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Kinney County Is The Home of the Brackett High Class of 2011! Good Luck Seniors!

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What's Happening

PLATE SALE
A Benefit Fundraiser For Medical Expenses. For: Ida Pacheco When: Sunday June 5 Time: 10:30 a.m. - ? Where: In front of St. Mary Magdalene Church Cost: \$6.00 a Plate (Plate includes: chicken, rice, beans, potato salad and drink) Donations are greatly appreciated!

BASKETBALL CAMP
What: Brackett Tiger Basketball Camp When: June 20-23 Time: 9-12:30 Where: Brackett High School Gym Cost: \$40 Includes a T-shirt and Basketball For a brochure or to sign up call Coach Ralph Almanza (830-563-7499) or pick one up at the Brackett I.S.D. office.

5K WALK AT THE DEVIL'S SINKHOLE
The Devil's Sinkhole Society announces a unique nature walk opportunity set for Saturday, June 18. The Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area is located near Rocksprings, however all the activities begin at the Rocksprings Visitors Center on the town square. Walkers are asked to be at the Visitors Center by 7 A.M. to sign their waivers, pay their fees, and board the Batbus to go to the natural area. Nature walk fees are as follows: guests 18 and over, \$8.00; and guests 10-17, \$4.00. Because of the length of the hike, no one under the age of 10 is allowed. To reserve a place in the special hike, call 830-683-2287 or e-mail tours@devilsinkhole.org. Some of the funds raised from ticket sales will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and to the local Little Miracles Day Care Center. At the halfway point in the nature walk, the Society will inaugurate its new and principle bird blind.

CHICAGO MUSICAL
The Uvalde Arts Council opens the musical Chicago on June 10th. Can you please help us publicize this production. Its really coming together well and promises to be a great show. We have 24 people in the cast! For the latest on the Grand Opera House and Uvalde Arts Council, Inc. visit www.uvaldearts.org

NUTRITION CENTER MENU
The Site Council is having a Bake Sale on June 9, 2011. Everybody is welcome!
Thursday June 2- Baked Chicken Veggie Pasta Parsley Carrots Wheat Bread Gingerbread Milk
Friday June 3- Country Fried Steak w/gravy Chive Potatoes Zucchini & Tomatoes Cornbread Berry Vanilla Parfait Milk
Monday June 6- Beef Caldo Crackers Banana Milk
Tuesday June 7- Chicken Pot Pie Garden Salad Garlic Bread Fruit Cobbler Milk
Wednesday June 8- Chicken Fried Chicken Breast Okra & Tomatoes Black Eyed Peas Wheat Bread Ranger Cookies Milk
Thursday June 9- Pork Chop w/ Mushroom Gravy Savory Rice Peas & Pearl Onions Wheat Bread Pear Crisp Milk
Friday June 10- Sliced Ham Cranberry Sauce Dressing Asparagus Roll Grape Bunch Milk

LOCAL WORK GROUP MTG
Landowners in each county have the opportunity to give input about what the real natural resource needs are in the community. June 21, 2011 at the Kinney County Library 1:00 pm. For more info, contact your local NRCS office at 830.563.2414

FIRST BAPTIST SERVICES
Beginning this Sunday Evening First Baptist Church Brackettville will change it's Evening Service Times. Choir Practice will begin at 5PM and the Sunday Evening Service will begin at 6:00 PM. All other service times will stay the same. For more information call 563.2245

BHS REUNION
Brackett High All Class Reunion July 1-3. Registration Fee is \$50 per person. Contact Martha Padron. martha.padron@hotmail.com 830.563.2728.

EMS WEEKLY REPORT
For the weeks of May 15 - May 28: Kinney County EMS responded to a total of 18 medical calls. Ten of the calls were transported to area hospitals, including one helicopter airlift.

Bucket brigade helps fight fire

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

A small brush fire was extinguished next to Julie's Restaurant on Highway 90, on May 31. A couple travelling on Highway 90, on Tuesday morning observed a fire burning in the grassy area on the east side of Julie's Restaurant. The couple turned around and warned restaurant owner Juanita Lopez of the flames burning less than 50 feet from the entrance of her restaurant. The fire was reported at 10:35 a.m. and four members of the Kinney County Volunteer Fire Department arrived on scene to find Lopez and one of her employees, Ernie Villarreal, working to control the fire with a standard water hose and a bucket. The fire department volunteers were able to control the fire quickly by spraying down the burning grass and surrounding area. Visit www.mybrackettnews.com to see all the photos taken of the fire.

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Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Jenkins - Ernie Villarreal and Juanita Lopez use old fashioned methods of fire suppression when a small grass fire was reported by a passer-by on May 31. To see all the pictures taken at this event, visit www.mybrackettnews.com

BHS Val/Sal prepare grad speeches

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

Brackett High Class of 2011 Valedictorian Brandon Allen and Salutatorian Bryan Calk are putting their final touches on

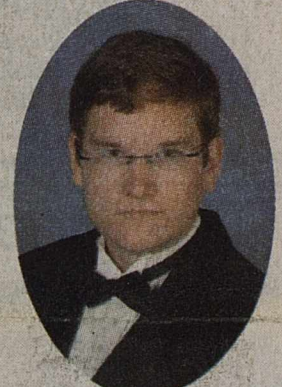


Brandon Allen

their speeches for Friday's commencement ceremonies. Allen, 18, is the son of James and Eileen Allen of Fort Clark Springs and is a National Merit Scholar with a 4.0 grade point average. Planning to attend Baylor University, Allen says he was attracted to Baylor because, "of its Christian values and strong academic reputation." Valedictorian Allen will study engineering and then plans to attend medical school. "I did have to put in time studying outside of school hours, but I attribute my success more to the time when I was at school. When I was in class, I always tried to really focus on what was being taught. I tried to make the most of my time at school, working on assignments any spare minute I had. I believe I have the reputation of being a serious student. I didn't play around in class," said Allen about what he believes put him to the top of his class. As part of his duties as valedictorian, Allen will give a speech at the commencement ceremony tomorrow night, but offered a little piece of advice to the junior class: "What you do now matters. You don't have time to wait to get serious about your future. If you haven't already, now is the time. Don't wait to start thinking about what you want to do or where you want to go to college. If you do, you will find that you are going to miss many wonderful opportunities."

Awarded Salutatorian honors, Bryan Calk, plans to attend Texas A&M University at College Station and study biomedical engineering. Calk says he chose A&M because of the, "size town, atmosphere, and the right degree at a high quality." Calk, 17, is the son of Philip and Kathy Calk of Fort Clark Springs and has been attending BISD since he was in second grade. Believing that working hard was important to his success, Calk said, "I actually cared. Not just about the big picture, but every assignment, one by one." Imparting a few words of wisdom to the junior class Calk says, "It may be tempting, but don't give yourself an easy senior year."

Challenge yourself, and it will serve you well in the long-run." Allen and Calk will give their respective speeches at the commencement ceremony at Tiger Stadium on Friday, June 3 at 8 p.m.



Bryan Calk

Street paving around school to begin

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

The Kinney County Commissioners voted in majority to move forward with the paving of three city streets that surround the Brackett ISD property at a Special meeting on May 27. The county was awarded a grant to pave the streets in Spofford last year and nearly \$110,000 was left over. The court was advised they could use the money for another paving project in the City of Brackettville, but only if the City was declared a Colonia, or economically challenged area. The City received the designation and bids were collected for the school street paving, however, the final bid for the project was \$30,245 over the set budget. The additional costs include addressing the drainage problem on Fulton Street between the two high school buildings. A meeting between the county, city and Brackett ISD produced

an possible plan for each of the entities to pay an equal portion of the amount over the budget. The motion to approve the additional funds passed with Judge Tim Ward, Commissioner Woody Massingill and Dennis Dodson voting in favor, while Commissioner Pat Melancon opposed the matter. Commissioner Joe Montalvo was absent. Commissioner Massingill justified his favorable vote by saying, "all the kids use the roads not just city kids." Melancon did not believe the item was worthy of a special meeting and was adamant the paving of the streets around the school were a city problem, and said the city should be responsible for the repairs. Melancon voted against approving the additional cost and voted against awarding the contract to A.E. Hiller and Sons. The project must be completed by August, or the grant money will be lost.

Prelim TAKS = Good news



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Jenkins - Jones Elementary third graders celebrated a job well done on their TAKS tests by shaving John Magers' hair into a pink mohawk on May 31. Mr. Magers (seated center). Third grade teachers pictured standing back row from left: Ms. Kepler, Mrs. Olivares and Mrs. Magers. Visit www.mybrackettnews.com to see all the pictures taken at this event.

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

Preliminary results for Brackett ISD's TAKS testing place the local school district in a favorable position. The Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test is the way Texas Education Agency (TEA) evaluates what a student has learned and their ability to apply their knowledge at each grade level, the TEA website explained. BISD Superintendent Robert Westbrook released the preliminary Spring 2011 TAKS figures this week and it shows Brackett students scoring highest in Social Studies and Writing.

Math Results:
Elementary: 89.17%
Junior High: 88.89%
High School: 89.08%
District: 89.07%

Writing Results:
Elementary: 96.88%
Junior High: 93.02%
District: 94.67%

Social Studies Results:
Junior High: 100.00%
High School: 95.65%
District: 97.41%

Official results and ratings will be announced later this year.

Science Results:
Elementary: 85.37%
Junior High: 91.30%
High School: 78.26%
District: 83.97%

Reading/ELA Results:
Elementary: 87.90%
Junior High: 92.22%
High School: 91.67%
District: 90.19%

Behne Ranch Flag Raising



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - From left: David Gonzalez, JD Gonzalez, Victoria Gonzalez, holding Diva, and Chris Gonzalez, all of Helotes, celebrate Memorial Day by raising a Flag at the Behne Ranch in remembrance of Veteran Edward L. Behne, AKA Peepaw.

Bruce; Hale take state honors

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

The Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA) named Brackett High Senior Kelsey Bruce a 1A Track & Field All-State team member. Over the course of her high

school career, Bruce made three consecutive appearances at the state meet and garnered six state medals to include two gold; Two silver; and Two Bronze. Most recently, the TGCA named Bruce and teammate Haley

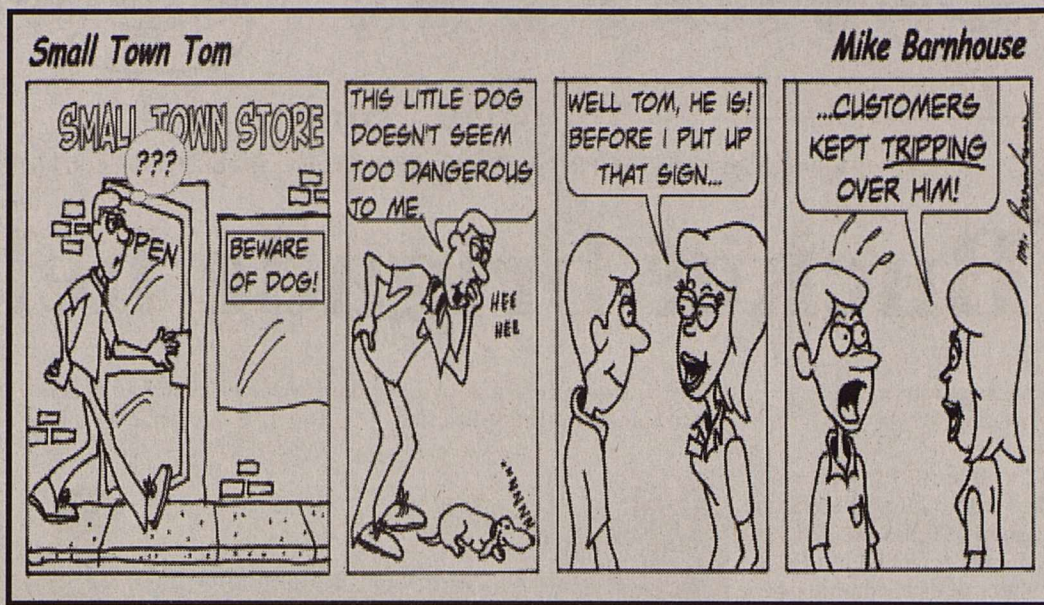
Hale to the 2010-11 Track & Field Academic All-State Team. To be a member of the academic team, athletes must be seniors and have a GPA of 94 or above for grades 9-11 to qualify for the honors.

Paper Log: PLOG by Leigh Jenkins

Another year, another graduating class. We have the mothers holding onto their children and the children squirming to get their mothers to let them go. This is a subject that I know so much about lately. I have two teens that graduated last year and a middle school preteen who doesn't think I'm as cool as I think I am anymore. For me getting used to the quiet is torture. I hate not hearing the music and the movement and the never ending noise from doors opening and closing. I must have done something wrong in my life for God to have given me kids that actually grew up. I wish I would have been a better child to my own mother and stayed at home forever. The food was better there anyway. I do love to see last year's graduates coming home for the summer and when I ask them how their first year of college was they flash a strange, guilty grin, and then I think maybe I don't really want to know how their first year of college was (nor do their parents). One of my favorite things about a BHS graduation is walking around after the ceremony and shaking hands with the grads. Seeing all that hope and a little fear about what life holds for them next. We wish you safe travel. We hope you READ every word in the next chapter of your life. We hope you find true happiness everywhere you go. We hope your life turns out so much better than you imagine. Good Luck Class of 2011!

leigh j.

PS We also hope you subscribe to the Brackett News Weekly online while you're at college too! lol



Ready Room



Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Are you ready? Ready to start your day? Ready to start your week? Ready for what's next in your life?

Most of us think we are but when an opportunity presents itself we slam the door in its face. All because we are not ready! We are not dressed, our houses are in a mess and we don't have time right now!

Our mothers used to yell at us to get ready! Our sweet darlings do this today and we silently ignore those words because we are in rebellion. Why are we rebelling against the one thing that is going to help us take the next step to finding out

who we are and what we want to do with lives?

I have been thinking about the term Ready Room. I looked it up in the dictionary and it says it is a room where pilots are briefed and await orders. Before they enter this room they are dressed and prepared to go!

Every day is a new day filled with exciting opportunities, if we neglect ourselves along with our routines we will not be ready to jump in and enjoy a chance at having fun. Not being ready keeps us grounded and not in a good way! When we ignore the basics we will not be ready to be spontaneous.

Isn't this all that any of us want to do! Be carefree and spontaneous. Haven't we been accused of this our whole lives. Deep down inside we knew that it was just fine to have fun but we have never been told or we never listened to those who said, Get Ready first! We thought they were just boring! The truth is that they know something that

we did not want to recognize. When you get your homework done; you can go out and play!

Our routines are not strait-jackets they are the framework that frees us to have fun and play! They are also the foundation to helping us be creative without the guilt that has stifled our creativity all these years. When we stifle our creativity we kill part of our souls.

Guilt has a way of beating us down and keeping us from accomplishing our dreams. Releasing this guilt by getting ready for your day is a first step to the rest of your life and finding yourself. The guilt has kept you locked away.

The guilt has also been instrumental in your daily abuse of your body and mind. We all know our drugs of choice. When our creativity is bottled up inside we feel bad and this is when we turn to that form of self-medication to protect ourselves from the feelings of guilt and worthlessness. This can be anything from food to alcohol or even computers and books. We can lose ourselves any number of ways.

We are worthy of love, creativity and being ourselves. We just don't know where to start to get ready! It is not that hard to put one foot in front of the other and take babysteps. After all what you have been doing has not been effective in harnessing your creativity for good in the world. You have shut it down because of those voices in your head telling you to do something. Quite those voices by following a little different path: Get up and get ready for your day! Take babysteps to find your voice by doing simple three step routines in the morning and in the evening. These routines will be your ready room to what is next in your life!

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 2011 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

Investing Beyond Short-term CDs



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

Many people depend on certificates of deposit (CDs) to provide extra income. Yet CD rates have been fairly low for a while. In recent months, in fact, one-year CDs were paying about 0.5%, two-year CDs topped out at around 1%, and five-year CDs paid in the 2% to 2.3% range. Those rates are scanty enough, but they can seem even lower in an economic environment marked by rising food and gas prices. Before you consider alternatives, keep in mind that CDs still offer a key advantage: safety of principal. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) typically insures CDs up to \$250,000. And since CDs are relatively short-term in nature, you don't have to worry about locking away that money for long periods of time. So there can be a place for CDs in the fixed-income portion of your portfolio.

However, during times such as these, you might consider looking at additional options, keeping in mind that, when seeking greater income, you'll likely be taking on more risk. Let's consider a few alternatives:

Fixed annuities — Many people buy fixed annuities to supplement their retirement income. But most annuities also allow you to take up to 10% of your account value each year without penalty. Plus, the interest rate you receive on a fixed annuity may be more competitive than that currently paid by a CD. Keep in mind, though, that annuities are not backed by FDIC insurance, and any guarantees are backed solely by the paying ability of the insurance company. Additionally, early or excessive withdrawals may be subject to penalties. If you believe a fixed annuity might be appropriate for your situation, speak with your financial advisor.

Bond ladders — If appropriate for your situation, you can potentially gain extra income through a strategy known as a bond "ladder." To build a ladder, you buy several bonds with varying maturities — short-, intermediate- and long-term. Once you've constructed your ladder, you could gain some advantage in various interest rate environments. When market rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term bonds earning higher interest rates. And when market rates rise, you can reinvest your maturing short-term bonds at the higher rates. But if you need income in addition to your regular interest payments, you can get it from the maturing bonds. Unlike CDs, however, bonds are not covered by FDIC insurance and are subject to credit risks. Bonds are also subject to interest rate risk: When interest rates rise, bond prices generally fall, and you may lose some or all of your principal if you sell your bond prior to maturity. But by holding your bonds until maturity, you can avoid loss of principal, assuming the issuer doesn't default.

Dividend-paying stocks — Some companies have paid — and increased — their stock dividends for many years now. If you don't need the dividends to boost your cash flow, you can reinvest them to help boost your ownership stake. However, companies can reduce or discontinue their dividends at any time, and since stock prices fluctuate, you risk losing some or all of your principal.

By exploring alternatives to short-term CDs, you may find other appropriate investments that may better position you to reach your financial goals — so look around to see what's available in the financial marketplace.

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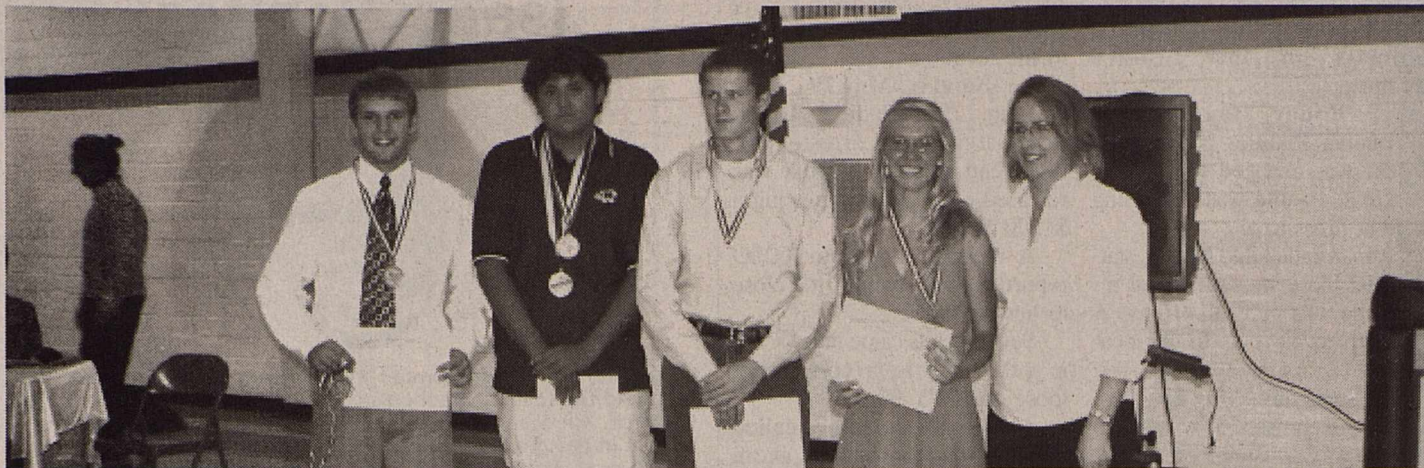
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BHS 2011 Academic Awards



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Jenkins - "Mathletes" pictured from left: Brandon Allen, Robert Torres, Josh Smith, Kelsey Bruce and BHS Math Teacher Jamie Ballew. Students were honored for their academic successes in mathematics on May 19. Visit mybrackettnews.com to see all the photos and the progression of the mural.

Information Submitted By BISD:
All "A" Honor Roll
 9th Grade: Leslie Allen; 10th Grade: Meghan Flores, Gil Turner; 11th Grade: Grant Westbrook; 12th Grade: Brandon Allen, Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk.
"AB" Honor Roll
 9th Grade- Jaclyn Abbey, Judith Adams, McKenzie Castillo, Shannon Gammill, Dolores Garza, Jennifer Musgrave, Rebecca Rangel, Tyler Roberts, Nadia Rodriguez, Shelby Shuster, August Stephenson, Landon Tuck
 10th Grade- Daniel Brinker, Selina Gerardo, Madison Koontz, Austin Pettett, Jonathan Pinales, Jacqueline Yandell 11th grade- Nevada Coe, Lauren Duncan, Elvia Guerrero, Brittany Hale, Kelli Kennedy, Yanira Perez, Valerie Vela 12th Grade- Sarah Davis, Michael Flores, Haley Hale, Sierra Hamilton, Ayland Letsinger, Janine Rex, Sahara Rodriguez, Jaime Sandoval, Joshua Smith, Roberto Torres
BISD Outstanding Student Awards
 Business- Tiffany Rodriguez
 Desktop Publishing- Edith Rodriguez
 Desktop Publishing- Nayellie Stewart
 Principals of Technology- Valerie Garza, Vincent Garcia
 Independent Studies in Tech Applications- Janine Rex, Tiffani Rodriguez
 Agricultural Science- Jaime Rodriguez
 Ag Metal Mechanics Technologies- Bradley Edwards, Adrian Juarez
 Ag Power Systems- Manny Pena, Sam Stewart
 Livestock Production- Sarah Davis
 Principals of Ag Food Resources- Ricardo Rojas
 Range Ecology- Levi Gutierrez, Suzanna Seargeant
 Family & Consumer Science- Bianca Cruz
 Child Development- Brenda Pacheco
 Lifetime Wellness & Nutrition- Bianca Cruz
 Accounting- Daniel Brinker, Yanira Perez, Sahara Rodriguez, Joshua Smith
 Principals of Hospitality & Tourism- Jonathan Pinales, Jackie Yandell
 Principals of Human Services- Jaclyn Abbey, Selene Talamantes, Yanira Perez, Megan Hepler
 Art I- Bryan Calk, Brittany Hale
 Art II- Ayland Letsinger
 Band/Choir- Outstanding Leader- Shelby Shuster, Outstanding Woodwind- Leslie Allen, Outstanding

Musician- Brittany Sweet, Outstanding Choir- Selina Gerardo, Madison Koontz
 Outstanding Brass- Bryan Calk, Outstanding Percussion- Jaime Sandoval, Outstanding Choir- Brenda Pacheco
 Speech/Health- McKenzie Castillo, Gil Turner, Leslie Allen
 Theater Arts Awards- Outstanding Actor- Charlie A. Resendez
 Outstanding Actress- Shelby Shuster
 GRIPS- Wyatt Blake
 Backstage Management- Selina Gerardo
 Theatre Arts Outstanding Award- Ayland Letsinger
 Outstanding Actress- Suzanna Seargeant
 GRIPS- Travis Titchenell
 Backstage Management- Abby Gutierrez
 Social Studies- Brandon Allen, Bryan Calk
 Economics- Steven Rodriguez, Tiffani Rodriguez
 Advances Social Studies- 1st Semester- Josh Smith
 2nd Semester- Brandon Allen
 Government 1st Semester- Travis Titchenell
 2nd Semester- Tiffani Rodriguez
 Government DC- Haley Hale, Sahara Rodriguez
 US History DC- Grant Westbrook
 US History- Yanira Perez, Bryanna Sosa
 World History- Daniel Falcon, Meghan Flores, Charlie Resendez
 Special Recognition in Social Studies- Irma Guerrero
 BISD Outstanding Mathematics Award- Kelsey Bruce and Brandon Allen
 Independent Studies in Mathematics- Victor Roman
 Math Models- Elvia Guerrero, Irma Guerrero, Bradley Edwards
 Algebra I- Judy Adams, Monica Gonzales Flores, Reyes Guerrero, Juan Talamantes, Samantha Wilson
 Algebra II- Meghan Hepler, Kelli Kennedy, Robert Payne
 Pre-AP Algebra II- Meghan Flores, Gil Turner
 Geometry- Juan Talamantes, Franziska Kolb, Elvia Guerrero
 Pre AP Geometry- Leslie Allen, Jackie Yandell
 College Algebra- Sarah Davis
 AP Calculus- Brandon Allen
 Pre-AP Pre-Calculus- Roberto Torres, Grant Westbrook
 Pre-Calculus- Tiffani Rodriguez
 Science- Brandon Allen, Bryan Calk
 IPC- Jeffrey Herrera
 Earth & Space- Roberto Torres
 Scientific Research & Design- Bryan Calk
 Biology- Leslie Allen, Shelby Shuster, Rebecca Rangel
 Anatomy & Physiology- Haley

Hale, Jaime Sandoval
 Chemistry- Selina Gerardo, Daniel Brinker, Gil Turner, Meghan Flores, Grant Westbrook, Robert Payne
 Physics- Grant Westbrook, Joel Talamantes
 English/ Language Arts- Kelsey Bruce, Sahara Rodriguez
 English 1302 DC- Kelli Kennedy
 English I- Leslie Allen, Jaclyn Abbey, Rebecca Rangel, Shelby Shuster
 English II- Sarah Guartuche, Selene Talamantes, Selina Gerardo, Gil Turner
 English III- Megan Hepler, Bryanna Sosa
 English III Most Dedicated to Learning- Alicia Guerrero, Elvia Guerrero
 English IV- Janine Rex, Tiffani Rodriguez, Erica Villanueva
 English IV Most Dedicated to Learning- Irma Guerrero
 English/Literature DC- Brandon Allen
 Spanish I- Reyes Guerrero, Shelby Shuster, Marisol Gomez, Holt Tuck, Alicia Guerrero
 Spanish II- Leslie Allen, Nadia Rodriguez, Gil Turner, Rebecca Rangel
 Spanish III- Meghan Flores, Maria Garcia
 UIL Recognition- UIL Mathematics team advanced to State Competition- Brandon Allen, Kelsey Bruce, Ayland Letsinger, Roberto Torres
 UIL Scholar Award- Brandon Allen, Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Haley Hale, Joshua Smith
 National Honor Society- Brandon Allen, Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Sarah Davis, Haley Hale, Ayland Letsinger, Sahara Rodriguez, Jaime Sandoval, Joshua Smith, Roberto Torres, Erica Villanueva
 President's Education Awards Program- Silver- At least 90 average but less than 95 average- Sarah

Davis, Jaime Sandoval, Suzanna Seargeant, Roberto Torres, Erica Villanueva
 Gold- Above 85 average- Brandon Allen, Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Haley Hale, Ayland Letsinger, Sahara Rodriguez, Joshua Smith
 Competing at District UIL in Center Point
 Accounting Team- 2nd Place- Tiffany Rodriguez
 5th and Sahara Rodriguez
 6th
 Calculator- 2nd Place Team- Tiffany Rodriguez
 3rd- Roberto Torres
 4th- Kelsey Bruce
 Current Issues- 1st Place Team- Brandon Allen
 1st, Josh Smith
 4th, Bryan Calk
 6th
 News Writing- Sara Davis
 Number Sense- 2nd Place Team- Kelsey Bruce
 3rd, Brandon Allen
 Mathematics- 1st Place Team- Brandon Allen
 1st, Josh Smith, Roberto Torres, Kelsey Bruce
 Science- 2nd Place Team- Brandon Allen, Bryan Calk, Josh Smith, Jared Shirkey and Grant Westbrook
 Social Studies- 1st Place Team- Bryan Calk
 2nd, Kelli Kenedy
 4th and Grant Westbrook
 Ready Writing- Sahara Rodriguez
 2nd
 Competing at Regionals
 Calculator- Tiffany Rodriguez
 Current Issues- Bryan Calk, Brandon Allen, Josh Smith and Gil Turner
 Sixth Place Team
 Mathematics- Brandon Allen
 4th Place, Josh Smith
 6th Place, Roberto Torres and Kelsey Bruce
 Number Sense- Kelsey Bruce
 Prose- Salina Gerardo and Madison Koontz
 Ready Writing- Sahara Rodriguez
 4th Place
 Social Studies- Austin Pettett, Kelli Kenedy, Bryan Calk and Grant Westbrook
 Third Place Team
 Science- Brandon Allen

Class of 2011
BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

William Viner
 Mother: Cheryl Viner
 What grade did you start at BISD? 12th
 My future plans: I plan on joining the Army
 In five years I will be...eliminating threats.

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Bianca V. Cruz
 Parents: Hector and Norma Cruz
 Siblings: Clarissa and Hector
 What grade did you start at BISD? Kinder
 My future plans? Possibly attending Angelo State University or St. Mary's University
 In five years I will be... close to starting my career as a Physical Therapist.

Class of 2011
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Bernadette L. Garza
 Parents: Eddie and Lilly Garza
 Siblings: Kyle and Briana
 What grade did you start at BISD? Kinder
 My future plans? I plan on attending SWTJC
 In five years I will be... having my own family and living in my own place.

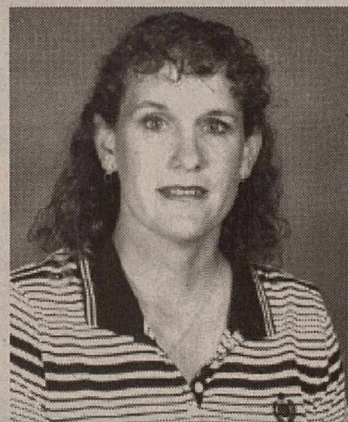
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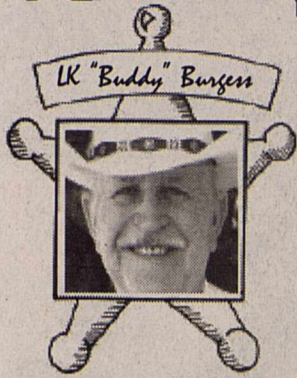
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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Friday, May 13

Eduardo Garza, 38, of Brackettville was arrested for DWI 1st offense with open container. Garza was released on 5/14 after posting a \$1200 bond.

Friday, May 20

Armando Estrada, 39, of Brackettville is currently serving time.

Evan Williams, 26, of Brackettville is currently serving time.

Wednesday, May 25

Nathan Luna, 26, of Brackettville was arrested for DWI 1st offense with open container. Luna was released 5/25 after posting a \$2500 bond.

A man called into KCSO stating that his next door neighbors were playing loud music. A deputy was informed.

A woman from Val Verde SO called into KCSO to report a stranded motorist out on HWY 90 just east of the county line. A deputy was informed of the situation.

A security company called in to KCSO reporting an alarm going off at the BISD Library.

A woman called into KCSO in reference to someone messing with the electric box at the Kickapoo trailer park and requested a deputy. A deputy was informed of the situation and was en route to the location.

Thursday, May 26

KCSO received a call from a woman who reported that someone dropped off some dissected animals in the Library dumpster.

Friday, May 27

Lucina Padilla, 63, of Red Rock, was arrested for driving reckless, Padilla was still being held at press time.

A man called into KCSO, stating that there was an animal inside the old central office. A deputy was en route to the location.

Saturday, May 28

Gary Robinson, 55, of Brackettville was arrested for DWI 1st offense, with open container. Robinson was released 5/29 after posting a \$1200 bond.

A man called into KCSO requesting a welfare check on a woman. The man reported that he had received a call from an individual stating that the woman was in the emergency room after a fight with a boyfriend. A deputy was en route to the location.

Sunday, May 29

Juan Lopez Padilla, 46, of Brackettville was arrested for DWI 2nd offense. Padilla was released on 5/29 after posting a \$1200 bond.

A woman called into KCSO reporting shots being fired close to her residence.

Several calls came into KCSO in reference to a cow being loose on HWY 90.

A security company called into KCSO reporting an alarm going off at the BISD High School. A deputy was informed and en route to the location. The deputy reported back that nothing was out of the ordinary.

Monday, May 30

Ezequiel Salazar, 18, of Brackettville was arrested for DWI, 1st offense, with open container.

OBITUARY

Isaac Benites

November 10, 1989 - May 16, 2011



Isaac was born on November 10, 1989 in Del Rio, Texas. He attended the following schools in Arlington: Foster Elementary, Gunn Jr. High and Arlington High. Where he graduated with honors in the graduating class of 2008.

While at Arlington High School, he was active in numerous clubs and activities, including the football team, bowling, Airforce JROTC, National Honor Society, and photography. He was active in Boy Scouts of America where he excelled because of his love of fishing, camping, and the outdoors.

In his spare time, he loved to shop for bargains, cook and spend time with his mother. He enjoyed watching cooking shows, playing video games, RC Cars, and taking pictures of his family. He helped out his sisters when needed and was a great brother. He enjoyed playing with his nieces and nephews. He loved to take his niece to school and loved to do his nephews hair. He had worked for Six Flags over Texas, Fiesta Food Mart, Cross Mart Foods, and was currently a student at Tarrant County College.

Isaac was always putting others before himself, and was a very loving and thoughtful person. He was known for his big loving heart and actions. He will be greatly missed!

God has Isaac in his keeping, but we have him in our memories and hearts!

He is survived by his Parents, Delma and Max Benites-Liesinger, Jose and Bea Benites; Siblings, Princess (Tida) and spouse Mike Garcia, Christina (Tina) and spouse L. Hibbdom, Mark Benites, Blake Benites, Alexis Benites, Chad Liesinger and spouse Darla; Nieces, Jazmin and Jaylynn; Nephews, Nickolas, Anthony, Domanic and Collin; Grandparents, Domingo and Nancy Villarreal, Florintino and Petra Benites; Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins.

Visitation: 2 until 9 p.m. Thursday, May 19, 2011 with Rosary at 7. Mass of Christian Burial: 2 p.m. Friday, May 20, 2011 at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Arlington where he was a member. Rev. John Pacheco officiating. Burial: Parkdale Cemetery in Arlington

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Jamail graduates Sul Ross

Tony Jamail, of Brackettville, graduated with a BS, Kinesiology and Sports Science from Sul Ross in Alpine. A total of 200 students, 131 from the Alpine Campus and 69 from Rio Grande College, were candidates for degrees during spring commencement exercises at Sul Ross State University. Ceremonies were held Saturday, May 14 in the Pete P. Gallego Center on the Alpine Campus and in the Uvalde High School Auditorium for RGC.

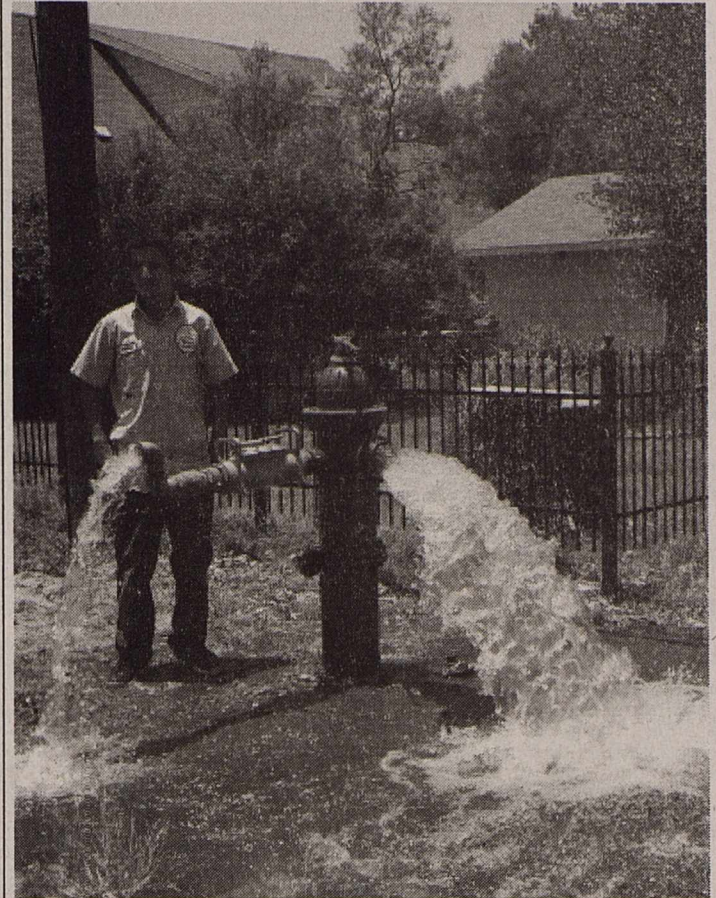
The NSCS welcomes Edward Abendroth as a new member

Edward Abendroth of Brackettville, Texas has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS). NSCS is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization for first- and second-year college students. Membership is by invitation only, based on grade point average and class standing. NSCS has more than 750,000 lifetime members and 270 chapters in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Edward will be honored at Kaplan University's induction, which will take place online, in the fall.

"NSCS is more than just a symbol of academic achievement. Membership gives students access to a number of amazing benefits including career and networking resources, scholarships, travel, and service projects both on campus and in the community," says Stephen E. Loflin, NSCS CEO and Founder.

Minding the shore



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Jenkins - Fort Clark's Michael Villareal helps direct traffic around an open fire hydrant on Fort Clark Road May 27. Fort Clark MUD employees were down the block repairing a leak. Visit www.mybrackettnews.com to see all the pictures taken of the leak.

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