



# Brackett News

WEEKLY

Read all about the Ballot battle on this week's issue

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Kinney County Is Home To Eliberto Castillo - Happy 87th Birthday!

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**KINNEY COUNTY NEWS**

## Ballot battle: local election ballots full

By Leigh Castillo  
Contributing Writer

With campaign signs popping up at every heavily trafficked area in town, the future of the local political landscape is now up to the county's 2,310 registered voters.

### Brackettville City Council Election:

On Friday, March 9, Brackettville City Council candidates drew names for positions on the May 12 election. Candidates will appear on the ballot as follows:

- Mayor: Zandra Negrete (Incumbent) - application submitted February 24
- Mayor: Kent Lowery - application submitted February 21
- Place 2: Vito LaGioia - application submitted February 21
- Place 2: Frank Rodriguez - application submitted February 29
- Place 4: Melony Talamantez - application submitted February 23
- Place 4: Francisca Chica Garza Hernandez (Incumbent) - application submitted February

- 29
- Place 5: Andres Rodriguez - application submitted February 22
- Place 5: Wes Robinson - application submitted February 21

May 12.  
**Spofford City Council Election:**  
The City of Spofford will host their city council election on May 12.  
Incumbent Mayor Alex Solis is running unopposed. Antonia (Toni) Pena, Tanya McClure, John Quigley, Juan Manuel Flores, and Ronald Winburn are all not currently serving on the council in the five at-large positions. Incumbents Pena, McClure, Quigley, Flores and Winburn will be challenged by

Robert Hearne, Carlos Castillo and Cindy Gatchell.  
**Brackett ISD School Board Election:**  
Parents and county-wide taxpayers will have their opportunity to help set policy for the Brackett Independent school district by casting their vote on May 12. Two at-large positions currently held by Donna Schuster and Rick Alvarado are up for election. Schuster and Alvarado were both appointed

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**GUISADO PLATE SALE**  
Benefit plate sale for la Escuelita de Los ninos on March 21. Guisado plate includes rice, beans, potato salad and bread. \$6 a plate. Across the catholic church at 11 am to 7. Donations are appreciated.

**KC NUTRITION CENTER**  
March 15- Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes Spinach Wheat Bread Peaches Milk  
March 16- Lemon Pepper Fish Macaroni Broccoli Rolls Peach Cobbler  
March 19- Smothered Pork Chop Sweet Potatoes Buttered Peas Roll Apple Crisp Milk  
March 20- Country Fried Steak w/ Gravy Chive Potatoes Zucchini & Tomatoes Cornbread Berry Vanilla Parfait Milk  
March 21- Baked Chicken Veggie Pasta Parsely Carrots Wheat Bread Gingerbread Milk  
March 22- Turkey Tetrazinni Noodles Roasted Broccoli Rolls Banana Milk

**JONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EVENTS FOR WEEK OF:**  
March 15th - Get Fit Student Registration - Kinder thru 5th Graders, only

**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 an please call if you have questions.

**AA MEETING**  
Las Moras Group. Slator Hall 109 James St. Mon - Fri 7pm

**AL-ANON MEETING**  
Slator Hall 109 James Street. Tuesdays at 7pm

**KINNEY COUNTY HERITAGE MUSEUM**  
The KCHM is open through April are as follows: 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, 1-4 p.m. and the dates are: Jan 28, Feb 11 and 25, March 10 and 24, and April 14 and 28.

**LIBRARY NEWS**  
March Weekly Events:  
-GED STUDY GROUP: Mon., Tues. & Wed.  
-BASIC COMPUTER CLASS: Wed. & Fri. @ 9:00 AM  
-VITA: (Free Income Tax Returns) Monday thru Thursday  
-Utility Assistance Program: Tuesdays @ 10:00 AM  
-Friends Group Meeting: 2nd Monday @ 5:30 PM  
For more details or a copy of a schedule please contact the library @ 830-563-2884  
MWF: 9 am - 5 pm  
T and TH: 10 am - 8 pm  
Saturday: Noon - 8 pm  
Sunday: 2 pm - 6 pm

## Spring Splash

Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly Photo - Abigail Frets, daughter of Rob and Nicole Frets of Fort Clarks Springs, learns to swim on a family outing.



## Mexican Consulate says ID found may be from man missing over two years ago

By Leigh Castillo  
Contributing Writer

Mexican Foreign Service Minister Ricardo Santana confirmed on Monday, his office is working to confirm the identity of the skeletal remains found at the Dos Angeles Ranch in Kinney County.

On March 5, a man and woman walking along the Pinto



Mexican Foreign Service Minister Ricardo Santana

Creek, 15 miles south west of Brackettville, found what they thought were human bones in the middle of the dry creek bed. They contacted Ranch Foreman Mitch Frerich, who then reported the incident to the Kinney County Sheriff's Office at 6:03 p.m.

Kinney County Deputy David Palacio and Texas Ranger James Lewis arrived on the scene and after inspecting the area, discovered a human skull nearby. The skull and bones were each tagged and sent to the Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office for inspection and possible forensic identification.

On the morning of March 6, during a second inspection of the scene, a wallet was found with a voter registration card for a man from San Diego de la Union, Guanajuato, Mexico inside it. Kinney County Sheriff LK Buddy Burgess contacted the Mexican Consulate located in Eagle Pass and representatives visited with him last Wednesday.

On Monday, March 11, Min-

ister Santana said the Instituto Federal Electoral card led the consulate to find relatives, including the wife, of the man identified. The wife reported she was told her husband was part of a group of people who entered the United States in October, 2009, without documents. The wife also told the consulate her husband left the group in an attempt to find medical attention after he became ill. The group was later apprehended by the US Border Patrol and agents were told about the missing man and his condition. The consulate stated an attempt by the Border Patrol to locate the ailing man on that day failed.

Minister Santana said the family will have to travel two to three hours from their home in the mountains of Guanajuato to review the identification card and confirm whether or not this is their relative.

Sheriff Burgess said Monday the Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office was unable to obtain any fingerprints, but will try to gather a DNA sample from the bones.

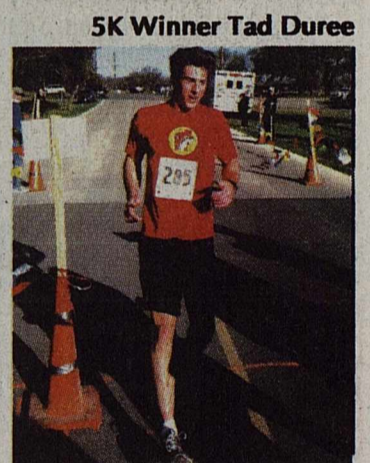
## Fort Clark Days Committee sums up success

By Leigh Castillo  
Contributing Writer

Information in this article was supplied by various Fort Clark Days Committee members and volunteers.

More than 680 area school children, teachers and chaperones attended the 160th Fort Clark Days celebration on March 2 and 3, said members of the Fort Clark Days Committee (FCDC).

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5K Winner Tad Duree

## Happy 87th Birthday!



Eliberto Castillo  
March 17

My #10 goal as Mayor is to "make it city policy to do business with Brackettville merchants first". We have in hand 8 months of reports showing \$30,167 in monies expended with a Del Rio Towing company for auto maintenance on our city vehicles. We are missing 4months of reports so averaging spent to date allows projection for what we will spend in a year from the time we began collecting the data.

\$30,167 ÷ by 8 mos. = \$3,771 avg. /mo. x 4 addl. mos. = \$15,083 bringing the grand total to \$45,251 for one year

Why are we spending that amount of money on city vehicles when we could replace them with new vehicles covered under warranty and make the payments on new vehicles for half that amount? That doesn't seem like good financial management to me. That \$45,251 spent with our own Brackettville merchants would have put those tax dollars into OUR community in order to increase OUR local economy, ensuring we maintain jobs that are here and possibly creating new ones. Every dollar spent out of town means we have lost the benefit of that tax dollar. Although it may appear that a local price on an item is higher than in Del Rio, all associated costs of driving to get that item must be accounted for. For example:

Cost of part in Del Rio: \$14.95 + 70mi X\$.555/mi (IRS allowable) = \$38.85 + 1 city employee@ \$10/hr + tax & benefits = \$24 TOTAL COST: \$77.80  
Cost of part in Brackettville: \$19.50 + Mileage = \$0 + 1 City employee @ \$10/hr. x ½ hr. + tax and benefits = \$6 TOTAL COST: \$24.95 Savings = \$52.85

In addition, there is the liability for driving on the highway, wear and tear on a City vehicle and absence of a City employee longer than necessary. This is not what I will accept as sound financial management.

Early Voting starts April 30th Election day May 12th VOTE LOWERY 4 MAYOR

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# Opinion

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## Public Opinion

### Facebook Question of the Week

What do you think is the most effective way for a candidate in Brackettville/Kinney County to campaign?

5 people voted go door to door  
3 people voted have a BBQ  
0 voted for Put signs up/advertise

**MR-** Posting how they feel about what they want changed on the newspaper. Going door to door and letting us know who they are and what they are all about. I work at the school and at the store and I don't know a \*\*\*\* thing about the candidates and what kinda changes they want??? Also they should get a Facebook so they can read this lol  
**BH-** tell the truth.

**BAS-** I agree. Do not distort the facts  
**JM-** Go door to door and visit with as many people as possible. Let people know why you are running for office and answer their questions. Let them know you are your own person and will always be willing to listen to their views.

## Letter To The Editor:

To the Taxing Units  
Fair and equal Taxation:

In response to the Kinney County Appraisal Districts article in the Brackett News. I served as superintendent of schools during a time when Austin (the State) kept telling us that values were going up in rural Texas. They were mistaken then and are now. Our Appraisal district should be working for the residents of Kinney County by providing corrected information to the state. In the past our district ignored sales that were below appraised value, now it's catching up to them and us. What about the new law that went into effect January 1st, 2012? (see section c, below).

### Sec. 23.01. APPRAISALS GENERALLY.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, all taxable property is appraised at its market value as of January 1.

(b) The market value of property shall be determined by the application of generally accepted appraisal methods and techniques. If the appraisal district determines the appraised value of a property using mass appraisal standards, the mass appraisal standards must comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. The same or similar appraisal methods and techniques shall be used in appraising the same or similar kinds of property. However, each property shall be appraised based upon the individual characteristics that affect the property's market value, and all available evidence that is specific to the value of the property shall be taken into account in determining the property's market value.

Does ownership determine value? Why are two valued differently?

The Following taken from KCAD website for 2011 values  
UN 27 FCS, BLOCK J, LOT 77 INDIVIDUALS NAME \$4,300

UN 27 FCS, BLOCK J, LOT 79 FT CLARK SPRINGS ASSN \$3,500

The Following taken from 2010 values  
UN 27 FCS, BLOCK J, LOT 77 BU individuals name IE \$4,300

UN 27 FCS, BLOCK J, LOT 79 FT CLARK SPRINGS ASSN \$9,000

Every individual in Unit 27 should protest their taxes, based on this inequity! (I have knowledge that one lot just down the street sold for \$2,500.00).

Question? Is not every "returned membership" a zero dollar sale of a Fort Clark Springs Lot?

(c) Notwithstanding Section 1.04(7)(C), in determining the market value of a residence homestead, the chief appraiser may not exclude from consideration the value of other residential property that is in the same neighborhood as the residence homestead being appraised and would otherwise be considered in appraising the residence homestead because the other residential property:

(1) was sold at a foreclosure sale conducted in any of the three years preceding the tax year in which the residence homestead is being appraised and was comparable at the time of sale based on relevant characteristics with other residence homesteads in the same neighborhood; or

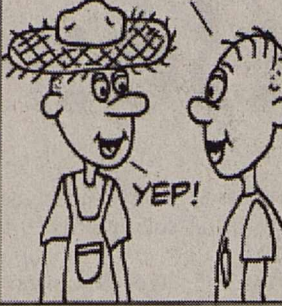
(2) has a market value that has declined because of a declining economy.

Tom McNew

### Small Town Tom

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### Mike Barnhouse

SILO, HAY STACK, CORN STALKS.



## Give Your Portfolio a "Spring Cleaning"



Emily Cooper  
Edward Jones in Del Rio

Springtime is almost here. If you're like many people, the arrival of spring means it's time to spruce up your home. But why stop there? This year, consider applying some of those same spring-cleaning techniques to your investment portfolio.

Here are some ideas you may want to put to work:

Get rid of clutter. You probably don't have to look too far around your home to find things that are broken or simply no longer useful to you. If you poke around your portfolio, you might make similar discoveries: an investment that has chronically underperformed, duplicates another investment or met

your needs in the past but is less relevant to your current situation and goals. Once you identify these types of investments, you may decide to sell them and use the proceeds to take advantage of opportunities that may prove more valuable to you.

Consolidate. Over the years, you may have accumulated multiple versions of common household items — brooms, mops, hammers — which pop up mysteriously in various parts of your home. You might find it more efficient, and even less expensive, if you consolidated all these things in one centralized location. As an investor, you also might find that consolidation can offer you some benefits. Do you have one Individual Retirement Account (IRA) with one financial services provider and a second IRA with another? Do you have a couple of old 401(k) accounts with former employers? And have you scattered investments here, there and everywhere? By consolidating

all these accounts in one place, you can cut down on paperwork, reduce fees and, most importantly, unite your investment dollars so that it's easier for you to see what you have and then follow a single, coherent investment strategy.

Prepare for turbulent weather. As you know, springtime can bring heavy rains, hail, strong winds and other threats to your home. As part of your overall spring cleaning, you may want to check the condition of your roof, clear branches away from your house, clean your gutters and downspouts, and take other steps to protect your property from the ravages of Mother Nature. And just as you need to safeguard your home, you'll want to protect the lifestyles of those who live in that home — namely, your family. You can help accomplish this by reviewing your life and disability insurance to make sure it's still sufficient for your needs.

Get professional help. You

may find that you can't do all your spring cleaning by yourself. For example, if your carpets and rugs are heavily soiled, you may need to call in a professional cleaner. Or if your tree branches have grown out of control, you might need to bring in a tree trimmer. Similarly, when you decide to "tidy up" your portfolio, you'll need some assistance from a financial professional — someone who can study your current mix of investments and recommend changes, as needed, to help ensure your holdings are suitable for your risk tolerance, time horizon and short- and long-term goals.

Spring cleaning can reinvigorate your home and your overall outlook. And by tidying up your investment portfolio, you can help gain some of that same optimism — for your future.

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

## Civic Minded?

### Submitted by Dave Crowe

The greatness of any town, no matter how small, or city, no matter how large, can be measured by the individual and collective beneficence or benevolence, of its citizens.

Big words describing a multitude of diverse individuals and groups of individuals, with one common thread binding them together. Big Hearts, making a Big difference, in their own environment.

People who have a great capacity to truly care about the world, in which they live and of all the people contained therein.

It would be an understatement to just simply say, "that the world is in BIG trouble." I'm talking about the whole world, starting with Brackettville, Texas.

You and I live here, we're also citizens of the great state of Texas. We are also blessed to live in the single greatest country in

the world, The United States Of America. With extreme pride, we can all, stick out our chests and proudly proclaim to the rest of the world, "I am an American."

Lastly, we are all citizens of the third planet from the Sun, The Earth.

How much control or influence, can you or I personally exercise over the affairs of this planet? The answer is, as one person, alone, none. The world is just too big.

Well, how about the affairs of this Country? A lot more than you would think!

Cynical? Let me explain. We can't start at the top! We have to start at the very bottom. One person with one vote. One person with one voice. One person putting his or her, one vote and one voice, with other like minded people, who have the same love of the world, the same love for this state and the same love for this TOWN and all its residents. Individually and in groups, we can monitor and make suggestions and with our votes, even change the way our Town and County is being run and the very way, in which, it conducts its business, on our behalf.

This is our town, yours and mine. If we do not like, what it has become or the way it is being run and conducts its business on our behalf, we can change it, we can change it all.

Our collective vote and voice is not all we have in our arsenal. We also have our civic groups and organizations. All of these benevolent institutions are also in BIG trouble.

Brackettville's local Rotary Club (a subsidiary of Rotary In-

ternational) has since the 1940's, helped to provide graduating high school seniors with leadership training and scholarship money.

Brackettville's local Lions Club, also provides scholarships, along the eye glasses and hearing aid for students and others in need.

As the years have gone by, there have been fewer and fewer, concerned individuals joining civic organizations like these. Now, Rotary and Lions, needs our help!

Where are the pillars of our community and why do they no longer care? Have they and You and I just gotten too busy? Have we all just become too self absorbed? If So, it's time to wake up and come to the front and reaffirm to the world, our world, that we still care.

Many of us have belonged to groups like Rotary and the Lions before, because they needed us and we needed them. Let's do it again! You and I have a lot to contribute, get involved.

Lets each of us do everything, that we can individually and in groups and in our civil organizations, to make Brackettville a better place in which to live, thus making Texas, a better place in which to live, thus making America a better place to live, in turn making our world, a better place in which to live.

DO IT TODAY, You'll be glad you did!

Rotary meets every Thursday at 12 noon, at Julies. Lions meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Nutrition Center.

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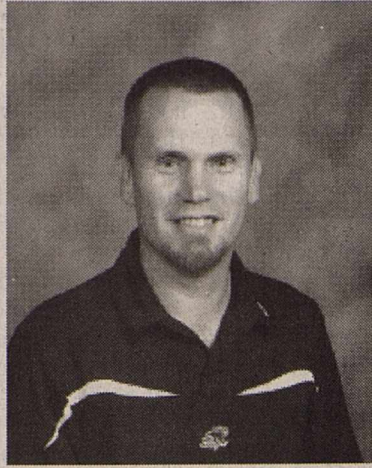
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## BISD Employee of the Week

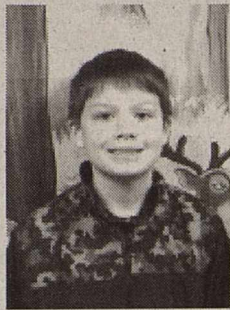


**TROY HIBBITTS**  
Teacher, Brackett High School

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

1. I sing Johnny Cash songs.
2. I played Center on my HS football team at 160 pounds.
3. I got bit by a dog in Kansas, August, 2011.
4. I took over 10,000 photos last summer.
5. I have photos published in over twenty books.
6. I finally got my Kudu last summer in Namibia.

## 2nd Grade Author of the Month



**Backpack Attack**  
By Tyler Perez  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

In Brackett Texas at Jones Elementary their was a bad backpack named Zippey. When the kids go home Zippey will eat all of the kids pencils. After the kids get their work done the kids can't find their pencils, crayons, glue, and sisors. All the kids have to pull a card and go to the princpals office.

There is another backpack he's a secret spy, he is a good guy. The secret spy who's name is Strappy spied Zippey locking the kids who were in trouble. Strappy spied Zippey changing all the report cards to F's. Strappy whissled to get the principal attencion. The principal looked out of the window and saw Zippey making a big mess. The principal grabbed Zippey and dumped him out and the kids saw their school supplies. They said hey that's my crayon! Hey that's my pencil! The principal found out that getting their card pull wasn't their fault. The teachers found out that their classroom was so messy. Thanks to Strappy the hero the school was saved but no one will never know that he saved the school.

## Brackett Academy shows creative side



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Castillo - Brackett High Students are allowed to put his creativity in action as he paints a chair at the BISD Academy. The Academy is led by Elizabeth Hodges.

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## Remember Alex Brown visits BHS

Submitted by Misty Rose

"Teens in the Driver Seat" at Brackett High School had the honor of hosting Johnny Mac and Jeanne Brown and their daughter Katrina of the "Remember Alex Brown Foundation" on Thursday afternoon. Johnny Mac and Jeanne lost their other daughter Alex in 2009 to a fatal accident due to texting while driving. Alex was a beautiful senior in high school who was full of life and had the mentality that "it would never happen to her." Unfortunately, that December morning, it did happen to her.

The Browns have made it their personal mission to reach as many teenagers with the message that one who is texting behind the wheel has a 23% higher chance of being killed in an accident than one who is not texting. Johnny Mac and Jeanne shared with the students of Brackett Jr. High and High School the heartache they have been thru since the moment they found Alex on the side of the road. Katrina, Alex's younger sister, shared what she has gone thru after losing her sister, role model, and best friend. The

Browns travel to schools and churches all across the nation with their message, knowing if they reach just one person and save one precious life, it is worth their time and effort. Not only does the family travel around the country, Alex's wrecked truck travels on a trailer behind them to help young people get a visual picture of the danger of texting behind the wheel.

After the presentation, the students had the opportunity to look at Alex's truck and visit to her. Mr. and Mrs. Brown and Katrina. They were also given the opportunity to sign pledges, making a conscious commitment to themselves to not text while driving and to always wear their seatbelts. They were also encouraged to talk to their parents, friends, and families about how dangerous and life threatening distracted driving can be.

"Teens in the Driver Seat" was fortunate to have the precious Brown family visit and share their message with the young people of Brackett. As a token of their appreciation and to help the Browns continue on their mission, "Teens in the Driver Seat" made a donation of



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Castillo-

\$1,000 to the "Remember Alex Brown Foundation." "Teens in the Driver Seat" is an organization whose mission is to make people aware of dangers while driving. The local chapter of TDS is led by sponsors Misty Rose, Kacie Williams, and Ralph Almanza. The current members of TDS are Lauren Duncan, Kelli Kennedy, Bryanna Sosa, Grant Westbrook, Robert Payne, Yanira Perez, Vanessa Villarreal, Edith Rodriguez, and Juan Ramos. The kids have raised money throughout the year by selling popcorn to be able to make a donation to the cause. For more information about the "Remember Alex Brown Foundation", go to [www.rememberalexbrownfoundation.com](http://www.rememberalexbrownfoundation.com) or for more information about "Teens in the Driver Seat", go to [www.t-driver.com](http://www.t-driver.com).

## High School Track competes in Nueces Canyon

By Ashley Castillo Sandoval  
Contributing Writer  
Results submitted by Dusty Brotherton

The Varsity girls competed in the Nueces Canyon Track meet on March 8th. Placing 2nd as a team the girls totaled 133 points.

Running the 400 relay was Selina Gerardo, Morgan Brown, Vianey Flores and Vyviana Flores, placing 2nd with a time of 57.5.

Running the 800 relay was Selina Gerardo, Morgan Brown, Vianey Flores and Maddie Frerich, placing 1st with a time of 2:03.3.

Running the 1600 relay was Morgan Brown, Selina Gerardo,

Maddie Frerich and Rebecca Rangel, placing 2nd with a time of 4:41.

In the 3200M Gabby Sandoval placed 2nd with a time of 14:45.2.

Karina Perez placed 4th in the High Hurdles with a time of 21.6.

Denise Salmon placed 4th in the 800M with a time of 3:07.2. Vianey Flores placed 2nd in the 100M with a time of 13.5.

Rebecca Rangel placed 6th in the 400M with a time of 75.0.

In the intermediate hurdles, Maddie Frerich placed 3rd with a time of 58.1 and Karina Perez placed 5th.

In the 1600M, Gabby

Sandoval placed 2nd with a time of 6:38 and Clarissa Valdez placed 4th.

Meghan Flores placed 4th in Shot Put throwing a 22'5.

Ariana Rodriguez placed 4th in Discus throwing a 71'.

In the Triple Jump, Selina Gerardo placed 2nd with a jump of 30'10 and Maddie Frerich placed 4th.

Vianey Flores placed 5th in the Long Jump with a 14'3.

In the High Jump, Selina Gerardo placed 3rd with a jump of 4'4, Morgan Brown placed 4th and Hayley Smith placed 5th.

They Varsity boys placed 6th as a team.

Albert Rocha placed 5th in

Discus.

Erbey Martinez placed 2nd in Long Jump.

In High Jump, Erbey Martinez placed 3rd and Edgar Deleon placed 4th.

Dante Luna placed 3rd in the 3200M.

In the 800M, Wyatt Blake placed 4th.

In the 100m, Erbey Martinez placed 2nd.

In the 400M, Erbey Martinez placed 2nd and Wyatt Blake placed 5th.

Dante Luna placed 6th in the 1600M.

The Track Team will compete again on March 22<sup>nd</sup> in Rocksprings.

## 4H Member thanks Brackett News Weekly

March 5, 2012  
Dear Brackett News,  
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**John A. "Plunker" Sheedy III**  
Dec. 15, 1934 - March 10, 2012

John A. "Plunker" Sheedy III, age 77, entered into rest on March 10, 2012 at his home in Brackettville, Texas. He was born December 15, 1934 in Del Rio, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Amos II and Lillian Sheedy, Son Troy Kevin Sheedy, and stepson Eddie Graham.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 13 years Patricia Graham Sheedy, Son John A. Sheedy IV and wife Cherry, Stepdaughter Patti Graham Johnson. Mother of his children, Elaine Slubar, six Step grandchildren, and his faithful companion "Jack".

"Plunker" was a friend to many who loved and will remember him for his loyalty, friendship, generous nature, and his larger than life personality. He was truly the person who would give the shirt off his back to anyone who needed it. He cherished his family, many friends and his little buddy, "Jack", and they will all miss him deeply. Plunker was proud to have served his community as both a county commissioner and city councilman.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday March 17, 2012 at 2:00pm at First Baptist Church, in Brackettville, Texas.

## McNew's Hole in One



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly by Jacob Mann - Fort Clark Springs resident Tom McNew scores his first Hole in One on the Par 3, Hole 15, approximately 153 yards at the Fort Clark Springs Golf course. Tom is a retired Math teacher, school golf coach and an avid golfer. The other 2 balls on the green belong to his partners, close but!!

# Ballot battle: local election ballots full

Continued from Page 1  
By Leigh Castillo  
Contributing Writer

after the resignations during the last year by Mark Frerich and John Paul Schuster, respectively. Three people, all BIRD parents, have thrown their hats in the ring, or back in the ring, for a position on the board of trustees. Candidates will appear on the ballot as follows: 1: Donna D. Schuster; 2: Theresa Quiroz; and 3: Mark Frerich. All three will vie for two, 3-year term positions.

### Kinney County Election:

At the county level, the following candidates have filed to run for election:

•Kinney County Commissioner Precinct 3 Incumbent Dennis Dodson (D) filed to have a place on the election ballot. Martin Garcia, Jr. (D) filed by petition to challenge Dodson.

•Kinney County Commissioner Precinct 1 Incumbent Woody Massingill (R) filed for a place on the ballot.

•Kinney County Attorney Incumbent Robert Bob Adams (R) filed for a place on the ballot.

•Kinney County Sheriff Incumbent LK Buddy Burgess (D) filed for a place on the ballot. Dave Crowe (D) and Vito LaGioia (R) have both filed to challenge Burgess in the Primary and General elections, respectively.

•Kinney County Constable Incumbent Bobby Guidry (D) filed for a place on the ballot. Ralph Gonzalez (R) will challenge Guidry on the November ballot.

•Kinney County Tax Assessor-Collector Incumbent Martha Padron filed for a place on the ballot. Mary V. Flores (D) filed to challenge Padron in the Primary.

•John Quigley filed for County Republican Chair.

•Jose A. Flores filed for County Democratic Chair.

The Primary Election will be held on May 29, followed by the General Election on November 6.

County Republican Chairman John Quigley stated those interested in obtaining information about the Republican Primary candidates and the election information can visit kinneycotxgop.us.

County Democratic Chairwoman Mary Flores said information about the Democratic Primary candidates and election information can be obtained by calling, 830.563.9414.

### Fort Clark Board of Directors Election:

The Fort sent out 3,829 board of directors election ballots around February 10. The ballots must be returned to the Fort's auditing firm by March 21. The election results will be announced at the Fort's annual meeting on March 31. The candidates for director's elections are: Roby Roberson, Karen Kealy Peak, Debbie Isaacs,

Ralph Sallade, Lee Winchell, Larry Farlow, Henry Garcia and Hattie Berleth. The names are in the order they will appear on the ballot.

### Fort Clark Municipal Utilities District - MUD Board of Directors Election:

The Fort Clark Municipal Utilities District - MUD expect to cancel their election at their next Regular meeting on March 21. Three candidates applied for the three open positions, making an election unnecessary. Currently Gregg Stone, Forest Bollinger, Ken Callnan, Eugene Sheldon and Lois Carlson. Stone, Callnan and Carlson did

not seek reelection. William Bill Herman, Gilford Raymer and John Jack Boxell applied for the three positions before the March 5 deadline and will be sworn in on May 16.

### Water Board Election:

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will call for an election in the summer of 2012.

Positions for Precinct 4, currently held by Denette Coates; Fort Clark At Large, currently held by Stan Metcalf; Kinney County At Large, currently held by Tony Frerich; and City of Brackettville At Large, currently held by Dr. Kent Lowery, are all up for election.



Brackett News Weekly by Ashley Castillo Sandoval - With campaign signs popping up at every heavily trafficked area in town, the future of the local political landscape is now up to the county's 2,310 registered voters.

## TxDOT anticipates future funding opportunities

Submitted by Raul Leal

TxDOT "Anticipates Future Funding Opportunities and Plans for Priority Projects Around the State"

AUSTIN -TxDOT said today that it is planning on leveraging as much as an additional \$2 billion over the next two years to facilitate construction on some of the states' high priority

projects. The additional funding comes from more efficient and effective ways of managing tax dollars and an anticipation of future federal funding.

After an intensive several month effort of scrubbing project budgets, analyzing federal funding opportunities, and embracing best practices in money management, the agency estimates it can bring online

approximately \$2 billion in additional projects.

"This additional one-time funding provides great opportunity to accelerate some of the state's most critical projects," said Phil Wilson, Executive Director of TxDOT. "We must ensure these dollars are put to the best use throughout Texas."

The TxDOT team has been directed to work directly with the state's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's), local communities, and the Texas Transportation Commission to see that priorities are met and determine how to pay for them.

A primarily formula based allocation process will be used to distribute these funds so that TxDOT and others can collectively determine what projects to advance. Additionally, there

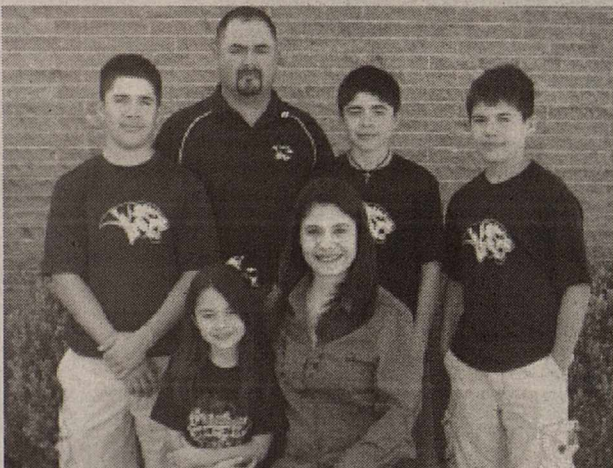
will be a clear and understandable process for using this funding where it is most needed to accelerate projects throughout the state. Funds to be spent will be measured against ways to address congestion, safety, maintenance, and connectivity.

"We take this responsibility very seriously and will continue to find creative and effective ways to fund projects around the state," said Wilson.

TxDOT, whose mission is about working with others to provide safe and reliable transportation solutions for Texas, continues to take a proactive approach to planning and implementing road construction and maintenance.

For more information call TxDOT's Media Relations at (512) 463-8700.

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Most of you will remember me growing up in Brackettville as Theresa Terrazas, daughter to the late Ben Terrazas Jr. & Terry Terrazas; Graduate of the Brackett HS Class of '93; and a small but Mighty Brackett Tigrette through and through. A calling to raise my own family in Brackettville was simple to answer. I wanted my children to live by the values ingrained in me by my family, friends, and teachers. And so, Brackettville is home to the Quiroz family.

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## Fort Clark Days Committee sums up success

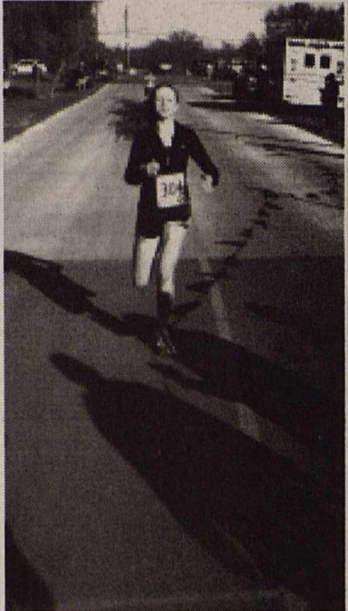
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By Leigh Castillo  
Contributing Writer

In excess of 190 vehicles paid for parking while hundreds enjoyed the eleven food and beverage vendors who sold everything from Cajun sausage to funnel cakes.

Approximately two dozen arts and craft vendors and 14 musical groups were all on hand to delight and entertain the masses with their skills and talents.

Twenty-seven people volun-



5K Overall Female Winner Emma Palmer

teered in various positions from Laughlin Air Force Base; 26 people volunteered to help with the 11th Annual 5K Run, including 4 Brackett High students; 20 people helped man the FCDC beverage booth; 4 people volunteered to serve at the Taco Supper; and the volunteers on the FCDC including Festival Chair Marla Palmer, Fort Representative Shirley Hadsell, Financial Director Debbie Isaacs, Living Historians Coordinator Russell Nowell, 5K Run Coordinator Maja Edwards, Arts & Crafts Vendor Coordinator Donna Pritzel, Food Vendor Coordinator Patti Nowell, Beer Booth Coordinators Jim & Debra Jo Tischler, Volunteer Coordinator Norma Rowland, Prize Drawing Coordinator Donna Pritzel, Motorcycle Rally Coordinator Bob Hendricks, Entertainment Coordinator Bob Martinez, Donation Coordinator Karen Peak, School Days Coordinator Sue Martin, Bake Sale Coordinator Carole Hayter and Advertising & Marketing Ana Martinez

The committee said their core goals for this year's event were to, "promote and teach the history and heritage of Fort Clark as well as preserve our landmark buildings." The committee says they want to, "to bring more volunteers into the core group and to encourage the volunteer spirit among the younger indi-

viduals and families in the Fort Clark community."

The Fort Clark Days committee has been happily putting their money where the mouths were and summarized, "over the last five years, all proceeds from FC Days, after expenses, have been committed to Fort Clark Historical Building Preservation. Here are the amounts Fort Clark Days Committees and Fort Clark Community Springs Council have provided: 2008: \$14,000; 2009: \$11,973.80; 2010: \$8,462.33; 2011: \$12,751.13; and in 2012: proceeds are expected to top \$8,000."

Forty five people participated in the 11th Annual Fort Clark Springs 5K Run/Walk. The winners are as follows:

Overall Male winners were Tad Duree with a time of 20 minutes, 52 seconds; J.T. Rosas: 21:57; and Jesus Rocha: 23:21. The Overall Female winners were Emma Palmer: 21:52; Kate Frerich: 25:02; and Cheyenne Hibbits: 25:42. 12 and Under Male winners were Dylan Derr: 25:38 and Justin Hidalgo 29:21. 13-20 Female winners were Emma Palmer: 21:52; Kate Frerich: 25:02 and Sadie Perez: 26:51. 21-35 Male winners were

Tad Duree: 20:52; Jesus Rocha: 23:21 and Geno Polka: 27:19. 21-35 Female winners were: Candice Perez: 28:29, Renee Polka: 39:42; and Stacy Hidalgo: 43:00. 36-49 Male winners were Manny Pena: 26:19; Peter Perez: 29:51; and Byron Baggett: 30:30. 36-49 Female winners were Ana Garcia: 29:31; Jennifer Baggett: 30:29; and Tan McGehee: 31:06. 50-65 Male winners were David Loftus: 27:42; Bob Polka: 30:00; and Dennis McGehee: 31:00. 50-65 Female winners were Sandra Fuentes: 26:53; Lorena Polka: 43:33; and Diana Gutierrez: 46:28. 66 & OVER Male winner was Buddy Barbe: 37:15. 66 & OVER Female winner was Mary Kaplan: 36:59.

The 16 Fun Run participants completed two laps around the Fort's walking track located Fort Clark and Scales roads. The winners were as follows: 6 and Under Boy winner was Paul Woody with a time of 11 minutes, three seconds. 6 and Under Girl winner was Abigail Frets: 11:34. 7-8 Boy winners were Ricky Rangel: 6:30 and Tyler Perez: 7:38. 7-8 Girl winner was Celeste Woody: 10:03. 9-10 Boy winners were Mason Eckenrod: 6:12; Ty Edwards: 8:29; and Daylon Fohn: 8:33. 9-10 Girl winners were Delaney Regalado: 6:50; and Rebekah Baggett: 6:53. 11-12 Boy winner was Brendan Turkett: 6:27.

## New fire hydrant



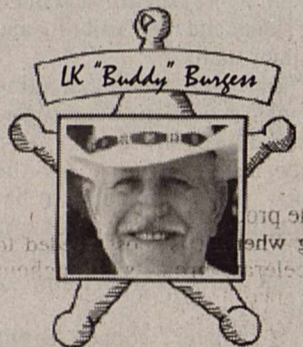
Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Castillo - The City of Brackettville has another new hydrant at Fort and El Paso streets thanks to funding provided by the Department of Agriculture's STEP grant program. City Manager Henry Garcia said since the city has been upgrading the water system's pipes, it is now possible to add/replace 24 fire hydrants. Garcia said the pipes originally installed in 1928 were 2 inch pipes and fire hydrants require at least a 4 inch pipe, however; the city has been installing 6 inch pipe.

## Rotary Annual Duck Race



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - Brackettville Rotary Club recently held the annual "Duck Race" in Las Moras Creek at Fort Clark. Eagle Pass winners included: Ancira Ford, Alma Velasquez, and Jerry Rhodes won gift boxes from Weyrich Farm Pecans & Gifts, Jesse Rodriguez won a \$10 gift card from HEB, Pete Zamora won a gift bag from Rio Grande Electric. The "Duck Race" is held every year in conjunction with Fort Clark Days on the first weekend of March. All the proceeds of the "Race" go to support the Brackett Scholarship Fund and Leadership Events sponsored by Brackett Rotary Club. Thank you to our sponsors and our supporters.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report



way 90.

### Thursday, March 8

Jason Roy Jackson, 39, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, first offense. Jackson was released the next day after posting a \$1,200 bond.

### Friday, March 9

Edgar Azua, 29, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for possession of a controlled substance. Azua was still being held at press time.

Ernesto Ortiz, Jr., 18, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for Possession of Marijuana, Revoked Probated Sentence. Ortiz was released the same day after posting a \$1,500 bond.

Leonel Mata, Jr., 28, of Ar-

lington, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for Driving While Intoxicated, first offense. Mata was released the next day after posting a \$3,000 bond.

### Saturday, March 10

A woman reported a man was at the post office yelling and making a scene. She stated the man was yelling at her for shining her headlights on him when she exited her vehicle and that she tried to explain that the lights stay on automatically. She also reported the man backed up his truck and acted like he was going to ram her car. A deputy was advised of the situation.

A 911 Caller reported an accident near the Kinney - Uvalde

County Line. DPS troopers, EMS and a towing company were paged out.

### Sunday, March 11

Cesar Abraham Rodriguez, 32, of Katy, was arrested for Driving With License Invalid. Rodriguez was released the next day after posting a \$1,500 bond.

### Monday, March 5

A man called in regards to a trespasser on his property. The man stated the problem had been going on for some time now.

A representative from BISD requested a deputy in regards to transporting a student to their home. The student had been suspended.

### Tuesday, March 6

William Mulane Lloyd, 22, of Corpus Cristi, was arrested on an outstanding Kinney County warrant for manslaughter. Lloyd was still being held at press time.

A man requested a deputy at the high school softball field. The man stated some parents were fighting with the umpire.

Fort Clark Security reported a man had passed through the gate without stopping for permission. A deputy reported everything was okay.

A security company reported an alarm was sounding off at a private residence on Fort Clark Springs. Fort Clark Security reported the owner's accidentally set it off.

A security company reported an alarm was sounding off at the BISD Library. A deputy reported everything was secure.

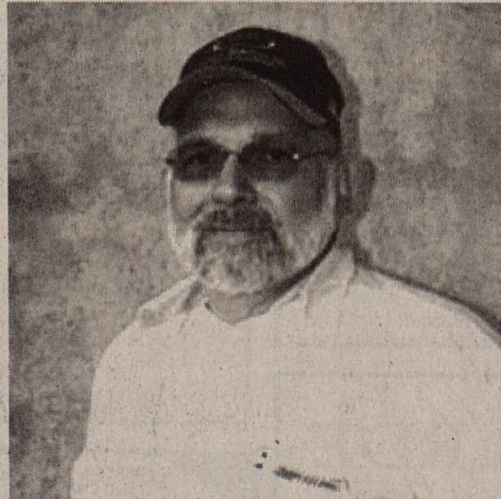
### Wednesday, March 7

A young man called 911 to request permission to stay at the sheriff's office until his mother could pick him up. He stated his father kicked him out of the house. The mother came from Del Rio and picked him up.

A woman called to report a big rock in the middle of High-

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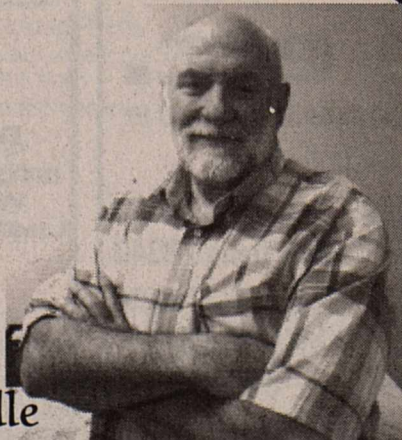
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## TSSWCB reports low production will keep hay prices high

Submitted by TSSWCB  
Rick Mooney

An upward pressure on hay prices is likely until mid-June and beyond, due largely to extremely low production in 2011, the lowest Dec. 1 hay stocks in 23 years and an ongoing shortfall in alfalfa seedings, say hay marketing experts.

"Prices will hold closer to this year's levels once we get into the 2012 new crop than to the price levels we saw in 2010," says South Dakota State University ag economist Matt Diersen.

In its January Crop Production report, USDA estimated 2011 national alfalfa production at 65.3 million tons, up 1% from its Oct. 1 estimate but 4% less than the amount produced in 2010. It was the lowest U.S. alfalfa production total since 1959.

For other hay, USDA estimated 2011 production at 65.8 million tons, down 2% from the Oct. 1 forecast and 15% below the 2010 figure. The last year that other-hay production in the U.S. was that low was 1990.

"Production, or in this case lack of production, does a lot to drive prices," says Diersen.

USDA's Crop Production 2011 Summary, also released in January, showed alfalfa seedings totaled just 2.3 million acres, down 9% from the 2010 figure and an all-time record low, he notes. Compared to the year-earlier seedings, the sharpest drops were in Minnesota and Iowa.

Seedings were down 50,000 acres in both states.

"With the acres involved, the decline in those two states alone is enough to cause a significant decline in alfalfa production nationally," says Diersen, who speculates that most of the acres that went out of alfalfa were planted to corn and soybeans.

"That should lead to be better prices in Wisconsin, South Dakota and Nebraska since buyers who would have sourced hay in Minnesota and Iowa will now have to look elsewhere."

USDA also estimated Dec. 1 all-hay stocks at 90.7 million tons, down 11% from the year-earlier number and the lowest hay stocks on that date since 1988. Diersen notes that, over the last decade or so, U.S. hay usage from Dec. 1 through May 1 has totaled around 80 million tons.

If the trend holds this year, there will be only about 10 million tons of hay on hand nationally between May 1 and when the new crop starts coming in.

"Livestock producers will need to find substitutes to stretch the hay supply," he says. "For hay buyers the message is clear: You can't count on prices backing off once we get into the new crop year."

University of Georgia Extension ag economist Curt Lacy says high prices for cotton, peanuts and corn make it unlikely that overall hay acres will increase in the Southeastern U.S.

this year.

"There really isn't any kind of incentive to take land out of any other crop and put it into hay production right now," he says. "As a hay buyer or hay seller, you should plan on prices being at least where they are now or even higher as we get closer to the growing season."

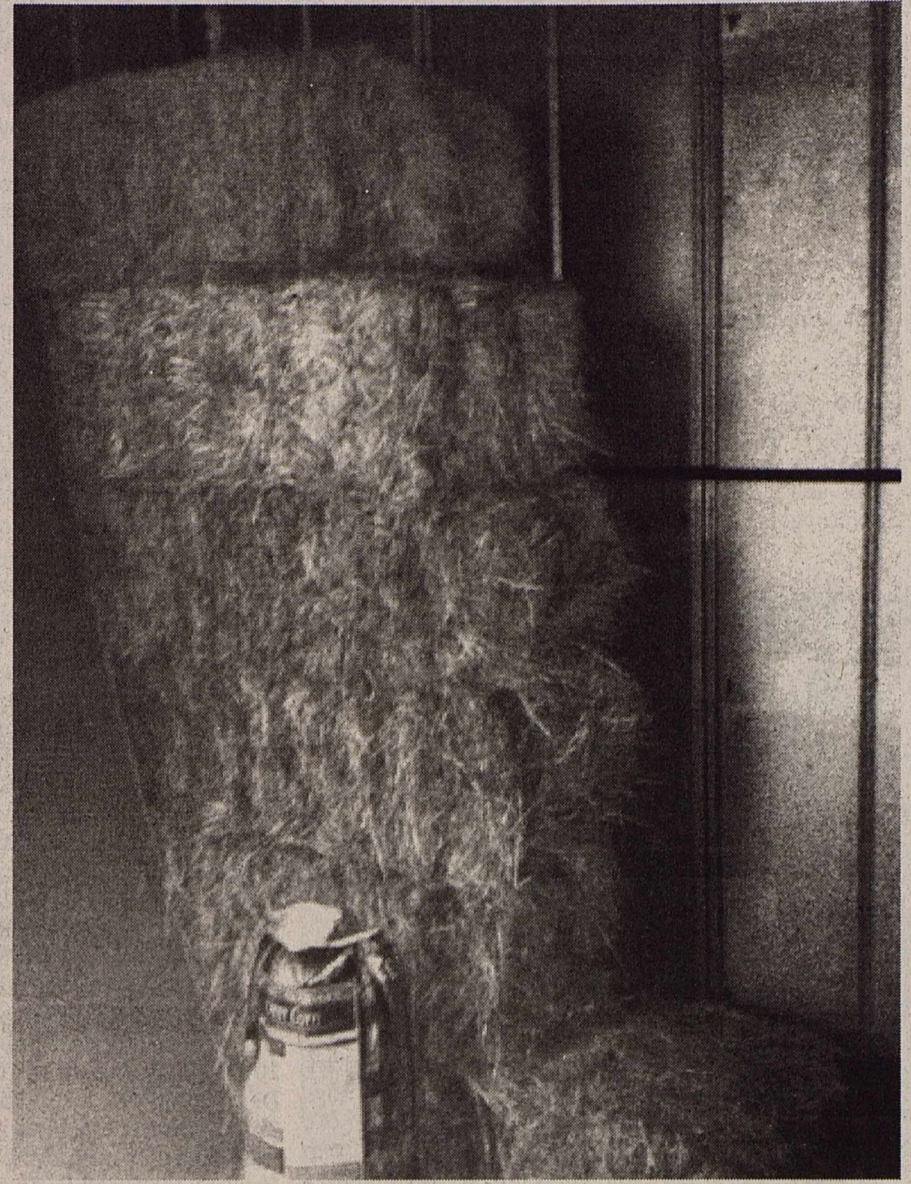
Continued dry weather will also help bolster demand for hay, says Lacy. "Most of the weather forecasts I've seen are calling for the drought to continue for at least the next four to six months. If it continues to stay dry, demand is going to stay high and prices will respond accordingly."

The hay marketplace is starting to look like the corn marketplace, according to Steve Koontz, who's an ag economist at Colorado State University.

"It's going to take two or three good years to get supply to the point where we'll see historic norms on prices," he points out. "The market is going to be high and tight for awhile."

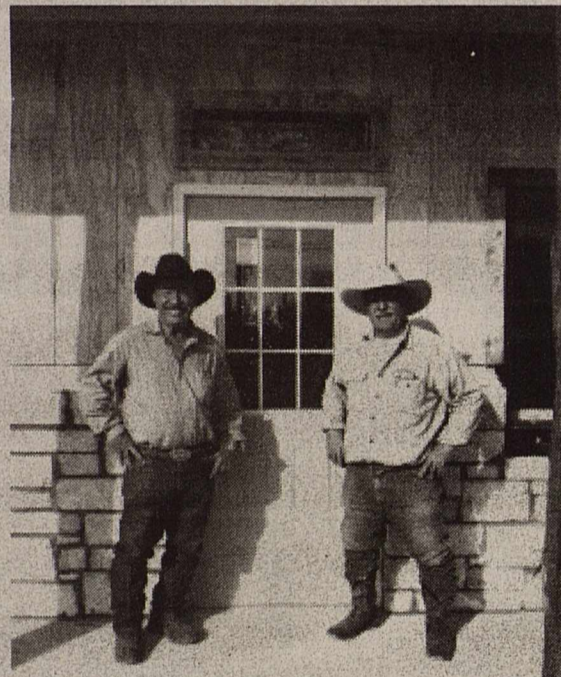
One factor that could cause beef-hay prices to back off in 2012 is the major liquidation of cattle herds, particularly in Texas and Oklahoma, brought about by the 2011 drought.

"Because of that, demand for beef-cow hay has come off some," says Koontz. "If we have a decent spring with some good rains in the Southern U.S., people there will take a break from buying this high-priced hay."



Brckett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Castillo

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Submitted by TPWD

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"We will be training new applicants and currently certified instructors in skills trail, live firing exercises and home study procedures," said Robert Ramirez, hunter education specialist with TPWD. "The training

puts fun and exciting activities into the learning experience. Students will benefit by going through actual hunting simulations and by making their own decisions regarding responsible actions using 'shoot-don't-shoot' scenarios."

Before you attend this workshop, you must go to the following web site and prepare yourself by going over the Introduction and the first 4 chapters of the instructor training manual. You will sign an acknowledgement and release that you have done this pre-work-

shop assignment as part of your training. The site is as follows: [tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/hunter\\_education/instruct.phtml](http://tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/hunter_education/instruct.phtml).

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"By understanding hunting through education, hunters and non-hunters alike will help make a bright future for the sport. Now is the time to become involved, so let us know if you are interested in becoming an instructor," Ramirez said.

To register, contact Brent Heath, TPWD Hunter Education Area Chief, at (254-722-5660)

### CattleFax Market Analyst will discuss state of cattle industry at TSCRA Convention

Submitted by TSCRA

FORT WORTH, TEXAS - A state-of-the-industry review of the cattle market will be presented by CattleFax Senior Market Analyst Kevin Good during the CattleFax Market Outlook session of the 2012 TSCRA Convention, March 30-April 1 in Fort Worth.

Good's presentation will focus on the factors that will impact supply and demand, a cattle and beef price outlook, indus-

try contraction and consolidation, global beef market opportunities and an industry profit outlook.

CattleFax is an organization focused on helping cattle producers make more profitable marketing and management decisions. CattleFax is the cattle and beef industry leader in timely market information, analyses and research.

As the largest cattle industry event in Texas, the TSCRA Convention is a must-attend for any-

one involved in livestock production. More than 2,000 ranchers, landowners and members will gather for a weekend of outstanding programs, educational sessions, a trade show with more than 200 exhibits, plus networking and fellowship with fellow cattle raisers.

A complete schedule of events, information on accommodations, and registration information can be found at [www.tscra.org/convention](http://www.tscra.org/convention).

TSCRA is a 135 year-old

trade association and is the largest and oldest livestock organization based in Texas. TSCRA has more than 15,000 beef cattle operations, ranching families and businesses as members. These members represent approximately 50,000 individuals directly involved in ranching and beef production who manage 4 million head of cattle on 76 million acres of range and pasture land primarily in Texas and Oklahoma, but throughout the Southwest.

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## NOTAS DEL CONDADO DE KINNEY

### NOTICIAS DE LA BIBLIOTECA

Eventos semanales en marzo:  
GRUPO DE ESTUDIO DE GED  
Lunes martes y miércoles. Curso básico de computación Lunes y viernes a las 9 a.m. VITA (declaraciones de impuestos gratuitas) lunes a jueves Programa de Asistencia de servicios urbanos Martes a las 10 a.m. Reunión del Grupo de Amigos Segundo lunes a las 5:30 p.m. Para obtener más información o una copia del programa, favor de comunicarse a la biblioteca al 830.563.2884 en el siguiente horario: 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.

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## Consulado dice que identificación pudiera ser de hombre desaparecido hace dos años

Por Leigh Castillo  
Redactora Contribuyente

El Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores de México, Ricardo Santana, confirmó el lunes que su oficina está haciendo todo lo posible para confirmar la identidad de los restos óseos encontrados en el Rancho Dos Angeles del Condado de Kinney.

El pasado 5 de marzo, un hombre y una mujer que caminaban por el Pinto Creek, ubicado a 15 millas al suroeste de Brackettville, encontraron lo que ellos pensaron eran huesos humanos en el centro del lecho

del arroyo seco. El descubrimiento fue reportado a la Oficina del Alguacil (Sheriff) del Condado de Kinney. Los investigadores encontraron un cráneo humano en la escena. Los restos fueron enviados a la Oficina del Forense Médico del Condado de Bexar para la posible identificación.

En la mañana del 6 de marzo, se encontró una cartera en el sitio con una credencial de elector mexicana expedida a un hombre de San Diego de la Unión, Guanajuato, México.

El Alguacil del Condado de Kinney LK Buddy Burgess se comunicó con el Consulado de México en Eagle Pass.

El 11 de marzo, el Ministro Santana dijo que la tarjeta de elector del Instituto Federal Electoral llevó al consulado a encontrar a la esposa del hombre. La mujer dijo al consulado que su esposo era parte de un grupo de personas que entraron sin documentos a Estados Unidos en octubre de 2009. Ella dijo que su esposo dejó el grupo cuando se enfermó, para buscar ayuda médica. Desde entonces no se ha sabido nada de él.

Santana dijo que la familia tendrá que viajar dos o tres horas desde su casa en las montañas de Guanajuato, para confirmar si el fallecido es su familiar.



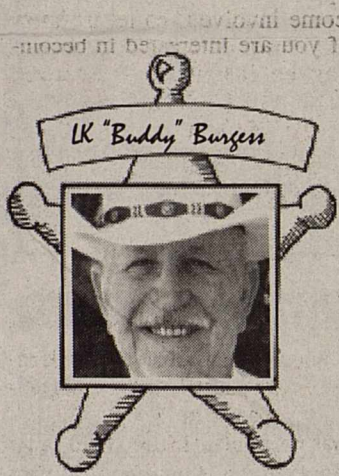
Foto Cortesía a Brackett News Weekly

## Nuevo Hidrante



Brackett News Weekly Foto por Leigh Castillo - La Ciudad de Brackettville tiene otro nuevo hidrante en las Calles Fort y El Paso, gracias al subsidio proporcionado por el programa STEP del Departamento de Agricultura. El Administrador de la Ciudad Enrique García dijo que debido a que la ciudad ha estado mejorando la tubería del sistema de agua, ahora es posible añadir/cambiar los 24 hidrantes. García dijo que la tubería instalada originalmente en el año 1928 era tubería de 2 pulgadas y que los hidrantes requieren por lo menos una tubería de 4 pulgadas, sin embargo, la ciudad ha estado instalando tubería de 6 pulgadas.

## Informes del Departamento del Alguacil del Condado de Kinney



dres estaban peleando con el árbitro.

La Seguridad de Fort Clark Springs informó que un hombre había pasado por la puerta sin detenerse para solicitar permiso para entrar. El oficial informó que todo estaba bien.

Una empresa de seguridad informó que se activó la alarma de una residencia privada de Fort Clark Springs. La seguridad de Fort Clark informó que el propietario la activó accidentalmente.

Una empresa de seguridad informó que se activó la alarma de la Biblioteca de Distrito Escolar Independiente de Brackettville. Un oficial del alguacil informó que todo estaba bien.

**Miércoles, 7 de marzo**  
Un joven marcó al 911 para solicitar permiso para permanecer en la oficina del alguacil hasta que su madre pudiera recogerlo. Dijo que su padre lo echó de la casa. La madre viajó desde Del Rio para recoger a su hijo.

Una mujer llamó para informar que había una roca de gran tamaño en medio de la Carretera 90.

**Jueves, 8 de marzo**  
Jason Roy Jackson, de 39 años de edad, fue arrestado por conducir en estado de ebriedad, primera ofensa. Jackson fue liberado al día siguiente después de pagar una fianza de \$1,200.

**Viernes, 9 de marzo**  
Edgar Azua, de 29 años de edad, fue detenido con una orden de arresto por posesión de una sustancia controlada. Al

momento de cerrar esta edición, Azua seguía en la cárcel.

Ernesto Ortiz, Jr., de 18 años de edad, fue detenido con una orden de arresto por posesión de marihuana, revocación de sentencia probatoria. Ortiz fue puesto en libertad el mismo día tras pagar una fianza de \$1,500.

Leonel Mata, Jr., de 28 años de edad, de Arlington, fue detenido con una orden de arresto por conducir en estado de ebriedad delicto, primera ofensa. Mata fue liberado al día siguiente tras pagar una fianza de \$3,000.

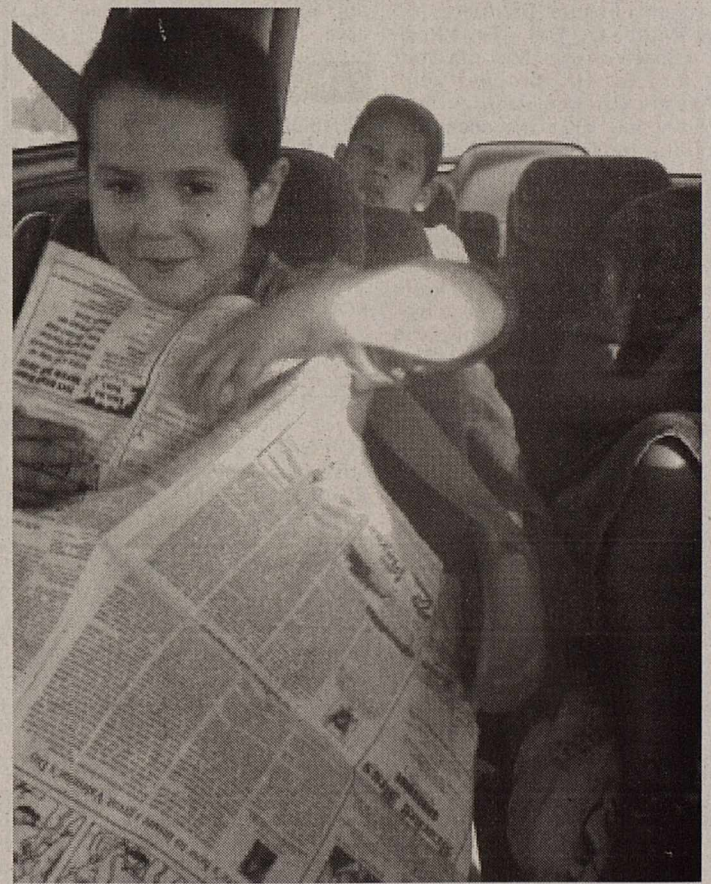
**Sábado, 10 de marzo**  
Una mujer informó que un hombre estaba en la oficina de correos gritando y haciendo una escena. Dijo que al descender ella de su vehículo, el hombre empezó a gritarle diciéndole que lo estaba encandilando con sus brillantes luces y que ella trató de explicarle que las luces

permanecen encendidas de forma automática. La mujer informó también que el hombre dio reversa a su camioneta y que se comportó como que iba a embestir su vehículo. Un oficial del alguacil fue informado de la situación.

Una llamada telefónica recibida en el 911 reportó un accidente ocurrido cerca de la línea divisoria del Condado de Kinney - Uvalde. Se convocó a oficiales del Departamento de Seguridad Pública de Texas, al personal del Servicio de Emergencia Médica y al servicio de grúa.

**Domingo, 11 de marzo**  
Cesar Abraham Rodriguez, de 32 años de edad, de Katy, fue arrestado por conducir con una licencia inválida. Rodriguez fue liberado al día siguiente tras pagar una fianza de \$1,500.

## Joven lector



Todo un lector: Alex Sandoval, 4, hijo de Sara Sandoval, dijo que se sentía aburrido, así que lo mejor era leer el periódico... Excelente opción, pensamos! Tenemos la ilusión de que Aurelio Sandoval, 6, sentado en el asiento trasero, espera su turno para también leer el periódico. Aurelio es hijo de Angelica y Rey Sandoval.

## Ya está abierto el sitio de ayuda gratuita para la declaración de impuestos

### Enviado por Kinney County Public Library

Cortesía del servicio de preparación de Declaración de Impuestos (Tax Return) disponible en Brackettville.

Voluntarios entrenados y certificados de la Biblioteca Pública del Condado de Kinney (Kinney County Public Library) ofrecerán una vez más de forma gratuita los servicios de preparación de declaración de impuestos a través del Programa de Asistencia Voluntaria de Impuestos sobre la Renta (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance - VITA por sus siglas).

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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