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Kinney County is Home to Richard Ortega - Happy Birthday

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November 26

Lighting of Downtown

The Kinney County Frontier Christmas Celebration will kick off Saturday, November 26, with the lighting of downtown Brackettville and hayrides. At 6:30 p.m., there will be festivities at the Courthouse square, which will serve as Santa's Frontier Outpost for the synchronized lighting of downtown businesses, lots of music, and fun. There's plenty of room for those wishing to participate in the hayrides, with five different hayrides! It is recommended that a parent/guardian accompany minor children. The hayrides will depart from the Civic Center after the light display, and will make their way along one of five designated routes. Tune up the pipes, because what's a hayride without Christmas caroling?!

Community News

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP
Tuesday Nov. 29th, 10:00am
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.

FORT CLARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday Nov. 26 at 9 am in the Palisado Building. Board member elections will be held during the meeting. Coffee and donuts will be served from 9-9:30. Election and meeting will begin at 9:30.

TRAIL RIDE
Benefit for Ida Pacheco November 26 starting at 9:30 am on Hwy 334 and ending at Salvador Pacheco Res. Chicken plates for sale \$6. Tamales for sale \$7/dozen. Loteria and jewelry raffle. Any questions contact Fernin Villanueva 830.563.5513.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS
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Saturday: Noon - 8 pm
Sunday: 2 pm - 6 pm

Honduran man captured on Fort

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

Brackettville Border Patrol Agents apprehended a Honduran man on Fort Clark Springs on November 20.

Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Chavarria said a report was received by the Brackettville Station about a group

of possible illegal immigrants making their way onto Fort Clark property around 4 p.m.

Agents responded by following foot sign and as the tracks led closer to a residential area, a call for air support was made.

The US Customs and Border Protection Office of Air and Marine responded by sending a helicopter that flew low over

the Fort, drawing the attention of many curious onlookers.

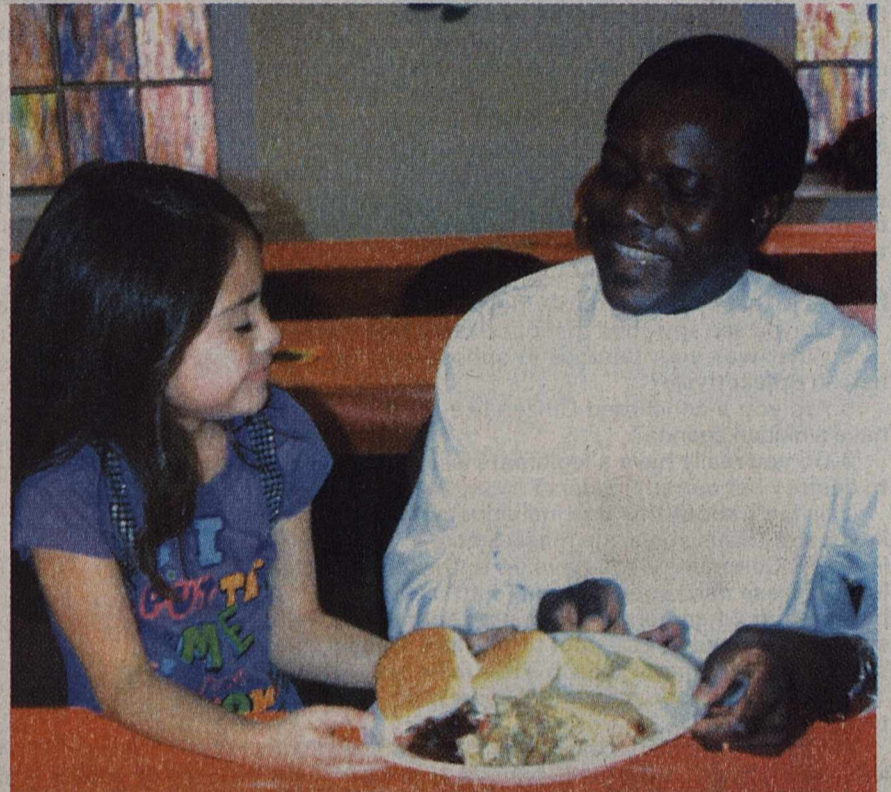
One man was taken into federal custody for being in the United States without proper documentation and will be repatriated after immigration proceedings have been completed.

According to cbp.gov, "the Brackettville Station was estab-

lished was established at the beginning of WWII and originally located in Spofford, Texas. The station was renamed and moved about 10 miles north to the town of Brackettville in 1952, following a water shortage in the town of Spofford. Through the years the Brackettville offices were housed in several smaller local

buildings before the current facility was constructed in 1991 at the western edge of town. The Brackettville Station area of responsibility is approximately 3,000 square miles of rough and brushy rangeland, which contains more than 250 privately owned ranches. The station is also responsible for over 16 miles of river border."

Catholic feast feeds 600



Brackett News Weekly Photos by Leigh Castillo - Nearly 600 people were served a traditional Thanksgiving dinner by the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic parishioners on November 20. The First Annual Feast of Giving was supported by more than 40 volunteers who prepared 23 turkeys, while others cooked up all the trimmings and served the massive amounts of food. Approximately 100 pies were donated for the event. Meals were delivered to the Kinney County Nutrition Center and to employees at Lowes Grocery, PICO #15, Fort Clark Security, Kinney County Detention Center, Stop N Shop, Kinney County Sheriff's Office and Kinney County EMS. Pictured above: Brianna Quiroz and Father Pius Ezeigbo. Organizers thanked everyone for their support and hard work and said they hoped this was the first of many feasts. Top Left: Nancy Herrera, Benita Villareal, Diana Gutierrez, Nancy Rodriguez, Theresa Quiroz, Martha Gerrado and Janie DeHoyos. Bottom Left: Becky Resendez, Julia Terrazas, Rebecca Moore, Ramona Falcon and Amelia Reyes.

Second drug take back successful

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

Drug Enforcement Administration officials together with the Kinney County Sheriff's Department hosted a second drug take back event Saturday, October 29.

Drug Enforcement Administration Resident Agent in Charge Armando Ramirez, Jr. explained, "Operation Got

Drugs afforded the citizens of our communities the opportunity to rid their medicine cabinets of their unused, unwanted and expired medications. It also allowed for the disposal of these medications in a safe and non-hazardous manner, preventing these medications from falling into the hands of juveniles, into the illicit market within our communities, or being disposed of down sink drains, which is having a direct impact on our local environments."

Ramirez reported the DEA National Take Back Initiative III, the Eagle Pass Resident Office and the Del Rio Post of Duty established four collection sites located in Eagle Pass, Del Rio, Uvalde and Brackettville, Texas. The weight of medication collected at those sites is as follows: Eagle Pass 37.5 lbs. / 17.0 kgs; Del Rio 86.5 lbs. / 39.2 kgs; Uvalde 42.5 lbs. / 19.2 kgs; and Brackettville 3.5 lbs. / 1.6 kgs. The total weight collected by the Eagle Pass Resident Office was 168.5 lbs. / 76.4 kgs.



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Castillo - Steve Gallegos and DEA RAC Armando Ramirez, Jr.

Conseco spends day listening



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Castillo - Helen Marie Jones, center, introduces constituent Katie Brown, left, to Congressman Francisco Quico Canseco.

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

Congressman Francisco Quico Canseco spent the day in Brackettville listening to his constituents on November 22.

Canseco started his day by spending time with Kinney County Judge Tim Ward and City of Brackettville Mayor Zandra Negrete at the Kinney County Library Annex. Ward

said the county was need of finding the necessary funding for new ambulances and for engineering services for the two watershed dams located north of Brackettville. Negrete said the streets of Brackettville and the lack of housing were the two most pressing concerns for the city. After a lengthy discussion, Canseco promised both officials he would find information that

would help them resolve their issues.

Throughout the day Canseco met with local business owners and was treated to luncheon by the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce at the Gray Wolf Lodge at Fort Clark Springs.

Canseco concluded his day in Brackett by hosting a Town Hall Meeting at the Kinney County Nutrition Center at 6 p.m.

Mr. Brackett says...

did you know that...I was told those pesky surcharges to run them water pumps has been going on since the 1970's. Though I couldn't make sure that the surcharge started in the '70s it was *dang sure* on there from 1998 to present day. Got some old utility bills from my friend, first thing I noticed was that from '98 up 'til '03 the surcharges ranged from .14 cents to a one time high of \$1.03. Seems the way cost of the electricity was charged was by taking the cost of the pump electricity and dividing by the number of meters. This would account for the different charges each month, hmmm.... that seems fair... just pay for what we used. About July of '03 and before March of 2004 (can't be exact cause I don't have all the bills) the rate jumped to \$6.00 per month. Now March '04 thru September '05 that would be 19 months at \$6.00 and considering that the number of meters ain't changed much I'll just use 774 for figuring purposes. Now 19 X \$6 x 774 = \$88,236. Now on the November '05 bill that surcharge jumped to \$8.00 and is still there today. Now that would be about 6 years or 72 months x \$8 x 774 meters = \$445,824. Why that means for the last 7 years and 7 months **people of Brackettville have paid out of pocket about \$534,000, give or take a little.** Well... I guess in tough economic times you gotta find \$62,000 anywhere you can.

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Letter To The Editor:

"Mr. Brackett" made me steal a Brackett News newspaper last night at PICO.....Do I stand behind this statement, Absolutely; is there more to the story, of course there is. Like many of you that read the Brackett News every week I have seen "Mr. Brackett" write (in his paid advertisements) about our elected officials and members of our community that he has a difference of opinion with, but he is unwilling to sign his name to any of his articles. So I, Jim Titchenell decided to call and see if Mr. Brackett would like to respond to a few questions that I had for him and the individuals that are allying themselves with him. I made a call to this man and was told he would call me back.....in an attempt to get my facts straight, I set off for PICO to pick up a copy of the Brackett News; as I was waiting in line he called me back - not wanting to miss anything he had to say, I immediately ran out of the store thus inadvertently Shop-Lifting a copy of the paper.....Of course I later returned to pay for the paper but my slanderous statement in my opening sentence is still fresh in your mind isn't it.

I can honestly say that most people who know me would say that I have a servant's-heart and that I want to see this Community that I have grown to love so much flourish—that said, I am not looking to pick a fight, but I see some extremely destructive forces at work within our Community and I cannot be silent any longer.

The man that I and most of you know to be Mr. Brackett will not acknowledge that he is indeed the one who is penning these articles—this should cause each and every one of us, whether you agree with him or not to question his motives. Because of his unwillingness to come out of the shadows and take ownership of what he has penned, I will not post his answers to the questions I asked him—I will in turn show you some of the questions that I asked him—if I was to post all of the questions you would most definitely know exactly who he is.

1. Did you check your facts prior to submitting your articles?.....His answer was no.... darn it, I said I wasn't gonna do that—my most recent crime-spree must have caused me to do this.
2. What direction would you like to see this community headed in that it isn't currently moving toward?
3. Do you see any good that our current leaders have done?
4. What was your purpose in opposing the street paving here in Brackettville?
5. Are you a concerned Citizen like most of us or do you have a hidden agenda?
6. Do you really have a legitimate issue or are you just out to destroy our current leaders?

This isn't about this one individual who hides behind his keyboard; this is about the masses here in Brackettville who love this Community and have up to this point sat silent; allowing these destructive forces to attack our leaders. I truly believe that when you disagree with someone's freedom of speech you shouldn't attempt to silence or destroy them, you should engage in more speech—this folks is the beauty of our 1st Amendment, let's have more speech but with civility this time.

Mr. Brackett accused me of being Judge Tim Ward's Minion (I about blew Coffee out my nose, I have been called a lot of things in my life but a Minion—sounds sooo ominous) all the while maligning the Mayor and City Manager. I would like to disclose my allegiance so there is no confusion on this matter—I believe that Public Service is a Calling not a Career; actually I am a Minion of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and I'm confident Tim and Henry are also Minions of Jesus too. I had what some might call a "Come-to- Jesus" experience last summer when my Wife and I volunteered to be chaperones at Alto Frio Children's Church camp—we saw 115 Children and 1 Adult come to Christ and this changed our lives. We came home from camp and vowed to give back to this Community who have Blessed us both financially and spiritually—that week we put our Ranch, Bowhunter's Paradise up for sale and I volunteered to become the New EMS Director for Kinney County Fire & Rescue. I am proud to be serving this Community and I am equally proud to call Judge Ward and Henry Garcia mentors and Friends.....now of course there are some things that I don't agree 100% with them on, but I can say this much; these men are Godly Men of character who have that Servant's-Heart that we should all attempt to emulate.

I now see why soo many individuals shy away from trying to serve their community—there are those out there that lurk in the shadows like a Roaring Lion seeking to whom they may devour. Hopefully this is a wake-up call for those of us whose silence has been deafening up to this point. I implore you to pray for our Leaders and if they're not leading, vote them out of office—when you lay your head down on your pillow at night you will know that your actions are honorable and you are willing to put your name on them.

God Bless each and everyone of you and this wonderful Town we call home—please get out there and serve your Community, there is great need all around you if you will just open your eyes.

Respectfully,
Jim Titchenell

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Here's your year-end investment checklist



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

As an investor, you've pretty much seen it all in 2011 — including slow-but-steady gains early in the year, a market correction during the debt ceiling debate and the U.S. credit downgrade, and huge one-day price movements, both up and down — and there's still a month to go. But despite the volatility of the past 11 months, you can make some positive year-end investment moves, including the following:

- Boost your 401(k) contributions. If your employer permits you to make extra contributions to your 401(k), put in as much

as you can afford, up to contribution limits. You typically contribute pretax dollars, so the more you invest, the lower your taxable income. Plus, your earnings have the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis.

- Consider converting to a Roth IRA. You might benefit by converting a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA), which offers tax-deferred earnings, to a Roth IRA, whose earnings grow tax free, providing you don't start taking withdrawals until you're at least age 59½ and you've held your account for five years. Keep in mind, though, that you'd need the money available to pay the taxes that would be due on such a conversion. Also, income limits apply to Roth IRA contributions. This is a complex decision that you should discuss with your qualified tax professional.
- Set up automatic contributions for 2012. Like most people, you may find it difficult

to come up with a lump-sum payment to fully fund your IRA for the year. Why not set up an automatic investment plan for 2012? By directing your bank to transfer the same amount each month from your checking or savings account to your IRA, you'll find it easier to "max out" on your IRA — and, at the same time, you'll boost your investment discipline.

- Contribute to a 529 plan. When you contribute to a 529 plan, your earnings have the potential to grow tax free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (However, 529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to income tax and a 10% penalty.) Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may be deductible from your state taxes. Discuss this with your tax professional.
- Re-evaluate your investment mix. It's a good idea to review your investment mix at least once a year to help ensure your portfolio is still aligned with your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. Due to changes in market value, your portfolio can undergo subtle, but significant,

changes — even if you took no action yourself. Consequently, take the time to review your holdings with your investment professional to help ensure you're still "on track."

- Review your insurance coverage. If you've experienced any changes in your life in 2011 — new spouse, new child, divorce, new job, etc. — you may need to review your life insurance coverage to make sure that it's still sufficient for your needs and that you still have the correct beneficiaries in place.

To determine if any of these actions are right for your situation, consult with your financial advisor and qualified tax professional. By taking these and other steps, you can close out 2011 on a positive note and get 2012 off to a good start.

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Letter To The Editor:

Please tell Mr. Brackett that (he) has no knowledge of how the system is supposed to work. A community hires a professional manager to run the cities business because he is trained to do it. As for the council deciding the daily activities, they normally have very little idea of the situation. I think the city is very fortunate to have Mr. Garcia, as is the Fort. He is a true professional. The council's job is to set policy and let the manager handle it. Why do you think all cities have a manager?

We are entering hard times and a lot of hard decisions will have to be made. We need the best people available to handle our business at the city, county and Fort level. I personally think Rond Stuard, Henry Garcia and Tim Ward are among the very best. We need to give them our backing and our prayers as we enter into an era we have never had to face before. Tighten your belts, it may be a rough ride for the coming years.
Sam Holloman

Thank You

I would like to thank Monty Montgomery for donating American Flags for the cemeteries on Veteran's Day.

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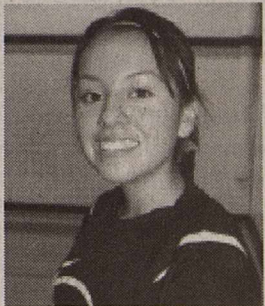


Twilley Young
5th Grade Teacher, Jones Elementary School

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

1. I had a 3-legged dog for ten years.
2. I still have my '65 Mustang from college.
3. I started college at 17 years old.
4. I'm in a band.
5. My nickname is Fe-fe.
6. I was a yearbook sponsor for 6 years.

TGCA names 2011-12 Cross Country All-State Team



country. These athletes are selected by the TGCA Cross Country Committee, which is composed of cross country member coaches of the Association, at their annual meeting. Selections are made from nominations submitted by member coaches. Athletes need not be seniors to be selected.

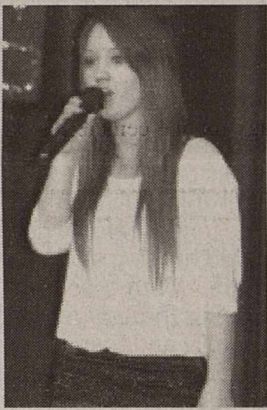
Sophomore, Jaelyn Abbey, was selected as an All-State member for Cross Country. Abbey competed at the State Cross Country meet for the 2nd year in a row.

Submitted by Texas Girls Coaches Association
TGCA selects an All-State team for each conference in cross

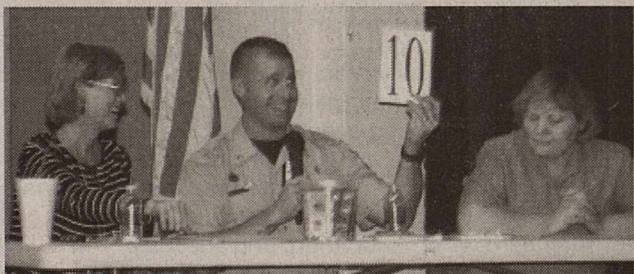
Teens in Driver's Seat Talent Show



Grant Westbrook
Leslie Allen



Madison Koontz



Judges: Lisa Conoly, Jim Titchenell and Kathy Kluzek.

Brackett News Weekly Photos by Ashley Castillo Sandoval

Submitted by BISD

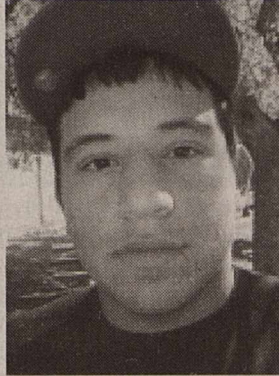
Misty Rose
On November 21, Teens in the Drivers Seat Club held a talent show at the BISD auditorium. There was a total of 17 contestants entered into the talent show: ranging from singers, guitarists and famous handshakes. Shelby Schuster was first place. Madison Koontz was second place. A tie for third was Kaitlyn Partlow and Brittney Sweet. Honorable mention was a trio of Ryan Clark, Charlie Resendez, and Webb Ashley.

Hustle and Heart, Set us apart Champion Prep Tigers

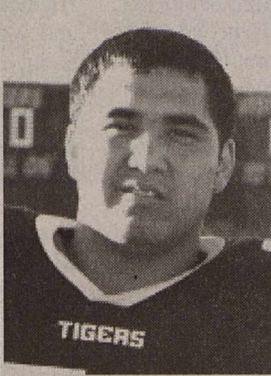


Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Castillo - The undefeated Brackett Prep Tigers caged the Del Rio Lions on November 20 at Ram Stadium to claim the 2011 championship title for the Del Rio Youth Football League.

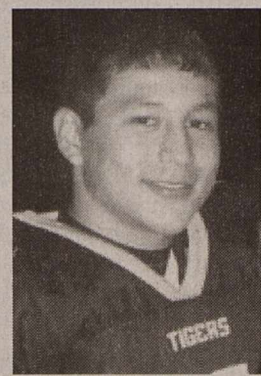
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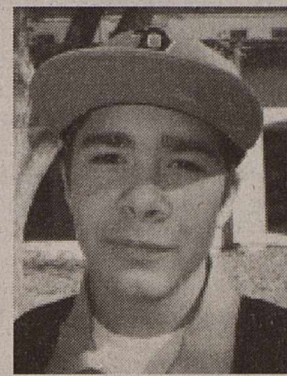
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Co-District MVP



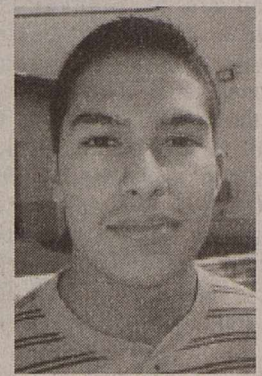
Amadeo Martinez
Co-Defensive MVP



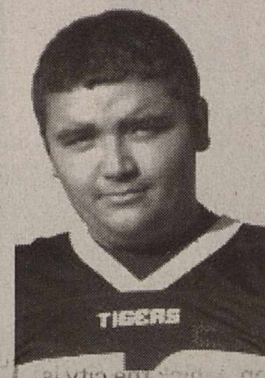
David Ortega
Newcomer of the Year



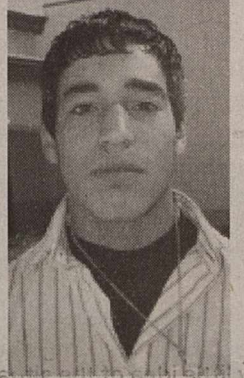
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1st Team Offense
1st Team Defense



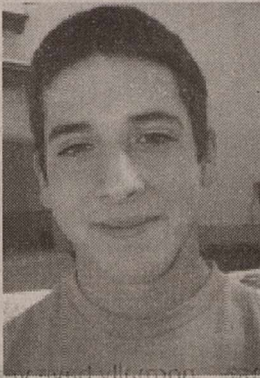
Jonathan Pinales-R
1st Team Offense



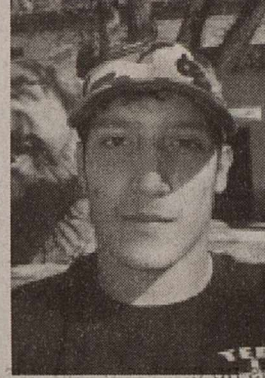
Austin Delbosque-OL
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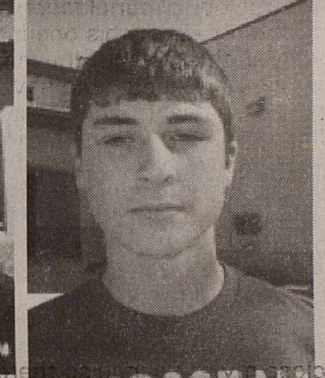
EZ Rivas-RB
1st Team Defense
2nd Team Offense



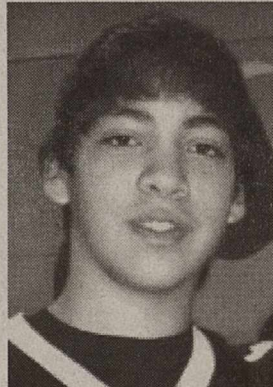
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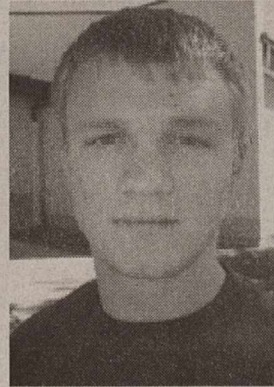
Charlie Resendez-OL
1st Team Defense



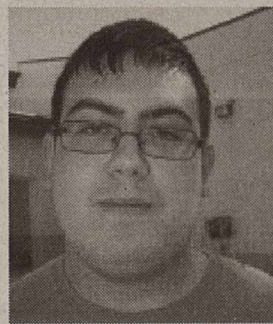
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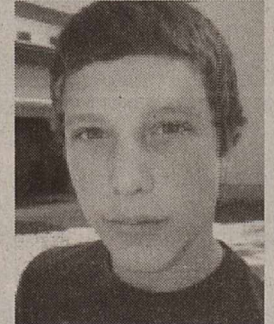
Arturo Catillo-OL
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Bradley Edwards-DL
2nd Team Defense

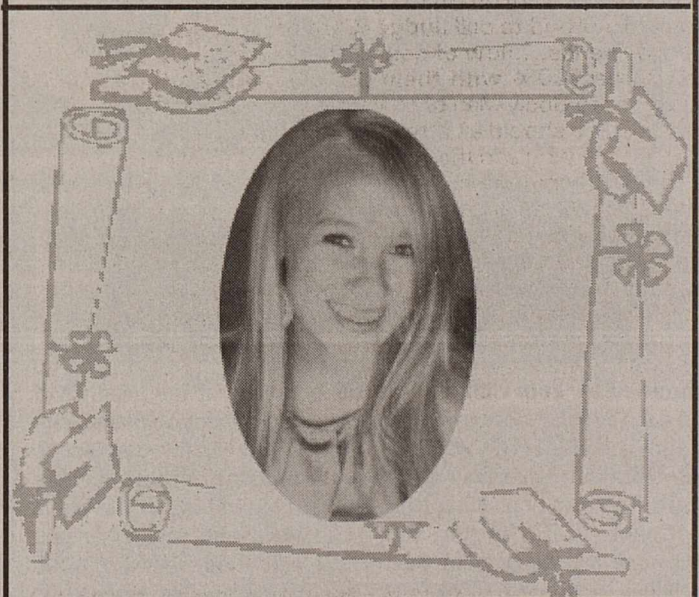


Gil Turner
Academic All District



Webb Ashley
Academic All District

Class of 2012 BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Lauren Duncan

Parents: Jeff and Jill Duncan
Sibling: Blake
What grade did you start attending school at BISD? Kinder
What are your future plans? I plan to attend Texas A&M University.
In five years I will be...attending med school.

Tigerettes defeat Comstock



Brackett News Weekly Photos by Ashley Castillo Sandoval - On November 21, the Tigerettes hosted the Comstock Lady Panthers, winning their first home game. The Tigerettes will go on to play in Utopia on November 29. Sophomore Jaelyn steals the ball and takes it to the hoop for 2 points.

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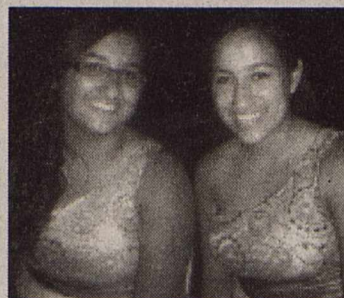
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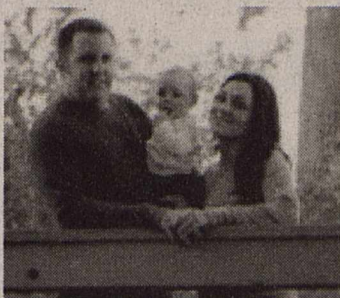
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"That this awesome lady is cancer free for another year!!!!"
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"I am thankful for my best friend, McKenzie Castillo. She is with me in everything I do and I can trust her with anything!"
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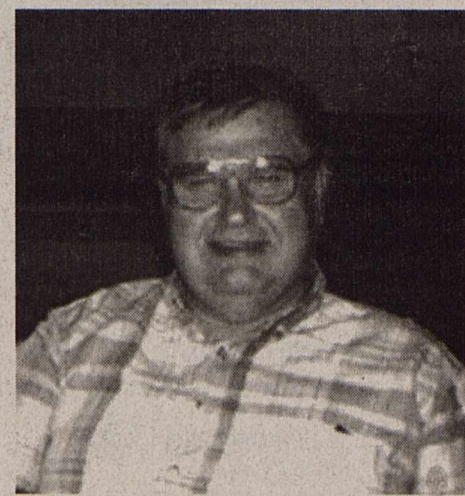
"I am thankful that my only job is to be a wife and a stay at home mommy. Family is the most important thing in life."
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"I am thankful for my wonderful family...my amazing husband Rob and our beautiful daughter Abigail."
-Nicole Deatherage Frets

OBITUARY

Carroll Lee Petrosky
February 22, 1949 - November 16, 2011



Carroll Lee Petrosky, age 62, of Seguin, Texas, claimed his baptismal promise on November 16, 2011. Carroll (Toby) was born on February 22, 1949, in Georgetown, Texas to Lewis and Malinda Homann Petrosky. Carroll was raised in Georgetown and grew up with a love for sports and competition, often organizing neighborhood baseball and football games. A talented and accomplished athlete, Carroll received numerous awards in football, baseball, and track; including All-Centex and All Super-Centex in football and holding the Georgetown High School record in shot put for many years. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Sam Houston State University. On March 2, 1979, he married Mary Rushing at the Abbey Wedding Chapel in Austin, Texas. Together they raised three beautiful children.

Carroll devoted his life to teaching and coaching. Carroll was lovingly called "coach p" by the many students whose lives were greatly influenced by his mentorship and guidance both in the classroom and on the field. He taught and coached in Georgetown, Manor, Eagle Pass, and Brackettville. While he was very dedicated to his students' success in the classroom, his great passion and life-long love was coaching. With great enthusiasm and joy, Carroll coached hundreds of students on his teams over the years; he was greatly respected and loved by them all. Serving as the Athletic Director at Manor and Brackettville, Carroll's leadership resulted in numerous district championships with teams advancing in the UIL play-off system, including several state track contenders.

Understanding the value of an education, Carroll compassionately worked with struggling students and troubled youth during the latter part of his career. As a result, he taught GED classes in the evenings and spent many hours providing tutoring and assistance to students. He ended his career as the director of the Brackett Alternative School. Even after retirement, his commitment to youth continued as he educated troubled students in the Texas Youth Commission. Carroll made a tremendous impact in the lives of multitudes, through his selfless dedication to teaching and coaching.

Carroll enjoyed vegetable gardening; nurturing plants with the same tender care he gave his family. Loving the outdoors, he enjoyed hunting and fishing as well as working on his parents' farm. With a passion for cooking, he loved to spend time reading through recipe books and creating new recipes for his family and friends. Many friends, neighbors, and family received his famous home-made jellies, salsa, breads, and other goodies.

Carroll loved bringing life to antiques, often spending many hours restoring furniture with great care. He shared his knowledge and skills with his son and took pride in their time together working side by side.

Carroll was a true family man. He took great joy and pride supporting his family in their many activities and endeavors, including attending sporting events, daughters' cheerleading and dramatic productions, and church activities. In addition to being a devoted husband, he was a loving, compassionate, and caring father, always supportive and encouraging his children for their hard work, education, and success.

Carroll will be remembered most as a man who treasured his faith and his family always giving of himself to others and steadfast in his allegiance to the Lord. He is a member of Gethsemane Lutheran in Austin, Texas and an associate member of Redeemer Lutheran in Brackettville, Texas.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife, Mary Rushing Petrosky of 32 years; daughters, Amanda Petrosky of Burnet, Emily Komarek and husband, Jim, of Salina, KS; son, Christopher Petrosky, and fiancé, Bonnie Barton, of New Braunfels; father, Lewis Petrosky of Lockhart, brother, Jim Petrosky and wife, Gee, of Wichita, KS, sisters, Carolyn Marlatt of Buda, Linda Simonson of Georgetown; mother-in-law, Robena Rushing of Norman, OK; brother-in-law, Jack Rushing and wife, Julie, of Norman, OK; sister-in-law, Diana Rosenthal and husband, Lewis, of Rockport; nieces and nephews, Janie Adams and husband, Nick, and children, Reed, Lindsay, Scott, and Abbie, Beckie Avery and husband, Mike, and children, Carson, Suzanne, and Josh, Charlotte Buchanan and husband, Mike, all of Wichita, KS, Terri Marlatt and son, Tanner, of Temple, Joe Bob Marlatt of Lockhart, Kathy Smith and daughter, Sheridan, of Kyle, Melissa Revier and husband, Scott, of Plano, and Grayson and Samuel Rushing of Norman, OK.

Carroll was preceded in death by his mother, Malinda Petrosky and his father-in-law, Jack Rushing.

Visitation will be Sunday, November 20th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Weed-Corley-Fish North Funeral Home in Austin. Family interment will be the morning of Tuesday, November 22 at Clover Hill Cemetery in Lott, Texas. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Tuesday, November 22 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Austin at 4:00 P.M.

Serving as pallbearers will be Steve Golemon, Charlie Marquardt, Frank Taylor, Jeff Nash, Nick Adams, Mike Avery, Mike Buchanan, Ford Wisdom, Ford Wisdom, Jr., and Don Hoffman. Honorary pallbearers include Milton Denham, Don Chandler, Tom McNew, Larry Ivy, Hub Sherman, Dale Hudspeth, Steve Mares, and all former football players.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Brackett High School FCA Scholarship Fund, American Heart Society, and American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78705 - (512) 452-8811

RGEC Announces Promotions

Submitted by RGEC

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative announces the promotion of Frank Rodriguez to the position of director of operations. A graduate of Brackett High School, Rodriguez began his tenure with RGEC as a groundman in 1994. He climbed to the rank of Apprentice Lineman in 1996, and became an electrical technician in 1999. In 2000, Rodriguez was made engineering services coordinator, prior to becoming technical services supervisor in 2002. It was in 2006, that he became man-

ager of technical services, a position he held until his promotion to director of operations to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Clinton Brown earlier this year.

Rodriguez and his wife, Nancy, are active in various community organizations benefiting the youth of the area.

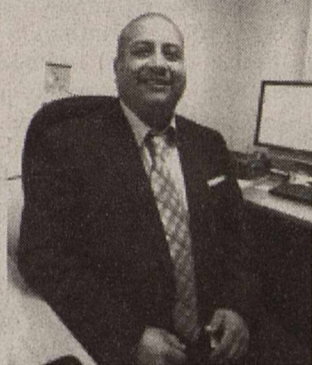
Conrad I. Dalton, II is the new director of technical services, and will manage both the Information Technology and Technical Services departments. Dalton, who earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from UTSA, be-

gan his career with RGEC as a network manager in 2005, after having worked with the Co-op as a consultant. In 2007, he became information technology (IT) manager, a position he held until his promotion October 31.

Rio Grande is proud of the outstanding accomplishments of both new departmental directors, and has the utmost confidence in their abilities to lead the Cooperative's rapidly expanding use of technology to better serve the members of RGEC.

Javier Solis is the new Manager of Military Utility Privatization Services. A gradu-

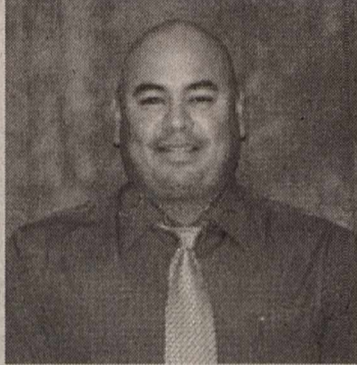
ate of Brackett High School, Solis began his career as Warehouseman in 1996. Shortly thereafter, he became a groundman, and in 1998, a staking technician. Javier became an engineering technician in 2002, and was named project coordinator in 2006. In 2007, he was promoted to engineering services supervisor, a position he held until becoming Manager of Utility Privatization Services October 31. Solis is charged with overseeing operations at RGEC's military operations at Fort Bliss, El Paso, and Laughlin AFB, in Del Rio.



Frank Rodriguez



Conrad I. Dalton II



Javier Solis

Titchenell receives Rotary coin

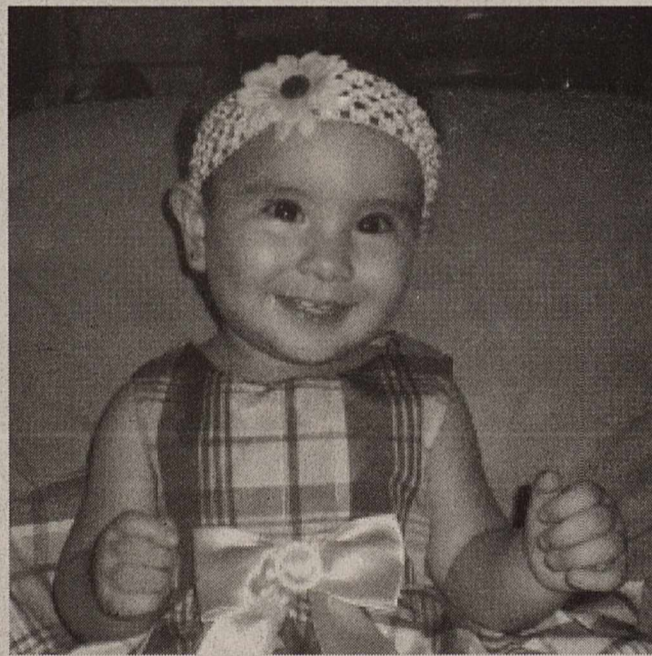


Submitted by Tom Collins

At the regular noon meeting of the Brackettville Rotary Club, Program Chairman Dave Crowe, is shown presenting Kinney County EMS Director, Jim Titchenell the Rotary Coin. Mr. Titchenell was guest speaker at the meeting and told of some of

the activities of the local EMS. The EMS has future plans to upgrade some of the ambulances and someday initiate a vocational type course in the public schools for students and the public for individuals who would like to enter the emergency medical field.

Happy 1st Birthday Anisa Talamantes



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Jones "JK" Kemp Dennis
November 11, 1926 - November 17, 2011

Jones "JK" Kemp Dennis, 85, passed away on Thursday, November 17.

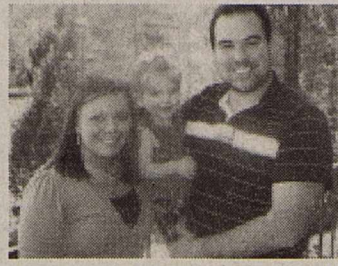
Services were held November 22, at St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Brackettville.

JK was born to Sterling and Jessie Dennis in New Hope, Texas on November 11, 1926. After serving in the U. S. Army he returned to complete high school and then married Betty Kelley. He is survived by his wife, Betty; daughters, Debbie Reeder (Wes), Donna Fowler (Eddie), Denise Locke (Roger); grandchildren, Kelly, Lane, Cole, Carey, Jennifer, Dennis and Candace; great grandchildren, Julia, Jacqueline, Jude, Aslyn, Avery, Brodie and Keaton.

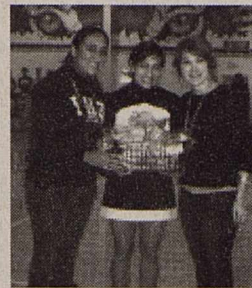
This Thanksgiving I am thankful for...



"I am thankful for my wonderful and strong sisters, who defeated cancer not once, but twice!!! Love ya'll!"
-Marti Payne



"I am thankful to the town of Brackettville for making my daughter Chelsea and her husband Jake and little Macie feel so welcomed and loved in their new town!"
-Kelly Claxton

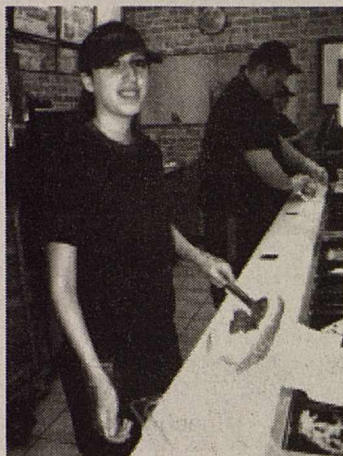


"I am thankful for my children, my wonderful new husband and for the community that has always supported me and the Brackett paper."
-Leigh Castillo



"I am thankful for my sons, Troy and Trent, ya'll are my sunshine. Also my husband who has been there for me through the ups and downs. Love ya'!!!!!"
-Ashley Castillo Sandoval

Subway says thanks



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Castillo

Submitted by Rick Alvarado
Subway District Manager

We would like to thank the citizens of Kinney County for the support of they have shown us here at subway. We also have breakfast available till 10 am daily. Not only do we have party platters available for special functions that can be ordered any time, but we also off a 3 foot and a 6 foot sandwich that can ordered with a 24 hour notice. We also offer a different soup daily. Stop by enjoy a healthy choice but also a comfortable atmosphere.

Kinney County Crusader Volleyball



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Ashley Castillo Sandoval - Back row from left Nicholas Velasquez, Lindsey Kunz, Bryan Fisher, Philip Munoz and Eric Titchenell, front row from left Bianca Terrazas, Natalie Aguirre and Marisol Aguirre. The Crusaders have competed in 3 tournaments and will be hosting a tournament, December 10. The community is invited to come out and support your local coed volleyball team.

It's a Girl



Ricky and Rossio Sandoval are proud parents to baby girl Sophia Nicole Sandoval.

Sophia Nicole was born on Friday, November 18, 2011 in San Antonio.

Baby Sophia weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Sophia Nicole was welcomed into the world by brothers, Matthew Sandoval and Diego Reyes, maternal grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Emilio and Maria de Jesus Morales, of Nueva Rosita, paternal grandparents Greg and Norma Sandoval, of Brackettville.

Prepare your home for cooler weather

Submitted by StatePoint

There's nothing worse than being in a drafty house during the cooler months of the year. In addition to the continuous discomfort, drafts can lead to unnecessarily high heating bills.

"American homeowners know that as the weather gets cooler, it's time to prepare their homes for the season," says Robert Dischner, marketing director at Lennox Hearth Products. "Preparing your home will not only save you money, but keep your family safe during severe weather."

In fact, heating and cooling accounts for two thirds of a home's energy consumption. This adds up to 44 percent of all the carbon dioxide emissions in America, more than the transportation and manufacturing industries combined, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Here are some tips to prepare your home for the cooler weather this season:

- Conduct an annual review. Windows are best sealed using weather-stripping or caulking. Doors should be replaced if they don't seal properly. Make sure to check the foot of the door and install a draft stopper if there isn't one. You should also have a heating professional check your heating system annually, making sure it's energy-efficient and meets all safety standards.

- Clean out your chimney. Annual cleanings reduce the risk

of fires and carbon monoxide poisonings due to creosote buildup or obstructions in the chimneys. They also let your fireplace burn more efficiently.

- Green your fireplace. If you have an existing masonry or metal fireplace, gas-burning fireplace inserts offer high efficiency levels that can help heat homes in a more cost-effective manner, offering convenient and clean-burning performance that reduces harmful pollution. For example, Lennox Hearth's Shoreline fireplace insert fits into almost any traditional fireplace opening and instantly transforms it into a warm and entertaining centerpiece. More information is available at www.lennoxhearthproducts.com.

- Check emergency supplies. Buy rock salt or sand before it sells out at your local hardware store. Make sure you change the batteries in any and all carbon monoxide and smoke detectors at least once a year. And stock your pantry with dry goods and other sundries, in case you're forced to spend a day or two indoors because of inclement weather.

"By preparing your home, you can keep more heat inside, and less energy is lost through the chimney, doors and other openings, keeping overall environmental emissions to a minimum," says Dischner.

So, it turns out, you can stay warm, save money, and be good to the planet all at the same time!

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-Deputy Manny

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