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## BRACKETT BRIEFS

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The 139th Annual Seminole Day Celebration will be September 17 and 18 at the Carver School Grounds in Brackettville. Parade begins at 9:30am; Ceremony: 11am; and Lunch Plate Sale: 11:30am.

### LIBRARY NEWS

Effective Monday, August 22, the Kinney Co Library will have new hours of operation due to staff shortages: Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm. CLOSED Saturday & Sunday

### WATER BOARD MTG

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget on Friday, August 26 in the library annex building in Brackettville.

### DANCE CLASSES

Twinkle Toes will offer will be offering ballet and tap classes to girls 3 years-7th grade, September through May. Call 830.563.2211 to register by August 27.

### HUNTER'S ROUNDUP

The annual Hunter's Round Up and Wild Game Dinner is scheduled for November 5, at the Kinney County Civic Center. Dinner is free with a valid hunting license.

### 4H NEWS

4H Fun Day!! Join us on Sunday August 28th at the Kinney County Civic Center between 5:00-6:00 p.m. 4-H project booths will be set up to help you determine what project YOU want to be involved in! There will also be a 4-H Fundraiser Dinner immediately following for \$5.00 a plate and 4-H Awards Banquet following the dinner. 4-H members eat FREE!! If you are unable to attend FUN Day, but are interested in joining 4-H, please contact the County Extension Office at 830.563.2442.

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8/29- Chicken Pot Pie, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Peach Cobbler, Milk  
8/30 - Pot Roast, Carrots, Roasted Potatoes, Wheat Bread, Berries w/ Topping, Milk  
8/31 - Chicken Fried Chicken, Okra & Tomatoes, Black Eyed Peas, Wheat Bread, Cookie w/ Milk

### 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.

### AA MEETING

Las Moras Group. Slaton Hall 109, James St. Mon. - Fri. 7 pm.

### KC HERITAGE MUSEUM

The KCHM is open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month: April 23: 1-4 pm; May 14 and 28: 1-4 pm; and June 11 and 25: 1-4 pm

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**BRACKETT NEWS WEEKLY**

## Deputy finds stray buffalo

*So if you're missing one, please call...*

By Leigh Castillo  
Contributing Writer

Kinney County Sheriff's Deputy David Palacio wrangled an adult buffalo along Highway 90 and through a ranch gate using his patrol vehicle like an old cowboy would use a horse, on August 18.

A call to the sheriff's department led to Palacio being dispatched to an area approximately three miles east of Brackettville where he found an aggressive buffalo grazing on the side of the highway. Palacio reported the buffalo did not take kindly to being forced to move on and at one point turned to charge at Palacio's sport utility vehicle. Palacio said the buffalo thought better of it and continued to



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Castillo - This stray buffalo was wrangled onto the Tim Ward Ranch by a Kinney County Sheriff's Deputy on August 18. If this is your buffalo or you have information about the ownership, please call 830.563.2788.

make his way east along the fenceline until it reached an open gate at the Tim Ward Ranch.

The buffalo was said to have stood at the gate for a moment before he jumped over the cattle guard and wandered off into the ranch. Palacio captured the entire event on his patrol camera.

Tim Ward said the buffalo was eventually moved into a high-fenced pasture on the ranch after he, "cooled down a little".

Ward also said he has not received any calls from anyone claiming to be the owner of the buffalo.

If you happened to have lost your large, brown buffalo, you are asked to please call Kinney County Sheriff LK Buddy Burgess, at 830.563.2788.

## Vandalism at school totals \$2,600

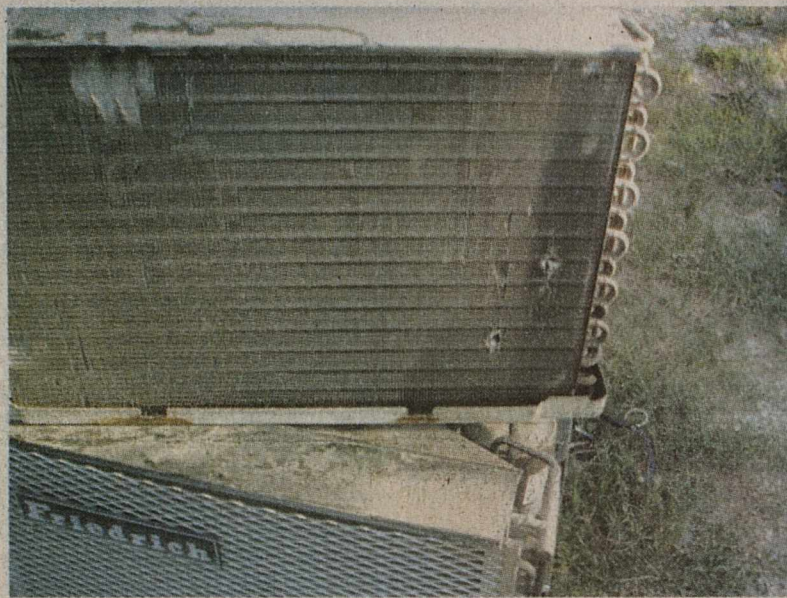


Photo Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly - Four air conditioning units were damaged by pellet guns at Brackett ISD last weekend.

By Leigh Castillo  
Contributing Writer

The Kinney County Sheriff's Department is investigating the damage to four air conditioning units and some slip resistant safety strips were carved from

Brackett Independent School District property on Ann Street in Brackettville.

According to the sheriff's department, four air conditioning units were shot with a pellet gun and some slip resistant safety strips were carved from

the elementary school's play park equipment.

The loss of the air conditioning units is valued at \$800 each, for a total of \$1,600 and the replacement of the safety strips on the playground equipment is valued at \$1,000.

## Happy 64th Anniversary

Happy 64th Anniversary Mom & Dad Baldemar (Shorty) and Vicky Perez met and married in Munich, Germany after WWII. They are parent to 5 Children and have been blessed with 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. We love you!



## Motorcycle accident kills Campwood man

By Leigh Castillo  
Contributing Writer

A 76 year old man traveling west from Campwood died from injuries sustained after he lost control of his motorcycle on August 23.

A 911 caller reported a motorcycle accident on Highway 334, approximately eight miles from Brackettville 8:16 a.m. on Tuesday. The caller stated the driver was severely injured and needed emergency medical attention.

Kinney County Sheriff's Deputy Manuel Pena, Sr. reported the accident occurred at mile marker 384. The man is believed to have left the asphalt

and traveled 367 feet before crashing. The bike skidded on its side for another 90 feet where it came to rest. The man was thrown from the bike and suffered multiple internal injuries.

The preliminary report states an AirLife helicopter was requested to land at the entrance of Fort Clark Springs and be prepared to transport the victim to a San Antonio trauma center.

Kinney County EMS transported the man to the Fort Clark, but the man was pronounced dead at the landing zone. The motorcycle driver, Lowell D. Shortes, was pronounced dead by Kinney County Justice of the Peace Narce Villarreal at 9:39 a.m.



Photo Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly - Lowell Shortes was pronounced dead after a motorcycle accident on Hwy 334 on August 23.

## Brackett goes back to school



Photo Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly - Solana Molinar. See Page 3 for more pictures. To see all of our Back To School Pics, visit mybrackettnews.com or search Brackett News Weekly on Facebook.com.

By Ashley Castillo Sandoval  
Contributing Writer

This week Brackett News Weekly Facebook page held a "Back to School" contest. On August 22, parents were asked to email in their child's "Back to School" pictures, the pictures were then added to an album. Over the next two days, we had a contest to see which picture would get the most "likes". Before the contest began our Brackett News Weekly Facebook page had 490 friends, as of right now we have 691 friends. Thank you to all the parents who submitted a picture and also big thanks to everyone who voted. Be looking out for our next contest.

Our Overall Top Back to School Winner was Solana Dezera Molinar. Solana is the daughter of Guillermo and Savannah Molinar of Uvalde. She is the granddaughter of Woody and Debra Massingill, Dora De Hoyos Sr. and Jose and Maria Elena Molinar, all of Brackettville. She also has a 2 year

old baby sister who she considers as her best friend.

Solana is currently attending Anthon Elementary in Uvalde and is in Mrs. Piles first grade class. Solana's favorite subject in school is Science. In her spare time she likes to go swimming and watch Good Luck Charlie.

Solana is described as a very talkative little girl who likes to shop shoes and loves the color pink. She has a collection of 32 pairs of shoes that currently fit. When Solana grows up she wants to be a Nurse. Solana was asked if she could go anywhere in the world to visit, where would she go, Solana replied, "The North Pole". She was also asked what her favorite memory of this summer was and she responded, "Playing on the beach with my family."

Parents Tony and Savannah say that, "Solana loves to dance, and she will be turning 7 on September 24th and wants to attend a concert."

Congratulations Solana we hope you have a fun and safe school year.

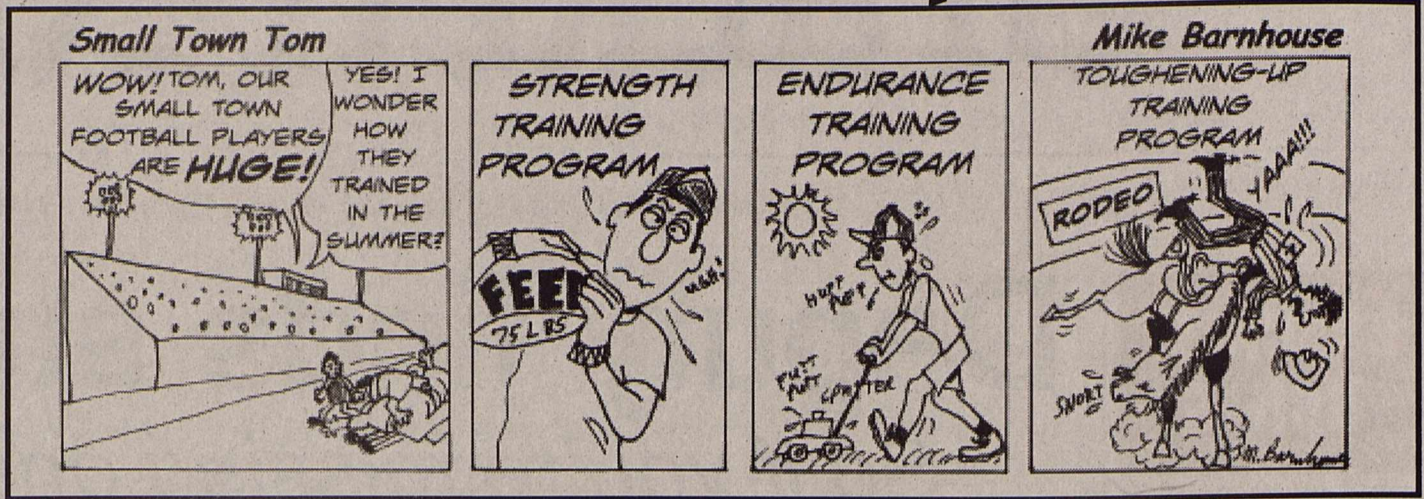
## Plog: Paper Log by Leigh Castillo:

Just a quick thanks to all of you for your best wishes. Frank and I were married last Friday by Judge Narce Villarreal in the presence of some of our favorite people. We are looking forward to a wonderful future together as partners in life and in business. After taking nearly a month off of work, I am finally back at my typewriter and feeling rested and happy to be married to "My Frank".

As far as the news, we have so much going on in our very own version of Peyton Place. We have some vandals ruining some of the BRAND NEW equipment at the elementary school playground. This is crazy because so many people worked very hard to raise that money and a lot of positive things have come from having it. If you know something about those responsible, do the right thing.

Last bit of advice: use your money for good, not to destroy people and businesses. It will only come back on you. Donate your money to the food bank in Brackett, not to a cause that set on destroying people. You know who you are. We all know who you are.

I think the old saying live and let live comes to mind.



## Keep Your Investment Working Hard - All Year Long



Emily Cooper  
Edward Jones in Del Rio

On September 5, we observe Labor Day, which is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. Of course, if you're like most people, work is essential to your life, both as a means of personal fulfillment and as a necessity for achieving your financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement. But if you're going to attain those goals, you'll want your investments to work as hard as you do.

For that to happen, you'll need to take these steps:

1. Know your investment ob-

jectives. Whether you work in an office, a manufacturing plant or any other venue, your goal is to produce a clearly identifiable result. And the same should be true for the way that you invest. In other words, you should know exactly why you own every single one of your investments — because only then will you have a clear, unified strategy for achieving your desired outcomes.

2. Keep investing. As a diligent worker, you show up to work every day because you know that this type of consistency is necessary for success. A similar principle applies to your investing "career." By investing steadily, year in and year out, you have a much better chance of reaching your objectives than if you were to take periodic breaks. Of course, when the financial markets are volatile, it can be tempting to take a

"timeout," but this stop-and-start approach can lead to missed opportunities. For example, if you jump out of the market when it's down, you might miss out on the early stages of the next rally.

3. Build a productive portfolio. Generally speaking, the most industrious workers are also the most productive ones. And just as productivity is an asset in the working world, it's important in the investment world, too. Strive to own a mix of investments in a balanced portfolio, based on your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals.

4. Develop your investment skills. To truly be a good worker, you need a set of skills, such as initiative, the ability to make decisions and the willingness to work on a team. However, throughout the course of your career, you may also need to add new technical

proficiencies so that you can stay on top of developments in your field and maintain your productivity. As an investor, you also need some "core competencies," such as patience, discipline and the ability to prioritize goals. But you also need to stay current on financial products, the economy, the markets and changes in tax- and investment-related laws. To help expand your knowledge base and receive timely guidance, you may want to work with a financial professional.

Labor Day comes just once a year. But by keeping your investments working hard 365 days a year, you can keep making progress toward the lifestyle you've envisioned.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

## Become a Calendar Aficionado



Fly Lady Marla Cilley

I have been brainstorming on how to help you enjoy using your calendar. I have put together a list of 11 Tips to make your calendar work for you!

1. Color Code your calendar. Use a high lighter for each member of your family, a dot or some color to help you recognize who has something when you look across the room at your calendar.
2. Use blank address labels to cover up mistakes or changes in your calendar.
3. Don't procrastinate about

putting appointment on your calendar. Do it now! You're your calendar working for you! This way you don't have to try to remember everything.

4. Look ahead so that you can plan for special events or doctor's appointments. Do you need to fast, how about that suit that needs cleaned or a new dress for the wedding?

5. Check the family calendar morning, afternoon and evening. This habit is the Shiny Sink of your brain.

6. Put your calendar in a place that is in front of the family. After all out of sight is out of mind for us.

7. Allow your family to help you use the calendar. This is teaching them the calendar habit. Using a calendar as a tool is giving your children wings.

8. Each week have a family meeting to synchronize your

schedules and put them on the family calendar. This is about communicating with each other and having all the information in one place.

9. When you walk in your door; THINK! Do we have something to post on the calendar? Put up a note to remind you. Having that PTA or church bulletin in your purse, the sports schedule in the backpack or that invitation in back of the calendar is not going to get it posted to your family calendar. This habit will keep things from slipping up on you! Don't wait to do it later. Later will be that frantic phone call!

10. Make it your family calendar fun! Use sticker, stars and smiley faces to decorate as well as celebrate accomplishments.

11. Use your calendar to chart your family's milestones. Your calendar will become your

family history! Yes you can save your calendars. They will help you to scrapbook.

These 11 tips will help you to use your calendar instead of just buying it and allowing yet another calendar to become clutter in your home. Our calendar is big enough to hold your family's appointments. Are you ready to FLY with a calendar that helps you stay on your flight path?

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her website and join her free mentoring group at [www.FlyLady.net](http://www.FlyLady.net) 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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## Top BISD Back to School winner

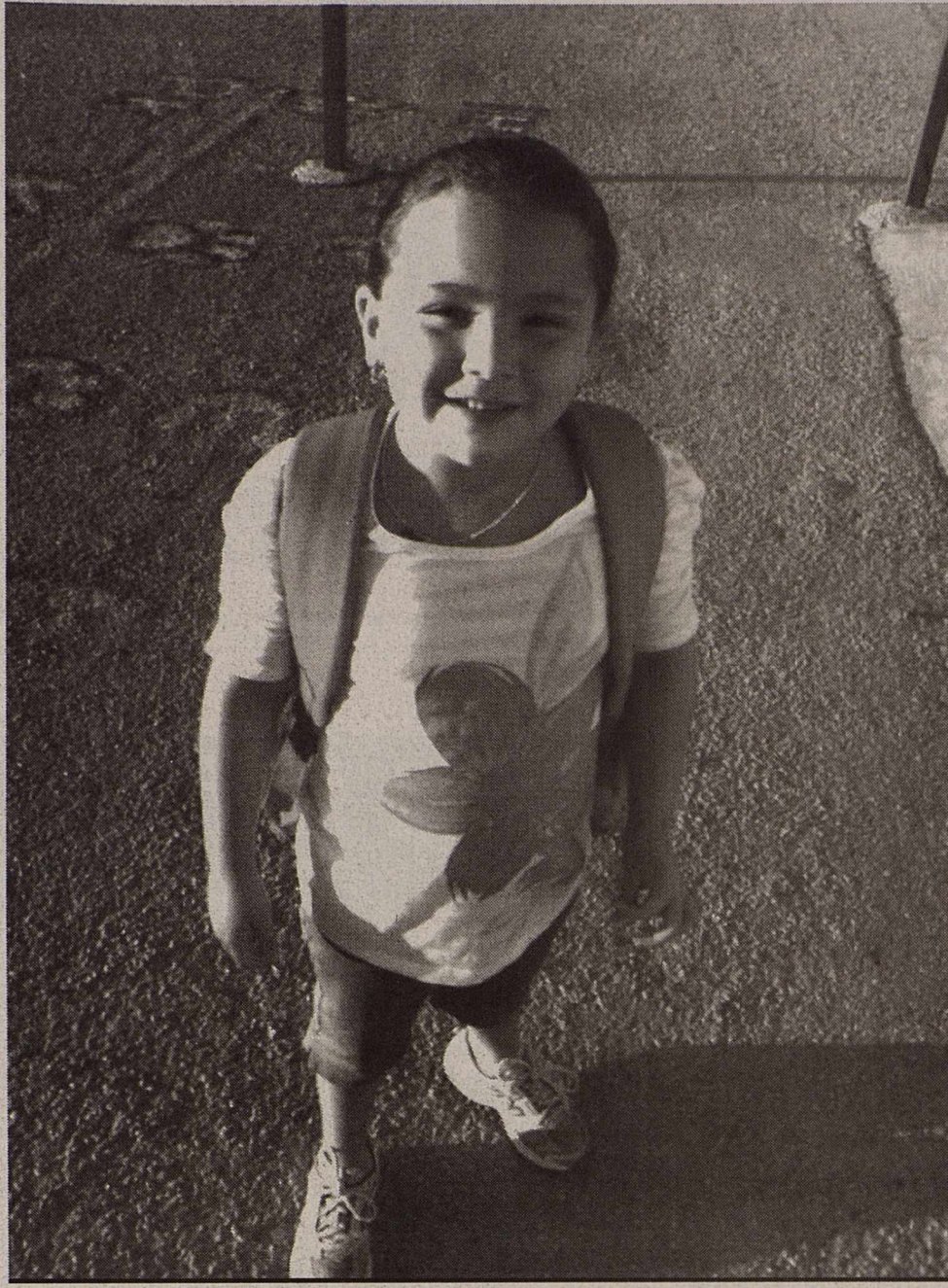


Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - 1st grader Madisyn Munoz wins the Top BISD Back to School Contest.

By Ashley Castillo Sandoval

Our BISD Top Back to School Winner was Madisyn Kate Munoz.

Madisyn is the daughter of Philip and Kimberly Munoz. She is the granddaughter of Macario and Rebecca Munoz, Dusty and Barbara Clark and Rosemary Reyes. She is big sister to baby

brother Andrew.

Madisyn is currently attending Jones Elementary and is in Mrs. Seargeant first grade class. Madi's favorite subject in school is Science. In her spare time she likes drawing and coloring pictures and watching The Pink Panther. Madi has Jessie a 4 month old Labradoodle puppy

Madisyn is described as outgoing, funny and kindhearted. When Madisyn grows up she wants to be a doctor for animals.

Parents Philip and Kimberly say that, "We are so blessed to be the parents of such a precious girl!"

Congratulations Madisyn we hope you have a fun and safe school year.

## Week zero arrives for Tigers



Rey Sifuentes, Jr.

Having suffered a few bumps and bruises during a scrimmage against Harper a few weeks ago, Brackett High School's varsity football team got a chance to patch up by not scrimmaging anyone this past week.

"That helped us heal up a little bit and also gave us time to work on our fundamentals," Tigers' Head Coach Greg Voyles said. "We have a bunch of young guys this season who really needed to improve their football basics."

BHS kicks off its season by hosting San Angelo TLC Academy at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

"We played them last year

and held them pretty well," Voyles said. "They are an improved team compared to last year so we have our work cut out for us and will just have to execute on both sides of the ball."

The Tigers have developed significantly in the three weeks they have undergone summer two-a-day practices.

"The kids have progressed quite well and I am very proud of them," Voyles said. "We are improving both on offense and defense and are right where we want to be right now."

Voyles and his staff are currently tasked with acclimating former sub-varsity players to the big time.

"One of the biggest differences between Thursday and Friday nights is the speed of the game," Voyles said. "That will be the key to our whole season and our biggest challenge this season, getting our young boys who are used to playing on Thursday nights prepared to

play on Fridays."

District competition for Brackett begins on October 21, during week seven. Even with only three conference opponents, the Tigers will not have an easy cake walk this season against Center Point, Johnson City and La Pryor.

"The district race is going to be pretty tight," Voyles said. "You cannot count anyone out and it is going to be tough every week. We just have to stay healthy and execute and let the chips fall where they may. But with our kids' work ethic, we will be just fine."

Voyles said he will be looking to some of his more experienced players to help lead the Tigers' sideline.

"We want them to help guide our younger guys, help them get used to the speed of the varsity game while also teaching them the ins and outs," Voyles said.

"They will also come to us on the sideline and let us know what is happening on the field during games."

## Nixon inspires young girl



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - Michelle Martinez in Mrs. Magers Kinder class.

Submitted by Keta Magers

Recently, I had a very heart warming experience. I was hanging out in my shop, getting ready to close when the door opened and a small voice greeted me. My customer, with her sparkling dark eyes and happy smile had a favor to ask. Michelle Martinez, a 5 year old kindergarten student asked me to help her write a thank you "story" for her friend who was turning 80 years old.

Genie Nixon (check name/spelling with Magaly) has taken a kind and genuine interest in Michelle. Genie and Michelle both share a love for animals. Genie gave Michelle a beautifully handwritten story accounting for her experiences with her animals and sharing a message with Michelle about how much she has loved her animals and how blessed she has been to have

received the opportunity to take care of them. Genie's story was so special to 5 year-old Michelle, that she decided to ask me, her brother's 3rd Grader teacher for help in creating something special for Genie.

Written down in a notebook, Michelle had some things jotted down that she thought she wanted to share with Genie. Sentiments like "Thank you for always telling me to do my best" and "Someday I want to have a farm just like you so I can make butter and cheese too". It was clear that Michelle was deeply touched by this kind woman's interest in her. As we worked on a project, Michelle told me things that Genie had done for her. She told me how much she

cared about Genie, and she insisted that we complete her project with the words "Nana Genie, I love you."

Michelle and I created a card in honor of Genie's 80th Birthday. We traced Michelle's feet onto construction paper and created a butterfly from the tracings. The title for her card read: "I will follow your Footsteps".

Needless to say, I was touched by the how much Genie has made an impression on Michelle. As we worry about the younger generations and wonder what this world is coming to, I couldn't help but think wouldn't the world be an amazing place if we all took the time to positively influence the life of a child.

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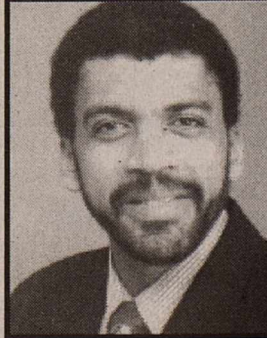
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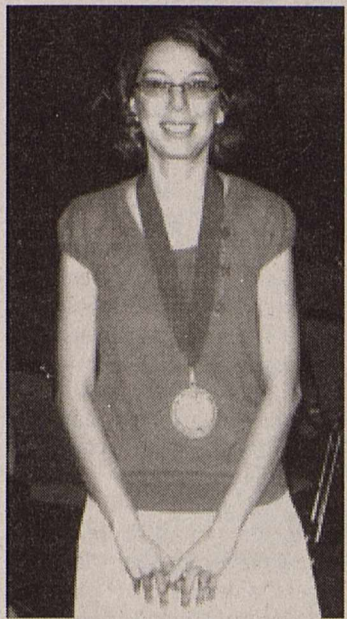
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## Former BHS Graduate receives Excellence Award



School and is the daughter of Hector and Gloria Jimenez. Prior to joining the Temple College faculty, Valerie taught at Northwest Vista College in San Antonio and Lone Star College-CyFair in Houston.

In 1989, NIOSD hosted its first ceremony to honor and name faculty, staff, and administrators who are innovators in teaching and learning. Early each academic year, NIOSD member presidents select individuals at their colleges who have defined the best in teaching and learning practices that encourage student achievement. These individuals are subsequently honored for their contributions at NIOSD's International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, held each year in Austin Texas. From harnessing the power of social networking media to using learning communities and other mediums to make learning more accessible and meaningful, to thoughtful advising and forward-thinking leadership, NIOSD Excellence Award recipients represent the best in community college education.

Temple College is happy to announce that Valerie Jimenez Peyer is a 2011 NIOSD Excellence Award recipient. The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NIOSD), a consortium of over 700 community college and universities world-wide, has a 33-year history of recognizing faculty, staff, and administrators for outstanding contributions to teaching, leadership, and learning. Recipients in attendance at the NIOSD International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence—the largest conference focusing on community colleges—were celebrated throughout the three-and-a-half-day event this past summer at the University of Texas at Austin.

Valerie, an English Professor at Temple College, is a 1996 graduate of Brackett High

Dr. Evelyn Waiwaiole, Suanne Davis Roueche Director of NIOSD says, "The Excellence Awards are an annual recognition of what is good about community colleges. Celebrating those individuals who have contributed to student success and their colleges' mission is something we look forward to celebrating each year."

NIOSD is proud to congratulate the 2011 Excellence Award recipients. To learn more about NIOSD, please visit the NIOSD website at [www.niosd.org](http://www.niosd.org).

## It's a Boy

Sammie Jess Jr. and Nayellie Stewart are proud parents to baby boy Sammie Jess Stewart III "SJ".

Sammie Jess was born on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 in Eagle Pass, TX. at Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center.

Baby Sammie weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches in length.

Sammie Jess was welcomed into the world by maternal grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Ricardo Rojas, of Brackettville, Paternal Grandparents Maria "Cha Cha" Stewart, of Brackettville and Allen Stewart, of Brownwood.

Maternal Great Grandparents Consuelo Talamantes of Brackettville and the late Jesus Rodriguez; the late Mr. and Mrs. Benito Rojas; Paternal Great Grandparents Eliberto & Consuelo Castillo of Brackettville and Sammie Jess Stewart of Brownwood and the late Betty Stewart.

Proud aunts and uncles include Bianca Stewart, Evelyn and Joey Castillo and Ricardo Rojas Jr.



## Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - Genie Nixon celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday on August 25<sup>th</sup>. See touching story on page 3.

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## Food Pantry Needs Money Donations

Submitted by Kinney County Church Alliance Food Pantry

The Kinney County Church Alliance, an organization of the various churches in Brackettville, sponsors the local Food Pantry. The commodities are bagged in the Laredo Food Bank and trucked to our pantry once a month. There are 234 households currently on the Food Pantry list. 99 of those are on the

"senior program", CSFP-Commodity Supplemental Food Program, and the rest are on the "family program", TXCAP, Texas Commodity Assistance Program. The food comes from the USDA and other donors. The "senior" bags are delivered free to us, but we must pay a fair share payment of \$5.00 per bag for the TXCAP bags. This pays for bagging, gas, and truck maintenance etc.

We want to thank those who donate monthly to KCCA Food Pantry at Box 1109 Brackettville, TX 78832. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, The Honor Society and the Senior Lunch Committee, and the 4-H group have all had fundraisers for the benefit of the Food Pantry. We also wish to thank our volunteers. We have a list of about 20 volunteers. 10 of those people help regularly, the others on

the list help with they are called. The Food Pantry bank account does not have enough money to order our commodities for September. We need a minimum of \$450.00 each month to continue providing food to the community. Please help, send donations to Kinney County Church Alliance-Food Pantry, Box 1109, Brackettville 78832. Thank you in advance for your support.

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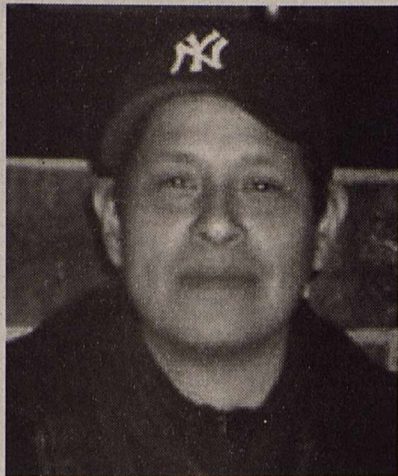
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## OBITUARY

### Elias A. Gomez

November 16, 1962 - August 19, 2011



Memorial Services for Elias A. Gomez, 48, of Groton will be 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 22nd at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Rev. Matt Richards will officiate. Graveside services will be led by Deacon Jim Bader on Saturday, August 27th at 9:00 a.m. in the Kinney County Cemetery, Brackettville, Texas.

Elias Antonio Gomez was born on November 16, 1962 in Del Rio, Texas to Elias and Paula (Cedillo) Gomez. He attended school in Brackettville and worked locally following graduation. Eli later moved to South Dakota in 1995 and began working for the Howard family in 2000. He spent eight years with them before taking a job with Bahr Construction. Eli was a hard-worker and loyal employee. His smile and wit will be missed by fellow co-workers and friends. Eli will forever be remembered for his generosity to others. As a donor, his final gift will be able to help many people.

Celebrating his life are his two brothers; Heriberto Gomez, Florentino Gomez and three sisters; Maria Estella Gomez, Josefina Aguirre and Margarita Lira. "Tony" is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a brother, Elias Gomez.

Honorary pallbearers will be all of Eli's friends.

## Brackett News Weekly in Africa



Photo Courtesy to the Brackett News Weekly - Crystal Fisher of the Back Porch Ranch proudly shows she has time to read the Brackett News Weekly while on a hunting safari in Africa. Want to make the paper? If you have a picture of you and the Brackett News Weekly, submit it to [tbnews@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tbnews@sbcglobal.net) or stop by our office at 105-2 West Spring Street at the Five Points in Brackettville.

## Let Freedom Ring with John Moody

Submitted by Frontier Baptist Church

FreedomSong, a ministry for God and Country, is an exciting fast paced multi-media program that compliments civic and community events as well as the Church. Freedom Song serves to reestablish the premise that America's greatness was founded on the principle that Americans have freedom of religion, not

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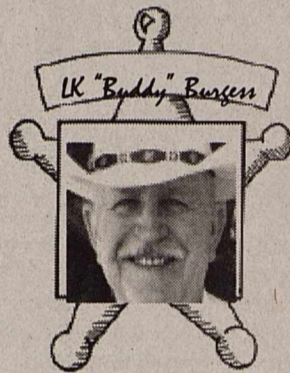
Those who attend a

FreedomSong event will experience a combination of Christian and patriotic music tastefully mixed within a multi-media presentation. The varied styles and arrangements will appeal to all ages and genres.

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ior, his country and its music to this program. His talent, energy and love for what he does will capture your attention and your heart. For an exciting time of worship and love of country don't miss John Moody as he draws audiences first to their feet and then to their knees in this exciting and moving production of Let Freedom Ring!

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report



**Thursday, August 11**  
Hilario Garcia, 25, of Brackettville was arrested for motion to revoke probation. Garcia was still being held at press time.

**Friday, August 12**  
Shane Michael Cox, 40, of New Caney, was arrested. Cox was still being held at press time.

**Monday, August 15**  
Brackett Border Patrol called

into KCSO to report loose cattle on Hwy 693.

A deputy radioed in that he was on his way to Spofford for a possible disturbance.

**Tuesday, August 16**  
A 911 came in from a man who reported that he was in a one vehicle accident due to a blow out. EMS was dispatched to the location and a deputy was notified.

A woman called into KCSO stating that they were digging a hole and hit a gas line. The city on call employee was notified and the chief of police.

**Wednesday, August 17**  
A woman came by KCSO stating that she would like to make a complaint on a male individual for harassment. A deputy was notified of the situation.

**Thursday, August 18**  
A call came into KCSO to report a reckless driver on Hwy 90 east.

**Friday, August 19**  
A 911 call came in from a woman to report that her passenger window was blown out.

The woman stated she didn't know what caused it, and that everybody was okay. A deputy was notified.

A woman called into KCSO requesting a deputy for possible domestic violence. She stated the individual had been drinking and would not leave. A deputy was notified.

A woman called into KCSO to request a deputy sue to someone at her door that would not leave. A deputy was notified.

A man called into KCSO to report that he found some mari-

juana at a local hotel. A deputy was informed.

**Saturday, August 20**  
Arnulfo Basnora, 32, of Fort Worth was arrested for a warrant. Basnora was still being held at press time.

A man called into KCSO to report that his wife was receiving threatening text messages from two individuals. A deputy was notified.

**Sunday, August 21**  
A woman called into KCSO requesting a deputy. She stated that a customer was very upset and was at the location alone. A deputy was informed of the situation.

A woman called into KCSO stating that someone stole some beer for her yard. She requested to speak with a deputy and file a report. A deputy was notified of the situation.

## OBITUARY

### David Wayne Burton

January 2, 1941 - August 18, 2011



David W. "Tooter" Burton, 70, of Ballinger passed away on Thursday, August 18, 2011.

Mr. Burton was born January 2, 1941 in Winters to W. L. and Flora (Nelms) Burton. He obtained his bachelor's degree from McMurry University and master's degree from Abilene Christian University then taught physical education in the Ballinger I.S.D. elementary school for over 20 years. He enjoyed farming and raising livestock; but moreover he loved his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Nona; son, Bret Burton and wife, Kathy, of San Antonio; daughter, Jana Herbert and husband, Garrick, of New Braunfels; grandchildren, Chandler, Marshall and Graham Burton of San Antonio; Madalyn and Garrison Herbert of New Braunfels. Also surviving are his brothers, Jack Burton and wife, Margaret; Tommy Burton and wife, Brenda, all of Winters.

Visitation for family and friends will be Friday, August 19 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. A private burial will take place on Saturday, August 20 at Fairview Cemetery in Winters. There will be a service of celebration at 10:30 am Saturday, August 20 at the First Baptist Church in Ballinger.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to Ballinger Memorial Hospital, P. O. Box 617, Ballinger Texas 76821.

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