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Kinney County Is Home To Tyler Schuster, Lizette Rivas and Lianna Rivas - Happy Birthday Girls!

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Community Christmas TONIGHT

Thursday, Dec 15
NEW LOCATION
Event Moved To The Covered Playground behind Jones Elementary
FREE Pics With Santa and FREE Hotdogs!

Thurs., Dec. 15
6:30 P.M.
Covered Playground behind Jones Elementary
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A FREE Hot Dogs & Cookies "Share The Spirit Of The Season!"
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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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Speed Up: Highway 90 speed increases to 70

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

A drive east or west on Highway 90 looks a little different, but did you notice? Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) officials have gradually been removing the 65-mile per hour speed signs since September 1, said TxDOT Public Information Officer Raul Leal. "The 82nd Texas Legislature passed and the Governor signed House Bill 1353, which takes effect on September 1. This legislation allows the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to create a 75-mile per hour speed limit on any state highway found to be reasonable and safe through a speed study. TxDOT will be reviewing existing 70-mile per hour speed limits to determine where a 75-mile per hour speed limit may be safely posted. HB 1353 also eliminates the 65-mile per hour nighttime speed limit and all truck speed



limits. On September 1, the existing nighttime and truck speed limits are repealed and no longer enforceable. TxDOT awarded maintenance contracts in August to remove the nighttime and truck speed limit signs and is also in the process of hiring consultants to perform the required speed studies needed to implement the higher speed limits," said TxDOT in August. The removal of the signs from the 50,000 miles of Texas highways is expected to be completed by the end of the month.

Photo at left courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - Night time speed limit signs have been slowly taken down along Texas highways. At right, Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Castillo - First speed limit sign east of Brackettville on Hwy 90.

Owl preys during day

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

A Great Horned Owl made a few unusual daytime appearances in Brackettville last week. The owl, photographed by Cristi Gomez on December 7, was seen several days in a row positioned in the front yard of 200 North Beaumont. The day the photograph was taken, the owl had taken a rooster for lunch. Gomez said the owl has been seen on the ground in her brother's yard quite often or perched in a nearby tree. Once the picture was posted on facebook.com, it did not take long for the owl to be identified

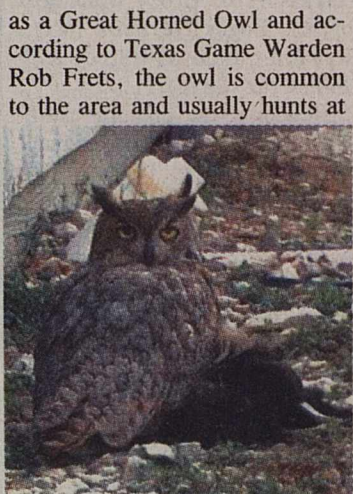


Photo Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly By Cristi Gomez

as a Great Horned Owl and according to Texas Game Warden Rob Frets, the owl is common to the area and usually hunts at night for its food, similar to skunks and raccoons. "Owls are efficient nighttime hunters that strike from above, and use their powerful talons to kill and carry animals several times heavier than themselves. Owls prey on a huge variety of creatures, including raccoons, rabbits, squirrels, domestic birds, falcons, and other owls. They regularly eat skunks, and may be the only animal with such an appetite. Owls have even been known to prey upon unlucky cats and dogs. Great horned owls are largely nocturnal so they can be difficult to spot," reports nationalgeographic.com.

End of the Road



Photo Courtesy To Brackett News Weekly By City of Brackettville Police Chief Vito LaGioia - Evaristo Villarreal, 25, of Spofford, lost control of a Ford sedan he was driving, broke through a fence and came to rest approximately 30 feet into the property where East El Paso Street intersects with Sheedy Street. Villarreal was transported to a hospital for medical treatment.

Honey Creek test apps approved Water District fights off criticism

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District directors voted to approve Landowner Ronald Urbanczyk's request to test three wells located on his Honey Creek Ranch. Urbanczyk is seeking a Regular water permit and needs to prove his wells can support his request of 800 acre feet of water per well. Proving the well strength is one of many steps Urbanczyk will have to take before the hearing. The Honey Creek Ranch, also known for many years as the Pinto Creek Ranch, is located 6.5 miles West, North West of Brackettville. At a Regular meeting on December 8, a majority of the directors voted to allow Urbanczyk to pump water from his three wells for 36 hours. Results from the test will be available at Urbanczyk's Regular Permit hearing. Directors Tony Frerich, Beth Ann Smith, Secretary Denette Coates, Dr. Kent Lowery, President Lloyd Lee Davis and Vice President Jim McDaniel voted in favor of allowing the testing procedures to move forward. Stan Metcalf opposed the testing request. Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District General Manager Ken Carver said Urbanczyk's applications are the first to be considered by the directors since the rule changes

took affect in May, 2010. Carver said the new hearing process gives the surface water permit holders and adjoining land owners an opportunity to become involved in the application process. During the hearing, Kinney County resident Tully Shahan stated he did not believe there was enough detail about the test pump hearing process in the legal notification in the notices placed in the newspaper or at the courthouse. Carver said the District sought legal advice and their attorney Greg Ellis stated the district had provided sufficient notice. The board was also asked by Chris Hale, co-owner of property on Fort Clark Springs, to clarify their position on Desired Future Condition (DFC), after the district's attorney Ellis was said to have contradicted the board's decision to have the Tularosa monitoring well remain at a minimum of 1,184 feet. Hale stated by way of electronic mail to the water district that Ellis told those present at a Texas Water Development Board - Groundwater Management Area 10 meeting on December 6, the figure of 1,184 was an average not, "a hard floor" minimum measurement the board wished to maintain. On December 14, Board President Lloyd Lee Davis said Ellis will defend the decision made by the board to maintain a minimum water level of 1,184 feet in the Tularosa monitoring well.

Incumbents ready for Primary

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

With the new December 19, deadline to file for a place on the upcoming county election looming, all of the Kinney County incumbents have already thrown their hats in the ring to be re-elected. Kinney County Commissioner Precinct 3 Incumbent Dennis Dodson (D) filed to have a place on the election ballot. Martin Garcia, Jr. (D) filed by petition to challenge Dodson. Kinney County Commissioner Precinct 1 Incumbent Woody Massingill (R) filed for a place on the ballot. Kinney County Attorney Incumbent Robert Bob Adams (R) filed for a place on the ballot. Kinney County Sheriff Incumbent LK Buddy Burgess (D) filed for a place on the ballot. Dave Crowe (D) filed by petition to challenge Burgess. Kinney County Constable Incumbent Bobby Guidry (D) filed for a place on the ballot. Kinney County Tax Assessor-

Collector Incumbent Martha Padron filed for a place on the ballot. The Primary Election will be held on March 6, 2012, followed by the General Election on November 6, 2012. County Republican Chairman John Quigley stated those interested in obtaining information about the Republican Primary candidates and the election information can visit kinneycotxgop.us. County Democratic Chairwoman Mary Flores said information about the Democratic Primary candidates and election information can be obtained by calling, 830.563.9414. School Board Election: The Brackett ISD school is scheduled for May 12, 2012. Two at-large positions currently held by Donna Schuster and Rick Alvarado will be up for election. Schuster and Alvarado were both appointed after the resignations during the last year by Mark Frerich and John Paul Schuster, respectively.

City of Brackettville Election: The City of Brackettville will call for a General Election in conjunction with the BIRD school board election on May 12, 2012. The first day to file for a place on the ballot will be February 4, 2012 and the last day to file for a place on the ballot will be March 5, 2012. Positions for Mayor, currently held by Zandra Negrete; Place 2 At Large, currently held by John Plunker Sheedy; Place 4 At Large, currently held by Francisca Chica Hernandez; and Place 5 At Large, currently held by Demetrius Williams, will all be up for election. Water Board Election: The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District election will be November 6, 2012. Positions for Precinct 4, currently held by Denette Coates; Fort Clark At Large, currently held by Stan Metcalf; Kinney County At Large, currently held by Tony Frerich; and City of Brackettville At Large, currently held by Dr. Kent Lowery, are all up for election.

Villarreal promoted to captain

By Leigh Castillo

Carlos Villarreal, 21, of Brackettville, was promoted to the position of captain at the Kinney County Detention Center. Villarreal is a 2009 graduate of Uvalde High School and a recent graduate of the Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy. Villarreal is a commissioned law enforcement agent and also serves as Linebacker Deputy for the Kinney County Sheriff's Department.



Carlos Villarreal

El Senor Brackett dice... sabia que... no hay ningun registro en el Consejo Municipal que aprueba el pago de cuentas de la ciudad en reuniones abiertas... al menos desde el principio de 2011. **La responsabilidad del Consejo**, es revisar la aprobacion de las cuentas, junto con las del presupuesto corriente y financiero. Tal proceso de revision y aprobacion asegura conformidad con el presupuesto y previene gastos excesivos por el personal. **Un gobierno abierto y transparente evita toda clase de suspiciones y preguntas.** Quien esta aprobando y pagando las duedas de la ciudad? **Como es posible que el Consejo no este enterado como se esta gastando el dinero de los ciudadanos** sin el proceso de revision? Nosotros estamos muy felices porque las calles alrededor de la escuela tienen nuevo asfalto, pero la pregunta es: **Cuando apobaron el gasto del dinero para el proceso de pavimento de esas calles? Y Quien aprobo ese gasto?** En la agenda del 2011 no existe ningun articulo sobre la aprobacion para el gasto de los fondos de la ciudad para pagar el costo del pavimento de esas calles. Ademas no hay ninguna minuta de los pasados y presentes Consejos que hayan tomado acciones acerca de el pavimento de las calles alrededor de la escuela. **Tubo el Consejo una reunion secreta para aprobar ese pavimento? Seguro que no...** eso seria una violacion de las leyes de Texas que requieren que las reuniones sean abiertas al publico. Si el Consejo nunca aprobo el gasto de ese dinero, entonces **quien lo hizo???** **Quien autorizo el pago por ese trabajo? Hay algun contrato entre la ciudad y la constructora? Otra pregunta:** No es que nosotros la elegimos a usted **Senora Alcaldesa y al Consejo**, para que **aprueben como y en donde se gasta el dinero de los ciudadanos? Porque la ciudad paga a Del Rio Towing miles de dolares casi cada mes para el mantenimiento de los vehiculos**, cuando tenemos **dos talleres mecanicos aqui en Brackettville? Porque** el Consejo no fija una politica para que la ciudad haga negocios localmente cuando sea posible? Haciendo eso el dinero de los impuestos retornaria a la economia local y apoyaria **los trabajos en nuestra comunidad**, en lugar de estar enviando el dinero de nuestros impuestos afuera de la ciudad. Si no hay cuentas mensuales aprobadas por el Consejo, **Como nosotros**, los ciudadanos de Brackettville, **sabremos a donde va nuestro dinero?** Parece que **hay mucho dinero que no esta explicado.** En las pasadas discusiones, nosotros hemos establecido que hay **cientos de miles de dolares** que nosotros no podemos **conseguir explicar** atraves de peticiones abiertas de registros. **Para que fue ese dinero usado? No crees el Administrador Municipal esta gastando el dinero como el quiere, sin la aprobacion de el Consejo...** No es esto **gastos discrecionales?** El abogado de la ciudad estuvo bien claro cuando dijo, que el Administrador Municipal solo tienes deberes no-discrecionales y ministeriales. **Entonces Senora Alcaldesa y Consejo...** una vez mas... **Donde esta el dinero?**

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Basketball season in full swing



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Ashley Castillo Sandoval



Rey Sifuentes, Jr.

Brackett High School's varsity girls basketball team defeated D'Hanis 41-30 on Saturday at the SWTJC Tournament. The Lady Tigers scored 11 points in the first quarter, eight in the second, eight in the third and 14 in the fourth.

Amanda Herrera was the statistical leader with 17 points, two rebounds, two assists and a steal. Jaelyn Abbey collected nine points, two rebounds, two steals and an assist. Maddie Frerich contributed eight points and six rebounds. Shelby Schuster scored five points and brought down six rebounds. Priscilla Aguirre chipped in two points, three rebounds, a steal and an assist. McKenzie Castillo brought down two rebounds and made a steal.

Brackett Junior High School's eighth grade girls basketball team (4-4) recently defeated La



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Ashley Castillo Sandoval

Pryor 32-15. Scoring for the Lady Tigers were Kate Frerich (16 points), Kayla Morelli (12), Katie Tuck (two) and Alyssa Martinez (two).

Brackett High School's varsity boys basketball team moved its record to 8-2 after overwhelming Rocksprings 68-39 on Tuesday. The Tigers scored 19 points in the first quarter, 13 in the second, 17 in the third and 19 in the fourth. Scoring for Brackett were Joelson Terrazas (13 points), Brandon Sandoval (12), Erbey Martinez (11), Jonathan Quiroz (10), Isauro Rivas (eight), Chris Cruz (seven), Edgar De Leon (five) and Jonathan Pinales (two).

Brackett's previous outing was a tournament in which the Tigers went 2-1. Brackett defeated La Pryor (61-34) and Leakey (62-57) but lost to Sabinal (66-36).

The Tigers secured their first win of the season, a few weeks ago, by edging Nueces Canyon 34-33. Brackett scored 13 points in the first quarter, 10 in the second, six in the third and five in the fourth. Making baskets were Joelson Terrazas (18 points), Brandon Sandoval (six), Jonathan Quiroz (four), Isauro Rivas (four) and Chris Cruz (two).

Brackett also won a preseason tournament after disposing of three straight opponents.

In the opening round, the Tigers cruised past Dilley's junior varsity team 50-24. Brackett tallied 13 points in the first

quarter, six in the second, 21 in the third and 10 in the fourth. Knocking down buckets were Joelson Terrazas (14 points), Erbey Martinez (13), Brandon Sandoval (eight), Jonathan Quiroz (five), Eric Falcon (three), Edgar De Leon (three), and Chris Cruz (three).

Advancing to the semifinals, the Tigers muscled out a 43-34 victory against D'Hanis by scoring seven points in the first quarter, 11 in the second, 13 in the third and 12 in the fourth. Scoring in that game were Jonathan Quiroz (13 points), Joelson Terrazas (10), Erbey Martinez (eight), Edgar De Leon (six), Brandon Sandoval (three) and Chris Cruz (three).

Reaching the championship game, Brackett defeated Pearsall 43-35 by tallying 14 points in the first quarter, four in the second, seven in the third and 18 in the fourth. Scoring were Edgar De Leon (10 points), Erbey Martinez (nine), Joelson Terrazas (seven), Isauro Rivas (seven), Jonathan Quiroz (four), Chris Cruz (three) and Brandon Sandoval.

The Tigers' following victory came against Knippa 51-44. Brackett scored 10 points in the first period, 13 in the second, 13 in the third and 15 in the fourth. Knocking down baskets were Joelson Terrazas (11 points), Jonathan Quiroz (10), Erbey Martinez (nine), Edgar De Leon (seven), Brandon Sandoval (six), Chris Cruz (six) and Isauro Rivas (two).

BISD Employee of the Week



KIM KEYSER

4th Grade Teacher, Jones Elementary School

Six Things About Me You Probably Didn't Know...
1. My favorite novels are Ranch Wife (Jo Jeffers) and the Lonesome Dove series (Larry McMurtry) - the window sticker on my truck stands for CowGurl Kim.

2. I entered a photography contest at the Middletown Grange Fair for 10 years in a row before my 2009 entry won "Best of Show."

3. I worked on a dairy farm/corn maze during high school and was paid in hay bales to feed my horse - which I rode bareback because I couldn't afford a saddle.

4. My siblings are in California (future film producer), New Jersey (a knight at Medieval Times), and Oklahoma (Early Childhood Education student). We all grew up in Pennsylvania.

5. I have an accident-prone border collie/catahoula puppy named Rizzo, and a cat named Oscar who is "the ruler of worlds."

6. I would never go hunting, but I love to shoot with my camera; www.cowgurlphoto.smugmug.com. The photo of me was taken by Dante Luna, one of my 4-H photography project members.

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Ismael Morales
Parents: Juan I. and Rosalinda Morales
Siblings: Juan I. Jr. and Abraham
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What are your future plans? I will be attending a technical college.
In five years I will be...I will be in Rochester, MN living my new life.

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Letters to Santa

Jones Elementary Kindergarten Students

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Esmerelda. I am 5 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super nice if you could bring me these things this year:
1. Barbie
2. toy kitchen
3. animal
4. doll
Thank you! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hello for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Aurelio. I am 6 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super nice if you could bring me these things this year:
1. 4 wheeler
2. backpack
3. game
4. teddy bear
Thank you! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hello for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Gentry. I am 6 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super nice if you could bring me these things this year:
1. 4 wheeler
2. 3D DS
3. X-Box
4. monster truck
Thank you! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hello for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Michelle. I am 5 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super nice if you could bring me these things this year:
1. bike
2. Lalaloopsy doll
3. scooter
4. EZ Bake Oven
Thank you! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hello for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Giselle. I am 5 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super nice if you could bring me these things this year:
1. Barbie
2. Rudolph toy
3. scooter
4. clothes and shoes
Thank you! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hello for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Joel. I am 6 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super cool if you could bring me these things this year:
1. trampoline
2. bracelet
3. bouncy ball
4. Super Mario Galaxy 2
Thank You! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hi for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kelina. I am 6 years old. This year I've been really nice and it would be super cool if you could bring me these things this year:
1. Sugar Glider
2. Pony
3. picture frame
4. cell phone
Thank you! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hi for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Lianna. I am 5 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super nice if you could bring me these things this year:
1. trampoline
2. swimming pool
3. water gun
4. Pillow Pet
Thank You! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Clause and the elves hi for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Elana. I am 5 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super cool if you could bring me these things this year:
1. Indian doll
2. baby doll
3. My Little Pony
4. a real pony
Thank you! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hi for me.

Dear Santa Clause,
My name is Susie. I am 5 years old. This year I've been really helpful and it would be super cool if you could bring me these things this year:
1. bike
2. toy car
3. Barbie
4. swimming pool
Thank you! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hi for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Julium. I am 6 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super special if you could bring me these things this year:
1. a monster truck
2. a Mario toy
3. a surprise
Thank you! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves thank you for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kontagious. I am 5 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super special if you could bring me these things this year:
1. a football 2. a basketball
3. a necklace 4. a Hot Wheels set
Thank you! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves thank you for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Marcos. I am 6 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super special if you could bring me these things this year:
1. Nerf guns 2. a Hot Wheels set
3. Transformers 4. a DS
Thank you! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves thank you for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Hopie. I am 5 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super special if you could bring me these things this year:
1. a teddy bear 2. a pony Pillow Pet
3. roller skates 4. clothes
Thank you! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves thank you for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Anthony. I am 5 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super special if you could bring me these things this year:
1. Hot Wheels 2. Monster Truck
3. a DS 4. a teddy bear
Thank you! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves thank you for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Rolando. I am 6 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super exciting if you could bring me these things this year:
1. skateboard 2. bull riding toy
3. scooter 4. teddy bear
Thank you! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves thank you for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Matthew. I am 6 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super nice if you could bring me these things this year:
1. 4 wheeler
2. Mario Game
3. tor car
4. boots
Thank you! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hello for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Antonio. I am 5 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super nice if you could bring me these things this year:
1. Mario Game
2. toy gun
3. Monster truck
4. car
Thank you! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hello for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Marques. I am 5 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super nice if you could bring me these things this year:
1. bike
2. monster truck
3. scooter
4. Wii Game
Thank you! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hello for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Alexis V. I am 6 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super nice if you could bring me these things this year:
1. Rudolph toy
2. horse
3. game
4. EZ Bake Oven
Thank you! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hello for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Jayden. I am 5 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super nice if you could bring me these things this year:
1. make-up
2. nail polish
3. Barbie
4. EZ Bake Oven
Thank you! You're the best Santa ever! P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hello for me.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Dominic. I am 6 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super cool if you could bring me these things this year:
1. nerf guns
2. bike
3. football
4. soccer ball
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Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Abcede. I am 5 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super cool if you could bring me these things this year:
1. swimming pool
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Dear Santa Claus,
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Dear Santa Claus,
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Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Darren. I am 6 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super special if you could bring me these things this year:
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3. a DS 4. a coloring book
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Dear Santa Claus,
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CPL Retail Energy and its affiliates, One Hour Heating and Colling and Mister Sparky Electrical, offer the following advice to Texans for keeping safe this holiday season:

• Avoid using candles and never go near a Christmas tree with an open flame - candles, matches or lighters.

• Ensure that trees and other decorations do not block an exit.
• Never put wrapping paper in the fireplace as it can result in a very large fire.

• Do not leave holiday lights unattended.

• Stay alert when cooking. Use a timer to remind you.

• Plug microwave ovens and other cooking appliances di-

rectly into an outlet. Never use an extension cords for cooking appliances.

• In the case of an oven fire, turn it off immediately and keep the door closed until the fire is completely out.

• Use turkey fryers outdoors a safe distance from buildings and any other combustible materials.

• Heat food in containers that are marked "microwave safe." Make sure you stir the food and test it before eating.

• According to the Department of Energy, children under five are at a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than of being burned in a cooking fire. Never hold a child while cooking, drinking or carrying hot foods or liquids.

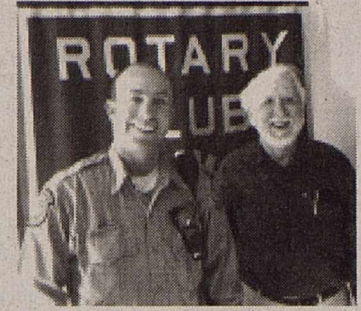
Friends honor Solis



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Castillo - Edward Solis, at right, was honored by the Kinney County Friends of the Library for donating 368 hours of volunteer service on December 12. Library Director Sarah Terrazas said more than 1,500 volunteer work hours had been donated to the Kinney County Library during 2011 and she offered thanks to all those who gave of their time so generously.

Rotary Club welcomes Game Warden Frets

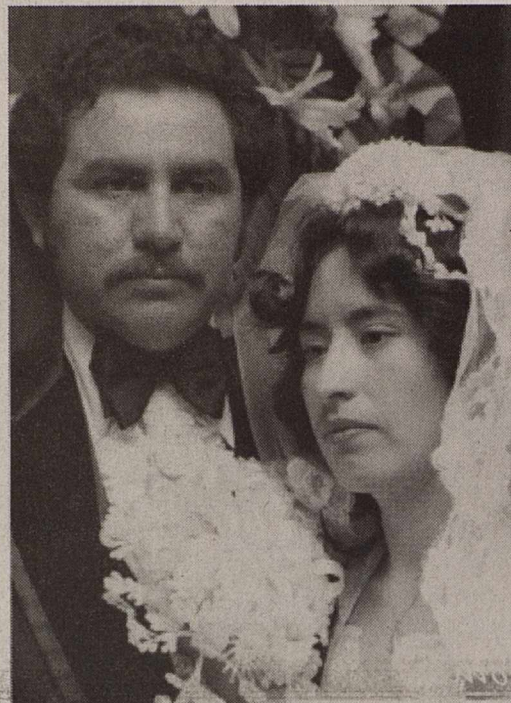
Submitted by Rotary Club



Thursday, December 08, 2011 Brackettville Rotary Club welcomed Rob Frets as their guest speaker. Mr. Frets is one of Kinney County's 2 Game Wardens. He presented new information on Texas Law for hunting and fishing. He explained that "Mud Fishing for Cat Fish" is now legal in Texas. The fisherman must use only hands, allow the cat fish to bite the hand and then pull it out of the water. It was an amazing bit of information for all present.

He further explained the general duties of the Game Warden. Kinney County encompasses 16 miles on the Mexican Border which makes the job particularly challenging.

Happy 30th Anniversary

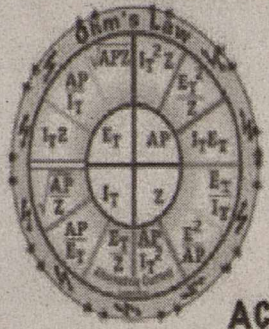


Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad
Maria D. Rivas, Juan J. Rivas
30 Years December 19, 2011

Our parents' marriage is our guiding star because they demonstrate what a marriage should be. It is great to see two people who believe in being true to their wedding vows. To overcome hardships and still manage to have respect, trust, but most important love for one another. We are blessed and thankful to call Maria and Juan our mom and dad. Together we are a family forever no matter how far we each may be; our mother and father is our home.

Nuestros padres son como esa estrella que nos guia porque demuestran lo que un matrimonio debe de ser. Es un gran orgullo de ver a mis padres creer en lo que un dia prometieron ante Dios de respetar y querese siempre. Nosotros como sus hijos estamos dichosos de tener a Maria y Juan Rivas como los mejores padres del mundo. Nuestro hogar siempre sera nuestros queridos padres y seremos una familia.

From your creations Mariana, JJ, Joaquin, and Maribel Rivas



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OBITUARY

Shirley Ann Ward Christian - July 18, 1939 - December 09, 2011



Shirley Ann Ward Christian was born on July 18, 1939 in Brackettville, Texas to Hardin Lee, Sr

and Dorothy Rea Ward. She confessed her belief in Christ and was a member of New Light Baptist

Church in Dalhart, Texas. She attended public school in Brackettville, Texas.

She was married to Chester Christian on July 8, 1986 in Stinnett, Texas and she is the mother of one son, Kenneth Ward and one daughter, Dorothy Yvette Proctor.

Her parents, two sister, Rosemary Davis Hawkins and Cerilla Steward, one nephew Earl and one great

nephew Willie, IV preceded her in death. She was a very active member in donating bingo prizes for the

Seminole Scout Indian Association until her health began to

fail. She loved her summer vacations in Brackettville. She departed this life at the age of 72 on December 09, 2011 in Amarillo, Texas.

She is survived by her husband Chester Christian of 25 years. Her son Kenneth Ward (Missy) of San

Angelo, Texas. Her daughter Dorothy Yvette Proctor of Amarillo, Texas. Six step children. Four Brothers

Hardin L. Ward, Jr (Mary) of Borger, Texas, Clarence G. Ward (Audrey) and Douglas C. Ward of Brackettville, Texas and Luther W. Ward (Lou) of Carrizo Springs, Texas. Two sisters Martha E. McDonald

(Delbert) and Beverly A. Kelly (Joe) of Brackettville, Texas. Three Grandchildren. A host of step grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-great nephews.

A host of cousins and relatives.

Services will be on December 17, 2011 in Borger, Texas at 11:00 am on Saturday at New Zion Baptist Church with the Rev. Vernon Conners, pastor officiating with burial following at Highland Park Cemetery under the direction of Minton Chatwell Funeral directors of Borger, Texas

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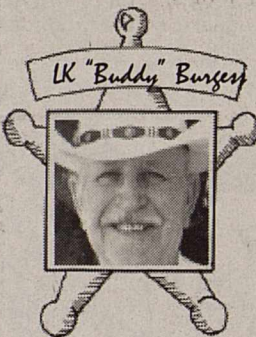
James Wilson Taylor • September 16, 2008 - December 10, 2011

James Wilson Taylor of Uvalde passed away on December 10, 2011 at the age of three. He was born on September 16, 2008 in Uvalde to Wacy and Allison (LaMascus) Taylor. He is survived by his parents; sister, Tristin Taylor and brother, Mitchell Taylor both of Uvalde; maternal grandparents, Steve and Kandace LaMascus of Brackettville; maternal great-grandfather, Kenneth LaMascus; paternal grandparents, Diron and Karen Holt; paternal great-grandmother, Missie Taylor; and paternal great-grandparents, Joe and Billie Fuerst all of Uvalde;

and aunt, Lindy Orozco and husband, David of Republic, WA; Tom Henry Taylor of Uvalde; and Tye Taylor of Stephenville. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM at First Baptist Church in Uvalde. Rev. Jerry Scott will officiate. Graveside services will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 2:00 PM in the Masonic Cemetery, Del Rio, TX. Mr. Ray Melton will officiate. Honorary pallbearers will be Chriselda Jackson, Crystal Sanchez, Albert Banda, Chestin Clark and Whitney Massingill.



Kinney County Sheriff's Report



A woman called into KCSO requesting to speak with a deputy.

Friday, December 9

DPS called into KCSO to report a distressed motorist on Hwy 90. A deputy was informed and en route to the location.

Saturday, December 10

Michael Angelo Acosta, 20, of Eagle Pass was arrested for possible intoxication. Acosta was released after paying a \$305 fine.

Mario Fuentes Espinoza, 56, of Del Rio was arrested for possible intoxication. Espinoza was released after paying a \$305 fine.

FCS Security called into KCSO to report a person sleeping in a truck and not being able to wake them up. A deputy was notified.

Sunday, December 11

Tabi Michelle Duckworth, 41, of Del Rio, was arrested for DWI with a minor in the car under 15 yrs. Duckworth was released 12/12 after posting a \$3500 bond.

A woman called into KCSO stating that there was an elderly person who didn't know where he was. A deputy was notified and en route to the location.

A woman called into KCSO to report an accident at a local store. A deputy was en route to the location.

Uvalde PD called into KCSO stating they received a call reporting a reckless vehicle traveling on Hwy 90.

A 911 came in from a woman stating her son had overdosed on an unknown drug. EMS responded along with a deputy to the location.

Saturday, December 3

Roger Eugene Brown, 45, of Brackettville, was arrested for reckless driving. He was released on 12/4 after posting a \$1200 bond.

Monday, December 5

A 911 call came in from a woman stating there was a group of illegal migrants in her yard. A deputy and border patrol was informed.

A woman called into KCSO stating they needed a deputy at the playground because of some vandalism. A deputy was en route to the location.

Wednesday, December 7

A security company called KCSO reporting an alarm going off at a local store. A deputy was informed.

DPS requested a deputy to assist them in a vehicle search. A deputy was informed and en route to the location.

A woman called into KCSO to report that someone ran through her neighbor's fence. A deputy was informed.

Thursday, December 8

A 911 caller reported a van hitting a deer and damaging the front of the van. A towing company was called to pick the vehicle up.

Saucedo - Morales to wed



Mr. and Mrs. Gerardo Saucedo, of Rochester, Minnesota, would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter Biviana Saucedo, to Ismael Morales, son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Ignacio Morales, of Brackettville. The couple will wed on December 17, 2011, in a small family ceremony at Templo Elim.

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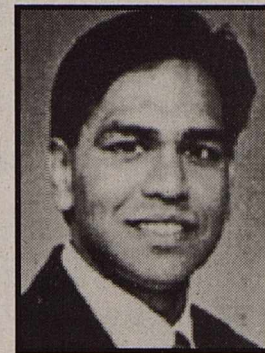
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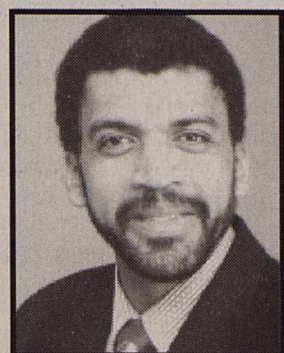
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