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# Brackett News WEEKLY



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## BRACKETT BRIEFS

### HUNTER'S GUIDE

Last Chance to get in the Brackett News Weekly's Annual Hunter's Guide is November 5. Reserve your ad space in our award winning Guide now by calling 830.563.2852 or email tnews@sbcglobal.net.

### 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.

### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The 2011-12 Brackett High School National Honor Society induction ceremony for new members will be Monday, November 7, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. The community is invited and encouraged to attend!

### ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SMMCC will be having a community "Feast of Giving" on November 20, 2011 at the original church from noon to 3pm. The "FEAST OF GIVING" is an event where everyone is invited to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal at no cost and share the time in fellowship with others. The meal will include turkey, dressing, mashed potato, green beans, gravy, roll, dessert and a drink. Our goal is to feed as many community members with a Thanksgiving meal.

### EARLY VOTING

Early voting for the Constitutional Amendment Election is October 24, 2011 - November 4, 2011 and election day is November 8, 2011.

### CORRECTION

In the October 27, 2011 edition of this publication, Page 1, included in a paid advertisement the title "City Secretary" was used. The use of the title meant to reflect upon Jody Miguel-Ring who holds the title of City Secretary for the City of Brackettville.

### OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dr. Charles Oestrich former president of Texas Lutheran University will be guest speaker at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on Sunday November 6 at the regular 9 am service. Following the service there will be a brief fellowship in the Parish Hall.

### CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

If you are a person currently doing treatment, a cancer survivor, or a cancer caregiver, Our Cancer Support Group of Brackettville would like to invite you to attend our 9th Anniversary Celebration as a cancer support group on November 3rd at 6:30PM at the Frontier Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. A meal will be provided. For questions or to RSVP for dinner, please call Pat Sitzes at 830-563-5528

### CONCIERTO CRISTIANO AMISTOSO

Efectos 4:30 solicitos en guardar la unidad del espíritu, en el vínculo de la paz 4:13 Hasta que todos lleguemos a la unidad de fe y el conocimiento del Hijo de Dios. Invitatda Especial Gloria Ramirez de Edinburg, Tx. Ministerio "Amen o no Amen". Pastors: Arnold y Rocio Pinales, Lugar: Service Club (NCO) FCS. Fecha: Nov. 5 a las 6 pm.

### BE STILL

Brackett's own Christian band from Temple, Eiland will be featured at a youth concert on Nov 18 at Tiger Stadium. Be Still will be joined by Saved By Grace and X-Triste

### BISD SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 3- JH football vs. Center Point at 5:00 p.m.  
November 4- Varsity football at Center Point at 7:30 p.m.  
November 5- Cross Country Regional meet in San Antonio  
November 7- National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 7:00 p.m. at the BISD Auditorium  
November 9- FCA at 8:00 p.m. in the new gym  
November 10- Fall Sports Picture day

## Sheriff recovers stolen Cadillac

By Leigh Castillo  
Contributing Writer

Kinney County Sheriff's deputies recovered one of seven stolen Cadillacs on November 1.

OnStar, a subscriber based company that provides vehicle global positioning signals (GPS) and safety features, contacted the Kinney County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) on Tuesday evening and informed them they had obtained a GPS signal on a stolen 2011 Cadillac Escalade traveling west on Highway 90 in Kinney County. The Escalade had recently been stolen, along with six other Cadillac vehicles, from Cavender Cadillac in San Antonio

According to KCSO, a deputy located the vehicle near the Fritter Park rest area approximately

five miles east of Brackettville. The deputy notified OnStar he believed he was behind the sto-

len Cadillac and OnStar was able to flash the lights on the Escalade via satellite signal to

confirm the deputy was pursuing the right vehicle. The deputy said after the confirmation,

OnStar then remotely disabled the vehicle's engine and the driver pulled to the side of the highway.

Once the luxury sport utility vehicle, valued at \$86,000, was stopped, the driver, described as a 37 year old, Hispanic male, six foot in height and weighing 220 pounds, was removed from the vehicle by a host of deputies. The driver claimed to be an American citizen employed as a mechanic in Del Rio.

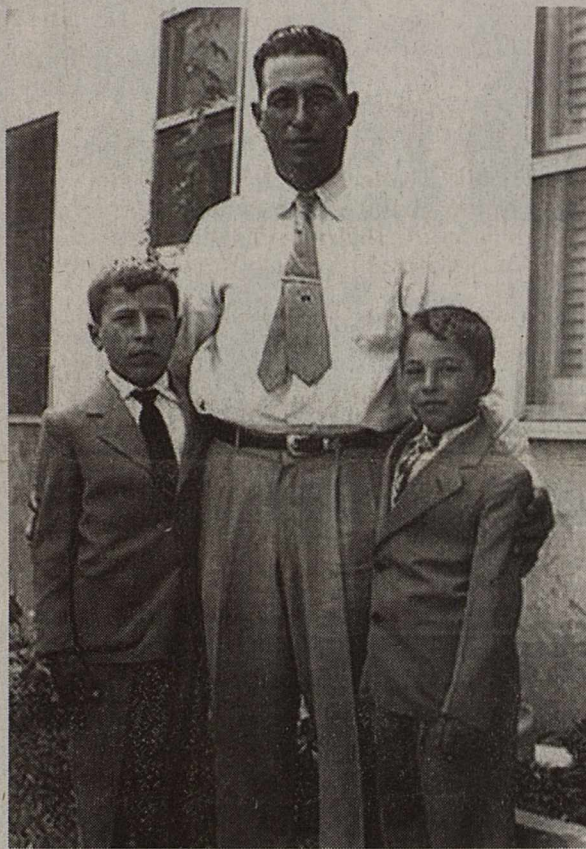
This is the fourth Cadillac to be recovered. Three were found abandoned in San Antonio, and three are still reported missing. Each is valued at approximately \$80,000.

The driver was turned over to Federal authorities. The vehicle, still in pristine condition, will be returned to the dealership.



Photo Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly - Kinney County Sheriff's deputies recover a stolen Cadillac Escalade on November 1. This luxury SUV is one of seven recently stolen from Cavender Cadillac in San Antonio.

## Happy 97th Birthday Orville Wilford Thomas Frerich



Orville Frerich in 1955 with his sons Tony, at left, and Joe, at right

## Christmas parade; lighting planned

Submitted By  
Cherrise Ducharme

Please join in supporting the 1st Annual Kinney County Frontier Christmas! Various organizations and individuals have been working, along with the City and County, to help promote Kinney County as a holiday season destination.

**DECK THE STREETS:** Christmas banners will deck the streets of Brackettville and Fort Clark. These banners, locally designed to incorporate a festive frontier Christmas motif, cost \$125 each, including the hanging brackets. A special account has been established at the Bank and Trust for donations to purchase the banners, which can be used year after year. A list of all banner donors will appear in local papers periodically throughout the holiday season. Donations can be made in the name of any organization, family, individual, or in memory of a loved one. Time is of the essence, since the holiday season is close at hand!

Additionally, banners will be placed across Highway 90 at

both ends of town, heralding upcoming Christmas Season events. The cost of these banners has already been donated by a local business.

**NOVEMBER 26:** Lighting of Downtown & Hayride. The Lighting of Downtown Brackettville is slated for November 26, 6:30 p.m., at the Courthouse Square. There will be music and merriment, as the synchronized lighting of downtown Brackettville kicks off the holiday season! The Hayride will tour various streets, and will pass the Brackettville Museum, where refreshments will be served by museum volunteers dressed in the attire of old frontier Brackettville.

**NOVEMBER 28:** Christmas Greetings Signs along Highway 90. As in years past, Rio Grande Electric Cooperative will provide spaces for your business or family Christmas greeting sign to be placed along Highway 90. Electricity is provided for approximately 20 spaces, on a first-come, first-served basis, and additional non-lighted spaces are also available. Signs are to be placed November 28, and removed January 2. For more

information, or to reserve your space, please call RGEC at 830.563.2444, extension 1182.

**DECEMBER 3:** Night Parade and Vendors at 5 Points. A Night Parade will wind from the pool area of Ft. Clark Springs, through the streets of the Fort, across Highway 90, and through selected streets of Brackettville. Plan now to get your float, inverters, and lots of Christmas lights ready! Jeff Janca is in charge of the Parade, and can be reached at 830.563.2245. Upon conclusion of the parade, the 5-Points area will be the hub of activity, with singers, arts & crafts and food vendors. Downtown businesses will stay open late for those wishing to get a jump on their holiday shopping! There is no charge for those wishing to have a booth. For vendor information, contact Leigh Castillo at 830.563.7153.

**DECEMBER 15:** Community Christmas at RGEC. Rio Grande Electric Cooperative will once again host a Community Christmas event, with hot dogs, and photos with Santa! Choral groups from local churches and organizations will be on hand to perform.

## SPOOK-TACULAR



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Ashley Castillo Sandoval - BISD Pre-K Students dressed up for Halloween on October 31. Pictured front row from left: Gwynn Hay, Santos Buitron, Tommy Gomez, Nina Aguirre and Isaac Talamantes. Back row from left: Paul Woody, Nevaeh Cardenas, Hallie Kunz, Finley Frerich, Meigli Link, Michaela Gomez, Kendrick Nichols.

## Property sale held

By Leigh Castillo  
Contributing Writer

Kinney County Sheriff LK Buddy Burgess held a property sale on the steps of the County Courthouse on November 1.

Seven properties were for sale including six Fort Clark Springs properties and one Brackettville property.

Property Case No. 3802 (Kinney County Appraisal District-KCAD vs. Debra L. Warrior, Deceased, Et Al), Lot 4, 5 and 6, Block L, located in Brackettville, sold for \$3,500, but the sale is still pending. The Adjudged Value of this property was \$5,645. The minimum bid for this property was \$2,802.63.

Property Case No. 3865 (KCAD vs. Gordon H. Mathison, Deceased, Et Al), Lot 25, Unit 3, with a 12x65 Creative Mobile Home, located in Fort Clark Springs, sold for \$10,010. The Adjudged Value of this property was \$25,965. The minimum bid for this property was \$3,854.92.

The remaining five properties did not sell. Property Case No. 3327

(KCAD vs. Grover Wayne Neuman and Brenda J. Neuman) Lot 2, Block Q, Unit 27, located in Fort Clark Springs did not sell. Adjudged Value: \$4,300; Minimum Bid: \$4,300.

Property Case No. 3876 (KCAD vs. Daniel Garcia, Et Al) Lot 19, Block M, Unit 30, located in Fort Clark Springs did not sell. Adjudged Value: \$420; Minimum Bid: \$420.

Property Case No. 3913 (KCAD vs. Humberto Gonzalez, Et Al) Lot 2, Block N, Unit 29, located in Fort Clark Springs did not sell. Adjudged Value: \$420; Minimum Bid: \$420.

Property Case No. 3914 (KCAD vs. Jack B. Banks, Et Al) Lot 1, Block B, Unit 30, located in Fort Clark Springs did not sell. Adjudged Value: \$420; Minimum Bid: \$420.

Property Case No. 3981 (KCAD vs. Jeffrey W. Dowdy) Lot 308 and Lot 309, Unit 9, located in Fort Clark Springs did not sell. Adjudged Value: \$840; Minimum Bid: \$771.86.

Burgess said approximately 25 people attended the sale.

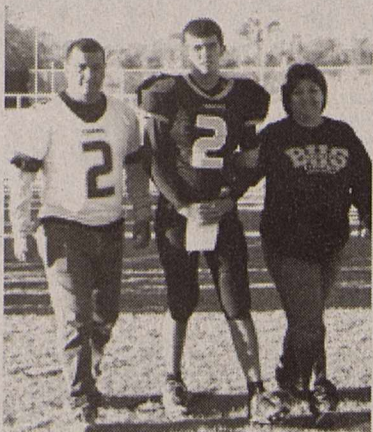
## Mr. Brackett says...

**Did You Know** the city paid its bill to Fort Clark last Thursday??? Well I guess we still have a place to put our trash. The other night we were sitting on the porch swatting mosquitoes, got to thinking about that pesky **\$30.00 Gas Surcharge** folks have to pay for having gas service. I wondered how much money that was. Let's see there are 223 gas meters X \$30.00 = **\$6,690** a month X 12 months = **\$80,280** a year. Now as I remember that started with a female city secretary so that would have to be about **five years** ago and that would mean about **\$401,000** has been paid to the city. The work must be done by now, I wonder if that city manager and council will ever **quit charging folks that \$30.00?**

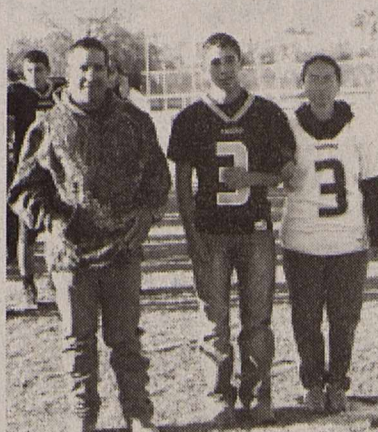
**Got to wondering why** there were so DANG many mosquitoes. I happened to notice the city held an auction of city equipment. Lo and behold, they were selling 2 mosquito sprayers. Hummmmm... Maybe... Mr. Brackett should just look into that auction.

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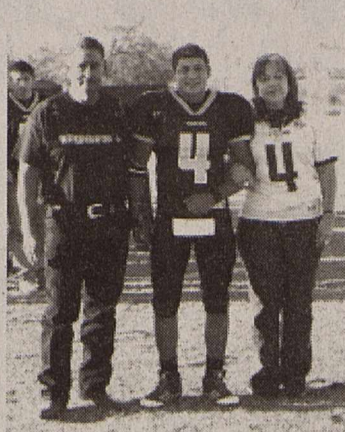
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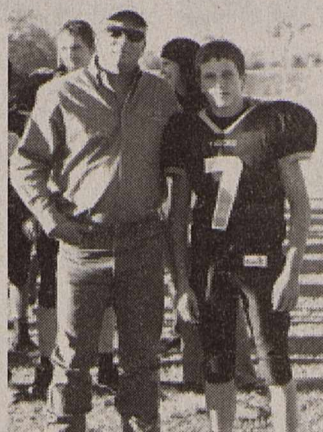
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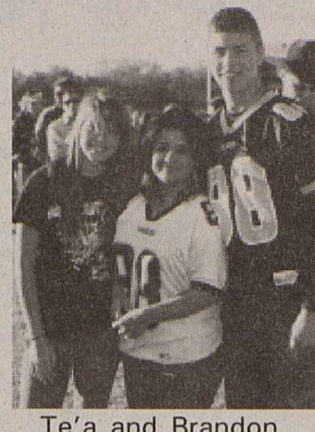
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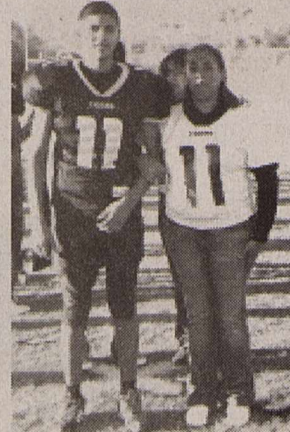
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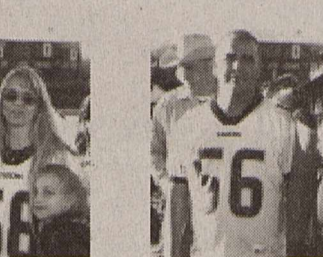
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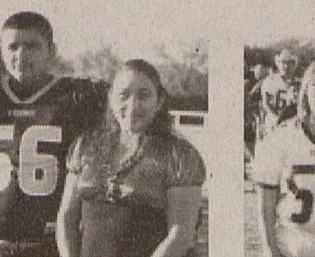
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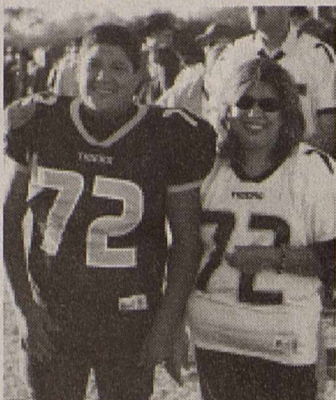
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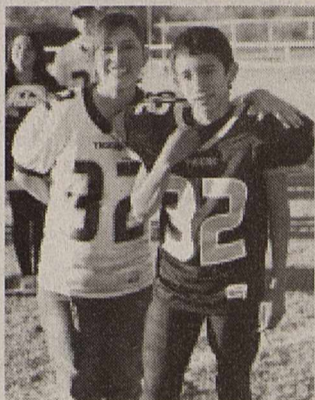
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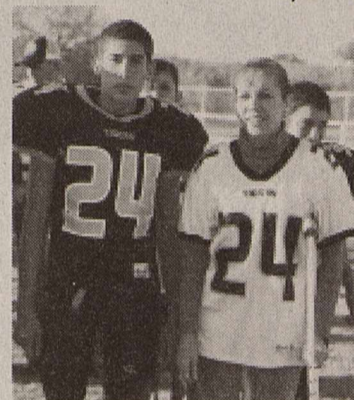
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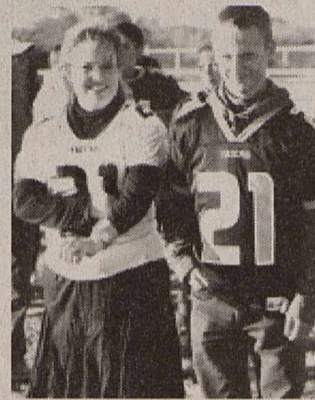
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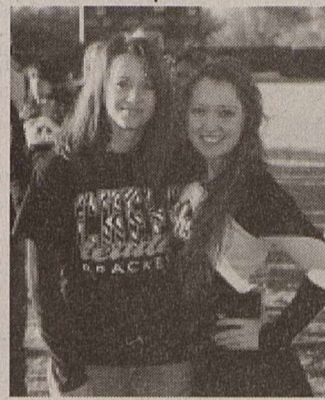
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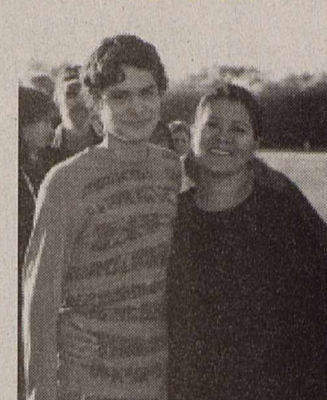
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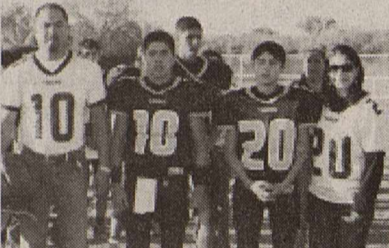
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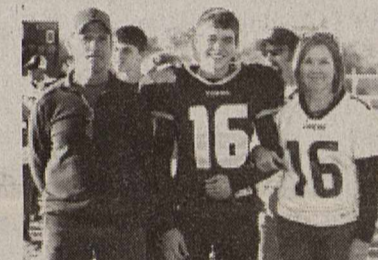
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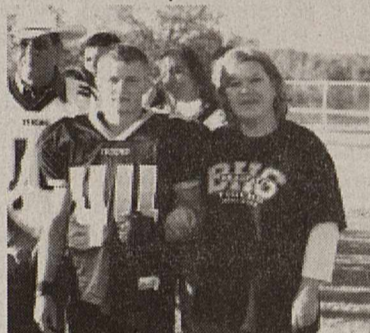
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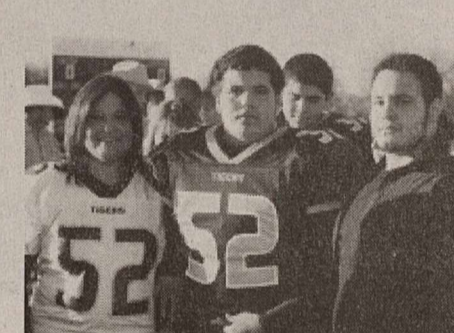
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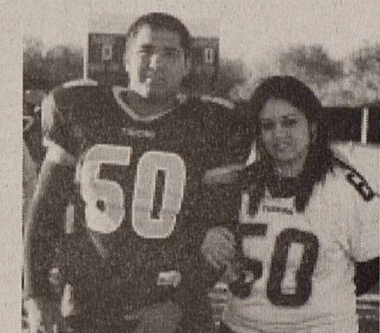
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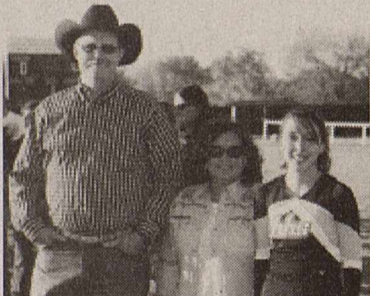
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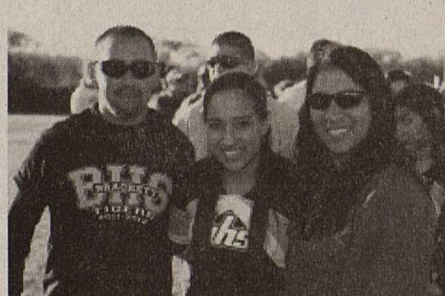
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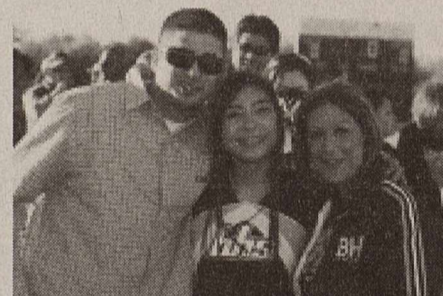
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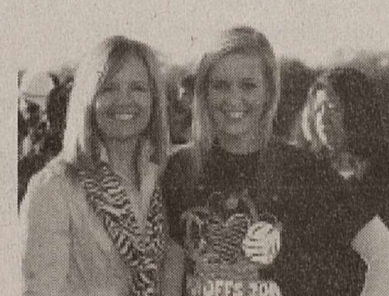
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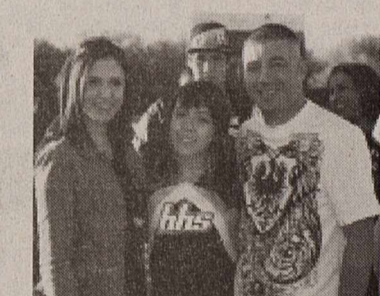
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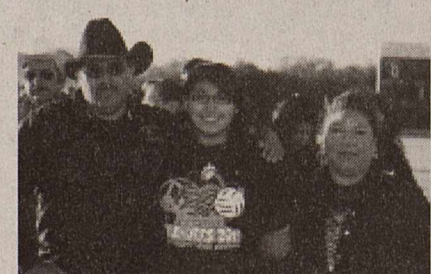
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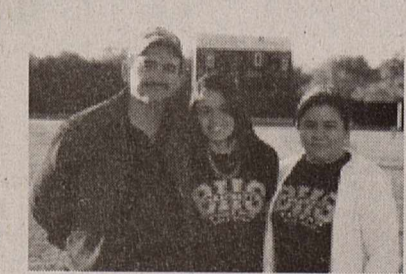
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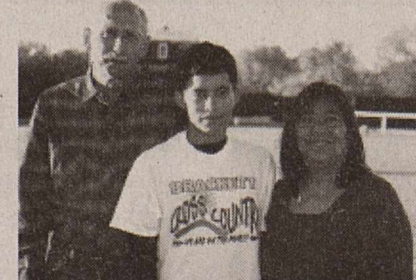
Jaclyn Abbey



Clarissa Valdez



Shannon Gammill



Dante Luna



Meghan Flores



Natasha Samaniego



Rebecca Rangel



Jackie Yandel

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## Varsity Cross Country qualifies for Regionals

By Ashley Castillo Sandoval  
Contributing Writer  
Results submitted by Dusty Brotherton

On October 26, the High School and Junior High Cross Country teams travelled to Bandera to compete in the District Cross Country Meet.

Placing 2nd as a team, with 59 points, were the Varsity girls.

Leading the Tigerettes was Sophomore Jaclyn Abbey. Abbey came in 1st with a time of 12:28, giving her the title of District Champion. 11th place Gabby Sandoval, 13th place Elvia Guerrero, 23rd Mercedes Ocasio, 27th Shannon Gammill and 35th Jackie Yandell.

Placing 3rd as a team, with 81 points, were the Varsity boys.

Leading the Tigers was Se-

nior Joelson Terrazas. Terrazas placed 2nd with a time of 18:21. 9th Wyatt Blake, 23rd Garon Rueda, 26th Dante Luna, 31st Hayden Turkett and 32nd Bradley Edwards.

Both Varsity teams qualified to compete at the Regional meet in San Antonio on November 5th.

Placing 3rd as a team were the Junior High Girls. Leading the 8th grade girls was Emma Palmer placing 1st with a time of 13:25, 15th Hannah Baggett.

Leading the 7th grade girls was Cheyenne Hibbitts, placing 1st with a time of 14:02. 7th Sadie Perez, 8th Dani Gerardo, 18th Sidney Perez, 21st Miracle Garza and 22nd Alyssa Martinez.

Placing 3rd as a team were the Junior High Boys. Leading the 8th grade boys was Jackie

Pang placing 10th with a time of 13:40.

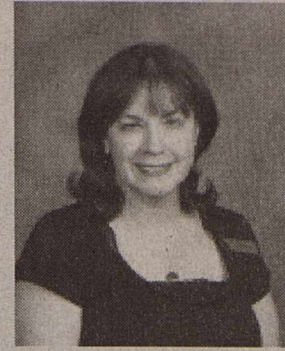
Leading the 7th grade boys was Ramiro Flores, placing 2nd

with a time of 12:44, 4th Adrian Resendez, 6th Kris Lagioia, 18th Justin Hidalgo and 19th Angel Jaso.



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly- Varsity girls Cross Country team qualifies for the Regional Meet. From left: Elvia Guerrero, Jaclyn Abbey, Mercedes Ocasio, Gabriela Sandoval and Jackie Yandell, not pictured Shannon Gammill.

## BISD Employee of the Week



**SUSAN ESPARZA**  
Secretary to Superintendent, Admin.  
Central Office

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

1. I married the love of my life, after he waited 28 years for me.
2. I have a beautiful daughter, wonderful son-in-law, and three gorgeous grandkids.
3. I have spent time in 7 countries (England, France, Monaco Monte Carlo, Italy, Bahamas, Mexico, and the Philippines) and lived in 2 (England and the Philippines).
4. I had a gallery showing for some of my watercolor paintings.
5. I used to make the car show rounds with "SUS BU" my mint cherry red '69 Chevy Malibu.
6. I was a guest of Rod Stewart at the 1993 World Music Awards in Monte Carlo.

## Tigers in position to win district



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly by Michael J. Ford, for purchasing options please call 830-563-7912 or email michael@photosbymjf.com. Freshman David Ortega gains 115 yards on 16 carries in Fridays district game against Johnson City.



Rey Sifuentes, Jr.

Brackett High School's varsity football team won its second consecutive District 14-1A game by defeating Johnson City 35-14 last Friday.

EZ Rivas scored Brackett's first six-pointer on an eight-yard run. David Ortega scored on runs of 17 and 12 yards. Jonathan Quiroz threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Jonathan Pinales. Quiroz later reached the end zone on a scoring run of 16 yards.

The Tigers, as usual, amassed most of their yardage (277) through their running game. David Ortega gained 115 yards on 13 carries. EZ Rivas also gained 115 yards on 16 carries. Jonathan Quiroz ran the ball 12 times collecting 23 yards overall. Charlie Resendez ran with the ball six times and gained 25 yards. Jonathan Quiroz completed two out of five passes (both to Jonathan Pinales) for 50 yards.

The Tiger defense allowed

Johnson City to gain 286 yards - 183 rushing and 103 passing.

Leading tackler for BHS was Daniel Falcon (12). Close behind were Rolando Gutierrez (11) and Amadeo Martinez (10). Also making tackles were EZ Rivas (eight), Herman Talamantes (five), Charlie Resendez (five), Joelson Terrazas (four), Arturo Castillo (four), Bradley Edwards (three), Colten Stephenson (three), Jonathan Pinales (three), David Ortega (two), Jonathan Quiroz (one) and Jeffrey Herrera (one).

"We played really well," Head Coach Greg Voyles said. "We started off very fast and played a good game."

Voyles added that his ball club is gelling at the exact right time of the season.

"We have just come together as a team and now we're playing as a single unit," Voyles said. "The kids know we need to win out to grab the district title and have responded by playing very hard."

The Tigers will win the 14-1A title if they can beat Center Point whom they visit at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

"Center Point is very athletic," Voyles said. "They spread the ball out, have some good quick kids. This should be a very good ball game."

## BISD Perfect Attendance Football Winner



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Ashley Castillo Sandoval - Last weeks perfect attendance football winner was Fourth grader Victor Huerta.

## Early Head Start Family Trees



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Castillo - Early Head Start created Family Trees for a contest on October 27. First place: Nevah Pacheco; 2nd place: Trent Sandoval; 3rd place: Kristian and Xevianah Hernandez. Also pictured: Michael Villareal Jadel Pacheco, Leeland Hidalgo and Robert Alderete. EHS Director Larrissa Brundige, teachers Norma Cruz and Diana Ortiz, parent Roxanne Pacheco.

## Jones Elementary Honor Roll

Submitted by BISD

2011-2012 1st Quarter All "A" Honor Roll.

First Grade: Britton Samantha, Derr Jackson, Diaz Aaron, Flores Jonah, Gallagher Lilly, Garcia Mia, Hay Reagan, Huerta Mathew, Molinar Solana, Munoz Madisyn, Ortiz Yvonne, Rosas Isaac, Smallwood Tyler and Woody Celeste.

Second Grade: Elizondo Carolina, Fisher Bailee, Gallagher Ava, Link Al, Martinez Angel, Perez Tyler, Rangel Ricky, Smith Tarin, Solis Diego, Terrazas Calista and Welch Morgan.

Third Grade: Baggett Rebekah, Clark Raegan, Croy Sidney and Pearson Alix.

Fourth Grade: Conoly Zuehl, Eckenrod Mason and Schuster Stetson.

Fifth Grade: Britton Dakota, Haynes Alyssa, Haynes Madi-

son, Palmer Sam, Price Kaili, Rangel Kristina and Turkett Brendan.

Sixth Grade: Bruce Ayme, Easley Carlye and Frerich Kirstin.

2011-2012 1st Quarter All "AB" Honor Roll.

First Grade: Ahern Teagan, Balderas Domingo, Crawley Danielle, De Leon Christian, Frerich Creed, Galvan Diego, Garza Christopher, Guzman Jacquelyn, Hernandez Max, Jimenez Ivan, Julian David, Martinez Cookie, Rivas Angelita, Rojas Ruby, Turner Ashlynn and Villarreal Jayden.

Second Grade: Blevins Khayli, Campos Jeremiah, Castillo Andres, Chambers Braden, Cook Anautica, Falcon Anisah, Garza Brianna, Haggerton Destiny, Miguel Tatum, Montelongo Monsse, Morgan Max, Sanchez Sergio

and Villarreal Kyla.

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## Historic Angora Theater Society



Submitted by The Historic Angora Theater Society "flew" into being September 23, 2010. We met — we became HATS — we formally organized on October 22. Our goal is to purchase the old Angora Theater building on our town square in Rocksprings, refurbish it and turn it into a working film and theater performance experience, thus providing the community

and its surrounding area a place to gather. HATS applied for and received its Certificate of Filing and is in the final stages of securing its non-profit status, i.e. tax exempt status. In December 2010, HATS hosted its first fund raiser in conjunction with the Edwards County Chamber of Commerce's Christmas on the Square. In May 2011, HATS first official

venue was a Mad Hatter's Tea Party located on the Edwards County Courthouse square. HATS is currently invested in an effort to secure Underwriters for the purchase of the building. In conjunction, on Saturday November 26, HATS is hosting a dinner show "Cabaret Texas Style" with a matinee to follow on Sunday, November 27. The Spot Chasers of Del Rio are fea-

tured as well as a special appearance of "Patsy Cline" (aka) Kathryn McWilliams. Kathryn played the lead in the Del Rio Upstagers' production of "Always, Patsy Cline." Dinner Show and Matinee tickets are available at various local establishments. For more information, please call Jane Burleson at 830-591-8632.

## Rotary Chairman awards Stone



Submitted by Rotary Club Rotary Program Chairman, Frank Taylor, is shown awarding BISD, School Counselor, Louisa Stone, an Rotary Commertive Coin at the regular noon meeting of the Brackettville Rotary Club. Mrs. Stone is counselor at Brackett Secondary Schools and is proud of the

drop out record of the school having on average only one or two students drop out of classes each year. She is also proud of the school for having three National Merit Scholars. Her challenges are students who get into trouble in schools in larger cities and are sent to Brackettville to live with grandparents.

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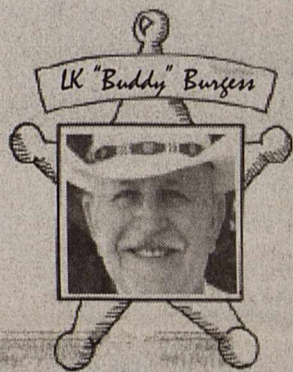


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## Kinney County Sheriff's Report



bond for the DWI and a \$5000 bond for the warrant.  
**Monday, October 24**  
Landon Beau Rice, 29, of Brackettville was arrested for DWI. Rice was still being held at press time.  
A deputy called into KCSO to report traffic cones on Hwy 90 were all over the Hwy. TX Dot was notified.  
**Tuesday, October 25**  
An anonymous call came into KCSO in reference to some kids on ATVs on 1st St., Ann St. and Tiger Alley. A deputy was notified and reported back that there were no ATVs in the area.  
**Sunday, October 23**  
Rilando Morales, 20, of Quemado, was arrested for a warrant out of Val Verde County and DWI. Morales was released on 10/30 after posting a \$1500

report a woman walking with a bag and umbrella on Hwy 90 west. A deputy was notified.  
A woman called into KCSO to request a welfare check on her father. A deputy was notified.  
**Wednesday, October 26**  
A 911 call came in from a man reporting that he hit a cow out on Hwy 90 west. A deputy was notified.  
**Thursday, October 27**  
A woman called into KCSO to report a deer with a broken leg. Gamer Warden was informed of the situation.  
**Friday, October 28**  
A man called into KCSO to report that his father suffers from dementia and had left for the

post office that morning and had not returned. Deputies were notified and the man was located.  
A man called into KCSO to request a deputy at his office. A deputy was informed.  
**Saturday, October 29**  
A woman called into KCSO to report loud music coming from a local business. A deputy was informed.  
An unknown call came into KCSO to report loud music coming from a local business. A deputy was informed.  
**Sunday, October 30**  
A unknown person called into KCSO to report shots being fired around the school tennis courts. A deputy was informed and en route to the location.

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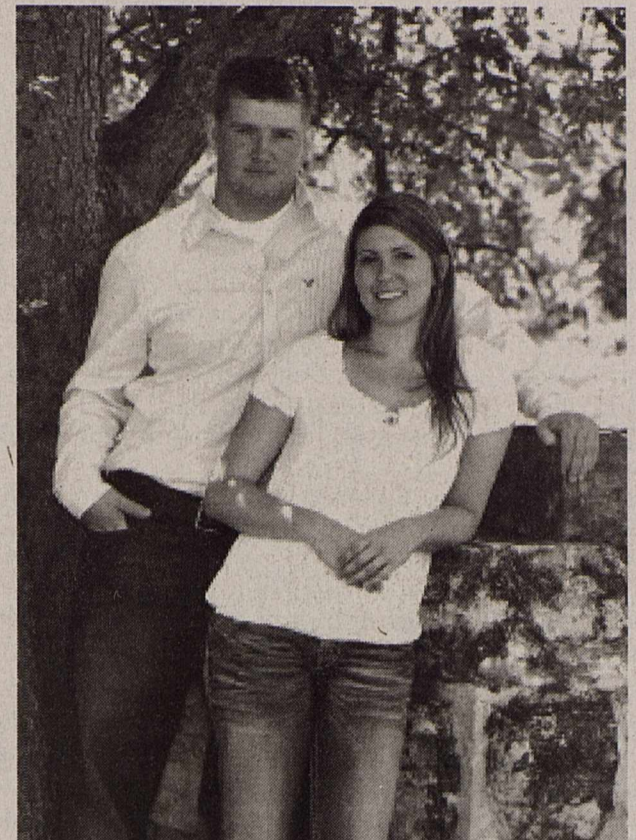
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## Rio Grande Annual Halloween Blood Drive



Photos Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly- Photo at left: Ramona Falcon was the winner of a John Deere-themed fall tapestry in a drawing from among all community members who donated, or attempted to donate blood in Rio Grande Electric Co-op's Annual Halloween Blood Drive. There were a total of 23 who donated blood, with 16 being RGEC employees, who were ineligible for the drawing. Photo at right: Elena Luna (left), winner of RGEC's costume contest, and Cindy Rhinesmith (right), winner of the RGEC employee blood donor prize drawing.

## Smith-Mann to wed



Clarence and Jeannie Smith, of Quemado, would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter Brandy Maurine Smith to Jacob Roy Mann, son of David D. and Lynette Mann, of Brackettville and Gwen Shimshack. The couple will wed on November 11, 2011. Jacob is currently working with Union Pacific and Brandy is a LVN at La Vida Serena Nursing and Rehab.

## New law will require photo ID to vote

Information provided by Kinney County-District Clerk Dora Sandoval

Kinney County-District Clerk Dora Sandoval announced a new law as prescribed by Secretary of State Hope Andrade in Section 63.0012, Texas Election Code, will require voters to present photo identification to vote in all elections held 2012.

Notice of Required Identification for Future Elections

New Forms of Identification:

Upon U.S. Justice Department approval of a photo identification law passed by the Texas Legislature in 2011, effective 2012, a voter will be required to show one of the following forms of photo identification at the polling location before the voter will be permitted to cast a vote.

- Texas Driver's License issued by the Department of Public Safety ("DPS")
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS;
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS;
- Texas Concealed Handgun License issued by DPS;
- United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph;
- United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph; or
- United States Passport.

With the exception of the U.S.

citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.\*

\*If you do not have a valid form of photo identification, you may apply for a free election identification card at your local Texas Department of Public Safety office.

Exemption:

Voters with a disability may apply with the county voter registrar for a permanent exemption. The application must contain written documentation from either the U.S. Social Security Administration evidencing the applicant's disability, or from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs evidencing a disability rating of at least 50 percent. In addition, the applicant must state that he or she has no valid form of photo identification. Those who obtain a disability exemption will be allowed to vote by presenting a voter registration certificate reflecting the exemption.

Provisional Voting:

If voters do not present one of the forms of photo identification listed above and do not have a permanent disability exemption indicated on their voter registration certificates, voters may cast a provisional ballot at the polls and will have six (6) calendar days after election day to

present a valid form of photo identification in the presence of the county voter registrar. Voters who have a consistent religious objection to being photographed and voters who do not have any photo identification as a result of certain natural disasters as declared by the President

of the United States or the Texas Governor, may vote a provisional ballot, and if they appear at the voter registrar's office within six (6) calendar days after election day and sign an affidavit swearing to the religious objection or natural disaster, then their ballot will be counted.



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Castillo - Pictured from left election judges Elia Garcia and Sherri Holloway work the Constitutional Amendment Special Election in the County Courtroom. As of Wednesday, November 2 at 2 p.m., only 38 of the county's 2,303 voters had participated during the early election period.

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# Game Warden Field Notes:



## Rob Frets Game Warden

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

**Wife bags her first buck...** Not Terrell County Game Wardens Saul Aguilar and Kenneth Lamarr entered a hunting camp on Oct. 4 and noticed a tagging violation on a hanging 10-point white-tailed buck. As the wardens talked with the couple staying at the camp, they noted the man's wife was particularly excited about her first buck. She even offered her license and ID

without being asked. After educating the couple on proper tagging requirements, Warden Aguilar decided to take some time to talk with their 9-year-old boy, who seemed intrigued by the wardens. After discussing his favorite superheroes and passion for the outdoors, the boy said he sure wanted to shoot a buck like the one his dad had shot and pointed to the hanging buck. Citations were issued to the couple after the husband admitted to shooting the deer and using his wife's license to tag it.

**Busted by his cell phone:** Montgomery County Warden Brannon Meinowsky was patrolling for illegal night hunting on Nov. 4 when he noticed a truck driving unusually slow through a subdivision known to have a lot of deer. The vehicle was occupied by two males and one female armed with a .17 caliber rifle, a compound bow and three flashlights. During the investigation, the warden found cell phone photos of one of the men holding buck heads. The pictures had all been taken at night and before deer season opened. The subject confessed to killing one of the deer and provided information about the other deer killed out of season. Multiple cases filed. Additional charges pending.

**Bragging can get you in trouble:** On deer season opening day, Williamson County Game Wardens Turk Jones and Joel Campos were patrolling a subdivision in Liberty Hill off U.S. 183 when Campos spotted a man in camo holding a rifle in his front yard. The wardens made contact, and the first thing the hunter said was, "Look at what I shot during archery season." The hunter then displayed antlers from an 8-pointer. Warden Campos inspected the man's license and found he had an antlerless tag missing. Warden Campos brought this to the man's attention, and he said, "Well, you got me; let's change the story and say my cousin shot that one." Warden Campos told him he couldn't do that, and the hunter finally admitted he'd been bragging to people that he shot it. But as a further investigation revealed, in reality he cut the antlers off a road kill he found. Antlers were confiscated and citations were issued.

**High velocity camp prank not so funny after all:** Val Verde County Game Warden Kirk Clendening and Mike Durand responded to a call of shots fired at a hunting vehicle on Oct. 5. When the wardens arrived at the hunting camp, they found a large group of extremely intoxicated hun-



## Dayton Isaacs Game Warden

Apparently a hunter who had left the scene before the wardens arrived thought it would be entertaining to shoot at a truck occupied by several people. The wardens took statements and documented the bullet holes from a high-powered rifle that went through the passenger side window and exited the driver side windshield. Luckily, no one was hurt, but the wardens are hoping to file deadly conduct charges against the trigger-happy hunter when he's identified.

**No, really, I didn't lay a hand on my wife:** On Nov. 1 Harris County Game Warden Jennifer Inkster received a call from the Pasadena Police Department about a possible hunting violation. Turns out police had responded to a domestic dispute and found a large amount of blood and a rifle in the suspect's pick-up. When questioned, the subject quickly admitted he shot a white-tailed deer the previous weekend on his lease, and that the blood had nothing to do with the domestic incident. Warden Inkster arrived and seized an 8-point buck and meat, and citations were issued.

**Big" is in the eye of the beholder:** Angelina County Game Warden Phillip Wood made contact with a hunter on Nov. 5 and observed blood on a trailer. When he asked whether the subject had killed something, the reply was "a big six point." After a short investigation, the warden located the deer horns at a residence and found they had already been sawed in half. Turned out the "big" deer taken in an antler-restricted county had only a 9 5/8-inch spread. Citations issued.

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- To instill in youth a basic understanding of practical conservation measures.
- To encourage wildlife habitat access, enhancement and management.

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- spend quality time with family and friends;
- and, maybe do a little fishing and exploring.

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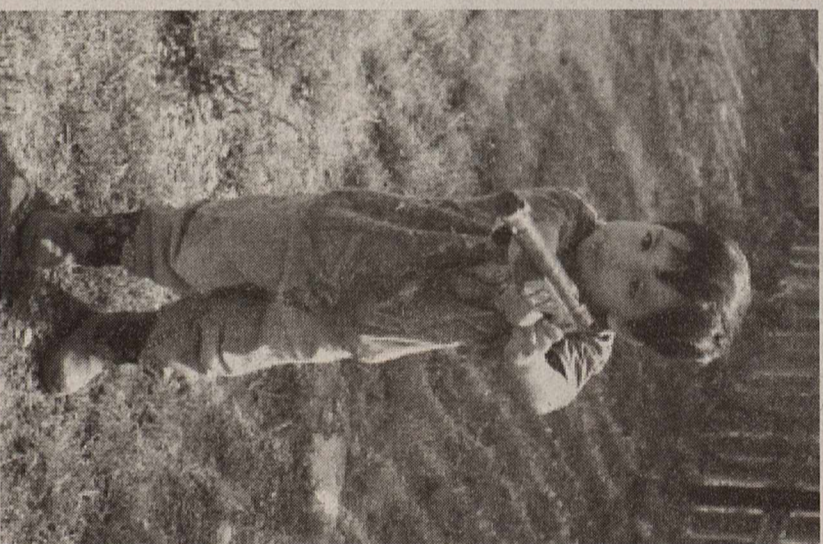
- be 9 to 17 years old and
- complete and submit an application.

To hunt with the Texas Youth Hunting Program, members must:

- Complete the Texas Hunter Education course and be able to provide a copy of your certificate, card or student registration form that shows your test score, etc.
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- Have a valid Texas hunting license and appropriate tags or stamps when required.
- Be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Complete a TYHP Hunting Application that lists your choice of hunts by priority.
- TYHP hunting schedules will be sent to you periodically.
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## Black Bear sighting turns out to be a black calf sighting

By Leigh Castillo  
Contributing Writer

State Game Warden Dayton Isaacs was called to investigate a possible black bear sighting on June 15.

The Kinney County Sheriff's Department received a call last Thursday at 7:36 p.m. of a

black bear crossing Highway 90, five miles east of Brackettville.

Isaacs drove out past Pritter Park, but did not find a black bear; however, he did find a loose black calf wondering along highway. Isaacs reported he was able to rustle the baby cow back onto its property without further incident.

There have been two confirmed bear sightings in Del Rio in the recent weeks.

The most recent black bear incident in Kinney County was October 27, 2008. Kinney County Sheriff's Deputy Ramon Gutierrez found a dead black bear on the side of Highway 90 nearly three years ago. Gutierrez, patrolling the area of Kinney County where FM Road 3008 intersects with Highway 90, spotted what he believed to be a large black trash bag; however, as Gutierrez slowed his vehicle to get a closer look, he realized the bag was actually a black bear.

Gutierrez quickly determined the bear was deceased and called in Texas Parks & Wildlife Division (TPWD) Game Warden Rob Frets.

Frets believes the bear was accidentally hit by a motor vehicle and died at the scene located approximately 12 miles west of Brackettville.

The last reported sighting prior to this was actually photographed by a visiting

hunter in December, 2006.

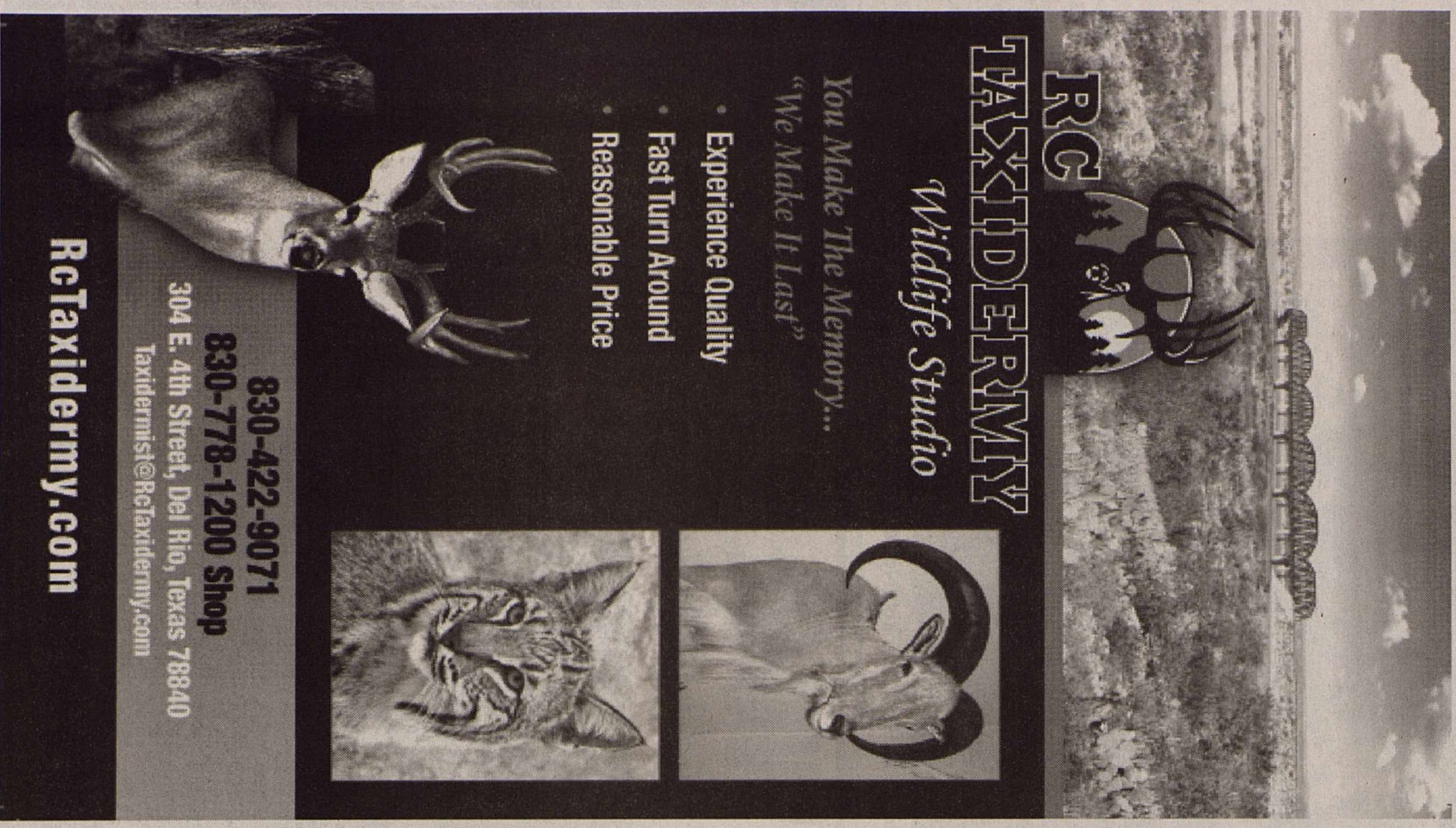
A San Antonio police officer was driving on FM Road 3008 when he thought he saw a wild bear running along a fence line, but when he realized it was a bear, he grabbed his camera and started excitedly snapping photos.

In 2006, Game Warden Henry Lutz explained the bears, once native to the area, were more commonly seen in Mexico. Over time and a change in conditions the bear's habitat has been pushed from the border up into the mountainous areas just across the Rio Grande River.

Details on the bear's re-insurgence into Kinney County were not confirmed at press time.

Kinney County Sheriff LK Buddy Burgess warns the black bears are a protected species and hunters and ranchers are again cautioned not to shoot them.

To report a bear sighting, call the Kinney County Sheriff's Department, 830.563.2788.

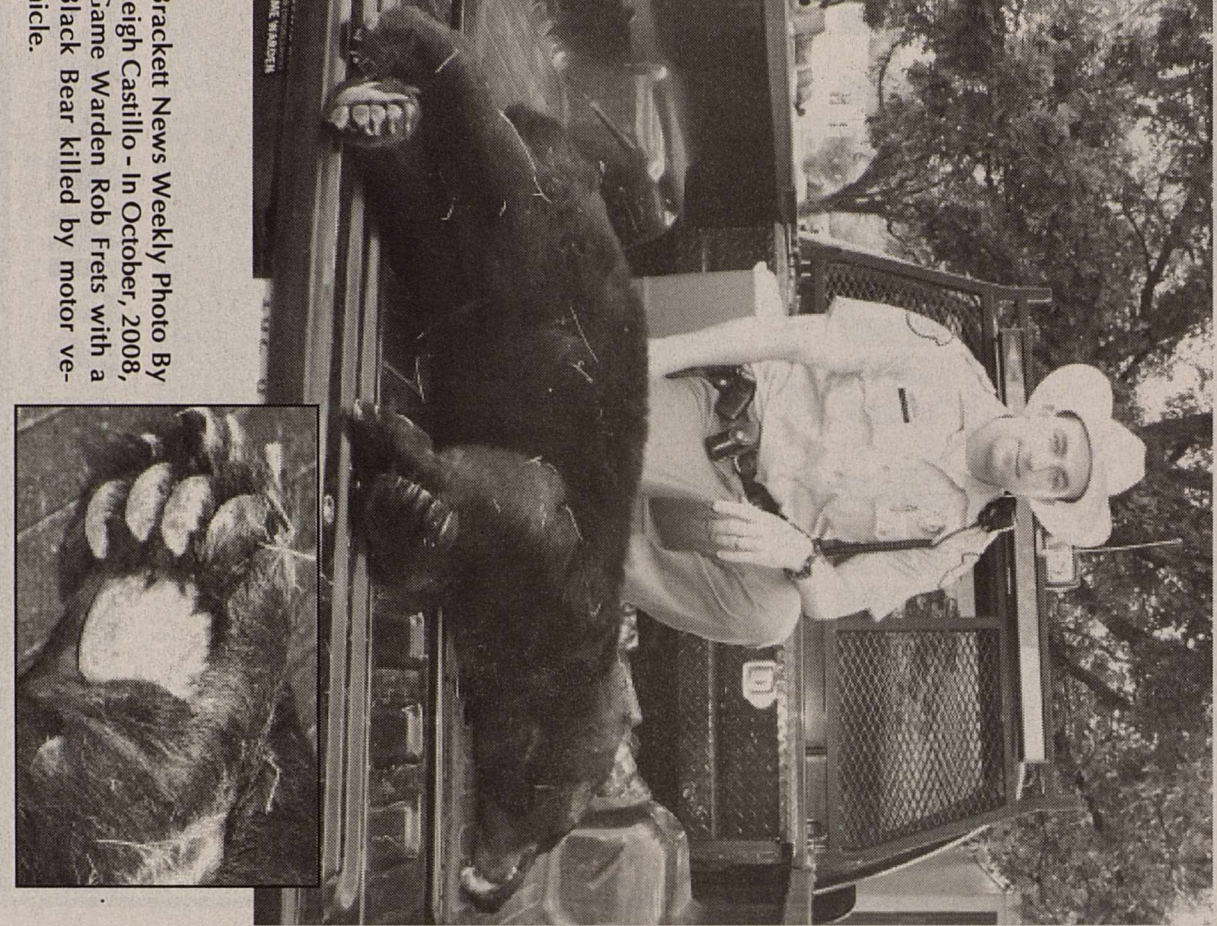


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Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Castillo - In October, 2008, Game Warden Rob Frets with a Black Bear killed by motor vehicle.



## ON THE COVER: A visit to the Double R Ranch

By Leigh Castillo  
Contributing Writer

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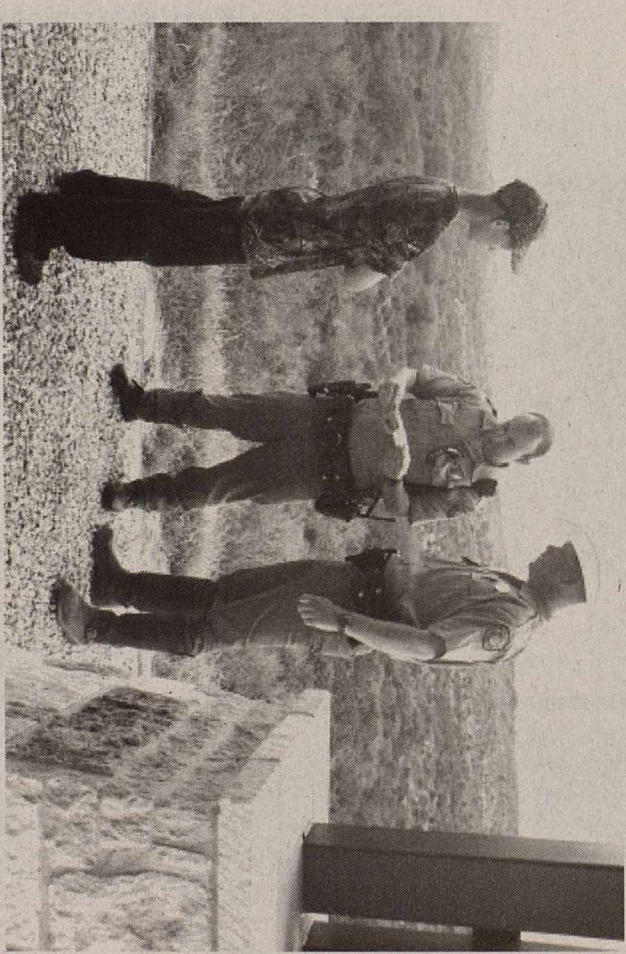
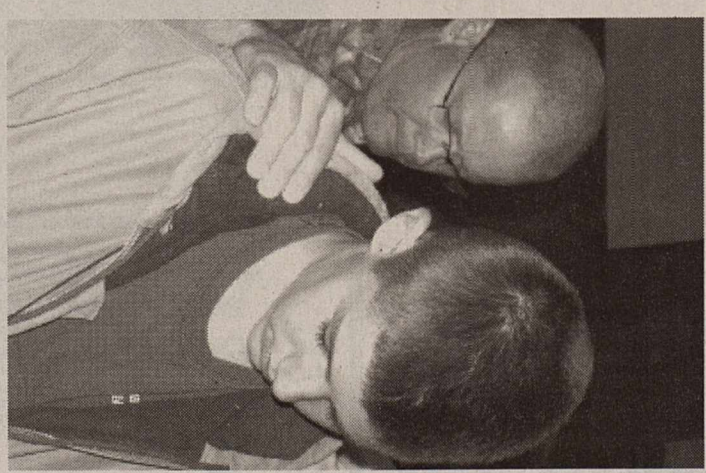
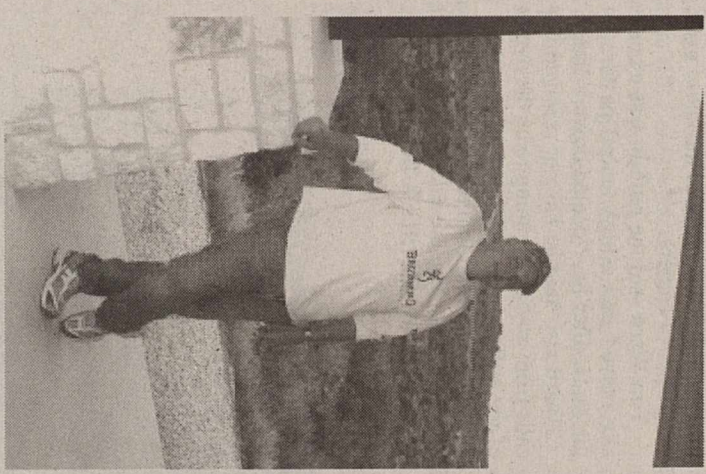
Todd Branson, a Houston contractor and devout Christian, says that after reading *Wild At Heart*, by John Eldredge, many years ago, it changed his life and set him on a course that would allow him and the Children's Refuge, Inc., to reach out to disadvantaged young people.

The Eldredge book encourages men to rediscover being men who are brave and

adventurous.

Branson recently purchased a ranch in Kinney County, north of Brackett, and has spent the better part of the last two years constructing a place to take young people, some of which may have never left their urban environments, and spend quality time with them in the great outdoors. While the guests hunt, fish and hike, they are lent an attentive ear and given Christian based guidance that may lead them to making better life choices once they return home.

The guests at the Double R - Children's

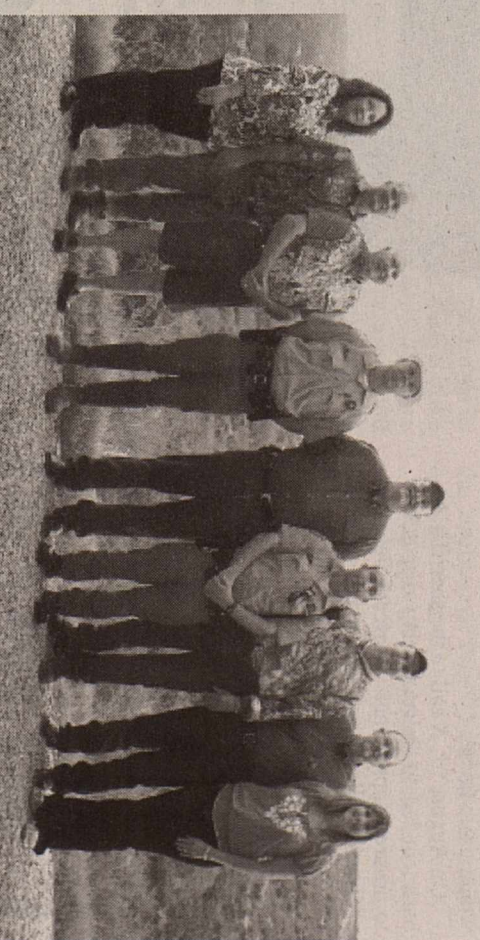


Brackett News Weekly Photos By Leigh Castillo - Top left: Todd Branson. Center: Double R Volunteer prays with one of their hunting guests. Top right: Children's Refuge Inc. directors and local game wardens. Bottom: Texas Game Wardens Rob Frets, center, and Dayton Isaacs, right, discuss the importance of having a valid hunting license. Visit mybrackettnews.com to see all the pictures taken at the Double R, or search Brackett News Weekly on Facebook.com.

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# 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 port utility vehicle. Palacio said the buffalo thought better of it and contin-



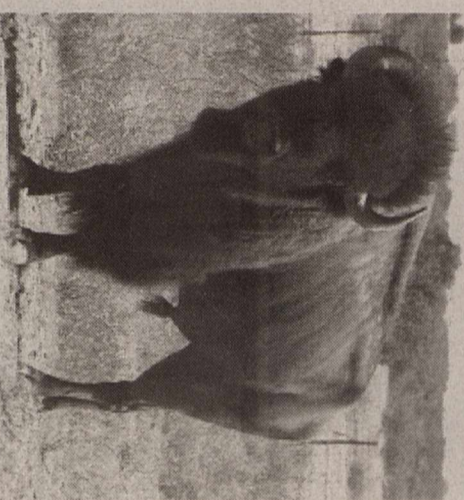
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ued to make his way east along the fence line until it reached an open gate at the Tim Ward Ranch.

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.



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# Large cat kills five Barbado sheep

## Extended drought draws in predators

By Leigh Castillo  
Contributing Writer

Local sheep farmer Larry Robinson reported a possible poaching incident on June 6, but after contacting the game warden, Robinson became concerned a mountain lion may have killed five of his animals.

State Game Warden Rob Frets responded to Robinson's ranch property in Kinney County Estates on Ranch Road 2804, approximately four miles west of town.

Game Warden Frets found two Barbado sheep injured, but still alive. Poaching was ruled out when the puncture wounds were determined to be the result of bite marks and not that of gunshot wounds.

Frets said he believes the claw and bite marks strongly indicate an attack by a large cat, most likely a bobcat, but is not ruling out the possibility of a mountain lion being the culprit.

Frets added under the current severe drought conditions, predators will continue to make their way into populated areas in an effort to find food and water.

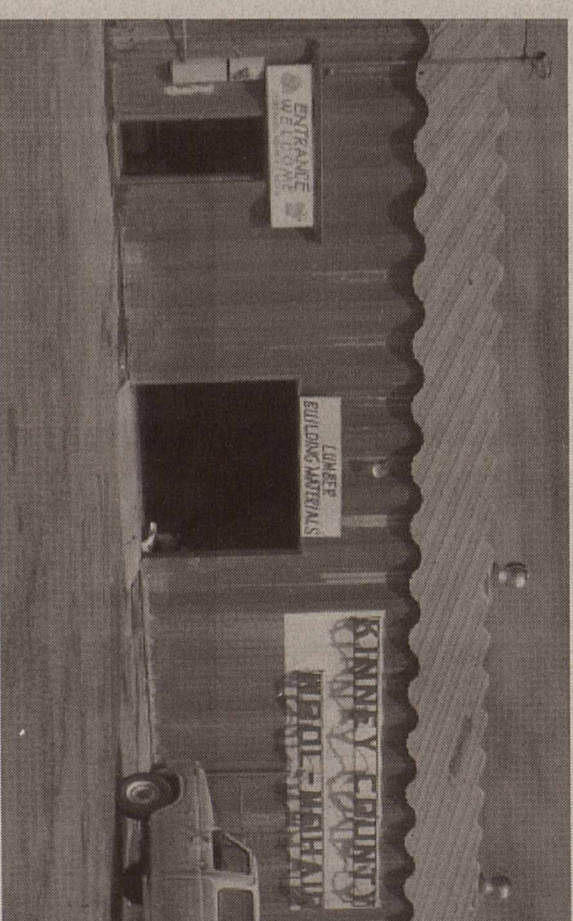


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that day. It is always a very good idea to pack a small survival kit that would include the bare minimum to spend at least 1 night afield.

If at all possible, avoid hunting alone and share information with your fellow hunters the exact location you will be hunting and what time they should expect you back at camp. If you can't get cell phone reception on the property you hunt, you most likely use 2-way radios to communicate, so make sure others know what frequency you will be on or put it on the "Scan-Mode" when you get into trouble.

Ensure your tree-stands are installed and built safely before you climb up onto them and always use a safety strap while climbing into and while you're sitting in them....Most accidents occur while climbing in and out of your tree-stand. It is very important to always check and make sure your weapon is unloaded before pulling it up—it's always a good idea to use a low-rope instead of trying to carry your gear up into the stand with you.

If you are hunting on Public land or property where you're not 100% sure there are no other hunters who might mistake you for a game animal, it's a good idea to walk in with a flashlight during low-light/dark conditions and to wear Blaze Orange

during daylight hours so no one will mistake you for an animal.

You should know ahead of time locations where your mobile phone will and will not work and always go afield with a full charge, and in the event an emergency occurs your Cell Phone could literally be your only link to help arriving, thus saving your life. It is important to point out that the greatest survival tool you can go afield with is a cool clear head should an Emergency situation present itself—take a moment to calm down and collect your thoughts, then assess your situation and rationally execute your game plan—panicking in an Emergency will almost always exacerbate your situation.

If you have any questions about this or any other Emergency situations, please feel free to stop by or call the EMS/Fire House and we will answer any questions you might have—we are here to serve this amazing Community. God's Blessings, and have a great hunt!!

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Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Castillo - Kinney County Judge Tim Ward, left, congratulates new EMS Director Jim Titchnell, center. Kinney County Commissioner Pat Melancon, right.

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# Kickapoo State Park opens in Kinney County

BRACKETTVILLE, Texas - After operating as a limited-access park for more than 20 years, Kickapoo Caverns State Park will host an all-day grand opening event free to the public on Saturday, June 12, commemorating the park's official opening of its doors on a daily basis.

Thanks in large part to increases in appropriated funding from the Texas Legislature in the previous two bienniums, the Texas State Park system was able to hire staff and develop more public facilities and trails, making it possible to safely accommodate a higher volume of visitors at the scenic Hill Country park, and operate regular business hours seven days a week.

Previously, park users could gain access past the locked gate only by advanced appointment and guided tour; now folks will be able to enjoy year-round recreation at Kickapoo for camping, hiking and biking on the more than 12 miles of developed and undeveloped trails, diverse

birding opportunities, and viewings of popular seasonal bat flights.

The grand opening event, coined the Kickapoo Kickoff, will feature free camping for the weekend, as well as free admission on June 12, and an opening ceremony to dedicate the new Sergeant Memorial Trail near the park's newly renovated visitor center is set for 10 a.m. that day. The trail is being dedicated in honor of the late Tommy Seagrant, former Kinney County Judge and rancher. Mr. Seagrant owned the property before selling it to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to become a state park, fulfilling his wishes that the public be able to enjoy what he considered a special and unique part of Texas.

Hiking tours, birding tours, plant and nature walks, hands-on archaeology activities, mountain biking (bikes and helmets provided), and wild cave tours of Kickapoo Cavern are also scheduled for visitors throughout the day, beginning early at 7:30 a.m., with the last activity scheduled for around 5 p.m.

Later in the evening, just before sunset, staff and volunteers will also be leading visitors to one of the park's most renowned attractions: bat flight viewing tours of Stuart Bat Cave, where hundreds of thousands of Mexican free-tailed bats emerge at dusk for their mighty hunting trip for insects during warm weather months.

"Kickapoo Caverns is just a wonderful place to see nature. It's had little traffic for all these years, and now we're able to open it up for all of Texas," said Mike Knezek, park superintendent. "We're known for our bats, but the park is 6,400 acres with lots of other things to do. We also have 20 campsites for folks to use, and being a camping park, we can do programs like night hikes and star gazing. Out here, there aren't many neighbors or cities to emit a lot of light pollution or distract from all the sights and sounds of the outdoors. And, we think being open all the time will be a boost to the local economy as people find out what we have."

Visitors are encouraged to bring some essentials to attend Kickapoo Cavern State Park's grand opening: sunscreen for out-



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# Local huntress takes brut with bow

Submitted by  
Back Porch Ranch

Three weeks ago Crystal Fisher, Ranch Manager, decided to try and harvest an old brut at the Back Porch Ranch with a bow.

"I had seen the buck several times and asked her if she wanted to harvest him and she said that she did," said Ranch Owner David Watts.

Watts says the first evening Fisher went down to the blind; the buck did not show up.

Fisher, unparsed by the deer's previous failure to show up, went out the next morning with the mercury hardly reaching 25 degrees.

Meeting back at the lodge around 9:30 a.m., Fisher told Watts that she shot the buck with her bow after it came out of the brush. After the shot the buck ran about 20 yards and Fisher said it looked like it was going to fall down, but did not. Watts said Fisher did the right thing by returning to lodge and not trying to track the deer immediately. The decision was made to allow the deer to lay down for 2 1/2 hours, then they would all go look. While they waited, the group decided to have a celebration drink, which now they know was the kiss of death.

The newly formed sign cutting team made its way down to the blind and located a blood trail. The team followed the trail for four hours, at times even getting on their hands and knees to look for the smallest drop of blood.

Friends of the Fisher Family luckily lent the use of their tracking dog. Once on the

scent, the dog quickly followed the same trail and then continued on, but it was soon evident the hunt might be over when the dog gave every indication the buck may have jumped onto the neighboring property.

"So we all thought, well the legal and right thing to do is call and get permission and we will get the deer, but after several attempts, including cashing in favors with friends and associates, we were no where

closer to the deer than we were the day before," said Watts. To further discourage the hunters, they were told the owner of the neighboring ranch did not much care for hunters, outdoors.

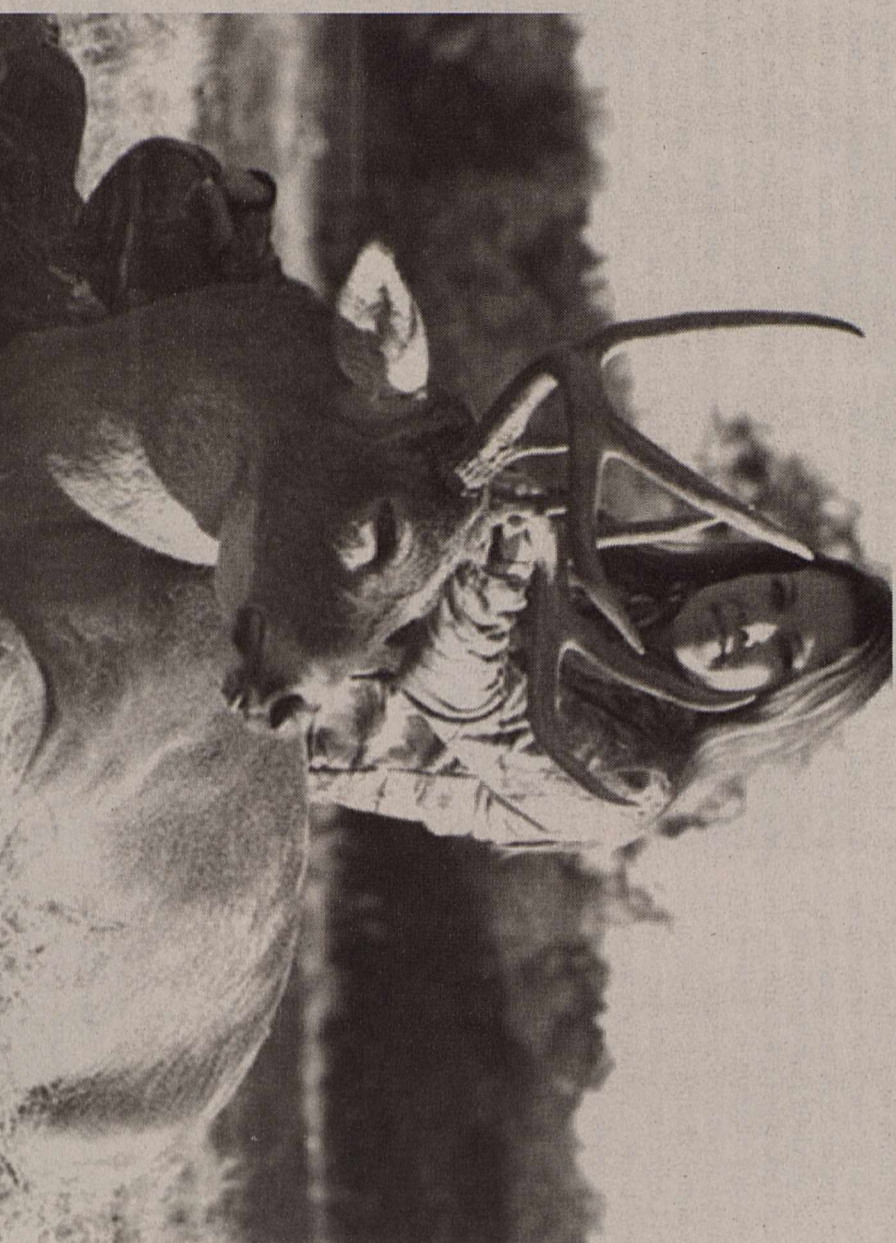


Photo Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly - Crystal Fisher of the Back Porch Ranch bags this 7 year old, eight point buck after three weeks of hunting and tracking on December 20, 2010.

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# Avoiding ticks is the best way to prevent diseases they carry

Warm days and sunny skies draw many people outdoors this time of year. The same environment also brings out the insects, many of which carry diseases.

"It's tick time in Texas," said Glenna Tellow, a medical entomologist with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). "Ticks often are found in the same spots people like to visit - wooded, brushy and grassy areas."

"A bite from an infected tick can cause illnesses such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, malaria and human ehrlichiosis. With prompt medical attention, these illnesses almost always can be successfully treated with antibiotics. But if people do not recognize the symptoms and seek treatment, the illnesses can be serious, some even fatal," Tellow said.

In Texas, the tick most likely to attach to humans is the lone star tick. "This tick, which is about the size of a watermelon seed, will readily feed on human blood," Tellow said. "The lone star female tick is easily recognized by a single white dot on her back, while the male tick has white markings around the edges of his back."

The most frequently diagnosed tick-borne illness in Texas is Lyme disease, a

bacterial infection that can cause skin, joint, heart and nervous system problems. The disease usually begins with a characteristic "bull's-eye" rash followed by fatigue, headache, fever, stiff neck and joint pain. Symptoms usually appear in 7 to 14 days.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever is a serious disease transmitted most commonly by the bite of an infected tick. People who remove ticks also can become infected if they crush ticks between their fingers, allowing the bacteria to penetrate the skin or come in contact with mucous membranes. Initial symptoms, following an incubation period of 3 to 14 days, include sudden onset of high fever, headache, chills and muscle aches. A rash often appears a few days later. Prompt medical attention is extremely important because Rocky Mountain spotted fever can be fatal without prompt treatment with antibiotics.

Tularemia is a bacterial disease affecting animals and humans. It can be spread through a tick bite or through contact with blood or tissue from infected animals, especially wild rabbits, or by handling or eating undercooked meat from infected animals. Symptoms include fever, an ulcerative skin sore at the site of the tick

bite and painful swollen lymph glands. If the organism is ingested, the person may have a throat infection, abdominal pain, diarrhea and vomiting.

In Texas, human ehrlichiosis is a rare disease with fewer than 10 cases reported each year. Most infections cause a sudden onset of illness with fever, chills, headache and in general feeling ill, usually beginning about 12 days after the tick bite.

"Avoiding ticks is always the best prevention for any of these diseases," Tellow said. "Keep ticks off pets and discourage unwanted animals such as rats, mice and stray dogs and cats around the home." Other suggestions from DSHS:

If you are in an area with ticks, check your body carefully for them every few hours. Ticks are small and can be hard to see, and they can attach to any part of the body.

Stay on trails, avoiding areas of overgrown brush and tall grasses.

Wear light-colored clothes so that ticks are more easily spotted. Protect skin from ticks by wearing a hat, long-sleeved shirt and long pants tucked into boots or socks.

Use insect repellent containing DEET applied to the skin or permethrin applied to clothing. Follow label directions.

Check pets frequently and remove ticks from them immediately. For more information, contact your local health department, or the Texas Department of State Health Services.

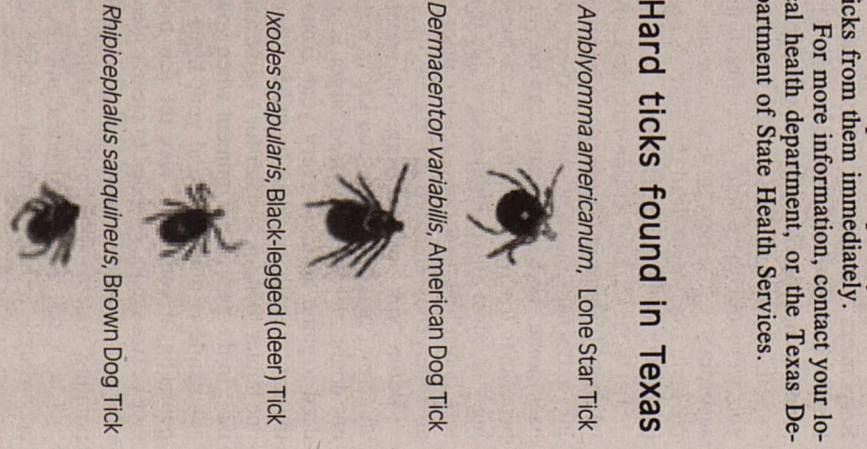
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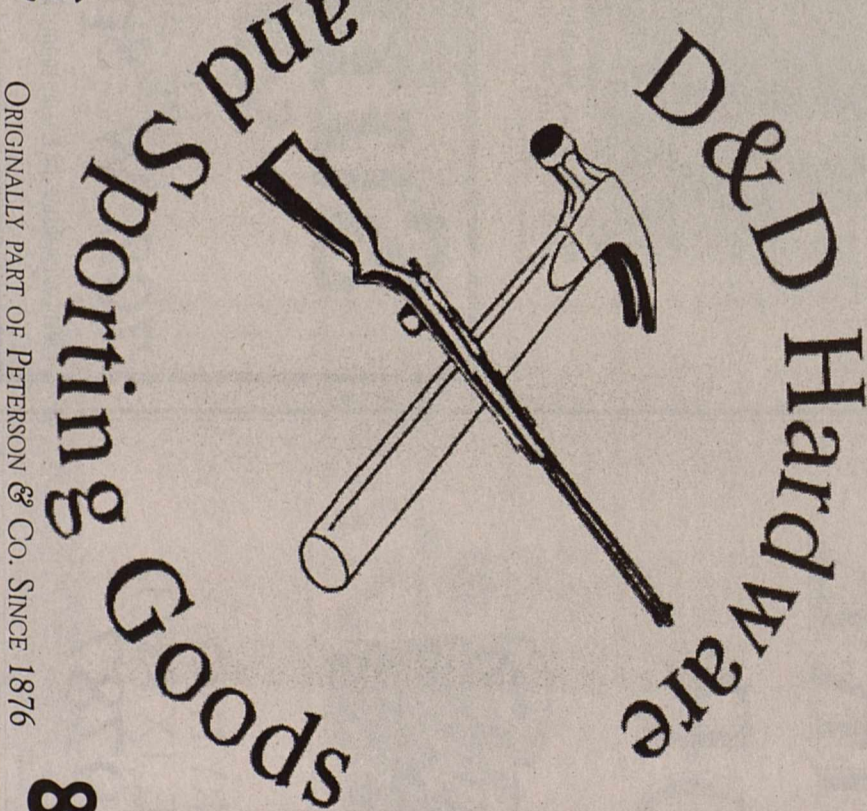
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# Murder or suicide? Hunters find remains

Texas Rangers investigate mysterious death

By Leigh Castillo  
 Contributing Writer

On September 3, several people interested in leasing some hunting property discovered a car parked approximately 150 yards off Tularosa Road, north of Brackettville. The hunters, suspecting they happened upon a poacher, found an empty, 2009 Honda Civic Hybrid on what is said to be a little known trail on the Wilson Ranch. Beside the car, they discovered a severely decomposed body.

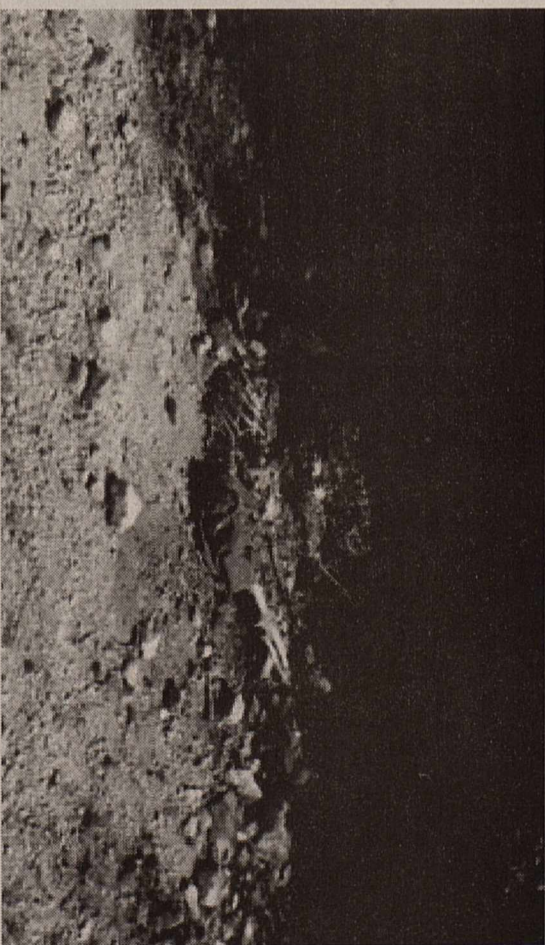


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## Skeleton identified; possible suicide

A report of the finding was called into the Kinney County Sheriff's Department at 10:59 a.m. last Friday. Preliminary reports state the skull appeared to have a gunshot wound and handgun was found in close proximity to the remains.

Officials estimate the body could have been out there up to sixty days. Kinney County Sheriff LK Buddy Burgess said there was no identification on the body, however, locked inside the car was a wallet and other personal documents that identified the owner of the vehicle. Burgess said without further scientific tests, including DNA, officials cannot positively identify the body as the person named in the documents found inside the car.

The mystery, according to Burgess, is the person identified as the owner of the car has not been found alive, nor are there any missing person reports on file in the national databases. The Texas Rangers are continuing to investigate the matter.

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identified as Khoa Van Phan, 28, of Houston. Hunters interested in leasing property happened upon an abandoned car parked on a little known trail approximately 16 miles outside of Brackettville and found a severely decomposed body nearby. No identification was found on the body, however, locked inside the car were several documents identifying the owner of the 2009 Honda Civic Hybrid.

Kinney County Justice of the Peace Narce Villarreal performed an inquest at 11:37 a.m. two Saturdays ago and ordered an autopsy be conducted by the Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office in San Antonio. Official identification was released on September 13, and Phan's family was notified of the findings.

According to the Kinney County Sheriff's Office (KCSO), Phan was a naturalized citizen and had served in the United States Navy. KCSO reported Phan had visited the area in 2008 during Hurricane Ike. Phan's family reportedly said the last time they heard from Phan was on July 17, but it was not unusual for him to go months without contacting them.



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# Brackett's Bird Dog biologist takes his best shot

By Laura Salazar  
47th Flying Training Wing  
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As he steps outside his truck, the head of the Texas summer wraps around his body. Through his binoculars, he searches for signs of wildlife.

Sweat runs down his face as a big, black figure lands 10 feet from the runway that can destroy an aircraft and endanger pilots lives. He raises his gun in the air and pulls the trigger. The sound of a gunshot echoes and the smell of gunpowder lingers in the air as the frightened bird flies away.

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

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

As a part of his job, Pesek integrates other wildlife programs in order to keep

safety a priority. He took it upon himself to work with local land owners to prevent the spread of diseases by means of wildlife to local livestock.

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

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

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

Pesek checks the flight line and the surrounding area three to four times a day.

During night flying weeks, he searches for nocturnal animals such as bats and night hawks. In order to control the wildlife, he removes excess water, covers potential habitats and eliminates their food supply.

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

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

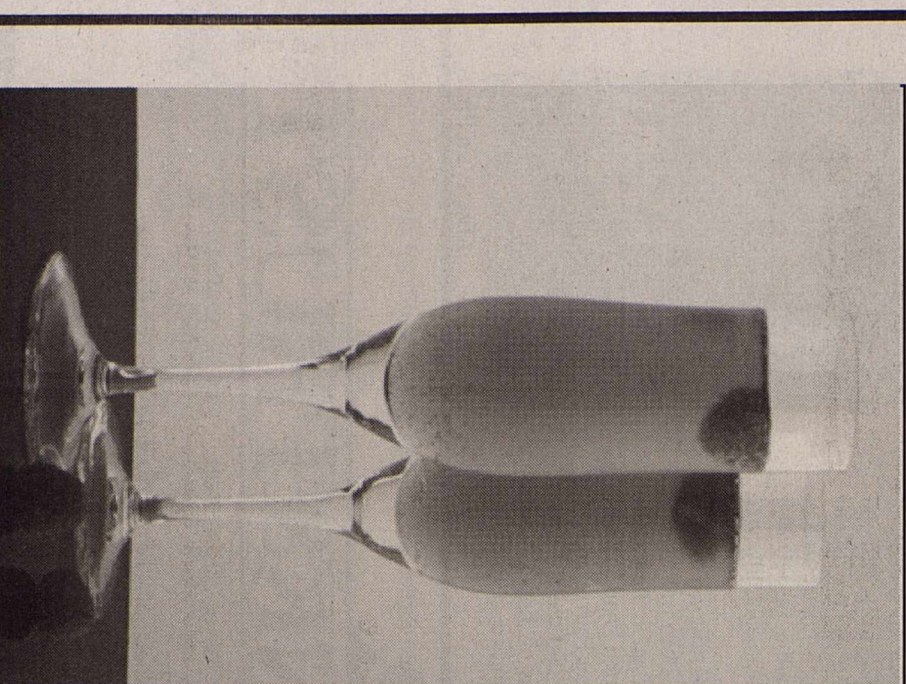
"In order to prevent wildlife hazards, I have to keep the grass and brush around the flight line and perimeter of the base short. When animals get near the flight line, I usually trap them and relocate them to a wildlife area outside of Laughlin. I also use lethal control, but that's only in emergency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

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

"I love that I get to be outdoors all the



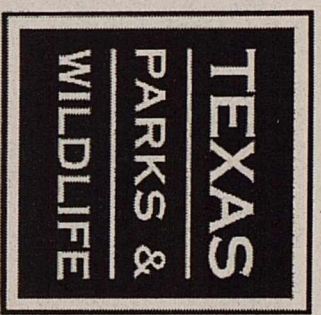
Photo Courtesy to the Brackett News Weekly by Laura Salazar-Dedrick "Bird Dog" Pesek, 47th Flying Training Wing Flight Safety wildlife biologist, scares birds away from Laughlin's flight line July 22. For the past eight years, Bird Dog has been keeping the flight line safe from wildlife hazards.



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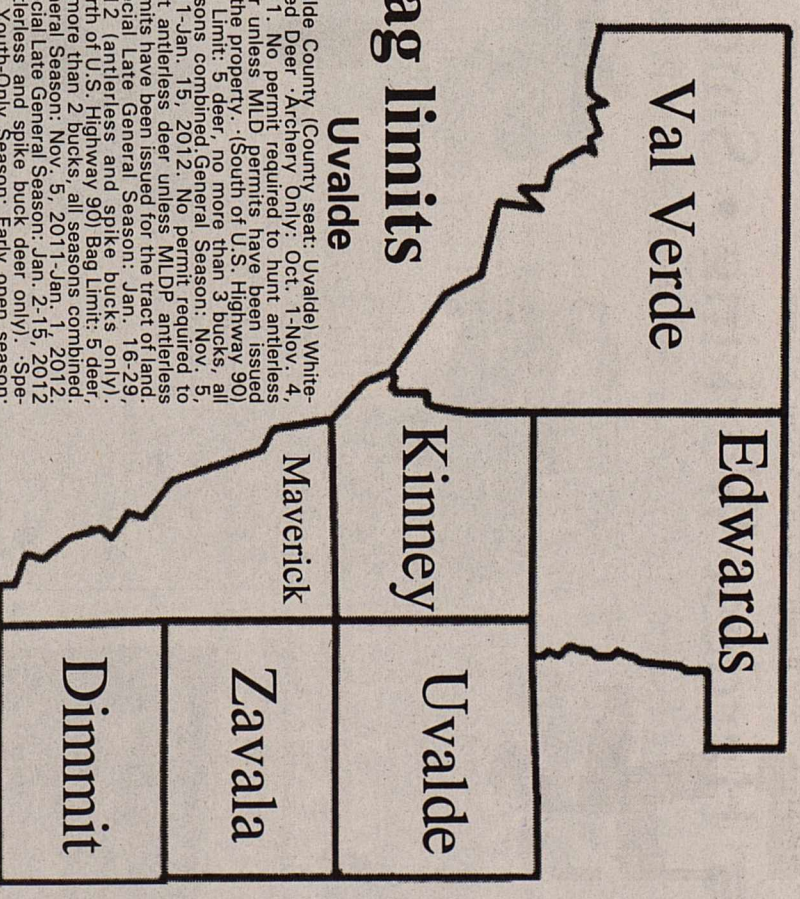
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## Proper field dressing techniques a must for health and safety

Each year thousands of hunters are fortunate enough to bag a big white-tailed deer. You enjoy the memory of successful deer hunt each time you serve some tasty venison. To ensure fresh, good tasting deer meat you must know what to do when you get your deer.

By knowing how to handle your deer promptly from the field to the cooking pan you will be able to enjoy many delicious venison dinners.

### Where to start

First you must tag the deer with the temporary tag attached to your deer permit. If you are exempt from hunting with a permit, you must attach a homemade tag with your name and address and the date and time the deer was killed.

### Field Dressing

Field dressing-removing the deer's entrails- is not difficult, but it is the most important step to good venison. Just roll up your sleeves and get to it. The principle is the same as with small game. The important things are to keep the carcass clean and to cool the meat quickly. You will need a sharp, sturdy hunting knife.

### Preliminary Steps

Some hunters prefer to remove the scent glands on the inside of the hind legs. This step can be omitted, but take care that the meat does not contact the gland area. "Bleeding" or cutting the deer's neck is not necessary. Blood removal is accomplished by field dressing.

### The First Cut

Place the deer on its back. Starting at the anus, cut through the skin and body wall along the center line. The center line extends along the underside of the deer from the anus to the center of the diaphragm. Use your fingers to guide the knife and keep the blade away from the stomach and intestines. Make the first cut by keeping the knife at a low angle and cutting only deep enough to slice through the skin.

### Continue Cutting

Cut the length of the carcass, opening the chest cavity by cutting through the breast bone. Cut deeply around the anus



to loosen the intestine. Split the pelvic bone by slicing through its center with a sturdy knife or cutting through with a small saw or hand ax.

### Save the Heart and Liver

The diaphragm separates the chest and body cavities and must be cut away. Reach inside the chest cavity and loosen the heart



and liver from connective tissues. Take along a plastic bag to put them in if you wish to keep them.

Loosen the windpipe and gullet by cutting through them as far forward into the neck area as you can reach.

### It is Just Like a Big Rabbit

Roll the carcass on its side so you can remove the entrails. Most of the entrails will pull away easily. Carefully cut and loosen any connective tissues.

### Cool it Quickly

Wipe the body cavity clean and remove any remaining tissues and damaged flesh. Prop the body cavity open by inserting a stick in the rib cage.

The entrails should be buried, covered with leaves, or placed in an inconspicuous place. Never field dress a deer along a roadway.



### Transporting

Keep your deer clean and cool. If possible, don't haul it atop your vehicle. Keep it away from engine fumes, heat, and dirt. Be certain to have your deer tagged at a deer checking station.

### Hang the Deer By the Hind Legs

The carcass should be aged before skinning and processing. If the outside temperature is in the 35 to 40 degree F range the deer can safely hang and age for a week. If the temperature is warmer you should skin the deer and age the meat in a refrigerator or cooler.

### Skimming

Skimming is easiest when the deer is hanging by its back legs, first cut the skin around the lower part of the back legs and slit them on the inside, down to the pelvis. Peel the hide by pulling with one hand and ruting the difficult places with a knife in the other hand. Using a ball of fist behind the hide and carcass helps separate

skin without tearing. Take care not to let the hair touch the meat. When you reach the front legs, cut and skin them the same as the rear legs.

### Preserve that Trophy

If you want to have your trophy deer head mounted, take care when you skin your deer. Leave the head and hide intact as far back as the rear of the shoulder. Let the taxidermist do the rest of the work. Save the remainder of the deer hide and have it tanned or sell it to a fur buyer.

### Freezing

Freezing is the best and most convenient way of preserving your venison. Prompt freezing preserves the freshness and flavor of the meat so it will be at its best when cooked.

Trim away the heavy fat from the meat. The fat gives venison a strong flavor that most people do not like.

The venison can be wrapped as soon as the cuts are made. Be sure to use wraps or packages made for freezing. These wrapping papers or containers should prevent the passage of moisture and air into the venison. The packages should be marked telling the cut of meat in the package and the date it was frozen. Use the venison within a year after it has been frozen.

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# National Rifle Association promotes gun safety; education

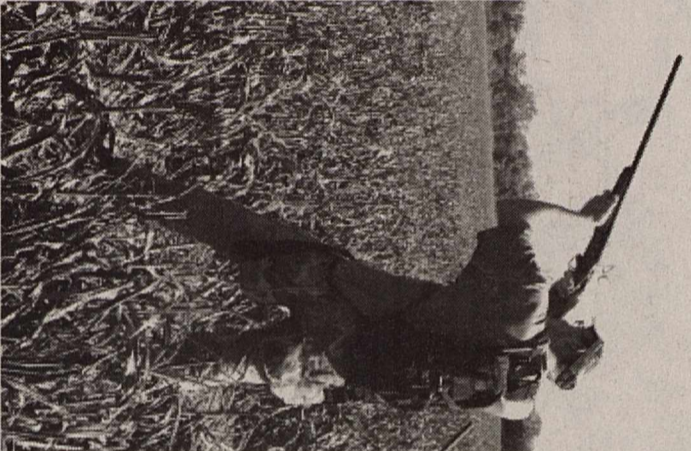
Visit the NRA's website for more information on gun safety: <http://www.nra.org/education/guide.asp>  
**NRA Gun Safety Rules**  
 The fundamental NRA rules for safe gun handling are:

- 1. ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.** This is the primary rule of gun safety. A safe direction means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off it would not cause injury or damage. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle or front end of the barrel is pointed at all times. Common sense dictates the safest direction, depending on different circumstances.
  - 2. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.** When holding a gun, rest your finger on the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.
  - 3. ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.** Whenever you pick up a gun, immediately engage the safety device if possible, and, if the gun has a magazine, remove it before opening the action and locking it into the chamber(s) which should be clear of ammunition. If you do not know how to open the action or inspect the chamber(s), leave the gun alone and get help from someone who does.
- When using or storing a gun, always follow these NRA rules:**
- Know your target and what is beyond. Be absolutely sure you have identified your target beyond any doubt. Equally important, be aware of the area beyond your target. This means observing your prospective area of fire before you shoot. Never fire in a direction in which there are people or any other potential for mishap. Think first. Shoot second.
  - Know how to use the gun safely. Before handling a gun, learn how it operates. Know its basic parts, how to safely open and close the action and remove any ammunition from the gun or magazine. Remember, a gun's mechanical safety device is never foolproof. Nothing can ever replace safe gun handling.
  - Be sure the gun is safe to operate. Just like other tools, guns need regular maintenance to remain operable. Regular cleaning and proper storage are a part of the gun's general upkeep. If there is any question concerning a gun's ability to function, a knowledgeable gunsmith should look at it.
  - Use only the correct ammunition for your gun. Only BBs, pellets, cartridges or shells designed for a particular gun can be fired safely in that gun. Most guns have the ammunition type stamped on the barrel. Ammunition can be identified by information printed on the box and sometimes stamped on the cartridge. Do not shoot the gun unless you know you have the proper ammunition.
  - Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate. Guns are loud and the noise can cause hearing damage. They can also

emit debris and hot gas that could cause eye injury. For these reasons, shooting glasses and hearing protectors should be worn by shooters and spectators.

• Never use alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription or other drugs before or while shooting. Alcohol, as well as any other substance likely to impair normal mental or physical bodily functions, must not be used before or while handling or shooting guns.

• Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons. Many factors must be considered when deciding where and how to store guns. A person's particular situation will be a major part of the consideration. Dozens of gun storage devices, as well as locking devices that attach directly to the gun, are available. However, mechanical locking devices, like the mechanical safeties built into guns, can fail and should not be used as a substitute for safe gun handling and the observance of all gun safety rules.



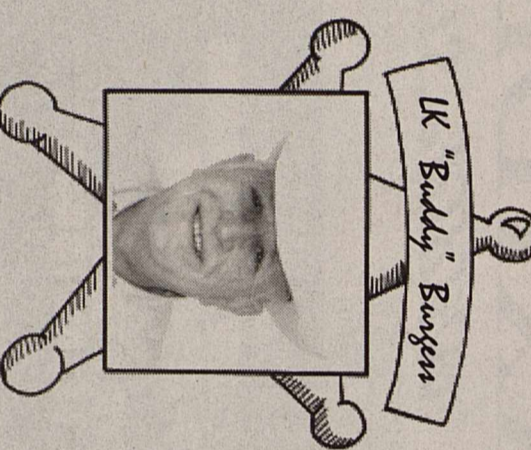
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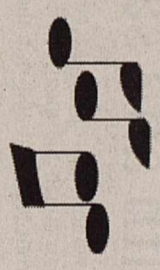
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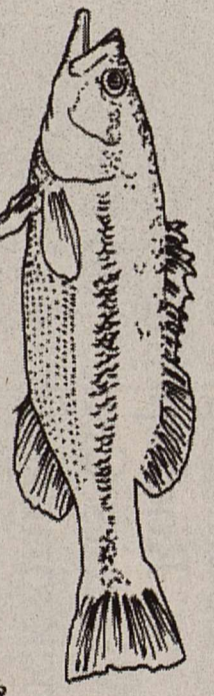
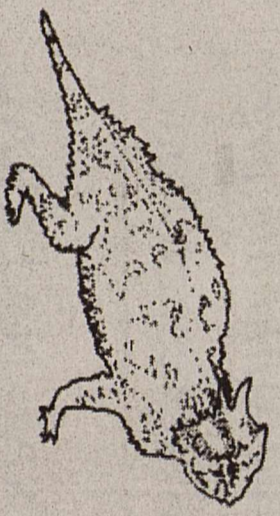
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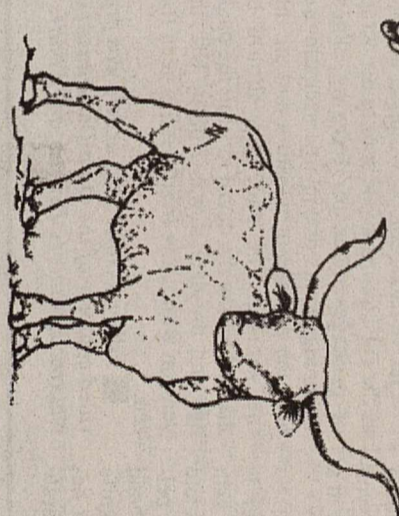
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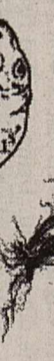


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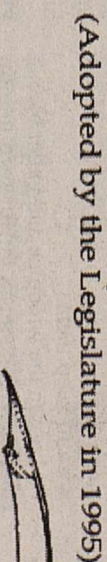


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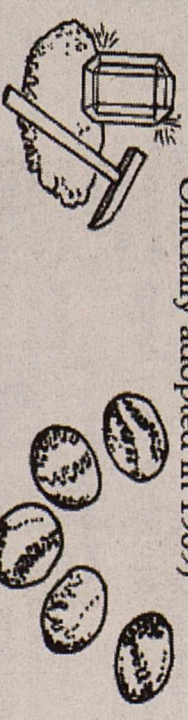
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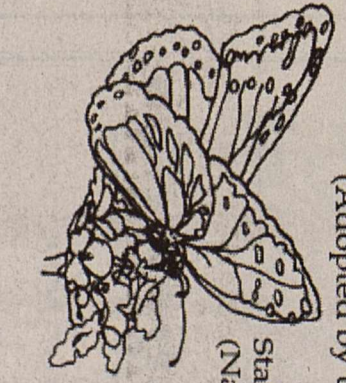
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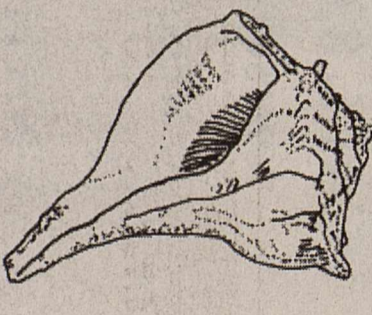
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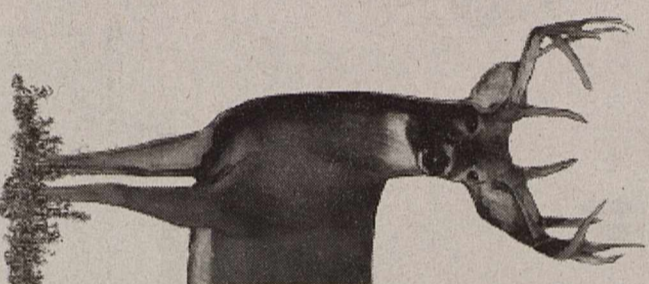
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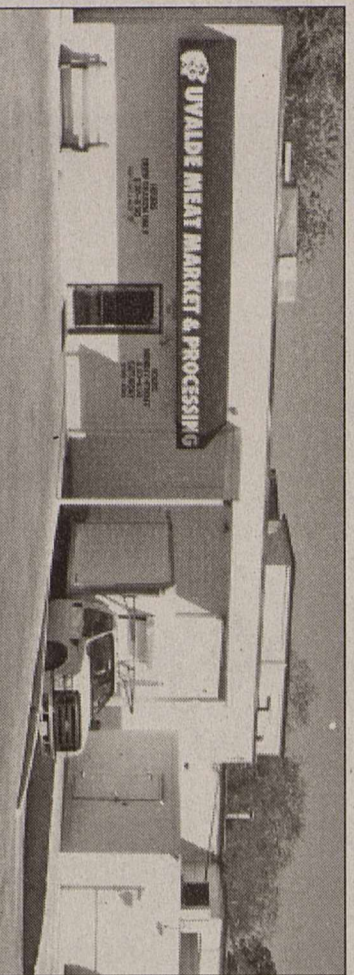
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## Killed it - But don't know how to cook it!

After the thrill of the hunt has faded away and the hunger sets in, it is time to give your friends and loved ones back home the opportunity to get a taste of the great outdoors.

Here are a few recipes that will help ease the frustration over what to do with all that meat in the freezer.

### Rattlesnake and Beans

Ingredients: 3 lbs. dry kidney or pinto beans, cooked, OR 64 oz. canned beans, 30 oz. stewed tomatoes, undrained, 4 oz. canned diced jalapenos (more or less to taste), 1 large red onion, chunked, 1 garlic clove, smashed, Dash salt, 1 lb. ground beef, browned and drained. \*1/2 lb. rattlesnake meat, cut into bite-size pieces, Broken tortilla chips (optional). \*(If desired, substitute for rattler: quail, dove, chicken, rabbit, or pork)

Instructions: Put cooked beans into large pot; add tomatoes, jalapenos, onion, salt, garlic, ground beef, and rattlesnake (or other meat). Simmer 10 minutes to heat thoroughly. For chili pie, put broken tortilla chips in bottom of bowl and spoon beans over chips. *Recipe Credit: www.ces.ncsu.edu*

### Venison Chili With Apples

Ingredients: 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, 1-1/4 pounds Venison stew meat, trimmed, roughly ground or diced, 2 medium yellow onions, finely diced, 2 tablespoons ground cumin, 2 teaspoons chili powder, 2 tablespoons chopped garlic, 2 jalapenos, seeded and finely chopped, 3 Gramy Smith apples, peeled, cored and cut into 1/2-inch dice. Salt to taste, 1 teaspoon black pepper, 1-1/2 cups chopped canned tomatoes in juice, 1/4 cup tomato paste, 1 cup or more chicken broth, 1/2 cup red wine, Sourdough baguette, sliced 1/2-inch thick (optional), Cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese (optional), Chopped scallions, to garnish (optional).

Instructions: Heat oil over medium-high heat in a heavy pot large enough to hold all ingredients. Add venison and onions, and brown for approximately 5 minutes. Add cumin, chili powder, garlic, jalapenos, apples, salt and black pepper, and cook for 5 minutes longer. Stir in tomatoes, tomato paste, chicken broth and red wine. Bring to a boil, and simmer partially covered for 2 hours, stirring occasionally, adding more broth if mixture becomes dry. Taste to adjust seasonings, and serve. As an hors d'oeuvre, top each bread slice with a little sharp cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese, and melt. Spoon on some chili and chopped scallions, and serve. Yield: serves 4 as a lunch or casual supper. *Recipe credit: www.homecooking.com*

**Tex-Mex Venison Sausage**

### #1 Venison Stew

Ingredients: 3 lbs. boneless venison, 2 large onions, chopped, Flour 2 large garlic cloves, finely chopped, Salt and pepper, 3 tbsp. bacon fat, 1/2 tsp. fresh tarragon, chopped (or 1/4 tsp. dried tarragon), 2 cups beef stock.

Instructions: Cut meat into 1 1/4" cubes. Dust with flour, salt, and pepper. Brown meat on all sides in bacon fat over medium heat; add onions and remaining ingredients. Cover; simmer approximately 1 1/2 hrs. or until tender. *Recipe Credit: www.ces.ncsu.edu*

### Roasted Wild Turkey

A wild turkey would be treated the same as a domestic bird. Keep the stuffing simple and not too highly seasoned. After stuffing the turkey, rub well with butter, salt, and pepper. Place it on a rack in a roasting pan. Roast in a 325 degree F. oven and allow 22-25 minutes per pound of turkey.

### Which wine goes with your game?

**Cabernet Sauvignon:** You could almost say that anything goes with a Cabernet. But for my own preference I prefer the finer cuts of Lamb, Beef, Venison, antelope and of course duck, pigeon and dove. Goose, has a somewhat heavier flavor and I prefer a heartier red. But really, any of the lighter red meats goes well with a good Cabernet. It is probably the most universally liked of all red wines. *Wine recommendation credit: www.winewithgame.com*

**Pinot Grigio** can taste quite differently depending on where it is grown. The Italian wine that is grown high in the foothills of the Alps in the Valley of the Adige. The soil is thin here and produces a light, crisp, delicate and very refreshing wine. This makes it ideal for Pheasant, Shellfish and delicate tasting fish like sole and catfish. The California Pinot Grigios are grown in much richer soil and therefore are somewhat more full bodied and fruitier in taste. They will go well with chicken, Wild Turkey, partridge and Quail. *Wine recommendation credit: www.winewithgame.com*

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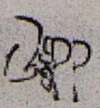
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## Expert hunter's checklist

Before you send that hunter out this season, be sure they have everything they need.

It is extremely important to check the weather advisory for your hunting location.

While hunting in South-west Texas be sure to pack both long-sleeved shirts for the brisk mornings and short-sleeved items for later in the day when it warms up.

### Checklist:

- Alarm Clock
- Sleeping Bag
- Cooking Utensils
- Bottle Water
- Water-Proof Matches
- Fire Starter
- Space Blanket
- Insect & Snake Bite Kit
- Knife Sharpener
- Hatchet
- Saw
- Rope
- Mirror (Small Compact)
- Flashlights
- Spare Batteries
- Pillow
- Weather Radio
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- Range Finder
- Targets
- Shooting Sticks
- Cell Phone
- GPS (Global Positioning System)
- Garbage Bags
- Ziplock Bags
- Two-way Radios
- Good tracking lights

### Archery Checklist:

Extra release aid  
Sharp broadheads  
make sure all are same  
and of weight  
arm guard if wearing  
large clothing  
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check steps up to tree  
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**1**

FORE: 2", 2 3/4", 2 3/4"  
HIND: 2 1/2", 2 3/4"

**2**

FORE: 2"  
HIND: 2"

**3**

FORE: 3 3/4"  
HIND: 3 3/4"

**4**

FORE: 1 1/2", 1 1/2"  
HIND: 1 1/2", 1 1/2"

**5**

FORE: 1 1/2", 1 1/2"  
HIND: 1 1/2", 1 1/2"

**6**

FORE: 2"  
HIND: 2"

**7**

FORE: 1 1/2", 1 1/2"  
HIND: 1 3/4", 1 3/4"

**8**

FORE: 2 1/2", 2 1/2"  
HIND: 2 1/2", 2 1/2"

**9**

FORE: 1"  
HIND: 1"

Ringtail '6

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Bobcat '7

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