

Brackett News

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Kinney County Is Home To Fort Clark Days - Living In History Everyday

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

5K RUN

Fort Clark Days 9th Annual 5K Run/Walk & Children's Fun Run March 5 at 7:30am at the Youth Recreation Center at Fort Clark Springs.

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 week of February 20 - 26: Kinney County EMS responded to a total of 16 medical calls. Ten of the calls were transported to an area hospital.

BIRDERS MEETING

Fort Clark Birders will meet Tuesday, March 8, at 4:30 pm at the FCS Adult Center

BATTLE OF THE EXES

MARCH 5 Make a basketball team Team: \$35 a Team (6 Players Max) Men's & Women's Teams Welcome. 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 E-I EVENTS:

March 7 - 11: NO TUTORIALS this week
Monday: HEART 6th Graders; TELPAS Reading Testing 2nd - 6th Grades
Tuesday: Science Family Night at 6pm; TELPAS Reading Testing 2nd - 6th Grades
Thursday: Science Benchmark; SHAC 3:30
Friday: Open House 9-11am; Health/ Nutrition Day; Early Out/ End of 3rd Quarter

BJH/BHS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 3: Baseball - Popeye Tournament in Crystal City; Softball LaPryor Tournament
March 4: Baseball - Popeye Tournament in Crystal City; 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; Early Out for Students
March 12: HS Baseball tournament in Dilley; HS Boys Golf in Uvalde

SENIOR CENTER MENU

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.

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!

COLLEGE 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

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.

Grand Jury indicts 11

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

The Kinney County Grand Jury indicted 11 of 12 people brought before them on February 14.

Robert Montoya (Case No. 2254) was indicted for possession of cocaine. Montoya's bond was set at \$5,000.

Evaristo Villarreal (Case No. 2256) was indicted for forgery.

Villarreal's bond was set at \$2,400.

Joaquin Fernandez (Case No. 2257) was indicted for evading arrest with a vehicle. Fernandez' bond was set at \$3,000.

Jesus Talamantes (Case No. 2258) was indicted for aggravated assault with deadly weapon. Talamantes' bond was set at \$16,000.

Robert Castaneda, Jr (Case No.

2259), of San Antonio, was indicted for aggravated assault. Castaneda's bond was set at \$16,000.

Timothy Gore (Case No. 2261) was indicted for driving while intoxicated, with a child passenger. Gore's bond was set at \$5,000.

Ryan Garcia (Case No. 2262) was indicted for evading arrest with a vehicle. Garcia's bond was

set at \$5,000.

Debra Boehme (Case No. 2263) was indicted for injury to an elderly person. Boehme's bond was set at \$4,000.

Luis Guajardo (Case No. 2264) was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third offense, felony DWI. Guajardo's bond was set at \$6,000.

Information regarding Case

Number 2255 and Case Number 2260 were not available at press time.

A twelfth case was brought before the grand jury, but no indictment was rendered.

Arraignments for these cases will be held on April 14, in the 63rd Judicial Court.

A new Grand Jury will be seated on April 14.

Glory Road returns



Old Quarry Society Photo By David Loftus - Kitten Fohn and Kent Lowery (center), as Oralee and Oscar Brackett, embrace onstage at the Old Quarry Amphitheater in preparation for this weekend's presentation of "The Glory Road." This original spectacular has been a local tradition since the 1980s, and dramatizes Fort Clark's history from its pre-Civil War origins, to its roles in the Indian Wars and the events leading up to World War 2. Musical numbers and portrayals of Fort Clark's many colorful military heroes will be entertaining for all ages. Performances will be Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5, at 7pm. Tickets are \$5 (\$3 for ages 12 and under) and will be available during Fort Clark Days, from any cast member, and at the door.

Growing up on RR 674



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - This is a photo of a photo taken by Fourth Coates that was in the Cantina at the world famous Alamo Village. The late Happy Shahan is pictured on the left with Bill Moody on the right. Both men were extras in *The Alamo* and the pair that are responsible for *The Alamo* being filmed in Kinney County.

By P.H. "Fourth" Coates, IV

I'm 57 years old, actually I'm about 57 and a half at this writing but as my dad used to yell across the working pen, "Don't count em till they go through the gate, Fourth"! I don't go through the gate until February the 3rd, 2011. I grew up on a sheep and goat ranch 18 miles north of Brackettville, Texas on Ranch Road 674 but as my Dad used to say, "We always keep a few cows just to keep us honest". Why he used to say that I'm not sure but he was one of the most honest men I ever knew.

The ownership of the land

north of Brackett along 674 has changed a lot since I was kid. With people dying off and selling out or their heirs dividing up the land the number of "ranches" and types of operations are vastly different from what it was 40 to 50 years ago. Back in the 1960s there were only 5 or 6 large ranches from town to the Edwards County line. I vividly remember the kids I rode the school bus with like it was yesterday. When I see them today, my mind's eye perceives them as they looked before time had its way and the memories flow like cool water from a deep spring.

The Shahans owned both

sides of RR 674 and their ranch was one of the largest ranches out that way. Happy's wife Virginia was a Webb and the Webb's owned a large dynasty prior to the 1950s before it was divided among several heirs. Their cousins the Belchers ended up with the land along Pinto Creek and Virginia was left with the country to the north that includes Pinto Mountain on the west of 674 as well as the east side where Alamo Village is now.

The Shahans like most of the ranching families out 674 are generational friends of mine. You will

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Fort Clark Days 2011 Schedule

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

8am Gates Open
9am Living History Posting color/ Horse statue
9am - 4 pm Children's Museum Tours
10am Cannon Demonstration
10am Lipan color guard & opening ceremony
11am Mounted Cavalry Demonstration
11am Gourd Dancing Lipans
12pm Treaty re-enactment Ceremony
1pm Lipan Dancing
1pm Cannon/Gatlin gun Demonstration
2pm Mounted Cavalry Demonstration
3pm - 5pm Arts & Crafts Open
5pm Holloman Harmonizers
5pm Chuck Wagon Supper
7pm Production of Glory Road

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

5K run 8:30am
9am - 5pm Arts & Crafts Booths/ Commissary Building & Seminole Hall
9am Bake Sale /Shafter Hall
9am Living Historians Post Colors & Memorial Service
9am Motorcycle Area Opens Guided tour Hill Country
9:30am Living Historians Baseball game/ par 3
10am Beer & Soda Booths Open
10am Cannon/Gatlin Gun Demonstrations
10:15am Lipans Opening Ceremony
11am Sahawe Indian Dancers
11am Walking Tour of Historic District
11am Music by Lafranz
11:30am Lipans Dancers
1pm People's choice Bike Show
1pm Cannon/Gatlin Gun Demonstration
1pm Borderline Singers/ Butcher Block
1pm Live Music/ Commissary
2pm Sahawe Indian Dancers
2pm PM Golden Girls Line Dancers
2:30pm Bike Show Winner Announced
3pm Raffle Drawing/Butcher Block
3:30pm Motorcycle games
4pm Lipan Dancing
4pm Duck race
4pm Lipan Closing ceremony
5pm Historians closing ceremony
7pm Production of Glory Road

Letter To The Editor:

Those of us who were here when Maggie Banner Kerr served as manager of Fort Clark Springs know that she was not fired.

What actually happened was that the Fort Clark Springs Board members decided to abolish the managerial position. Maggie was reassigned and she quit on her own.

At that time the Fort was behind on bills and finances were down. Insurance money from the hail damage to the commissary building was used to pay taxes.

Fort Clark Springs owes its survival to the Fort Board members. They were able to negotiate lower insurance fees, reduce a large debt, replace missing tools, machinery, salvage the pool and they borrowed money to make payroll and other overwhelming obstacles.

The inflated manager's salary was annihilated with the entire board working legally as one. Many cuts in services were required to get back to normal operation, a thing of the past.

OH, and to be elite is OK, but inelite? The correct prefix is non and in NONELITE.

The critic of the so called "ELITE" paid an unexpected compliment to her opposition. Elite means the pick or the best of society.

She also stated that the Elite should spend more time supporting and less time rumor mongering and realize that things are not like they were in the GLORY DAYS or then way they were and never will be again.

Besides her misinformation, she identifies herself as "unelite" (non-elite) which means she does not consider herself as "not the best of society." Never say never, it will ricochet to bite.

Any way what is wrong with being classy or seeking to be heavenly?

Ida Holley



Boost retirement



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

Here's a sobering statistic: 46% of workers surveyed had little or no confidence that they will have enough money to live comfortably throughout their retirement years, according to the 2010 Retirement Confidence Survey, issued by the Employee Benefit Research Institute. So you may want to explore all possible retirement savings vehicles — including a variable annuity.

Tax deferred earnings — Your variable annuity's earnings have the opportunity to grow tax deferred, which means your investment dollars can accumulate faster than if they were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. When you eventually make withdrawals, your earnings will be taxed at your ordinary income tax rate. (For nonqualified annuities, you won't have to pay additional taxes on the amount you contributed.) There are no tax advantages to investing in a variable annuity with qualified money.

A variety of investment options — Variable annuities allow individuals to invest in several different professionally managed investments, known as "subaccounts." You can choose the subaccounts that best fit your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term objectives. Keep in mind, though, that diversification does not guarantee a profit or protect against loss.

No contribution limits — Each year, you can contribute far more to a variable annuity than you can to your 401(k) and your IRA. In fact, you can contribute virtually unlimited amounts to your annuity.

Payout flexibility — A variable annuity provides you with flexibility in gaining access to your money. You could, for instance, collect a lump sum. But you might find it more advantageous to take your payments over a specified number of years. You could even choose to receive a lifetime income stream.

Guaranteed death benefit — When you die, your beneficiary is usually guaranteed the amount originally invested, minus previous withdrawals. Some variable annuities offer death benefit options, which may increase the death benefit over time. Guarantees are based on the claims-paying ability of the issuing insurance company.

While variable annuities do offer some key advantages, there are also some considerations to discuss with your financial advisor before investing. For one thing, variable annuities are not suitable for everyone. A variable annuity is unquestionably a long-term investment. In fact, you may be assessed a surrender charge if you pull money out of the contract within the first several years after you purchase it. However, some variable annuities allow you to withdraw a portion of your investment, such as 10% of your purchase payments, without incurring a surrender charge, while others allow full withdrawals. Another point to keep in mind is that if you tap into your annuity before you reach age 59½, you may be hit with a 10% early withdrawal penalty.

The stress of always being late



Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Many of you are habitually late! This is a common trait for most of us. Our husbands hate it too. Believe it or not this has to do with our martyred attitude. Tardiness is a passive-aggressive behavior. I know you don't think it is! We are in control when we make people wait on us, consciously or unconsciously! The problem also arises because of our perfectionism; I just need to do one more thing! This may become more of a problem after you have your routines in place.

So what is making us late? We are the reason because of our lack of thinking ahead. When we put a little forethought to our day and take precautions to keep ourselves from getting off track. This is why our Before Bed Routine is so important to a peaceful start to your day.

Ask yourself; how much time do you spend searching for things? If you could put your hands on an item when you need it, this could save you precious time every day. Right now, where are your car keys? I keep mine clipped to my purse. Before I get

out of the car, I hook them to my purse. I never have to hunt for my keys. This used to be a big problem for me. I would get down to the car and then have to run back up to the house to search for my keys. I have also hidden a key on my car in a magnetic case, just in case I get sidetracked again.

Do you search for bills that need to be paid? When I first got organized, I devised a notebook similar to the control journal, except I didn't have routines in it. This was a portable zippered notebook with a handle. It had pockets, zippered pouches and it would hold a three ring binder. In this notebook, I kept my bills to be paid, my check stubs, my file for my paid bills (at that time I kept every receipt: I don't do this anymore), pens, pencils, notebook paper, my menus, grocery list, greeting cards, thank you notes, paper clips, little stapler and stamps. This became my portable office. At work, on my break I could work on my menus or grocery list or at lunch, I could pay a few bills and work on my budget.

This was a quiet time that I could take 15-20 minutes of uninterrupted time and take care of our finances, plan our menus and make out a grocery list. It was always with me. This was the prototype for our Office in a Bag. Another reason we run late is we don't fill our cars up with gas, when it is convenient. We wait till we are smack dab on empty and we are running behind schedule.

This cost us time and our safety. Running late, makes us rush and rushing can cause us to be careless. Keep a \$20 bill hidden for emergencies or that opportune time to fill up. I also keep a \$100 dollar bill stashed for larger problems. I rarely have to use it, but I know I have it, if needed. This gives me a sense of relief and that translates to less stress in my life. I have even done this when I only had thirteen cents to my name. It took a while to save it up, but I did it. Inspiration sessions?

We have to curb our thinking! When we hear ourselves say, "I can do that later!" Let this be the trigger that tells you, "Right away is the easy way!" Putting things off usually make them more difficult to do. The reality is we think, we dread, and we continue to procrastinate until it just has to be done. The whole time we are beating ourselves up over not doing the task when it was so simple. My Sweet Darling calls this the "Do it Now Principle." You know that awful feeling when you should have put that roll of toilet paper in the holder when you first thought about it, now you really, really need it!! When you think about something that could be so simple to do right now, don't put it off until later. Now this is not getting sidetracked. I am talking about very short simple jobs that will save time and energy if done now. You know what your granny's always said, "A stitch in time, saves nine!"

Learning to ACT in advance instead of Re-Act will help you gain precious minutes to your day. Eventually this will become a habit and you will surprise yourself. I have had to look up and make sure I had paid a bill, because I did it without even thinking. This is a wonderful feeling.

FLYing is so easy, when you look ahead.

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her website and join her free mentoring group at 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.

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Thank You
To those who attended the Moffatt's 30th Wedding Anniversary Party, those who could not, and the one that wishes to remain anonymous, Pat and Ed thank you for your gifts, your friendship and your caring. Having you in our lives enriches us on a daily basis.

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New National Honor Society Members



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly By Sahara Rodriguez - New Brackett High National Honor Society members pictured from left: Jonathan Pinales, Elva Guerrero, Jackie Yandell, Selena Gerardo, Jaime Sandoval, Madison Koontz, Megan Flores, Selene Talamantes, Roberto Torres and Austin Pettet.

Rodriguez selected as queen finalist

Miss Sahara Rodriguez, daughter of Jesus and Irma Rodriguez of Brackettville, has been selected finalist for Texas's 31st Annual Homecoming Queen Selection to be held April 9 & 10, 2011 and the Dallas Fort Worth Airport Marriott in Dallas, Texas. She is the Brackett High School Homecoming Queen. Texas's 2011 homecoming Queen will receive a cash scholarship plus an all expense paid trip to the national finals to compete with the queens from the other states for America's Homecoming Queen. America's homecoming Queen Inc. is a non-profit organization promoting education, educational travel, and community service in all fifty states. Sahara will also be competing for Texas's favorite homecoming queen. You can vote for her for Texas's favorite homecoming queen at www.americashomecomingqueen.com. For further information: Ms Sahara Rodriguez 830.488.5559



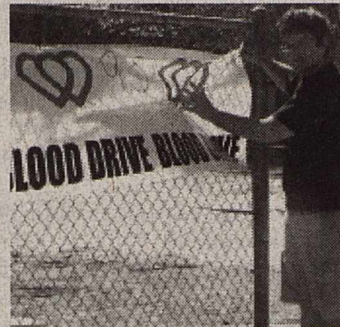
Sahara Rodriguez

High school to host blood drive March 8

SAN ANTONIO - It is estimated that more than 400,000 Texans have undiagnosed diabetes and it is the sixth leading cause of death in Texas*. As the prevalence of diabetes continues to affect our community, the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center (STBTC) is helping you track your glucose levels for free as a thank you for donating blood. Together with the American Diabetes Association, STBTC encourages you to keep track of

your health and know if you are at risk for developing diabetes. STBTC's diabetes screening is just one of three tests offered free of charge to the community through our Wellness Rewards Program. For more information about our Wellness Rewards Program, visit southtexasblood.org or call 800-292-5534. Join our mission for a healthier South Texas here: Tuesday, March 8 Brackettville High School,

400 Ann Street 9:00am - 3:00pm Anyone 16 years old weighing 120 pounds (with a parental consent form), or at least 17 years old weighing 110 pounds, and in good general health can donate blood. It is recommended to eat iron rich foods before donating and to drink plenty of fluids to keep the body hydrated. Donors must present identification. Visit www.southtexasblood.org for more information.



Bryan Calk prepares for blood drive March 8

San Antonio; San Angelo stock show results

Results from San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo & San Angelo Submitted by Tyler Bobinmyer, CEA- AG/NR

Several youth from the 4-H and FFA programs participated in the San Antonio Stock Show from the 11th to the 20th and San Angelo Stock Show on the 20th and 21st of February. Members that participated in San Antonio included McKenzie Castillo, Nevada Coe, Sarah Davis, Kaili and Jeyson Price and Kelcie Bruce. Exhibitors that participated in San Angelo were Kaili and Jeyson Price and Nevada Coe.

These Stock Shows are always tough when it comes to competition, and this year was certainly no different. Fortunately, Kinney County still had some that made the sale at San Antonio. Kaili Price had a 4th place class 1 Finewool. Other notable exhibitors that placed in their class, but just missed the sale were Sarah Davis with her 9th place ABC Steer, and Jeyson Price with his 11th place medium wool. Jeyson also exhibited the 10th and 11th place Southdown and a 15th place Finewool in San Angelo, and younger sister Kaili also placed 16th.

The next major show will be the Houston Stock Show and Rodeo. The market goats and lambs will show on the 9th and 10th, and the steers show from the 9th to the 11th. The Star of Texas Show in Austin will be the following week from the 14th to the 16th.

Congratulations to all the youth that have participated and good luck at Houston and Austin. If anyone is interested in joining 4-H or if you have questions about showing livestock, please feel free to call or stop by the office.

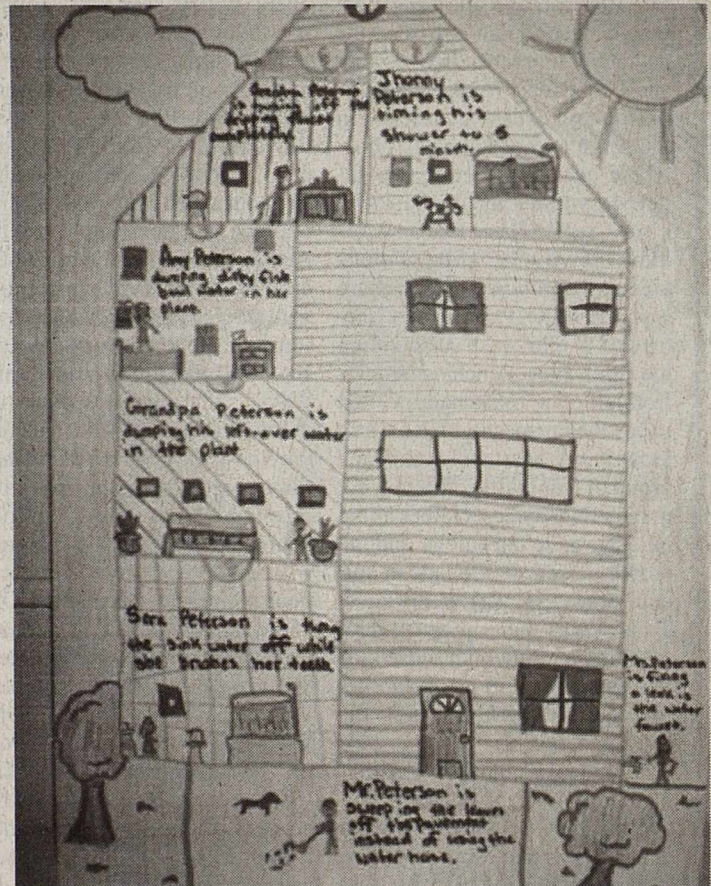
Poster contest winners announced

Submitted By SWCD The West Nueces Soil and Water Conservation District is proud to announce the winners of the 2011 SWCD Poster and

Essay Contest. The WNLW SWCD is a non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors, whom are elected by local landowners. This District was certified in 1955 with the

same area boundaries as Kinney County. Our primary objective is to identify natural resource concerns and promote the treatment of those resources according to the needs of the land. The District works in close cooperation with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Every year the SWCD sponsors a poster and essay contest for the Brackett I.S.D. students. This year's poster themes were "Forests for People—More Than You Can Imagine" and "Conservation Habits=Healthy Habitats". The District received over 225 entries for the age category of twelve years and younger. Participants will be recognized during the Elementary Awards program on March 25. Only first through third places advance onto the Texas Soil and Water Conservation District to be judged. This year's winners are: 1st- Cheyenne Hibbits, 2nd-Haley Pearson, and 3rd-Kathryn LaGioia.



First Place Poster By Cheyenne Hibbits

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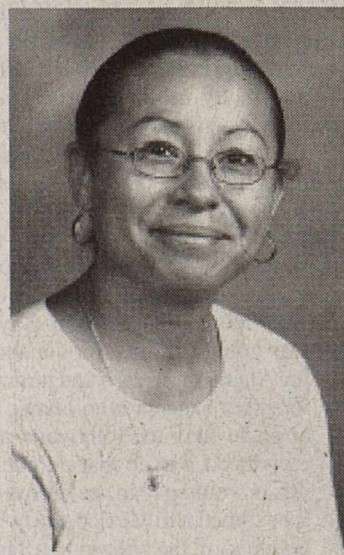
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IMELDA VELA All Campus Custodian

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 3. I like collecting crosses.
 4. I enjoy going to Mexico to visit family.
 5. My favorite color is pink.

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Thank You
 Celina Danielle Hernandez wishes to thank the community for their support of the yard sale held on Saturday on Feb. 26th, for the KC Relay for life. Celina's goal was to raise \$100.00 to join team NFL and Thanks to you she reached that goal. She also raised enough to donate for luminarias which she will dedicate to loved ones who have been diagnosed with cancer. Thanks to Lydia Tipps, Jill Duncan and Jean Householder for your donations.


READ

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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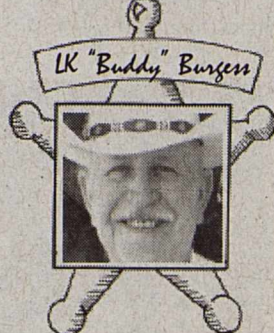


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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, February 21
Sara Garcia Montelongo, 25, of Elmendorf was arrested on an outstanding warrant. Montelongo was released after posting a \$5,000 bond.
Francisco J. Hidalgo, 23, of Brackettville, was arrested for purchasing/furnishing alcohol for/to a minor. Hidalgo was released after posting a \$1,200 bond.
Juan Pablo Puente, 20, of

Brackettville, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol and public intoxication. Puente was released the next day after paying a fine of \$355.
A man reported a man went to his house while he was at work and his girlfriend was home alone. The man asked to see his girlfriend's brother and when the woman stated her brother was not there, the man tried to have his way with her and ripped her blouse off. A deputy was advised of the situation.

Wednesday, February 23
A Border Patrol agent reported a one vehicle rollover on Hwy 277. The driver was out of the vehicle.
A caller reported loose cattle on Hwy 674 by the Kickapoo Ranch.
A 911 caller reported a person having a possible heart at-

tack at the Arrow Head Ranch. A deputy and EMS were dispatched to the scene.

Thursday February 24
A trooper radioed in an accident on Hwy 90, west by Bader Hill. No injuries personal injuries were reported, however the ranch fence was damaged.

Friday, February 25
A 911 caller requested assistance at Brackett Academy.
A man called to report he was stranded on Hwy 90, west in Val Verde County. Val Verde County SO was notified of the situation.

Sunday, February 27
Armando Avila, 53, of Brackettville, was arrested for DWI, 2nd offense. Avila was released after posting a \$1,200 bond.
A security company called to report an alarm was sounding off at the Double N Ranch. A deputy was notified of the situation.

A man called to report a possible break in.
Fort Clark Security called to report an open door at a residence. A deputy was notified of the situation.

A woman called to report a domestic dispute with her ex-husband.
A woman called to report her husband lost a wallet and cell phone. The woman called again about 30 minutes later to report they found the wallet but not the phone.

Monday February 28
Arnulfo Garcia, 22, of Brackettville, was arrested for attempted sexual assault. Garcia was still being held at press time.

TxDOT to add passing lanes on US 90 between Uvalde and Del Rio

UVALDE - The Texas Department of Transportation and Hunter Industries will begin improvements to widen and resurface US 90 from Uvalde west of FM 481 to the Kinney/ Val

Verde County line, five miles east of Del Rio. The purpose of these improvements is to construct passing lanes along the 47 mile stretch of roadway. As part of the work included in this project will be the construction of turn lanes to the new Jail fa-

city in Uvalde, Texas. The \$ 8.6 million project was scheduled to begin March 1, 2011 and is anticipated for completion in the fall of 2012. TxDOT advises motorists to drive with caution through this work zone and expect delays.

Rosas completes AF training



Manolo Rosas III graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air force Base, San Antonio Texas. The airman completed an intense, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the commu-

nity college of the air force. Manolo Rosas III is currently at Wright Patterson Air force Base, Ohio for his Tech training in Public Health. After graduation in late March, he will be stationed at Tinker AFB in Oklahoma City, Ok. He is the son of Michelle Hernandez and Manolo Rosas Jr., both of Brackettville. Rosas graduated in 2008 from Brackett High School.

Growing up on RR 674

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see me use the term "generational friends" throughout my written reminiscences. My mother was raised in Kinney County as was her father, Joe Key York, Sr. My grandfather's father was Asa Alonzo "Lon" York and moved to Kinney County near Spofford, Texas around the turn of the century. Generational friends are friends whose parents and or grandparents were my parent's and my grandparent's friends. Virginia's parents, the Webbs were generational friends of my grandparents. Jamie, Tulisha and Tully were Happy and Virginia's kids. They were older than me but were an important part of my childhood. The Shahan family attended the First Baptist Church when I was a youngster. They helped in Sunday school with the children of my age and were wonderful role

models for all of us. My first love was Tulisha who was 10 or 11 years older than me. She was very attentive to the little ones, always made a fuss over us and gave us hugs and kisses whenever she saw us. I will never forget her hugs, smiles and especially her laughter. I remember with clarity the day she married Hadley Wardlaw at the First Baptist Church. I'll never forget where she was standing, how she looked in her wedding dress and how she smelled, like fresh flowers on a spring morning. I was in tears as I protested, "But you said you would marry me". She knelt down to brush the tears from my cheeks and said, "I promise I'll marry you next time". She passed away last fall after a brave and long fight with cancer. It had rained on the day of her funeral and my Mother and I were able to make it through the muddy roads to their ranch in the south end of Kinney County where her earthly body was interred overlooking the banks of Pinto Creek. There was an enormous crowd at her graveside service in the middle of the pasture with Mesquite, Prickly Pear Cactus and Guillo brush surrounding the family plot. Ranching families from all over Texas had traveled to pay their respects. I felt a warm glow in my heart as I watched a group of 5 or 6 little ones playing in their Sunday best clothes as the minister gave the eulogy and the crowd bowed their heads in solemn prayer. It was then I knew Tulisha was there in spirit playing and laughing with those kids just as she had 50 years ago before our lives were etched by the journey of life.

mom were close friends they drank coffee and visited on a regular basis. Probably because of this I ended up wearing a lot of Tully's hand me downs as a kid. When I outgrew them they were in turn passed down to my cousins Tim, Joey and Bob. I especially remember being the recipient of Tully's white sports jacket that I wore to the sock hops after Mrs. Harwood's piano recitals. Tully was the county attorney for Kinney County for many years and he has done quite a bit of legal work for me and my family throughout the years. In 1957 the big event began, "The Alamo"! Construction began on the Shahan ranch bringing welcome relief to the economically depressed area caused mostly by years of drought. The drought of the 1950s was referred to in a book by Elmer Kelton as "The Time it Never Rained". Ranchers, townspeople, and people from all over worked before, during and after the filming of "The Alamo". By 1950 the Alamo set was complete and the drought of the 1950s had ended with a deluge that actually melted some of the adobe walls on the set. "The Alamo" was John Wayne's first attempt to direct, act in and film a major motion picture. Previously he had starred in many films directed by the film icon, John Ford. Unfortunately for John Wayne his project was plagued with misfortune. From drought to flood to fire and even murder! One of the most tragic things that happened was a major car accident that involved Happy's daughter, Tulisha and several of John Wayne's crew members. About halfway through the filming of The Alamo a building at Fort Clark that housed the exposed film burned to the ground and all those scenes had to be re-shot. Although the film was a hit at the box office it was a financial disaster for John Wayne who had bankrolled the project out of his own pocket. He reportedly was forced to file for bankruptcy. Fortunately for the citizens of Brackettville and Kinney County his movie set reverted back to the Shahan family and many motion pictures and television films were made in our area over the years providing much needed boosts to our local economy.

Happy Shahan who was responsible for bringing Hollywood to Brackettville was truly a visionary! He had heard John Wayne was going to film a movie about the Alamo in Mexico and he and a neighbor rancher who owned an airplane flew to Hollywood and convinced Wayne that no one in Texas would pay to see his movie if he filmed it in Mexico, the home country of the villainous Santa Anna who killed the heroes of Texas at the Alamo. The rest, is history.....

Jamie was a top notch basketball player as was her sister Tulisha, they were both on a team that either won or came very close to winning the state championship in 1957. Jamie went on to be a coach and teacher and taught in the Brackett School when I was in high school. Their dad, Happy was also a noted basketball player for the Baylor Bears in college. As I remember, Jamie was a whirlwind on the court and was respected for her "never say die" attitude.

I remember playing "touch" football on the school ground when I was in elementary school with my classmates. I would be Wayne Johnson, my cousin Joey would be Tully Shahan and so on and so forth with the rest of my chums pretending to be a particular member of the Fighting Tiger high school football team like Bumpy Goodloe, Johnny Woolf or Alvin Hall, Jr. These older high school guys were our heroes when we were in the lower grades. That is something I never forgot when I was in high school and finally became one of the Fighting Tigers. The "little ones" watch, imitate and remember!

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March Yard Of The Month



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Happy 1st Birthday



One Year Old Ian

Ian Joaquin Martinez
 January 14, 2011
 Ian is the son of Amanda Rosas Martinez and PJ Martinez of Uvalde. Ian will be celebrating his birthday on April 2, in Uvalde. Grandma Michelle and Grandpa Flip wish him many more!



Newborn Ian

Tips for reducing wildfire home damage

Submitted By NFPA

Wildfire doesn't have to burn everything in its path. In fact, clearing your property of debris and regular landscaping are important first steps to reduce your risk for wildfire damage. Here are eight steps you can take to reduce the risk of your home and property becoming fuel for a wildfire.

• Clear leaves and other debris from gutters, eaves, porches and decks. This prevents embers from igniting your home.

• Keep your lawn hydrated and maintained. Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire.

• Remove fuel within 3-5 feet of your home's foundation and outbuildings including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck or porch.

• Clear vegetation surround-

ing your home, at least 30 to 100 feet, depending on your area's wildfire risk.

• Wildfire can spread to tree tops. If you have large trees on your property, prune so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet high.

• Don't let debris and lawn cuttings linger. Dispose of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.

• When planting, choose slow-growing, carefully placed shrubs and trees so the area can be more easily maintained.

• Landscape with native and less-flammable plants. Your state forestry agency or county extension office can provide

plant information.

Planning to update your home? Consider Firewise construction materials for decks, porches and fences. Ask your retailer for "Class-A" materials including asphalt shingles and metal, cement and concrete products. Double-paned or tempered glass windows also make a home more resistant to heat and flames.

Learn more to keep your family safe and reduce your home's risk for wildfire damage at www.firewise.org. Find additional landscaping tips, checklists for preparing and maintaining your property, and fire-safe construction choices.

About Firewise

The National Fire Protection Association's Firewise Communities Program encourages local solutions for wildfire safety by involving homeowners, community leaders, planners, developers, firefighters, and others in the effort to protect people and property from the risk of wildfire. The program is co-sponsored by the USDA Forest Service, the US Department of the Interior, and the National Association of State Foresters.

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NEW LISTING-1154 Fairway Cr: Spacious 2BR, 2B home in beautiful setting looking out to Las Moras Creek. Fireplace, office, landscaped yard, mature trees, sprinkler system & storage. Private location.

NEW LISTING- 203 Oak Lane: custom built home, 2,998 +/--sq.ft., 3BR, 2.5B, 2 fireplaces, huge den, sunroom with hot tub, hobby room, lots of windows to enjoy lovely location & wildlife!

UNIT 37: covered RV lot with patio kitchen & small apt. Owner wants offer!

152 BLISS CR: nice 2/2 mobile home, metal roof, carport, stone skirting, shed, fenced yard, appliances, recent upgrades.

705 N. ELLEN: 3/2 brick home, totally remodeled, 1,900 +/- -sq.ft., workshop, fenced yard. Price Slashed to \$69,900!

605 N. GOVE: nice 3/2 mobile home with addition. 1,400 +/--sq.ft., FP, fenced yard. Reduced to \$32,500!

SPRING ST: large building, choice downtown locale, rental income

183 AC: well, elect, blinds, fenced, ready to enjoy!

ACROSS

- 1 Floresville has huge peanut on courthouse
- 5 Lake _____ Pines
- 6 Mayberry's drunk
- 7 Rockport is "Where the fun never _____"
- 8 Tex-Mex prison mafia: "El _____"
- 9 fashionable resort
- 12 "_____ in the crowd"
- 17 TXism: "it beats _____ the eye with a sharp stick"
- 19 fried chicken piece
- 21 window glass in many TX churches
- 22 TXism: "a lot of _____ shuck"
- 23 ballroom dance
- 28 Del Rio FM radio
- 29 TXism: "_____ lick"
- 30 civilian undergrad in Aggie slang
- 31 TXism: "_____ to (should)"
- 35 Glen Rose has _____ saur tracks
- 36 actor who starred with TX Trini Lopez in "The Dirty Dozen"
- 42 TXism: "pardner"
- 44 wife's mama, e.g.
- 46 TXism: "has _____ the same place twice to cast a shadow (thin)"
- 48 nosy
- 49 TX Reynolds film: "Say _____ For Me"
- 50 top of the capitol
- 51 TXism: "lends a hand"

DOWN

- 1 TXism for "limber"
- 2 TXism: "try my hand at"
- 3 in Gregg Co. on 80
- 4 Untouchable Eliot
- 9 Doris & Rock film: "_____ Me No Flowers"
- 10 TX-based exotic merchandise store
- 11 Texas A _____ M
- 12 old network of TX "Dandy Don"
- 13 where all the action is in war (2 wds.)
- 14 Houston has large _____ space industry
- 15 TXism: "_____ cut the mustard"
- 16 TXism: "como _____ (How are you?)"
- 18 TXism: "the whole _____ and caboodle"
- 20 TXism: "I can dance _____ that tune"
- 23 TX rancher & actor Norris (init.)
- 24 Santa's word
- 25 TXism: "just two whoops _____ holler away"
- 26 El Paso mountain: Sierra de _____ Rey
- 27 this Tex created Disney's Chip & Dale
- 32 Bevo's school
- 33 this Wood was 2nd TX gov. (init.)
- 39 possible JFK sniper site: grassy _____
- 40 sneak away to "commit matrimony"
- 41 tapping sounds
- 43 TX "Bulldog" Clyde who's in pro football Hall of Fame (init.)
- 45 another cowboy state (abbr.)
- 47 Davis & Marie Osmond's "You're Still _____"
- 48 startled, as with a nervous horse
- 55 TX legal eagle: "_____ horse Haynes"

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