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BRACKETT BRIEFS

KICKAPOO STATE CAVERN PARK

Effective September 1, 2011, Kickapoo Cavern State Park will implement a reduction in public operations as directed. The park will be open to public from 8:00 am on Thursday, until 5:00 pm on Monday. The park will be closed to the public on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Once the park is vacated, the front gate will be secured at 5:00 pm on Monday and will reopen at 8:00 am on Thursday. All visitor services, camping, and recreational opportunities will be available during the days the park is open to the public.

REPUBLICAN PARTY GATHERING

Saturday July 23 2:00 pm, This Saturday at Dickman Hall on Ft. Clark we will meet together for a meal, and a time of talking about the upcoming elections in 2012. We are in need of folks to take positions as election workers and election judges. We also are in need of Precinct Chairpersons. Training will be available for these positions if needed. John Quigley, County Chair, 830.563.9396

BENEFIT TRAIL RIDE

For Maria Martinez (Mother of Gloria Narvaez) for medical expenses July 23, 2011, starting 8 miles out on Hwy 334 at 8 am and ending at 508 Gove St. (Eustacio Narvaez Res.) Raffle items and \$5 BBQ plate sale. Loteria after trail ride 2-4 pm 2 cards for \$10 Contact Fermin Villanueva for more info 830.563.5513

LIBRARY NEWS:

Friend your Kinney County Library: Have you joined your local Friends of the Library? Library lovers everywhere are invited and encouraged to join their local Friends of the Library group. These dedicated volunteers advocate for libraries, raise much needed funds, sponsor programs and special events, and host popular used book sales. If you haven't joined your Friends, contact Kinney County Library or join us on July 21 at 11:30 am at the library for a luncheon and organizational meeting.

Check out the New ARRIVALS:

• Smokin' Seventeen-Janet Evanovich • Silent Mercy-Linda Fairstein • Mobbed-Carol Higgins • Eve-Iris Johansen • Six Kill-Robert Parker • 10th Anniversary-James Patterson • Buried Prey-John Sandford • Save Me-Lisa Scottoline. These books may also be requested and reserved online - www.brackettville.us/kcpl/ or by email - kclibrary4772@sbcglobal.net

BASIC COMPUTER TRAINING:

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LET'S COOK - The perfect opportunity to sharpen life skills and stir up creativity while creating healthy recipes themselves! Thursday July 21st, 4 - 6 pm, Nutrition Center, 10\$ per girl

SPLAT - Get your paintbrush,

paint and paper ready; your going to create your very own masterpiece! Saturday July 30th, 10 am - 12 pm, Nutrition Center, \$10 per girl.

KINNEY COUNTY POOL HOURS

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KCSO helps locate lost man; Cell phone signal provides location

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

Kinney County Sheriff's Deputy Manuel Pena, Sr. helped locate a lost man on July 17.

A 911 call received by the

Kinney County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) Sunday morning at 5:09 a.m. was a request from an undocumented immigrant stating he crossed over into the United States from Ciudad Acuna, Mexico and was lost on a ranch.

The man did not know the name of the ranch and would not give his name, but did state he would call back.

Deputy Pena was notified of the situation and requested the information the 911 system provided.

The dispatcher was able to obtain the street address where the lost man's cell phone last signaled. The address came up as 17405 Highway 90 West and Deputy Pena knew the address was over the Kinney County Line

and contacted the US Border Patrol.

Pena reported the border patrol agents found the man sitting on some large road equipment in Val Verde County where he was taken into federal custody.

Burning truck stops at PICO gas station



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Jenkins - A driver for Brundage-Bone, of San Antonio, came to an unexpected stop in front of PICO Gas Station on Highway 90 in Brackettville on July 20, when an inside tire on his concrete boom truck caught fire. The driver said he was on his way to the new bridge project in Del Rio when control sensors alerted him to the danger. The driver said he tried to make it past the gas station, but was unable to do so. The driver and a gas station employee worked to extinguish the fire until the Kinney County Volunteer Fire Department arrived on scene. Employees inside the gas station said they were, "a little worried". Pictured from left volunteer firemen Chris Seargeant, Phillip Garcia and Volunteer Fire Chief Tim Ward. Visit www.mybrackettnews.com to see all the photos taken of the truck fire.

Fort Clark to open bar; Dickman Hall restaurant

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

The Fort Clark Springs Association Board of Directors voted to look into making repairs and improvements necessary to re-open Dickman Hall at a Regular Meeting on July 16.

Directors discussed installing new flooring and painting the first floor of the retired cavalry base headquarter's building and have the restaurant and bar opened by September 2, according to information provided by Fort Clark administrators. The Fort still maintains a TABC (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission) license for the lounge, even though bar, better known as the Las Moras Lounge, has been closed for approximately ten years.

Directors also discussed researching

the feasibility and member interest in the building of a mini-storage facility at the old RV park located at Dawn and Crockett roads.

The board cancelled its agreement with the Old Quarry Society, a for breach of contract. At press time information regarding this matter was still pending. A detailed article will be featured in an upcoming edition of this publication.

Adding additional RV lots in Unit 38 was tabled.

Fort Clark Administration confirmed on Wednesday morning the City of Brackettville was three months behind in its payment to the Fort for trash disposal.

Director of Operations Ron Stuard would not disclose the amount, but did say payment arrangements with the City had already been worked out.

Commissioners approve beer sales at September concert

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

Kinney County Commissioners approved a request by William Wolfe of the Wildlife Ranch to host a concert at the Kinney County Civic Center and sell beer at an event scheduled for September at a Regular meeting on July 18. The Wildlife Ranch wants to promote the concert and rodeo productions they regularly host at their La Pryor facility. Wildlife Ranch plans to host similar events in Uvalde and Del Rio, according to information provided at the meeting. The vote was unanimous pending a legal review and the opinion of Kinney County Sheriff LK Buddy Burgess.

Kinney County Deputy-Compliance

Officer Cordilia Mendeke assigned to the Kinney County Detention Center reported the prisoner count as of Friday, July 15, was 320. Mendeke reported she now had access to the phone and camera systems at the center and it will be helpful in the commission of her duties. Mendeke also discussed recent and soon to be completed repairs to facility to include a dishwasher in the kitchen and additional barbed wire needed to ensure the facility's secure during an emergency situation.

Kinney County Judge Tim Ward and commissioner Woody Massingill, Joe Montalvo and Pat Melancon were in attendance. Dennis Dodson was absent.

Brown bends poles; becomes national champ

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

Q and A with Rodeo Champ Morgan Brown:

Q: Whats your name? Age? Grade in school?

A: My name is Morgan Brown. I am 14 and I will be in the ninth grade at Brackett High this fall.

Q: Who are your parents?

A: My parents are Clinton and Dee Dee Brown.

Q: Who are your Maternal Grandparents?

A: Gail and Caven Woodward of Junction, Texas

Q: Who are your Paternal Grandparents?

A: Jama and Russell Brown of Uvalde, Texas

Q: What is the official name of the competition you participated in?

A: National High School Rodeo Association Junior High Division.

Q: What did you win?

A: I am the National High School Rodeo Association Junior High Division Pole Bending Champion and I won \$1,000 in cash, a \$1,000 scholarship and a saddle.

Q: What is Pole Bending?

A: Pole bending is a timed event that consists of running a weaving pattern around six poles arranged in a line. You start from the alley, run full speed to the end pole, turn it,

then weave through the six poles, turn again, weave through once more, turn and then head in a straight line the timer.

Q: What are the awards you have won at this competition in the past?

A: 2009 4th Place National Champion Pole Bender and 2010 Reserve Champion National Pole Bender

Q: What are some of the other awards you have won leading up to nationals?

A: • Region 6 Pole Bending and Barrel Racing Champion • Reserve Champion Texas Pole Bender

Q: When did you start to rodeo?

A: I was five years old and my first rodeo was in Quemado.

Q: How old were you when you won your first buckle or Saddle?

A: I won my first buckle when I was six at the Uvalde Rodeo Series in the Goat Hair Pulling. I won my first saddle when I was nine at the Uvalde Open Rodeo.

Q: How many buckles and saddles have you won?

A: I have over 50 buckles and 15 saddles.

Q: When did you realize this was something you liked to do?

A: Since I was a baby I enjoyed just being around horses! I rode before I could walk!

Q: When did you realize that you were pretty good at this?

A: When I started junior high rodeos it was my first time to go anywhere that far from home,

but I ended up winning four saddles in my region.

Q&A with Mom and Dad:

Q: What is it that you think puts Morgan over the top?

A: Morgan is very dedicated with her practice. She has been riding since she was 3 years old, helping round up on the ranch. She has always had a natural connection with horses. She has a calm, relaxed and patient demeanor in the practice pen, but at the rodeo she is very competitive and mentally tough.

Q: What is it that keeps you on the road with her weekend after weekend?

A: We really enjoy the time we spend together as a family. We have met wonderful friends through rodeo travels. But it does take sacrifice, both Morgan and her sister Gage know that as parents we do not believe in "halfway" doing anything. If they expect us to haul them, they realize that they must take practice seriously and take good care of their horses.

Q: When did you know you might have a young champion on your hands?

A: I think we knew she would be successful when we saw how she could adapt from horse to horse and make each one a better animal by how she rode them.

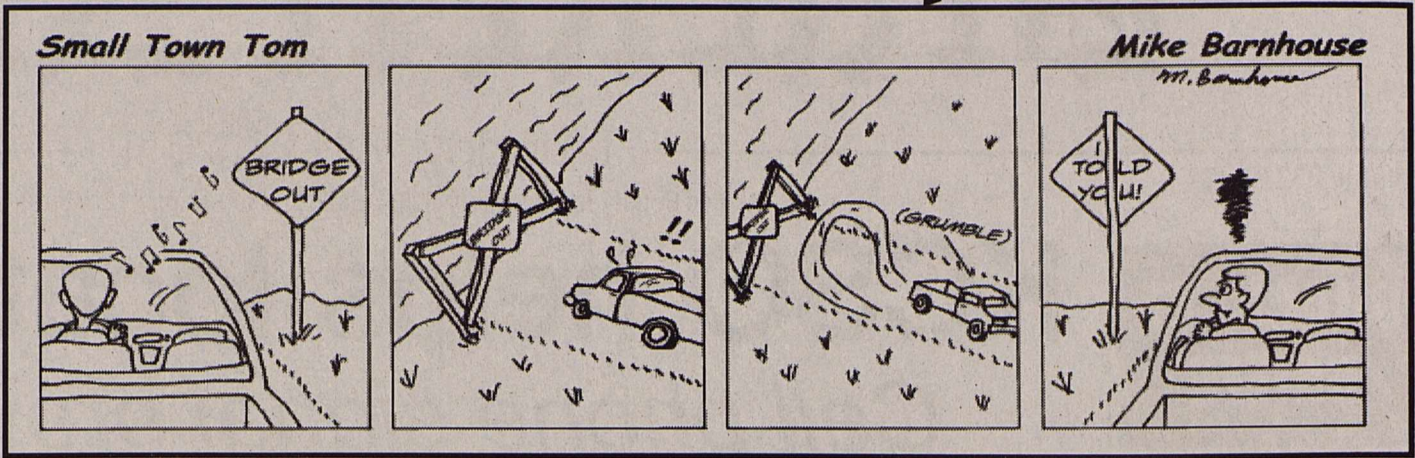


Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - Morgan Brown

PLOG: Paper Log by Leigh Jenkins

We want rain. We need rain, but a good soaking rain seems to keep passing us up. So do we dance? Do we pray? Do we pray and dance? We did get a little rain and enough wind to blow my trash cans down the street on Tuesday.

We received the following reports of rain on our facebook.com page: ●RS REPORTED: 1 1/2" out at the ranch! ●BAS REPORTED: 0.3 inch, Located 1 mile west of Brackett, just enough to settle the dust for a day and wash off the leaves so they look green, instead of white ●FC REPORTED: 2 inches at Spanish Gourd Ranch 18 miles north of Brackett according to my foreman ●DP REPORTED: Nada in Del Rio!! ●MJ REPORTED: 7/10" on 2804 ●SL REPORTED: 1.2" on our little place. Everyone, just remember to give thanks. We pray for rain, but we often forget to thank the one who sent it ●AE REPORTED: Quemado got 0" - cooled it off yesterday afternoon



Time to RE-examine your retirement plans?



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

As a nation, we appear to be getting nervous about retirement. We aren't sure if we'll have enough money, and we don't know if we'll be able to retire when we had originally planned. That's why you may want to review your financial strategy both before and during retirement.

Before we look at some actions you might take, let's get a sense of how concerned many Americans are about their future:

•Less confidence — The percentage of workers who are "not at all confident" about having enough money for a comfortable retirement is now at

27%, according to the 2011 Retirement Confidence Survey, sponsored by the Employee Benefit Research Institute. This figure is the highest level measured in the 21 years of the Retirement Confidence Survey.

•Later projected retirement age — Back in 1995, over half of those surveyed in a Gallup Poll said they expected to retire when they were under age 65, while about 15% thought they would retire after age 65. But in 2010, the same Gallup Poll showed that just 29% of survey respondents expected to retire before they reached 65, while 34% planned to work beyond 65.

This lowered confidence and the expectation of having to work past 65 are due in part to the Great Recession and the housing market collapse, which combined to reduce the savings of many future retirees. You can't control these types of factors, but you can do a lot to boost your prospects for a comfortable

retirement — both before and after you retire.

Before You Retire:
•Estimate your expenses. Try to estimate about how much money you'll need each year of your retirement.

•Contribute to your retirement plans. Put as much as you can afford into your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 403(b) or 457(b) plan. Each time you get a raise, boost your annual contribution to your retirement plan. Also, try to fully fund your traditional or Roth Individual Retirement Account (IRA) each year.

After You Retire:

•Evaluate your employment prospects. You may have retired from one career, but that doesn't mean you can't work part time, do some consulting or even open your own business. If you think you'd enjoy doing some type of work, the added income can obviously be quite helpful at this stage of your life.

•Decide when to take Social Security. You can start taking Social Security at any time from 62 to '70, but the longer you wait, the bigger your monthly payments. Your decision on when to take Social Security should be based on the amount of income you can expect from a pension or your investment portfolio, plus any income you might receive from employment.

•Determine your withdrawal rate. You'll need to calculate how much you can safely withdraw from your various retirement accounts each year. Your withdrawal rate will depend on several factors, including your lifestyle, your estimated longevity, your other sources of income and the level of inflation. You may need to adjust your withdrawal rate periodically.

These aren't the only factors involved in preparing for, and living in, retirement, but they should give you a good idea of what you need to do to enjoy the lifestyle you've envisioned.

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Stop the Merry-Go-Round of Stress!



Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Slow down you move too fast. We are all in such a hurry these days that we don't take time to stop and smell the roses. We hear ourselves say "I don't have time" yet we waste more time searching for things. If we could recoup those hours we spend each day looking for keys, shoes, socks and purses; then we would relieve most of the stress in our lives.

From the time we get up in the morning till our heads collapse on our pillows; our bodies are in a constant state of chaos. We keep doing the same things and we can't see a way out of our stressed filled merry-go-round. Most of the time, we don't even feel the stress because our bodies have become immune to the adrenaline.

Eventually it is our bodies the fall victim to the over-flow of adrenaline. Our immune systems go haywire. We no longer can fight off colds and our heads hurt; then we find that our muscles and joints hurt. What can we do to stop our bodies from rebelling.

Most of us have two speeds: Ninety miles per hour or dead stop. We feel invincible when we are at full throttle. We even pride ourselves at being so good at multi-tasking! The truth is that we only think we are good at doing more than one thing at a time. The reality is most things

are half done and really never finished. I have a set of simple little rules that will help you get off of this horrendous carnival ride.

FlyLady's 11 Commandments

1. Keep your sink clean and shiny!
2. Do your Before Bedtime Routine EVERY NIGHT
3. Do your Morning routine EVERY DAY, RIGHT WHEN YOU GET UP.
4. Don't allow yourself to be sidetracked by the computer
5. Pick up after yourself. IF YOU GET IT OUT, PUT IT AWAY WHEN FINISHED
6. Don't try to do two projects at once. ONE JOB AT A TIME.
7. Do something for yourself every day, maybe even every morning and night.
8. Work as fast as you can to get one job done. This will give you more time to play later
9. Smile even when you don't feel like it. It is contagious.
10. Make your mind up to be happy and you will be.
11. Pamper yourself, you deserve it.

These few simple rules will help you get rid of the stress that you feel. Post them on your refrigerator where you will see them. You deserve to have a little peace in your life. Peace begins with you!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her website or her book, Sink Reflections published by Random House and her New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter published by Simon and Schuster. Copyright 2011 Marla Cilley used by permission in this publication.

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Tips to turn your child into a better reader

Submitted by StatePoint
Reading is the most important skill that children need to master to be successful in school and life. However, kids increasingly are struggling with this most basic of academic abilities. The United States currently has one of the lowest literacy rates in the developed world. According to the National Report Card, the country is experiencing a literacy crisis, with 68 percent of fourth graders and 69 percent of eighth graders testing below grade level in reading.

When children have difficulty reading, they quickly can fall behind their peers. Luckily, there are ways to improve almost any child's reading proficiency.

"Telling children to try harder is not the key to developing better readers. Rather, students need to be taught the building blocks of words: phonograms and spelling rules," says Denise Eide, a teacher and author of the new book, "Uncovering the Logic of English."

There are many things parents can do to help:

- Explain writing is code. Many students guess wildly while reading because they have never realized words are made of individual sounds blended together. Show them how letters and groups of letters represent sounds. Then practice blending the sounds to form words.
- Teach all the sounds. Many letters say more than one sound. For example, the letter "S" sounds different in the word "sad" than the word "is." Many students misread simple words, because they don't know all the sounds.
- Make it fun. Learning the basics doesn't need to be boring. Engage young children through play. Practice the phonograms with games, large motor activities and art projects.
- Cover pictures. Many young students struggle with the left to right eye movement of reading. Allow students to look at the pictures then cover them with a blank sheet of paper while reading. Covering pictures makes it easier to focus on text.
- Teach all nine 'Silent E' rules. Many students know only one reason for a silent final "E"

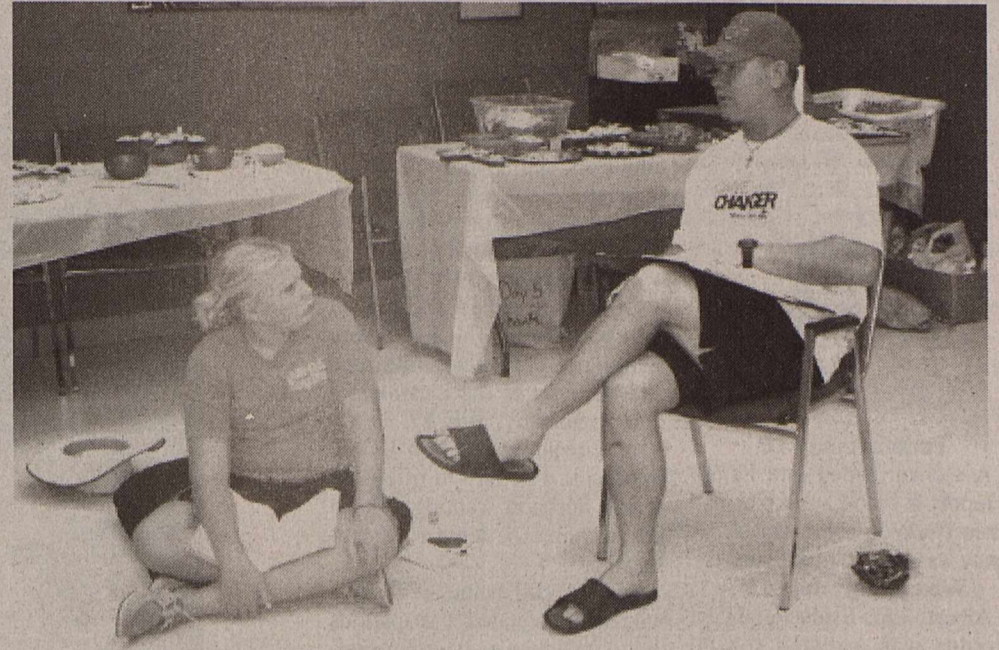
-- the vowel says its name because of the "E." This explains words like "game" and "ripe," but leaves many kids struggling to read "have" and "give." Learning the nine reasons, including that English words do not end in "V," prevents students from needing to memorize thousands of exceptions.

• Find answers. Too often we answer questions about reading with "that is an exception." This frustrates many bright students and discourages them from reading. Rather than dismissing words as exceptions, look for answers and explanations. English is more logical than most Americans think.

Answers to questions about English reading and spelling can be found in "Uncovering the Logic of English" and by visiting www.logicofenglish.com.

"Many students complain English spelling appears inconsistent, especially highly logical children who may grow up to be scientists or mathematicians," says Eide. "By teaching students how English works you will improve their reading abilities and encourage them to read!"

Youth attend Baptist VBS




Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Jenkins - Ricky Creel, at left, leads the Bible study for the youth attending the First Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School this week. Tyler Shuster, at right, listens. Visit mybrackettnews.com to see all the pictures taken at VBS.

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Patrick Ortiz

Position: 1st Base and Pitcher
Parents: Jaime and Ida Ortiz
Favorite MLB Team: Boston Red Sox

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LITTLE LEAGUE 9&10 ALL-STARS



Javier Deleon

Position: Pitcher and 2nd Base
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Cost: \$30.00 (includes t-shirt)

Participants will learn:

- Correct passing, setting, and spiking form.
- Offensive and Defensive Strategies
- How to Have Fun Playing the Game of Volleyball!!!

Camp Instructors:

- Tigerette Volleyball Coaches
- Former Tigerette Volleyball Players

Campers should bring to camp:

- Water bottle
- Sack Lunch

Please return entry form and fee to the address below or bring on the first day of camp.

Lindsey Kunz
PO Box 958
Brackettville, Texas 78832.

If you have any questions or need additional forms, please call Coach Kunz at 830-563-5003.

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ T-Shirt Size _____
Grade (2011-2012 school year) _____
Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

In participating in Tigerette Volleyball Camp, we do not hold the coaches or Brackett ISD responsible for any injury or illness that may occur during the duration of the camp. We do understand that in the event of an emergency, we will be contacted at the numbers listed above.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

5th Annual Back to School Health & Social Services Fair*

The Health and Human Services Commission's Colonia Initiative Partners are planning a **FREE** Back to School Health & Social Services Fair to benefit children and families of Brackettville and Kinney County. Representatives from Health and Human Service Agencies, Non Profit Organizations, Brackettville ISD, Medical Professionals, Faith Based Organizations and local community organizations will be providing, information handouts, and other healthy and fun activities.

FREE school supplies to all children attending the fair, (while supplies last).

What: 5th Annual Back to School Health & Social Services Fair
When: August 16, 2011
Where: Brackettville Gym
Time: 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

For more information contact:
Héctor Mario Guerra 774-3661/703-7703

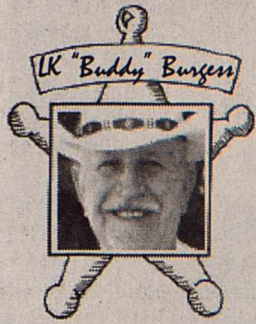
Quinta Feria de la Salud Escolar Y Servicios Sociales

Los socios de la Comisión de Salud y Servicios Humanos del Estado están organizando una feria de la salud escolar totalmente **GRATIS** para el beneficio de los niños y familias de Brackettville y el condado de Kinney. Representantes de las Agencias de servicios humanos y de salud, Profesionistas de Medicina, El Distrito escolar de Brackettville y organizaciones locales de la comunidad proporcionarán, distribuirán información sobre la buena salud y otras actividades sanas. Útiles escolares también serán proporcionados **GRATIS** a todos los niños que atienden la feria. (hasta que se agoten).

Que: Segunda Feria de la Salud Escolar Y Servicios Sociales
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Para mas información llamen a:
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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Tuesday, July 12

A woman called into KCSO to report a black suburban had gotten stuck on some asphalt. A deputy was notified of the situation.

Wednesday, July 13

Alberto Luis Espinoza, 28, of Laredo, was arrested for no driver's license, speeding, no valid inspection and failure to register a vehicle. Espinoza was released the same day after posting a \$445 and a \$535 bonds.

Thursday, July 14

A woman called into KCSO in reference to dead deer on her property, the Game Warden was notified of the incident and en route to the location.

Friday, July 15

A 911 call came in from a woman in reference to hearing suspicious noises coming from

the road construction site near the school. She reported that she could not see anyone but could hear them making noises. A deputy was informed and en route to the location.

Saturday, July 16

A woman called into KCSO to report she and husband were fighting. A deputy was informed and en route to the location.

Sunday, July 17

A woman called into KCSO to request a deputy in reference to her husband wanting to take her vehicle. A deputy was informed.

A 911 call came in from a woman who stated a suspicious white vehicle was near her residence, she stated that the vehicle would drive up and then reverse. A deputy was notified and was en route to the location.

A call came into KCSO from an illegal alien who claimed to be lost, he informed dispatch that he crossed from Ciudad Acuna and was on a ranch but didn't know which one. The man would not give his name and stated that he would call back. A deputy was informed and Border Patrol agents were notified.

Las Moras Creek getting a little low



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Jenkins - This photo was taken at the bridge on Scales Road at Fort Clark Springs on Tuesday, July 19. With reportedly less than six rain events in the last year, the Las Moras Creek is getting very low.

Internet in public places

Submitted by Statepoint

Americans love going online. In fact, a recent study by the Pew Internet and American Life Project and the Wi-Fi Alliance found that half of all adults go online with a laptop using a Wi-Fi connection while 40 percent use the Internet on mobile phones.

Going online in public is convenient. Public Wi-Fi networks let us check e-mail, update social media profiles, and shop almost anywhere. But should we? How safe is the personal information we send over public networks?

"Most people don't realize that Wi-Fi signals are just radio waves, and anyone can 'listen' to what you're sending just as easily as tuning a radio to the right station," says Kent Lawson, Founder and CEO of Private Communications Corporation, a new online security technology company.

That's because the majority of Wi-Fi hotspots in airports, planes, coffee houses and other public places aren't encrypted. That makes them havens for data thieves who've walked off with millions of Wi-Fi users' credit card and Social Security numbers.

There are some steps you can take to keep your information safe, says Lawson.

If you're using public computers, such as those at the library, don't save anything on them. Make sure to close the browser and clear the cache when you're done. In addition, limit your activities, because someone might have installed "key stroke tracking" software, which can watch everything you

do, and capture your log-in information.

If you're using your own computer with public Wi-Fi access, be even more careful. For example, be cautious about what you put in email messages. Credit card and social security numbers and home addresses should be avoided. Never bank or shop, unless the site is secure -- the web addresses should start with "https" not "http." And turn off file sharing to prevent someone from gaining access to your hard drive.

Or, for better peace of mind, you can install software that encrypts all data going into and out of your computer, such as PCC's Private WiFi. This makes you invisible to hackers on any public network, anywhere in the world. While antivirus protects you from viruses and firewalls prevents unauthorized access to your information while you communicate, Private WiFi encrypts all the information you send. All three work in tandem to keep you safe.

If you use your mobile phone to access the Internet, make sure you password protect it and install security software. You can also enroll in a back-up/wiping program, which backs-up your information and also can delete it if your phone is lost or stolen. These services are available from your phone's manufacturer or your wireless provider. For more tips to keep your information safe over public Wi-Fi networks, visit www.privatewifi.com or www.private-i.com.

In this digital age, our lives are increasingly lived online, so be sure to incorporate the right protections.

Smith makes Deans List

Submitted by Angelo State University

The Dean's List for the 2011 Spring Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas and Natasha Smith, of Brackettville

was honored.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.23 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Smith graduated Angelo State University in May of this year.

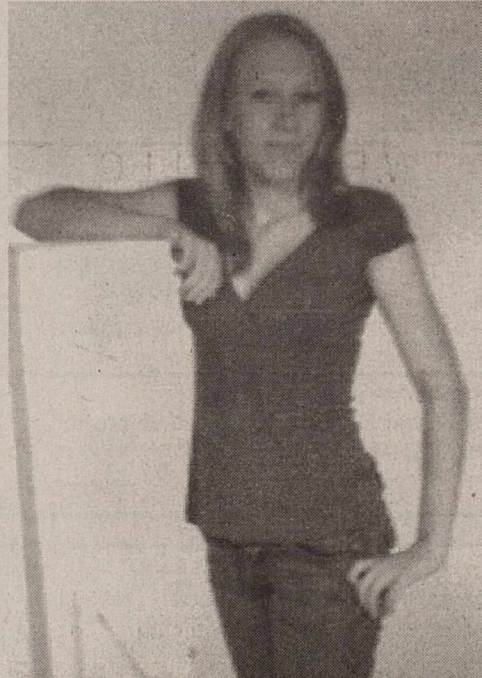


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Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Jenkins - City of Brackettville water works employees work to repair a leak on July 20, on Ann Street in front of the First Baptist Church.

It's a Girl!

Noe and Hope Talamantes, of Brackettville, announce the birth of their daughter, Mia Amor Talamantes.

Baby Mia Amor was born at 12:06 in the afternoon on July 9, 2011 in Del Rio, Texas.

Mia weighed 7 pounds, 1 oz and measured 19½ inches in length.

This precious gift was welcomed into the world by Big Sister, Abcede Justice; Maternal grandparents Josie and Bobby Cortez; and Paternal grandparents, Abel and Mari Talamantes, all of Brackettville.



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - Mia Amor Talamantes born July 9th.

Range management workshop

Submitted by Kinney County AgriLife Extension Office

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Kinney County will conduct a range management workshop from 5:30-8:30 p.m. July 27 at the Civic Center in Brackettville located at 200 E. Spring Street.

"This workshop will be all about understanding various range carrying capacities for livestock and how to properly stock them," said Tyler Bobinmyer, AgriLife Extension agent in Kinney County. "Knowing what forages are out there and how long they will last under our current dry conditions becomes more and more important as ranges continue to dwindle and feed prices skyrocket."

Scheduled workshop speakers are Uvalde-based Drs. Rick

Machen, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, and Bob Lyons, AgriLife Extension range specialist. A representative will also be available from AgriInsurance to provide information on rain insurance.

Two general Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available for pesticide applicator license holders.

Individual registration is \$10 payable at the door, and AgriInsurance is sponsoring the evening meal.

For more information and to

RSVP, call the AgriLife Extension office in Kinney County at 830-563-2442.

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