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BHS Homecoming
October 7
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Thursday, September 29, 2011

Kinney County is Home to Clarissa Cruz and Rebecca Rangel- Happy Birthday!

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BRACKETT BRIEFS

HOMECOMING WEEK THEMES

Monday - Pajama Day
Tuesday - Decades Day
Wednesday - Nerd Day
Thursday - Pink Day
Friday - Black & Gold
ACTIVITIES
Thursday October 6th - Powder Puff Football 6:30 pm (See page 3 for more info.) Lighting of the 'T' at Tiger Stadium at dusk.
Friday October 7th - Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally
JH and HS students dismissed at 1:00 to begin lining up for Parade. Parade begins at 1:30 p.m. at Brackett High School Pep Rally at 5 Points at 2:00 p.m. Homecoming Game begins at 7:30 p.m. Homecoming Court presentation during Halftime

PEEWEE-PREP FOOTBALL

Tiger PeeWee and Prep teams will play in Brackettville at Tiger Stadium on October 8 versus the Del Rio Ponies. Brackett will be hosting the Del Rio Youth Football League all day next Saturday. The DR PeeWee Longhorns will play the DR Lions at 9am; DR Prep Longhorns vs. DR Lions at 11am; DR PeeWee Chiefs vs. DR Cowboys at 1pm; DR Prep Chiefs vs. DR Cowboys at 3pm; DR PeeWee Ponies vs. BKT Tigers at 5pm; DR Prep Ponies vs. BKT Tigers at 7pm; BYE weekend for the DR Lobos.

BISD SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/29- JH Football vs. D'Hanis at 5:00 p.m.
9/30-JV, V Volleyball at D'Hanis at 5:00 p.m. (District game)
10/1- JH B, A Volleyball at Sabinal Tournament
Varsity Football at D'Hanis at 7:30 p.m.
10/30-JH B, A Volleyball vs. D'Hanis at 5:00 p.m.
10/4-JV, V Volleyball vs. LaPryor at 5:00 p.m. (District game)
10/5-FCA at the new gym at 8:00 p.m.
10/6-JH Football at Del Rio at 5:00 p.m.
JV Football at Del Rio at 6:30 p.m.
Lighting of the 'T' at dusk at Tiger Stadium

SOLES FOR SOULS

FCA students are collecting new or slightly used shoes for "Soles for Souls." This organization then sends the shoes to people in the US and around the world that need them. Shoes will be collected through October 12th. Contact FCA sponsor Rhonda Marquardt, 563-2480, for additional information. Shoes can be dropped off at the school, or brought to Tiger Stadium during the Fields of Faith prayer night on October 12th. FCA also collects cell phones and print cartridges for recycling. FCA students thank you for your support.

KC LIVESTOCK GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, October 22, Fort Clark Springs Golf Course Starts at 1:00 pm and will be followed by a hamburger supper \$50 a man for four man teams. \$10 cart fee. For more information and to sign up call: Mark Frerich at 563-2075 or 563-5846.

HUNTER'S GUIDE

It's time to start thinking about advertising in the Brackett News Weekly's Annual Hunter's Guide. Reserve your ad space in our award winning Guide now and save 15 percent off our regular low price. Call 830.563.2852 or email tbnews@sbcbglobal.net.

LIBRARY NEWS COLLEGE PLANS

SWTJC will be here on October 6, 2011 9:30 am-3:00 pm to help with financial assistance and registration call KC Library 563.2884 to set up an appointment or for additional information.

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

Oct. 3- Turkey Tetrazzini, Noodles, Roasted Broccoli, Roll, Banana, Milk
Oct. 4- Country Fried Steak w/ Cream Gravy, Chive Potatoes, Zucchini & Tomato, Casserole, Cornbread, Berry Vanilla Parfait, Milk
Oct. 5- Smothered Pork Chop, Sweet Potatoes, Buttered Peas, Dinner Roll, Apple Crisp, Milk

Grand jury indicts 10

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

The Grand Jurors for Kinney County handed down ten indictments on September 1.

Of the twelve cases presented

to the jury, ten indictments were returned and two cases were transferred to county court.

On Wednesday, only three cases had been made public. Information on the other nine cases remained sealed pending bond returns.

Ramon Alfredo Suarez, Case No. 2277, was indicted for felony Driving While Intoxicated (DWI), third offense on April 16, 2010. Suarez was previously convicted of DWI in Val Verde County on May 29, 2002 and May 6, 2003. Bond for

Suarez was set at \$5,500.

Lora Rae Childress, Case No. 2270, was indicted for unlawfully appropriating more than \$100,000, but less than \$200,000, from Alamo Saddlery beginning June 1, 2010. Bond for Childress was set at \$50,000.

Samuel Fernandez, Case No. 2272, was indicted for threatening a woman with imminent bodily injury by putting a knife to her throat and for using a knife during the commission of an assault. Bond for Fernandez was set at \$5,000.

City passes new budget; No utility rate increases

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

Brackettville city council members voted in majority to approve the 2011-2012 Budget at a Special meeting on September 27.

Alderswoman Francesca Chica Hernandez made the motion to pass the new budget, but included clarification on three items. Hernandez wanted to be sure current public works employees that made under \$10 per hour were raised to \$10 per hour and all current public works employees making \$10 and over would receive a three percent raise, all effective October 3. Current administrative personnel would receive a raise to \$10 per hour, or a three percent raise, whichever was less, also all effective October 3. Secondly, Hernandez wanted clarification that public works employees would receive five uniform short sleeve shirts and in the winter months, five long sleeve shirts; however, the city will discontinue supplying the uniform pants and laundry service for the uniforms. The last item was for the city to continue providing a health insurance plan to its employees, but eliminate the eye and dental coverage options.

Alderspersons Hernandez, Tencha Pena and John Plunker Sheedy voted to approve the new budget. Alderswoman Rachel Munoz voted against approving the new budget. Alderman Demitrus Williams was absent.

The expected total revenue and expenditures for the city's Utility Fund and Operating Fund is \$1,146,310; \$839,010, for the Utility Fund and \$307,300, for the Operating Fund. This budget is \$44,085.32, lower than last year's budget of \$1,190,395.32.

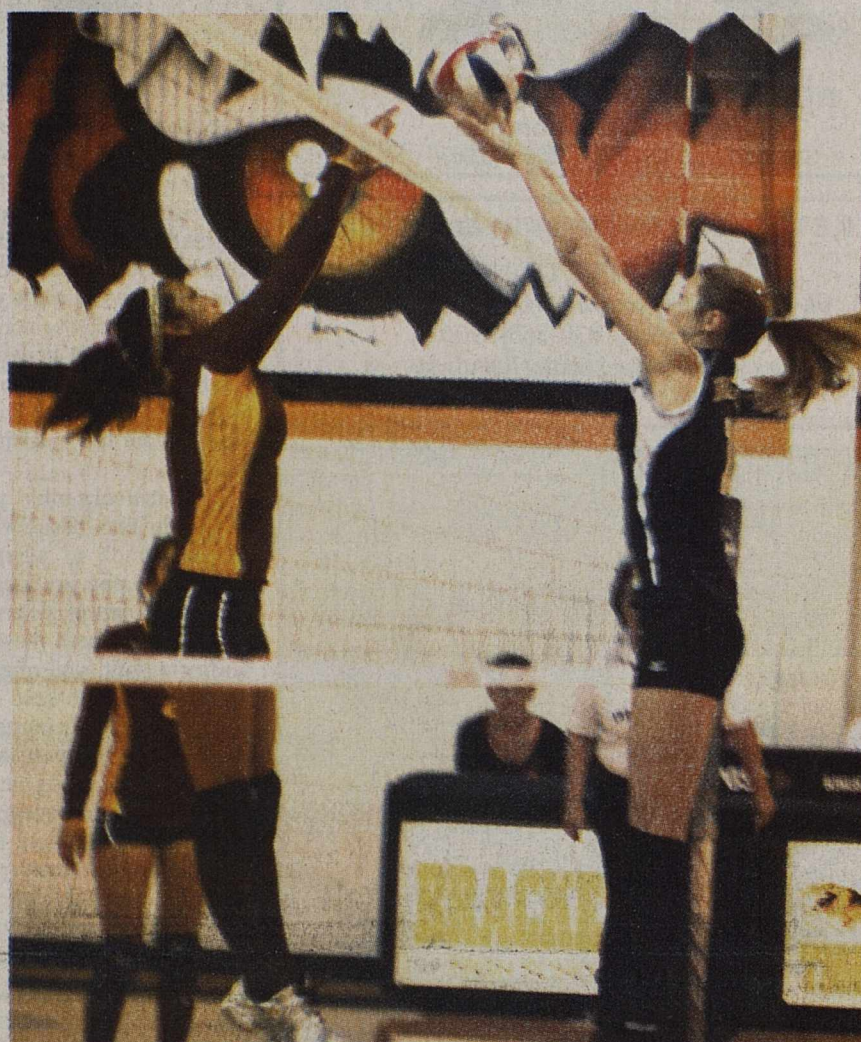
The council did not increase the rates for water, sewer, landfill or gas utilities and chose to adopt a lower tax rate of .679600, a decrease from the 2010-2011 tax rate of .681800.

Before adjourning for the evening the council moved to reaffirm the adoption of their tax rate for the record. The item was not listed as a separate action item on the agenda, but City Hall stated it was a re-affirmation of an earlier action and part of the budget approval process.

Verification was still pending at press time.

The motion passed with a majority vote from alderspersons Hernandez, Pena and Sheedy. Munoz voted against the re-affirmation.

Frerich fights for the block



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Ashley Castillo Sandoval - Freshmen Maddie Frerich, at right, goes up strong for the block in Saturday's District game against Charlotte. See full story and results on Page 3. Visit mybrackettnews.com to see all the pictures taken at this event and a special team captain video interview.

BISD Sercret Service Agents



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Castillo - Brackett Independent School District Maintenance and Custodial staff are the mostly unseen individuals that keep the school in motion. Brackett Independent School District Maintenance and Custodial staff are the mostly unseen individuals that keep the school in motion. These employees work behind the scenes to prepare for activities, repair buildings and equipment, clean and maintain classrooms and facilities. They ensure our classrooms and hallways are neat and clean and ready for our teachers and students. BISD Superintendent Robert Westbrook said, "In addition, they perform routine maintenance on all our facilities, helping to extend their useful life. Furthermore, they are always willing to help us prepare for special events, such as banquets, awards ceremonies, and UIL events." Pictured from left: Tommy Sandoval, Sterling Goodloe, Imelda Vela, Lucy Wilson, Carol Sandoval, Elida Salazar, Isauro Rivas, Blanca Ortega and Maintenance & Custodial Supervisor Javier Valdez. Not pictured: Mary Hernandez.

Fort eliminates employee insurance; Employees disappointed, worried

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

The Fort Clark Springs Association (FCSA) board of directors approved their 2011-2012 budget and to amend their personnel policy manual and to delete in its entirety the section pertaining to health, accidental and life insurance coverage for employees at a Special meeting on Wednesday, September 21.

According to Fort Clark administrators, all full-time employees were eligible for coverage and of the 35 full-time employees, 33 participated in the program. The association paid 100 percent of the premiums, and estimated the savings in the new budget year to be approximately \$175,000.

The employees were not advised of the cancellation of their insurance prior to Wednesday's meeting. One long-time employee who attended the meeting addressed the board by saying the Fort had experience hard times before, but had never cancelled the employees health insurance.

FCSA Director of Operations

Ron Stuard met with Fort employees on Thursday, September 22, to explain the board's decision and said the employees were disappointed, saddened and worried about what they will do in the future.

Fort employees do not have a retirement program and as of December 1, will no longer have health insurance.

Directors Larry Farlow, Debbie Isaacs, Garland Young and Henry Garcia, all voted in favor of the motion to cancel the insurance benefits. New comer Steve Giblin abstained. Giblin was sworn in last Wednesday to fill the position vacated by William Bill Haenn.

Administrators added the board had reviewed the budget line by line and made other necessary expenditure cuts by eliminating a shift from security, reducing their tax liabilities and eliminating an outside hunting contract.

To bridge the gap for the 2010-2011 budget year losses, the board voted to assess a one time special assessment to all members in the amount of \$42.

Vasquez, Schwiesow pass TCLEOSE test; Two more certified jailers at Detention Center

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

Kinney County Detention Center correctional officers Ben Vasquez and Shailla Schwiesow passed the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) Basic Jailer Proficiency test.

Vasquez and Schwiesow attended a two and a half week long training session held at the detention center located on Highway 131 near Brackettville where they were required had to maintain a daily test grade of 95



Shailla Schwiesow



Ben Vasquez

percent.

The course covered 40 topics with the final exam being administered at Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde.

The new certified jailers are part of the detention center that provides nearly a million dollars in revenue each year to Kinney County.

The facility provides employment to 80 people, including correctional officers, administrative personnel and food service employees. Twenty nine employees live in Brackettville.

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Small Town Tom

2 HOURS!
WHAT?

LAST WEEK, IT TOOK 2 HOURS TO GO TO THE GROCERY STORE... PEOPLE I KNOW KEPT TALKING TO ME.

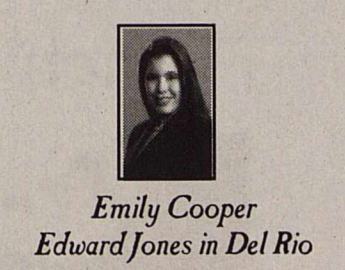
SO TODAY, I DROVE TO THE CITY TO GO TO THE GROCERY STORE.
TAKE LONG?

Mike Barnhouse

2 HOURS!



Organizing Your Finances Can Pay Off - In Many Ways



A few years ago, the National Association of Professional Organizers designated the first week of October as Get Organized Week. And while you may have misplaced your notification of this event, it's nonetheless a good time to see just how organized you are in the important areas of your life — such as your finances.

You can organize your finances in two basic ways: by keeping track of where your various accounts are located and by consolidating your assets. Let's look at both these areas. To begin with, you might think it's no big deal to keep track of your financial accounts. After all, no one lets these accounts just slip away, does he? Actually, you might be surprised: At least \$32 billion, and possibly much more, of "lost" property (savings, investments, retirement accounts and so on) are in the custody of state treasurers

and other agencies, according to the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators.

How do people misplace these funds? They might move from a town and forget to close a bank account. Or they might leave a job and not realize they've left behind money in a 401(k). However they do it, it happens — but you don't want it to happen to you.

Fortunately, it's not hard to keep tabs on your various accounts — you just need to make a list. Where do you keep your checking and savings accounts? Where are your investments held? Do you have a retirement plan, such as a 401(k) with your current employer? How about any retirement plans with former employers? If you have Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), do you keep them with multiple providers? By answering these questions, you can develop a comprehensive list of what you own and where it's located. Of course, it's a good idea to update this list periodically — at least once a year — to reflect any changes in your ownership.

Knowing what you have will be helpful to you in evaluating your financial situation today.

But if you want to help yourself make progress toward your goals for tomorrow, you'll also want to consider another organizational technique: consolidating your assets.

Specifically, if you have some stocks here, a couple of certificates of deposits (CDs) there and some IRAs at still another place, you might consider consolidating them with one financial services provider. With all your investments in one place, you can possibly reduce the fees and paperwork associated with maintaining your accounts. And when you eventually start taking withdrawals from your IRA and 401(k), you may find it easier to calculate these required distributions if they're coming from just one provider, rather than multiple sources.

But most importantly, when you consolidate your investments with one provider, you'll find it easier to follow a single, unified investment strategy. A qualified financial advisor can look at all your assets and determine if you've got redundancies in your holdings and if you need to increase your diversification. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.) Furthermore,

once a financial advisor knows your situation, he or she can recommend strategies that are appropriate for your objectives, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Get Organized Week lasts only seven days. But by using this time to begin organizing your finances, you could see benefits for years to come.

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

The Soundtrack of Our Lives



Every day we are surrounded by noise. It can be a pleasant sound or an annoying sound; you get to choose. Have you ever tried watching a movie without the sound? The background music is almost invisible until you turn down the volume.

What is the soundtrack of your life? Do you have trouble getting your children to do anything around the house? If you do it could be that your children do not have routines in their lives.

I would like to give you the playlist for your daily soundtrack! Track 1. Polite Request sung by the parent Track 2. Ignore the Request sung by the child Track 3. Bribing and Negotiation sung by the parent Track 4. Nagging; that Same Old Song sung by the parent Track 5. Met with More Deaf Ears sung by the child Track 6. Command with a Threat of Punishment sung by the parent Track 7. Scream and Holler Time sung by the parent Track 8. Reluctant Child Dragging their Feet sung by the child Track 9. I'll just Give Up and Do it Myself sung by the parent Track 10. Eye Roll, Sigh and Slamming Door Blues by the beaten down parent Track 11. Martyred Attitude Again sung by the parent.

Have you heard this soundtrack too many times? Are you tired of it! This is why we came up with real music to make a big difference in the lives of your children and you.

We want to teach them routines in a way that is fun and energetic. Songs can become timers. Music gets our feet moving. We can set the tone for our day. Music inspires. You no longer have to sing that nagging martyred song. You can join in and set the example.

Children are going to listen to music anyway; we wanted to give them something that was written for them that parents would like too. Every child from two years old to thirteen who has heard these songs can't stop moving.

Our songs give us something to do. They help to replace our own negativity with positive messages. I can't wait to see all the wonderful ways that you are going to use this CD to help train your children. Our title track says it all! Just imagine your child waking up to this song each morning in their CD alarm clock. What a way to start your day!

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative
66th Annual Meeting
Saturday, October 8, 2011
International Center for Trade
Eagle Pass, Texas
(Co-op Members & Invited Special Guests Only)

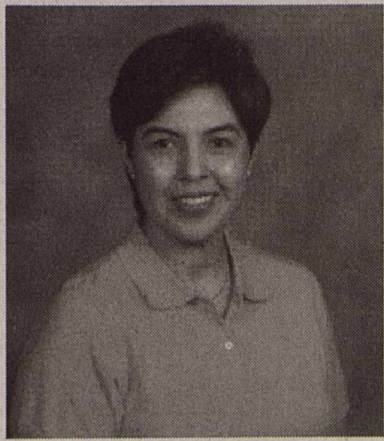


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BISD Employee of the Week



DIAMIA HERNANDEZ FLORES
Migrant Educational Aide

Four Things About Me You Probably Didn't Know...

1. Catholic
2. Republican
3. Would like to visit the Holy Land
4. I met Willie Nelson (he has nice athletic legs)

Powder Puff Football

Submitted by BISD

On October 6th, 2011 the Senior Class will be hosting a powder puff football game before The Lighting of the 'T'. The games will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Freshman & Sophomores will play each other first, followed by the Juniors & Seniors. The two teams will then play in

a championship match. Admissions will be \$3.00, part of the proceeds will be going to Relay for Life. The people participating in the powder puff games will not be required to pay to get in. The seniors have made a roster for each class to fill out. This consists of players, coaches, referees, and cheerleaders.

Cross Country Girls place 1st

By Ashley Castillo Sandoval
Contributing Writer
Results submitted by Dusty Brotherton

Brackett High School's and Junior High teams traveled to Nueces Canyon on September 24th to compete.

The Varsity girls team places first as a team. Winning the meet was Jaclyn Abbey with a time of 14:04. 3rd Clarissa Valdez, 4th Elvia Guerrero, 7th Gabby Sandoval, 19th Mercedes Ocasio and 22nd Shannon Gammill.

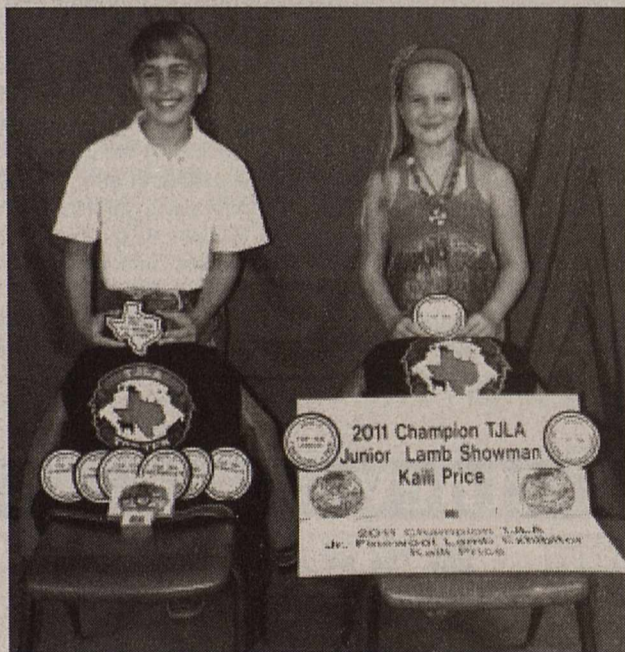
The Varsity boys team placed 4th as a team. Coming in 2nd was Joelson Terrazas with a time

of 18:58. 14th Wyatt Blake, 16th Hayden Turkett, 26th Dante Luna, 29th Garon Rueda and 36th Bennie Brinker.

The 8th grade girls, 2nd Emma Palmer with a time of 14:55, 30th Kaitlyn Partlow and 46th Hannah Baggett. The 8th grade boys, 24th Jackie Pang with a time of 16:09.

The 7th grade girls, 7th Cheyenne Hibbits with a time of 15:38, 24th Sadie Perez, 30th Dani Gerardo, 33rd Sidney Perez and 37th Alyssa Martinez. The 7th grade boys, 5th Ramiro Flores with a time of 14:27, 14th Adrian Resendez, 27th Angel Jaso and 31st Justin Hidalgo.

Price kids awarded at TJLA ceremony

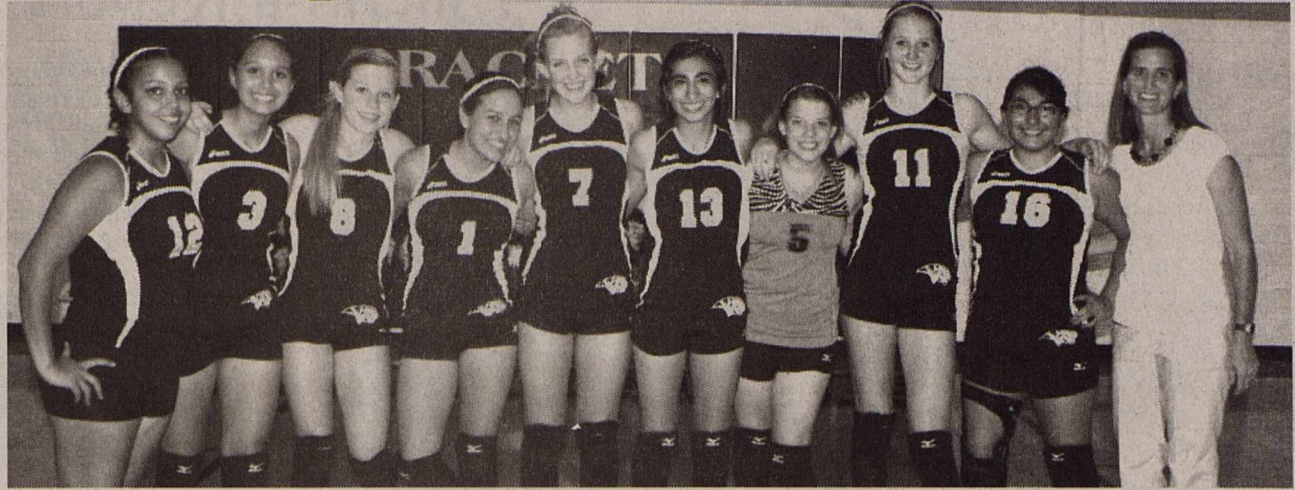


Submitted by Christy Price

July 2011 Jeyson and Kaili Price attended the Texas Junior Livestock Association Lamb and Goat awards ceremony. During the ceremonies Jeyson was awarded a buckle for Region 5 Champion Lamb Showman. He also received a jacket and patches for the following awards: Top Ten All Around Lamb, Top Ten Intermediate Lamb Showmanship, Top Ten Intermediate Finewool Cross Lamb, Top Ten Intermediate Southdown Lamb, Top Ten Intermediate Finewool Lamb, Top Ten Goat Showmanship, Top Ten Intermediate Meat Goat. Kaili was awarded buckles for State Champion Junior Lamb Showmanship and State Champion Junior Finewool. She also received a jacket and patches for

the following awards: Top Ten Junior Goat Showmanship, Top Ten Junior Finewool Lamb, and Top Ten Junior Lamb Showmanship (#1 in State). Texas Junior Livestock Association offers membership to individuals ages 6 to 18 and has divisions in Pee Wee, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age groups. The state is divided up into regions and each region has stock shows nearly year round at which points are accumulated. Points are earned based on how the animal and/or individual places at each show. At the end of the season an awards ceremony is hosted by TJLA where participants are honored with their awards for their accomplishments throughout the season. Awards are given for each region as well as all-around for the State of Texas.

Tigerettes 2-0 in District



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Ashley Castillo Sandoval - The Varsity Tigerettes after their 2nd win in district, beating Sabinal Lady Jackets. From Left: Priscilla Aguirre, Selina Gerardo, Morgan Brown, McKenzie Castillo, Tyler Roberts, Gabby Sandoval, Leslie Allen, Maddie Frerich, Clarissa Cruz, Coach Lindsey Kunz. To see more pictures and a video interview with the captains visit mybrackettnews.com.

By Ashley Castillo Sandoval
Contributing Writer
Stats submitted by Head Coach Lindsey Kunz

On Saturday, September 24th, district competition began for the Tigerette Volleyball teams. There are 5 teams in the 28-A district that the Tigerettes will go up against; Charlotte, Sabinal, D'Hanis, La Pryor and

Comstock.

Playing in their first district game, Brackett defeats Charlotte (1st District Game for both teams) 25-23, 25-15, 21-25, 25-22 Brackett Leaders: Aces — Priscilla Aguirre (10), Digs — Priscilla Aguirre (12), Kills — Morgan Brown, Maddie Frerich (10), Assists — Priscilla Aguirre (39), Blocks — Selina Gerardo,

Maddie Frerich (2)

In what is said to be their toughest competition in district, the Tigerettes hosted the Sabinal Lady Jackets on Tuesday September 27th. Brackett defeats Sabinal moving the Tigerettes to 2-0 in district 28-A =; 25-22, 23-25, 25-17, 25-27, 15-13 Brackett Leaders: Aces — Morgan Brown (6), Digs — McKenzie Castillo

(23), Kills — Maddie Frerich (15), Assists — Priscilla Aguirre (40), Blocks — Maddie Frerich (2).

The Tigerettes will travel to D'Hanis on Friday, September 30th to take on the Cowgirls for their 3rd district game of the season.

Brackett Tigers fall short to Junction Eagles



Rey Sifuentes Jr.

Brackett High School's varsity football team lost another close game (40-34) again Junction last Friday.

Charlie Resendez scored the Tigers' first six-pointer on a three-yard run. EZ Rivas later

ran the ball into the end zone from 10 yards out. David Ortega reached pay-dirt on a 42 yard scamper. Jonathan Quiroz threw a five yard pass for a touchdown to Eric Falcon.

The Tigers gained 314 yards overall on offense - 228 rushing, 86 passing. Quiroz completed seven out of 15 passes for 86 yards.

Charlie Resendez made three catches for 45 yards. Jonathan Pinales caught three passes for 36 yards. Eric Falcon made a reception for five yards.

David Ortega was BHS's

leading rusher with 105 yards on 15 carries. Quiroz carried the ball 14 times for 52 yards. Also running the ball were Charlie Resendez (eight carries for 48 yards), Rivas (3-16) and Jonathan Pinales (2-7).

Leading tacklers for the Tigers were Daniel Falcon (12) and EZ Rivas (10). Also making tackles were David Ortega (nine), Cesar Castillo (seven), Rolando Gutierrez (six), Saul Talamantes (five), Jeffrey Herrera (four), Hernan Talamantes (four), Paul Resendez (three), Jonathan Quiroz (three),

Jonathan Pinales (three), Arturo Castillo (two) and Joelson Terrazas (one).

"We played a good game and we are getting better each week," Head Coach Greg Voyles said.

The Tigers will load up their buses and visit D'Hanis on Saturday.

"D'Hanis likes to throw the ball around," Voyles said. "They have some very athletically skilled kids who try to outrun you. We are just going to have to play fundamental football to stay competitive."

Pee Wee and Prep Tigers 3-0



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Ashley Castillo Sandoval - QB Christopher Creel runs in for the touchdown in Saturday's Pee Wee football game against the Del Rio Lobos. To see more pictures from this event visit mybrackettnews.com.



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Castillo - Moses Hernandez runs the ball for a touchdown in Saturday's Pee Wee football game against the Del Rio Lobos. To see more pictures from this event visit mybrackettnews.com.

By Ashley Castillo Sandoval
Contributing Writer

Brackett Tiger Pee Wee and Prep teams are undefeated. Both winning by a big deficit to the Del Rio Lobos.

Winning 49-0, the Prep Tigers are making a big statement this year. Opening kickoff Edgar Rivas ran the ball back 73 yards for a touchdown. On defense, Louis Cardenas made an inter-

ception, Roman Rosas and Francisco Canales made some big tackles.

All week, coaches have been preparing the Prep team for this Saturday's game. The Tiger's will take on the Del Rio Longhorns, Coach Del Bosque said, "this should be the toughest competition the Tigers will meet". The game will be at North Heights Elementary at 3

pm.

Winning 39-0, the Pee Wee Tigers are following the footsteps of the Prep team. On defense, Michael Falcon, Javi Deleon, Logan Fisher and Victor Huerta came out with big

tackles to keep the Lobos from scoring. Javi Deleon had an interception and ran it back for a 25 yard touchdown. Michael Falcon picked up a fumble and ran it back for another Tiger

touchdown. QB Christopher Creel showed his strong arm in passing for a couple of Tigers 2 point conversions.

The Pee Wee Tigers will also take on the Del Rio Longhorns this weekend, and coaches have been preparing the team to face a tough Longhorn team. The game will be on Sunday at 3 pm.

Coaches invite the community to come out and support your Tiger Prep and Pee Wee Football teams.

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It's a Girl



Cesar Castillo and Briana Garza are proud parents to baby girl Leah Michelle Castillo.

Leah Michelle was born on Sunday, September 25, 2011 in Uvalde, TX. at Uvalde Memorial Hospital.

Baby Leah weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 19 inches in length.

Leah Michelle was welcomed

into the world by maternal grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Garza, of Brackettville, paternal Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Cesar Castillo, also of Brackettville.

Proud aunts and uncles include Arturo "Tudy" Castillo, Andres Castillo, Bernadette Garza and Kyle Garza.

Conservation and drought

Submitted by KCGCD

Now is a good time to reinforce the lessons you have been teaching the kids about water conservation. Surely by now most everyone's been talking about the drought. It has gained a lot of attention over the past year. You have noticed newspaper articles, television news programs and general topics of conservation. It is on our minds these days.

While we continue to wait for rains, we can take this opportunity to reinforce time honored examples of ways all can cut back on water use. Last spring in the poster contest sponsored by the Kinney County GCD the first through six grade classes provided these examples of ways to conserve water. These are a few of the examples:

1. Turn water off while brush-

ing teeth 2. Take short showers (4 minutes or less) 3. Turn shower off while applying soap to body 4. Turn off water while soaping your hands then turn it back on to rinse. 5. Do not use toilet as a trash can unnecessary flushing wastes water. 6. Do not "sweep" driveway or sidewalk with water, use a broom.

The poster contest revealed that the kids have learned a lot about conservation. It showed they have paid attention to information provided by the Extension Service, NRCS, Rio Grande Electric and the Water District. We commend all these organizations discussing conservation of water as part of their activities. It also pointed out that the teachers are conservation minded and have done an excellent job of educating the kids.

Air Life Guardian Angel Program

Submitted by Helena McBride

For those of you who are members of the Air Life Guardian Angel Program, this is a reminder to sign up again for the helicopter program. Many of us signed up in October, 2010, so your year is almost up. Each year, you must renew your membership by sending your information and a check to Air Life. We need at least 100 families from Fort Clark/Brackettville to continue our great rate of \$10 per year.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN: If you have a medical emergency and need to be transported by air to San Antonio, the Emergency Medical Service or Sheriff will contact Air Life for you. Tell EMS that you want the Air Life helicopter. Air Life has 6 helicopters and one is stationed at Uvalde four days a week. Let your Significant Other know your wishes. Provided that EMS or the Sheriff says you should be airlifted, later your

bill will only be your insurance co-pay or deductible. Its only \$10 a year for all those in your household.

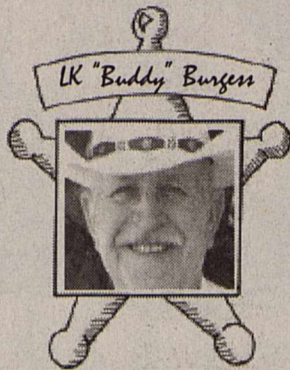
HERE IS WHAT TO DO: On a separate piece of paper, list the names and dates of birth for everyone in the home. Write your mailing address, your phone, and email address, if you have one. A check for \$10 should be made out to Air Life Guardian Angel Program and on the bottom of the check, write FCS/Brackettville. Address the envelope to:

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Any questions, call Helena at 830 - 563 - 7412 or email me: swim900m@yahoo.com.

If you wish to share your Air Life experience (we've sent at least 20 people for the helicopter ride), they encourage you to do so. Go to the internet and type in: www.txairlife.com/contact_airlife/sharestory.asp

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, September 19

A man called to report he hit a box on the Fort. A deputy was informed and enroute to the location.

Tuesday, September 20

Fort Clark Security called to request a deputy's assistance at the guard shack.

A man called to report loose goats on Ann Street and 334.

Wednesday, September 21

Jerry Edward Miller III, 20, of FCS/Brackettville, was arrested for disorderly conduct. Miller was released with time served.

A man called to report a domestic problem.

Thursday, September 22

A Border Patrol agent called to report loose goats on Hwy 674.

Friday, September 23

A man reported a maroon car had gone through a fence on Hwy 131/1908 and there was did not appear to be anyone around the vehicle. Sheriff LK Buddy Burgess was enroute to the scene.

A woman called to report a loose horse on Hwy 674 just past the BISD Academy School.

Saturday, September 24

A man reported a loose cow on 693, four miles south of the railroad tracks.

A woman called to report a possible trespasser.

Sunday, September 25

A woman called to report a reckless driver. A deputy was notified.

A woman called from out of state to report a neighbor at her Brackettville residence phoned her and stated there were people in her yard. A deputy was advised.

A caller reported loud music at the cemetery.

A woman called to report a lot of kids fighting on Beaumont Street.

A caller reported loud music on Tiger Alley.

A caller reported loud music on Rose Alley.

Partlow graduates basic training



Submitted by Kent Partlow
Keith Partlow son of Kent Partlow graduated basic training at Lackland air force base on sept 16. He will be attending

technical school for integrated avionics at Keesler AFB Mississippi and shepherd AFB Texas before returning to his unit in New York he is serving in the Airforce Reserve.

Food bank SNAP outreach helps Kinney County

Submitted by Salo Otero
South Texas Food Bank
director of development

Special to Kinney County With a poverty rate of more than 30 percent, the hungry in Laredo and South Texas are plentiful. And can you imagine millions of government dollars earmarked to feed the hungry going unused because qualifying candidates do not apply for assistance? Yes that happens. But, enter the South Texas Food Bank and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Outreach Program. SNAP was formerly the Food Stamps Program. The STFB has a crucial role in the ultra-important state-wide initiative that kicked off in 2006 partnering with the Texas Food Bank Network and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. The goal is to get more needy South Texans to apply for food stamps (SNAP). SNAP is an entitlement program and the Center for Public Policy Priorities reported in 2009 and 2010 millions of dollars in benefits for hungry Texans were left un-

claimed. In Kinney County the estimated amount runs in the thousands of dollars. People seeking assistance are often discouraged by delays because of long application lines, a tedious eligibility process and overloaded caseworkers. The South Texas Food Bank addresses the critical problem by providing individual application and process assistance for applicants, who are sometimes elderly or otherwise have problems filling out the application. Kinney County residents can fill out SNAP applications at the Seco Mines Community Center in Eagle Pass. For information call Leti Garcia at (830) 325-1459. The South Texas Food Bank distributes food in Brackettville at the Kinney County Church Alliance, 116 West Crockett Street. Elizabeth Goebel is the organizer. She can be reached at (830) 563-5482. South Texas Food Bank executive director Alfonso Casso emphasizes that the SNAP Outreach Program plays a key role in the food bank mission. He notes, "Feeding the needy is our main mission but

in almost 100 percent of these cases, the need is not just for food. Our Outreach Program looks for other state and federal programs and services available such as SNAP and Temporary Assistance to Families in Need (TANF) that our clients may not be aware. We direct them to these services. United Way of which we are a member, supports many other local agencies who also help provide services and we refer many of our clients to these agencies and vice versa. Together we all can help those in need in our community." Alma Blanco is the South Texas Food Bank SNAP Outreach Program coordinator. For information call Blanco in Laredo at (956) 726-3120 or 726-0888. Juan Solis of the STFB staff is the Chief Programs Officer. He is in charge of SNAP, Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) and Adopt A Family. The food bank is located at 1907 Freight at Riverside, Laredo, Tex., 78041. The website is www.southtexasfoodbank.org Blanco's staff informs families about SNAP benefits and helps

with the application, which is then delivered to the state office for processing. "We get 70 to 80 percent of the applicants to qualify," Blanco said. Executive director Casso's report at the monthly South Texas Food Bank board meetings reveal an average of 400 applicants per month. In August, the South Texas Food Bank, which serves eight counties from Del Rio to Rio Grande City, signed up for SNAP 350 families, representing 475 adults and 505 children, bringing the year's total to 3,149 applications representing 4,230 adults and 4,309 children. "The SNAP outreach is a win, win situation for everyone," said Mike Garza of the South Texas Food Bank board. Garza, also a Laredo City Councilman and United ISD administrator, said, "The outreach feeds the hungry and is a big boost to the economy." A single mother of three who had not previously applied for SNAP said, "Thanks to the food bank I now qualify for \$300 worth of food stamps. My cupboard is full and the money I was using to buy food, I can now buy clothes for my children."

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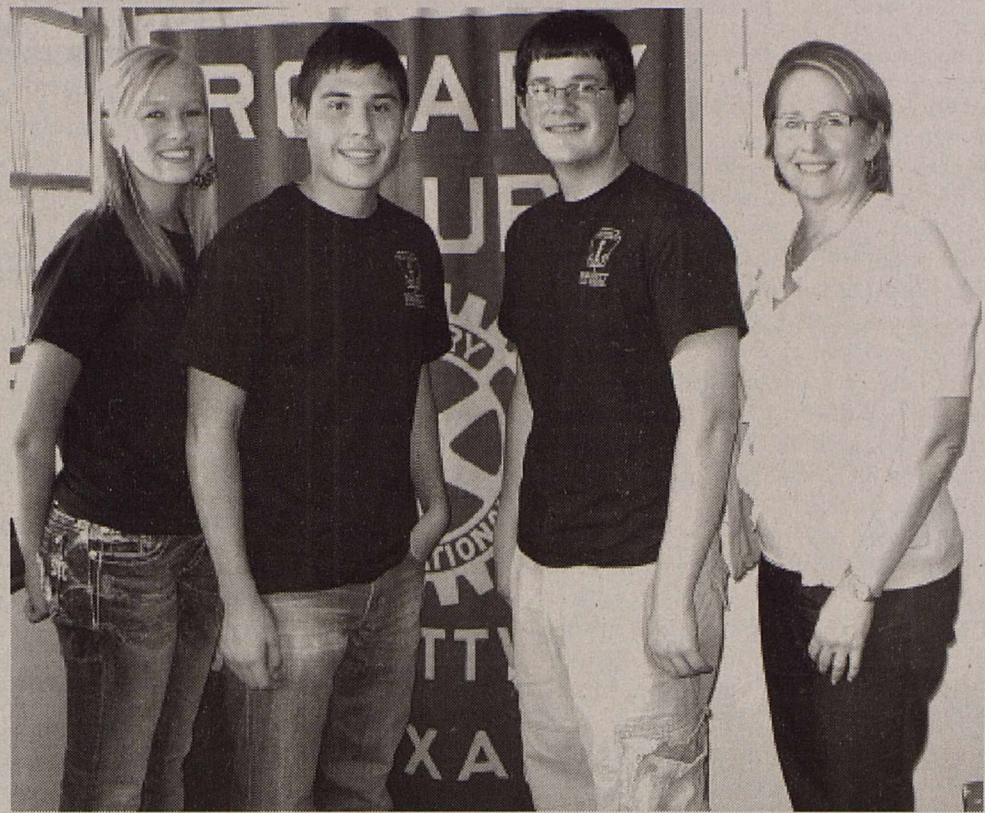
Cesar and Lorena Valdez are proud parents to baby boy Nicolas Valdez.

Nicolas was born on Sunday, September 25, 2011 in Del Rio, TX. at Val Verde Regional Medical Center.

Baby Nicolas weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches in length.

Nicolas was welcomed into this world by big brothers Edgar and Sebastian Valdez. Maternal grandparents Jose Luis Avila and Maria DelaLuz, Paternal Grandparents Honorio and Estela Valdez.

Rotary introduces BISSD National Honor Society



Submitted by Tom Collins
At the regular Thursday noon meeting of the Brackettville Rotary Club, Robert Westbrook, Superintendent Brackettville IDS, introduced officers of the National Honor Society to the members present. (From L to R) First Vice-Presi-

dent, Lauren Duncan, 2nd Vice-President, Joel Talamentes, President, Grant Westbrook, and Jamie Ballew, Teacher at BISSD, who is NHS faculty adviser.

To become a member of the National Honor Society, a student must maintain a 90 percent or better grade point average.

The National Honor Society was founded in 1921 to encourage Scholarship, Character and Leadership. There is not enough room here to list all the activities these students and the students in the National Honor Society participate in the school district and this community.

Big Game Management Workshop

Submitted by Kinney County AgriLife Extension Office

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Kinney County will be having a Big Game Management Workshop on Wednesday, October 14th at the Kinney County Wool & Mohair in Brackettville, from 9:30-3:00 p.m. Representatives from Acco Feeds, TPWD, Texas Wildlife Services, Department of State Health Services and TSCRA will

all be presenting on topics that range from deer health and nutrition, to administering deer counts and predation. This workshop is meant to educate area ranchers, landowners, hunters, and the community on big game management and improving their knowledge related to deer management.

A meal will be provided sponsored by Acco Feeds and the cost of the program is Free!! 3

C.E.U.'s will be provided to those that have a Pesticide Applicator's license. R.S.V.P. by October 12th with the County Extension Office. Don't miss out on this educational opportunity!

If you are interested in attending this program and require auxiliary aid, please contact the Kinney County AgriLife Extension office at 830-563-2442 to determine if reasonable accommodations can be arranged.

September Golf Scramble

Submitted by Debbie Isaacs

We had a total of seven teams show up for the September End of the Month Scramble

1st Place went to the team of Felix Cerna, Ralph Salade, Huddy Hudson and Wayne Isaacs with a score of 58

2nd place was the team of Fernando Romero, Dee Curry, Norm Butler and David Murry with a score of 60

3rd place we had 2 teams with a score of 61 and Other scores were a 62, 53, and a 70.

We want to thank everyone

for coming out and playing with us on the last Saturday of the month Scramble

and would like to Invite everyone to come out and join in the fun, cost for the tournament is \$5.00 plus your green fees If not a member.

Submitted by Eddie Anderson
Director of Golf-Concan PGA

Saturday, November 5th, Two-Person Scramble 10:00 ShotgunStart Handicapped Event

\$40.00 per Player for Non-members \$25.00 for Club at Concan Members

Includes- Entry Fee, Cart and Green Fees, Cash Prizes, Contests, and Food on the course during the Tournament

There will also be our annual Wine Tasting that evening. It was our most popular event in

2010, and this year is expected to be even bigger.

We have even more wineries participating this year, as well as other vendors, live music with Stefano, and many culinary delights to sample.

The Cost for the wine tasting is \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple. The wine tasting is

complimentary for members of The Club at Concan

Non-members who play in the golf tournament and go to the Wine Tasting receive a \$10.00 discount.

To sign up a team or as an individual, call (830) 232-4471.

Golf membership available from \$150 including cart fees.

Announcement from TAHC

Submitted by Haden Keyser

Attention Cattle Buyers & Shippers
Due to the severe drought, a number of Texas cattle are currently being moved to other states.

Cattle that are being shipped from Texas must meet the animal health entry requirements of the receiving state. These entry requirements are mandated by the state of destination not by the state of origin. Different classes of cattle may be subject to different interstate animal health requirements. It is the owner/shipper responsibility to insure the shipment of cattle have obtained the needed/proper documents, i.e. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), entry permit, etc. It is also the responsibility of the shipper to obtain the services of an accredited veterinarian to complete a CVI (health certificate) for the cattle being shipped interstate.

Violations of interstate ani-

mal health requirements by Texas shippers can negatively impact the marketability of Texas cattle.

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and accredited veterinarians can assist cattle shippers with interstate cattle movement questions. By working together we can insure that Texas cattle continue to be valued by the cattle industries in other states.

Contact your local TAHC region office for more information.

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