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2012

LIVE STOCK

SHOW

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY JAN 13 Weigh In 8a - 10a

Lambs and Goats

10a Swine 9a - Noon Rabbits

Classes: Rabbit Classes 2p

Meat Goat Doe 4p

Swine 5p

SATURDAY JAN 14 Mkt Lamb Classes 8a

Mkt Goat Classes 9:30a

BBQ Lunch

12 noon

Awards 1:15p

Auction 2p

Thursday, January 12, 2012

Kinney County is Home to Tierra Kuykendall and Juanie Rivas Happy Birthday!

1 Section, 6 Pages

2 teens arrested for robbery

By Leigh Castillo Contributing Writer

Two local teens were arrested for burglary of a habitation on January 4.

at approximately 8:40 p.m. last cal evidence that led them to tions and cell phones. Thursday. According to Kinney

County Sheriff LK Buddy Bur-

question two teens found near the residence.

As of this morning, a total gess, a deputy and a Texas game of four homes had been bur- pected to be questioned in the Trevor Clementz, 17, and a warden were dispatched to the glarized; one home in Unit 7 16 year old, male juvenile were scene and while they were tak- and three homes in Unit 3. The arrested after a resident of Unit ing pictures of the window and young men are accused of steal-

their home had been broken into were able to obtain other physi- cluding a television, game sta- was taken to the Val Verde Ju-

At press time only two Del Rio. people had been arrested, but coming days.

Tuesday, January 11, after post- of Habitation, a second degree 3 at Fort Clark Springs reported door that had been broken, they ing various electronic items in- ing a \$5,000 bond. The juvenile felony.

venile Probation Department in

Clementz' case was presented Burgess says others are ex- to the Kinney County 63rd Judicial District Grand Jury on January 10, where he was in-Clementz was released on dicted for one count of Burglary

Newspaper honored by TEA



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Castillo - BISD Superintendent Robert Westbrook honors Publisher Frank Castillo **TEA-EEE Bronze award.**

Submitted by TEA

Five Texas companies have Award. Three companies were been named recipients of the State honored with the highest award Board of Education's Employers level - Gold, one with a Silver level if they meet the criteria.

level award and one with the Bronze level.

The Brackett News Weekly is being honored with a Bronze level award for allowing its employees to participate during work hours in any school activity involving the employees' children. The newspaper also provides newspapers each week to the local schools to encourage community children to read.

The Bracket News Weekly is a weekly newspaper in Kinney County.

The Bronze level recognition is for an employer that implements a policy to encourage and support employees who attend parentteacher conferences.

The awards are valid for three years. At the end of three years, a business may reapply for the same level of recognition or for a higher **Hawkins Huey** January 11th 1922 - 2012

Happy 90th Birthday



Fort Golf Course Improvement Project

Submitted by Fort Clark Springs **Golf Committee**

Early this fall the Fort Clark help of the Men's Golf Associa- sign of the hole.

for Education Excellence (EEE)

can do much with the golf course general meeting will be held to "VOLUNTEERS", and I am accounts in order to not only aswe need the compost and so, with review all submission and arrive speaking of both men and sure the project does not monthe financial and volunteer labor at a consensus for the final de- women. (Along that line the com- etarily infringe on normal, budmittee wishes to thank those 7 to geted operations but also dem-10 men who have spent the last

structing the compost bins.) To

We have begun. Before we before any work commences, a tion to that lives in one word. permission to monitor golf course onstrate any achieved financial improvements.

SPOFFORD CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Spofford City Council will hold a Regular meeting on Mon-day, January 16, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the Spofford City Hall, Spofford, TX.

KINNEY COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUE The KC Little League Board will hold a meeting on Janu-ary 15th at the KC Public Library, 6:30 pm. Anyone inter-ested in being on the board is encouraged to attend.

BISD CALENDER OF EVENTS January 13 Stockshow Day 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Jones GR

K-6 Awards Assembly 1:00 PM: All Early Out 5:00 PM: JVG, JVB, VG, VB DIST Basketball vs. S.A. Stacey January 16 Junior High Basketball Boys A/ B vs. Leakey Junior Basketball Girls B/A vs. Leakey STUDENT HOLIDAY / Staff Development 9:00 AM:Substitute Orientation 6:30 PM: Board of Trustees Regular Meeting January 17 5:00 PM:JVG,JVB,VG,VB DIST **BSKTBL vs. Sabinal** January 19 Family Math & Reading Night 6:00 PM: PTO Meeting

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP

Second Thursday of every month 7:00pm at 212 Bow-legs, Fort Clark Springs McNurlins: call: 830-563-9587 for directions. If you have Parkinson disease or similar movement disorder, or are the spouse or partner of someone who does, please join us. We are starting a new support group at Fort Clark , for people in the Brackettville/Fort Clark area. It will give us an opportu-nity to learn about the latest findings to help with this disease. We are also here to help each other as we travel on this journey. There is new technology and medicines being developed everyday. Join us an please call if you have questions.

AA MEETING

Las Moras Group. Slator Hall 109, James St. Mon. - Fri. 7 pm.

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ing.

Springs Golf Course Committee tion, we have constructed comrestarted their monthly meetings. It soon became evident that a the maintenance complex. These chief concern with the deteriorabins were completed this past Monday, January 9 and, with the tion of the course fairways due to a lack of proper moisture in huge supply of leaves already the soil. It was further determined collected by the Fort plus the that this problem could be attributed to three major facts: First, the corrals, filling will begin the drought which made proper shortly. sprinkling unaffordable consid-

for monitoring the composting outside labor and equipment ering the large area of fairways; Second, the deficiency of topsoil process and aiding the Fort maindepth in many areas prohibiting tenance department in turning proper root development of a fair- and remoisturizing the compost way grass and making aeration process when deemed necessary. As regards the remodeling of the of these areas a futile gesture and; Third whatever topsoil does exexisting fairway areas, the followist is not of a texture suitable for ing procedure is being recomgood absorption and retention of mended; Surveys are to be conmoisture, also necessary for good ducted in order to provide accuroot development. A number of rate topographic drawings of each suggestions came forth during hole as they now exist. In addithe discussion but two stood out tion a sufficient number of core as being the most viable: Change samples will be taken on each the course from a standard fair- hole to determine both where way to a desert type with inter- topsoil should be added and mittent grass landing areas sur- where topsoil is available. At rounded by coarse sand (orna- least six weeks before any work mentation can be added to im- proceeds on any hole the drawprove the ambience of these ar- ing of the existing hole, with an eas and the removed topsoil overlay showing suggested added, where necessary, to the changes and the cost of materilanding areas) and improve the als for these changes, will be existing topsoil by developing posted at the clubhouse. Any our own compost from the voluperson(s) wishing to make minous organic waste we have changes to those displayed on the available (leaves, twigs, grass, overlay may request a copy of etc.) plus horse manure, also the existing hole on which to available on the fort and from make their own overlay which, friends in Brackettville. It was along with an estimate of their decided that, with the incentive material costs, must be turned in provided by the drought it was no later than four weeks after the tie to quit talking and begin do- original posting. At sometime after the submission deadline but

Now to the heart, soul and post bins in an area just north of back pocket of accomplishing three Monday mornings conwhat has been laid out in the preceding. "MONEY". We can't afford to make the changes necessary to support our golf course if we must depend upon outside horse maneuver obtained from contractors to do the work. Imported material costs are sustainable through tournament pro- etc. for a project, be located in Volunteer help will be needed ceeds and sponsor donations but the Green Room.

that purpose, as an aid to both those seeking volunteer help and those willing to volunteer their services, it has been proposed that a sign-up board, detailing the scope, date, time, duration, tools,

Let us hope we are planting a new seed in, what many consider, the womb of Fort Clark Springs. Only you who volunteer in this and associated endeavors can figuratively and literally provide the fertilizer necessary to bring it to life.

Note: This is a multi-year Regarding the money aspect project of (best guess at this costs are prohibitive. The solu- of this venture we, will request stage) six years to completion.



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Ashley Castillo Sandoval -The newly constructed compost bins placed at the FCS Maintenance Dept. are the first of many projects the Golf Course plans over the next few years.

Mr. Brackett says...... "CITY FIRST". If we ever hope to correct the course Brackettville has been on for the last 12 year, that is what we as voters will have to do. We can no longer base our votes on a candidate who is family, friend, or foe unless they are qualified to really help pull us out of this hole that has been dug. Let us consider the qualifications for a viable candidate: They need to be self-confident because the truth is no one will make all the people happy all the time. They must be willing to spend the time to do good research and study as a part of each decision they make. Unfortunately there will be some difficult situations which will be awaiting the new council but with proper preparation and a knowledge base gained from research, the best decision will come to light. They must have the courage of their convictions. We need leaders now - not followers. There must be a passion for the job to be done. Otherwise we will get more of the same mediocre, complacent "go-along-to- get-along" attitude which leads to more of the disastrous results you have been reading about in these writings. We need candidates who have organizational abilities. There is a desperate need to reorganize the city's departments to make them more efficient. This will reduce the cost of operation to the taxpayers and translate into increased services, renewed streets and a better living environment for all.

Dedication to the task of renewing our town is a must.

Just remember: "If you vote the way you've always voted......you'll elect what you've always elected." VOTE SMART!!

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Letter To The Editor:

I would like to take this time to thank Sheriff Burgess in his direct assistance with Deputy Palacio and Game Warden Isaacs involving several burglaries on Fort Clark property. Due to the immediate response of the Sheriff's Office three individuals were taken into custody and later arrested in connection with the crimes, I would like to remind Fort Clark residents that the hours of curfew are 10 PM to 6 AM Sunday through Thursday and 12 AM to 6 AM Friday & Saturday. If you are leaving your residence for more than 24 hours please stop by the Security Gate for information on Security checking your residence while you are away. If you happen to see any suspicious activity please call the Sheriff's Office or FCS Security immediately. Callers remain anonymous. The Sheriff's Office can be contacted at 830,563,2788. Fort Clark Security can be contacted at 830.563.2002.

Thank you, Matt Bland FCS Chief of Security







Fly Lady Marla Cilley

What is hope anyway? What happens when we don't have hope in our lives? Today I read there was a reference to hope. ergized. That once the hope is realized; it is not hope anymore.

things hoped for, the evidence dreams become a reality! of things not seen.

Hopes and Dreams

We need to Dream Big and vi- Where do you want to be? Do sualize those dreams in our you know or have you stuffed minds eye! I like to keep my those dreams into a deep hole? dreams in front of face. I use my

computer to do this. I put pic- ism to cause us to give up when tures of my dreams as my com- things are not happening fast I don't allow any negativity Dream Big!

to slip in and beat me up. I debers. I have been trying to put connected. Hope is the dream now we struggle with just try- mentoring my favorite Bible verses. He- see it; we feel it and we can ex- babystep at a time we give our-

We all need something to fectionism in this process. We down by life. With each new mission in this publication.

puter screen saver. This way enough. This is when we just when I walk away from my com- throw in the towel because our puter and come back to it; I see dreams seem too out of reach. my morning meditation and those dreams and my hope is en- As Rita and Ryan Shupe would say, "What good are low hopes? Everyone asks why we have Without hope we find our- serve to have my dreams come to shine our sinks to get started. of faith to see those dreams beselves in a sad way. My birth- true! My hope keeps those It is really quite simple; that come a reality. day is January 11th and 111 is a dreams alive. Without hope we shiny sink is a ray of hope for special number to me. One day lose our will to go from one day you! Something small that can

Then we have our perfection-

hope for; this is our dreams. We want what we want and we want habit I acquired, I found a little have the ability to make our it now! Anything worth having bit more of me! I didn't set out dreams come true. My friend is worth working for and we to be the FlyLady. I just wanted Rita Davenport taught me about have to learn to take babysteps to be nice to myself. That behope; what good are low hopes! to get to where we want to be. came the fuel for my routines.

inion

In the beginning all I knew was there had to be something more than just surviving and that God had something for me to do. Each new habit along with every item I got rid of uncovered my purpose in the deep hole. It wasn't long until I could feel hope blossom inside of me.

That hope is still there today! Where is your hope? I have faith that my dreams will come true. It only takes a little mustard seed

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her I decided to look up those num- to the next. Hope and faith are grow into your dream! Right website and join her free group at this together for weeks now and and faith is the affirmation that ing to find our keys. As the clut- www.FlyLady.net or her book, today it all came clear in one of those dreams will happen. We ter and chaos disappear one Sink Reflections published by Random House and her New brews 11:1, here is what I found. perience it in our imaginations selves the freedom to Dream York Times Best Selling book, Now faith is the substance of and before we know it those Big. I never knew that I could Body Clutter published by be an author or anything other Simon and Schuster. Copyright We have to watch our per- than someone who was beaten 2012 Marla Cilley Used by per-



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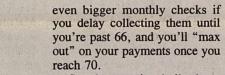
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By Ash Contrib Stats s Almanz

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When should you start taking Social Security



So, the question boils down lose one dollar in Social Secuo this: Should you start collect- rity benefits. In the months be- — If you're single, you basically

·E: Your employment status sion, you typically would have you delay collecting them until - If you're under full retirement to pay a 10% early withdrawal you're past 66, and you'll "max age - between 62 and 66 - then penalty if you started taking

out" on your payments once you for every two dollars you earn withdrawals from these accounts over \$14,640 (in 2012), you'll before you reach age 59¹/₂. ·S: Your spouse/marital status

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In Kinney County \$25 Area Zip Code Prefix 788, 780, 781, 782 \$36 Basic Out of County & State \$43 Please include check or money order	Before we get to that question, let's review the basic rules gov- erning Social Security payments. You can typically start collect- ing benefits at age 62, but you'll
NAMEADDRESS	get only about 75% of what you'd for receive if you waited until your "full" retirement age, which var- ies according to your birth year is
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January 2012 declared School Board Recognition Month ognize the vital contributions of community, and strongly advo- staff and student concerns, or

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these men and women and focus cate continuous improvement in recognizing outstanding pro-As citizens who serve chil- attention on the crucial role student learning. That job en- grams, board members always dren and represent their commu- these elected leaders play in the tails an endless string of meet- keep their eyes on the goal of nities, individual school board education of our children. They ings and school functions to at- student achievement. The time members face complex and de- truly make a difference every tend; reams of reports, agendas, spent in board meetings repremanding challenges. Yet, few day. Their job is to establish a proposals, and other information sents just a small fraction of the people fully understand the vision for the education pro- to read and study; and a host of hours school board members scope and far-reaching implica- gram, design a structure to difficult decisions to make. devote to their jobs. They work tions of board members' respon- achieve that vision, assure School board members come hard at seminars and training sibilities. All Texans should rec- schools are accountable to the from all walks of life. They are sessions to keep abreast of the



RECOGNITION MONTH JANUARY 2012

Sondra Meil, President

elected 5/2010, term expires 5/2013

Dan Laws, Vice-President

elected 5/2011, term expires 5/2014

Tony Molinar, Secretary

elected 5/2010, term expires 5/2013

Rick Alvarado, Member

appointed 5/2011, term expires 5/2012

Class of 2012

BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

farmers, secretaries, doctors, latest changes in state and fedlawyers, homemakers, teachers, eral regulations and learn trends truck drivers, business owners, in educational leadership. They professors, architects, ranchers, also are deeply involved in comand real estate agents, to name munity activities, and spend just a few. While they wear many hours in the schoois and many hats in the workday world, at extracurricular events. Their school board members put on a love of learning and concern and collective hat when they get caring for students, staff, and the down to the business of leading community drive board memtheir school districts. Board bers' desire to ensure every stumembers must pull together as dent can succeed. In recognition a team toward a common goal— of this service, January is desighelping our students achieve. nated as School Board Recognidisagree on certain issues, their tricts across the state will take strive toward excellence. Board to our trustees for giving so members contribute hundreds much to their communities. and hundreds of hours each year Make a special effort to tell each governing their districts. school board member that his or Whether crafting policies, hir- her hard work has been noticed ing administrators, listening to and is truly appreciated.

BISD Employee of the Week

CHERYL HUNTER Band Director, Brackett High School

Six Things About Me You Probably Didn't Know... 1. As a kid, I figured they used criminals in movies where people

died.

2. Love water and the desert equally.

While they may individually tion Month and countless dis- 3. Always been impatient (Mom delivered me on a bridge, on the way to the hospital!)

role as a board is to consistently this opportunity to say thanks 4. My 1st ambition was to be a stand-up comic.

5. I have lived in 4 states, and visited 6 foreign countries.

6. I used to be a blonde, but had that fixed.

December Author of the Month - Kinder



Thanksgiving By Gentry Caldwell Kindergarten

I like to eat turkey and dressing and pumpkin pie for thanksgiving

December Author of the Month - First Grade

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Tigers roll over Comstock

BOARD OFFICERS/MEMBER TERMS

2011-2012

By Ashley Castillo Sandoval **Contributing Writer** Stats submitted by Ralph **Almanza and Greg Voyles**

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Leading the JV Tigers in 1. scoring was Blake Duncan with Matt Gutierrez and Bubba Pettett Tony Flores 2 each.

On January 6, the JV Tiger each, Brandon Sandoval 5, EZ the Panthers, winning 42-18.

Leading the JV Tigers in scoring was Blake Duncan and travelled to D'Hanis to take on On January 3, the JV Tigers Bubba Pettet with 10 points the Cowboys, travelled to La Pryor to take on each, Saul Talamantes & Matt Inthe AV Tigers, defeated the Martinez with 17 points each, the Bulldogs, falling short 31- Gutierrez 6, Christian Quiroz 5, D'Hanis Gowboys 53-13. Gil Turner 2 and Martin Guzman

The Varsity Tigers defeated 18 points, Matt Gutierrez and 9 points, Saul Talamantes 5, the Comstock Panthers, 50-33. Reyes Guerrero 8 each, Gil on to host their next district

The JV Tigers are 5-4 overtravelled to Comstock to take on Rivas and Edgar DeLeon 4 each, all and 1-1 in district. Eric Falcon 3 and Chris Cruz 2.

(John Paul Schuster's term expires 5/2012)

Tony Ashley, Member elected 5/2010, term expires 5/2013

Brad Coe, Member

elected 5/2011, term expires 5/2014

Donna Schuster, Member

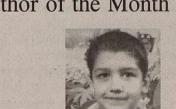
appointed 8/2011, expires 5/2012

(Mark Frerich's term expires 5/2012)

The Varsity Tigers defeated On January 10, the Tigers the D'Hanis Cowboys, 53-41. Leading the Tigers in scor-

ing was EZ Rivas and Erbey Brandon Sandoval 9, Jonathan Leading the JV Tigers in Quiroz and Edgar DeLeon 4 scoring was Blake Duncan with each and Joelson Terrazas 2.

On Friday, the Tigers will go



Leading the Tigers in scor- Turner 7, Saul Talamantes and game against Stacey

4 each, Christian Quiroz and ing was Joelson Terrazas and Tony Flores 4 each, Christian The Varsity Tiger record is Erbey Martinez with 16 points Quiroz and Bubba Pettet 2 each. 13-5.

Del Rio Ford Lincoln Mercury continue STRONG commitment to FFA

Submitted by FFA National Motor Company and Ford deal-Foundation

2011-2012 commitment includes members. substantial support of National FFA events, and \$1,000 collegiate scholarships for hundreds Ford Tough collegiate scholarof FFA members; Ford, with lo- ship program for Brackettville cal dealers such as Del Rio Ford High School and Rocksprings Lincoln Mercury LTD, has High School. For the 2011-2012 awarded 6,590 scholarships since school year, they are helping 2 1997

·For the 2011-2012 school of their choice. year, Del Rio Ford Lincoln Mercury LTD is sponsoring 2 Built Ford Tough scholarship(s), helping students attend the college of their choice.

FFA develops students' leadership, business skills and comcounts for 1 out of 5 U.S. jobs.

January 9, 2012 - Today, Jesus Rodriguez announced that cation. Del Rio Ford Lincoln Mercury LTD would join Ford Motor Company in its ongoing commitment to the National FFA (for- strong commitment to the Namerly known as the Future Farm- tional FFA", says Jesus ers of America).

teenth year of the Built Ford grateful they are for the finan-Tough - FFA collegiate scholar- cial support and how the FFA ship program, which will award experience has changed their \$1,000 scholarships to hundreds lives. of FFA members, each co-sponsored by Ford Dealers like Del can see that trucks - particularly

Rio Ford Lincoln Mercury LTD. tional FFA since the first F-Se- says Jesus Rodriguez. We want ries truck was introduced in to help these future leaders suc-1948, and has sponsored the Built ceed and become our customers Ford Tough collegiate scholar- from the start of their careers to ship program since 1997. The the end - just like many of their program, equally funded by Ford parents and grandparents."

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ers, has awarded almost \$6.5 Ford Motor Company's million in scholarships to FFA

Del Rio Ford Lincoln Mercury LTD is sponsoring the Built local student(s) attend the college

To be eligible, FFA members must submit an online 2012 Scholarship Application at www.ffa.org and take the required Signature Page to Del Rio Ford Lincoln Mercury LTD for the dealer endorsement and offimunity service in preparation for cial dealer code; thus providing a career in agriculture, which ac- FFA members the opportunity to meet – and thank – the dealer for their support of continuing edu-

"We're pleased to be able to support the local chapter and Ford Motor Company in its Rodriguez. "All our previous Ford has committed to a fif- scholarship recipients tell us how

"Visit any local farm and you F-Series – play an integral role Ford has supported the Na- in the agricultural industry,"

Bar and

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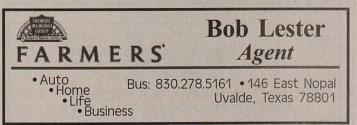
My Own City By Tyler Smallwood **First Grode**

The name of my city is Tyler City. It has a population of 100 kids. Everybody has a disco party every night. School is only one day a week.

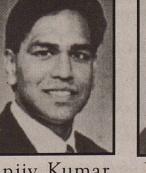
No one needs a license to drive, everyone drives motorcycles. All the kids start trick-or-treating at one and bedtime is is at 11 at night.

The restaurants in the city are Tyler Lobster, McTyler's,

Appletylers, and Chick-fi-Tyler. Kids live in their own houses with their pets.



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What grade did you start attending school at BISD? 7th

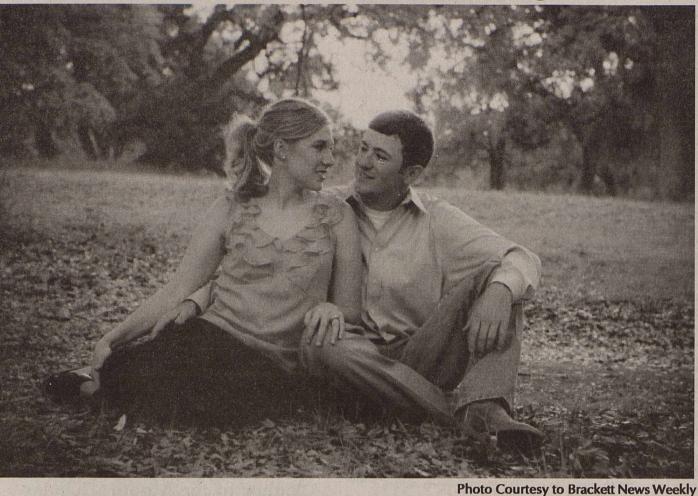
In five years I will be... getting a degree in physical therapy

What are your future plans? Attending college

Parents: Randy and Cindy Edwards

Community

Smith - Barnes to wed in June



Michelle Smith to Jordan Tech University, will receive her graduate of Texas Tech Univer- Church Brackettville.

Richard and Beth Ann Smith Dwayne Barnes, son of Jeff and Master of Physician Assistant sity, is currently employed with of Brackettville, Texas are Selena Barnes of Kaufman, Texas. Studies from University of Texas Ferguson Enterprises in Humble, pleased to announce the engage- Ashley Smith, a graduate of Health Science Center in May Texas. A June wedding is planned ment of their daughter Ashley Brackett High School and Texas 2012. Jordan Barnes, also a to take place at First Baptist

Fort Clark Historical Society Free local interest program



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly Photo - Alice Fay, left, and Shirley Boteler Mock at "Seminole Days" in Brackettville on September 19, 2005.

Submitted by Donna Pritzel

The Fort Clark Historical Society of Kinney County (FCHS) announced the regular Saturday, January 28, 2012, in Clark in 1879. Palisado Building on Fort Clark.

The special program presenter will be Dr. Shirley Boteler pound on the subject of her re- am. cent book "Dreaming with the A limited number of the book 563.9094 or 563.5598.

To learn about the various

will be available for sale at the meeting.

Mock is well known to the local descendants of the infamous Seminole Negroes Indian monthly meeting will be held Scout who began service to Fort

All interested are invited and couraged to join the FCHS membership to the coffee social at 9 Mock. Her program will ex- am. The meeting begins at 9:30

For further information, Ancestors", Black Seminole please contact FCHS Program Women in Texas and Mexico. Director, Russell Nowell at

Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation donates \$500,000 to Texas State Parks

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AUSTIN - Today, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation board of trustees voted to do- and there has never been a nate \$500,000 to Texas State greater need for private support Parks, which are facing a \$4.6 of our parks. We will be aggresmillion revenue shortfall caused sively seeking donations for state nation program. by heat, drought, wildfires and a drop in park visitation.

"Our hope is to encourage many other donors large and small to step up and help keep our Texas State Parks open," said tion donation, more than

\$4.6 million goal.

Not counting today's founda-

Kelly Thompson, TPW Founda- \$460,000 has been raised since achievement in a short time. This friends. tion board chairman. "Our mission is to support the Texas help Dec. 6. That includes state parks." Parks and Wildlife Department, online and mailed donations and parks from private individuals, foundations to help reach the

contribution, and to all those tion. who have donated in recent TPWD executive director. "We istration. have a long way to go yet, but

Texas Parks and Wildlife De- is yet another indication of how partment officials appealed for much Texans care about their their call for people to visit state including photos of drought and

contributions through the new stress three ways Texans can rains, and campfires now al-Texas motor vehicle opt-in do- help keep state parks open: lowed again in almost every ·Go to · h t t p : / / state park. Check each park's

corporate partners, and other foundation for today's generous to make a tax-deductible dona information Make a donation when you Texas State Parks and their of- and Wildlife Department. By weeks," said Carter Smith, renew your motor vehicle reg- ferings, or to make online camp- bringing together companies,

through Friday. Park leaders are continuing

Resources for news media, parks, touting cooler weather, wildfires, downloadable video, Park officials continue to parks greening after recent and radio news soundbites, are in a Park Awareness News Roundup online.

Since 1991, the Texas Parks We are deeply grateful to the www.tpwd.state.tx.us/helpparks web page online for the latest and Wildlife Foundation has been the official non-profit funding reservations, visit http:// corporations, communities and Finally, because visitor fees www.texasstateparks.org. Or individuals, the Foundation has



Community

Bird blind at FCS Water Treatment Plant

Submitted by Louisa Stone

The newly formed Fort Clark Springs Birders have accomplished much in 2011. Most importantly, in partnership with the Fort Clark Springs Municipal Utilities District, the bird blind at the FCS Water Treatment Plant is now complete. The club would like to thank the many contributors who helped in the construction of the blind. First and foremost, we want to thank the Board of Directors of the FCS Municipal Utility District for granting permission to construct the blind on MUD property. Special thanks go to the following organizations and individuals who made monetary contributions: Fort Clark Springs Community Council, the Bank and Trust, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holloman, Mrs. Raye Halamicek, Ms. Andrea Pearson, Mr. Brian Gresty, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Stone, Ms. Ann Watts, Mr. Len Zorn, and Mr. Tom McNew. The construction of the blind

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would not have been possible Roofing, Mr. and Mrs. James this area. Now we have a blind Castilla, Mr. Ron Stuard, AAA winter over and migrate through louisahs@sbcglobal.net.

without Mr. Len Zorn and Ms. Bader, Mrs. Jan Swarm, and to aid in the viewing of the many Ann Watts who conceived of the Mrs. Diane Kelsey. The blind is waterfowl that winter over at the idea and designed the blind. Mr. a wonderful addition to the treatment ponds. If you are in-Zorn, with the help of Mr. Gresty many recreational activities on terested in viewing the birds and Mr. Stone, built the blind the Fort. Birders from all over from the blind, contact the Fort and the fence leading to it. Other the US and other countries travel Clark Springs MUD office at appreciated contributors of ma- to Fort Clark Springs to view 563-2828 or email Louisa Stone terials and labor are: Mr. Randy the many species of birds that FCS Birders contact person at

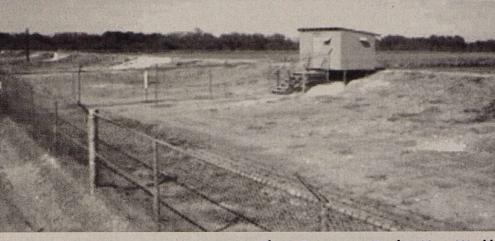
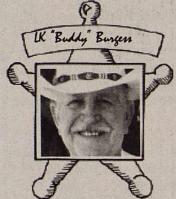


Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Sunday, January 1 A woman called to report someone had broken her windshield.

Monday, January 2 A woman called to report her Fort Clark home had been brothe woman that had broken into school library. her home had some keys and a

A man wanted to make a reand get a restraining order livestock tag #59 on its ear. against a man.

Wednesday, January 4

Trevor Jaylen Clementz, 17, on his property had been broof Brackettville, was arrested on ken into on Third Street. The three counts of Burglary of Habitation. Clementz was still being held at press time.

A woman called to report her said he fired one shot to scare Fort Clark home had been brothem off ken into

A security company reported an alarm was sounding off at the an alarm was sounding off at the school library. school library.

Thursday, January 5

convenience store reported a and needed a deputy's assisman had driven away without tance paying for the gas he pumped.

A security company reported ken into. The woman reported an alarm was sounding off at the ness reported two stray dogs at the arroyo. The man threw a

A woman called to report was hurt. The City of Brack- then walked away.

A woman called to report a neck trailer. A deputy reported port in regards to his young son. missing goat. The goat is white back that the floorboards from A wanted to file a complaint with grey and has a S4 Farm the trailer had come loose and fell off.

Friday, January 6 A caller reported hearing a A 911 caller reported a shed gunshot, dogs barking and then dogs crying. A deputy reported back that the person shooting man said he went outside to see stated he shot at the dogs to

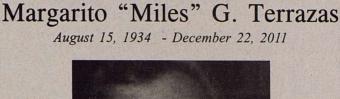
what was going on and saw two scare them away from attacking people running away. The man his livestock. A caller reported an accident on Hwy 90 West near the rest

A security company reported area. Fort Clark Security reported a break in on Chandler Street. A woman called to report she

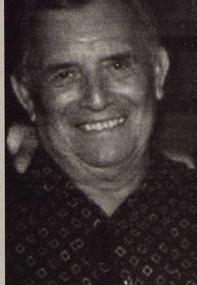
Sunday, January 8 was having problems with an A man called to report loose An employee from a local intoxicated man at her residence cattle on Hwy 674 15 miles from Brackettville. The ranch foreman

was contacted. A woman called to report a An employee at a local busi- mysterious person walking in their business. One of the dogs paper bag under a bridge and

Fort Clark Security called to



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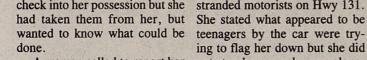


I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new I thought about you yesterday and days before that too, I think of you in silence I often speak your name All I have are memories and your picture in a frame Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part God has you in His keeping I have you in my heart.

Margarito "Miles" G. Terrazas of Bishop, California, age 77 passed away December 22, 2011 at his home, with family by his side. He was born in Brackettville, Texas on August 15, 1934. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, greatgrandfather and brother. He loved hunting, fishing and the outdoors. A businessman of 48 years in the manufacturing/welding business, Miles retired to live in Bishop and continued to be a great handyman in retirement.

He is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 57 years, Mary, son Joseph and partner Sean of Sacramento. Son Ernie and wife Lucy Terrazas of Bishop, grandchildren, Robbie, Sonja, Deanna, Gabriel, Alex, Elise, Kevin Miles, Joseph and Lora and great grandchildren, Issac, ISabela, Shyne, Alina, Alazae, Kiannah, Ariel, Julien, Marina, Naylene and Gabriel. He is also survived by several siblings, Richard Terrazas and Jesse Terrazas of Brackettville, Tx, Teresita Garcia of Sterling City, Tx, Olivia Sanchez of Del Rio, Tx, Ricarda De Andrea of Bakersfield, Ca, Dora Terrazas of Bakersfield, Ca, Tino Terrazas of Amarillo, Tx, Armando Terrazas of League City, Tx, Guadalupe Terrazas of Manvel, Tx.

He is preceded in death by his parents Natividad and Maria Terrazas and his brother Natividad Terrazas II. He was buried on Thursday, December 29, 2011 at West Line Street Cemetery on Pioneer Lane in Bishop, Ca. He is greatly missed and was undeniably loved by so many.



check into her possession but she stranded motorists on Hwy 131. ing to flag her down but she did school library.

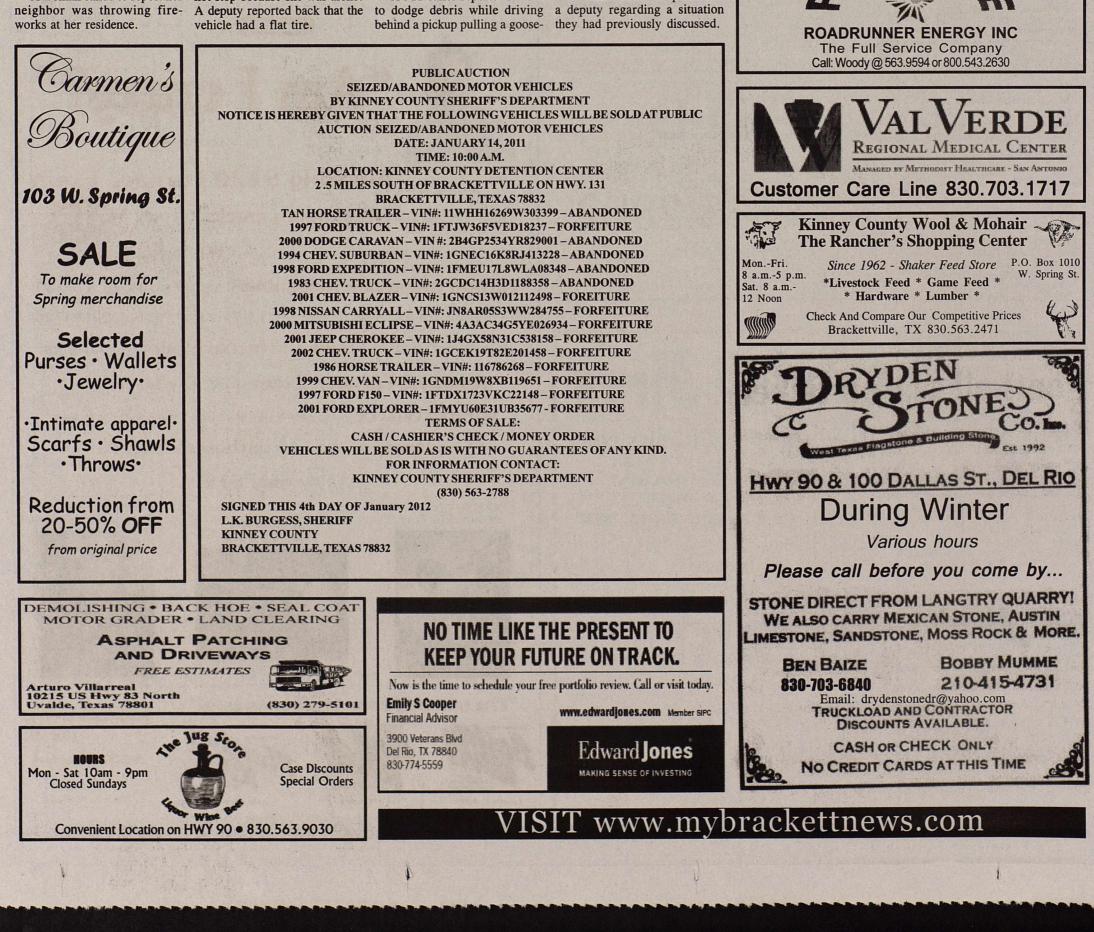
A woman called to report her not stop because she was alone. vehicle had a flat tire.

ettville was notified.

Saturday, January 7

A security company reported report someone throwing firewanted to know what could be teenagers by the car were try- an alarm was sounding off at the crackers at two different residences.

A man wanted to speak with A 911 caller reported he had





and tools. Possess strong interpersonal skills, including the ability to maintain harmonious relationships with staff/management. A valid Texas driver's license with two or less moving violations and no DWI/DUI citations in the last three years is required. Applicants must be able to obtain a CDL license within 90 days from date of hire. Must pass federal background check. RGEC provides a competitive salary based on experience. Applications are available at any RGEC office, may be downloaded from www.rgec.coop, or are available via mail by calling 830-563-2444. Mail completed applications to RGEC, HR Department, P.O. BOX 1509, Brackettville, TX, 78832. Positions open until filled. EOE.

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