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Kinney County Is Home To Jorge Rodriguez - Happy Birthday!

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Parade and Craft Show Saturday, Dec 3



Join the parade! Shop for gifts!

Christmas Celebration December 3 with A Lighted Night Parade, a Bazaar full of handmade items and food, and Music! Come celebrate the First Kinney County Frontier Christmas! Parade Line up begins at 5:30pm at the FCS Swim Park ending at the Courthouse. Following the parade, come and complete your holiday shopping at the festival at the Five Points.

Individuals and businesses interested in donating towards our "Frontier Christmas" street pole banners, an account has been set up at the Bank In Trust in Brackettville. These double-sided banners will hang on Ann Street, Spring Street, Hwy 90, and Fort Clark Road. The cost of each banner is \$125 including the hardware to set up. Below are those who have already made a generous donation:

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Fort says no to the bow

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors voted to discontinue bow hunting at their Regular meeting on November 19.

Director of Operations Ron Stuard said the decision was based partly on more than one report of deer being seen alive or found dead with arrows still

protruding from their bodies and the recent poaching incidents. The change will take effect January 1, 2012.

The Fort has scheduled nine hunts for the 2011-2012 hunting season.

The board, voted to direct Stuard to contact Rio Grande Electric Co-op to obtain information about the cost of running electricity to the tent camping

area on Scales Road.

The board also voted to direct Stuard to price a "sheepsfoot" roller to be used at the landfill to compact the rubbish.

An agreement with the performing arts group, Old Quarry Society, was reached and a new contract was approved. The new contract comes after the Old Quarry group was locked out of

the Post Theatre days before their last performance. The new contract requires the OQS to pay \$900 per year for the use of the Post Theatre instead of a percentage of the net cost of productions.

The Community Council's Fort Clark Days Committee submitted a letter requesting the use of several Fort buildings for its annual festival held in the

spring. The request was approved.

Bill Herman and Bruce Trautwein were appointed to serve on the Architectural Committee.

Board members President Debbie Isaacs, Secretary Larry Farlow, Treasurer Garland Young and Director Steve Giblin were present. Vice President Henry Garcia was out of state.

Rollover sends Fort Worth man to hospital



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - ML Hall, of Fort Worth, was air lifted to a San Antonio hospital after losing control of the 2001 Chrysler PT Cruiser he was driving on November 29. Hall was traveling south on 3348 towards the Seminole Cemetery. Hall and his sister, who was visiting from California, were going to visit cemetery and leave flowers on a grave there. Hall's sister, the only passenger in the car, was not transported for emergency care. The car reportedly rolled 2 to 3 times and was later towed to Del Rio.

Let there be light...

200
people
gather for
lighting
ceremony

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

The first of four events planned by the Frontier Christmas Committee was touted by its organizers as a very, "enlightening," event.

Nearly 200 people gathered around the courthouse as Brackett ISD Superintendent Robert Westbrook, together with Rio Grande Electric Coop CEO Dan Laws and the young Sara Titchenell, flipped a master switch, lighting up all of downtown Brackettville on November 26.

Westbrook announced the lighting of downtown was the inaugural event of the First Annual Kinney County Frontier Christmas celebration. The lighting was followed by the singing of Christmas caroles,

hayrides, visits to the Kinney County Heritage Museum and topped off with warm refreshments at the Brackettville First United Methodist Church.

Westbrook offered special thanks Danielle Perez, Cheryl Hunter and Lisa Conoly for their help in coordinating the evening's events.

Director of Operations Frank Rodriguez of Rio Grande Electric Coop was tasked with leading the charge that would light up more than ten downtown buildings at exactly 6:30 p.m.

Rodriguez said the "black box" used as the master switch was not a direct purchase, but something he purchased different components for to create. "We had a controller box that sends a ZigBee Signal to each of the receivers at each building to turn on the Christmas light at the same time, the controller will also send a signal to each site to turn off the lights on a timer. The next day, the controller will send a close signal to turn on the lights with the use of a photocell and again that night the lights will turn off via the timer. This ZigBee System will transmit over 1 mile radius."

50th Anniversary



Photos Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - Jerry and Alma Miller, from December 1, 1961 to December 1, 2011...and counting. Were the years all perfect? Of course not! Forse who said theirs were...well we'll leave it at that! We thank our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as the one who kept us on our course! We were blessed with three sons (who are all retired military) and now have civilian jobs. We have 12 grandchildren, with number 13 arriving around March 2012. From these we have 10 brings a lot of sunshine to us oldies but goodies. You guessed it, the second photo is shy about 20 years. LOL

Mr. Brackett says....did you know that...We decided to add all them surcharges together plus what's left over after paying Ft. Clark just to see how much we all send to city hall each year and can't get'em to tell us how they're spending that money. Let's see.. there's \$80,000/yr surplus for trash + \$88,000/yr gas surcharges + \$74,000/yr electric surcharges = \$242,000 a year give or take a little. Good Lord! That's almost a QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS a year. Now if you take the fact we been paying them charges at least 4 years x \$242,000 = \$908,000. Now that's not counting the property taxes they collect, oh yeah, and they get some revenue sharing from the state sales tax. Maybe that's why we can't get a budget out of that city manager. Guess he don't want us citizens a'knowin how much money he's spending... or on what. Appears the mayor and council don't care either. Sure would be nice if we spend some of that money on... say STREET PAVING. We was reading two of the most entertaining letters to the editor last week. Seems funny to me how these two fort people want to tell us how to run our business and who oughta be running it for us. I'm not sure we oughta be listening to 'em considering how the fort over-spent their budget last year by TENS of THOUSANDS of DOLLARS. After the fort people recently received that \$42 surcharge do you think they agree with the letter from the man who considers us all "fortunate" to have our city manager also serving as a director on their board? Reckon that city manager figured them surcharges would work as well on the fort as they did in town? Hmmm...wonder where THAT money's going? Another one of 'em was askin' if the facts that have been placed in these here discussions had been checked. Seems he don't realize all them facts he's a looking for concerning the money can be found on our utility bills, all except the number of water meters and gas meters but the city manager furnished those numbers himself. After that it was just simple math. Hmmm...wonder why he has such a hard time seeing them facts... and realizing they were true.... Well I'll be! Do you suppose it's cause he don't GET one of them utility bills 'cause he don't live in town. I'm curious as to why he wants so badly to know who's writing these here discussions. Seems like the facts should be more important than who's writing 'em down. Oh! I get it... when you can't find fault with the facts you want to find fault with the writer... NOW I see. Well, that's why there's more than one of me.

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Manage your money carefully this holiday season

Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

As you know, the holiday season can be joyous, hectic, celebratory — and expensive. And while you certainly enjoy hosting family gatherings and giving presents to your loved ones, you'll find these things even more pleasurable if they don't add a lot more weight to your debt load. And that's why you'll want to follow some smart money-management techniques over the next few weeks.

To begin with, try to establish realistic budgets for both your entertaining and your gift giving. When you host family and friends, don't go overboard on your expenditures. Your guests will still appreciate your efforts, which, with a little creativity, can create a welcoming and fun experience for everyone. As a guiding principal, keep in mind these words attributed to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, the famous German poet and philosopher: "What you can do without, do without." Set a budget and stick to it.

And the same rule applies to your gifting. You don't need to find the most expensive presents, or overwhelm recipients with the sheer volume of your gifts. This is especially true if you, like so many people, have been affected by the tough economy. Everyone you know will understand that gifts don't have to be lavish to be meaningful.

Furthermore, by sticking to a budget, you won't be tempted to dip into your long-term investments to pay for fabulous parties or mountains of gifts. It's never a good idea to tap long-term investments for short-term needs, but can be especially bad when your investment prices are down, as they may well be this year.

So, if you want to stick to a budget but you don't want to raid your investments, how can you pay for your holiday season expenses? If you can spread out your purchases, you may be able to pay for them from your normal cash flow. But if that's not possible, you might want to consider "plastic" — your credit card. Using your credit card does not, by itself, need to amount to a financial setback, especially if you've chosen a card that offers favorable terms and you've already shown the discipline not to over-use that card. Just try to minimize your credit card usage over the holidays and pay off your card as soon as you can.

Of course, you can make your holiday season much easier, financially speaking, if you've set up a holiday fund to cover your various expenses. While it's too late to set up such a fund this year, why not get an early start on the 2012 holiday season? All you need to do is put away some money each month into an easily accessible account, separate from your everyday accounts. You don't have to put in a great deal, but you do need to be consistent, which is why you may want to have the money moved automatically, once a month, from your checking or savings account to your holiday fund. When next year's holiday season rolls around, you might be pleasantly surprised by how much you've accumulated.

But for now, following some common-sense money management practices can help you get through the holiday season in financial shape — and that type of result can get your new year off to a positive start.

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

Christmas wrapping making us nuts

Fly Lady Marla Cilley

That got old when you would have to piece the paper sacks together to fix a large box. That is when I found a roll of craft paper in the shipping section of Monstor-Mart. With craft paper, all I needed was ribbon and gift tags.

I love wired ribbon! You can make a bow easily; it's just like tying your shoes. I do one bow on top of another. It takes about ten feet of ribbon to obtain a gorgeous fluffy bow. Now don't get all bent out of shape over how much wired ribbon I use. It can be reused because it is so long! For the gift tags you can use last year's Christmas cards. Just cut the cover off and write the name on the back. I bought a stamp to put "To: and From:" on the card.

I color code my presents by whose home they are going to. My daughter-in-law loves silver ribbon. Their presents get wrapped with silver and our grand children's gifts get wrapped in Santa Ribbon or Red. Kelly likes gold! The gifts I take to the office get purple ribbons. See how simple this can be! If you just think about it now and keep it simple.

Set up a place for you to wrap presents. Put a marker, scissors or cutter, your paper, tape, gift tags and ribbons in this area. My area is right beside our extra bedroom closet. I keep the rolls of paper in an old suit bag along with an old tote bag that holds the ribbon and tools. They just hang in the closet, out of the way till I need them!

Stay on top of your wrapping. As a gift comes into your home wrap it, tag it and put it away until time to put the tree up. If you need a place to hide presents from inquiring minds; that is what your stored luggage is for! They even give us a lock. Just be sure and write down where you hide things in your Holiday Control Journal. It won't be very funny when you find those lost presents as you are packing for your summer vacation.

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Are you like the old woman who lived in a shoe, except you have so much wrapping paper that you don't know what to do! Wrapping paper is expensive and it takes over our craft room, extra bedroom or the dining room table when that time of year rolls around. It's here!

Many years ago my mother bought a huge roll of red Christmas paper. I can still see this hideous print in my head. I think she wrapped presents with it for ten years. After she died there was still some of it left! I was never so happy as to discard that paper.


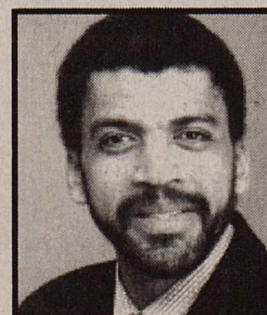
I will never forget my stepfather opening a gift with his pocket knife so we could save the paper. It would take him what seemed like hours to open a present. Then he would gently fold it up. We all hated it. That is what happens when you are raised by someone who went through the great depression. They save everything: Ribbons, rubber bands, aluminum foil and plastic grocery bags. Have you ever seen a rubber band ball larger than a softball? Some things are not worth saving.

Having huge stashes of holiday paper and ribbons makes it hard on us to make a decision. We also put off messing with wrapping because there is so much mess! Then we make a bigger mess for ourselves because we put ourselves into the time crunch!

We have to get a handle on our holiday wrapping! It starts with decluttering what we have. You know those little pieces you have saved for those small presents that you never buy and those tiny strips of ribbon that are never long enough to go around anything. Let's get out our wrapping paper stash and pare it down.

About ten years ago I came up with a theme for my Christmas wrapping. After being so tired of looking a busy gift wrapping for so many years; I decided to keep it simple! At first I used brown paper sacks and took them apart to wrap our presents.

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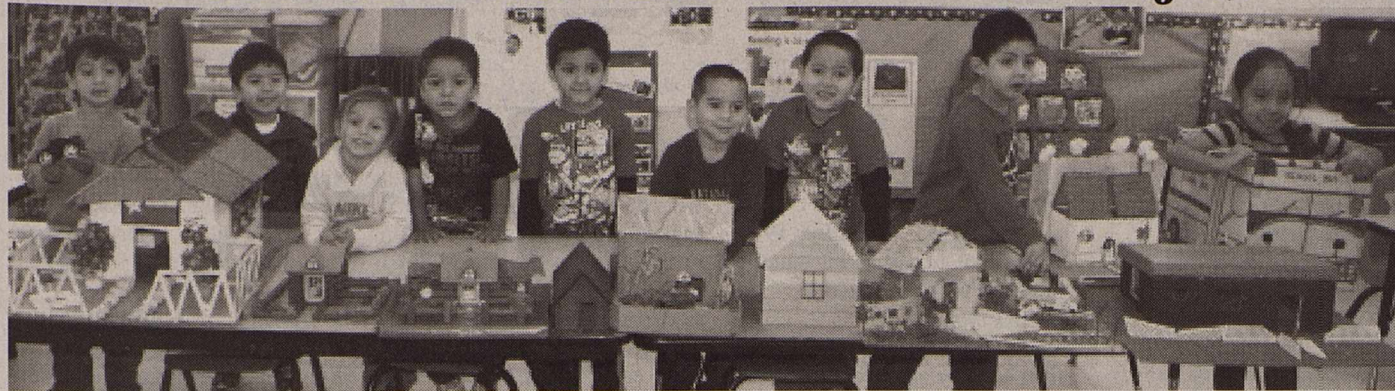
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CDI Head Start Male Role Model Project

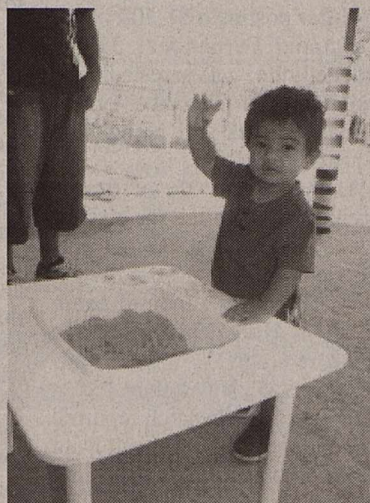


Brackett News Weekly Photo by Ashley Castillo Sandoval - CDI Head Start had a Male Role Model project that consisted of the students building a house. Director Julia Terrazas stated that this year was by far the best, in creativity and participation. Pictured from left: Troy Sandoval, Jordan Balderas, Hilario Garcia Jr., Jacobo Pena, Ivan Ortiz, Alejandro Short, Efrain Talamantes Jr. and Aylin Duran. Not pictured: Nikolaus Villanueva, Joe Villanueva Jr., Daniel Perez Jr., Marcello Gonzales, Kouvarious Cook, Jonathan Salmon and Adrian Gonzales.



CDI Early Head Start Fall Festival

Brackett News Weekly Photos by Ashley Castillo Sandoval - CDI Early Head Start hosted a Fall Festival with games and prizes for their students last week.



Several Tigers named to the all-district team



Rey Sifuentes, Jr.

Several Tigers named to the all-district tBrackett High School's varsity football team had numerous players recently selected for the All-District 14-1A Division I team. Junior Daniel Falcon was selected as the district's Co-Most Valuable Player. On defense, Falcon made 92 tackles this season - 57 assisted and 35 solo - and also had an interception.

Senior Amadeo Martinez was named as 14-1A's Co-Most Valuable Defensive Player. Martinez racked up 55 tackles this season - 61 assisted and 15 solo.

Freshman David Ortega was picked as Newcomer of the Year. Ortega gained 696 yards rushing this season on 130 carries and scored seven touchdowns. He also contributed 43 tackles this season - 29 assisted and 14 solo.

Selected for the first all-district offensive roster were juniors Jonathan Quiroz (quarterback), Jonathan Pinales (receiver), Austin Delbosque (linebacker) and Rolando Gutierrez (linebacker).

As a quarterback, Quiroz completed 31 out of 75 passes

for 404 yards and four touchdowns. He also ran the ball 116 times and gained 397 yards while scoring four times.

Pinales was a double threat having caught 12 passes for 193 yards and a touchdown, and gaining 199 yards on 37 carries with a TD.

Delbosque and Gutierrez anchored the Tigers' offensive line which had plenty of success during its district title run.

Making the second all-district offensive team were sophomores EZ Rivas (running back) and Arturo Castillo (linebacker). Rivas gained 289 rushing yards on 49 carries this season, while Castillo helped open running lanes.

Someone who did not make the all-district offensive team, but still had a very noteworthy season, was Charlie Resendez who gained 366 rushing yards and scored nine touchdowns on 90 carries. He also made 10 receptions for 118 yards and a score.

Named to the first all-district defensive roster were juniors Jonathan Quiroz (secondary), Rolando Gutierrez (inside linebacker), Charlie Resendez (outside linebacker) and sophomore EZ Rivas (secondary).

Quiroz made 30 tackles (16 assisted and 14 solo) and picked off three passes. Gutierrez made 76 tackles - 61 assisted and 15 solo. Resendez amassed 44 tackles - 37 assisted and seven solo. Rivas made 55 tackles (43 as-

sisted, 12 solo) and picked off a pass.

Selected for the second all-district defensive roster were senior Bradley Edwards (linebacker) and Colten Stephenson (outside linebacker). Edwards contributed 16 tackles (14 assisted, two solo) and Stephenson made 11 (10 assisted and one solo).

Making the all-academic team were junior Gil Turner and freshmen Webb Ashley.

This season, the Tigers went 5-7 overall (district champions at 3-0) and reached the third round of the playoffs.

"All of our players who were selected for the all-district team

did a great job for our team this season," Head Coach Greg Voyles said. "We had quite a few of them picked for this exclusive list and every one of them is deserving of it. These are the guys who led our team during the playoffs."

Voyles is expecting the bulk of this past season's team to come back in 2012.

"We are losing five seniors, so we should see everyone else back next year," Voyles said.

"All of that experience will be very valuable for us. We are going to spend this offseason getting stronger and faster, we will focus on getting our strength up to where it needs to be."

Junior Varsity Tigerettes 2-0

Submitted by Coach Marquardt

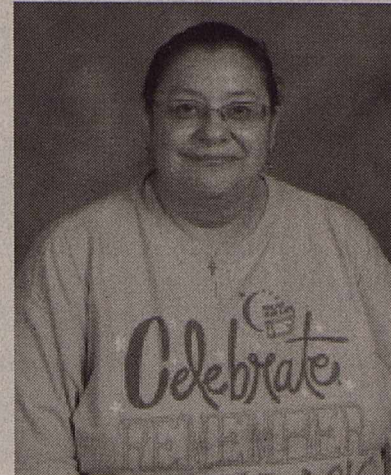
The JV girls basketball team have won two games. We defeated Rocksprings JV last Tuesday 48-22 and Comstock JV on Saturday 33-32.

Leading scorers have been Vyviana Flores and Clarissa

Cruz. Leading rebounders have been Haley Smith, Tea Sandoval, Peyton Bonner, and Marlinda Rivas.

Stealers have been Clarissa Cruz and Vyviana Flores. Our record is 2-0

BISD Employee of the Week



Mary Jane Garcia
Educational Aide, Brackett High School

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

1. I love the color Green.
2. My dream vacation is to travel to Alaska.
3. I enjoy playing Blow Darts.
4. I collect Precious Moment's collectables.
5. I have a mini Doberman Pinscher named Bobby.
6. I love to use my sign language skills.

Tiger Basketball season begins

By Ashley Castillo Sandoval
Contributing Writer
Stats submitted by Coach Almanza and Coach Voyles

up short the Tigers were defeated 51-33.

On November 22, The Tigers competed in the first basketball game of the 2011-12 season.

The Tigers travelled to Nueces Canyons to take on the Panthers. The Tigers gain their first win of the season, beating the Panthers 34-33.

Leading the Tigers in points was Senior Joelson Terrazas 18 pts, Brandon Sandoval 6, Ez Rivas and Jonathan 4 each and Chris Cruz 2.

On November 29, the Tigers travelled to Utopia for the second game of the season. Coming

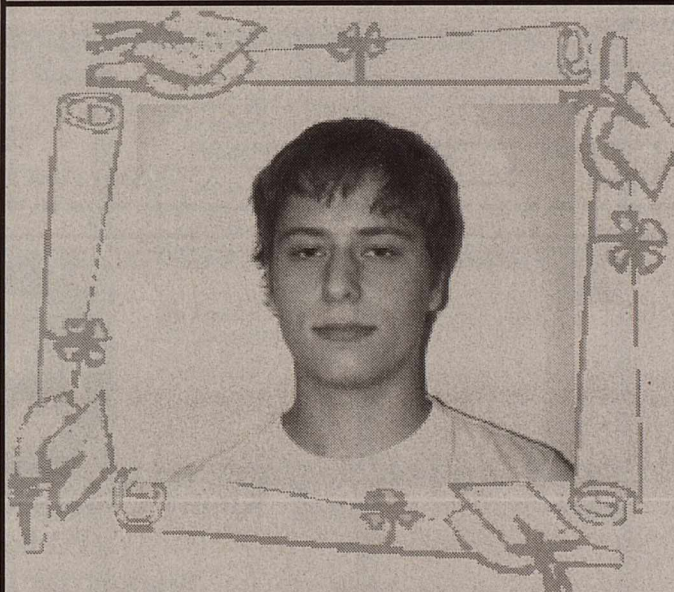
Leading the Tigers in points was Sophomore Brandon Sandoval 10 pts, Erbey Martinez 9, Joelson Terrazas 8, Ez Rivas 5, Edgar Deleon 4, Johnathan Quiroz 3, Eric Falcon and Chris Cruz 2 each.

The Tigers head into the Dilley Tournament scheduled for December 1 and 3, with a 1-1 record.

The Junior Varsity Tigers take on Big Springs Charter, falling short 40-29.

Leading the JV Tigers was Blake Duncan with 10 pts, Christian Quiroz 7 and Matt Gutierrez, Saul Talamantes and Daniel Brinker each had 4.

Class of 2012 BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Jared Shirkey

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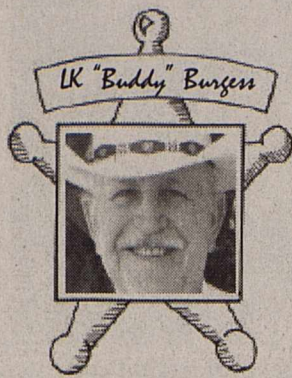
Loftus achieves rank of Eagle Scout



Local resident Daniel Loftus, age 16, received Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout, on Monday at a Court of Honor held at Laughlin AFB. Loftus has been a member of Laughlin Troop 280 since 2006 and

earned the rank after serving in a variety of troop leadership positions, earning the required 21 merit badges, and completing an extensive community service project. He is the son of LeAnn and David Loftus of Fort Clark.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, November 14

Noe Sandy Titus, 40, of Nolanville, was arrested on an outstanding Bell County warrant. Titus was released the same day after posting a \$1,500 bond.

Samuel Fernandez, 32, of Brackettville, was arrested for a violation of a protective order. Fernandez was still being held at press time.

David Garza, 35, of Brackettville, was arrested for making a terroristic threat. Garza was released with time served.

A 911 caller reported cattle loose on Hwy 334 before the Tularosa cutoff.

Tuesday, November 15

Uvalde PD Dispatch reported they had received a 911 call from a man who said he had run into a bridge in Brackettville. The exact location was not known.

A woman called to request assistance from the US Border Patrol. USBP was advised.

Friday, November 18

A man reported a domestic dispute led to him to believe that his wife in Sonora may cause damage to their home there. KCSO notified the Sonora law enforcement and they were going to send an officer to the location.

A 911 caller reported lumber on Hwy 90 near the old checkpoint. TxDOT was informed of the situation.

A caller reported an injured deer at the Kinney County Ranch Estates. Game Warden Rob Frets was called. Frets reported the deer got up and ran away.

Saturday, November 19

A man reported his hunting camp had been burglarized. KCSO responded.

A caller reported loud music near East First Street. A deputy was advised of the situation.

Sunday, November 20

A Fort Clark man called in regards to his neighbors barking dogs in Unit 31. Fort Clark Security and a deputy were both advised.

A caller reported a rollover accident on Hwy 277. Maverick County and Kinney County sheriff's offices were both notified.

A woman called to report a domestic disturbance between a man and his mother.

A woman called to report a suspicious woman standing outside the grocery store asking people for money as they went into the store.

A security company called to report an alarm was sounding off at a local ranch. The security company called back to cancel the alarm.

Monday, November 21

Joshua Eloy Cortez, 18, was arrested for possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, a Class B Misdemeanor. Cortez was released the next day after posting a \$1,200 bond.

Tuesday, November 22

Ruby Castillo, 25, of Eagle Pass was arrested for driving with license suspended, No driver's license and speeding. Castillo was released the next day after paying her fines.

USBP agent reported a stranded motorist on Hwy 90, west. A deputy was advised and

en route to the location.

Wednesday, November 23

Chris Martin Trelaggen, 40, of Brackettville, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer, driving while intoxicated, resisting arrest and possession of a prohibited weapon. Trelaggen was still being held at press time.

Thursday, November 24

A caller reported loud music near Edwards Street. A deputy was advised of the situation.

Friday, November 25

Efrain Talamantes, 30, of Brackettville, was arrested for criminal mischief. Talamantes was released the same day after posting a \$1,200 bond.

A woman reported a tree limb was tangled in the wire at Crockett and Ross streets. AEP

was called to respond.

Saturday, November 26

A woman called to report a domestic issue in regards to an elderly relative. A deputy responded to the request.

A 911 caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 90, east. A deputy was notified.

A caller from Kinney County Detention Center reported shots fired near the facility. A champagne colored truck with loud mufflers traveling towards Spofford was seen in the area.

Sunday, November 27

Jennifer Lynn Fowler, 34, of Winona, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and for possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces, a Class B misdemeanor. Fowler was still being held at press time.

OBITUARY

Tusnela "Tootsie" A. Cervantes

September 1, 1919 - November 26, 2011



Tusnela "Tootsie" A. Cervantes, age 92, entered into rest November 26, 2011, in Del Rio, Texas. She was born September 1, 1919 in San Pedro de las Colonias, Mexico. She is preceded in death by her husband Jose Cervantes parents Fernando and Maria Alcala, brothers Juan Alcala, Alfredo Alcala, Fernando Alcala Jr. sisters Francisca Flores and Adelida Parras.

Left to cherish her memory is her son, Bernie Cervantes and wife Terry, brothers Arminio Alcala and wife Mary Lou, Alfonso Alcala and wife Dora. Sister Hermila Barrera. She is also survived by grandchildren Angelica Huerta, Cecilia Cervantes, Bernie Cervantes Jr. and Sophia Cervantes. Great-grandchildren Victor Huerta, Mathew Huerta and Malache Cervantes.

Gentlemen with the honors of pallbearers: Bernie Cervantes Jr., Victor Huerta, Arminio Alcala, Alfonso Alcala, Curtis Odem, Brian Odem.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, November 29, 2011, 3:00pm-9:00pm at Brackettville Sunset Funeral Home. Prayer service at 7:00pm.

Chapel service will be held Wednesday, November 30, 2011, 10:00am at Brackettville Sunset Funeral Home.

Interment to follow at Kinney County Cemetery.

Please visit our website at www.sunsetfuneralhomes.com and sign our online guestbook.

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New laws for this year's hunting season



Rob Frets
Game Warden

With hunting season in full swing, I would like to talk about a few of the Parks and Wildlife bills that were passed during the 82nd Texas Legislature. If you would like to view the full text of the laws please visit the website www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us and select Parks and Wildlife Code. Please note that the website will not reflect changes in laws made during the 82nd Legislature until 2012.

House Bill 2189, which deals with the regulation of Handfishing, added section 66.115 to the Parks and Wildlife Code. Handfishing allows catching catfish by hand in Texas public freshwater. Handfishing is defined as fishing for catfish by the use of the hands only and without any other fishing device such as a gaff, pole hook, trap, or spear. A person Handfishing must hold the required fishing license and freshwater fishing stamp.

House Bill 3808 concerns bowfishing for nongame fish in certain counties. The bill amended section 284.001 of the Parks and Wildlife Code to allow a person to fish with archery equipment on navigable rivers and streams in specific counties. The counties include Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Kenedy, Llano, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, and Zavala. The bill defines archery equipment to include a longbow, recurved bow, compound bow or crossbow. A person fishing is prohibited from possessing archery equipment that is normally used for hunting, namely a bow that is not equipped with a reel and line, an arrow with fletching of any kind, or an unbarbed arrow.

House Bill 1788 amended Chapter 43 and 62 of the Parks and Wildlife Code to allow a person with a Reptile and Amphibian Stamp to capture by nonlethal means indigenous reptiles and amphibians on the shoulder of a road, or on the unpaved area of a public right-of-way. A hunting license and the Reptile and Amphibian Stamp are required for the capture of indigenous reptiles and amphibians. There are exemptions to the hunting license and stamp re-

quirements provided for the capture and subsequent live release of indigenous reptiles and amphibians if a person is engaged in certain work-related activities. This law prohibits a person from using a trap and a person must wear reflective clothing at all times to capture reptiles and amphibians on the shoulder of a road, or on the public right-of-way. The reflective clothing must contain at least 144 square inches of reflective material on both the front and back. A person may not use an artificial light from a motor vehicle in locating, attempting to capture or capturing a reptile or amphibian on the shoulder of a road or on the public right-of-way.

House Bill 1395 amended Chapter 31 of the Parks and Wildlife Code to provide a mandatory Boater Education Certification to operate a personal watercraft (PWC) and/or a motorboat with a manufacturer rating of more than 15 horsepower (HP). The law also clarified the minimum age requirements for a person to operate a motorboat with a manufacturer rating of more than 15 HP on public waters. Certification is required of a person who is born on or after September 1, 1993 to operate a vessel powered by a motor with a manufacturer rating of more than 15 HP or a windblown vessel over 14 feet in length on the public waters of this state. The operator of the vessel must possess a photo identification card and either a boater education identification card, or provide proof of completion that the person has a vessel operator's license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard. An operator of a PWC under the age or 13 must be supervised by another person who is at least 18 years old, can lawfully operate the PWC and is on board the PWC when underway. An operator of motorboat with a manufacturer rating of more than 15 HP who is under the age of 13 must be supervised by another person who is at least 18 years old, can lawfully operate the motorboat and is on board the motorboat when underway.

House Bill 25 amended the Penal Code to allow a person to carry a concealed handgun in, on, or directly en route to the person's watercraft (including personal watercraft) or motor vehicle. This law only applies if the handgun is concealed and person is not prohibited by law from possessing a firearm, is not a member of a criminal street gang, and is not violating any law other than a Class C boating or traffic violation. No concealed handgun license is required.

It's A Girl

Zoey Odessa Kelley

November 26, 2011

Bonnie Kelley welcomed her daughter Zoey Odessa Kelley into the world on November 26.

Zoey Odessa was born at 9 p.m. at Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio, weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces and measuring 19 inches in length.

Proud grandparents are David and Alma Kelley of Comstock, Texas, and Dixie and Mike Ellis of Katy, Texas.

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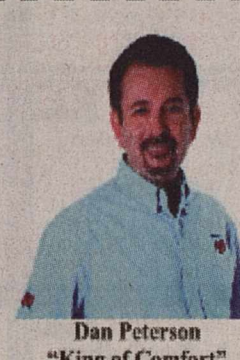
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