

The Brackett News

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Kinney County Is Home To Victor Robledo. Happy Birthday Victor!

Community News

TAMALES BENEFIT
For Damacio Talamantes (Medical Expenses) TODAY! Thursday, November 19, 2009, at Grumpy's Shack (behind D&D Hardware) \$6 dozen. To order please call 563-2687

TURKEY AND HAM LOTERIA
Come support Los Ninos de la Escuela today, November 19 at 5:30 in the Jones Elem. Cafeteria 16 prizes, 3 specials.

BIBLE STUDY
Bible Study at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, located on the corner of Henderson and Fort, will be on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Challenges of caregiving for alzheimers, dementia and any other health care concerns.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING
AA closed meetings will held at 109 Spring Street on Saturday at 7pm. Info: 830-261-9596.

PICTURES AVAILABLE!
Parents Night pictures are available for purchase at the news paper office for \$2 each. This includes Varsity Football, JV Football, Cross Country, Cheerleaders, Volleyball and JH Volleyball Info: 830-563-2852.

TIGER AUTO DECALS
Show your love for the hometown team with a window decal for your automobile. Stop by the newspaper office at 111 W. Spring. The decals are on sale for \$6 each or two for \$10 and feature the new tiger logo. Both Tiger and Tigerette decals are available.

SOUTH TEXAS FOOD BANK SERVES KINNEY COUNTY
The South Texas Food Bank served 151 needy Kinney County families in September, including 176 adults and 100 children. That was reported by South Texas Food Bank executive director Alfredo Castillo at the food bank's November board meeting in Laredo. The South Texas Food Bank distributes food in Brackettville at one pantry, Kinney County Church Alliance, 111 West Spring Street. The organizer is Leigh Volcsko. She can be reached at 830-776-3180. Kinney County has 700 residents living under the poverty guidelines, according to the 2007 federal census. Among them are 229 under age 18. The percentage of poverty is 21.2. The South Texas Food Bank is a 501-c-3 charitable organization that accepts tax deductible donations.

FOOD BANK NEWS
The CSFP Over Age 60 & TEXCAP Family Distribution will be on Thursday, November 19 from 11am - 5pm at the newspaper office. Please do not arrive early. All food must be picked up on this day. Food will not be held for you to pick up at a later time. All clients must present a Photo ID every month. Distribution dates for 2009 are as follows: November 19 and December 17.

PROGRAMA DE COMIDA
El Programa CSFP arriba de 60 años de edad y TEXCAP Familia Distribuiran el Noviembre 19, de las 11 - 5 en la oficina del periódico. Por favor no lleguen temprano. Toda la comida tiene que ser recogida en este día. La comida no puede estar detenida para otro día. Todos los clientes tienen que presentar prueba de identidad cada mes. Los días de distribución será: Noviembre 19, Diciembre 17.

Fort Clark awaits judgement

By Leigh Volcsko
The Brackett News

Fort Clark Springs Association board of directors is awaiting the judgement from the Honorable Judge Tom Lee in the pending eviction case against former oil man, turned restaurateur, Billy Jack Dorris.

In December, 2008, Billy Jack Dorris dba J & J Investments signed three contracts with

Fort Clark Springs Association to open three restaurants and a bar on the retired cavalry base. One of the contracts was for the lease of the Duck Inn, a snack bar located at the pool facility. The lease was valued at \$5, or one dollar per year for five years. The lease specifically stipulated the Duck Inn was to be opened by March 1 of this year, but Dorris did not open it until 60

days later. The Fort notified him by way of certified letter that they considered the delay a breach of contract and asked him to vacate the property.

Dorris however refused to leave and the Fort took legal action in the county's justice of the peace court. Dorris requested a jury trial and they returned a unanimous verdict in favor of the Fort on July 24, however;

Dorris appealed it and the case was sent to the district court where Judge Lee heard it on November 12. Now all parties are waiting for his judgement.

Dorris, embroiled in controversy, is still awaiting a day in a Houston court as he is being sued for fraud by Big K Energy. Big K Energy, et al says Dorris took more than a half a million dollars for a turnkey drilling

project in Liberty County and then did not pay the service companies that actually performed the work.

Dorris is accused of stiffing the service companies and keeping the money. The small businesses are owed more than \$250,000 by Dorris. The case is in limbo as the plaintiff's attorney recently passed away unexpectedly.

Local Super S part of annual tour



Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko - Twenty-five Super S Food Store executives, buyers and vendors traveled with five-time Purple Heart recipient John White on their annual tour of all 50 stores. The tour took ten days and covered more than 3,800 miles across Texas. Pictured from left: Alan Buxkemper, James Hanson, Bill Hooper, James White, David McBurnett, Brackettville Store Manager Ernesto Contreras, Joel Griffith, John Ware, Brackettville Assistant Store Manager Raymond Figueroa and another Super S Executive.

Water board officers elected

By Katie Brown
The Brackett News

William Hutchison, Ph.D., P.E., P.G., Director, Groundwater Resources, Water Science and Conservation with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) gave a presentation entitled Kinney County GCD Desired Future Condition and Managed Available Groundwater Progress Report before the KCGCD board on Thursday.

A brief history of groundwater management was given from 1904 when the "Rule of Capture" was in effect, to 1949 when Conservation Districts were established with the ability to alter, modify or discard the Rule of Capture, to 2001 when Groundwater Management Areas (GMA) were established.

The purpose of the GMAs as stated on the TWDB web site is:

"to provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of the groundwater, and of groundwater reservoirs or their subdivisions, and to control subsidence caused by withdrawal of water from those groundwater reservoirs or their subdivisions..." There are 16 GMAs in Texas, two of which affect Kinney County; the Edwards Trinity Plateau and the Edwards. In 2005, HB 1763 was enacted and provided that all districts within a GMA must meet at least annually for a joint planning and they must also prepare a statement of what the aquifers in their individual areas should look like in the future; this policy is called the desired future condition (DFC) of an aquifer.

This policy answers questions

such as: do we want to use up all of the aquifer, part of it or none of it? Or, do we need to maintain a certain amount of spring flow as the Edwards Aquifer Authority is required by law to do?

Hutchison said a Kinney County groundwater model is being developed with the DFC in mind. The DFC is a policy decision.

A groundwater model is a tool used to assist in making the decision. The groundwater model is a mathematical representation of an aquifer in a computer. It takes into consideration the physical boundaries of an aquifer, recharge, pumping, interaction with rivers or other

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Flu Shot

Brackett News Photo by Leigh Volcsko - Department of State Health Services Registered Nurse Donna Kincaid administers a flu shot to Loretta Anderson at the Annual Lion's Club Health Fair on November 12.



New Water Board Officers

Brackett News Photo By Katie Brown - Pictured from left: Dennette Coates, Lloyd Davis and Kent Lowery.

EMS director resigns

By Katie Brown
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EMS Director Bruce Hudgens has resigned his position with Kinney County Fire and Rescue. In a phone conversation with Hudgens, he told this reporter that his resignation was amicable and agreed upon by all parties. He expressed hopes that the department would continue to improve and that the new director would be a benefit to the department. Hudgens had been with the department for more than five years, three of which he served as the Director.

Chris W. Keith has been appointed as the new Director of

EMS. Keith comes to Kinney County from Helotes, Texas where he served as an Advanced Firefighter/Paramedic. His background in the medical field began in 1990 when he attended the Lamar University Municipal Fire Academy taking 12 semester hours in Fire Science. He became an Emergency Care Attendant through the University of Texas Health Center and then in 1995 received his certifications as an Emergency Medical Technician and later as a Paramedic with the Kendall County

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Brackettville's 7-Day Forecast Nov. 19-25

This Week's Local Forecast						
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
70/58	73/48	73/50	74/51	72/45	70/44	73/49
Precip Chance: 10%	Precip Chance: 10%	Precip Chance: 5%	Precip Chance: 5%	Precip Chance: 10%	Precip Chance: 10%	Precip Chance: 5%

Weather Trivia

Cyclogenesis refers to what?

Answer: The development of a low pressure system.

Brackett travel to Hondo for Bi-District Tigers vs. Eagles



Tiger Gridiron
Thomas Hurney

Same opponent, same venue, same result. By the way, do you remember a young man named Dustin Stapp? He was a star half-back for the Junction Eagles, their money back, so to speak, and his performance that day contributed to Brackett's early demise in the 2008 post-season tournament. Well, he graduated last year. That, and the fact that

the Tigers had a better overall record entering Saturday's rematch (6-3, vs. 5-5 for Junction) made me cautiously optimistic.

What I *didn't* know is that Dustin Stapp has a younger brother named Ty, who's taller than his older brother, and built proportionately, and Ty Stapp has a teammate named David Fuentes, a refrigerator with wheels (albeit, more the slender, space-saving version than say, the William Perry variety). The two backs ran past (and frequently, over,) an outmanned Brackett defense en route to a 56-27 rout of the Tigers in Hondo this past Saturday.

In addition, Brackett had to

make do without Victor Robledo, arguably the team's best player, who gashed his hand early in the first quarter and had to leave the game.

The Tigers didn't quit, though. There were a couple of different angles that I considered with regard to this article, and one of them was that of the schoolyard scrap between the big kid (Junction), and the smaller kid (Brackett). After a while, it becomes apparent that the big kid is going to win. The smaller kid must realize this also, but he keeps fighting. So Brackett did the Tigers, even though they were hopelessly behind by the start of the fourth quarter.

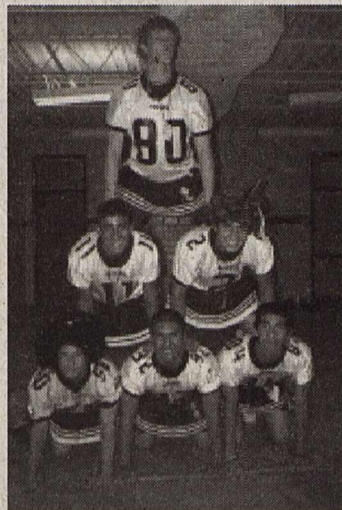
Sam Stewart and Brandon

Allen had two touchdowns apiece, to account for Brackett's twenty-seven points, and senior Cody Clark was a study in perseverance, despite being hounded all day by the Eagle's big and mobile defensive linemen.

So, that's it. No more games. Hat's off to this year's seniors, and to the entire Brackett team on yet another successful season. Credit the coaching staff, also. When a high school football team in a small town consistently wins more games than it loses, good coaches are typically a part of the equation. We'll do it again next year.



Brackett News Photos by Leigh Volcsko - The Brackett Tigers and our new Varsity Cheerleaders enjoyed their Pep Rally with the Prep and Pee-wee Tigers and the Bengals our flag football team Friday, November 13.



	TIGERS	Junction
Points Scored	27	56
First Downs	18	18
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	13/3/2	15/1/2
3rd Downs Made/Att/Eff	2/16/12	3/6/50
4th Downs Made/Att/Eff	6/9/67	0/1/0
Total Yards / Avg per Play	364/5.3	452/11.3
Total Yards Rushing	256	414
Rushing Att/Avg	55/4.7	36/11.5
Total yards Passing	108	38
Pass Att/Comp/Int	14/5/0	4/2/0
Average Yards per Pass	7.7	9.5
Punts /Avg	4/31.5	2/36.5
Punt Returns/Yards/Avg	1/0/0	2/85/42
Punts Blocked	0	0
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	7/86/12	2/45/22
Fumbles /Lost	0/0	0/0
Total Turnovers	1	1
Penalties /Yards	4/34	6/53
Sacks /Yards	0/0	3/20
TDs	4	8
TDs Rush/Pass	3/1	7/0
Field Goals Att/Made	0/0	0/0
Time of Possession	27:56	20:04

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Junction	7	21	14	14	-	56
TIGERS	7	0	7	13	-	27

Scoring Summary

Junction: 5 Plays, 63 Yards, at 9:34 1st Q, 26 yard rushing TD.
PAT Kick Attempt - Good
TIGERS: 4 Plays, 64 Yards, at 6:19 1st Q, Robledo, Victor pass to Allen, Brandon for 62 yard TD.
PAT Kick Attempt - Allen, Brandon - Good
Junction: 4 Plays, 83 Yards, at 10:49 2nd Q, 1 yard rushing TD.
PAT Kick Attempt - Failed
Junction: 3 Plays, 40 Yards, at 4:32 2nd Q, 37 yard rushing TD.
PAT Rush Attempt - Good
Junction: 2 Plays, 64 Yards, at 0:12 2nd Q, 54 yard rushing TD.
PAT Kick Attempt - Good
Junction: 4 Plays, 57 Yards, at 7:11 3rd Q, 11 yard rushing TD.
PAT Kick Attempt - Good
Junction: 1 Play, at 5:08 3rd Q, 80 yard punt return for TD.
PAT Kick Attempt - Good
TIGERS: 9 Plays, 78 Yards, at 2:12 3rd Q, Allen, Brandon 20 yard rushing TD.
PAT Kick Attempt - Allen, Brandon - Good
Junction: 10 Plays, 60 Yards, at 7:05 4th Q, 11 yard rushing TD.
PAT Kick Attempt - Good
TIGERS: 2 Plays, 68 Yards, at 6:19 4th Q, Stewart, Sam 64 yard rushing TD.

The Tigerette Traveler



Heather Knox

In October I visited Tucson. It is a big town in Arizona. There are many things to do in Tucson. Most people spend a lot of time out doors because the weather is great. We went to Trail Dust town; it is built like an old ghost town. It has a train that runs around the outside, it goes through a tunnel. There is a great restaurant and chocolate shop. But do not wear a tie, because they will chop it off and hang it on the wall. There are thousands of ties everywhere. There are crazy ties, and ties from all over the world. They even have gun fights that they out on in the middle of the town. Tucson is surrounded by mountains. The tallest is Mt.

Lemmon, 12,000 feet up! There is a ski lift you can ride. We rode it one time and there were thousands of ladybugs covering the trees. They were migrating through there! The town on top of Mt Lemmon is Summerhaven. They make the best and biggest chocolate cookies there! Near Tucson is an old movie studio called Old Tucson. Many movies and shows were filmed there. John Wayne, 'Little House on the Prairie', and the 'Three Amigos'. Now it is life an amusement park. We rode antique cars, took a train, went on a scary mine ride, and went on an old carousel. They had shows. A singing show where my Uncle Brian dressed up like a can-can woman. They had exciting gun-fights, they were loud and scary. There was even an amazing magic show! We ate at a lot of great restaurants, steak, Mexican and a Tucson favorite, Eege's. They have the best fries!!

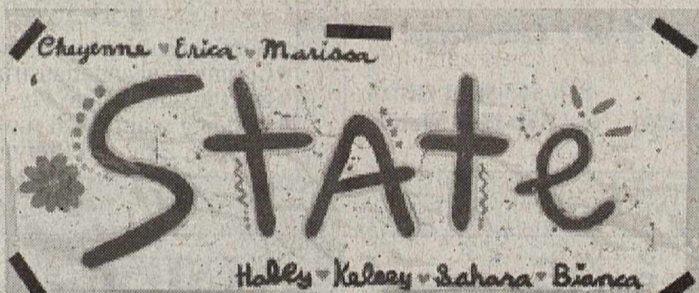
Bruce takes third at state cross country meet

On Saturday, November 14, Brackett XC Varsity girls traveled to Round Rock to compete in the State Cross Country Meet.

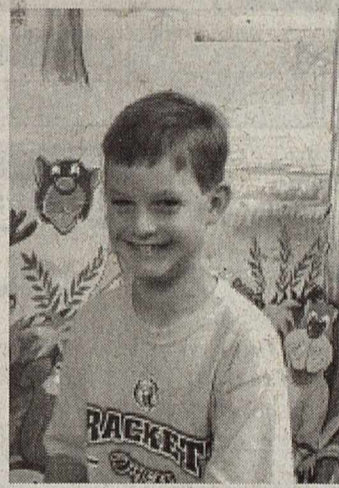
The Varsity girls team placed 8th with 184 points, making this the 3rd consecutive year for the Tigerettes to place in the top ten at State. The individual results for the Tigerettes were Kelsey Bruce taking 3rd with a time of 11:57, the highest finish ever by

a Brackett runner. Bruce was on the Medal stand at State receiving a Bronze Metal.

Bianca Cruz 39th with a time of 13:07, Haley Hale 52nd with a time of 13:29, Sahara Rodriguez 65th with a time of 13:45, Marissa Villarreal with a time of 14:35, Erica Villanueva 94th with a time of 14:53 and Cheyenne Smith 97th with a time of 15:15.



Scholar of the Month



Aug./ Sept. 2nd grader - Zuehl Conoly



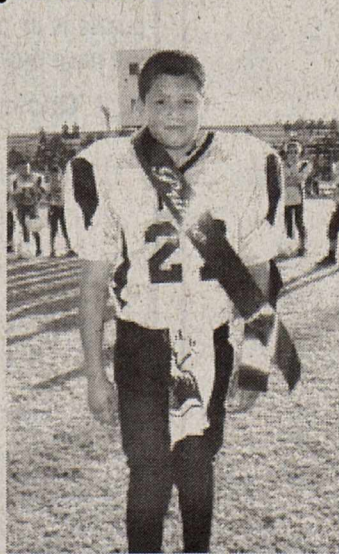
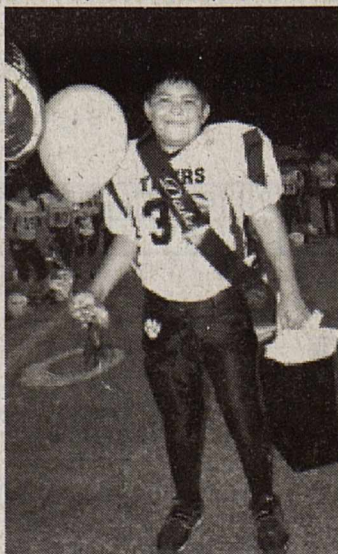
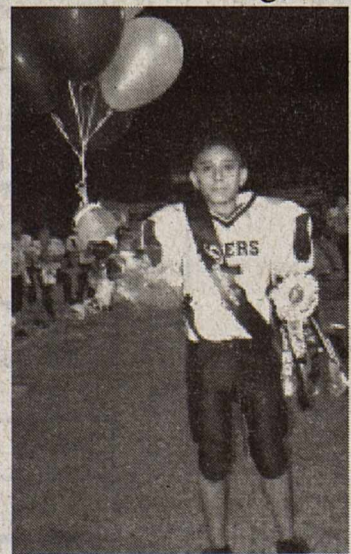
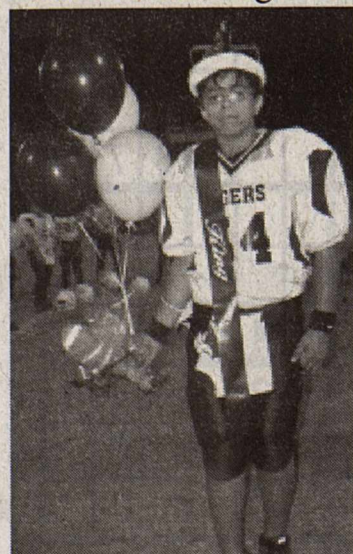
Oct. 6th grader - Elizabeth Rangel

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Brackett Little League Teams make it to Championship!!!!



Brackett News Photos by Leigh Volcsko - Tiger Prep Team: King; Tony Zamora, Prince; Lino Garcia, Duke; Hector Cruz Tiger Pee-wee Team: King; JT Rosas, Prince; Moses Hernandez, Duke; Tony Martinez



Photos of the Week



Check out the Shattered Dreams program against teens driving drunk at www.tabc.state.tx.us

