

# The Brackett News

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The Brackett News is Loved by many, Cussed by some, Read by them ALL!  
Kinney County Is Home of Buddy and Carol Burgess - Happy Fiftieth!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### CAKE WALK

A cake walk will be held Friday, December 11 starting at 4:00pm at the Jones Elementary/Intermediate school parking lot. Funds raised will be used for children with illnesses, in honor of Damacio Talamantes.

**2010 ESSAY CONTEST**  
West Nueces-Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District will be having an open essay contest to boys and girls, 14 to 18 years of age, and does not jeopardize Texas University Interscholastic League eligibility. The subject of the essay is "What Soil and water Conservation means to me." The deadline for entries will be Friday, January 22, 2010 by 5pm. For more information contact Carey at 830-563-2414.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA**  
Friday 7:30 pm Del Rio First United Methodist Church Christmas Cantata "The Mystery and Majesty" Free admission at Fort Clark Post Theatre. Come join us for a beautiful musical Presentation of the Christmas story!

**GOLF SCRAMBLE**  
First Baptist Church Golf Scramble will be Saturday Dec. 19, at 10am. Everyone welcome; men, women and youth! \$20 per person includes cart fees, green fees and lunch. Sign up at the FBC. Contact Trent Brown 563-3455 or Larry Isaacs at (682)365-2751 for more info.

**H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE Today**  
Dept. State Health will be giving H1N1 influenza vaccine, to high risk population and children at these clinics.  
Brackettville- Today, Dec. 10 at Civic Center 1pm-7pm.  
Leakey- Today, Dec. 10, at American Legion hall 1pm-7pm.  
Rocksprings- Today, Dec. 10 at School auditorium 1pm-7pm.  
Uvalde- Dec. 14 at Civic Center 1 pm-7pm.

**TREK TO BETHLEHAM**  
Join us as we join Mary and Joseph in their search for lodging. Saturday, December 12 starting at 3:00pm will be the second annual Kinney County Church Alliance "Trek to Bethlehem" a multicultural, ecumenical Las Posadas. Will they find shelter in Brackettville? We pray that you will join us for this Christ centered Christmas celebration.

**COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
Kinney County Commissioners Court will be held on Monday December 14, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the Kinney County Courtroom. Commissioners Court will resume regular scheduled meetings in January 2010. Regular meetings are held on every third Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Requests to have an item placed on the Agenda must be submitted to the Kinney County Judge's office by 12:00 noon Wednesday prior to the commissioner's court meeting.

**CHRISTMAS CAMP**  
Slator Hall at the United Methodist Church on Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16 from 4 - 5 pm. Stories, light snacks, songs and crafts. First through third grade children welcome.

**NATIVITY**  
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." Luke 4:2 You are invited to come celebrate His birth with a free tour of Nativity and town scenes. Beginning December 1, every Tuesday and Friday evening, 6-8 pm, Frontier Baptist Church education building, corner of Ann and El Paso Streets.

## The argument that never was: Dorris calls 911 to report drunken men at pro shop

By Leigh Volcsko  
The Brackett News

Creekside restaurateur Billy Jack Dorris called 911 on November 28, to report, "some people at the pro shop that were intoxicated and arguing," read a Kinney County Sheriff's Office Incident Report.

Dorris' restaurant is located in the back of Fort Clark Springs and shares the building space adjacent the Golf Pro Shop.

An electronic mailing from Dorris to Fort Clark Chief Executive Officer Felix Cerna on November 30 read, "Prompted by customer complaints, on Nov

26 (as written), I had to call the Kinney County Sheriffs 911 on a group of guys sitting drinking beer in the front of the golf shop. The golf shop was closed and it was approximately 6:45 p.m. The group include BOD member Bruce Trautwein, John Ford and others The guys were cussing, harassing customers and

chasing customers in their cars off by screaming at them. In the last year I had numerous complaints about these guys, but choose (as written) to let it go. I will not overlook it now! When Bruce was asked to leave he and others screamed cuss words and threats to me and my family after security and the sheriff's

deputy left. I will be taking action on him and the Fort since he represents the BOD."

The men involved in the incident were later found to be a man by the name of Bruce Trautwein, a Mr. Longoria, a Mr. Pena and William Edwards.

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## BHS Band, Choir play to a packed house

The Brackett Independent School District Band and Choirs performed their annual Christmas Concert to a standing room only crowd on December 8.

Under the direction of BISD Music Director Cheryl Hunter and assisted by Hodges and Richard Reinap, the sixth grade, seventh grade and high school bands and junior high and high school choirs all entertained the audience with a variety of holiday music.

The Sixth Grade Band played "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas, Traditional", "Jingle Bells, Pierpont" and "The Little Drummer Boy, K. Davis, H. Onoranti, H. Simeone".

The Seventh Grade Band performed, "Good King Wenceslas, English Carol", "Jingle-Bell Rock, J. Beal, J. Boothe" and "Feliz Navidad, Jose Feliciano".

The Junior High Choir sang, "Silver Bells, J. Livingston, R. Evans" and "When Christmas Comes to Town, G. Ballard, A. Silvestri".

The High School Choir followed by singing, "Jazz Gloria, Natalie Steeth", "Silent Night, Franz Gruber" and "Santa Baby, J. Javits, P. Springer, T. Springer".

The High School Band played, "Christmas Festival Overture, Trad./Arr. Saucedo", "Cantique de Noel, Trad./Arr. R. Smith" and "Ukrainian Bell Carol, Trad./Arr. Ployhar".

"The talent our children show continues to amaze me. The band sounds great and both the junior high and high school choirs, which are both new to Brackett ISD this year, was fabulous. The finale of the evening's entertainment combined the high school band and choirs performing "A Family Christmas Spectacular", which resulted in a well deserved standing ovation," said BISD Superintendent Robert Westbrook.

High School Band Members  
Flutes: Judith Adams, Korlee Allen, Leslie Allen, Meghan

Flores and Samatha Wilson.

Clarinets: Calli Campos, Amanda Flores, Shannon Gammill, Alexis Guartuche, Celes Molano, Shelby Schuster, Haley Smith and Brittany Sweet.

Bass Clarinet: August Stephenson.

Trumpets: Elena Barboza, Tanner Hinsey, Kelsey Molano, Roberto Torres and Landon Tuck.

Percussion: Jose Falcon, Jeffrey Herrera, Jacob Jones, Forrest Maddox, Janine Rex, Brandon Sandoval, Jaime Sandoval and Olivia Woodes.

Tuba: Tierra Kuykendall.

Saxophones: Clayton Flores, Mathew Flores, Rolando Gutierrez, Heather Knox, Jennifer Musgrave, Jennifer Rodriguez,

Garon Rueda and Ashley Shadwick.

Trombones: Cynthia Bland, Robert Payne, Aracely Salazar and Herman Talamantes.

Baritones: Bryan Calk, Ryan Clark and Grant Westbrook.



Brackett High Choir

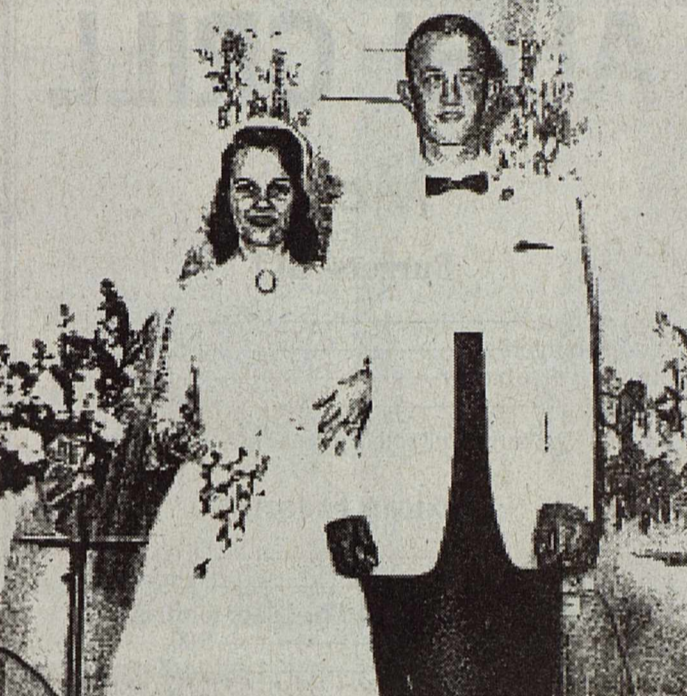
Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko - Members of the first ever Brackett High Choir performed at the Annual Christmas Concert on December 8. Pictured front row from left: Madison Koontz and Brooklyn Gose. Second Row: Yanira Perez, Aracely Salazar, Jasmine Pena, Selina Gerardo and Amanda Flores. Third Row: Katryna Swilley, Kelli Kennedy, Kimberly Hamilton and Lauren Duncan.

**Decorations You Just Gotta' See....**

Don't forget about TBN's Fourth Annual Christmas Decorating Contest. Prizes will be given for the Best Decorated House In Brackett, Best Decorated House In Spofford and Best Decorated House at Fort Clark and Best Decorated Business. Best Decorated House winners will receive Dollar General Gift Cards and certificates. The Best Decorated Business will be given a gift basket and certificate. Already on this year's list is Fort Clark Administration Office, Pena-Martinez House 312 E Fulton, 202 E Third Street, City Hall on West Spring, The Hall House on Gove Street.

**Nominate your favorites, Call to 563-2852**

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Carol and Buddy Burgess

L.K. Buddy and Carol Burgess celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary November 14. They marked the occasion with a celebration with family and friends.

## Brackett played host to UIL; local students placed well

Brackett UIL students grade second through eighth competed in the 2009 Winter UIL Meet, on December 5, hosted by Brackett ISD. Second grade students competed in two different events, in the Storytelling event Stetson Schuster placed first, followed by Logan Fisher placing fourth and Zuehl Conoly placing fifth. In the Creative Writing event Cati Guzman placed sixth. Cati was the only second grade student from Brackett to place in this event. Third grade students competed in a total of four different events, in the Spelling event Zane Shamsheer placed third, making him the only third grade student from Brackett to place in this event. In the Ready Writing event Natalee Terrazas placed second, followed by Sam Palmer placing fifth. In the Story telling event Gracie Maddox was the only third grader to place from Brackett, placing third. The third grade students also completed in the Music Memory event. Fourth grade students competed in six different events consisting of Oral Reading, Ready Writing, Music Memory, Spelling, Number Sense and Art. In the Ready Writing event Serina Sanchez was the only fourth grade student from Brackett to place in this event placing sixth. Ayme Bruce placed first in the Number Sense event, Jeremiah placed third in the same event. Fifth grade students competed in ten different events. In the Oral Reading event Justin Hidalgo placed fourth making him the only fifth grade student from Brackett to place in the Oral Reading event. In the Ready Writing event Tyler Schuster placed third and Justin Hidalgo placed fourth. Xavier Herrera placed second in the Music Memory event and Alexa Solis placed third in the same event. Christina Janca placed third and was the only fifth grade student from Brackett to place in the Spelling event. In the Number Sense event J.T. Rosas placed second making him the only fifth grader from Brackett to place in this event. In the Dictionary Skills event Kaitlyn Lopez placed first and Tyler Schuster placed fourth. In the Listening event Tyler Schuster placed sixth and was the only fifth grader from Brackett to place in this event. Alexa Solis placed fourth in the Social Studies, Alexa was the only fifth grader from Brackett to place in this event. Fifth grade students also competed in the Art event and the Maps, Graphs and Charts event. Sixth grade competed in eleven different events, Kaitlyn Partlow was the only student from Brackett to place in the Calculator event, Kaitlyn

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**Brackettville's 7-Day Forecast Dec. 10-16**

Day	Forecast	Temp	Precip Chance
Thursday	Mostly Cloudy	58/46	10%
Friday	Mostly Cloudy	67/44	10%
Saturday	Mostly Sunny	72/48	5%
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	69/44	10%
Monday	Partly Cloudy	69/45	10%
Tuesday	Mostly Sunny	72/50	5%
Wednesday	Partly Cloudy	70/49	10%

**This Week's Local Forecast**

**Weather Trivia**  
Does all rain hit the ground?  
ANSWER: No. Some precipitation evaporates before it reaches the ground.  
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"Nemo me impune lacesset - No one will provoke me with impunity"

## United Medical Center

Dr. Luz and Staff wishes everyone a

*Merry Christmas*

Staff will have coffee, punch and cookies on December 16, 2009  
Come by and enjoy

## Thank you

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers and food during the time of our loss of mother, grand mother great and great grand mother.

The Hamilton family  
Joan, Tim, Children and grandchildren

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#### Burgers- BLT

Hamburger	5.00
Cheese burger	5.25
Bacon, cheese burger	6.00
BLT	5.00

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Tacos, (1.00ea) or 3	2.75
Taco plate w/ beans, rice, salad, tortillas, salsa	5.00
Enchiladas (3)	4.00
Enchilada plate	6.00
Fajita plate w/ grilled onions	8.00
Alibi platter Fajitas, 2 enchiladas, 1 taco, rice, beans, tortilla, salad, salsa	11.00
Rib eye 10oz, bell pep, tom, onions, FF or baked potato, salad rolls	13.75

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## Actions speak louder



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Love is a word that is very deceptive maybe even illusive if we look at it as a noun. It is not something that we can buy and hold in our hands, it is a word that is filled with action. Love is a verb.

This word is not just a feeling it is a doing. For years all I ever wanted was to feel loved. That did not happen because I was looking for love in all the wrong places; as the song says. I was not going to find this love coming at me and surrounding me as a fog. I was not going to feel this love from other people.

I was searching so hard for this love that I never dreamed that it was hiding right inside of me. The reason we have a hard time finding this love is that the clutter we have in our heads is standing in the way. When we can address this most personal of our Body Clutter we will begin finding what we are looking for. Men and women equate love much differently. For a man to show love he often reveals it in actions; checking our tires, changing the oil, he is doing something. He may not be good at sentimental cards and flowers which is how we women equate love.

This is why we need to look at the various ways that love is

done. How do you love your children? You feed them, dress them, bathe them, and do things for them. We do the same thing for the critters in our lives. We scratch their ears and rub their bellies. Robert explained this to me this morning.

A few years ago our hound dog Lucy died and we got another sweet hound dog. He said that he could sit in his chair and think about how much he loves this new dog or he could get up and go over and pet her. Then he would be loving on her and she would feel his love for her. It would not be a passive experience just for him but a shared event for both of them. Then he turned this around. He said when we are loving ourselves we are the giver and the recipient at the same time.

That is when he headed out the door to play in the woods. This is one thing that he loves to do. When you are doing things that you love; you are loving yourself. With our FLYing way of life we only surround ourselves with things we love. We turn chores into blessings and release the stress from our lives by using routines to put us on autopilot.

These are all forms of love but in our female definition of love this is just stuff we have to do. We have to find ways to show ourselves love the way we understand it and will recognize it as love. But since we are doing it for ourselves we just don't accept it in the same way we would if it came from someone else. This is why we have a new

Pampering habit for December.

These are little things that we can do each day to pamper ourselves. They can be anything that you can think of to do something nice for you. You can snuggle with a cup of warmth or curl up with a favorite book or magazine. Settle into a tub of bubbles or put on some of your favorite music. Pick up a flower at the grocery store so that every time you look at it you will smile.

Light candles in your home or put crystals in the window so that rainbows dance across your room. These always make me smile. I was taught many years ago by Rita Davenport to fake it till you make it. I didn't really know what that meant till recently; I just did like she said. Fake it till you make it, is nothing but practicing till a habit becomes automatic.

Imagine that, practicing loving ourselves with little habits that tell us we are loved by the person who does those little things that make us feel the love we so deserve. The martyr goes away and you are surrounded by the loving feeling that you have been searching for. So practice loving yourself first by simple actions and eventually you will not do things that you don't love and you will not have items in your home that do not put a smile on your face. This act of love is as contagious as your shining sink. You are just shining your heart.

Are you ready to Finally Love Yourself? One little habit at a time.

## Changing "Seasons" of life may require changes in investment strategy



Emily Cooper  
Edward Jones in Del Rio

As we make the transition from autumn to winter, you may be reminded that seasons don't just change on the calendar they also change in your life. And as you move from one season of your life to another, you'll find that some of your goals may have changed. Consequently, as time goes by, you may need to adjust your financial strategies as well. To illustrate the "seasonal" nature of your investment strategies, let's quickly go through a typical life cycle and look at the differing financial goals at each stage:

Starting out When you are beginning your career, you may not have a lot of money with which to invest, but it's important to try to put away something each month. If you have a 401(k) where you work, take advantage of it your money is deducted, pretax, from your paychecks, so it's an easy way to start investing. And at this stage of your life, consider investing primarily for growth. Of course, when you invest in growth-oriented vehicles, you typically assume an above-average degree of risk because the price of these investments can fluctuate greatly over time. However, if you buy quality investments and hold them for many years, you may be able to overcome the "blips" along the way and benefit from the growth prospects these vehicles can offer. Middle years During this season of your life, things have likely changed. Your kids may have already graduated from college or otherwise left home, so you may need to re-evaluate your life insurance needs. You're likely earning more money and have more available to invest which means, among other things, that you should consider "maxing out" on your IRA and also putting as much as you afford into your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Because you may have a decade or more until you retire, you still may need considerable growth potential from your investments. At the same time, though, you might not want to invest quite as aggressively as you did when you started out, so you may want to increase the percentage of bonds and other fixed-income vehicles in your portfolio. Retirement years Many people assume their expenses will drop when they retire. And some will drop but others, such as health care, will increase. Furthermore, it's not at all unusual for people to spend two, or even three, decades in an active retirement and during those years, inflation can be a factor. Consequently, even as a retiree, you'll find that growth-oriented investments are important, balanced with others that provide income. Furthermore, you'll want to manage the withdrawals you take from your IRA, 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan to help make sure you don't outlive your resources. At the same time, you should consider exploring estate-planning techniques, such as life insurance trusts, that can help you leave the legacy you want without burdening your heirs with heavy estate taxes. To help you meet these needs, work with your tax advisor and estate-planning professional. The seasons of the year change every three months. The seasons of your life change much more slowly, but these changes can have a big impact on your financial situation.

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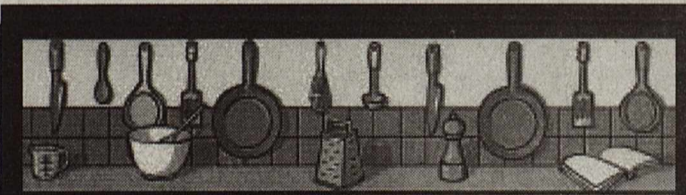
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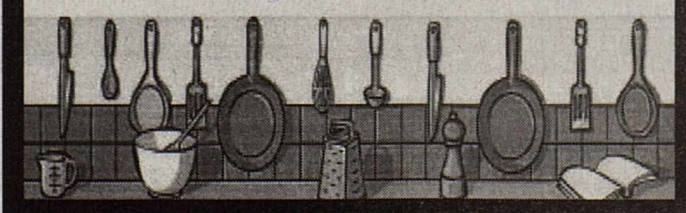
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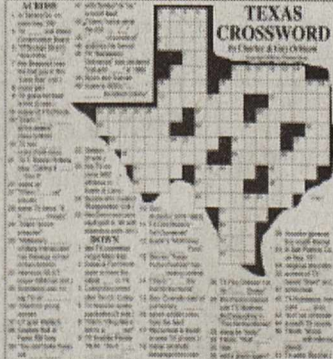
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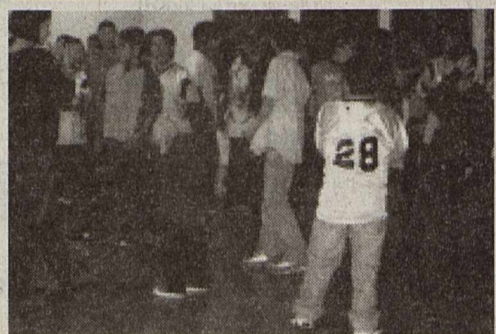
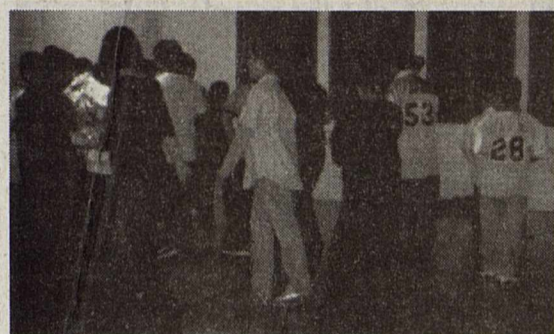
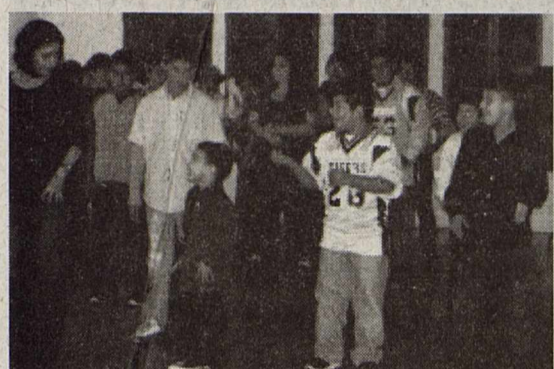
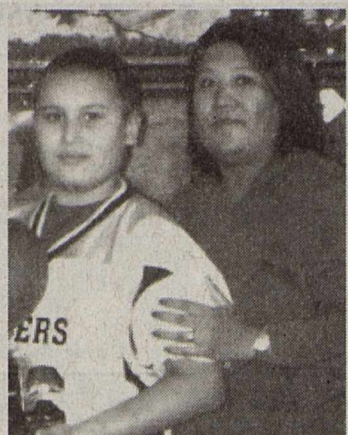
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Brackett News Photos by Leigh Volcsko - Little League Football Teams enjoyed a year end banquet and DJ dance with their families Friday, December 5. The coaches are Paul Resendez, Michael Proulx, Anthony Aldaco, Hector Cruz, Zubian Shamsher, Roland Zamora and Head coach Mr. Joel Del Bosque. At Right: Team Mom Mary Proulx with her son Nathan Pearson.



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1<sup>st</sup> Team Defensive End

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2<sup>nd</sup> Team Inside Linebacker

Ramon Gutierrez

Shaun Davis

1<sup>st</sup> Team Outside Linebacker

2<sup>nd</sup> Team Outside Linebacker

Cody Clark

Victor Robledo

1<sup>st</sup> Team Defensive Back

2<sup>nd</sup> Team Defensive Back

Isaac Talamantes

Brandon Allen

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2<sup>nd</sup> Team Running Back

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Jeff Sitgreaves

1<sup>st</sup> Team Center

Shaun Davis

1<sup>st</sup> Team Offensive Linemen

2<sup>nd</sup> Team Offensive Linemen

Ramon Gutierrez

Raul Rivas

Jaime Rodriguez

Colten Simmons

## The "Whole" Note



Heather Knox

The history of the Christmas Carol goes back to Europe thousands of years ago, but these were not the traditional Christmas Carols. They were pagan songs, sung at the Winter Solstice celebrations as people danced around stone circles. The word "carol" means dance or a song of praise and joy.

When early Christians took over the pagan solstice celebrations for Christmas they gave people Christian songs to sing instead of pagan ones.

In AD 129, a Roman Bishop said that a song called 'Angel's Hymn' should be sung at a Christmas service in Rome. Another famous early Christmas Hymn was written, in 760AD, by Comas of Jerusalem for the Greek Orthodox Church. Soon after this many composers all

over Europe started to write carols.

However, not many people liked them as they were all written and sung in Latin, a language that the normal people couldn't understand. By the time of the Middle Ages (the 1200s), most people had lost interest in celebrating Christmas altogether. In 1223, Saint Francis of Assisi introduced carols into the formal worship of the church during a Christmas Midnight Mass in a cave in Greccio, in the province of Umbria. The earliest carol, was written in 1410. Only a very small fragment of it still exists. The carol was about Mary and Jesus meeting different people in Bethlehem.

When Oliver Cromwell and the Puritans came to power in England in 1647, the celebration of Christmas and singing carols was stopped.

However, the carols survived as people still sang them in secret. Carols remained mainly unsung until Victorian times, when two men called William

Sandys and Davis Gilbert collected lots of old Christmas music from villages in England.

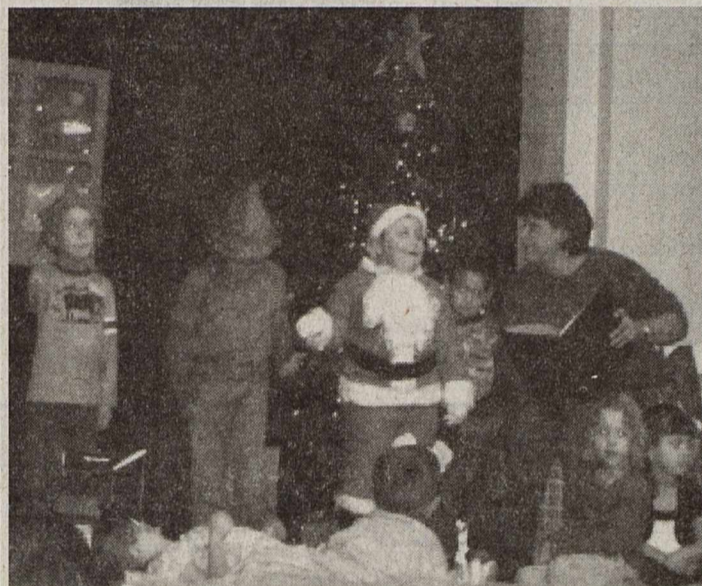
There was a time, when wandering minstrels and waits or watchmen that guarded the old walled cities in the night used to pass their time by singing carols and also sang them to the people who used to pass them by.

They would go from home to home, singing carols and entertaining people for money or a treat in return.

Christmas Carols were designed to celebrate the birth of Christ, although now they are intertwined with other Christmas Songs like "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer".

For the next few weeks I will write about the history of popular Christmas songs. Make sure you sing lots of Christmas Wishes to pass along the joy of the season!

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## 'Twas The Night Before Christmas

A special rendition of the "The Night before Christmas" was performed by BISD's pre-kinder students at the PTO meeting on December 7, at the BHS Auditorium.



Brackett News Photos By Laura Martinez - Pre-K Top Left: Teacher Kay Sitgreaves, far right, narrates the story while Austin, Isaac Rosas, Cookie Martinez and Chris Garza act it out. Top Right: Tyler Smallwood.

Sugar Plum Faries at left: Debby Villarreal, Kaylien Garcia, Madisyn Munoz, Mia Garcia, Campbell Youens and Evie Rosebrock.



Kay Sitgreaves with Cookie "Santa" Martinez.

Santa with his reindeer: Diego Galvan, Samantha Britton, Aaron Diaz and Angelita Rivas. Teagan Ahern.

### "New graduation requirements!"

With the passage of House Bill 3 (HB3), new graduation requirements took effect on September 1, 2009. These changes will apply to all high school students entering high school during the 2007-2008 school year and after.

A complete explanation of current Texas High School graduation plans can be found on TEA's website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/graduation.aspx>. For more detailed information regarding the Texas High School graduation plans please contact Brackett High School counselor Mrs. Louisa Stone.

What is required to graduate and receive a high school diploma in Texas? Curriculum and graduation rules and requirements are contained and described in §74.11 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC). To graduate and receive a high school diploma in Texas, all students, including students with disabilities receiving special education services, must complete the curriculum and credit requirements for one of three graduation programs, as well as participate in the state exit-level assessment (TAKS).

What are the three graduation programs in Texas?

1. Minimum - at least 22 credits in state approved curriculum, plus any local district curriculum/credit requirements (TAC §74.11)

2. Recommended - at least 26 credits in state approved curriculum (no substitutions allowed), plus any local district requirements (TAC §74.12)

3. Distinguished - at least 26 and one-half credits in state approved curriculum (no substitutions allowed), plus any local district requirements (TAC §74.13)

The State expects all students to graduate under the recommended or distinguished programs unless a campus team that includes the parents agrees that the minimum program is more appropriate. Students receiving special education may graduate under the minimum, recommended or distinguished programs.

The minimum graduation program is the only program that allows for curriculum modifications and/or substitutions, when appropriate, for students receiving special education. However, no curriculum modifications or substitutions are allowed for the recommended or distinguished graduation programs.

Recommended High School Program (RHSP) and Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) For the recommended (RHSP) and advanced (DAP) high school programs, the total number of credits required for graduation and the requirement of 4 credits in the 4 foundation areas of mathematics, English language arts, science, and social studies/economics did not change. HB 3 changes include:

providing more flexibility in the enrichment areas of the RHSP by increasing the number of elective credits to 6, requiring 1 credit of physical education, 2 credits of a language other than English (LOTE), and 1 credit of fine arts; and

providing more flexibility in the enrichment areas in the DAP by increasing the number of elective credits to 5, requiring 1 credit of physical education, 3 credits of LOTE, and 1 credit of fine arts

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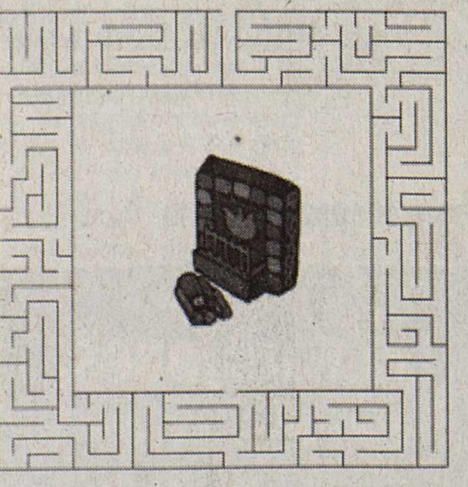
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**Cryptogram**  
 A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.  
 Hint: Quote by Dolly Parton  
 ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
 U  
 ZV A T T T  
 M U S S Y K C I H V M K K J V Z I S C  
 T A A T T A  
 O L K Z V M U S U C T L B K K J V B U I N B

**Sudoku** Answer Page 2  
 The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.  

	2			5	9			
8	3		2					
				6				
		1				8	3	
				9	6		1	
7								
		4	5				7	
		7	1		9	2		
	6							5



## Rotary Club News:

Brackett Rotary Club Guest Speaker Carol Cullar of Eagle Pass presented an interesting program on the Monarch Butterfly. Of particular interest was the fact that we saw so few Monarchs this year. Ms. Cullar informed the group that the weather patterns pushed the migration corridor to the west forcing the fly way to concentrate over Langtry and Comstock instead of Kinney and Maverick Counties. After visiting the Brackettville Rotary Club for the regular Thursday lunch meeting at Julie's, Ms. Cullar visited the Brackett ISD Academy. Students were fascinated with the program and plan a repeat visit in the spring when the northern migration is in progress and the native milk weed is in bloom. Native milk weed is the food of choice for the Monarch caterpillar.



## Tour of Homes

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## Christmas At The Fort

Brackett News Photo by Katie Brown - Volunteers Barb McCannless, Orlene Alvis, Helen Marie Jones, Alycia Gomez and Johnny Esquivel recently decorated the Fort Clark Springs Administration Office. Experience the wonder of the holidays in the sparkle and glitter of the spectacular decorations. It is a great place to take pictures of loved ones for next years Christmas cards. The whole Fort is gearing up for the best Christmas yet with all of the historical buildings adorned with old fashioned decorations and the nativity scene near the "Empty Saddle". Just cross over Las Moras creek on the bridge festooned with garlands of greenery and let the wonder of Christmas into your heart. Fort Clark Admin Office made TBN's list of "Places You Just Gotta See" again this year, see Page One for the complete list. Prizes will be given for the Best Decorated House in Brackett, Best Decorated in Spofford and Best Decorated House at Fort Clark and Best Decorated Business. Best Decorated House winners will receive Dollar General Gift Cards and certificates. The Best Decorated Business will be given a gift basket and certificate.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report



**Sunday, November 29**  
6:05pm, A woman called stating she would like to make a report because someone had broken down a door and stole a bike from her residence. Chief of police was notified of the situation.  
11:07pm, A woman called to report she had hit a deer on Hwy 90 leaving her car unable to drive, she also stated no medical attention was needed. A deputy and

towing company were contacted to assist with the incident.

**Tuesday, December 1**  
10:35am, A call was received from an alarm company stating a alarm was going off at a local residence. A deputy was notified.

**Wednesday, December 2**  
7:40pm, A call was received from Val Verde dispatch to report a stranded motorist on Hwy 90. A deputy was informed but unable to locate the motorist. VV dispatched called again stating the motorist was actually located on Fm rd. 2523 North. The deputy was informed and enroute to the new location.

**Thursday, December 3**  
7:29am, A woman called to report a house fire stating she could see smoke coming out of a window at a local residence. Kinney County Fire Rescue and three deputies were notified and enroute to the location of the incident. Rio Grande Electric and AEP were also informed to see if they could turn off the power at the location of the fire.

3:10pm, A woman called to report someone had broken into her house and she would like to speak with a deputy. A deputy was notified of the request.

7:48pm, A woman called requesting a deputy to her residence in reference to her son was arguing with the neighbors. A deputy was notified and enroute to the residence.

9:45pm, A man called requesting a deputies assistance, stating his was stranded on Hwy 764 due to his vehicle was out of fuel. A deputy was informed and enroute to the location to assist with the situation.

**Friday, December 4**  
5:18pm, A call was received from Val Verde dispatch stating they had received a call about a man with a cane walking on Hwy 277. A deputy was notified of the situation.

10:50pm, FCS security called stating there had been a possible juvenile assault and he would like a deputies assistance with the situation. A deputy was informed of the situation.

11:40pm, A man called to report he had struck a deer with his vehicle, he also stated he was not in need of medical attention, but his vehicle was going to have to be towed. A towing company was contacted to help the individual with the situation.

**Saturday, December 5**  
1:10am, Martin A. Castillo, 25, of Austin, was arrested for public intoxication. Castillo is still being held at press time.

11:45am, A man called requesting to speak with a deputy and make a report about a roll of wire that had been satolen from his mothers residence. A deputy was informed and enroute to the residence.

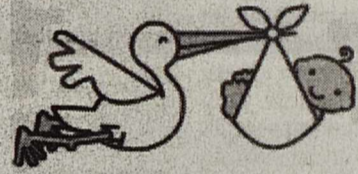
## It's a girl!



### Xevianah A. Hernandez

Jose and Vanessa Hernandez, of Brackettville, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Xevianah Analee Hernandez. Xevianah Analee was born November 24, 2009 weighing 7 pounds and 1 ounce and was 20 inches in length. Xevianah was welcomed by her sister Elyssa and brothers Jose Jr. and Kristian Hernandez. Maternal grandparents are Juan and Rosa Garcia of Brackettville; maternal great-grandmother Ercilia Flores of Uvalde; paternal grandparents Nazario and Maria Hernandez of Brackettville.

## It's a boy!



### Jadiel A. Pacheco

Gerardo and Marisela Pacheco, of Brackettville, are proud to announce the birth of their first son Jadiel A. Pacheco. Jadiel Alejandro was born November 30, 2009 weighing 6 pounds and 12 ounces and was 19 inches in length. Jadiel was welcomed by his maternal grandparents Javier and Ana Talamantes of Brackettville; maternal great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Luis Talamantes and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Perez of Eagle Pass; paternal grandparents Salvador and Claudia Pacheco of Brackettville; paternal great-grandparents Estella Guajardo of Brackettville and Mr. and Mrs. Salvador Pacheco of Brackettville.

7:52pm, A alarm company called to report the alarm at the high school was going off. A deputy was notified.

**Sunday, December 6**  
7:50pm, A man walked in to the sheriffs office to report there was a injured deer on Hwy 90. A deputy and game warden were notified.

12:40pm, A woman called 911 stating she was locked out of her residence and needed a deputies assistance. A deputy was notified and enroute to the residence.

2:54pm, A man called stating he received a call about some individual climbing on his trees and possibly breaking the branches at his business property. A deputy was advised of the occurrence.

5:40pm, A woman walked into the sheriffs office requesting to speak with a deputy on duty about a private matter. A deputy was informed.

5:50pm, A woman walked into the sheriffs office asking to speak with a deputy about a occurrence that transpired at her residence. A deputy was advised of the situation.

**Monday, December 7**  
12:47am, A woman called requesting a deputy to escort a unwanted individual out of her residence. A deputy was notified.

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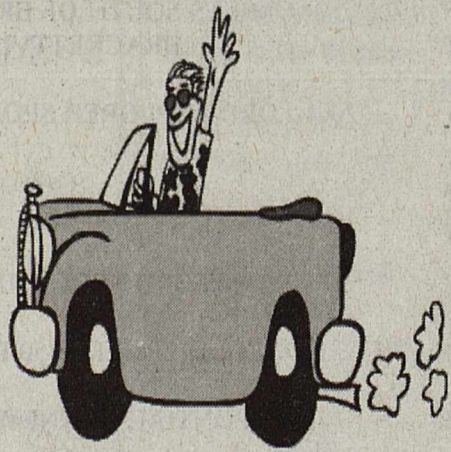
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Members are asked to come to the back door during this transitional period. Temporary parking signs have been installed directing traffic to the employee parking area off SH131.

For your own safety, we recommend not using the night deposit box during this time. However, if you must use the depository at the front entrance of the building, please do so before dark. There are no sidewalks or lights from the back parking area to the front.

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# Photos of the Week

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## Brackett played host to UIL; local students placed well



### UIL Competitors

Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko - BISD second through eighth graders participated in a UIL event hosted in Brackettville. Pictured front row from left: Xavier Herrera, Ayme Bruce, Karina Terrazas, Natalee Terrazas, Gracie Maddox, Zane Shamsher and Stetson Shuster. Second Row: Alexa Sols, Christina Janca, JT Rosas, Alyssa Villarreal, Gage Brown, Kaitlyn Lopez and Jeremiah Sandoval. Third Row: Tyler Schuster, Katie Tuck, Donovan Swilley, Emma Palmer, Hannah Baggett and Diego Luna.

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placed fourth. In the dictionary event Hannah Baggett placed fifth making her the only student from Brackett to place in this event. In the Listening event the sixth grade team placed second, Donovan Swilley placed third, making him the only Brackett student to place in this event. In the Mathematics event Alyssa Villarreal placed third and Donovan swilley placed fifth. In the Maps, Graphs and Charts event Elizabeth Rangel placed fifth and Diego Luna placed sixth. The sixth grade team placed second in the Art event, Emma Palmer was the only sixth grader from Brackett to place in this event placing fourth. In the Ready Writing event Gage Brown placed first, followed by Emma Palmer placing second and Hannah Baggett placing fourth. In the Oral Reading event Emma Palmer placed first. Emma was the only sixth grade student from Brackett to place in this event. In the Music Memory event the team placed first, individually Emma Palmer placed first, followed by Diego Luna placing second and Walt Ashley placing fourth. In the Social Studies event Hannah Baggett placed second, Hannah was the only sixth grader from Brackett to place in this event. In the Spelling event the Brackett team placed second, individually Donovan Swilley placed third and Emma Palmer placed sixth. The seventh grade students competed in twelve different events, in the Calculator event Blake Duncan placed third and Benny Brinker placed fourth. The Brackett team placed second in the Calculator event. In the Dictionary event the Brackett team placed first, individually Peyton Bonner placed second, followed by Cheyenne Pena placing third and Ariana Rodriguez placing sixth. In the Listening event the Brackett team placed first, individually Peyton Bonner placed first, Maddie Frerich placed first and Gabby Sandoval placed fourth. Peyton Bonner placed third in the Mathematics event. Peyton was the only seventh grader from Brackett to place in this event. In the Number Sense event the Brackett team placed second, individually Benny Brinker placed second and Peyton Bonner placed sixth. In the Science event the Brackett team placed second, individually Blake Duncan placed second and Rivers Maddox placed fourth. Morgan Brown placed first in the Editorial Writing and Cheyenne Pena placed fourth in the same event. In the Ready Writing event Peyton Bonner placed fourth and Ariana Rodriguez placed fifth. Joaquin Solis placed second in the Oral Reading event, Joaquin was the only seventh grade Brackett student to place in this event. In the Impromptu Speaking event Joaquin Solis placed third, making him the only student from Brackett to place in this event. In the Social Studies event the Brackett team placed second, individually Martin Guzman placed second, followed by Benny Brinker and Rivers Maddox placing sixth. In the Spelling event the Brackett team placed second, individually Cheyenne Pena placed fifth and Ariana Rodriguez placed sixth. The eighth grade team competed in fourteen different

events, in the Calculator event the Brackett team, placed second, individually Leslie Allen placed second and Rebecca Rangel placed sixth. In the Dictionary event the Brackett team, placed second, individually Ladia Rodriguez placed second, Leslie Allen placed fourth and Shannon Gammil placed sixth. In the Listening event Brackett team placed first, individually Heather Knox placed second, Shelby Schuster placed third and Rebecca Rangel placed fifth. In the Mathematics event Brackett team placed first, individually Leslie Allen placed first, Rebecca Rangel placed fifth, Shannon Gammil and Korlee Allen placed sixth. In the Number Sense the Brackett team placed first, individually Rebecca Rangel placed fourth and Shannon Gammil placed sixth. In the Science event the Brackett team placed second, individually Wyatt Blake placed third, Leslie Allen placed fourth and Rebecca

Rangel placed sixth. In the Editorial Writing the Brackett Team placed first, individually Korlee Allen placed fourth and Nadia Rodriguez placed sixth. In the Ready Writing event Leslie Allen placed first, Shelby Schuster placed third and Shannon Gammil placed fourth. In the Oral Reading Heather Knox placed second, Leslie Allen placed third and Shelby Schuster placed fourth. In the Impromptu Speaking Shelby Schuster placed third and Leslie Allen placed fourth. In the Social Studies Heather Knox placed first, Shelby Schuster placed third and Clay Flores placed fourth. In the Spelling event the Brackett team placed first individually Heather Knox placed first, Nadia Rodriguez placed second and Shelby Schuster placed sixth. In the Modern Oratory the Brackett team placed first, individually Heather Knox placed first and in the Maps Graphs and Charts Nadia Rodriguez placed first.

## The argument that never was

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Edwards reported to FCS Security that he was in front of the Pro Shop with his friends and there was no one else in the parking lot or near the location. He said they were, "just visiting and talking about old times...not harassing anyone." Both the Kinney County Deputy and the representatives of Fort Clark Security filed follow-up reports regarding the matter and neither found cause for the 911 call.

The Kinney County deputy that arrived on the scene within minutes of the 911 call stated there was no fight and found, "some subjects standing outside the pro shop drinking and talking with one another."

The report filed by FCS Security Director Matt Bland stated Dorris said the subjects in question threatened, to "kill him," and the men ran off his customers from Del Rio. Dorris' brother Mike stated in a later interview with Bland, the same customers were FCS motel guests, while Dorris' son Jacob said they were from Houston.

The FCS security report concluded, "When Mr. Jack Dorris called the Sheriff Department, he reported that he thought there were some people at the Pro Shop that were intoxicated and arguing. In the email Mr. Jack Dorris sent the General Manager he states that the individuals were just sitting and drinking beer in front of the Pro Shop and accused them of cussing, harassing customers and chasing customers in their cars off by screaming at them. If this was truly the case, then why didn't he report that to the Sheriff's Department as well? There is no evidence at the time that can substantiate any of Mr. Jack Dorris' complaint. There are no witnesses to the actions of the individuals listed in Mr. Jack Dorris' complaint, other than himself and his family.

members. Mr. Jack Dorris' and Mike Dorris' claim that Mr. John Ford was present at the time of this incident. Mr. John Ford was not present or even at the Pro Shop when this incident occurred. Neither the Administration Office, Security or the Pro Shop staff have ever received any complaints of any individuals at any time cussing, harassing or chasing customers off from the Pro Shop or the

Creekside Restaurant. The Security Department has found no evidence to substantiate any action to be taken involving this incident based on the above findings."

When asked why they believe Dorris would call the county's emergency response number and make the claims he did, a representative of the Fort shook their head and said, "It's election time."

### Come to the Frontier

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### AEIS Public Hearing Scheduled Monday, December 14, 2009 6:30 p.m., Intermediate DL Room

The Brackett ISD will hold a public hearing to explain the Academic Excellence Indicator System of Texas (AEIS). The AEIS report is generated annually for the District by the State to offer comparison of local performance to state averages in the areas of TAKS, SDAA II scores and student attendance.

The meeting will be conducted in a public hearing format. Members of the district's administrative team will present AEIS information and test results from the state. All patrons of the Brackett ISD are invited to attend this hearing, and encouraged to ask questions.

Board of Trustees monthly meeting to follow close of hearing.

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### First United Methodist Church

109 James Street, next to the clinic

Sunday School 9:30 \* Worship 10:45

Staffed Nursery Every Sunday

Hear the Bible, Feel the Spirit,

Find a Welcome!

830-563-2823

open hearts, open minds, open doors

### St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

"Welcomes You"

Corner of Fort and Henderson

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 PM

(October-April)

### Welcome! Church of Christ

808 N. Ann 563-2616

Sunday AM, 9:30 Classes

& 10:30 Worship

Sunday Evening Service, 6:30 pm

Wednesday PM 6:30 Classes

Minister: Ray Melton

### PUBLIC AUCTION ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES BY KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ABANDONED MOTORVEHICLES

DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2009

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: KINNEY COUNTY DETENTION CENTER  
2.5 MILES SOUTH OF BRACKETTVILLE ON HWY. 131  
BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS 78832

- 2001 FORD EXPLORER SPORT TRAC - VIN # 1FMZU77E01UB47432 (FORF.)
- 1996 TOYOTA COROLLA - VIN # 1NXBA02E0TZ486087 (FORF.)
- 2002 FORD TRUCK FX4 - VIN # 1FTRW08L02KE31773
- 2004 FORD TRUCK F250 DIESEL - VIN # 1FTNW21P34ED71030
- 1997 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE - VIN # 1G2HX52K1VH277523
- 1998 CHEVROLET TAHOE - VIN # 1GNEK13R9WJ357638
- 1991 FORD F150 - VIN# 1FTDF15Y4MLA82761
- 1998 BUICK LESABRE - VIN # 1G4HP52K7WH517540
- 1996 SATURN 4 DOOR - VIN # 1G8ZK5271TZ378881
- 1996 FORD RANGER - VIN # 1FTDR15XXTPA43887 (NOT ON PREMISES)
- 1997 CHEV. TRUCK - VIN# 1GCEC19R3VE213376
- 1999 FORD EXPLORER - VIN# 1FMYU22E5XUA75657
- 1996 FORD EXPLORER (2 DOOR) - VIN# 1FMCU24X0TUC43465

TERMS OF SALE:

CASH / CASHIER'S CHECK / MONEY ORDER

VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AS IS WITH NO GUARANTEES OF ANY KIND.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  
KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
(830) 563-2788

SIGNED THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009

L.K. BURGESS, SHERIFF  
KINNEY COUNTY  
BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS







## WASTE and ACCOUNTABILITY

The Mission in the new rules of Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD) states, unequivocally, the **District is to "prevent waste."**

"Waste" is not defined in the Rules of KCGCD. However, Rule 4.01 A) states - "no person shall intentionally or negligently commit waste."

It has been almost 8 years since the District was created on January 12, 2002. During this time, there has been an annual recharge of the groundwater in Kinney County. The lowest estimates of that recharge exceed 60,000 acre feet per annum. The higher estimates exceed 150,000 acre feet. During that same period of time, less than 5,000 acre-feet annually has been pumped and used for a beneficial purpose. The remainder has left Kinney County and been replaced by the new annual recharge. No matter how you want to look at it, **that is WASTE.**

Groundwater is, potentially, a very important financial resource available to Kinney County, that KCGCD is preventing from being put to a beneficial use providing significant monetary benefit to the County.

Assume, for a moment, the annual recharge is the most conservative 60,000 acre-feet per annum. Subtract the average annual Los Moras spring flow of 18,000 acre feet. The remainder is groundwater that is being "**wasted**" by the KCGCD by their refusal to issue permits for the production of that groundwater for a beneficial use. Suppose only the 22,510 acre-feet permit, applied for by Grass Valley Water, had been issued which would allow the beneficial usage of that water instead of it being wasted. **That permit alone**, which would be totally protective of spring flow, would be providing more than **\$500,000 ANNUALLY** to Kinney County from pumping permit fees and export transport fees. Thus far, the recalcitrant nature of the KCGCD Board, in refusing to issue the permits, has cost Kinney County several million dollars.

This money could be used to supply Kinney County residents, businesses, schools and other governmental offices water saving appliances and fixtures, repair and upgrade the Brackettville municipal water district infrastructure, fix the golf course leaking water pipes or inefficient irrigation systems, and offset fees and taxes paid to the District. There could also be money available for brush clearing to improve recharge and rangeland.

But it is far worse than that – Since January 1, 2002 the taxpayers of Kinney County have been required to pay more than \$700,000 in taxes and farmers and ranchers have had to pay more than \$500,000 in permit fees. To date more than \$1,000,000 has been spent to support the District's defense of lawsuits brought by groundwater owners demanding their groundwater rights. Even today, hundreds of thousands of dollars remain unpaid. **NOTE: The District currently has more active, valid lawsuits than at any other time in their history and more lawsuits are on the way. TAXPAYERS ARE GOING TO PAY THOSE LEGAL BILLS UNLESS THE DISTRICT ISSUES SOME PERMITS!!!**

When will the taxpayers of Kinney County finally recognize the true cost of the KCGCD and demand some accountability?