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Kinney County is home to Barbara Simmons Happy Birthday

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Community Christmas Thursday, Dec 15



FREE Pics With Santa and FREE Hotdogs!

Thurs., Dec. 15 6:30 P.M.

Rio Grande Electric Co-op Parking Lot Choirs & Community Sing-Along
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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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- Brackett News Weekly & Frank & Leigh Castillo
- Stan & Lisa Conoly & Family
- Jeff & Pam Janca & Family

Vandals damage new school playground

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

Brackett ISD Jones Elementary Principal Alma Gutierrez said the playground equipment was damaged by vandals a second time since it was installed earlier this year.

Gutierrez said sometime during the weekend of December 2, vandals broke out the window on a small storage shed located on the playground and broke the door, however, nothing was stolen from inside the building.

A light located inside the play structure was also torn down.

The total cost of the damages is estimated to be in the hundreds of dollars. The previous damage done was caused nearly \$8,000 in damages.

"This is a community playground," said Gutierrez as she explained how the neighborhood needs to continue to be vigilant until the individuals can be caught.

City-County joint clean-up effort ends in success



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Castillo - Pictured from left: Starr Smith, Trevor Pevehouse, Eric Titchenell, Phil Garcia, Tim Ward, Chase Ward, Blake Ward and Jim Titchenell.

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

Kinney County Judge Tim Ward reported the second joint clean up effort between the county and the City of Brackettville was a success.

Ward stated during the 22-day long project an estimated 750 tires were collected, along with 50 tons of brush and lumber.

Unlike the clean up held earlier this year, no grant money was available to fund the project, how-

ever, many lent their time and talent to bring about its success.

Once again, Barbara Lomax, donated the use of the Kize-Fritter Property, located on Sheedy Street in Brackettville, the Kinney County Volunteer Fire Department members donated labor; and others donated use of their heavy equipment to prepare and maintain the site.

Ward said the weather conditions were right Sunday, December 4, and the firemen burned the

brush and lumber at a considerable savings of approximately \$100 per ton. The controlled burn was also used as a training exercise for the volunteer firemen.

Three trailer-loads of metal will be taken to a recycling facility in Eagle Pass and approximately 300 televisions and pieces of computer equipment will be taken to a facility in Del Rio.

"Things are getting cleaner and you can see the progress," said Ward.

Serving up surf and turf for 45 years

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

Francisco Baena, a longtime restaurateur in Acuna, Choalhila, Mexico, together with his son-in-law, Jaun Leon, has expanded his business north of the border.

Baena and Leon opened their fourth restaurant in September in the historic News-Herald building in downtown Del Rio. The family business dates back 45 years to their first small restaurant in the heart of the tourist district in Acuna. Serving oysters, coconut shrimp, and lobster, Restaurant Manager Leon says the quality of the menu meets the family's highest standards, but unlike the



Mexico restaurants, the menu includes a choice ribeye steak, fajitas and gourmet burgers. The food's presentation mimics that you would see in a magazine photo and the atmosphere is relaxed and sophisticated, with the low lighting and polished tables.

The restaurant is located at 321 South Main and is open Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. until 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. The restaurant is also available for private and corporate events. Please see advertisement on Page 4 for details on how to receive a 15 percent discount on your next visit to Las Playas.

Happy 70th Anniversary



Jack and Hawkins Huey celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on December 20, 2011. A reception was hosted by their children at St Andrews Parish Hall, Brackettville, Texas.

Jack & Hawkins married at Ellington Field, Houston and

retired out of Ellington 20 years later. San Antonio was home for the next 30 plus years. Fort Clark Springs, Brackettville, Texas is their current home. They were blessed with 3 sons, 3 grandsons and 3 great-grandchildren.

Tour of Homes 2011

Kinney County Arts Council will host their 2011 Christmas Tour of Homes on Sunday, December 11, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. and will have refreshments at the Fort Clark Palasido Build-

ing. Cookbooks will also be sold at this time. Tickets will be available for sale at the Tour Homes, Fort Clark Springs office, The Bank & Trust and the RV Park.



Whitworth Home - No. 80 Baylor Street, FCS



Hard Home - 220 Oak Lane, FCS



Taylor House - 367 Fort Clark Road, FCS



Simmons Home - 252 Airport Road, FCS



Wylie House - 113 West James St, in Brackett

Mr. Brackett says... did you know that... there's no record of the City Council approving payment of the City's bills in open meetings... at least since the beginning of 2011. Approval of bills combined with review of the current budget and financials is the mechanism of oversight which is their responsibility. Such a review/approval process insures compliance with the budget and prevents over-spending by staff. **Open and Transparent government stops suspicions and questions.** Who is approving and paying the City's bills? How can the Council possibly know where the taxpayer's money is going without the above process? Although we're glad the streets around the school were paved the question is: **When was the money approved for the paving? Who approved it?** There is no agenda item in 2011 concerning approval for expenditure of city funds to pay any portion of the street paving costs. Additionally there are no council minutes showing that any past or present Council ever took action of any kind concerning paving around the school. **Did the Council have a secret meeting to approve this paving? Surely not...** as that would violate the Texas Law requiring OPEN MEETINGS to conduct business! If the Council never approved expending the money, **WHO did? ...WHO authorized payment for the work? Is there a contract between the city and the contractor? Another Question:** isn't that what we elected you, Mayor and Council, to do - approve **How and Where the taxpayer's money is to be spent? Why does the City pay a Del Rio towing company thousands of dollars almost monthly for auto maintenance** when there are **2 Garages in Brackettville? Why doesn't the Council set policy for the city to do business locally?** Doing so would return tax dollars to the local economy and support jobs here in lieu of sending our tax dollars out of town. If there are no monthly bills approved by the Council, **HOW do we, the citizens of Brackettville, know where our money is going?** There seems to be a **LOT of money unaccounted for.** In the last few discussions we have established that there are **hundreds of thousands of dollars we cannot get an ACCOUNTING FOR** via open records requests. **What was this money used for? You don't think the City Manager just spends the money as he sees fit, WITHOUT Council approval... isn't that DISCRETIONARY SPENDING?** The City's attorney was very clear about the city manager having only **Non-discretionary, ministerial duties.** So.. Mayor and Council.. once again.... **"Where's the Dough?"**

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Letter To The Editor:

I wanted to take a few moments to express my appreciation to all those who made this past Saturday night such a special Christmas event. I have been around Brackettville for almost 22 years and have never experienced a greater sense of togetherness and community than I did that night. I sincerely hope that Saturday night was a clear example of what can be accomplished in our community when we work, not as four separate communities, but as one.

The Kinney County Frontier Christmas events are the culmination of a little more than a year of planning. Five organizations came together to begin the process; Kinney County, The City of Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs, The Brackett ISD and Rio Grande Electric. Added to that initial group was the Kinney County Post and the Brackett News. The events were designed to not only make the 2011 Christmas Season special, but also to pull our community together around things that we share, rather than things that are divisive.

Please continue to make donations by depositing them at the Bank and Trust. Checks should be made to Kinney County Frontier Christmas. Although all the pole banners have been purchased we still owe approximately \$1,200.00. Your support is greatly appreciated.

In my mind, Saturday did something that was not planned; it placed a fork in the road for our community. We can continue down the fork of divisive behavior. Airing grievances in as public a manner as possible instead of through the appropriate venue. Or, we can take the fork less traveled and choose to support those in leadership and settle our differences with them in private. Promote our community and support the organizations we depend on so heavily.

James Dobson, in his book the "Dare To Discipline", made the comment, "Lessons for children are more caught than taught". His point was simply this, children listen to our conversations, they watch our behavior, they observe our emotions and they learn. They learn to be like us. The first year I ran for the School Board, the Brackett News held a candidates forum. One of the questions we were asked, as candidates, was what we would do about prejudice. I remember making the statement that children are not inherently prejudiced. They learn prejudice from the adults in their lives.

In order to improve our children, we must first improve who we are as adults. The Christmas Season and in particular the way we all pulled together Saturday night has brought the issue to a head. Will we support rather than tear down those placed in leadership roles in the county, the city, Fort Clark and BISSD? For my part...I will support. And when I have an issue with someone, I will air the issue with them directly, or in the proper venue.

Although it was not my intention, it's possible something I have written here may have offended someone. If I have, I hope you will speak to me directly and give me the opportunity to clear up any misunderstandings.

Dan Laws



Charitable giving helps everyone



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

To participate in the spirit of the holiday season, you may be thinking of making some charitable gifts. If so, you'll no doubt enjoy helping a group that does valuable work.

But to begin with, it's important to understand just how necessary your gifts are to the country's social fabric. Given the effects of the Great Recession and the slow recovery, it's not surprising to learn that charitable giving fell a combined 13% in 2008 and 2009, after adjusting for inflation, according to The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University. And although 2010 giving increased by 2.1%, again adjusted

for inflation, many groups are seeing tough times as 2011 comes to a close. So your gift counts.

And it can count for you, too. By contributing to a qualified tax-exempt organization [e.g., a charitable group that has received 501(c)(3) status from the IRS], you may earn valuable tax deductions. This is true whether you give cash or another type of asset, such as stocks or real estate. And you may be able to get further tax benefits if the noncash asset you've donated has appreciated in value since you purchased it.

Making charitable gifts now may help you reduce your taxable estate. As you may know, the estate tax exemption level has fluctuated in recent years, so it's hard for any of us to say for sure that we won't be subjecting our estates to these taxes. However, that doesn't mean you can't take steps now to plan for possible future estate taxes.

One such step might involve

establishing a charitable remainder trust. Under this arrangement, you'd place some assets, such as stocks or real estate, in a trust, which could then use the assets to pay you an income stream over a certain period of time. When you establish the trust, you may be able to receive tax benefits based on the amount the charity is likely to ultimately receive, the charitable group's so-called "remainder interest." Upon its termination, the trust would relinquish the remaining assets to the charitable organization you've named. Keep in mind, though, that this type of trust can be complex; to establish one, you'll need to work with your qualified tax advisor and estate-planning attorney.

Another popular contribution vehicle is the "donor-advised fund." Here's how it works: You give cash or appreciated securities to the donor-advised fund, with the expectation of receiving a tax deduction for the contribution in that

same year. You recommend which charities are to benefit from the contributions to the fund, and the fund invests and manages your contribution, along with the other assets in the fund. Again, you'll need to consult with your qualified tax advisor before establishing a donor-advised fund to help ensure you obtain any expected tax benefits.

As we've seen, you can follow different charitable giving strategies. But however you choose to make charitable gifts, you can take satisfaction in helping worthy organizations while possibly improving your own tax picture.

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Counting the days



Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Here we are, the countdown has started! OH MY GOODNESS!! What am I to do now? Where do I start? Do you feel like your head is about to blast off from your body? Don't fret! I am going to help you put your head back in place and plant your feet firmly on the ground. I promise you can do this. There is still plenty of time if you will not let the panic of the day turn into a manic Christmas Countdown. If you have finished your holiday preparations then you don't have this pressure to deal with. You can sit back and enjoy the ride. Be thankful for the babysteps you used to get ready

for the holiday celebrations. Now if you are feeling a bit queasy right now, I want you grab another cup of something warm and let's do just a bit of planning before you run out into the day. This is only going to take a few minutes. We are not going to think this to death!

Here is the first thing I want you to do. Sit down with an old notebook that still has a few sheets of paper left in it. A little planning now is going to save you some money and time!

1. Who do you have left to buy for? Write down their names and then what you would like to get them and how much you would like to spend. If all else fails then think clutter free gifts like gift cards to their favorite stores or restaurants.

2. Are you cooking the holiday feast at your home or are you going to someone else's home. Start a menu and a grocery list for this dinner. Keep it simple sweetie! Don't try cooking things you have never fixed before; you will be setting your-

self up for failure. We have a traditional turkey dinner and all its directions on our website in the holiday section of www.FlyLady.net. Pick a day to do your grocery shopping.

3. Are you attending any other parties that you will need to take a gift or a dish? Add them to your shopping lists.

4. Do you have enough wrapping paper, tape, bows, ribbon, gift cards, tissue paper or gift bags? When you are getting down to the final countdown, you may want to use the gift bag idea and tissue paper. This will save you a lot of time and help you to let go of your perfectionism or get the item wrapped when you purchase it. They always do a nice job but it may take time and extra money. Put the items you need on your list.

5. Do you have a holiday outfit to wear? Has it been picked up from the cleaners yet? Make sure you have hose and any other things you may need for your most festive occasion. Make sure the rest of the family has their clothing needs met.

6. Do you need a haircut, color or perm? Make your appointment today.

7. Have you put up any decorations yet? If not then don't beat yourself up. Keep things simple again. Just the basic decorations; you don't need to pull everything out of the closet. Pick an evening to do this right now. Put it on your calendar. Do it before you go shopping so you will have a place to put your packages under the tree.

8. Now you have to pick a day to do your power shopping. Believe it or not you can get this

done in just a few hours if you will plan your route and not freeze up trying to think about what to buy and where to go next. Think about the stores you want to go to and list them in order of your stops. Think about it this way if you are headed to a mall or downtown. Watch your budget!

9. Are you traveling out of town for the holidays? Do you have laundry hanging over your head that is keeping you from packing? Start the laundry now and stay on top of it till it is time to leave. If you need help on what to pack then go to my website for a free Packing Control Journal.

10. Is your car ready to travel? Is it cleaned out and has it been serviced? You are going to need a clean car to put the packages in. Make an appointment today for this or get it done yourself.

I know you are feeling overwhelmed, but you can do this. It is up to you to set the tone for your home. Keep you sink clean and shiny and a smile on your face. Enjoy the process and don't allow your perfectionism to ruin these wonderful memories you can be making with your family.

You can do this! For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, Sink Reflections published by Random House and her New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter published by Simon and Schuster. Copyright 2011 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

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Youth Football All Stars set to play at Tiger Stadium



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Castillo - Coach Jesus Chuy Talamantes demonstrates a tackle for a Del Rio Ponies All Star, on December 7th, in preparation for the games to be held at Tiger Stadium at 5 and 7 pm.



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Castillo

CDI Early Head start House Project



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Castillo - CDI Early Head start participates in Male Role Model House Project. From left: Robert Alderete, Kristian Hernandez, Xevianah Hernandez, Nevah Pacheco, Trent Sandoval and Jadiel Pacheco.

Head start House Project



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Ashley Castillo Sandoval - Shanadoah Tajchman presents her house project.

BISD Employee of the Week



ELIZABETH HODGES
Teacher, Brackett High School (BEA)

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

1. I sang with Austin Lyric Opera.
2. I have traveled to Morocco, Spain, Gibraltar, Peru, Mexico, and Guatemala.
3. I am the oldest of 6 children.
4. My husband and I ran our own business, Hodges & Hodges Performing Arts.
5. Performed with Zachary Scott Theatre Center in Austin.
6. I play mandolin, guitar, piano, and paint oils & watercolors.

BISD Perfect Attendance Basketball Winner

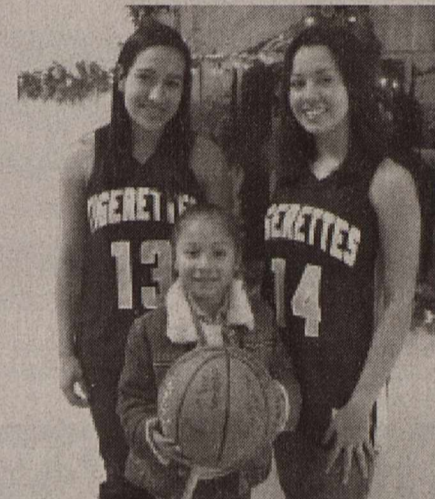


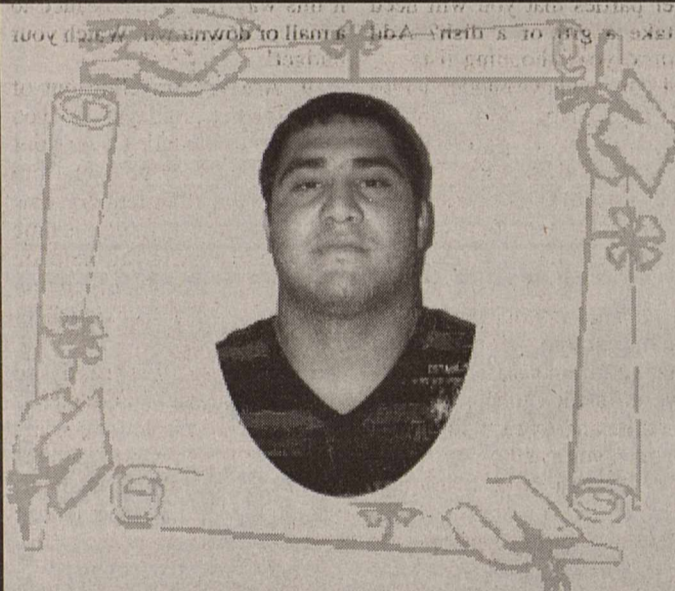
Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - Varsity Basketball Players: McKenzie Castillo and Jaelyn Abbey award Perfect Attendance Basketball Winner for the week of Nov. 28th thru Dec. 2nd to 1st Grader - Ruby Rojas.

4th grader October Author of the Month

Relatives
By Fabian Rodriguez
4th Grade

Four years ago my family and I went to Six Flags. We started out the day at the water park area because it was hot and the park is so big. My parents said we had to do one area at a time. Me, my older brother Rico, my sister Ayssa, and my uncle David, all go on the big water slides and also got in the big wave pool. My family and I were really enjoying the water park, but we had so much more to do. So next we went to the area where all the rides are. Like the roller coasters, bumper cars, Ferris wheel. We had a lot of fun doing all the rides. After the rides we went to the area where everyone sits on the grass to watch the awesome fireworks display and laser show. That was the end of our first day at Six Flags. The next day we spent our day at the zoo. It was very hot! We still had a good time that day as a family seeing all the animals. I like the snakes, monkeys, alligators, and giraffes. That was the one of the best times my family ever had.

Class of 2012 BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Amadeo Martinez

Parents: Florisa Martinez
Guardian: Conrade Talamantes
Siblings: Ana Cristina, Aracely, Santa Karina, Adriana Vanessa, Abelardo, Alondra Vellatriz.
What grade did you start attending school at BISD? Head start
What are your future plans? College if I can.. if not military
In five years I will be...working for a big company or still in the military

Kinder October Author of the Month

A Halloween Story
By Makayla Vergith
Kindergarten

Once there was a bunny. Her name was Cutey Pie. She was a princess for Halloween. She wanted to trick or treat at a puppy's house. So she went to go visit her friend, the puppy named Mark. She said, "Trick or Treat".

Mark said, "Here's some candy."

Then she went to Lula's house, the long haired kangaroo. Cutey Pie said, "Happy Halloween!" Then Lula gave her some cotton candy.

Then she went to go visit the cute kitty, Lola. Lola gave her some lollipops.

Then Cutie Pie went home and fell asleep.

Happy Halloween!

The End

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It's a Girl



Boyd and Elizabeth Brotherton are proud parents to baby girl Adalynn Paige Brotherton.

Adalynn Paige was born on Thursday, November 24, 2011 at 1:52 am.

Baby Adalynn weighed 6 pounds and was 18 inches in length. Adalynn Paige is the granddaughter of Dusty and Bonnie Brotherton of Brackettville.

December Yard of the Month



Submitted by Mountain Laurel Garden Club announced Ralph & Linda Sallade of 247 Airport Road have been awarded Yard of the Month for December 2011.

OBITUARY

Ronald Lynn "Ronnie" Ricks
September 26, 1950 - December 7, 2011

Funeral services for Ronald Lynn "Ronnie" Ricks, age 61, of Reklaw, are scheduled for 2:00 pm Saturday, December 10, 2011 at Autry Funeral Home chapel, Jacksonville with Rev. Barbara Huggins officiating.

Burial will be at Still Waters Memorial Gardens, Jacksonville.

Mr. Ricks passed away Wednesday, December 7, 2011 in Tyler. He was born September 26, 1950 in Del Rio, TX.

Mr. Ricks was a shop supervisor for Cherokee County Electric Cooperative Association for 24 years, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Brackettville, TX.

He was preceded in death by his parents Thomas David and Anna Lee Ricks, and brother Thomas Neil Ricks.

Survivors include his wife Pamela Ricks of 36 years of Reklaw; daughters, Sammie Isaacs and husband Keith of Rusk, and Tana Kaye Ricks of Reklaw; brothers, Gerald David Ricks and wife Hollie of Moore, SC, and Kenneth Lee Ricks and wife Clara of Lacaste, TX; and three grandchildren, Alyssa Bailee, Lauren Brooke, and Molliegh Kate Isaacs.

Pallbearers will be Dale Cavazos, Larry Findley, Alton "Bubba" McKinney, Carl Schwandner, Rick Hagler, Cody Dowling, Albert Mayo, and Austin Gwartney. Honorary pallbearers will be Charlie Foust, Don Nance, Billy Rose, Burhl Daly, John "Von" Dawson, Cameron Carr, and James Lloyd.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 pm, Friday, December 9, 2011, at Autry Funeral Home, Jacksonville.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society or the North Texas Leukemia Society.

OBITUARY

Concepcion Talamantes
January 1, 1934 - December 2, 2011



Concepcion Talamantes, age 77, entered into rest December 2, 2011, in San Antonio, Texas. She was born January 1, 1934 in El Moral, Mexico.

Visitation was held Sunday, December 4, 2011, 5:00pm-9:00pm, Brackettville Sunset Funeral Home.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, December 5, 2011, 8:30am, at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

Interment to follow at Kinney County Cemetery.

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

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Brackettville Sunset Funeral Home, 302 E. Spring St., Brackettville, Texas 78832, (830)563-9600.

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, November 28
Jack Ernest Legg, 46, of Brackettville is serving time for violating a restraining order. Legg was still being held at press

time.

Tuesday, November 29

A woman called into KCSO to speak with a deputy concerning a break in.

A 911 call came in from a female stating her brother was involved in an accident on Seminole Hwy, the woman stated he was the only one in the vehicle. A deputy and EMS was dispatched. A towing company was called out to pick the vehicle up and Air Life was met at FCS.

Wednesday, November 30
Roy Estrada, 23, of Rocksprings, was arrested for a

warrant #2243 to revoke community supervision. Estrada was still being held at press time.

A man called into KCSO to report that there was a minor car accident in front of the jail. A deputy was informed.

A security company called into KCSO to report a residential alarm going off. FCS Security was notified and a deputy was en route to the location. The security company called back

and said dogs set off the alarm.

A woman called into KCSO to report a white cow out on Hwy 90.

Thursday, December 1
Domingo Villarreal IV, 26, of Odessa was arrested for larceny. Villarreal was released on 12/3 after posting a \$5,000 bond.

Friday, December 2
Mirza Erika Ortiz, 32, of Brackettville was arrested for assault causing bodily injury.

Christmas Bird Count

Wednesday, December 28th 7:30 am, Meet at Burger and Shake Hwy 90

Are you interested in Birds? This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about birding and help with the Christmas Bird Count. This count is extremely important with the dry conditions in our area and is a very stressful time for birds. Our report to the National Audubon Society will help with their annual report on birds in drought conditions.

There is a \$5.00 fee to participate in this count. This money is used by the National Audubon Society to compile all the information in their annual report on the Status of Birds in our country.

Everyone is invited, regardless if your birding abilities. Those under 19 are not required to pay the \$5.00 fee. It is usually chilly in the mornings, so layer your clothing, bring snacks, water, lunch and binoculars, if available. Area to bird and leaders will be assigned.

If you feed your birds at your home, we can use your help with this area of the count. There are special instructions on how to count these birds, so please contact us. There is no charge to participate in this area of the count. For addition information contact: Jan Swarn, 719.269.6912 email janiswa@aol.com Lot @26 RV Park, Louisa Stone, 830.563.3762 email louisahs@sbcglobal.net

Pena receives Rotary coin

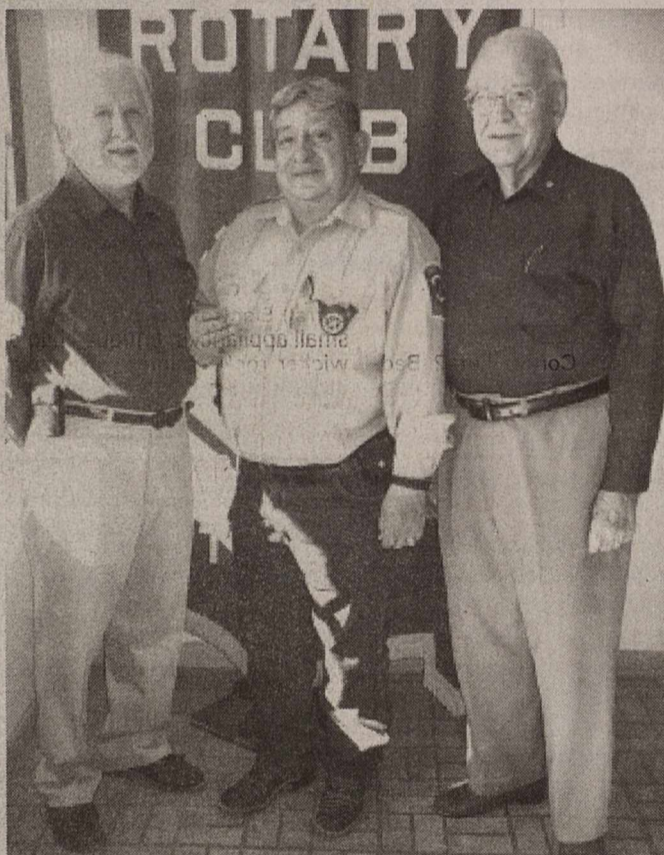


Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - At the regular meeting of the Brackettville Rotary Club, Program Chairman Charles Schmidt (L) presented the Rotary Club coin to Kinney County Deputy Sheriff, Manuel Pena while Rotary Club President, Ed Dillon (R) looked on. Deputy Pena was guest speaker at the membership meeting and related some of the activities of the Kinney County law enforcement.

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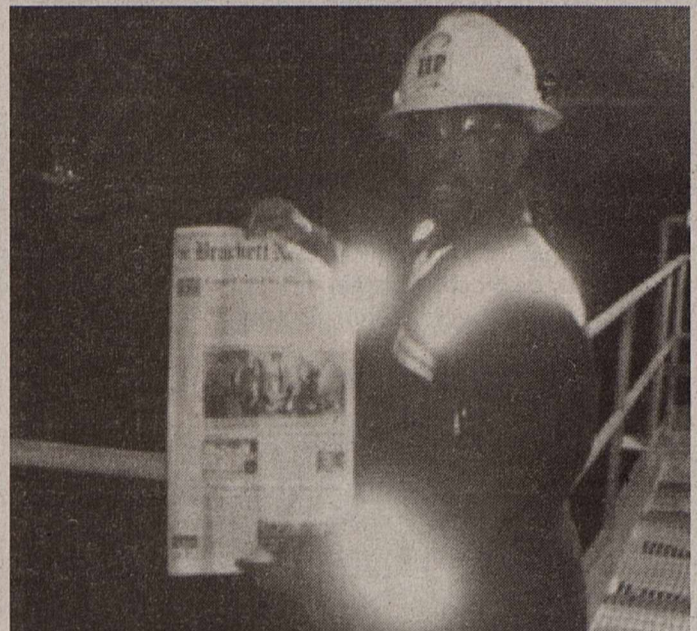


Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - Demitrus Williams poses on Shell Perdido the World's Deepest Offshore Drilling and Production Platform. Danny Akins in back ground. Submit photos of you and the BNW to tbnews@sbcglobal.net.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of WILMAIRENE MILEY LEWIS, Deceased, were issued on November 28, 2011, in Cause No. 1129, pending in the County Court of Kinney County, Texas, to: KATHLEENE GAUTIER.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

by: TULLY SHAHAN, Attorney at Law
401 South Ann Street, Post Office Box 367
Brackettville, Texas 78832

DATED the 6 day of December, 2011.

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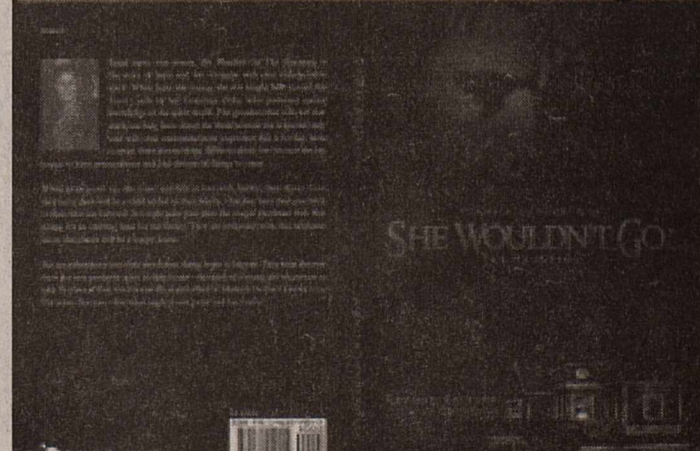
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