Insert address.)  
PO Box 1377 412 S. Ann St.  
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**Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH**  
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal with the applicable filing fee.

**Tax Payment**  
You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

**More Information**  
You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at (insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number).  
Kinney County Appraisal District  
PO Box 1377 412 S. Ann St Brackettville TX 78832  
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You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

## OBITUARY

### Barbara Wilson

July 12, 1949 - February 23, 2011

Barbara H. Wilson of Brackettville passed away on February 23, 2011 in Uvalde Memorial Hospital at the age of 69. She was born on July 12, 1949 in Houston, TX to Glen Weldon and Leona Marie (Engleson) Hope. She is survived by a brother, John Hope of Brackettville; son, Keith Kennedy of Rusk, TX; two stepsons, Jerrel Wayne Wilson and wife, Cheri of Palestine, and Alvin Darol Wilson and wife, Dana Michelle of Covington, TX; grandchildren, Dionne Kittrell and husband, Jonathan; Casey Kennedy; and Leighton Kennedy; step-grandchildren, Luna Estelle Wilson; Anthony Jarrel Wilson; Thomas Mack Wilson and wife, Crystal Ann; and Michael Darol Wilson; great-grandchildren, Brenden Kittrell and Tyler Kittrell; and step-grandchildren, Emma Rae Wilson and Hunter David Wilson. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Jarrel Wilson. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at 4:00 PM at the Church of Christ in Brackettville. Mr. Ray Melton of Brackettville and Mr. Doug Washburn of Palestine will officiate. Cremation was under the direction of Rushing-Estes-Knowles Mortuary.

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## Rotary News:



TULLY SHAHAN AND JOHN HOPE



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Submitted By Tom Collins

At the regular noon meeting of the Brackettville Rotary Club Tully Shahan, Program Chairman, (Pictured left) introduced John Hope as guest speaker. Mr. Hope is the new owner of the Southwest Service Auto and Tractor Repair on US 90 East. Mr. Hope has many interest and is well known in Bass Fishing circles as the first to implant bass fish with a chip to study bass and

their habits.

Also pictured is Rotary Club President, Ed Dillon, displaying a brand new golf bag that will be one of the prizes at the Rotary Club Rubber Duck Race during Ft Clark Days. The club members also approved a resolution to refrain from soliciting donations and/or money contributions from organizations in the area that would be competitive to Fort Clark Days solicitors.

## Bill Aids Landowners Protecting Texas' Water Supply

Submitted By TSSWCB Conservation News

Monday, January 31, 2011

A bipartisan group of legislators, representing both rural and urban parts of the state, is supporting a bill that would create an innovative incentive for landowners to protect water resources, preserve the state's cultural heritage by protecting natural resources on privately owned land, and advance Texas' long-range water plan - all without costing taxpayers money.

Senators Craig Estes and Kirk Watson on Monday jointly filed Senate Bill 449, which would expand the state's definition of agricultural land to cover water stewardship. Representative Allan Ritter plans to file an identical bill in the House of Representatives in coming days.

This legislation would allow landowners to have their land valued for property tax purposes as agricultural (and receive what is sometimes referred to as the property tax agriculture exemption) by managing their land in a way that promotes and sustains water quality and conservation.

"This bill gives Texas another path to meeting the extensive demands on our water supply that we know we'll face in coming decades," said Senator Watson, of Austin. "It would harness the power of the private sector - and the conscientious stewardship of Texas landowners - to improve water quality and quantity for all of us."

The bill would work in tandem with Senate Joint Resolution 16, a proposed constitutional amendment that would, with voter approval, add "water stewardship" to uses of land that qualify for the agricultural tax valuation. In order to qualify, landowners would need to take specific actions on their land - such as controlling erosion, restoring native aquatic species, or implementing efficient irrigation practices - that preserve and improve water supplies. Additionally, they could donate water rights to the Texas Water Trust or commit to using their water for environmental purposes.

"The farmers, ranchers and rural property owners managing their land in these ways are not only protecting Texas' rural his-

tory - they're ensuring its future," said Senator Estes, who chairs the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee. "We need to create incentives for others to follow their lead."

The bill would create a new spinoff of existing agriculture property tax valuation provisions, which are already widely used to help landowners who are committed not only to farming and ranching, but also to things like wildlife management and open space preservation. The legislation avoids costing the state money, because landowners who would qualify under the water stewardship rules are probably already eligible for - and taking advantage of - another type of agricultural valuation.

In applying instead for the water stewardship valuation, landowners would adopt management practices that simultaneously maintain the rural nature of their land and fortify the state's water supply.

"This is a smart, cost-efficient way for the state to partner with private landowners on a goal we should all share - protecting our water and everything that relies on it," Representative Ritter said. "It's an affordable new tool to help Texans manage their property in a way that helps the whole state."

The idea for a collaborative water stewardship effort originated with the Nature Conservancy of Texas, which owns more than 30 Texas nature preserves and conservation properties, assists private landowners in conserving their land, and has protected 750,000 acres in Texas. Laura Huffman, State Director of the Nature Conservancy of Texas who has worked to protect Texas' water resources as well as its open space, said the legislation will create a model for future partnerships between the public and private sectors.

"Preserving open space and protecting water supplies are huge goals, and neither the public nor the private sectors can accomplish those tasks by themselves," Huffman said. "This bill is not only good on its face, but it also shows how Texans can work together, collaboratively and creatively, to maintain our cultural character while still preparing for the future."

## Community Events

**PLAYGROUND PLAQUES**  
Brackett ISD is well on its way to enjoying a brand new playground. We would like to give the community this opportunity to purchase a bench or water fountain for the new playground area and dedicate it to someone special (ex: in memory of someone; to honor past/present employees). A plaque would be purchased and attached to the bench or water fountain in their honor. If you would like to make a donation or contribute please contact the school office at 563-2492.

**FREE TAX RETURNS:**  
Free tax return preparation service now available in Brackettville, Kinney County, in partnership with the Internal

Revenue Service, has kicked off the tax season at the Kinney County Public Library on 510 S. Ellen. Call 563-2884 to make an appointment and take advantage of the free service. Walk-ins Welcome!

**FREE COLLEGE BOUND ASSISTANCE:**  
Get help with your financial aid, registrations, schedules, online classes and travel options on March 1, 2011 @ 9:30 AM. For more information: 563-2884

**UTILITY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:**  
If you need help with your utilities there are resources available that you might qualify for. Contact the library for details on how to apply.

**SKYWARN TRAINING**  
2011 Uvalde County Skywarn Weather Training (Kinney County residents welcome!) Presented by the National Weather Service Saturday, March 26, 9-11 am Uvalde Airport, Museum Hanger, EOC room The Skywarn weather training is offered free of charge from the National Weather Service. The training lasts around two hours and teaches basic weather safety, the different types of thunderstorms and the hazards associated with storms. We educate how to spot severe weather and how/what to report back to authorities. The presentation is filled with interesting weather pictures and videos. Hope to see you at the training. Please call Joe Kosler

at 830-261-0432 or Wanda Kosler.

**GODS FAVORITE**  
The Uvalde Arts Council will present Neil Simon's God's Favorite, directed by Shiloh Richter, at the Janey Slaughter Briscoe Grand Opera House on Friday and Saturday Feb 25 and 26 at 8pm; Sunday, Feb 27 at 2:30pm. Orchestra tickets are \$12 and Premium tickets are \$10. 830.278.4184 or 104 North Street in Uvalde.

**AA MEETING**  
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**¿Quién debe presentar la rendición?**  
Todo dueño de propiedad tangible, tal como inventario y equipo, que se utiliza para producir ingresos en la empresa debe presentar la rendición. Si usted presenta la rendición después de la fecha límite, no la presenta, o hace falsas declaraciones puede incurrir en una multa del 10 al 50 por ciento.

**¿Existen ventajas en presentar la rendición?**  
Las ventajas de presentar la rendición son las siguientes:  
 • Usted puede brindar su opinión sobre el valor de la propiedad al distrito de tasaciones. En caso de algún cambio en el valor de la propiedad, el distrito de tasaciones debe enviar una notificación escrita y explicarle cómo puede protestar ante la junta de revisión de tasaciones.  
 • Usted tiene la oportunidad de registrar la dirección postal correcta para recibir la factura de los impuestos. Si el distrito de tasaciones envía la factura a una dirección incorrecta, usted aún es legalmente responsable de pagar los impuestos sobre la propiedad y la multa por pagos tardíos a tiempo.  
 • También puede presentar un informe de valor reducido para notificar al distrito de tasaciones si el valor de la propiedad sufrió una significativa reducción en el 2010. El distrito revisará la propiedad antes de asignar el valor del 2011.

**¿Cuál es la fecha límite?**  
El 15 de abril es el último día para presentar la rendición del 2011. Puede obtener una extensión automática hasta el 15 de mayo (o hasta el próximo día laboral si el 15 es fin de semana) solicitando la extensión por escrito antes del 15 de abril. Cuando un propietario muestra razón justa por escrito, el jefe de tasaciones puede extender la fecha límite por 15 días adicionales.

**¿Dónde presento mi rendición?**  
Presente la rendición al distrito local de tasaciones en:  
**KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**  
 412 S. ANN ST PO BOX 1377  
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**Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 15.**

A "rendition" is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year.

**Who must file a rendition?**  
You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed.

**Are there any advantages to you?**  
The advantages of filing a rendition are:  
 • You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.  
 • You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.  
 • You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2010. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2011.

**What's the deadline?**  
The last day for filing 2011 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 (or the next business day if a weekend) if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after the deadline for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

**Where do you file?**  
File renditions with your local appraisal district at:  
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Or contact:  
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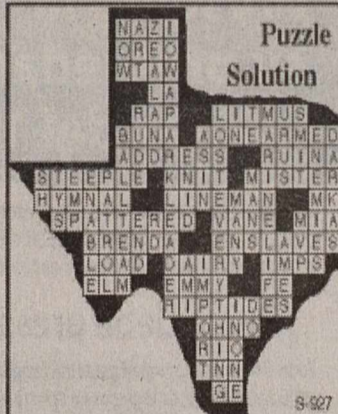
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**ACROSS**

- 1 TX-based CAF has a \_\_\_\_\_ Messerschmitt Bf 108
- 5 sandwich cookie
- 6 College Station AM
- 7 Coleman's "Fiesta de \_\_\_\_\_ Paloma"
- 8 music genre of TX Vanilla Ice
- 9 it's red with acid, and blue with alkaline
- 15 in Jasper Co. on 96
- 16 TXism: "busy as \_\_\_\_\_ fry cook in a truck stop"
- 19 TX Ann delivered keynote \_\_\_\_\_ at '88 Dem. convention a hungry bear can \_\_\_\_\_ camping trip
- 22 Ft. Worth's University Baptist has a tall one
- 27 2009 TX Rangers is close-\_\_\_\_\_ ball club
- 28 "senor" so. of border chuch song book
- 29 Cowboy Flozell is an offensive \_\_\_\_\_
- 32 before LK in NT
- 33 TX truck windshield: "bug-\_\_\_\_\_"
- 36 TXism: "spinning like a weather \_\_\_\_\_ in a whirlwind"
- 37 actress Farrow in "A Wedding" with TX-born Carol Burnett
- 38 actress Vaccaro who was raised in TX
- 39 causes someone to lose their freedom
- 41 TXism: "take a \_\_\_\_\_ off" (sit down)

**DOWN**

- 42 "D" of TX staple "DQ"
- 45 mischievous youngsters
- 46 fatal Dallas street for JFK
- 47 TX-born Burnett won this award in '72, '74 & '75
- 48 Santa \_\_\_\_\_ TX
- 49 dangerous water flows near a TX beach
- 52 exclamation of alarm \_\_\_\_\_ Grande
- 53 former country music TV cable network (abbr.)
- 55 American technology conglomerate (abbr.)

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 12 TX A&M has "Center for \_\_\_\_\_ Sciences"
- 13 ancestor of domestic cattle in Europe
- 14 struck with a blow
- 15 Houston Astros or TX Rangers (2 wds.)
- 16 gratis in software: "free \_\_\_\_\_ beer"
- 17 last words of TX William Longley: "I see a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ out there, and \_\_\_\_\_ mightly few friends"
- 18 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ the bottom of a well"
- 20 OK town
- 22 Mr. Houston (init.)
- 23 TX QB Detmer & baseballer Cobb
- 24 Gov. Pease (init.)
- 25 empower
- 26 part of DPS: "Texas Highway \_\_\_\_\_"
- 28 TX Chris LeDoux song: "Workin' \_\_\_\_\_ Dollar"
- 31 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ a time"
- 34 TX Orbison sang "\_\_\_\_\_ of the Line"
- 35 actor Duvall in "Breakout" with TX Randy Quaid (init.)
- 37 Rangers "Pudge" was AL \_\_\_\_\_ in '99
- 40 in Liberty Co. on '99
- 43 TX Jim Reeves' "\_\_\_\_\_ Losing You?"
- 44 bring in from another country
- 50 what TX golfers dream of: "hole \_\_\_\_\_"
- 51 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_right boys" (police)

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