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## BRACKETT BRIEFS

**BHS FOOTBALL**  
Brackett vs. Harper that was on 8/13/11 has been changed to 8/12/11 in Harper at 5:30.

**FCA POPSICLES**  
On August 9<sup>th</sup>, the BHS Tigerette Volleyball teams will be playing a duel match against Harper and Del Rio. The games begin at 1 p.m. After the games, at approximately 5 p.m., the BHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be serving popsicles. Please come out and support both the Volleyball and FCA students.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**  
BISD will hold a free orientation for anyone interested in substitute teaching, August 19, 2011, 9:00 a.m., in the Administration Central Office building, 201 Ann Street. Requirements: H.S. diploma or G.E.D. and love of kids. Information on state fingerprinting requirements will be given at the workshop. Download an application from our website at [www.brackettisd.net](http://www.brackettisd.net) and bring to the Admin. Central Office as soon as possible before the orientation. For additional information contact Susan Esparza, 563-2491, ext. 100. A workshop for all returning substitutes will be held August 19, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., in the same location.

**SCHOOL BOARD MTG**  
The BISD Board of Trustees will hold its regular meeting on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, in the Admin. Central Office Boardroom, 201 Ann Street, at 6:30 PM. Topics of interest include: District's Fourth Quarter Investment Report District's 2010-2011 Annual Investment Report Local Board Policy FNCE: Student Conduct/ Telecommunications Devices Athletic Handbook Cheerleading Constitution

**SCHOOL ZONE**  
TXDOT will be setting the warning lights on Ann Street to start August 22.  
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**One way traffic** around the school, 7:00 - 9:00 AM, and 2:00 - 4:00 PM  
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**LIBRARY NEWS**  
College assistance Program SWTJC will be at the library Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am., to assist students interested in attending the Fall semester. For more information, contact the Kinney County Public Library at 830.563.2884 or Gladue Tafolla at 830.591.4175.

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8/8- Beef Stroganoff Rice Pinto Beans Wheat Bread Mandarin Oranges Milk  
8/9- Lime Honey Baked Chicken Tossed Salad Corn Bread Dirt Pudding Milk  
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**BRACKETT NEWS WEEKLY**

## Train Troubles: Motor fire last week, Derailment this week

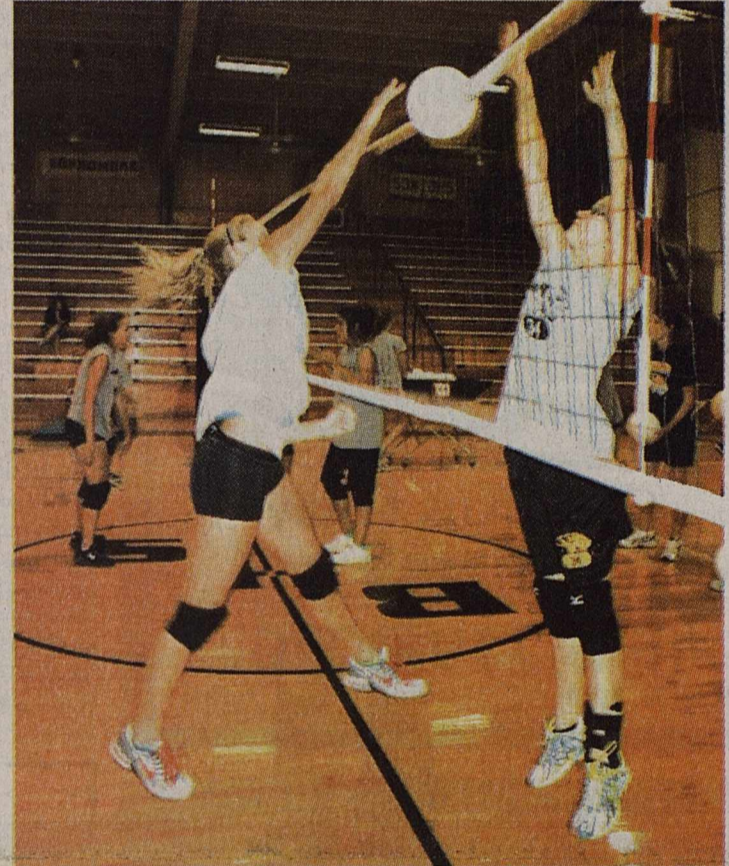
By Leigh Jenkins  
Contributing Writer

Last night a train derailed south of Brackettville. Kinney County Sheriff's Deputy Manuel Pena, Sr. reported an axle had broken away and caused the train to derail. Pena reported early this morning that Union Pacific were planning to repair the damaged box car on the tracks and take it to Spofford where it would be decommissioned until further notice. No injuries or loss of property other than the box care were reported.



Last week, a train fire was reported on Saturday, July 30, at 5:11 a.m. on Highway 1572, near the main gate of the Anacacho Ranch, southeast of Brackettville. Kinney County Sheriff's Deputy David Palacio reported the conductor of the BNSF Train led him from the lead locomotive to a fire burning in the rear motor unit. Palacio reported the fire had already burned the top of motor and flames were still visible near the fuel tank when the Kinney County Volunteer Fire Department arrived and successfully doused the fire. The train was removed from the tracks shortly thereafter.

## BHS Fall athletics in full swing



Brackett News Weekly Photos by Ashley Castillo Sandoval - At left: BISD Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Greg Voyles gives his young team direction on how to take the Tigers to the playoffs during the first week of preseason football practice. At right: Sophomore Tyler Roberts goes by for a spike as Freshmen Peyton Bonner goes up for the block at the Tigerette volleyball preseason training this week. Visit [mybrackettnews.com](http://mybrackettnews.com) or search Brackett News Weekly on Facebook.com to see all the photos taken at the preseason practices this week.

By Tyler Shuster  
Junior Reporter

Even though it is over one hundred degrees, Brackett High fall sports practices are underway. The cross country team as already began "kickin asphalt". State Qualifier Jaclyn Abbey says even though they lost many key members of the team they have a lot of potential this year. For the

first day of practice they had a very good turn out. They have five letterman returning including one senior, Joelson Terrazas. Abbey says she thinks Comstock will be their toughest opponent because they have a very young team. Their team challenge will be to live up to their own high expectations. They have been to state four years on a row and hope to make this the fifth year. Bump, Set, Spike, Here come

the Brackett Tigerettes with twenty seven girls showing up for the day of volleyball practice. Coach Lindsey Kunz says she was pleased with what she saw. This year she has two letterman returning and two seniors Amanda Herrera and Lauren Duncan. With such a young team, the speed of the game will be the biggest challenge. Sabinal will be there toughest opponent, Coach Kunz said because their whole

team will be coming back. The first scrimmage will be this weekend against Junction and Del Rio. The Tigerettes will see their first home action on Tuesday, August 9, in a dual scrimmage against Del Rio and Harper. Brackett Tigers hit the field early to prove they have what it takes to be a successful team. For the first day of football practice they had 31 young men show up, including 12 letterman returning

and the only senior playing this year is Bradley Edwards. Head Coach Greg Voyles says the team is looking good. Voyles also said the Tiger's toughest opponents will be Johnson City and La Pryor and the team's toughest challenge will be to fill the leadership roles. Despite the lack of experience Voyles says he has a very hard working team. Their first scrimmage will be August 12, against Harper.

## Brackett's Bird Dog biologist takes his best shot

By Laura Salazar  
47th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs  
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As he steps outside his truck, the heat of the Texas summer wraps around his body. Through his binoculars, he searches for signs of wildlife. Sweat runs down his face as a big, black figure lands 10 feet from the runway that can destroy an aircraft and endanger pilots' lives. He raises his gun in the air and pulls the trigger. The sound of a gunshot echoes and the smell of gunpowder lingers in the air as the frightened bird flies away.

For Brackettville's own Dedrick "Bird Dog" Pesek, 47th Flying Training Wing Flight Safety wildlife biologist, a typical day at work involves guns, cannons and wildlife. Pesek has had the responsibility of preventing wildlife hazards on the flight line for the past eight years.

"My job is to keep pilots and aircraft safe from any animal threats on the flight line. I have to work with city, county and state officials as well as ranchers in the surrounding areas. It's a really important part of my job because we all have to be on the same page in order to keep safety our precedence," said Pesek.

As a part of his job, Pesek integrates other wildlife programs in order to keep safety a priority. He took it upon himself to work with local land owners to prevent the spread of dis-

eases by means of wildlife to local livestock.

"Bird Dog is a tremendous asset to Team XL as the service he provides not only ensures safe flight operations for our training mission, but his cooperation with the Del Rio community is truly immeasurable. The teamwork he has created with Laughlin and Del Rio over the past few years is impeccable as he continues to help prevent mishaps in support of our mission," said Lt. Col. Michael Land, 47th Flying Training Wing chief of safety.

Pesek graduated from Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas with a bachelor's degree in natural resource management. After graduation, he moved to California where he worked in endangered species protection projects. He later moved to Houston, Texas and worked as a wildlife biologist.

"When I came to work at Laughlin, I was the first biologist in Texas to start an aircraft safety program. I love my job because it keeps me active and I've been doing it for a long time. It's what I went to college for so I'm well educated in it," said Pesek.

Pesek checks the flight line and the surrounding area three to four times a day. During night flying weeks, he searches for nocturnal animals such as bats and night hawks. In order to control the wildlife, he removes excess water, covers potential habitats and eliminates their food supply.

"Here at Laughlin, we fly a tremendous amount. Birds can cause a lot of damage to an aircraft or injure a pilot. In a hazardous situation, I harass the birds with guns and cannons so they fly away. I also created the first pesticide program in the U.S. to control insect-eating birds," said Pesek.

Aside from birds, Pesek also keeps other wildlife, such as deer, away from the flight line. He drives along the perimeter of the base to ensure no wildlife has broken through the fence. He also had gravel placed around the Laughlin perimeter to prevent animals from digging under the fence.

"In order to prevent wildlife hazards, I have to keep the grass and brush around the flight line and perimeter of the base short. When animals get near the flight line, I usually trap them and relocate them to a wildlife area outside of Laughlin. I also use lethal control, but that's only in emergency situations," said Pesek.

Pesek said he enjoys the public relations aspect of his job the most, but it's the most difficult part of his job as well.

"I love that I get to be outdoors all the time working with a lot of people. It can get difficult at times trying to get everyone to cooperate, but I enjoy preventing hazards for the public's safety. I especially enjoy working for the military. There's nothing more rewarding than protecting the people who serve our country," said Pesek.

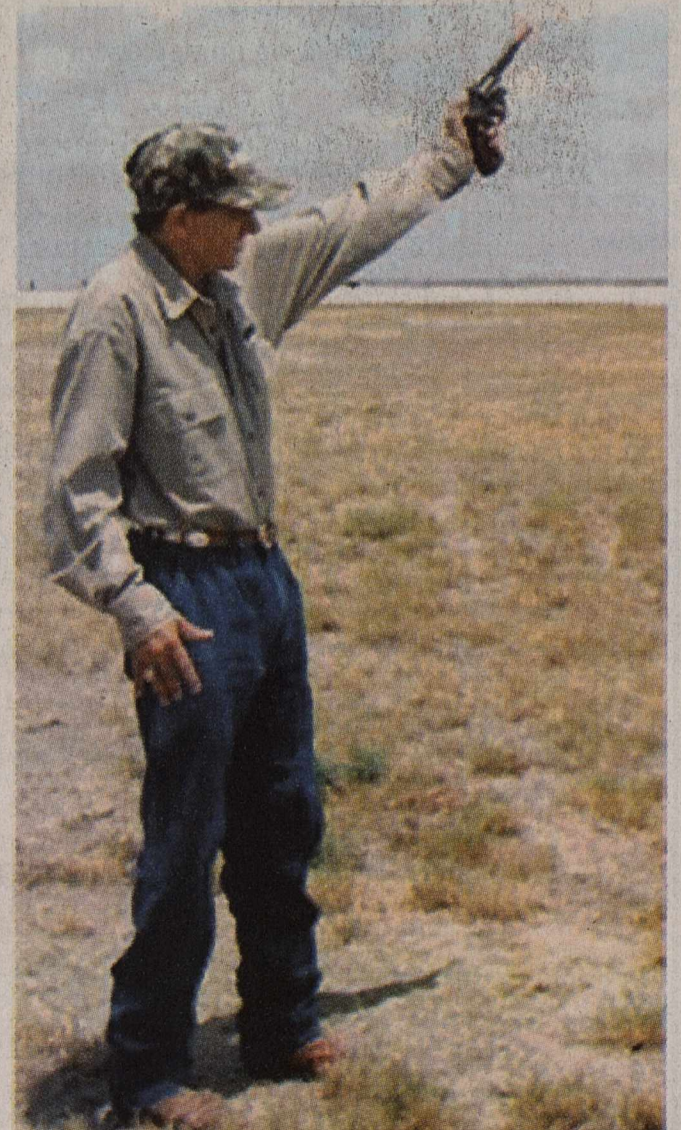


Photo Courtesy to the Brackett News Weekly by Laura Salazar-Dedrick "Bird Dog" Pesek, 47th Flying Training Wing Flight Safety wildlife biologist, scares birds away from Laughlin's flight line July 22. For the past eight years, Bird Dog has been keeping the flight line safe from wildlife hazards.

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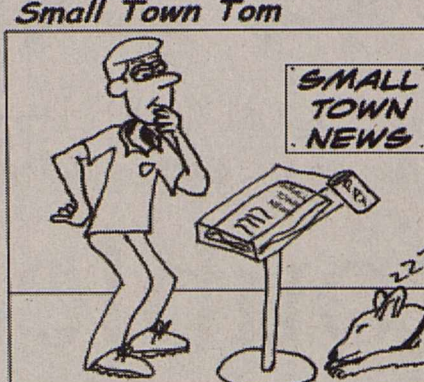
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**Small Town Tom**



**Mike Barnhouse**



## I Can See Clearly Now



Fly Lady Marla Cillely

Do you remember the song that has this verse? I can see clearly now the rain is gone; all obstacles that were in my way. I don't know the exact words, I will look them up later.

Your clutter is standing in your way. When you take the time to eliminate it, you will find that the brain fog that has been clouding your vision will slowly begin to lift and you will start to think clearly. You don't believe me. How can my clutter be clouding my brain!

Well let me tell you! Clutter has a life of its own! And it changes shapes too! We have the physical clutter! We all know and have it hiding. Then there is the mental clutter: WORRY! My granny calls it "studying on it" Worry takes you away from the here and now and puts you in that "Ole poor me" mode in the future! I am here to tell you, if you think about it, you are

going to bring it about!

Then there is GUILT! Oh this one eats us alive! It takes you away from the present and puts you in the past! No wonder you can't get anything accomplished, you are stuck in some time warp and you can't get out! I want you to jump out of this black hole and deal with the now! What can you do right this minute that would make you feel better? Is it balance your check book, look at your bills and pay them, or is it shining your sink or just spending 15 minutes clearing off your desk so you can think when you are sitting there!

Financial clutter is baggage that just gets heavier if you don't sit down and deal with it. As hard as it is; opening up those bills and putting them down on paper is going to help you see through the fog. It is the not knowing and not dealing with it that keeps us blinded. Then you can see who you need to call and talk to. You can make a plan if you know. If you don't face this with courage and at least 15 minutes at a time, you are going to get stranded not knowing and the fear, worry, and guilt is going to keep you paralyzed in your

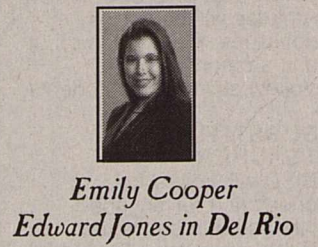
blindness!

This kind of clutter makes your other clutter get worse! Not to mention your hips! We stuff our feelings and eat, putting more clutter on our bodies which put more guilt on you! This vicious cycle has got to stop!

I would not be able to do what I do surrounded by clutter! It was only after I faced my fears of letting go of stuff, money problems, and guilt that I was able to see that my life had a purpose! Your well being is precious to me! I want you to take care of yourself!

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If you keep some of your retirement savings in fixed-rate investments, you probably haven't welcomed the low interest rates of the past few years. That's why you may need to consider some of these moves:

First, rebalance your investment portfolio to provide an appropriate mix of investments for your objectives and risk tolerance.

Next, review your withdrawal rate — the amount you plan to take out each year from your savings and investments during your retirement. As you chart your retirement strategy you'll need to factor in a realistic withdrawal rate.

Finally, you may want to think about redefining your definition of retirement to include working part time, consulting or opening a small business. The more you can earn, the less dependent you'll be on your investment portfolio.

Low interest rates don't mean you must lower your retirement expectations — as long as you plan ahead and explore your options.

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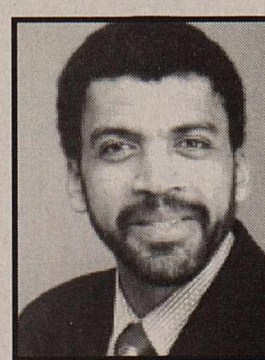
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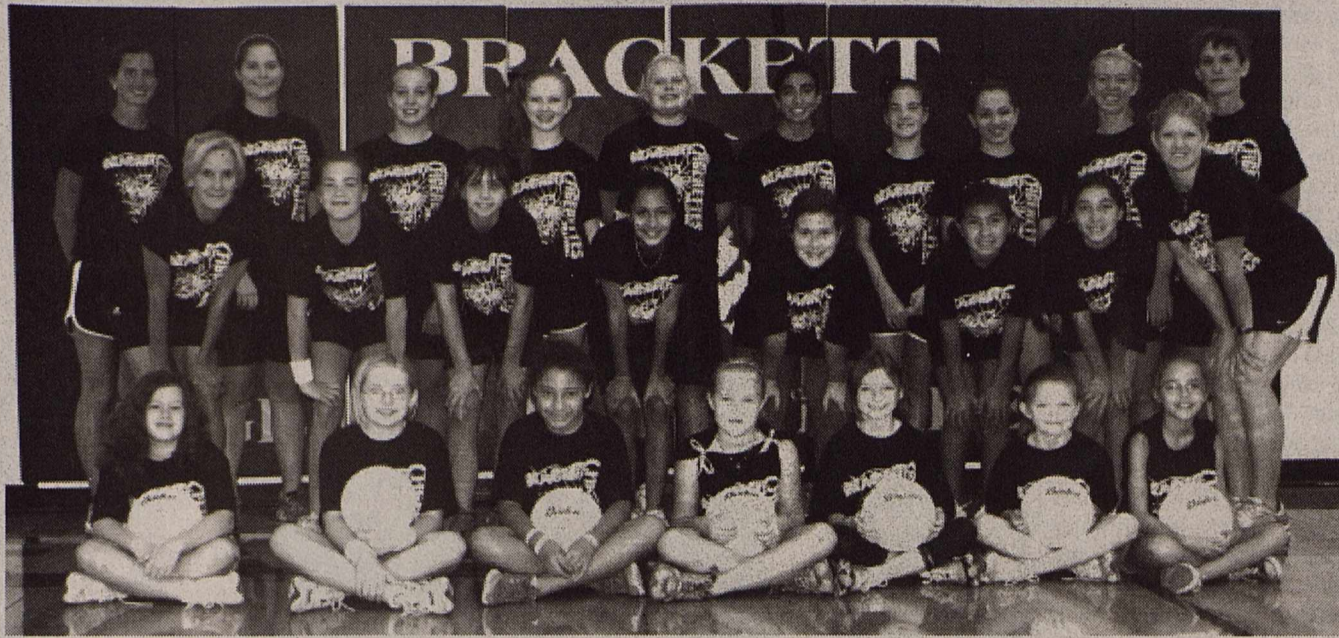
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## Volleyball Camp



**Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly** - Coach Lindsey Kunz had 22 girls attend this years summer volleyball camp held last week. Coach Kunz says, "The camp was a great success! Every girl improved tremendously from the first day. A special thanks to all the athletes that attended!" Front Row from left: Morgan Ahern, Sara Titchenell, Autumn Clementz, Kaili Price, Taylor Gass, Tristin Taylor, Taylor Smith Middle Row: Coach Bonnie Brotherton, Sidney Perez, Kymie Creel, Dani Gerardo, Christina Janca, Celina Hernandez, Britney Castilla, Coach Amanda Graham. Back Row: Coach Lindsey Kunz, Coach Paige Nowlin, Charlotte Donaldson, Emma Palmer, Tyler Schuster, Gabby Sandoval, Sadie Perez, Hannah Baggett, Coach Kelsey Bruce, Coach Rhonda Marquardt. Not Pictured: Maddie Frerich, Kate Frerich, and Kirstin Frerich

## Health tips for the new school year

Submitted by StatePoint

As the new school year gears up and to-do lists get longer, make sure to put your child's health on the list.

Updating vaccinations, scheduling annual physicals and alerting your child's school about allergies and illnesses are crucial steps to ensure their academic success, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

"Children need to feel their best in order to learn, and schools need to be able to provide for students' daily health issues as well as special needs, accidents and emergencies," says O. Marion Burton, MD, of the AAP.

You can ensure a safe and happy year for both parent and child with a little planning.

### Vaccinations

Thanks to immunizations, most children in the United States today lead much healthier lives than generations past. And while vaccines have reduced many infectious diseases to low levels in the United States, vacationers can bring old and new diseases back into the country. Measles, for example, is still prevalent in other parts of the world and has been linked to recent outbreaks in the U.S. Unvaccinated children are at risk.

That's why routine, up-to-date vaccinations are as important today as they have ever been. There may be tears, but the pain associated with most immunizations is minor. Consult your pediatrician about keeping your child's vaccination schedule up to date.

### Food Allergies and Illnesses

If your child suffers from food allergies or other health issues that require management during the school day, be sure to contact the school nurse and update your child's health plan at school. This will ensure that proper steps are taken if the child develops symptoms while at school, and that his or her activities are not restricted unnecessarily.

A child's health can change from year to year or even month to month, so make sure the school is well aware of how to handle new conditions or restrictions. Parents should also check that you have provided the school with any special medications your child needs.

### Annual Physicals

Along with your child's regular annual physical, aspiring athletes should get a sports physical before the start of the season. Children's bodies are vulnerable to injury, and as youngsters move through middle childhood -- becoming bigger, stronger, faster, and more aggressive -- the incidence of injuries rises.

Make sure your athlete wears a well-fitted helmet, mouthpiece, face guard, padding, eye gear, protective cup, or other equipment appropriate for the sport. Of course, regardless of whether your child is on a competitive team or not, parents should promote physical activity for all kids.

For more tips for a healthy school year, visit: [www.healthychildren.org](http://www.healthychildren.org).

Discussing health issues with your pediatrician before the start of the year helps children, parents and school staff ensure students' health and safety all year long.

## TEA confirms textbooks will be delayed

Submitted by Texas Association of School Administrators

Changes to the Texas Education Agency's online ordering system and a delay in state funding for textbooks will mean many new books won't arrive to districts by the start of the school year.

TEA doesn't expect books by the first week of school, which begins Aug. 24. The likely arrival date according to the agency is sometime in September.

The new ordering system is a result of the creation of the instructional materials allotment, which was part of Senate Bill 6 and passed during the special session. Previously, districts have ordered books from the state and the state paid the bill. Now each district will be provided with an instructional materials allotment they can use to buy books and other instructional materials.

## Admission pass for Senior citizens

Submitted by BISSD

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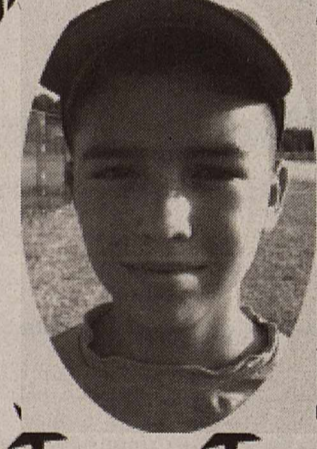
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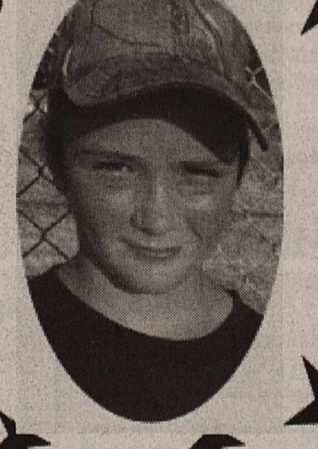
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LITTLE LEAGUE 11&12 ALL-STARS



Jackson Abbey

Position: Pitcher & 2<sup>nd</sup> base  
Parents: Lee & Debbie Abbey  
Favorite MLB Team: Houston Astros

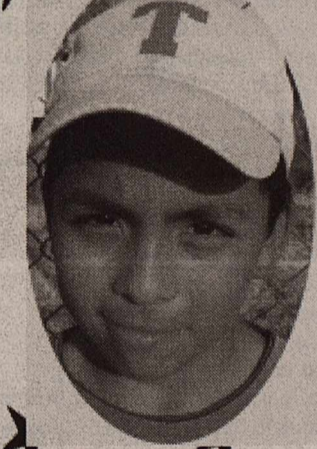
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Tanner Landhorst

Position: Right Field  
Parents: Joel & Amanda Sims  
Favorite MLB Team: TX Rangers

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Edgar Rivas

Position: Right Field  
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## Drought causing concerns for livestock

Submitted by Kinney County AgriLife Extension Office and Kay Ledbetter

As the drought continues and temperatures remain above normal, cattle water is becoming a greater concern, especially after recent reports of cattle deaths in or around watering points, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, said the location of the deceased cattle suggests the deaths could be associated with water consumption.

"Because little or no forage growth has occurred this year, the forage contains very low amounts of water," McCollum said. "An average cow grazing green forage normally consumes about 30 to 70 pounds of water daily, or about 3.5 to 8.4 gallons, from the forage she grazes. This year, as a result of no forage growth and a relatively low intake of dry forage, daily water consumption from grazed forage is probably around 3 to 5 pounds or 0.4 to 0.6 gallons." Couple low water intake from forage with the higher, stressful temperatures this summer, McCollum said, and intake of water from drinking sources takes on greater importance than "normal" years or years with high temperatures but with green forage.

"The lack of water from forage is more important than we credit," he said. "How many people would think of going out to work for a few hours without a jug of water to drink from periodically? The water in the grazed forage is the cow's 'jug of water' that rehydrates her while she is out on the range or pasture."

High temperatures alone may not be a problem, but hot temperatures in combination with lack of green grass as is the case this year, is a problem, McCollum said.

"The risk of heat stress is greater because we have high ambient temperatures combined with dry dead forage," McCollum said. "The cow's 'jug of water' is relatively empty this year, and the risk of heat stress and water-related problems is greater."

He said water deprivation, water intoxication and water quality can all play a role. These three may act independently, but often they are interrelated.

Water deprivation occurs when cattle cannot consume an adequate amount of water, McCollum said. Water is a nutrient just as protein, vitamins and minerals. And reduced water intake can result in reduced performance. Water deprivation can be fatal or lead to circumstances that can be fatal.

He said many people immediately associate this with a situation in which a well cannot pump enough water to keep up with cattle needs, the breakdown of a well or watering system, or a pond or creek drying up. These certainly are of great concern, but water deprivation also can occur in circumstances when it is perceived there is an adequate amount of water available.

McCullum said cattle behavior may lead to water deprivation because they develop preferences for grazing sites and loafing areas. If more than one watering point is available, they may develop a preferred watering location in a pasture.

So, a grazing area with multiple watering points may appear to have an adequate supply of water, he said. However, if cattle have a preferred site and that site breaks down, dries up or the water quality declines and reduces consumption, then water deprivation may occur.

Cattle with no familiarity of a grazing area also can suffer deprivation, McCollum said.

"Do not assume cattle will find water. When cattle are moved to new pastures, take them to water and observe their consumption to determine if they are willing to consume the water," he advised.

Water intoxication occurs when cattle over-consume water, McCollum said. It usually occurs following a period of reduced water consumption or increased water loss from the body. The cattle are dehydrated and consume an excessive amount of water. Electrolyte balance in the body is disrupted and water intoxication occurs, which can be fatal.

In cases of acute water intoxication, dead cattle will be found near the watering site, he said. Water intoxication typically follows water deprivation. So, a key to avoiding water intoxication is avoiding water deprivation.

Limiting water intake when cattle are moved to a new water source may be next to impossible, McCollum said. If cattle are dehydrated, it may be worth the effort to allow them to drink, but find a way to limit the amount immediately consumed.

With the concern of water quality, the supply of water may be adequate but the cattle are deprived because they cannot or will not consume enough of the water, he said. Total dissolved solids and total soluble salts are two water quality measures that can lead to poor performance and possibly death.

As the concentrations increase, water intake is reduced.

Salinity of water limits intake just as salt in feeds can limit intake, McCollum said. Hence, water quality can lead to water deprivation.

Also, high consumption of sodium, calcium, magnesium salts and sulfates can lead to failure to thrive, and in some cases, can be fatal, he said. Nitrates in the water may also be of concern.

"Coupled with reduced water intake, these issues can become even more of a concern," he said. "Water quality can indirectly affect performance and health by reducing water consumption, which exacerbates heat stress and can lead to water intoxication once cattle locate or can access palatable water."

Another problem McCollum pointed out is that hot sunny days and warm stagnant water may lead to blue-green algae blooms. Some species of blue-green algae are toxic, so consumption of the algae or the toxins from it can be fatal. As a result, dead animals may be found close to the watering site.

Often, algae is concentrated on the downwind side of the pond as a result of wave action, he said. Dead rodents, birds or fish along the downwind side of the pond may indicate the presence of blue-green algae. Limiting access to the downwind side of the pond by cattle may reduce risk of toxicity.

Copper sulfate can be used to limit algae growth, but caution must be exercised because excess copper sulfate can lead to stream pollution and harm fish and plant life, McCollum said.

"Also, don't rule out toxic plants that may be present around watering locations. The immediate area around ponds and tank-overflows is disturbed, and the moisture profile in the soil is better than out in the pasture," he said.

"Even though drought conditions exist, disturbance and moisture are conducive to weed growth. Pigweed, kochia, Russian thistle, dock, buffalo burrs, etc. can grow in these areas, and they are green and may be attractive to cattle. If cattle deaths are occurring, see what has been grazed off around the watering area."

For more information on water quality for livestock the publication "Water quality: Its relationship to livestock" can be found at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/images/pdf/beef/beef-water-quality.pdf>.

## The News is international



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<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>	
Last year's operating taxes	\$171,911
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$171,911
Last year's tax base	\$22,665,602
Last year's total tax rate	0.681800/\$100

<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$154,534
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$22,736,474
= This year's effective tax rate	0.679600/\$100

<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$154,534
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$22,736,474
= This year's effective operating rate	0.679600/\$100
× 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.733900/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.733900/\$100

#### Statement of Increase/Decrease

IF CITY OF BRACKETTVILL adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.679600 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2010 taxes by \$ 1,157.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 412 S. Ann St., Brackettville, TX 78832. Name of person preparing this notice: Gene C. State Title: Chief Appraiser Date prepared: July 8, 2011

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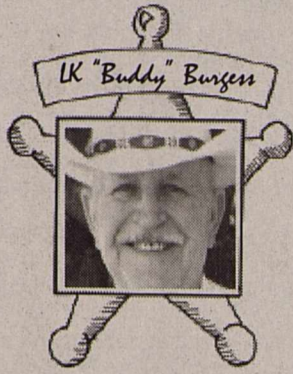
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## Kinney County Sheriff's Report



### Monday, July 25

A 911 call was received in reference to a woman sitting in a white car, possibly unconscious or hurt. A deputy was informed and was en route to the location.

### Tuesday, July 26

A woman called into KCSO to request a welfare check on a semi truck that was parked outside of her office. An officer was dispatched to the scene.

### Wednesday, July 27

A woman called into KCSO to report that she was at her mother's house and a furniture company was there trying to pick up her furniture for non payment. The woman stated that her mother was up to date on her payments and requested a deputy.

A security company called in to KCSO to report an alarm going off at a local residence.

A deputy was informed and en route to the location.

### Thursday, July 28

George Roberts, 47, of Brackettville was arrested for a

warrant of non payment of child support. Roberts was still being held at press time.

A man called into KCSO stating that his son was using the computer and that someone opened the sliding door and then closed it and took off running. A deputy was notified of the situation and en route to the location.

### Friday, July 29

A woman called into KCSO stating that a male individual stopped by her house and was harassing and her and her husband. A deputy was informed and en route to the location.

### Saturday, July 30

A woman called into KCSO to report loud music behind the school's Ag Shop. The woman stated that the music was very loud and there were three vehicles in the area. A deputy was informed of the incident.

A 911 call came in, in reference to a train traveling east bound along Hwy 90, with the caboose on fire. The male individual did not know his location. A deputy was dispatched to the scene and the train company was notified.

A man called into KCSO to report a door open at a house behind a local store.

A woman called into KCSO to request a deputy. The woman stated she needed a welfare check on a house she was looking after. The woman also stated that the house might have been broken into. A deputy was dispatched to the location.

## Beaver found dead



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Jenkins - A dead beaver was found at Fort Clark Springs near the Red Bridge last month. Texas Game Wardens were alerted to the finding of this beaver, however the cause of death is unknown. Game Warden Rob Frets responded to the report immediately, however the vultures had already torn the beaver's body up so badly that any sort of determination of what caused the death could not be found.

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Submitted by CHEER  
The Center for Health Evaluation, Education & Resources in collaboration with the Health and Human Services Colonias is hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Brackettville Back to School Health Fair.

By providing this health fair to the community, we help to insure that our Brackett Independent School District students are prepared with their immunizations, school supplies, and with any health screenings provided by our health fair exhibitors.

We would like to invite you

to be part of this event by making a monetary contribution for the purchasing of school supplies for our students. Any donations that will be made will be used to purchase items that are listed on the Brackett ISD School Supply List. Many of our families have more than one child to buy school supplies for this year.

We would be honored for you to join with us in this event to help our students start off with success on the first day of school. We thank you for helping us to achieve our goal.

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**Notice of Public Hearing on KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT Budget**

The KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2012 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on AUGUST 16, 2010 5:30 AM at 412 S ANN ST

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$ <u>210,703.66</u>
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ <u>4,737.08</u>
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	<u>3</u> <i>(full-time equivalents)</i>
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	<u>2</u> <i>(full-time equivalents)</i>

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT  
412 S. ANN ST.  
BRACKETTVILLE TX 78832  
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	County General Fund	FARM TO MARKET
<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>		
Last year's operating taxes	\$1,051,784	\$45,993
Last year's debt taxes	\$0	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$1,051,784	\$45,993
Last year's tax base	\$164,546,944	\$164,848,544
Last year's total tax rate	0.639200/\$100	0.027900/\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,051,784	\$45,992
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$168,904,913	\$169,093,046
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.622700/\$100	0.027100/\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.649800/\$100	
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$1,051,784	\$45,992
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$168,904,913	\$169,093,046
= This year's effective operating rate	0.622700/\$100	0.027100/\$100
× 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.672500/\$100	0.029200/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.672500/\$100	0.029200/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.701700/\$100	

A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

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- **New Listing: 271 Crockett.** Darling 4BR/2B home with tiled floors, great open floor plan, sunroom and beautiful fenced back yard with guest quarters. Many upgrades! **Reduced \$128,000**
- **New Listing: 30 Cavalry Trail.** Wonderful historic 3BR/3B home on 2 lots (approx 1/2 acre) in great area!
- **73 Broken Arrow.** 2BR/2B mobile home. Needs a little TLC. Priced to sell
- **Fairway Circle: 72'x120'** Lot. Walking distance from Las Moras Creek! \$12,5000 Reduced to 9,500.
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- **106 West First Street:** Beautiful 1,900 +/- sq ft w 3BR/2B in a great neighborhood on 1 1/2 lots. Many upgrades. Great price @ \$159,900.
- **204 E. Fulton St:** Darling little 2BR/1B Cottage on 2 large fenced lots! Located close to schools. Priced to sell!
- **403 Brown St.** 2BR/1B Home on lg. lot
- **7 City Lots - Spring St.**
- **109 W. Spring St.:** Downtown Brackettville 4,400sq. ft. Great Rental Property!

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**New Listing-23 Oak Lane:** wonderful home under canopy of oaks, 3BR, 2B, great kitchen, guest quarters, covered patio, fenced yard & storage.

**New Listing-122 LaMotte:** nice 3/2 stone home in private setting, fireplace, tiled screen porch, carport, & fenced yard. 869 Fairway Cr: lovely brick home overlooking golf course fairway, 4BR, 3B, tile floors, FP

**203 Oak Lane:** custom built home under giant oaks! 2,998/-sq.ft., 3BR, 2.5B, 2 FP, sunroom with hot-tub, recent upgrades. **REDUCED**

**New Listing-Unit 34:** darling remodeled home, 1BR, 2B, office, new CHA, carport & storage building, seller financing, great locale next to green area!

**Unit 14:** one of a kind 3/2 home! Large master suite, party barn & covered RV parking.

**Unit 36:** RV property with efficiency apt, great location, **REDUCED**

**111 Tiger Alley:** cozy 3Br home, nice upgrades **Reduced!**

**705 N. Ellen:** 3/2 brick home, 1,900+/-sq.ft., totally remodeled, workshop, fenced, \$69,900

**Spring St:** large building, downtown location, rental income

**10-15 Ac:** Kinney Co Ranch Estates, fenced, elect nearby

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