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Kinney County Is Home To Vanessa Castillo and Roger Flores - Best Wishes!

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### BRACKETT BRIEFS

PARENT REMINDER BISD will be observing the Labor Day Holiday. NO school on Monday, 9/5/2011.

5TH QUARTER
Information on the Youth 5th
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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

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.

NUTRITION CENTER MENU 9/1: Sliced ham, cranberry sauce, dressing, asparagus, roll, grapes roll, grapes
9/2: Spaghetti w meat sauce,
garden salad, garlic bread,
fruit cobbler
9/5: CLOSED for Labor Day

9/6: Pork chop, mushroom sauce, savory rice pea & onions, wheat bread, pear

crisp 9/7: Chicken & dumplings, buttered carrots, wheat bread, baked apples 9/8: Fried fish, herb pasta, spinach, garlic bread, peach cobbler

9/9: Beef tacos, guacamole, shredded lettuce, zucchini & tomatoes, taco shell, cookie

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implement a reduction in public
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park will be open to public from
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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.

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GRIM REAPER DAY
September 7, school starts out
as any normal day, until...you
hear a gong over the intercom
in the classrooms, throughout
the day. A "Grim Reaper" may
appear in your classroom, and appear in your classroom, and takes a student with them, to return soon back to class only to have their face painted white and a blank reaction to the surroundings with no interaction with others. 16 of these students have been chosen & given this opportunity to let facts & statistics hit home where they educate the most to let facts & statistics hit home where they educate the most. Not everyone knows that 16 teens die a day in car related accidents due to the 5 big issues in teen driving safety: Driving at Night, Distractions, like Cell Phone Use & Too Many Teen Passengers, Speeding, Wearing a Seat Belt and Driving Under the Influence. On September 7, as each of these 16 students, one by one, return back to their class, their Obituary will be hung on the walls of the High School Campus.



# Former Judge Ford completes sentence; Avoids jail time

By Leigh Castillo

Contributing Writer

completed his probation and will not have to serve any jail time for stealing money when he was a judge, according to court documents.

booked into the Kinney County trict court on July 24, 2007, Former Kinney County Jus- Jail, after the State contended only minutes before the start of dicted in December, 2005, aftice of the Peace John Ford III he did not comply with the conditions of his deferred adjudi-

On July 13, 2010, Ford was with the State in the 63rd Discharges pending against him. his jury trial.

As printed in this publication etly entered his plea of, of the Peace (JP) Court for traf- cashed money orders made pay in 2007, Ford, accused of theft "Guilty," to theft by a public fic violations issued by Depart-

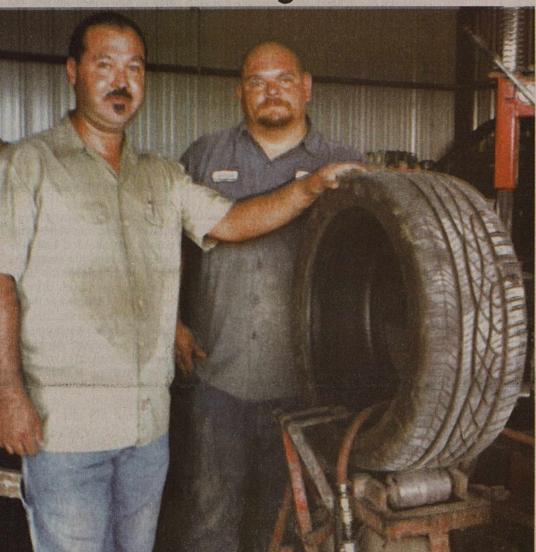
The former judge was inter clerks, working under his Ford stood before then Dis- employ, suspected he was stealby a public servant, made a deal servant; only one of the two ment of Transportation Troop-

ers and local sheriff deputies.

According to the investigation reports completed by Texas Ranger Sgt. Coy Smith and submitted to the court by District trict Judge Tom Lee, and qui- ing money paid to the Justice Attorney Fred Hernandez, Ford

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# Labor Day Heat



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Castillo - M's Tires Owner Guillermo Leos and Joseph Trevino show the true meaning of hard work this Labor Day. The shop was filled with customers and business carried on as usual even as the temperature outside topped 100 degrees several days in a row. Celebrate Labor Day Monday, September 5, 2011.

### Off-duty federal agent survives crash

Contributing Writer

An off-duty federal agent survived a motorcycle accident on August 25.

A caller from the US Border Patrol reported a motorcycle accident on Highway 334, two miles outside of Brackettville at 8 p.m. last Thursday.

According to the Kinney County Sheriff's Department, the driver lost control of his 2009 Suzuki near the main gate of the Evans U-Bar ranch and collided with the fence. Fearing possible head injuries, the driver was transported

by Kinney County EMS to the landing zone area at the entrance of Fort Clark Springs where he was air-lifted to a trauma center in San Antonio.

The victim has been released from the hospital.



### Manger led vs. council led form of city govt

By Leigh Castillo Contributing Writer

Brackettville City Manager Henry Garcia and Police Chief Vito LaGioia have been embroiled in a months-long power struggle that nearly came to blows at a recent budget workshop.

Chief LaGioia was served with two written reprimands at a Regular council meeting on August 9, after he threatened to taze Garcia at a workshop on August 2. LaGioia said he believed Garcia made hostile advances towards him as the two argued over whether or not LaGioia answered directly to Garcia in the chain of command and if LaGioia should have a separate budget for the police department. LaGioia believes he should answer only to the council. A discussion about reprimanding Garcia is planned for the September Regu-

As reported by this newspaper in April of this year and in March of 2009, the Brackettville City Council has the authority to appoint a city manager without an election, Municipal Law and Procedure Manual, Chapter 7.01, "The city council of a municipality may appoint a "city manager" or "city administrator" without an election for a city manager plan."

The difference between a manger led and council led form of government is described in the Municipal Law and Procedure Manual, Section 4.06, "In many smaller Type A municipalities the city council appoint a city manager. This is not necessarily the same as the city manager plan form of government discussed in Manual, Chapter 7. The city council simply uses its powers under LGC Section 22.071 and Section 22.072 to create the office of city manager and prescribe the duties of that office."

The duties of city manger were prescribed in the Resolution, No. 2011-04-04, which reads, "Whereas, The City Council in a Regular meeting on May 2005, took action to further affirm the position of City Manager Plan. Whereby, the City Council Serves as the Legislative Body of City government. Whereas, The City Council affirms under the City Manager plan, the City Manager serves as the Chief Executive and Administrative Officer of the City. Has unilateral authority over all Department Heads; and is accountable to the City Council for the proper conduct of all Municipal Operations." This resolution was passed with a majority vote on April 12, 2011.

The Municipal Law and Procedure Manual does caution city councils they, "retain responsibility, regardless of the title assigned to the position," and they can only delegate nondiscretionary ministerial and administrative tasks to the manager, (Manual, Chapter 7.03 (b).) The cautionary advice also includes references to the Texas Attorney General Opinion No. JC-0544. This opinion details the council's authority under Local Government Code Chapters 22 and 25. The City of Brackettville operates according to Chapter 22, a distinction made in the resolution in April.

City Attorney Heriberto Morales, Jr. said via email Wednesday, "For example, I informed the Mayor that during the budget, she was the chief budget officer in charge of presenting the budget. Obviously, she could delegate all administrative work to the city manager and other employees (have them do all the legwork in compiling numbers and information) but if there was a question as to who was ultimately responsible for the budget it was the Mayor. It was one of those tasks that could not be farmed off to someone else. It was a sovereign function. Administration is fully aware of this distinction. The same goes for the hiring of the (Chief of Police). That function belongs to the Council and the Council voted to hire Vito. Obviously, the city manager was the one that did the legwork in reviewing the candidates and recommending someone to the Council but it was the Council itself that took action.'

Through A Cloud Of Dust Steps A Fighting Tiger



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Michael J. Ford - Brackett Varsity Tiger Saul Talamantes (#22) steps over a tackle by a TLC Academy Eagle of San Angelo in a cloud of dust on Friday, August 26. The Tigers defeated the Eagles, 38-19. Tigers play their rival Angoras of Rocksprings Friday, September 2, at home. If you are unable to make the game, log onto the Brackett News Weekly's Facebook.com page and follow the action as BNW "post-casts" the game live. Visit mybrackettnews.com to see all the photos and enjoy the postgame video interview with Tiger QB Jonathan Quiroz and Charlie Resendez. See complete story and stats Page 3.

### Former Judge avoids jail time

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able to him in his capacity as JP and then later attempted to cover up his crime by fabricating a money order.

In one of several documented incidents, Randal Johnson of Boynton Beach, Florida called the JP's office on August 16, 2004, in reference to a notice detailing the suspension of his driver's license due to the non-payment of a citation he received while traveling through Kinney County on July 14, 2004.

Johnson claimed he had made payment to the court by way of a money order, but after searching the JP's database, the clerks maintained that no payment had been received.

Johnson then requested a "tracer" on the money order and faxed the results to the JP's office. The money order bore Ford's signature, "indicating that it had been cashed for cash," on August 2, 2004, the report revealed...

Aware that a search was on for Johnson's payment information, but unaware Johnson had already faxed in proof of payment, Ford produced \$165 cash on August, 30, 2004. Ford, attempting to resolve the issue, announced, "that Johnson had made payment over the weekend and the money would be brought from

After Ford was arrested for fabricating physical evidence and for theft by a public servant, the report disclosed he, "provided a statement admitting that he had stolen money from his office." Ford cited personal financial troubles as his reasons for his actions, but did not say how much money he had stolen.

Ford was not given jail time for his offenses, as was former City of Brackettville Manger David Luna after his conviction of theft by a public servant late last year, but instead given the opportunity to walk the line for three years, pay monthly fines and fees and then later he would have been given the opportunity to have his record completely expunged.

Court records show Ford failed to pay all of his Supervision Fees and fines and now the State wants to take back their stay out of jail card. The State, "prays...John Ford III, be dealt with as though there had been no probation granted," however, Ford was given probation to be completed in August 25, 2011. The Kinney County Clerk's Office confirmed Ford paid his fines and fees and completed 160 hours of community service, but has a Third Degree Felony of Theft By A Public Servant on his record. A felony conviction will make him ineligible to run for public service in the future.



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#### Small Town Tom Mike Barnhouse HELLO. I WOULD ...50 I NO, I DON'T KNOW DON'T LIKE AN AUTO HOW MANY MILES I DRIVE INV NSURANCE QUOTE. DRIVE A YEAR. MUCH. BUT I DO KNOW THAT THE LAST TIME I FILLED MY CAR UP LIVE IN WITH GAS SMALL WAS LAST MARCH.

### Grandparents may need to balance gifts and goals



Emily Cooper Edward Jones in Del Rio

Grandparents Day falls on valuable purpose in reminding us of the importance of grand-

grandchildren. If you're a support to their grandchildren grandparent yourself, you al- between 2004 and 2009, acready know the joy your grand- cording to a survey by the children bring you, and through MetLife Mature Market Instithe years, you have probably tute. This averages out to \$8,661 been generous with them in many ways. At the same time, though, gifts and your financial goals.

It can be challenging to Sept. 11 this year. While not as achieve that balance. For one widely observed as Mother's thing, you and your fellow past several years. America's grandparents provided an estiparents in the lives of their mated \$370 billion in financial

per grandparent household over that same period. However, you probably need to strike a many of these same grandparents balance between your heartfelt may not be accumulating sufficient financial resources to enjoy the retirement lifestyle they've envisioned. In fact, the median balance of retirement Day or Father's Day, Grandpar- grandparents have not been accounts for 55- to 64-year-olds ents Day nonetheless serves a stingy in your giving over the is only about \$100,000, according to the Center for Retirement Research. That's not a lot of money for an age group that could spend two or even three decades in retirement.

> So, as a grandparent, what steps might you take to bolster your retirement savings while simultaneously helping your grandchildren? Here are a few ideas:

·Maintain permanent life insurance. Once your children are grown, you may feel less compelled to carry life insurance. But the right type of life insurance can benefit you throughout your life. Permanent life insurance offers you the chance to build cash value, which you may be able to access, depending upon the specifics of your policy. And you can name your grandchildren as beneficiaries of

your policy. Open a 529 plan. Use the money you're already gifting to fund a 529 plan to help your These plans have generous contribution guidelines, and withdrawals are tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified expenses. There may be state tax incentives available to in-state residents who invest in their home state's 529 plan. And a 529 plan offers you a degree of flexibility; if the beneficiary grandchild decides to forgo college, you can transfer the unused funds to another grandchild, tax and penalty free. However, withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes, plus a 10% pen-

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Your grandchildren may appreciate your generosity, but they'll also no doubt want you to enjoy a comfortable retirement. As always, you need to do what makes sense for your situation. You may find there are ways to help both your grandchildren and yourself.

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### Driving in a Fog



Fly Lady Marla Cilley

What happens to us is that when we get overwhelmed our brains keep trying to play catch up and in the process, this brain frenzy short circuits our actions. Now don't get me wrong we are working like crazy but we don't seem to be accomplishing much because we are trying to do too much too fast.

We can even feel the CHAOS start to build. So why don't we stop the avalanche before it comes sliding down on top of us! It is because we think if we just keep juggling we can keep all those balls in the air. We are not perfect and let's face it; we are never going to be. But that is just fine with me. I don't have to be perfect to be loved. My home does not have to be perfect to be lived in. Housework done incorrectly still blesses my family. I can do anything for 15 minutes! What doesn't matter, just doesn't matter!

When you feel the pressure start to mount then that is the time to let off some of the steam so you will not explode and the avalanche suffocate you! I can hear you now! HOW DO I DO

Let me tell you what I do when I start to feel overwhelmed. I stop dead in my tracks when I first realize that I am beginning to feel antsy and SIT DOWN!

Then I take a few deep breaths and get out a piece of paper. Automatically my heart rate slows down and that antsy feeling subsides. The reason it is hard for us to recognize that we are feeling overwhelmed is because we have been living on adrenaline most of our lives. We have to practice slowing down grandchildren pay for college. when we feel antsy instead of speeding up! Think of it this way. You are going to love this

When you are driving and you see a problem way up ahead; do you drive faster to get there quicker. No you slow down and become more cautious. Imagine that all of a sudden you are driving in a fog and you can't see where you are going. You have to slow down. Now you can't just stop(crawl in bed) on the highway because there will be a major pile up(the house will fall apart). You have to proceed slowly and cautiously; being aware of everything going on around you. You even turn off the music so you can concentrate more. If you have a phone call you ignore it. Your mind has to be focused. That fog represents what is going on in our heads when we are trying to do too much at one time!

We can do this with our driving! So let's start practicing it with our race though our day. Your day doesnt have to be one pile up after another! Slow your brain down by sitting down with a piece of paper. Put on some calming music and examine what is happening to you. Ask yourself these questions.

Have I had any food today? Have I had any water? Am I angry? Am I tired? Am I dressed to shoes? What are the priorities? Write them down on your paper and put first things first. Set your timer for 5 minutes and take care of yourself so you can think.

Then use your timer to keep you focused. I call it a 15 minute day! It is kind of like crisis cleaning for your head. I take my list of priorities and start at the top and spend 15 minutes on that one. It doesn't matter that it is not finished then I set my timer again and go to the next item on the list. I do this three times then I sit for 15 minutes and collect my thoughts and rest at the same time. After timer goes off; I start again!

Are you feeling overwhelmed right now? Try this! It doesn't matter if you are at work or home? Your timer eliminates the fog in your head! Use it! Are you ready to FLY in a Fog-free area?

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### Cross Country season opener

By Ashley Castillo Sandoval Contributing Writer **Results by Coach Brotherton** 

On August 27, the BHS Cross Country team traveled to Eagle Pass to participate in the 3-person team relays. In the girls division each runner on the team ran 1.25 miles. In the boys division each runner ran 1.50 miles.

Girls Team 1- Sophomore Jaclyn Abbey, Freshmen Clarissa Valdez and Gabby Sandoval place 1st with a time

Girls Team 2- Sophmores Mercedes Ocasio and Shannon Gammil placed 3rd.

Boys Team 1- Hayden Turkett, Senior Joelson Terrzas and Wyatt Blake placed 2nd with a time of 26.52.

Boys Team 2- Sophomore Garon Rueda, Senior Bradley Edwards and Freshmen Dante Luna placed 5th with a time of 31.34.

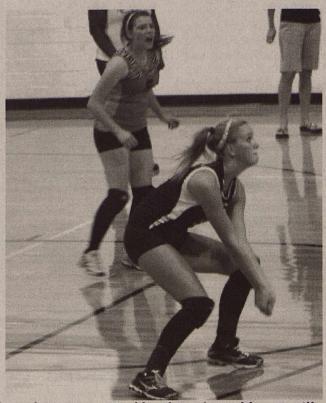
The next Cross Country Meet is scheduled for September 10th in Eagle Pass.

### BISD seeking volunteers

Submitted by BISD

Brackett I.S.D. is seeking volunteers to serve on the district advisory committee. We are currently needing to fill the following vacancies; a member who is a parent of a current high school student, a member that will represent the community, and a member representing the business community. This committee will meet approximately 4 times during the school year and act in an advisory role to the school board or its designee (Superintendent) and approve district wide staff development. If interested please contact Frank Taylor at 830.563, 2491, ext.

### Tigerettes win **Bronze Division**



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Ashley Castillo Sandoval - Sophomore Tyler Roberts serve receives while Sophomore Libero Leslie Allen covers her.

By Ashley Castillo Sandoval Contributing Writer Stats submitted by Coach Kunz

On August 26-27 the Varsity Tigerettes travelled to Comfort for their second tournament of hosted Cole, once again gaining the season. The Tigerettes ended the tournament winning the Bronze division.

Brackett defeats Cole 25-21,25-23

Brackett leaders: aces-Priscilla Aguirre, Maddie Frerich, Morgan Brown (2) Digs-McKenzie Castillo (8) Kills-Maddie Frerich (7) Assists-Priscilla Aguirre (20) Blocks-Maddie Frerich (1)

Brackett defeats Junction nament on Sept. 1-3. The next 25-22, 11-25, 25-23 orbinoussag

Brackett leaders: Aces- against Carrizo Springs.

# **Tigers defeat TLCA Eagles**



Rey Sifuentes. Jr.

Brackett High School's varsity football team got its season off to a good start by disposing of San Angelo TLCA 38-19 on Friday. The Tigers amassed a total of 463 yards while the Eagles gained 260.

The bulk of Bracket's yardage came on the ground, 380 yards. Running the ball for BHS were Charlie Resendez (21 carries for 100 yards), Jonathan Pinales (11 carries for 83 yards), Jonathan Quiroz (12 carries for 74 yards), Paul Resendez (13 carries for 73 yards), Saul Talamantes (one carry for 41 yards) and Bradley Edwards (2 carries for 9 yards). Resendez ran for scores of 16, six (twice) and one yard. Pinales reached pay-dirt on a 14-yard

At quarterback, Jonathan Quiroz completed four out of nine pass attempts for 83 yards. Quiroz also scored a touchdown on a on-yard run.

Daniel Falcon led the Tigers on defense with nine tackles. Rolando Gutierrez and Paul Resendez each made eight tackles. Both Jonathan Quiroz and Eric Falcon halted Eagle offensive drives by making intercep-

"We started off a little slow in the first half but still had a 13-0 lead at halftime," Head Coach Greg Voyles said. "But we came out and dominated the field. second half by playing the way we know how.

Voyles and his assistants told their boys to turn things up in the second half.

Brackett News Weekly Photo by Michael J. Ford - Junior Cesar Castillo goes up for the long pass made by Junior QB Johnathan Quiroz in Friday's season opener against the Eagles.

more aggressively physical and hit our spots." they responded," Voyles said. Winning du "They had kind of been feeling second half."

defense with their running

"We went out with the mindset of running the ball right at San Angelo and wearing them down," Voyles said.

The Tigers need to get into a little better shape while also completing their assignments on the

in our conditioning, we're not up and run you over as they are out of shape but did have some a big physical team. On defense, kids cramp up here and there on they run a 50-formation and are Friday," Voyles said. "We also just as physical with their oppo-'We told the kids to become need to execute better overall, nents."

Winning during week zero was a good confidence builder out the other team during the for the Tiger sideline. first two quarters and were not "This gives our team - espeperforming to the best of their cially our younger players - their abilities. But we fixed that in the first win of the season underneath their belts and we will BHS battered down the Eagle expand from that," Voyles said. "Our boys who are new to the varsity responded well to the increased speed at this level of football, which is a key to the game.'

The Tigers host Rocksprings at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. "Rocksprings went three rounds deep into the playoffs last year, so they are a very good team,' Voyles said. "They like to run "We need some improvement the ball on offense, they just line

### FCA kicks off

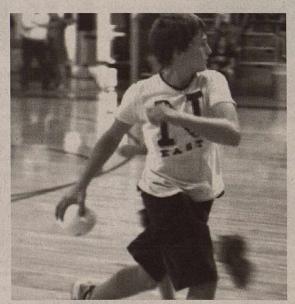


Photo Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly by Shelby Shuster-Eighth grader Walt Ashley is serious about dodgeball at Wednesday's Kick-off party.

By Shelby Shuster HS Contributing Writer

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"FCA stands for 'Fellowship of Westbrook's car. Christian Athletes', but here we call it the 'Fellowship of Chris- ing to donate shoes, drop them tian Anybodies'.

lots of community service. They have annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. This year they are also On August 24th, the BHS FCA collecting new or gently worn threw their 2011-2012 Kick-off shoes to donate to an organiza-Party. 86 students grades 7-12 tion called Soles for Souls. Their goal is to have enough shoes to As officer Leslie Allen put it. fill BISD Superintendent Robert

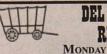
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# wards Banquet

Submitted By Shelby Shuster HS Contributing Writer

Maddie Frerich (2) Digs- Leslie

Allen, Morgan Brown (10) Kills

-Morgan Brown (9) Assists-

Priscilla Aguirre (23) Blocks-

a victory against the Cougars.

On August 30, the Tigerettes

Brackett defeats Cole

Brackett Leaders: Aces-

Priscilla Aguirre, Morgan Brown

(6) Dig-Priscilla Aguirre (8)

Kills-Maddie Frerich (11)

Assists-Priscilla Aguirre (29)

Blocks-Maddie Frerich, Selina

game will be in the Harper Tour-

home game will be on Sept. 6th

The Varsity Tigerettes next

Priscilla Aguirre (2)

25-19, 25-14, 25-13

Gerardo (1)

On August 28, the Kinney Co. 4-H Club had their Annual Fun Day/ Awards Banquet. Fun Day is when returning and new and any projects they are possi-

bly interested in joining. During the Awards Banquet, their achievements in the previous 4-H year. Franny Smith and Abigail Gutierrez were recognized for the record-keeping/ participation as they received point awards. There are four point categories: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Diamond. Franny Smith received Bronze and county agent, inducted the 2011-2012 Senior and Junior Jeyson Price (Sr.) and Franny Smith (Jr.), Treasurers- Peyton Stetson Schuster. Bonner (Sr.) and Kimmie Stafford (Jr.), Reporter-Jonathon has done every project possible. Sunday's 4H banquet.

and Haley Smith. must go through an interview process with a panel of three 4-H members are recognized for two applicants. These two applicompleted the interview. The Schuster 2011 Kinney County Gold Star in October.

The club awards a Junior and Abigail Gutierrez received Senior 4-Her of the Year. These Gold. Tyler Bobinmyer, the 4-Hers are at every 4-H function doing whatever they can.

The Junior 4-Her of the year Club officers. The officers are had been forced to 4-H activias follows: Presidents- Shelby ties since he was born. His top Schuster (Sr.) and Stetson achievements in 2010-2011 Schuster (Jr.), Vice Presidents- were winning 3rd and District Rolando Gutierrez (Sr.) and with his Record book, and beat-Tyler Schuster (Jr.), Secretaries- ing his sister for Club President. The Junior 4-Her of the Year was

Stafford (Sr.) and Senior Coun- In her Gold Star application, she would have never taken off the cil Delegates Shannon Gammill wrote, "Being in 4-H has taught way it has. The Calks will also me about responsibility and 4-H awards a Gold Star. To leadership. 4-H has given me be eligible for Gold Star, you numerous opportunities to grow must be at least 15, have com- as a person and to help people.' 4-H members sign up for 4-H pleted a Record book and they Her top achievements in 2010-2011 were being elected Senior Club President and winning Disjudges. This year the county had trict and placing 7th at State with her Record book. The Senior 4cants were both eligible and both Her of the Year was Shelby

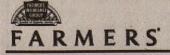
District 10 Banquet in Uvalde the Shooting Sports project ganization that needs it.

be recognized at the District 10 Banquet in October, along with Haley and Shelby

Lastly, the club recognized Mr. and Mrs. Joe York Jr. for their 40+ years of donated time and effort to the Kinney County Stock Show. Mr. York has handed out the Joey Key York Memorial Award and Scholarship to the show's top showmen The club also recognized Mr. for years. Mr. and Mrs. York will recipients were Haley Smith and and Mrs. Phillip Calk for their always be out and about at dif-Shelby Schuster. Haley and years of volunteer service to the ferent functions around town Shelby will be recognized at a club. Many say without them, always supporting whatever or-



Photo Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly - Tyler Bobinmyer The Senior 4-Her of the Year awards Haley Smith and Shelby Shuster the Gold Star at



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# Community

### Legislation regulating speed limits

Submitted by TxDot

some changes to speed limit isting nighttime and truck speed until the new speed limit signs signs in the next several months, limits are repealed and no longer are actually installed." as new laws regulating speed enforceable. limits on the roadways of the state highway system begin to contracts in August to remove which represents the speed the take effect.

islation allows the Texas Depart- speed limits. ment of Transportation

65-mile per hour nighttime laws. However, it is important 2013.

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Texas motorists may notice limits. On September 1, the ex- to speed limits are not effective

(TxDOT) to create a 75-mile per isting nighttime speed limit txdot\_library/safety hour speed limit on any state signs, truck speed limit signs, traffic safety pubs.htm highway found to be reasonable and evaluating approximately

speed limit and all truck speed to remember that any increases

Speed limits in Texas are set TxDOT awarded maintenance by the 85th percentile method, the nighttime and truck speed majority of drivers are traveling The 82nd Texas Legislature limit signs and is also in the pro- at or below. This is a sound enpassed and the Governor signed cess of hiring consultants to per- gineering principle used to set House Bill 1353, which takes form the required speed studies speed limits on highways nationeffect on September 1. This leg-needed to implement the higher wide for the past 60 years. For more information on speed lim-"We will be removing the ex- its see: http://www.txdot.gov/

The existing 65-mile per hour and safe through a speed study. 50,000 miles of state highway night and truck speed limit signs TxDOT will be reviewing exist- with a current 70-mile hour should be removed by the end ing 70-mile per hour speed lim- speed limit," said Carol Rawson, of this year. The complete its to determine where a 75-mile TxDOT Director of Traffic Op- evaluation of the state highway per hour speed limit may be erations. "With these contracts system and posting of all new in place, we are moving steadily 75-mile per hour speed limits HB 1353 also eliminates the ahead to implement these new should be complete by early

### Care packages for troops

**Submitted by Emilio** and Araceli Perez

As many of you may already know, our daughter, Kaylynn, is a (Senior Airman) in the USAF and is currently deployed to Iraq. Kaylynn is a team lead of 35 Airman. Her squadron, along with many others, are there to assist in the tearing down of current troop housing, communication, etc, in preparation for all our troops to return home. They will be moving from trailers with A/C to tents with no electricity and none of the commodities we, in the US experience daily.

their stay in Iraq as comfortable as possible. Examples of these items include but are not limited to wipes, hand sanitizer, suntan lotion, toiletries, sewing kits, snacks, and cookies. You

Photo Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly - Kaylynn Perez

could also assist with monetary for mail. The last day to mail We are asking for your assis- donations to be used towards packages is September 8, 2011, tance in gathering items to make mailing packages. If you wish to mail directly to Iraq please send to the following address:

Kaylynn Perez USAF 332 ESFS/ S30A APO, AE 09315-9997

as our troops will not be able to receive any mail after Sept. 21,

We thank you in advance for your time and consideration. We look forward to whatever sup-There is a two-week period port you can provide.

# Castillo-Flores to wed



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Ashley Castillo Sandoval - Vanessa Castillo and Roger Flores will be married on September 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Tomas Castillo, of Brackettville would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter Vanessa Marie Castillo, to Roger G. Flores, son of Mr. Roy Flores and Ms. Sylvia G. Flores, also of Brackettville. The couple will wed on September 3, 2011 in a small family ceremony at Dickman Hall, Fort Clark Springs. The vows will officiated by Rick Alvarado. Bridesmaids will include Maid of Honor April Martinez, sisters Ashley Castillo Sandoval, Julie Castillo and McKenzie Castillo. Roger's Best Man will be his brother Ricky Flores. His groomsmen will be cousins Tommy Sandoval, Albert Flores and family friend Stevan Rivera.

### Rotary introduces District Governor Rigeny



Photo Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly - At the regular noon meeting of the Brackettville Rotary Club on August 25, Rotary Club President Ed Dillon introduced Assistant District Governor Phill Rigney to the membership. Rigney reported last year there were less than 500 cases of polio throughout the world. Rotary International is dedicated to stamping out polio world wide.

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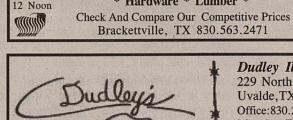
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### Marcum-Hood Engagement Announced

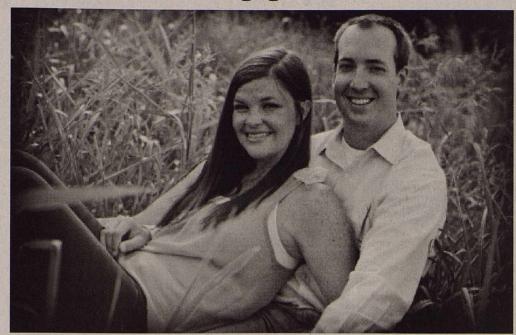


Photo Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly -Kirsten Marcum received her BA Degree in English and Teacher Certification from the Texas Tech University and is currently working as an 8th grade Reading/Language Arts teacher in Midlothian, Texas. Her mother is Diane (Conoly) Brenan. Diane and her husband, John Brenan, are from Denver, Co and also ranch in Brackettville, TX. Her father is H. Spencer Marcum. Spencer and his wife, Mary Frances, are from Denver, CO. Kirsten is the niece of Bud (deceased) and Gita Conoly of Brackett, and the granddaughter of JM and Elaine Conoly (both deceased) of Brackettville, TX and Corpus Christi, TX. Ryan Hood received his BS degree in Restaurant, Hotel, and Institutional Management from Texas Tech University and is currently working as an Investment Solutions Representative at Fidelity Investments in Southlake, TX. His mother is Ms. Cheryl Hood of Dallas, TX. His father is Jeff Hood. Jeff and his wife, Robbin, reside in Dallas, TX. Kirsten and Ryan Hood are each living in Ft. Worth, TX and are planning a June, 2012, wedding.

### Kinney County Sheriff's Report



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

at press time. Monday, August 22

A man called in to KCSO stathis ranch and found his F-150 deputy for an accident report. route to the location. truck was missing. The man described the truck; Game Warden and a deputy were notified and en route to the location.

Tuesday, August 23 Adam Caton, 27, of Chandler was arrested for unpaid traffic fines. Caton was still being held

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port a motorcycle accident on from his girlfriend's house. A Hwy 334. The woman stated the deputy was notified and en route and needed EMS dispatched. A route to the location. The children that lived with their deputy then called back into mother. He stated that his wife KCSO to request Air Life.

Wednesday, August 24

A woman called into KCSO

A deputy was notified.

Thursday, August 25 Sterling City was arrested for failure to comply with registration requirements, sex offender.

forming the KCSO that there fied. was a motorcycle accident on Hwy 224. EMS was notified, as well as the deputy on duty. The woman then called back stating the individual was fully con-

science. Friday, August 26 A woman came by KCSO

deputy to assist them to get a A woman called 911 to re- male individual to get his clothes

individual had severe injuries to the location. A man made a 911 all stating deputy was notified and was en that he was concerned for his

was out of medication and was A security company called concerned for his children. A into KCSO to report an alarm deputy was notified and advised going off at the new high school. the man that the children were

A woman called into KCSO to request a deputy due to some to request a deputy to go by her vandalism at the school. A son's house, because there was deputy was dispatched to the a woman there trying to get her clothes, the woman stated she A call from FCS Security didn't want anything else taken. ing that he had just returned to came into KCSO to request a A deputy was notified and en

Saturday, August 27

Adam Herman Castillo, 17, John Zapata Samuel, 25, of of Brackettville was arrested for theft. Castillo was still being held at press time.

A woman called into KCSO Samuel was released the same to request a deputy to assist with day after posting a \$3,000 bond. traffic control due to cattle out A woman called from BP in- on the Hwy. A deputy was noti-

Sunday, August 28

A woman made a 911 to report that she could hear teenager verbally fighting and arguing with each other. She stated in what area it was and a deputy was en route to that location.

A man called into KCSO statstating that they needed a ing that he his owed money from a resident from Brackettville. A deputy was notified and spoke with the individual.

September Yard of the Month



Photo Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly - Mountain Laurel Garden Club announced Joe and Mary Sam York of 124 Crockett Road, Fort Clark Springs have been awarded Yard of the Month for September 2011. The Mexican Sage really highlights this yard. This yard is truly beautiful all around the house.

### Save Your Excuses for the Judge

2011 Labor Day "Drink, Drive, Go to Jail"

**Submitted by Texas Department of Transportation** ers

cold beers may sound like welan end. However, the sad reality is that far too many impaired wheel over Labor Day weekend, putting themselves and the rest of us at risk for serious injury or death. They'll also be taking a big chance on being pulled

over and taken to jail. If previous trends hold, on will occur approximately every

out in force to arrest drunk driv- blood alcohol concentration at

After the scorching weather or state trooper that you're ok ries. Texas has had this year, a few to drive, that you're only going a few blocks, or that you're become relief as summer draws to ing extra careful won't protect you from a night in jail, legal fees, a hefty fine, and all the motorists will get behind the other consequences that go with a DWI arrest and conviction.

The Texas Department of Transportation is again joining forces with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to support the annual national crackdown on average, an alcohol-related crash impaired drivers. According to 20 minutes in Texas during La- Texas has the dubious distinc- motivation enough not to drive bor Day weekend. That's why tion of being the national leader if you've been drinking, law police officers, sheriff's depu- when it comes to deaths from enforcement has this promise for

or over .08, the state's legal The standard excuses for limit for intoxication. In 2010, driving while intoxicated won't the state saw 25,032 alcohol-refly. Law enforcement has heard lated crashes that resulted in them all. Telling a police officer 1,057 deaths and 16,877 inju-

No excuse can make up for a family member or friend killed or injured by a drunk driver.

So if your holiday plans include alcohol, think twice before you drive. Designate a driver in advance. Ask someone sober to take you home. Call a cab. Just stay where you are until you're sober and can drive safely. Any inconvenience pales in comparison to the pain and suffering that goes with a drunk driving crash.

If neither concern for youran August 2010 NHTSA report, self or others on the road is ties, and state troopers will be crashes in which a driver had a you: drink, drive, go to jail.





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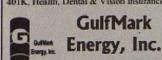
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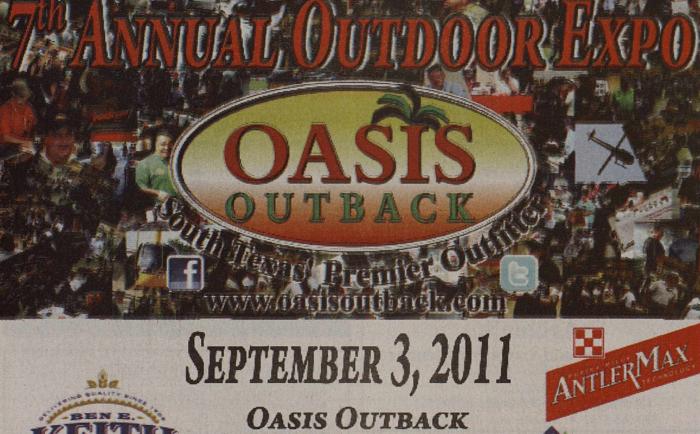
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PUBLIC NOTICE Kinney County. Kinney County has recently received notice of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Award Colonia Planning Fund from the Texas Department of Rural Affairs. The award in the amount of \$24,250.00 is to prepare a Comprehensive Colonia Plan for Kinney County. Accordingly, Kinney County is seeking to contract with a qualified planning consultant to assist is several aspects of contractual compliance with the Texas Department of Rural Affairs Contract #711365. Please submit your statement of qualifications and references to Kinney County to the address below: Tim Ward, County Judge, PO Box 348, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Proposals must be received by Kinney County no later than September 15, 2011 to be con-sidered. The County reserve the right to negotiate with any and all firms or consultants that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act. The County of Kinney is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Em-

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