



# Brackett News

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## KINNEY COUNTY NEWS

**KINNEY COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE**  
Kickoff Party February 02, 2012 NCO Service club 5:30p.m

**FORT CLARK ART CLUB**  
Annual Valentine Open House on Sunday February 12th. 2-4 pm at the FCS Art Studio.

**KC LITTLE LEAGUE**  
Registration on February 4th. See below for more info.

**BISD CALENDER OF EVENTS**  
February 3 JV, VG, VB District Basketball game at Charlotte at 5:00 p.m.  
February 4 JH Regional Band Tryouts in Eagle Pass  
February 6 JH Basketball Boys B/A teams at D'Hanis JH Basketball Girls B/A teams at D'Hanis  
Progress Reports mailed out to parents.  
February 7 JV, JVB, VG, VB District Basketball at S.A. Stacey at 5:00 p.m.  
February 8 FCA in the new gym at 8:00 p.m.  
February 9 OAP Clinic in Fredericksburg  
**JONES ELEMENTARY**  
Thursday, Feb. 2nd - JAC Meeting @3:45

**RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER RAFFLE**

Valentines Day Romantic Dinner for Two Fabulous Meal (beef or chicken) with all the trimmings & Bubbly Drink. Will be delivered and set up at your home \$ 5.00 a ticket Will be Raffle February 13, 2012  
By ALOHA TEAM  
The ALOHA team is going to be selling Sandwiches on Friday February 17, 2012 to raise money for the Relay for Life. It will be Chicken salad on a croissant with chips and a drink for \$6.00. So place your order now and help give someone one more Birthday. All orders must be in by Thursday 16, 2012. You can place your order with any team member or E-mail Adela Avila 830-591-7566 adela.avila@brackettisd.net

**PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP**

Second Thursday of every month 7:00pm at 212 Bowlegs, 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 opportunity 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 and please call if you have questions.

**AA MEETING**  
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**AL-ANON MEETING**  
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**KINNEY COUNTY HERITAGE MUSEUM**

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T and TH: 10 am - 8 pm  
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Sunday: 2 pm - 6 pm

## Teens busted with booze

By Leigh Castillo  
Contributing Writer

Eight teens were issued citations for Minor in Possession after being caught on Fort Clark

Springs' property with alcohol on January 27.

Visiting hunters told Fort Clark security they found an open bonfire pit scattered with litter in a secluded area near the sewer plant Saturday afternoon.

Fort Clark Security observed the teens, including seven boys and one girl, at the location laughing and sitting around the fire later that evening.

Security left the area and returned shortly with a Kinney

County deputy.

The teens, ranging from age 14 to 17, were found in possession of alcohol, specifically beer. No liquor or drugs were found.

The teens were taken to the

sheriff's department and their parents were contacted.

The charge is considered a Class C Misdemeanor and the cases will be adjudicated in the Kinney County Justice of the Peace Court.

## Early Cooking Competition



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - On January 30, Brackett EHS & HS students and their parents participated in a Family Cook-off. Pictured from left: Judges Marivel Lumbreras and Pura Luna. Alicia Perez, Daniel Perez Jr., Mary Ellis Duran, Stacey Hidalgo, Leeland Hidalgo, Frank Hidalgo, Divina Alderete, Jeremy Creech, Robert Alderete Jr., Robert Alderete Sr., Trent Sandoval, Troy Sandoval and Ashley Castillo Sandoval.

By Ashley Castillo Sandoval  
Contributing Writer

Every year at the local CDI Head Start and Early Head Start, Directors Julia Terrazas and Larrissa Brundige host a Fam-

ily Cook-off. The students and their families are encouraged to participate in this annual event and bring one of the following: main dish, appetizer or dessert.

On January 30, six students along with their parents com-

peted in the cook-off. Judging this year was Burger and Shake owner Pura Luna and Marivel Lumbreras. Judges were asked to critique the food by appearance, presentation, texture, and taste. "Everything was really

good," stated Judge Marivel. "It was a tough decision to make," added Judge Pura.

Placing 1st was Troy and Trent Sandoval with Chicken Spaghetti.

Placing 2nd was Daniel Perez

Jr. with Fruit Salad.

Placing 3rd was Aylin Duran with Meat Loaf.

Other participants included Robert Alderete with Chicken Alfredo and Leeland Hidalgo with a corn casserole.

## FCS Chili Cook-off



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - The 12th annual Chili Cook-off took place at the Fort Clark Springs RV Park on January 30. From left: Kellan Hendricks 4th place, B.J. Pillow 3rd place, Cathie Callnan 2nd place, Tammy J. Holloman 1st place, Jon Rockow, Coordinator Darlene Sandwick and Jim Titchenell People's Choice Award.

Submitted by Darlene Sandwick  
Event Coordinator

The 12th Annual Chili Cook-off held at the Fort Clark RV Park on January 30, was another success with about 175 food enthusiasts in attendance.

Despite the threatening weather, 19 contestants cooked up their best recipes, including

the Kinney County Volunteer Fire Department. The firemen were a great addition to this years cook-off.

First place went to Tammy Jo Holloman. Second place was awarded to Cathie Callnan a first time cooker. Third place was won by B.J. Pillow. Fourth place went to Kellan Hendricks.

The People's Choice Award this year went to the Brack-

ettville Volunteer Fireman.

The judges were Kathie Warm, Don Sandwick, Joann Werner, John Conlin and Larry Johnson.

"I want to thank everyone who cooked and who helped out," said Event Coordinator Darlene Sandwick.

The proceeds from the Cook-off help to put on the Fort Clark Days Festival.

## Affordable housing for seniors

By Leigh Castillo  
Contributing Writer

MAC-RE, LLC is the owner of the Seniors Apartments located at 600 West Spring Street in Brackettville.

The 32-unit complex, funded by USDA Rural Development, "are designed for the elderly, 62 years of age or older, handicap/disabled, regardless of age," informed MAC-RE's Lawrence Ruth.

"There are 26 one-bedroom units and 6 two-bedroom units. Two of these units are designed for the handicapped. The rent is

based on your income and is between \$0 (RA) - \$551 for a one-bedroom and \$0 (RA) - \$680 for a two-bedroom unit. Rental assistance is available for qualified applicants. Section 8 voucher holders are welcome and will be treated in a fair and equitable manner," Ruth continued.

The Equal Housing Opportunity facility offers central heat and air, stove, refrigerator and washer/dryer connections. The site manager is Jane Rankin who can be reached at, 830.563.2705.



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Castillo - Brackettville Seniors Apartments Manager Jane Rankin standing, center.

## Dead animals found not a danger to water supply

By Leigh Castillo  
Contributing Writer

Ten animal carcasses were found near the West Dam on January 19.

Two watershed dams are located on both sides of RR 674, just north of Brackettville. They were built in the 1950's to protect the City of Brackettville from flooding.

A deputy, accompanied by a county employee, responded to report and found the remains of some cows, horses, goats and deer, all in various states of decomposition.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

was contacted.

The landowner said the animals, that died over the last 12 months due to age, injury and the adverse affects from the recent drought, were placed there in order to dispose of them.

According to Kinney County Sheriff's office, the remains were placed on the opposite side of the watershed dam and posed no danger to the Las Moras Springs, that originates approximately three miles.

The landowner said the animal remains had been properly disposed of last week.

No charges are pending against the landowner.

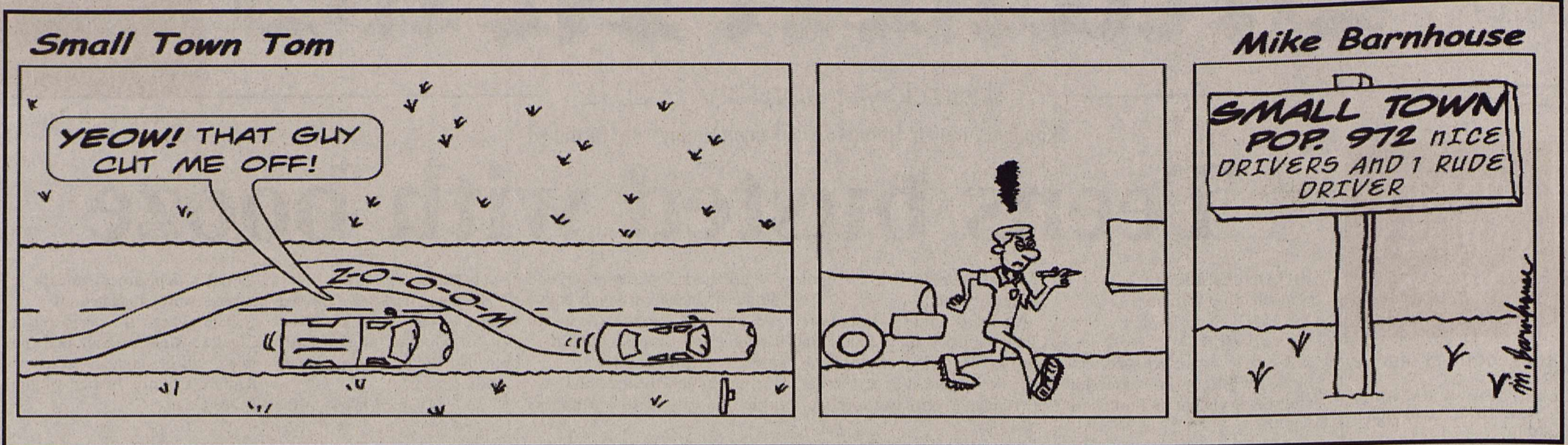
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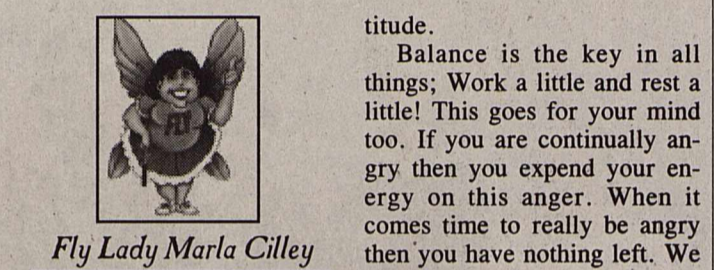
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## Too much of a good thing



*Fly Lady Marla Cilley*

I got up in the middle of the night with this one thought on my mind, "Too much of a good thing is a bad thing!" The example that came to mind was my assistant Michele. A couple of years ago she got addicted to her daily walk. She could not wait to get home and jump in her workout clothes and head to the park. Eventually she was doing five miles all because she could not stop herself. It was feeling so good. We have all heard about a runner's high. When those endorphins kick in we do not feel any pain. This is when we get hurt. Michele's over enjoyment of her daily walk soon hurt her so that she could not walk without pain. She has spent eighteen months going to doctors, physical therapy, and exercising to relieve the pain.

Did you know that there is a balance to everything in our lives. With our "all or nothing" personalities we tend to go to the extremes on most everything we do. I have realized that when someone reads my messages that this "all or nothing" attitude clouds their vision and they read exactly what they want to see or the direct opposite. What I am striving for is a balance in all things. Too much of a good thing can be as bad as a bad thing. Try eating a whole chocolate cake and you will see what I mean.

This all comes back to haunt us in our perfectionist attitude toward our home. If we think we don't have enough time to do something right; we do nothing and our messy homes are the result of that attitude. The reverse is also a problem; Cleaning till it is perfect or until you drop dead because the in-laws are coming. This is our crash and burn perfectionist attitude.

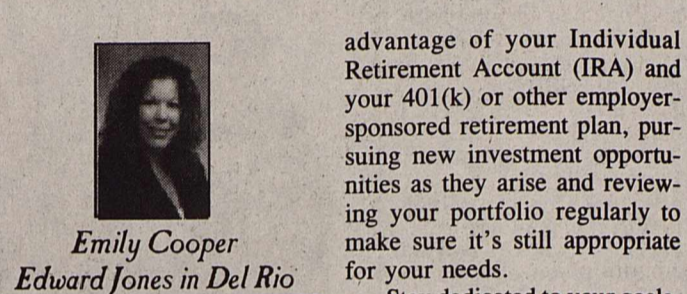
Balance is the key in all things; Work a little and rest a little! This goes for your mind too. If you are continually angry then you expend your energy on this anger. When it comes time to really be angry then you have nothing left. We have a tendency to be an adrenaline junky! You know how we have always prided ourselves in being at our best when we are on a deadline. This is not a good way to live. The continual pumping of adrenaline into our bodies is harmful to our immune systems. When we do need that extra boost it will be gone. Our immune systems are stressed to the max, this is why we are sick a lot.

It takes all different perspectives to make this world run. I am very thankful for our diversity in all things. All I really want for you to do is follow your heart and stay balanced. This means not to let the events take over your life and terrorize you and your babies. Let's do what we can, where we are, with what we have; If you choose to protest on either side then so be it. But don't disrupt the peace that is in your home with any kind anger. Life is too short. And this is not sticking my head in the sand either!

I want for you what I have found, Peace from having a balance in my life. When I catch myself out of balance I have to stop everything and ask myself these questions. H.A.L.T. Don't get too Hungry, Angry, Lonely, or too Tired or too Thirsty. This is when I let go and take care of me. Let's face it: If you don't take care of you; Who will? Are you ready to FLY with me?

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## Investors can learn much from Super Bowl teams



It's Super Bowl time again. And whether you're a sports fan or not, you can probably learn something from the Super Bowl teams that you can apply to their endeavors — such as investing.

What might these lessons be? Take a look:

Pick players carefully. Super Bowl teams don't usually get there out of luck; they've made it in part because they have carefully chosen their players. And to potentially achieve success as an investor, you, too, need carefully chosen "players" — investments that are chosen for your individual situation.

Choose a diversified mix of players. Not only do Super Bowl teams have good players, but they have good ones at many different positions — and these players tend to play well together. As an investor, you should own a variety of investments with different capabilities — such as stocks for growth and bonds for income — and your various investments should complement, rather than duplicate, one another. Strive to build a diversified portfolio containing investments appropriate for your situation, such as stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and other vehicles. Diversifying your holdings may help reduce the effects of market volatility. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.)

Follow a "game plan." Super Bowl teams are skilled at creating game plans designed to maximize their own strengths and exploit their opponents' weaknesses. When you invest, you also can benefit from a game plan — a strategy to help you work toward your goals. This strategy may incorporate several elements, such as taking full advantage of your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, pursuing new investment opportunities as they arise and reviewing your portfolio regularly to make sure it's still appropriate for your needs.

Stay dedicated to your goals. Virtually all Super Bowl teams have had to overcome obstacles, such as injuries, bad weather and a tough schedule. But through persistence and a constant devotion to their ultimate goal, they persevere. As an investor, you'll face some challenges, too, such as political and economic turmoil that can upset the financial markets. But if you own a diversified mix of quality investments and follow a long-term strategy that's tailored to your objectives, time horizon and risk tolerance, you can keep moving forward, despite the "bumps in the road" that all investors face.

Get good coaching. Super Bowl teams typically are well-coached, with disciplined head coaches and innovative offensive and defensive coordinators. When you're trying to achieve many financial goals — such as a comfortable retirement, control over your investment taxes and a legacy to leave to your family — you, too, can benefit from strong "coaching." As your "head coach," you might choose a financial professional — someone who can help you identify your goals and recommend an appropriate investment strategy to help you work toward them. And your financial professional can coordinate activities with your other "coaches," such as your tax and legal advisors.

Unless you're a professional football player, you won't ever experience what it's like to play in the Super Bowl. However, achieving your financial goals can be a fairly big event in your life — and to help work toward that point, you can take a few tips from the teams that have made it to the Big Game.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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## BISD Employee of the Week



**RICHARD TERRAZAS**  
Shop Foreman/Fleet Maintenance, Bus Barn

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

1. Born in Tucson, Arizona.
2. I carry snacks for stray dogs in my pickups.
3. Big baseball fan - Texas Rangers!
4. Named my Rottweiler Maximus, after the movie "The Gladiator."
5. Do not like to hunt, only with a camera to take pictures.
6. Used to coach Pony League Baseball, 13-18 year olds.

### Del Rio Music Club scholarship

Submitted by Carole Cooper, former Music Club Scholarship Chairman - Del Rio Music Club. The Del Rio Music Club announces that it will be awarding scholarships to graduating seniors to further their music studies. The scholarships will be awarded based on a letter written by the applicant and an audition at the Del Rio Music Club meeting on April 9 at 4:30 PM at St. James Episcopal Church. All graduating high school seniors from Del Rio, Brackettville and Comstock public and private schools and home schooled students are invited to apply. Additionally,

former recipients of the Music Club scholarship are eligible to apply. The scholarships may be used for college music courses, private music instruction or music workshops and conferences. The postmark deadline to apply is Friday, March 25. Application information is available at the Counselor's office at Del Rio High School, Brackettville High School, Val Verde County Library and Kinney County Library. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Carole Cooper, Scholarship Chair, at 830.774.2296 or carolecooperindr@hotmail.com.

## Tigers keep playoffs in arms reach with a win over D'Hanis

### JV Tigerettes remain undefeated in district

By Ashley Castillo Sandoval  
Contributing Writer  
Stats submitted by Rhonda Marquardt, Greg Voyles and Ralph Almanza

The Tigers and Tigerettes hosted D'Hanis on Tuesday night.

Brackett JV girls beat D'Hanis 19-15.

Leading the Tigerettes in scoring and steals was Natasha Samaniego with 8 points and 6

steals. Also scoring for the team was Kelsey Molano 7, August Stephenson 3, Rivers Maddox 1.

Contributing to the defense game with steals was Kelsey Molano 3 steals, Denise Salmon 2, August Stephenson, Shannon Gammill, Sierra Falcon, and Tea Sandoval 1.

Rebounding for the Tigerettes were Shannon Gammill, August Stephenson and Rivers Maddox, all three

girls had 4 rebounds each. Nadia Rodriguez and Natasha Samaniego had 3 each, Denise Salmon, Kelsey Molano, Sierra Falcon had 2 each and Tea Sandoval had 1.

Leading the Tigerettes in assists was Shannon Gammill with 1.

The JV Tigers beat D'Hanis 30-19.

Leading the JV Tigers in scoring was Blake Duncan with 11 points, Matt Gutierrez 7 pts,

Christian Quiroz 4 and Gil Turner 2.

The Varsity Tigers beat D'Hanis 49-35.

Leading the Tigers in scoring was EZ Rivas with 21 points. Edgar DeLeon 10, Jonathon Quiroz 9, Brandon Sandoval 6 and Eric Falcon 3.

The Tigers and Tigerettes will go on to play in Charlotte on Friday. JV girls 5 PM, Varsity girls 6:15 PM and Varsity boys 7:30 PM.

## TEA launches new GED ordering

Submitted by BISD

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ters across the state will now be providing direct customer service, responding to, and supporting GED testing customers and will serve as the primary information resource for all GED test inquiries. For all information regarding GED testing, contact a local GED testing center. To find a local GED testing center, go to <http://www.texged.com> or call 1-800-62-MYGED (1-800-626-9433).

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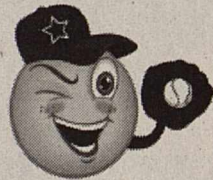
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## Class of 2012 BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



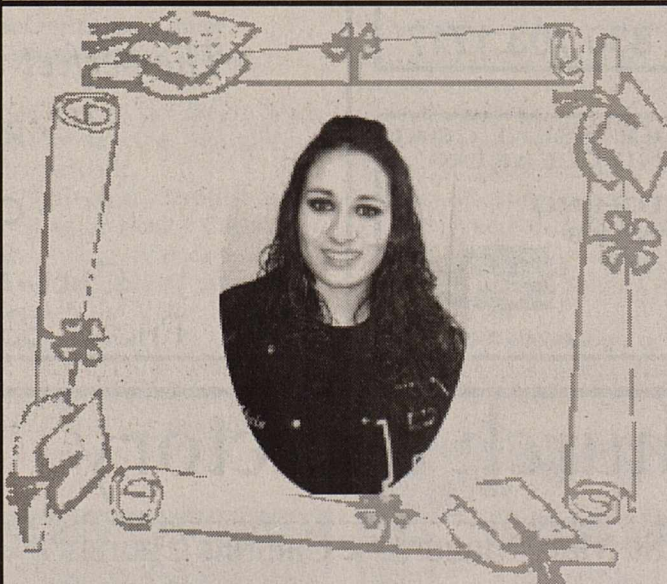
Maria Garcia

Parent: Antonia and Oscar Garcia  
Siblings: Marcelino and Nayeli  
What grade did you start attending school at BISD? 9th  
What are your future plans? Going to college and having a good career.  
In five years I will... have my own beauty salon and be an ultra technician nurse.

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Parent: Delfino and Garcia Guerrero  
Siblings: Srma, Elvia, Reyes, Maria Elena and Delfino  
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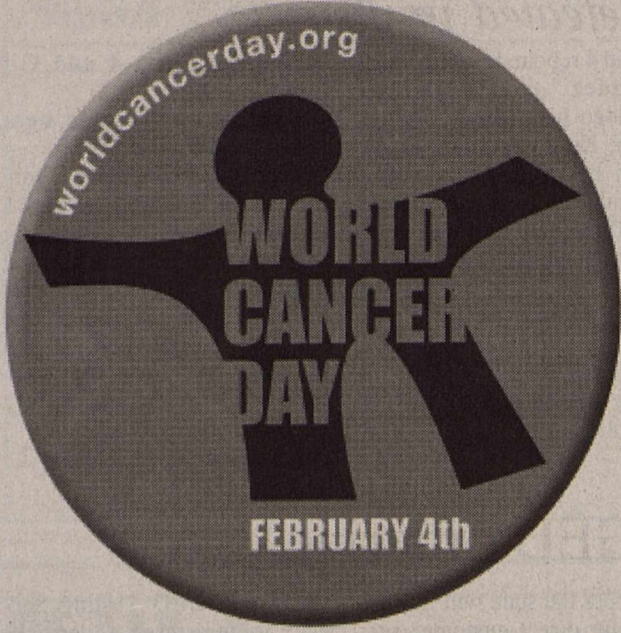
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## World Cancer Day 2012



Submitted by Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)

World Cancer Day takes place every year on 4 February and is the singular initiative under which the entire world can unite together in the fight against the global cancer epidemic.

World Cancer Day is an initiative of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), through which we aim to help save millions of preventable deaths each year by raising awareness and education about cancer, and pressing governments and individuals across the world to take action against the disease.

World Cancer Day 2012 is particularly important as it falls almost half a year after the first UN High-level Meeting on NCDs, and the signing of the Political Declaration supporting

prevention and control of these devastating conditions, including cancer.

Therefore, aligning under the banner of "Together let's do something"; UICC would like you, our members, to support us in using this upcoming milestone to encourage everyone affected by cancer (individuals, civil societies and governments), to ensure that they take responsibility for reducing the burden of this disease. Our ultimate aim is to help cut premature deaths from cancer and other NCDs by 25% by 2025.

We have some specific objectives for World Cancer Day 2012, which we can only achieve with your support:

- Please help support the 2012 World Cancer Day initiative by spreading the word to your members and supporters
- Drive traffic to the World Cancer Day website and the "Do Something" Facebook Application

tion  
• Drive wide-spread use of #WorldCancerDay to show support for cancer control.

World Cancer Day 2012 has been themed "Together let's do something" because it is only by every person, organisation, government individually doing their part that the world will be able to reduce premature deaths from cancer and other NCDs by 25% by 2025.

Level 1 - General public  
You will be able to use the following activities to engage your network and the wider general public of your country on the burden of cancer, and in-turn raise the profile of World Cancer Day:

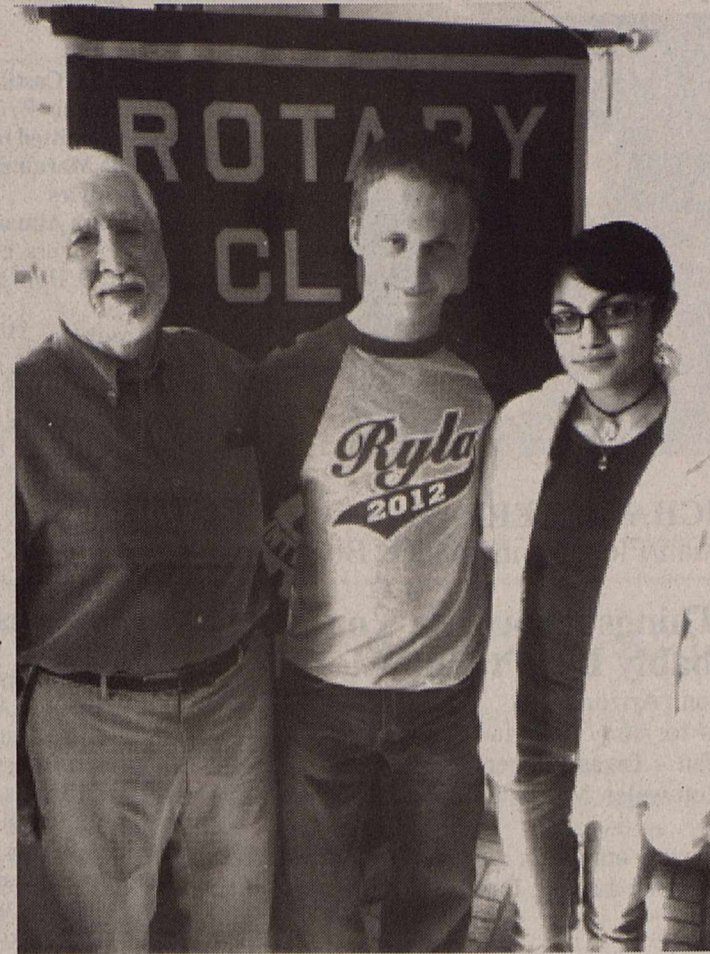
• Social media channels: Engage with your network via your Twitter / Facebook pages (global hashtags and key messages to share via social platforms are provided later in this toolkit).

• A special Facebook application will be launched on the 1.2.2012 for the occasion of World Cancer Day - be sure to use it and share it widely!

• Use the Cancer infographics: specially created for World Cancer Day 2012, these represent the global cancer burden in a visually engaging format (more information about these infographics can be found in the "Local activity guidance and toolkit overview" section of this document). Consider using these on your website and in member and media communications to support World Cancer Day.

• World Cancer Declaration: share the Declaration with your members, and other members of the public, and encourage them to sign-up on World Cancer Day.

## Rotary Club presents RYLA



Submitted by Tom Collins

At the regular noon meeting of the Brackettville Rotary Club the club members were entertained by this years RYLA students. Charles Schmidt in-

roduced the students (Pictured) Daylon Miller and Marissa Villarreal to the membership as guest speakers. (RYLA) Rotary Youth Leadership Assemble is sponsored by the National Rotary Organiza-

tion to promote leadership qualities in selected high school students throughout the nation. Daylon and Marissa told the membership of their experiences at RYLA camp in central Texas.

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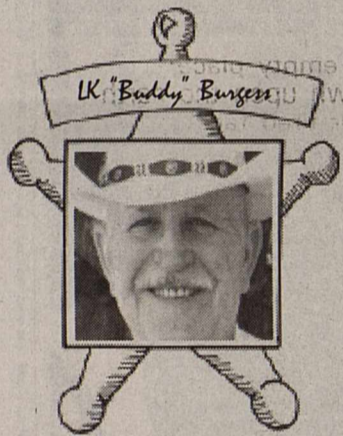


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## Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Tuesday, January 24

William Clyde Adams, 24, of Brackettville, was arrested for disorderly conduct. Adams was released the next day after posting a \$500 bond.

A man reported a reckless driver in the construction zone near the old Dust Bowl Ranch on Highway 90

Wednesday, January 25

A Spofford man reported a dark F150 was driving up and down the railroad tracks without the use of headlights.

A man called to request a welfare check on his wife. He believed she had taken the phone off the hook and he was trying to call.

An employee of a local business called to report someone had hit the side of the store with their car.

Thursday, January 26

Maverick County SO reported they escorted a Brackettville woman they found walking on

the side of the highway to the Kinney County Line.

Friday, January 27

A woman reported an unknown vehicle parked next to her home.

A woman called to report a break in at her ranch house. She reported all her clothes, knives and food were taken and her house was a mess.

A man called to report smoke was coming out of the roof of the old taxidermy building next to the car wash.

Saturday, January 28

Fort Clark Security called to request a deputy's assistance.

Sunday, January 29

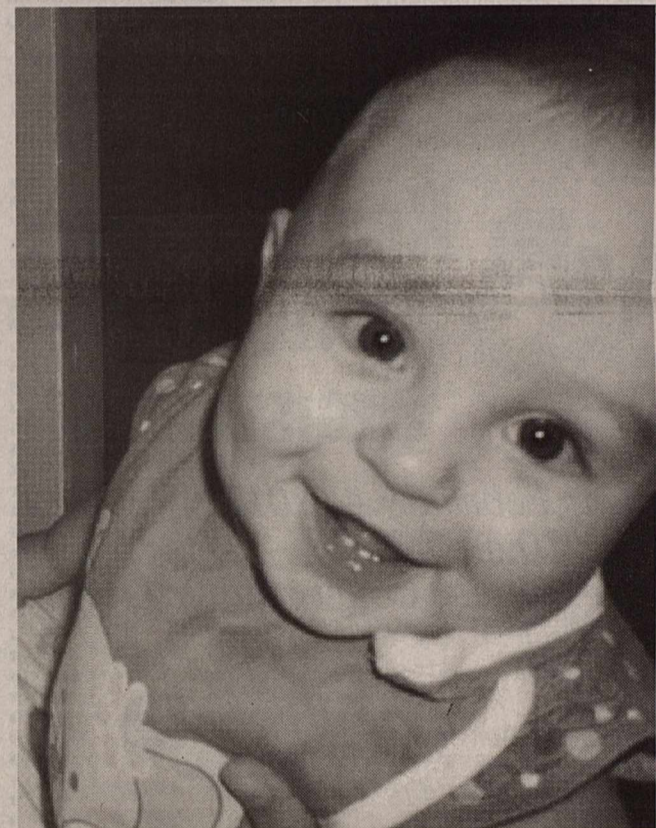
A woman called to report she has information about a fight on Beaumont Street.

## Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday

You're a scene stealer, magnificent!!  
You're a shining star that's as bright as the sun!  
You're cute, huggable, and sweet as can be.  
You're super ONE-derful and that's plain to see!  
Happy 1st Birthday Amber!

Love,  
Mom, Jennifer,  
Danielle, Shea,  
Grandma Ellie,  
Grandma Honeybee,  
CiCi, Tia Sandy and the rest of your family!

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• Choir practice 5:30 pm • Evening Service 6:30pm  
Wednesday: Evening Service 6:30 pm Youth 6:30 pm  
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Welcome One Welcome All Come and Receive and Find Joy

## Winter Texans write about their adventures



Photo Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly - Pictured from left: Jerry Lawson and Bonnie Jo Lawson

Submitted by Kinney County Public Library

Jerry and Bonnie Jo (BJ) Lawson discovered Ft. Clark Springs during the early 1970's while taking time off from child care work at Methodist Children's Agency in Waco, TX. They were special guests during the years of Ft. Clark "Sales Promos" and development. Bonnie Jo never forgot about her visit and recalled the experience of riding the paddle boats in Las Moras Springs.

Many of their life experiences since 1970 included childcare in group homes in Arkansas & Kan-

sas and team driving big rigs nation wide which was one of Jerry's dreams.

Another one of Jerry's dreams was connected to his childhood fascination with "Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn". "I wanted to navigate the Mississippi River" said Jerry. Their story "Mississippi meets Mackie G" gives the details of how it all came to be.

Jerry & BJ will be at the Kinney County Public Library on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> to sign copies of their newly released book. Please stop by and show your support to our local authors.

## OBITUARY

Crispina "Penny" Fernandez  
January 22, 2012



Crispina "Penny" Fernandez was granted her angels wings on January 22, 2012. She was surrounded by her children and other family when she passed at Val Verde Memorial Hospital. Born in Brackettville, Texas, she was 55 years old. She is preceded in death by her parents Camilo & Gregoria Cruz and husband Samuel Fernandez Sr.

Penny was a caring, kindhearted, loving, strong woman who was loved by an immense amount of family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Beatrice Chapa Benites and husband Jose M. Benites, Samuel Fernandez Jr. and wife Rachel, Manuel Fernandez, Pura Luna and husband Rene, Marivel Lumberras and husband Guadalupe, Joaquin I. Fernandez and wife Ana, and Doolie A. Fernandez. Her grandchildren are Jose Nicolas Falcon Jr., Mark, Blake, Alexis Benites, Maria Arsipe, Manuel Fernandez Jr., Dymond, Delilah, and Denae Luna. She is also survived by her brothers Camilo Cruz Jr. and Chris Cruz and sisters, Julia Terrazas, Hermalinda Martinez, Ramona Falcon, Amelia Reyes, Frances Franklin, Elena Luna and Josefina Haubert and several nieces and nephews.

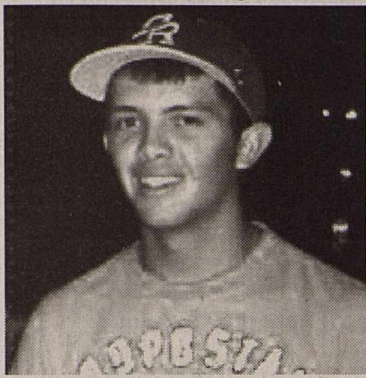
The funeral is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2012 The viewing will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. The funeral service will be at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church immediately followed by a burial service at Catholic Cemetery.

The pallbearers are: Samuel Fernandez, Manuel Fernandez, Joaquin Fernandez, Joe Benites, Rene Luna, Jose Nicolas Falcon Jr.

God looked around his garden  
and found an empty place;  
He then looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
and lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
and the hills were hard to climb.  
So he closed your weary eyelids  
and whispered, 'Peace be thine'.  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
but you didn't go alone,  
for part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.

Deposits Slips for the funeral fund can be picked up at Burger & Shake for those who wish to make a donation for the funeral expenses.

## Happy Birthday



Happy 18th Birthday  
Eric Falcon

Hope you have a great  
day!  
We love you!

-Dad, Mom, Chris,  
Guero, Vince, Zekey  
and Maggie

## February Yard of the Month



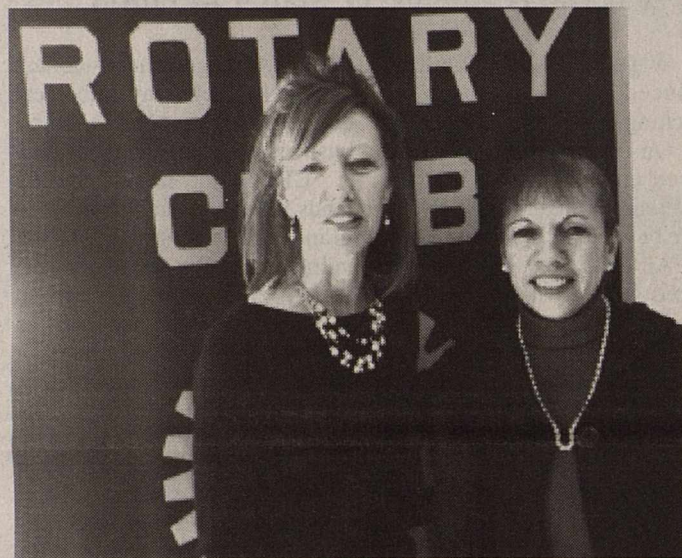
Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - Pictured from left: Patricia Crum and Voyd Crum.

Submitted by Mountain Laurel Garden Club

Mountain Laurel Garden Club is proud to announce Patricia & Voyd Crum of 102 Walnut St, Fort Clark Springs as February Yard of the Month. The Crum's winter garden of architectural accents and blooming cactus is attractive and well

planned. Patricia and Voyd are looking forward to trimming winter damage to shrubs and celebrating the new growth of spring. Circle by in late spring to see the plantings for spring season. They have also chosen native plants to enjoy in the hot summer. Congratulations to the Crum's.

## Terrazas guest speaker



Submitted by Mary Gray Partlow

Guest Speaker for Brackett Rotary on January 26, was Librarian Sara Terrazas. Sara spoke about the various programs offered by the Kinney County Library. Libraries are no longer just places to check out books. A wide variety of programs, services and classes

are offered. Rotary was pleased to have Mrs. Terrazas visit and give a well-planned and informative talk. We particularly look forward to the new E-Book service which will be on line in May of 2012. Mrs. Terrazas praised the "Friends of the Library" for the outstanding work of raising funds for this worthwhile and innovative service.

## Free tax preparation services

Submitted by Kinney County Public Library

Courtesy Tax Return preparation service available in Brackettville.

Trained & Certified Volunteers at the Kinney County Public Library will once again offer free tax return preparation through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

The VITA program reaches out to people whose incomes are \$49,000 or less and will prepare basic Form 1040 tax returns,

including Schedules A for Itemized deductions, claims for the Earned Income Tax Credit and other tax credits.

E-filing provides the highest degree of speed, accuracy and security in filing tax returns. Last year more than 78 Kinney County residents e-filed their federal tax returns through the VITA Program.

For more information or to schedule an appointment Please call the Public Library at 830.563.2884.

## It's a Boy



Erbey and Vanessa Martinez are proud parents to a precious baby boy Israel Andres Martinez.

Israel Andres was born on Thursday, January 26, 2012, in Del Rio.

Baby Israel weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 19 inches in length.

Israel Andres was welcomed into the world by maternal grandparents Antonio and Amelia reyes of Brackettville, paternal grandparents Santa S. Martinez also of Brackettville and the late Andres Martinez. Brothers Trey, Chris and Orlic. Sisters Abby Garza. Half brothers Gumaro, Erbey Jr., Rafa and Betitio.

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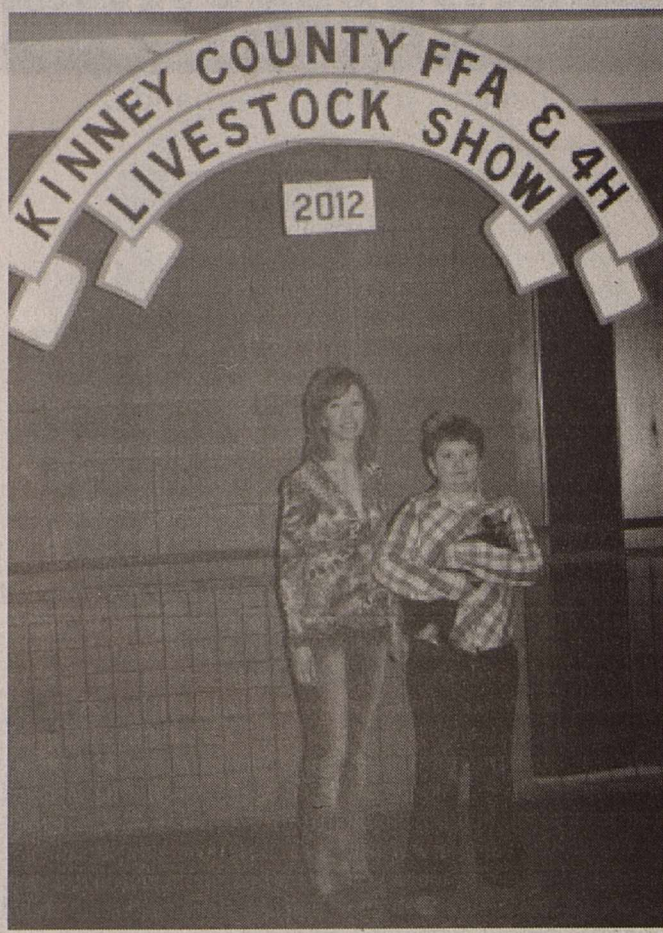
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Proceeds to benefit the renovation of  
historical Fort Clark

## Smith places at KC stockshow



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Ashley Castillo Sandoval-Bank & Trust President Lynn McCarron (left) Sydnee Smith (right) participated in this year's Kinney County Livestock Show. Sydnee had a 4th Place Rabbit Pen of 3.

## Game Warden Field Notes

Submitted by TPWD

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

**Angler catches too many rainbows:** Game Warden Cynde Aguilar received a call on Jan. 19 about a fisherman keeping too many fish. Warden Aguilar made contact with the man and found him with 14 rainbow trout over the daily bag limit of 5. Citations issued for fishing without a license, exceeding the daily bag limit and restitution.

**There's more than one type of lease:** Game Warden Michael Jaramillo received a phone call Jan. 11 from a local rancher who reported he had just witnessed an oilfield hand shoot a deer and that he did not have permission to hunt on his property. Warden Jaramillo arrived on the ranch and obtained a written statement from the rancher. After the rancher decided to sign a non-consent affidavit, a warrant was issued and the warden arrested the oilfield worker for hunting without landowner's consent.

**Game warden helps DPS trooper in struggle:** Palo Pinto County Game Warden Cliff Swofford was flagged down on Jan. 17 by a UPS driver, who said a DPS trooper on a traffic stop on I-20 was wrestling with a man in an attempt to get him handcuffed. Warden Swofford responded and assisted the trooper with detaining and controlling the subject while a search of his vehicle was conducted. A large amount of marijuana was found in the vehicle, and the man was arrested.

**Trespasser attacks game warden:** January 21, Dallas County Game Warden David Bosecker was patrolling for night hunters in Hunt County when he spotted a subject trespassing at a barn and corral area. When Warden Bosecker approached the subject and told him he was under arrest, the man became belligerent and attacked him. Warden Bosecker arrested the subject and several cases are pending.

**Thinking globally, violating**

**the law locally:** Trinity County Game Warden Randy Watts received a call from a landowner on Jan. 22 about hog hunters trespassing on his high fenced ranch.

The landowner found a dog with a GPS collar and a few minutes later the hog hunters showed up to get the dog. The landowner asked the hunters how they got in the ranch. They stated the gate was open and they would leave it like they found it. After the hunters left, the landowner checked his gate. His lock was missing and a new lock was on the gate. The landowner knew the identity of one of the hunters. Game Warden Watts called the hunter and met with all the individuals on the neighboring property. Citations were issued to five hunters for trespassing.

**Facebook helps tag illegal hunters:** Newton County wardens Ellis Powell, Brian Srba, Landon Spacke, Bradley Smith and Jasper County warden Morgan Inman executed a search warrant on a Louisiana resident living in Newton County on Jan. 21. The warrant came after a four-month investigation, with warrants also being served on the subject's Facebook account for e-mails and photos. As the interview was taking place, Louisiana game wardens were interviewing other subjects implicated by the man's Facebook account. The subject admitted killing eight deer in the last few months and named several other subjects with numerous deer kills. None of the four main subjects have had a hunting license since 2004, with no deer taken in daylight hours during that time. Numerous charges filed with more interviews of other subjects pending. **eration:** During coastal operations Jan. 23-27, Galveston and Chambers county wardens filed cases that included a crew boat that was in possession of five bags of fish filets, a commercial crabbing boat that was caught in possession of oysters, illegal stone crabs and no commercial licenses and a commercial gulf shrimp boat caught in possession of head-and-tailed fish, exceeding the limit of flounder and shark fins.

## KCGCD defends Desired Future Conditions

Submitted by Lloyd Lee Davis  
KCGCD President

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD) recently defended their Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) set by the Board of Directors in 2010 before the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

Legislation passed in 2009 required all groundwater districts to establish DFCs no later than September 2010. Such DFCs clarify what the KCGCD desires aquifers in Kinney County to look like 50 years from now as a result of pumping. Obviously, the District has no control over drought conditions.

The Board opted to manage the aquifers on a "sustainable" basis as stated in the Groundwater Management Plan adopted in 2008. The Board collaborated with Dr. Bill Hutchison of the TWDB who researched data and generated computer models to determine DFCs for various pumping scenarios. Such computer models were carefully examined by the KCGCD Board. After lengthy discussion and consideration, we made the decision to use an average spring flow of

23.9 cfs at Las Moras Springs for the DFC in Groundwater Management Area (GMA) 7. Additionally, in GMA 10 it was established that the minimum water level in the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) monitoring well (70-38-902) at the intersection of Ranch Road 334 and Tularosa Road would be 1184 feet MSL.

Kinney County is a member of two groundwater management areas. Groundwater Management Area 7 is composed of more than 20 groundwater districts mainly north and west of Kinney County. The majority of Kinney County is in GMA 7. A portion of the eastern part of the county is in Groundwater Management Area 10 which includes approximately 10 districts to the east. Both GMA 7 and GMA 10 adopted the DFCs set by the KCGCD.

Subsequently, Grass Valley Water, LP protested the DFCs for Kinney County and Val Verde County by filing a petition with the TWDB against GMA 7 and 10. A hearing was set and conducted in Sonora on January 18 for Kinney County and on January 19 for Val Verde County. The groundwater districts in GMA 7 were willing to help pay the costs of defending

our DFCs. Unfortunately, some districts in GMA 10 did not want to incur any expenses defending Kinney County's DFCs but rather preferred to reach a settlement with Grass Valley Water, LP.

The KCGCD Board is adamant that our DFCs are indeed reasonable. We were successful in convincing member districts of GMA 10 to allow our legal counsel, Greg Ellis, to represent the GMA at the TWDB hearing at our expense. I am pleased to report that Mr. Ellis did an outstanding job defending our DFCs. The District also incurred expenses for a reputable hydrogeologist, Grant Snyder, P.G., who testified on our behalf at the hearing. GMA 7 hired an additional hydrogeologist, Ron Green, PhD, P.G., who presented an excellent PowerPoint presentation supporting our DFCs.

The cost for testimony by Dr. Green at the January 18th hearing was \$7,000. GMA 7 districts provided \$5000 toward payment of his fee. Additionally, some members of Fort Clark Springs contributed approximately \$1,000. GMA 7 is requesting that member districts contribute the remaining \$1000. The Board acknowledges and is very

appreciative of the contributions by its supporters in Kinney County as well as from associate groundwater districts in GMA 7.

Joe Reynolds, counsel for the TWDB, conducted the hearing in Sonora. He will study all testimony and issue a recommendation to the Texas Water Development Board in Austin. They will then make a decision as to whether or not the DFCs are both reasonable and achievable. We are optimistic they will agree with the KCGCD. In the event the Board rules against us, their recommendations will be sent to GMA 7 and GMA 10 who will determine our DFCs in accordance with TWDB proposals.

The KCGCD Board of Directors conducts regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Kinney County Library Annex. We encourage all residents and landowners to attend our meetings. Please contact Ken Carver, General Manager and/or any director if you have questions concerning the District's responsibilities and activities. The new KCGCD office is located at 112 West Spring Street. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please pray for rain.

## USDA Announces CRP General Sign-up

Landowners and Producers will have 4-week window beginning in March to enroll

Submitted by Uvalde Farm Service Agency (FSA)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1, 2012—Acting Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (FFAS) Michael Scuse announced today that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a four-week Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up, beginning on March 12 and ending on April 6. CRP has a 25-year legacy of successfully protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States.

"It is USDA's goal to ensure that we use CRP to address our most critical resource issues," said Scuse. "CRP is an important program for protecting our most environmentally sensitive lands from erosion and sedimentation, and for ensuring the sustainability of our groundwater, lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. As always, we expect strong competition to enroll acres into CRP, and we urge interested producers to maximize their environmental benefits and to make cost-effective offers."

CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them use environmentally sensitive land for con-

servation benefits. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and develop wildlife habitat. In return, USDA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. Producers with expiring contracts and producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP. Producers also are encouraged to look into CRP's other enrollment opportunities offered on a continuous, non-competitive, sign-up basis.

Currently, about 30 million acres are enrolled in CRP; and contracts on an estimated 6.5 million acres will expire on Sept. 30, 2012.

Offers for CRP contracts are ranked according to the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) collects data for each of the EBI factors based on the relative environmental benefits for the land offered. Each eligible offer is ranked in comparison to all other offers and selections made from that ranking. FSA uses the following EBI factors to assess the environmental benefits for the land offered:

- Wildlife habitat benefits resulting from covers on contract acreage;

- Water quality benefits from reduced erosion, runoff and leaching;

- On-farm benefits from reduced erosion;

- Benefits that will likely endure beyond the contract period;

- Air quality benefits from reduced wind erosion; and

- Cost.

Over the past 25 years, farmers, ranchers, conservationists, hunters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts have made CRP the largest and one of the most important in USDA's conservation portfolio. CRP continues to make major contributions to national efforts to improve water and air quality, prevent soil erosion by protecting the most sensitive areas including those prone to flash flooding and runoff. At the same time, CRP has helped increase populations of pheasants, quail, ducks, and other rare species, like the sage grouse, the lesser prairie chicken, and others. Highlights of CRP include:

- CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and two million acres of riparian buffers;
- Each year, CRP keeps more than 600 million pounds of nitrogen and more than 100 million pounds of phosphorus from flowing into our nation's streams, rivers, and lakes.
- CRP provides \$1.8 billion

annually to landowners—dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs; and

- CRP is the largest private lands carbon sequestration program in the country. By placing vulnerable cropland into conservation, CRP sequesters carbon in plants and soil, and reduces both fuel and fertilizer usage. In 2010, CRP resulted in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road.

In 2011, USDA enrolled a record number of acres of private working lands in conservation programs, working with more than 500,000 farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices that clean the air we breathe, filter the water we drink, and prevent soil erosion. Moreover, the Obama Administration, with Agriculture Secretary Vilsack's leadership, has worked tirelessly to strengthen rural America, implement the Farm Bill, maintain a strong farm safety net, and create opportunities for America's farmers and ranchers. U.S. agriculture is currently experiencing one of its most productive periods in American history thanks to the productivity, resiliency, and resourcefulness of our producers.

For more information on CRP and other FSA programs, visit a local FSA service center or [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## Rep. Tracy O. King attends CRT committee hearing

Submitted by Chelsea Wallace

AUSTIN, Texas - State Representative Tracy O. King (D-Batesville), along with other members of the Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee, heard testimony Tuesday on the effects of the drought and wildfires on Texas tourism and state parks.

"The recent wildfires and ongoing drought have had a devastating impact statewide," said Rep. King. "Our state park system in particular has seen the results of these harsh conditions. We must do everything

possible to maintain our State Parks for current and future generations."

State Climatologist John W. Nielsen-Gammon provided information to committee members showing that the 2011 Texas drought has been unprecedented in its intensity. With boat ramp closures, low water levels and high temperatures, tourists aren't frequenting Texas State Parks like they have in the past.

Carter Smith, executive director of Texas Parks and Wildlife, testified that parks have seen an 8.4 percent decline in

revenue from visitors in the first quarter of the 2012 fiscal year. The lack of visitors is especially costly because 55 percent of park funding comes from visitor fees.

Members also learned how much recent wildfires have damaged state parks. Texas' 94 state parks and historic sites experienced 10 to 11 million dollars in damages due to wildfires in 2011 Smith told committee members.

The Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee is made up of nine members appointed by the Speaker of the Texas House

of Representatives with jurisdiction over the creation and operation of state parks, historical resources and their promotion and regulation, preservation of Texas' shrines, monuments and memorials, and the regulation of other recreational activities statewide.

Representative King currently represents seven counties in the Texas House of Representatives.

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## NOTAS DEL CONDADO DE KINNEY

**RELAY FOR LIFE DEL CONDADO DE KINNEY**  
Inauguración 2 de febrero a las 5:30 p.m. en NCO Service club 5:30p.m

**CLUB DE ARTE DE FORT CLARK**  
Casa Abierta Anual del Día de San Valentín el domingo, 12 de febrero de 2 p.m. a 4 p.m. en FCS Art Studio.

**LIGA PEQUE A DEL CONDADO DE KINNEY**  
Inscripciones para KC Little League el 4 de febrero. Ver página 3 para más información.

**BISD CALENDARIO DE EVENTOS**  
3 de febrero — Juego de Baloncesto de Distrito JVG, VG, VB en Charlotte a las 5 p.m.  
4 de febrero — Prueba Regional de Banda JH en Eagle Pass  
6 de febrero — Baloncesto varonil JH de los equipos B/A en D'Hanis  
Baloncesto femenino JH de los equipos B/A en D'Hanis  
Se enviarán las calificaciones de aprovechamiento académico por correo a los padres.  
7 de febrero — Baloncesto de Distrito JVG, JVB, VG, VB en S.A. Stacey a las 5 p.m.  
8 de febrero — FCA en el nuevo gimnasio a las 8 p.m.  
9 de febrero — Clínica OAP en Fredericksburg  
**JONES ELEMENTARY**  
Jueves, 2 de febrero — Sesión JAC a las 3:45 p.m.

**RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS PARA RELAY FOR LIFE**  
RIFA Fabulosa Cena Romántica para Dos el D'á de San Valentín (carne o pollo) con la guarnición tradicional y burbujeante bebida. Se entregará en su propia casa. El valor del boleto es de \$5 y la rifa se llevará a cabo el 13 de febrero, 2012. EQUIPO ALOHA El equipo ALOHA estará vendiendo emparedados (sandwiches) el viernes 17 de febrero para recaudar fondos para Relay for Life. Los emparedados serán de ensalada de pollo en un croissant con totopos y refrescos por \$6. Así que hagan su pedido hoy mismo y ayuden a ofrecer el regalo de vida a alguien más. Todos los pedidos deben hacerse para antes del jueves 16 de febrero. Pueden hacer su pedido con cualquiera de los integrantes del equipo o por correo electrónico con Adela Avila en adela.avila@brackettsd.net o por teléfono al (830) 591-7566.

**SESIÓN DE AA**  
El Grupo Las Moras sesiona en Slaton Hall, 109 James St. los martes a las 7 p.m.

**MUSEO HERITAGE**  
El Kinney County Heritage Museum está abierto hasta abril en el siguiente horario: 2º y 4º sábado del mes, de 1-4 p.m. y las fechas son: 28 de enero; 11 y 25 de febrero; 10 y 24 de marzo; 14 y 28 de abril.

**NUEVO HORARIO DE LA BIBLIOTECA**  
Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Martes y Jueves: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sábado: Mediodía - 8 p.m. Domingo: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

**GRUPO DE APOYO DE PARKINSON**  
Segundo jueves de cada mes a las 7 p.m. en 212 Bowlegs, Fort Clark Springs McNurlins. Comuníquese al (830) 563-9587 para más información. Si usted padece la enfermedad de Parkinson o algún trastorno del movimiento similar, o es cónyuge o pareja de alguien que lo padece, únase a nosotros por favor. Estamos empezando un nuevo grupo de apoyo en Fort Clark, para las personas del área de Brackettville / Fort Clark. Esto nos dará la oportunidad de informarnos sobre los últimos hallazgos para ayudar con esta enfermedad. Estamos también aquí para ayudarnos unos a otros a medida que recorremos esa ruta. Diariamente se pueden descubrir nueva tecnología y medicamentos. Únase al grupo y si tiene alguna duda, favor de ponerse en contacto con nosotros.

## Ocho adolescentes sorprendidos con alcohol

Por Leigh Castillo  
Redactora Contribuyente

Se emitieron citatorios contra ocho adolescentes por el delito de Menor en Posesión (Minor in Possession) después de que el 25 de enero fueran sorprendidos en

propiedad de Fort Clark Springs con cerveza.

La tarde del sábado, unos cazadores informaron al departamento de seguridad de Fort Clark sobre el hallazgo de una fosa para hoguera abierta y basura dispersa en un área aislada cerca de la planta

tratadora de aguas residuales.

Guardias de seguridad de Fort Clark observaron posteriormente que unos adolescentes— siete muchachos y una muchacha—se encontraban en el lugar riendo y sentados alrededor de la fosa. Los guardias de seguridad se

alejaron del área y regresaron poco después con un oficial del Departamento del Alguacil del Condado de Kinney.

Los adolescentes, de entre las edades de 14 a 17 años, fueron encontrados en posesión de alcohol, específicamente cerveza. No se encontró licor

ni drogas. Los adolescentes fueron trasladados al departamento del alguacil y sus padres fueron contactados.

El cargo es considerado un delito Menor de Clase C y los casos serán presentados ante el Juez de Paz del Condado de Kinney.

## Competencia familiar de cocina

Por Ashley Castillo Sandoval  
Redactora Contribuyente

Las Directoras Julia Terrazas y Larissa Brundige de CDI Head Start and Early Head Start organizan anualmente un Family Cook-off (Competencia Familiar de Cocina). Los alumnos

y sus familias fueron invitados a participar en este evento anual en alguna de las siguientes categorías: Platillo principal, aperitivo o postre.

El pasado 30 de enero, seis alumnos junto a sus padres participaron en la competencia de cocina. Las encargadas de

calificar los platillos de este año fueron Pura Luna, propietaria de Burger and Shake y Marivel Lumberas. Las juezas calificaron los platillos en base a apariencia, textura y sabor. "Todo estaba delicioso," manifestó Lumberas. "Fue una decisión difícil de tomar," dijo

Luna.

El primer lugar fue para Troy y Trent Sandoval por su "Chicken Spaghetti" (Espagueti con Pollo).

El segundo lugar fue para Daniel Perez Jr. por su "Fruit Salad" (Ensalada de Fruta). El tercer lugar fue para

Aylin Duran por su "Meat Loaf" (Pastel de Carne).

En la competencia estuvieron participando también Robert Alderete con su "Chicken Alfredo" (Pollo Alfredo) y Leeland Hidalgo con su "Corn Casserole" (Caserola de Elote).



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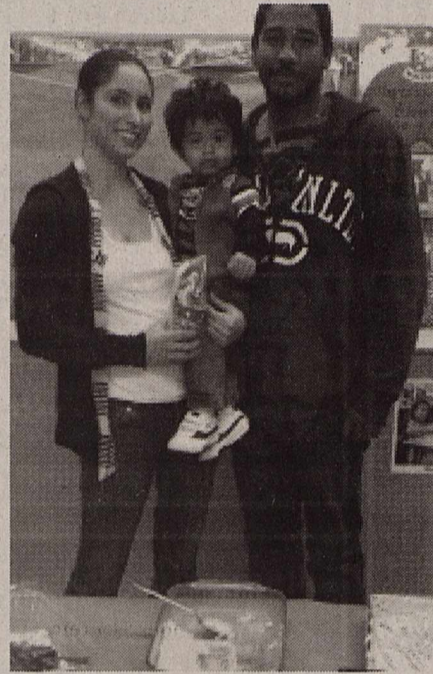


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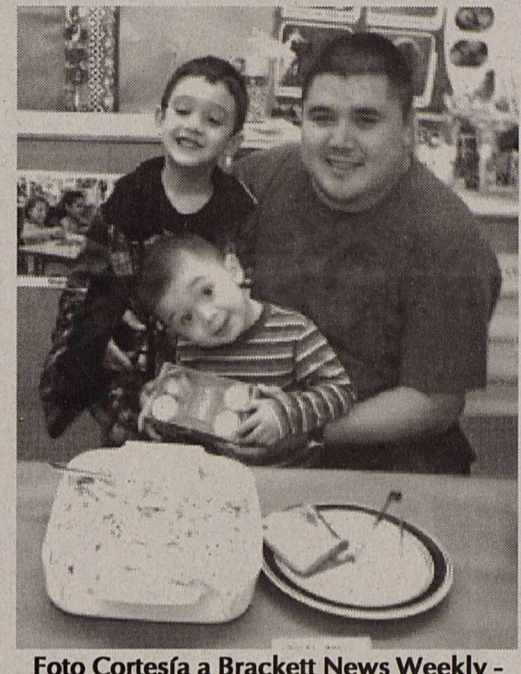
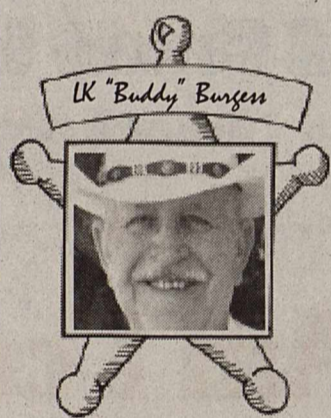


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## Informes del Departamento del Alguacil del Condado de Kinney



**Martes, 24 de enero**  
William Clyde Adams, de 24 años de edad de Brackettville, fue arrestado por alteración del orden (disorderly conduct). Adams fue liberado al día siguiente después de pagar una fianza de \$500.

Un hombre denunció que una persona conducía imprudentemente por el área de construcción cerca de Dust Bowl Ranch sobre la Carretera

90. **Miércoles, 25 de enero**  
Un residente de Spofford reportó que una camioneta F150 de color oscuro circulaba por las vías del ferrocarril sin el uso de los faros.

Un hombre solicitó que el departamento del alguacil verificara el bienestar de su esposa. Él creía que su esposa había dejado el teléfono descolgado y él estaba tratando de comunicarse con ella.

El empleado de un comercio local llamó para informar que alguien había impactado uno de los lados de la tienda con el vehículo.

**Jueves, 26 de enero**  
El Departamento del Alguacil del Condado de Maverick informó que escoltó a una mujer de Brackettville que encontraron caminando por la orilla de la carretera cerca del

límite del Condado de Kinney.

**Viernes, 27 de enero**  
Una mujer reportó un vehículo desconocido estacionado al lado de su residencia.

Una mujer reportó un robo en su casa de rancho. La mujer informó que hurtaron toda su ropa, cuchillos y comida y que su casa quedó hecha un desastre.

Un hombre llamó para informar que salía humo del tejado de un antiguo edificio de taxidermia, junto a un lavado de vehículos.

**Sábado, 28 de enero**  
La Seguridad de Fort Clark solicitó la asistencia de un oficial del alguacil.

**Domingo, 29 de enero**  
Una mujer llamó para informar que tenía información sobre una pelea ocurrida en Beaumont Street.

## Vivienda económica para adultos mayores

Por Leigh Castillo  
Redactora Contribuyente

MAC-RE, LLC es el propietario de los departamentos para personas de la tercera edad "Seniors Apartments," ubicados en 600 West Spring Street en Brackettville.

Lawrence Ruth de MAC-RE dice que el complejo de 32 unidades, subsidiado por el USDA Rural Development, "está diseñado para personas mayores de 62 años de edad o personas discapacitadas, independientemente de su edad."

"Hay 26 unidades de un dormitorio y 6 unidades de dos dormitorios. Dos de estas unidades están diseñadas para personas con discapacidades. El

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El programa VITA ayuda a las personas cuyos ingresos son de \$49,000 o menos y preparará las declaraciones de impuestos básicas, conocidas como Form 1040, incluyendo los Anexos (Schedules) A, para deducciones detalladas, reclamos del Crédito por Ingreso del Trabajo (Earned Income Tax Credit) y otros créditos fiscales.  
El "E-filing" ofrece el más alto grado de velocidad, precisión y seguridad en la presentación de declaración de impuestos. El año pasado más de 78 residentes del Condado de Kinney hicieron sus declaraciones de impuestos federales por "E-filing" mediante el Programa VITA. Para más información o para programar una cita favor de comunicarse a la Biblioteca Pública al (830) 563-2884.

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**KINNEY COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION.** Ronald D. Urbanczyk, 24114 Blanco Road, San Antonio TX 78260, has applied to the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District ("KCGCD") for Regular Permits to operate three water wells in Kinney County, Texas. The wells are located at 7040 West U.S. Highway 90, Brackettville, TX 78832. The purpose of use for each well is to provide water for livestock and irrigation, and each well would have a production amount of 1,600 Acre Feet per year. **PUBLIC HEARING.** The Board of Directors will conduct a hearing on this application at: 9:00 a.m. - February 16, 2012 Library Annex (Fritter Building) 510 South Ellen Street, Brackettville, TX 78832. The purpose of a hearing is to establish jurisdiction, determine if any protestants have standing or qualify for party status, whether any of the Protestants have raised justiciable issues, and to address other matters as determined by the judge. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 36, Water Code and the KCGCD rules. To participate in the hearing as a party, you must file a request for party status prior to the end of the hearing. **INFORMATION.** For additional information regarding the KCGCD can be obtained at the District office. Parsons with disabilities who plan to attend this hearing and who need special accommodations at the hearing should call the District at (830) 563-9699, at least one week prior to the hearing. Issued: January 31, 2012 Ken Carver General Manager

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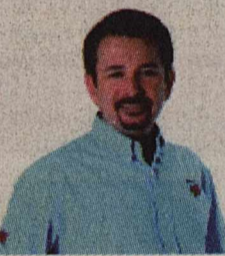
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