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Water Board Decision

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Kinney County Is Home To Amanda Leigh Aguirre - Happy Birthday!

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OLD QUARRY TO HOST ONE ACT PLAY: Top off your Fort Clark Days experience by joining us for "Sylvia"--the BHS One Act Play--at the Post Theatre, 7:30pm on Saturday. This is the rollicking comedy they will take to UIL competition, and will be one of the very few opportunities for local audiences to attend. General admission is \$5 (\$3 for ages 5-12) at the door, with proceeds benefiting BHS. Your Old Quarry season tickets will be honored, naturally. Don't miss it!



Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

School Days
8:00 AM Gates
9:00-4:00 Museum
9:00 Food Booths
10:00-10:00 PM Soft drinks Booth
2-7 Arts & Crafts
4-10 PM- Beer Booths
6 pm TacoSupper
6-10 Concert Vinyl 45's

SATURDAY MARCH 3

8:00-1:00 Meet & Greet Bikers
8-12 Bake Sale
8:30 5K run
8:30 Officers Call
8:45 Motorcycle Run To Leaky
9:00 Posting Call
9:00 Food Booths
9:30 Children's Fun Run
9:30 Lipan Dancers
10 - 6 Soft Drinks & Beer
10 -6 Art Studio Face Painting
10:00 Gatling Gun
10:30 Lipan Dancers
11:00 Lafrenz Music
11-2:15 People's Choice Bike Show
11:00 Concho Cowboys
11:00 Trio Trevino
12:00 Ballet Folklorico YuMali
12:00 Hackberry Hags
12-3 Par Three Pin Contest
12:30 Gatling Gun Demo
1:00 Spot Chasers
1:00 Golden Girls Line Dancers
1:30 Puppet Performance
2:00 Ballet Folklorico YuMali
2:30 Gatling Gun Demo
3:00 Holloman Harmonizers
3:00 Prize Drawing
3:30 Concho Cowboys
4:00 Rag Dullz
4:00 Duck Races
4-5 Bikers Awards 50/50 Winner Auction
4:30 Lipan Dancers
5:00 Retreat Signal Gun
5:30 Nadia Karee
6:00 Young Guns
7:30 One Act Play "Sylvia" Post Theatre (See Above)

Shallow graves halt road paving

 By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

The paving project for some of Brackettville's most desperate streets has come to a big red stop sign.

On Wednesday morning,

Kinney County Judge Tim Ward confirmed the grant project, expected to break ground in May, did not receive its environmental clearance because the Texas Historical Commission had recently received a report of, "shallow graves on Gove Street".

Judge Ward said the project cannot move forward until it can be determined if there are graves on or near the current road that was originally paved in the early 1970's.

Ward noted the Community Development Block Grant that

will be used to pave nearly three miles of city streets also paved Brackettville's streets 40 years ago.

"We're not going to give up," said Ward, but he did say an archeologist may have to be hired to clear the matter up.

It was reported to this newspaper the old alley way between East El Paso and the end of East Henderson streets was fenced off several years ago after complaints there were unmarked graves there by the Valentine Cemetery.

Old track, new track

 By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

A three short weeks after a train derailed west of Brackettville, the wreckage is almost a thing of the past.

On February 7, Kinney County Rancher Jimmy Bader was sitting on his porch conversing with a friend when just before 8 a.m., he said he heard a noise that sounded like distant thunder. Bader owns and operates a ranch ten miles from the location where the "thunder" was really the sound of 30 Union Pacific (UP) train cars piling up in the bar ditch along Highway 90 and onto private property, south of the tracks, after a major derailment.

Approximately 30 hours later, there was no need for UP officials to send their trains on the scenic route because new rails had been put down and the Del Rio Main Track reopened.

On Tuesday, February 28, Union Pacific Media Director Raquel Espinoza did not con-

firm whether or not a broken rail was the cause of the derailment, but she did say an official report would be released. Espinoza confirmed the three people on the train were not injured.

The 30 cars that looked like life sized toys scattered on the ground have nearly all been cut down into small pieces by a host of UP and private contractors, and hauled away to metal recyclers. The empty tanker cars that had recently carried potentially hazardous materials are awaiting special disposal equipment to be brought in to haul them away. On the day of the derailment, the threat of a possible leak from a chlorine tanker required the highway to be shut down from Laughlin Air Force Base (LAFB) to Ranch to Market Road 3008. The area was evacuated until the LAFB Hazardous Material team could inspect the damaged cars. No hazardous leaks were detected.

Espinoza said the clean-up is expected to last another week.



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Castillo - Union Pacific Railroad derailment clean up process continues.

Best In Show

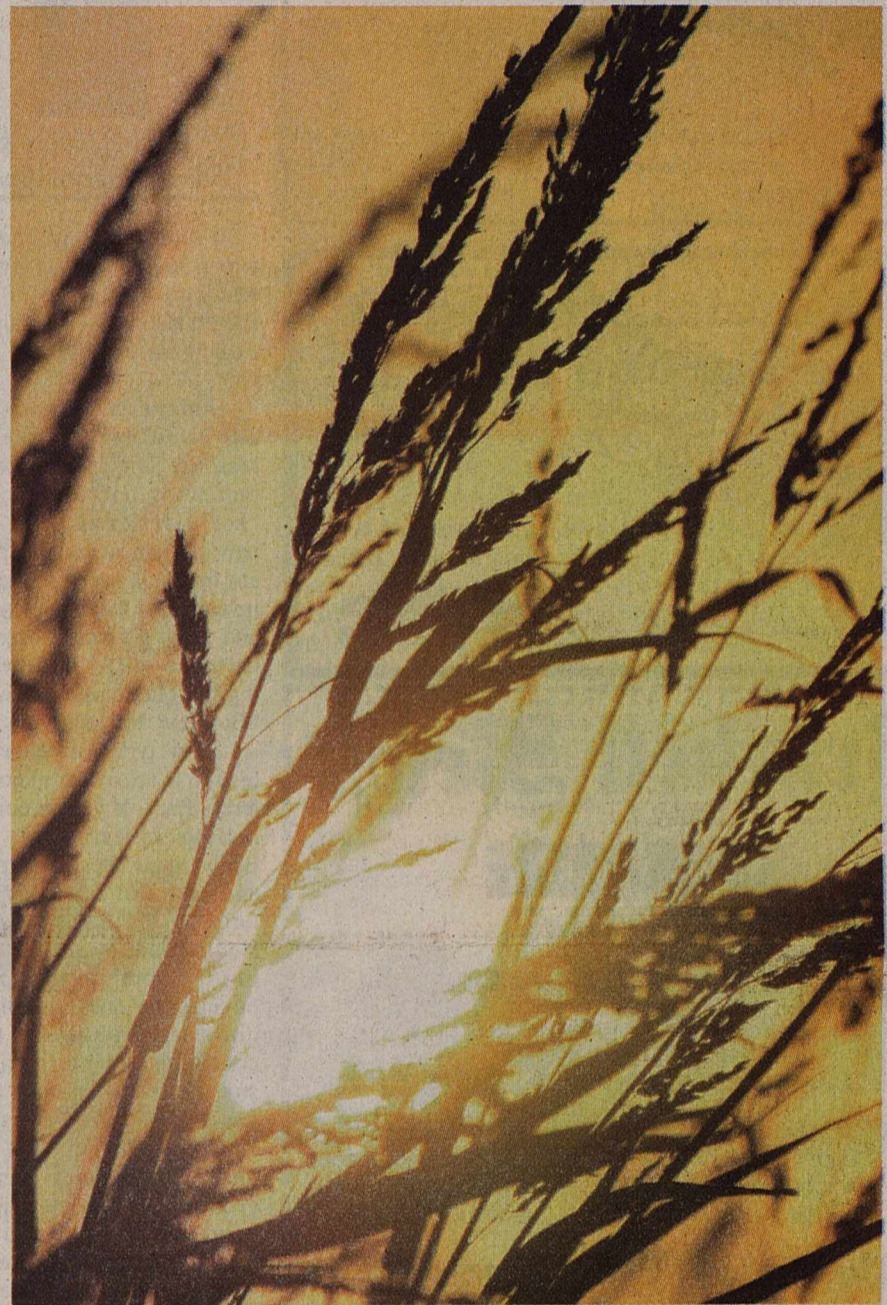


Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - Young Photographer Peyton Bonner took Best In Show for her dominant color photo in the 2012 Kinney County Livestock Show & Sale. See Page 3 for complete story.

Texas Supreme Court ruling on groundwater a victory for property owners

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By Bill Hanna
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

In a landmark ruling that could affect the use and control of groundwater in Texas, the state Supreme Court ruled Friday that property owners have a vested interest in the water under their land.

The case, Edwards Aquifer Authority vs. Day, challenged the San Antonio-area aquifer authority's right to issue an irrigation permit that limited how much water two farmers could use on their property.

Landowner groups such as the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association hailed the ruling, saying it means property owners now know that they will have a reliable source of water.

"We think this is a clear-cut victory for property owners," said Joe Parker, president of the

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. "This gives us a clear direction both now and in the future."

But environmental groups such as the Sierra Club criticized the decision and said it could undermine the state's system of groundwater districts and lead to more litigation.

"The state Supreme Court has reached an unwarranted legal determination in saying that a landowner owns the groundwater in place beneath his or her property rather than holding that a landowner has only the right to capture that groundwater subject to other important public policy purposes," said Ken Kramer, president of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club.

"The court has done a huge disservice to everyone who has been working for proper management of the groundwater resources needed for our state's

people and our environment," Kramer added.

Tom Mason of the Austin law firm Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody said the ruling is likely to lead to more litigation.

"Landowners with wells may be encouraged by this and want to challenge groundwater district regulations, particularly in the Edwards Aquifer Authority," he said. And as the courts consider the implications of the ruling, groundwater districts "may be a little less inclined to regulate as vigorously as before," Mason said.

The case dates to 1996 when two farmers, Burrell Day, who has died, and Joel McDaniel sought a permit to pump from the Edwards Aquifer to grow crops south of San Antonio.

But the two farmers could not show "historical use," which is how permits are issued. Instead of granting them the 700 acre-

feet of water, the permit gave them rights to 14 acre-feet.

The farmers argued that the water authority deprived them of their property without compensation.

The court ruled that employing historical use as standard for issuing permits deviates from the rules of the Texas Water Code.

"The Court reasons that groundwater in place is owned by the landowner on the basis of oil and gas law," says the opinion, written by Justice Nathan Hecht.

The case has been closely watched in Central Texas, especially in San Antonio, where groundwater is the primary water source. But it could also affect areas including Parker, Wise and Johnson counties, where many homeowners rely on groundwater.

The cattle raisers say they still support groundwater districts

and don't believe that this ruling will change how groundwater is managed.

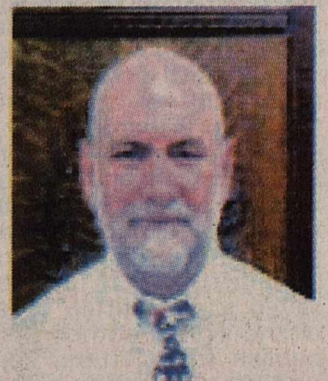
"All along, the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers have said groundwater districts play a very important role managing the state's groundwater," said Parker, the group's president, who lives in Byers near Wichita Falls.

"We believe in local control and that the local water conservation district should be making those decisions and not somebody at the state, or heaven forbid, the federal level," Parker said.

But the Sierra Club's Kramer said the Edwards Aquifer Authority came into existence because of a Sierra Club lawsuit, and he did not rule out a federal legal challenge, especially if the ruling prevents limits on groundwater use.

This report includes material from The Texas Tribune.

Well as **Mr. Brackett was fond of saying**...did you know that... Since July, 2011 there have been **26 Open Records Request** made to the city administration searching for financial information. Such things as Budgets, expense reports, Audits, Step Grant Accounting, Agendas and minutes and other information which should be readily available to anyone desiring to see it. To date there are 14 ORR partially or completely unanswered. This has deeply troubled me and made me think of a couple of reasons why this "stone walling" would occur. One, there would have to be absolute disregard for Texas law to violate it so openly. Two, the books are in such disarray that administration is trying to cover up the fact that they do not have a clue as to what is going on. There perhaps is another reason, and maybe the reason why we have been unable to obtain a copy of this year's budget. If the budget was very simplistic and only listed broad category items containing large amounts of money without detail as to how the money would be appropriated it would leave a great deal of discretion as to how the money was spent and make it difficult to know if it was being spent appropriately and for the best purpose. Certainly something I intend to "run to ground" if elected. At that point I will not accept refusal to "Open the Books". Because I want to know "Where's the Dough". Visit my website : <http://www.kentlowerymayor.com>



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Sell investments for the right reasons



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

It's important to understand which investments to own, and when to buy them. But you should also know when it's time to sell an investment — and why.

Unfortunately, many people sell investments for the wrong reasons. Some people want the money to purchase so-called "hot" investments, even if these new investments aren't appropriate for their needs. Others own investments that have lost value, and fearing further losses, they decide to sell — thereby violating the oldest rule of investing: "Buy low and sell high."

These types of behavior can lead to at least two major problems. First, if you're constantly selling investments, you'll likely incur fees, commissions and taxes that can erode any returns you did manage to achieve. And second, by frequently selling off your investments and buying new ones, you'll find it difficult to follow the type of consistent, long-term financial strategy that's essential to help you work toward your goals.

If you shouldn't sell investments to find quick gains or to avoid losses that may not even occur, when should you sell?

You might want to sell:

If your goals have changed — You bought certain investments because you thought they would help you make progress toward your objectives. But over time, your goals may change, so in response, you may need to sell some investments and use the money to purchase new ones that are more suitable for your new goals. For example, early in your career, you might have benefited from owning investments that offered high potential for growth, but as you near retirement, you may need to shift some — but certainly not

all — of your growth-oriented vehicles to income-producing ones.

If the investments themselves change — You might have bought a stock because you liked the company's products, business plan or management team. If any of these factors change significantly, though, you might need to re-evaluate your ownership of this investment.

If you need to rebalance your portfolio — You may have decided that your investment portfolio should be composed of specific percentages of stocks, bonds and "cash" instruments. But due to changes in the value of your investments, these percentages can shift somewhat, resulting in a portfolio that no longer reflects your goals and risk tolerance. If that happens, you'll need to rebalance your holdings, which may require you to sell some of your investments.

If an investment has chronically underperformed — Sometimes, an investment simply doesn't perform as well as you had hoped. When this happens, you may be better off by selling the investment and using the money to pursue new opportunities. However, don't rush to judgment. Before you sell an underperforming investment, try to determine why it hasn't done well. Is it because the market as a whole has slumped? If so, your investment could rebound when the market does. Or are there separate factors, unique to this investment, that have caused its problems? If the investment's fundamentals and prospects still look good, you might want to simply give it time to prove its worth.

By knowing when you should hold an investment, and when you shouldn't, you can avoid costly mistakes and help improve your chances for long-term investment success. So think carefully before putting up the "For Sale" sign on your investments.

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Let your light shine



Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Our success in FLYing comes at the heels of two important words: Persistence and Consistency. When we look at our own history we see an inconsistency in how we looked at our household. You know the old story of stash and dash, crisis cleaning and then crash and burn. This left our homes in shambles after a few short days. Then we would beat ourselves up because of it!

I had to deal with this when I made my final attempt at getting organized in 1999. On January 1st, I spent all day looking at why Pam and Peggy's card file system never worked for very long for me. It was not that it was not a good system; it was, but it was how I did it that was the problem. I would go gung ho for several days and then run out of steam. Then the guilt would enter into the equation and I would not want to look at the box and stick it under the counter.

As I examined why their system only worked for a little while; I realized a major factor. I was working too hard and not letting the system to work for me. I had not ever established habits. I only let the cards guide me and it didn't matter what order they were in. If getting dressed popped up at 3:00 in the afternoon that was when I did it, that is so alien to me now. I also had way too many cards. With my perfectionism, I thought if one card was good then a card for everything I do would be much better. Boy was I wrong. That abundance of cards was overwhelming! I would give up!

Giving up is our lack of persistence. We do this all the time when we say we don't have time or that is too hard. We just throw in the towel and begin to whine, "that too hard, too many emails or she doesn't understand my situation is different." We are persistence in one area of our lives; we hate change. If you are not finding success it is because what you have been doing is not working. Doesn't common sense tell you that you have to change something and try again.

Thomas Edison through trial

and error and persistence eventually discovered the filament that would glow in a glass bulb. Every failure for him was one less thing that he was going to have to try! Failures are a good thing. They teach us what not to do the next time. That is if we don't get hung up in our failures and beat ourselves up for them. Use them as a learning experience and keep plugging away.


Every mistake I have made in my life helps me to grow and become wiser! If I had given up I would not have become FlyLady. If we don't learn from our mistakes we are destined to make the same ones again and again! So looking back on that fateful January 1, 1999, I realize that I had never established a habit and I had been too hard on myself. That day I determined that I would be nice to me and practice one habit. Shining my sink was all I had to do for the whole month!

Let's just say I was persistent in my quest to get organized and along with that persistence I used the consistency of doing one thing every day to help me find the peace that I knew was out there! It worked for me and it has worked hundreds of thousands of people as well. When you find something that works you stick with it. We don't try to reinvent the light bulb every time we screw one in a socket; we trust it and don't waste our time trying to improve on it. We are very creative people and we love to do things our way or shall I say try to make better a system. This is when we skip the foundation babysteps. I am giving you a light bulb that works! Trust it and take the first steps of shining your sink and being nice to yourself. As you establish the basic habits you are going to begin to feel your light shining brightly! With your habits established you are free to follow your dreams and use your creativity in ways that bless you instead of ways to sidetrack you. You can't skip the most important steps of Persistence and Consistency.


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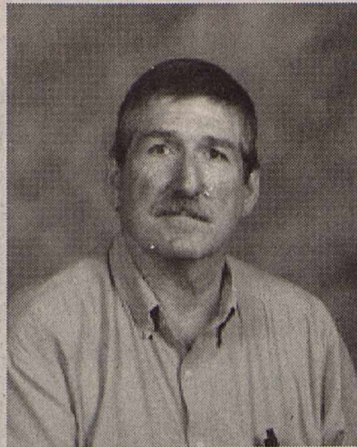
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BISD Employee of the Week



DAVID EDWARDS
Agriculture/Shop Teacher, Brackett High School

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

1. I enjoy fishing & hunting.
2. I like animals & stockshows.
3. I am a decent cook.
4. I am left-handed.
5. I can't sing.
6. I lived in Guam for 3 years.

Kinder Author of the Month



My Favorite Season
By Kelina Nichols
Kindergarten

My favorite season is Spring because the flowers begin to bloom and I can pick flowers for my mother.

Kinney County 4-H Photography

Submitted by Kim Keyser

The 4-H Club Photography Project continues to grow in popularity in Kinney County. Volunteer leader Kim Keyser is proud to announce that twelve 4-H photography project members displayed their outstanding photos at the 2012 Kinney County Livestock Show in January. The photo entries were judged by former project member Bryan Calk; blue ribbon photos will go on to compete at the District show which is judged in April. Results of the county show are listed below:

Senior member Peyton Bonner won a blue ribbon in the categories of wildlife, macro, dominant color, domestic animal, elements of design, people, and landscape; she also received a red ribbon for a domestic animal photo and won the prestigious Best in Show for her dominant color photo (pictured) page 1.

Senior member Kaitlyn Partlow won a blue ribbon in the catch-all category; she also won white ribbons for two catch-all photos and a night photography photo.

Senior member Dante Luna (also named Top Photographer for 2012) won a blue ribbon in the catch-all category, a red ribbon in domestic animals, and white ribbons for landscape, catch-all, theme, and two plant/flora photos.

Senior member Shannon Gammill won a red ribbon in the people category; she also won white ribbons for her flora photo and two domestic animal photos.

Senior member Elizabeth Rangel won blue ribbons in wildlife, flora, landscape, and two elements of design photos; she also won three red ribbons

in the landscape category.

Senior member Shelby Schuster won blue ribbons in landscape and catch-all, a red ribbon in landscape, and two white ribbons in digital darkroom.

Intermediate member Sara Titchenell won blue ribbons in elements of design, people, landscape, two in plant/flora and two in wildlife; Sara also won red ribbons in the categories of people, plant/flora, catch-all, and elements of design.

Intermediate member Kimberly Stafford won blue ribbons in plant/flora and elements of design; she also won red ribbons in landscape and plant/flora, and a white ribbon in plant/flora.

Intermediate member Katellinn Spence won a blue ribbon in the catch-all category; she also won a red ribbon in catch-all, and two red ribbons in plant/flora.

Junior member Dakota Britton won two blue ribbons in landscape and two in plant/flora; he also won red ribbons in domestic animals and landscape, and two white ribbons in plant/flora.

Junior member Christopher Martinez won blue ribbons in domestic animals and plant/flora; he also won red ribbons in the catch-all, landscape, and people categories. Junior member Breanna Quiroz won red ribbons in plant/flora, domestic animals, and two elements of design photos; she also won white ribbons for two photos in landscape and two in plant/flora.

Junior member Reagan Clark won blue ribbons in elements of design, catch-all, and plant/flora; she won two red ribbons in people, two in catch-all, and one in plant/flora; she also won a white ribbon in plant/flora.

Teens in the Driver Seat present Remembering Alex Brown Foundation

Submitted by Misty Rose

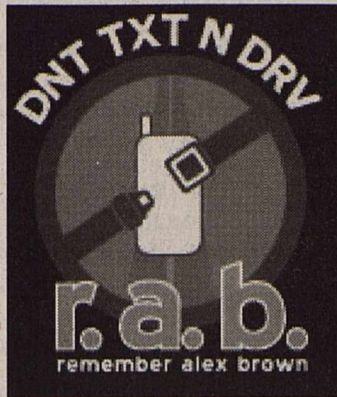
Thursday, March 8th @ 2:00 p.m. in the Tiger Gym

For more information, see www.rememberalexbrownfoundation.org

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We lost our daughter, Alex Brown, in a single car accident as she drove to what seemed like just another ordinary day of her senior year in high school. Although no other vehicles were involved, Alex was not alone. The cell phone on which she had sent and receive over 10,000 text messages in the weeks preceding her accident was with her. Alex lost her life to texting while driving.

Although Alex is no longer



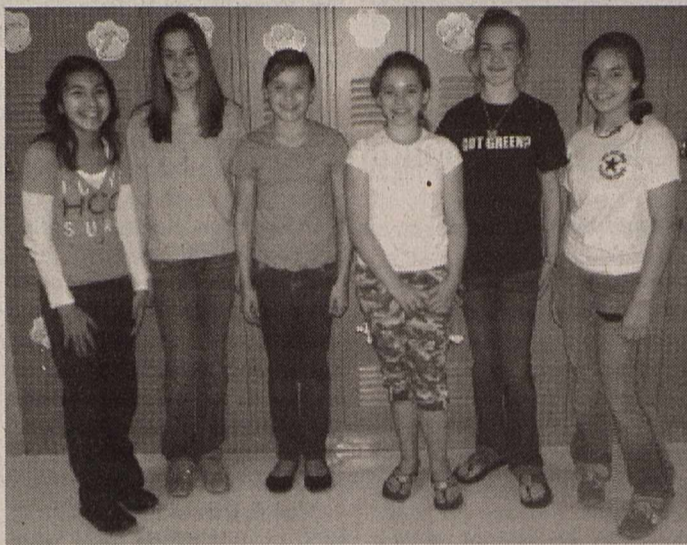
with us, her memory lives. We hope you choose to do the same. Through Alex's memory we hope to educate others about the dangers of texting while driving. To honor Alex's



memory we formed The Remember Alex Brown Foundation (RAB). The foundation's website is a place to tell your story, to learn from others and to make a difference.

As you drive today, please put your cell phone away and drive safely. Your messages will be there when you arrive at your destination. Make sure that you arrive safely, too.

Junior High and High School 2012-13 Cheerleading Squad

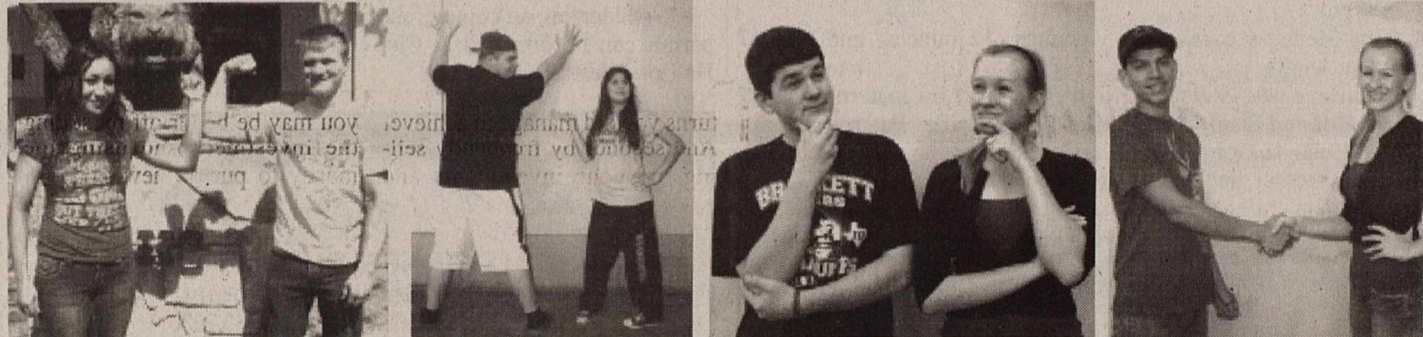


Brackett News Weekly Photo By Ashley Castillo Sandoval - From Left: Celina Hernandez, Sidney Perez, Tori Luce, Carley Easley, Sadie Perez and Alexa Solis.



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Ashley Castillo Sandoval - From Left: Mascot Eleazar Salazar, Yviana Flores, Madison Koontz, Madison Luce, Angie Roberson, Hannah Baggett, Elizabeth Rangel and Gage Brown. Not pictured Sierra Falcon, McKenzie Castillo and Nadia Rodriguez.

2012 Brackett High Class Favorites



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| <p>Most Athletic
Elivia Guerrero and Bradley Edwards</p> <p>Freshman Class
Friendliest: Teno Flores and Amber Resendez
Most Likely to Succeed: Blake Duncan and Treya Houston
Most Creative: Dante Luna and Emily Ford
Funniest: Mark Garcia and Kate Castillo
Most Athletic: David Ortega and Gabby Sandoval</p> | <p>Most Creative and Funniest
Daulton Woodson and Elizabeth Flores</p> <p>Sophomore Class
Friendliest: Edgar DeLeon and Leslie Allen
Most Likely to Succeed: Wyatt Blake and Leslie Allen
Most Creative: Hernan Talamantes and Marisol Gomez
Funniest: Austin DelBosque and Judy Adams
Most Athletic: EZ Rivas and Jaelyn Abbey</p> | <p>Most Likely to Succeed
Grant Westbrook and Lauren Duncan</p> <p>Junior Class
Friendliest: Jonathan Pinales and Madison Koontz
Most Likely to Succeed: Gil Turner and Meghan Flores
Most Creative: Juan Ramos and Vanessa Villarreal
Funniest: Tariq Cherradi and Kelsey Molano
Most Athletic: Daniel Falcon and Priscilla Aguirre</p> | <p>Friendliest
Ricardo Rojas and Lauren Duncan</p> <p>Senior Class
Friendliest: Lauren Duncan and Ricardo Rojas
Most Likely to Succeed: Lauren Duncan and Grant Westbrook
Most Creative: Elizabeth Flores and Daulton Woodson
Funniest: Elizabeth Flores and Daulton Woodson
Most Athletic: Elivia Guerrero and Bradley Edwards</p> |
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4H and FFA judging team

Submitted by David Edwards
FFA Agent

Judging team results are as follows: Senior team Jeyson Price, Daylon Miller, Shelby Schuster placed 163 out of 251 teams. Jeyson was high individual for team with a total score of 473 out of 550, He ended up #108 out of a total of 837 Senior judges.

Junior team consisted of Jackson Abbey, Tyler Schuster and Kaili Price, they placed 37 out of 110 teams. Jackson Abbey was high for the team with a score of 431 out of a possible 500 and placed 66th out of 369 judges. Tyler Schuster followed closely with 430 points to place 68th in individual honors.

San Angelo stockshow results :Daylon Miller's saddle rack project and the picnic table by Daniel Brinker, Wyatt Blake, and Webb Ashley were both given red ribbons. Daylon also went into the fourth round in the cutting torch competition.

On the livestock side Nevada Coe had a goat place 20th out of 80, and a finewool lamb placed 12th out of 50.

Jeyson Price had a southdown lamb place 12th, a finewool lamb place 9th in the 1st class and another finewool that placed 17th in the heavyweight class.

Kaili Price was also a participant in the livestock show.

The last 2 stock shows of the year are Houston and Austin in March.

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Brackett woman survives 4 car wreck Knights of Columbus host Fish Fry

Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - Texas Department of Public Safety officials confirmed Genell Hobbs, of Brackettville, was traveling west on Highway 90 on the morning of February 12 when Carolina Garcia, of Del Rio, traveling east, veered into the west bound lane on the Sycamore Bridge and struck Hobbs. A third vehicle being driven by Melvin Rott, of Del Rio, traveling east then struck Garcia's vehicle. A fourth vehicle being driven by Paul Cornell, of Spring, traveling east then struck Rott's vehicle. Rott was airlifted to a San Antonio hospital, where he later passed away. Icy conditions on the roadway were rumored to be the cause, however DPS reports do not cite ice on the road as a factor.



Brackett News Weekly Photo by Leigh Castillo - Left to right: The Knights of Columbus held a Fish Fry on February 24, pictured from left: Javier Valdez, John Griswold, Bob Whitworth, Jim Voss, Ricardo Rangel, Cesar Cantu, Jerry de Hoyos, Paul Fernandez, Pat Melancon, Carroll Wisema. The next fish fry is scheduled for March 9th, 4:30 - 6:30 pm at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

It's a Girl



Daniel and Jennifer Gonzalez are proud parents to baby girl Hennessee Daniellyz Gonzalez.

Hennessee was born on Friday, February 24, 2012 in Del Rio at 2:29 pm.

Baby Hennessee weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 17 inches in length.

Hennessee was welcomed into the world by maternal grandmother Bill and Sandy Herman, of Brackettville, Paternal Grandparents Yolanda Gonzales of Carrizo Springs.

Proud brother and sisters are Daniel IV, Cathy, Arrik, Erin, Jaime, Adam, Mikaela, Ramon and Marcello.

City passes building permit ordinance

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

Brackettville City Council passed a new building permit ordinance at a Regular meeting on February 14.

The ordinance, 2012-02-01, establishes a building permit fee for issuance of building permits by the City of Brackettville.

Citizens wanting to make changes to the exterior of their homes will now have to pay a flat Building Permit Fee of \$185.

Commercial construction fees were set on a sliding scale from \$50 for a project that does not exceed \$2,000 up to \$3,233.75, for a project that does exceed \$1 million.

A residential or commercial permit can be obtained at City Hall on West Spring Street.

Aldermen John Plunker Sheedy, Tencha Pena and Francisca Chica Hernandez voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance as presented. Mayor Zandra Negrete was present. Aldermen Demetrius Williams and Rachel Munoz were absent. Munoz' absence was voted by the council as excused.

Challenges to the creation of such an ordinance have been made during the Public Comment portions of the meeting since it was originally brought before the council in July of 2011, however; City Hall cites Local Government Code, Section 101.021, which allows the city to sell a permit without the customer's future expectation that the city will later inspect the work that is being performed.

Urbanczyk water apps put on hold

By Leigh Castillo
Contributing Writer

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District delayed making a decision on three regular water permit applications for Ronald Urbanczyk at a Regular meeting on February 16.

Urbanczyk, owner of the Honey Creek Ranch (formerly known as the Pinto Creek Ranch) applied for 1,600 acre feet for three separate wells, for a total of 4,800 acre feet of water.

An acre foot of water is the amount of water it takes to cover one acre of land to a depth of one foot, or 325,851 gallons of water.

During a public hearing prior to the regular meeting, nearly a dozen neighboring ranch owners expressed their concerns about the continuing drought conditions, the district's failure to notify them about the meeting, the affect the amount of water requested by Urbanczyk would have on the creek and their own private wells, incomplete applications and over-permitting. Rancher Tully Shahan told the board members they

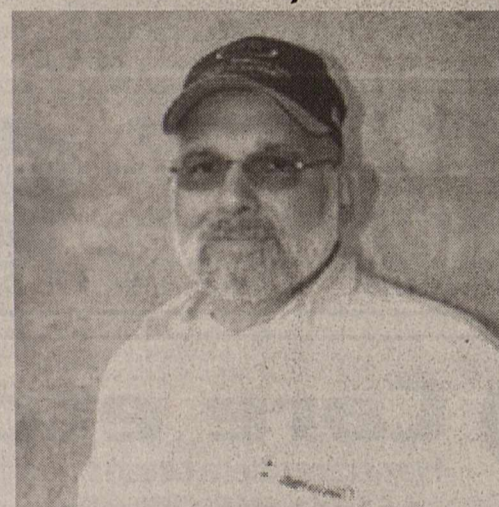
should deny Urbanczyk's permit applications and said, "I agree with Mr. (Hadley) Wardlaw. I think perhaps the applicant should go and try and buy a permit from someone." According to KCGCD records, Shahan and Wardlaw each have a third interest in Permit EH36E-E-2004-00039 for 32.26 acre feet of water and Permit EH36B-E-2004-00040 for 1,699.25 acre feet of water. Shahan also has Permit EH37B-E-2004 for 1,058 acre feet of water.

Urbanczyk was given an opportunity to speak to board and said he was a good neighbor who respected the Pinto Creek and his conservation efforts on his new ranch have kept the West Pinto flowing.

Robin Melvin, attorney for Urbanczyk, said the applications were put on hold and the testing process will start over again. But, unlike the first pump test where only one of Urbanczyk's wells was tested, all three wells will be tested and surrounding off-site wells will be used as monitoring wells. Notices to neighboring landowners will also be given.

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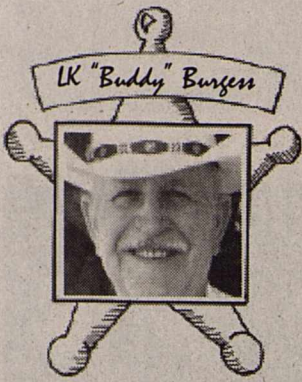
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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Tuesday, February 21
A woman called to report a kid had almost run over her dog near Edward Street.

A woman called to report a semi-truck driver was driving recklessly on Highway 90 west of Brackettville.

A woman called 911 to report a motorcycle and vehicle accident near the Dollar General Store on Spring Street and the man on the motorcycle had been injured. Deputies, EMS and Fire Rescue responded to the call.

A woman called to report a cow in the middle of the road on FM 2804, five miles outside of Brackettville.

Wednesday, February 22
Keith A. Castillo, 18, of Del Rio, was arrested for Burglary of Habitation and Possession of Dangerous Drugs. Castillo was released February 23, after posting two \$5,000 bonds.

Fort Clark Security requested a Civil Standby for person wanting to pick up a vehicle on Pompey Street.

A man reported two kids running into the woods near his house carrying a blue icechest with a white lid. His dogs had alerted him. A deputy responded.

Thursday, February 23

A Val Verde Sheriff's Office dispatcher called to report a white F150 pickup was traveling east on Highway 90 and had sparks coming out of the back. The truck was causing fires in VV County and it needed to be stopped and the driver advised. Deputies responded.

A nurse reported leaving a patient's home in Brackettville when she noticed a man walking nearby that did not look well mentally and was grabbing his stomach. A deputy responded.

Maverick County Sheriff's Office advised KCSO they had dropped off a walker at the Maverick-Kinney line.

Friday, February 24

A man stated in person that he had driven to Brackettville to see his son and the boy's mother would not allow the man to see the boy. The deputy on duty was able to sort through the details including verbal agreements, threats made and the terms of the divorce decree and advised the man that he would have to return home without a visit.

A woman called to report a broken window at her residence. She stated she did not know if someone shot it out or if some-

one tried to break in. A deputy responded.

Saturday, February 25

Satchie Dolan Leighton, 56, of Del Rio, was arrested for DWI, 2nd Offense. Leighton was released after posting a \$3,500 bond on February 25.

Several 911 calls reported a possible drunk driver on Highway 90 traveling east. The car was stopped inside the Brackettville City Limits and the female driver was transported to the Sheriff's office.

The US Border Patrol reported one of their agents had been involved in an accident on Highway 131.

Sunday, February 26

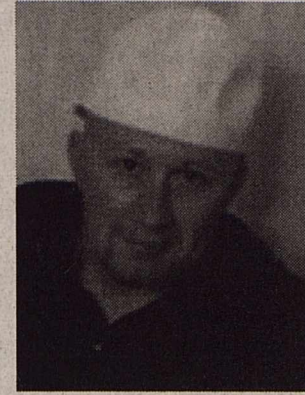
A man called to request a welfare check on a family in Spofford. Deputies responding to the call reported the family no longer lives in the house in Spofford.

A man called to report his drunken neighbor was touching his pit bull that was tied up inside his yard and he was afraid the dog would end up biting the neighbor. Deputies responded.

A woman called to report she was having problems with her grandson. Deputies responded.

OBITUARY

Michael Rene Garcia
January 7, 1983 - February 21, 2012



Michael Rene Garcia, 29, of Andrews passed away Tuesday February 21, 2012 in Andrews, Texas.

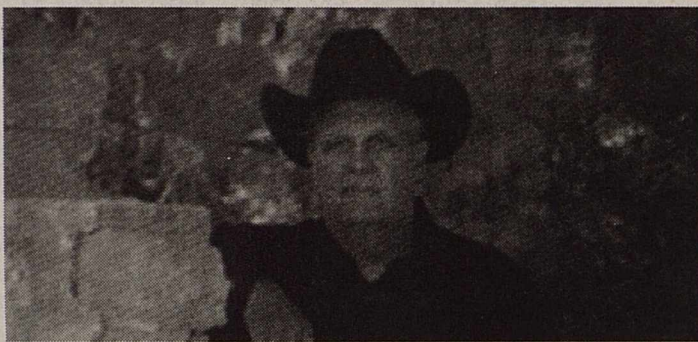
Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Monday, February 27, 2012 at Filadelfia Assembly of God Church in Andrews. Pastor Samuel Emilliano will officiate. Services are under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Michael was born January 7, 1983 in Del Rio, Texas. He served in the U.S. Army from 2000-2005. He moved to Andrews in 2005 from Sonora, Texas.

He worked as a salesman for Royal T Energy. He loved his children and would do anything for them; he loved to take his wife and kids out to the oil field with him. He loved people and enjoyed helping when he could and he loved to make people laugh.

He is survived by his wife, Myrna Castillo of Andrews, children, Yasmin McDonald, Mya Garcia, Mia Garcia, Jesse Garcia, Michael Garcia and Reina Garcia; his father, Charles Tidwell; his mother, Rosa Rios; half-brother Jonathan Rios; half-sisters, Davina Faulkner and Cassandra Rios; mother and father-in-law, Fidel and Juanita Nino and brother-in-law, Geno Nino.

McMillan author of Tye Watkins series will be at Fort Clark Days



Submitted by Gary McMillan

If you love to read about the Old West and especially stories about early Texas you will love the Tye Watkins series by Gary McMillan. His action packed stories take place in and around the area surrounding Fort Clark. Tye is Chief of Scouts at the fort

right after the Civil War and the action packed books are about his and the army's trouble trying to keep the homesteaders safe from marauding Apaches and the vicious border bandits. Gary will be in Seminole Hall this Saturday with his books for Old Fort Clark Days. Stop by and visit.

Ask B-Frog



states are famous for being first caucus or primary states in the nation or region. Is Texas known for something during election years? - Big Texas Fan

Bookish Frog - who lives at TCU Press - answers your questions about Texas and the Southwest. Write him at tcupress@tcu.edu, and he'll add your name to his pad-to-pad e-mail list.

Hello, B-Frog: Do you know when professional football first came to Texas? - Curious

It's been 60 years since pro football arrived in this state. Several people bought a National Football League franchise known as the New York Yanks.

The team didn't do well, and the league bought back the franchise at the end of the year.

Dear B-Frog: I keep hearing about the elections coming up in November, and how certain

first ever Vice-Presidential debates on October 15, 1976. They were held at Houston's Alley Theater between then-senators Bob Dole of Kansas and Walter Mondale of Minnesota.

The event was hosted by the League of Women Voters, and was broadcast to an audience of 43 million viewers.

You can find out about other bragging rights in the book Braggin' on Texas by Sherrie S. McLeRoy published by TCU Press.

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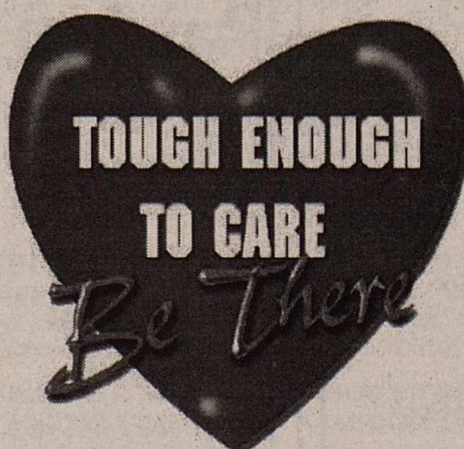
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It's a Boy



Cesar and Mari Montoya are proud parents to baby boy Nicolas Andres Montoya.

Nicolas Andres was born on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 in Del Rio at Val Verde Regional Medical Center.

Baby Nicolas weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19 inches in length.

Nicolas Andres was welcomed into the world by maternal grandmother Maria and Miguel Juarez. Paternal Grandparents Natividad and Reyes Montoya. Maternal Great Grandmother Antonio Falcon, all of Brackettville.

Proud big sister is Alexis Anali. Proud Uncles; Adrian and Steve Juarez and David Montoya.

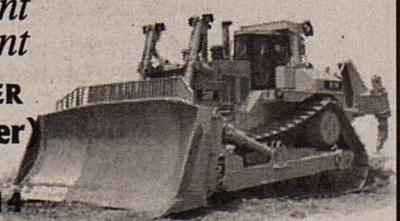
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Texas monthly oil and gas statistics

Submitted by RRC

JANUARY PERMITS TO DRILL

The Commission issued a total of 1,581 original drilling permits in January 2012 compared to 1,484 in January 2011. The January total included 1,442 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 32 to re-enter existing well bores, and 107 for re-completions. Permits issued in January 2012 included 470 oil, 165 gas, 883 oil and gas, 54 injection, two service and seven other permits.

DECEMBER CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

Texas preliminary December 2011 crude oil production averaged 1,045,816 barrels daily, up from the 942,114 barrels daily average of December 2010.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for December 2011 is 32,420,281 barrels, up from 29,205,524 barrels reported during December 2010.

JANUARY OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In January 2012, operators reported 765 oil, 234 gas, 18 injection and three other completions compared to 368 oil, 286 gas, 27 injection and zero other completions in January 2011.

Total well completions for 2012 year to date are 1,020 up from 681 recorded during the same period in 2011.

Operators reported 800 holes plugged and zero dry holes in January 2012 compared to 600 holes plugged and two dry holes in January 2011.

DECEMBER NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Texas oil and gas wells produced 530,873,658 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for December 2011 down from the December 2010 preliminary gas production total of 559,443,990 Mcf.

Texas production in December 2011 came from 135,328 oil wells and 87,372 gas wells.

JANUARY TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT

RRC District: (1) SAN ANTONIO AREA
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 241
Oil Completions: 86
Gas Completions: 15

RRC District: (2) REFUGIO AREA
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 73
Oil Completions: 91
Gas Completions: 25

RRC District: (3) SOUTH-EAST TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 83
Oil Completions: 30
Gas Completions: 0

RRC District: (4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 49
Oil Completions: 9
Gas Completions: 38

RRC District: (5) EAST CENTRAL TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 21
Oil Completions: 0
Gas Completions: 7

RRC District: (6) EAST TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 43
Oil Completions: 3
Gas Completions: 33

RRC District: (7B) WEST CENTRAL TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 82
Oil Completions: 42
Gas Completions: 9

RRC District: (7C) SAN ANGELO AREA
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 166
Oil Completions: 53
Gas Completions: 18

RRC District: (8) MIDLAND
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 493
Oil Completions: 394
Gas Completions: 2

RRC District: (8A) LUBBOCK AREA
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 82
Oil Completions: 12
Gas Completions: 0

RRC District: (9) NORTH TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 155
Oil Completions: 41
Gas Completions: 68

RRC District: (10) PANHANDLE
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 93
Oil Completions: 4
Gas Completions: 19

DECEMBER TEXAS TOP TEN OIL PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION COUNTY - CRUDE OIL (BBLs)

1. ANDREWS - 2,294,495
2. GAINES - 2,124,264
3. YOAKUM - 1,805,359
4. ECTOR - 1,729,837
5. UPTON - 1,627,093
6. MIDLAND - 1,570,326
7. MARTIN - 1,317,633
8. HOCKLEY - 1,300,638
9. SCURRY - 1,178,243
10. KARNES - 1,073,665

DECEMBER TEXAS TOP TEN GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION COUNTY - TOTAL GAS (MCF)

1. TARRANT - 64,790,483
2. JOHNSON - 39,560,807
3. PECOS - 21,803,699
4. WEBB - 21,586,240
5. DENTON - 19,892,140
6. PANOLA - 18,767,485
7. WISE - 17,956,051
8. FREESTONE - 17,373,069
9. ZAPATA - 13,362,709
10. ROBERTSON - 13,265,560

Extreme measures made to feed cattle



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - Local ranchers are having to burn the prairie twice a week to feed the cattle in lieu of no hay or pasture grass at Lazy J Ranch.

Texas feral hog contest brings demise of 12,632

By Betsy Blaney Associated Press

LUBBOCK — A competition aimed at curbing the feral hog problem in Texas has resulted in the demise of 12,632 of the animals that damage or destroy hundreds of millions of dollars in crops and rangeland every year, the Texas Department of Agriculture said Thursday.

Hardeman County on the Oklahoma border bagged the most — 2,047 hogs — in the Hog Out Challenge to win \$20,000 to help with further abatement. Four other counties will share the remainder of the \$60,000 in awards.

The department's commissioner and candidate for Texas lieutenant governor, Todd

Staples, said he's put feral hogs on the state's most-wanted list.

"We need to track down these destructive pests and eliminate them. Not only are feral hogs a costly nuisance to agricultural operations and wildlife habitats, but they are a serious threat to the traveling public and are increasingly finding their way into urban areas and destroying residents' yards, public parks, golf courses and more."

This year's contest ran two months longer than the inaugural one-month program and resulted in the elimination of 8,773 more hogs. There were 3,859 kills in 2010.

Clay County will receive \$15,000, Lavaca County will get \$10,000, and Callahan and

Goliad counties each will receive \$7,500. The formula for the awards was based on the number of animals killed and the number of people who attended educational forums on hog abatement.

Steven Sparkman, the Texas AgriLife extension agent in Hardeman County, said 44 counties participated this year, down from 60 last year.

Funds from winning the contest could be used to pay for construction of more hog traps to either give away or sell at a discounted price.

"We've been dealing with hogs here the last 20 years or so," he said. "And they've just progressively gotten worse."

An estimated 2.6 million hogs cause \$550 million in damage annually, including \$52 million in agricultural destruction.

Armed with razor-sharp tusks, the hogs shred fields and pastures and wreck ecosystems by wallowing in riverbeds and streams. Even perennials planted at graves aren't safe. In recent years, the hogs are increasingly showing up in urban neighborhoods around the state.

Feral hogs, which can stand 3 feet tall and weigh up to 400 pounds, make meals of lambs, kid goats, baby calves, newborn fawns and ground-nesting birds. They compete for food and room with many native species of wildlife.

The animals commonly destroy urban yards, parks and golf courses, as well as rangeland, pastures, crops, fencing, wildlife feeders and other property. Additionally, they contribute to E. coli and other diseases in Texas streams, ponds and watersheds.

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Las solicitudes para registrar candidaturas para FCMUD están ahora disponibles en la oficina de MUD, 310 Swampark Lane durante las horas normales de operación de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m. El último día para registrarse es el 5 de marzo, 2012.

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El Kinney County Heritage Museum está abierto hasta abril en el siguiente horario: 2º y 4º sábado del mes, de 1-4 p.m. y las fechas son: 11 y 25 de febrero; 10 y 24 de marzo; 14 y 28 de abril.

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Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Martes y Jueves: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Sábado: Mediodía - 8 p.m.; Domingo: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Por Leigh Castillo

Redactora Contribuyente

Tres semanas después de que se descarrilara un tren al oeste de Brackettville, los restos son casi cosa del pasado.

El 7 de febrero, el rancho del Condado de Kinney Jimmy Bader dijo que estaba sentado en el portal de su casa conversando con un amigo cuando justo antes de las 8 a.m. escuchó un ruido parecido a un òtrueno lejano. Bader es propietario y administrador de un rancho ubicado a 10 millas del lugar donde el òtrueno fue en realidad el sonido de 30 vagones de tren de Union Pacific que se amontonaron en una cuneta de la Carretera 90 y en la propiedad privada ubicada al sur de los rieles, después de un descarrilamiento.

Aproximadamente 30 horas después, no había necesidad de que los oficiales de Union Pacific dirigieran sus trenes por la ruta panorámica porque ya habían colocado nuevos rieles y reabierto el riel principal del Del Rio.

El martes, 28 de febrero, la Directora de Relaciones Públicas de Unión Pacific Raquel Espinoza no confirmó si un riel había sido la causa del descarrilamiento, aunque dijo que posteriormente se daría a conocer un informe oficial. Espinoza confirmó que las tres personas que viajaban en el tren no resultaron heridas.

Los 30 vagones que parecían juguetes de tamaño real esparcidos por el suelo casi todos han sido cortados en trozos pequeños por un grupo

de contratistas de Union Pacific y privados y llevados a los recicladores de metal.

Los vagones cisterna vacíos que recientemente habían cargado materiales potencialmente peligrosos están a la espera de equipos especiales de desecho para ser transportados de inmediato. El día del descarrilamiento, la amenaza de una posible fuga de un tanque de cloro requirió el cierre de la carretera, desde la Base de la Fuerza Aérea Laughlin hasta Ranch to Market Road 3008. El área fue evacuada hasta que el equipo de materiales peligrosos de Laughlin pudo inspeccionar los vagones dañados. No se detectaron fugas de peligrosos.

Espinoza dijo que se espera que el trabajo de limpieza dure una semana más.



Foto por Leigh Castillo

Ciudad aprueba ordenanza de permisos de construcción

Por Leigh Castillo

Redactora Contribuyente

El Concilio de la Ciudad de Brackettville aprobó una nueva ordenanza de permisos de construcción durante su sesión ordinaria del 14 de febrero.

La ordenanza, 2012-02-01, establece honorarios para la emisión de permisos de construcción expedidos por la Ciudad de Brackettville.

Los ciudadanos que deseen hacer cambios en el exterior de sus casas tendrán ahora que pagar un Honorario de Permiso de Construcción fijo de \$185.

Los honorarios para construcción comercial fueron

establecidos en una escala móvil que va de \$50 para un proyecto que no exceda de \$2,000 hasta \$3,233.75 para un proyecto que exceda de \$1 millón.

El permiso residencial o comercial puede obtenerse en el Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad (City Hall), ubicado en West Spring Street.

Los Concejales John Plunker Sheedy, Tencha Pena y Francisca Chica Hernandez votaron por unanimidad para aprobar la ordenanza tal como fue presentada. La Alcaldesa Zandra Negrete estuvo presente. Los Concejales Demetrius Williams y Rachel Munoz estuvieron

ausentes. La ausencia de Muñoz fue justificada por el concilio como justificada.

Las conversaciones sobre la creación de la ordenanza se realizaron durante las secciones de Comentarios Públicos de la sesión, ya que fue presentada ante el concilio en julio de 2011, sin embargo, el Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad cita el Código de Gobierno Local, Sección 101.021 (Government Code, Section 101.021) que permite a la ciudad vender un permiso sin expectativas futuras del cliente de que la ciudad inspeccionará posteriormente el trabajo que se esté realizando.

Tumbas poco profundas detienen proyecto de pavimentación de calles

Por Leigh Castillo

Redactora Contribuyente

El proyecto de pavimentación para algunas de las calles de Brackettville que más lo necesitan ha recibido una señal de alto rojo.

El juez del Condado de Kinney Tim Ward confirmó la manana del miércoles que el proyecto de subsidios que esperaban para iniciar la construcción en mayo, no recibido la autorización ambiental debido a que la Comisión Histórica de Texas había recibido recientemente un informe de "tumbas poco profundas en Gove Street."

El Juez Ward dijo que el proyecto no puede avanzar hasta que se determine si hay tumbas en o cerca de la calle actual que fue

originalmente pavimentada en la década de 1970.

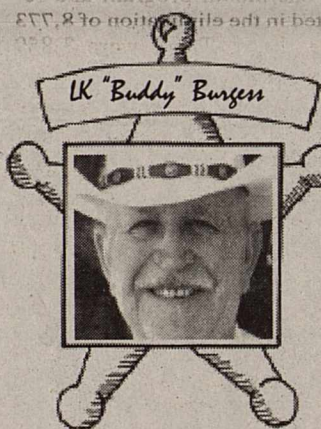
Ward, señaló que el subsidio de desarrollo comunitario "Community Development Block Grant" que será utilizado para pavimentar cerca de tres millas de calles de la ciudad pavimentar también calles de Brackettville hace 40 años.

"No nos vamos a dar por vencidos," dijo Ward, aunque dijo que pudieran contratarse los servicios de un arqueólogo para aclarar el asunto.

Se informó a este periódico que el viejo callejón que se encuentra entre Las Calles East El Paso y el fin de East Henderson fue cercado hace varios años, después de las quejas de que allí había tumbas sin nombre por el

Valentine Cemetery.

Informes del Departamento del Alguacil del Condado de Kinney



Lunes, 20 de febrero

Hector Manual Avendaño, Jr., de 59 años de edad, de Del Rio, fue arrestado por posesión de drogas y por dos delitos de posesión de una sustancia. Avendaño quedó en libertad después de depositar tres fianzas de \$2,500 el martes, 21 de febrero.

Un hombre se comunicó al departamento del alguacil para reportar que un venado estaba colgando de la cerca de un rancho, un poco más allá de la cooperativa eléctrica. Un guardabosques respondió.

Una mujer denunció un vehículo sospechoso cerca de un rancho al oeste de Brackettville. Un oficial del alguacil respondió.

Un agente de la Patrulla Fronteriza informó de dos vacas en medio de la Carretera 90, cerca de Elm Creek.

Martes, 21 de febrero
Una mujer llamó para reportar que un menor casi atropella a su perro cerca de Edward Street.

Una mujer llamó para reportar que el conductor de un camión manejaba imprudentemente por la Carretera 90 al oeste de Brackettville.

Una mujer llamó al 911 para reportar un accidente de motocicleta y vehículo cerca de la tienda Dollar General en Spring Street y que el hombre

en la motocicleta estaba lesionado. Oficiales del alguacil, Servicio de Emergencia Médica y Bomberos y Rescate respondieron a la llamada.

Una mujer llamó para informar de una vaca en medio de la carretera, por FM 2804, cinco millas fuera de Brackettville.

Miércoles, 22 de febrero
Keith A. Castillo, de 18 años de edad, de Del Rio, fue arrestado por robo en casa habitación y posesión de drogas. Castillo fue puesto en libertad el 23 de febrero, después de depositar dos fianzas de \$5,000.

Fort Clark de Security pidió una presencia policial para una persona que deseaba recoger un vehículo en Pompey Street.

Un hombre informó de dos menores corriendo en el bosque cerca de su casa llevando una hielera azul con tapa blanca. Sus perros lo habían alertado. Un oficial del alguacil respondió.

Jueves, 23 de febrero
Un operador de radio del Departamento del Alguacil (Sheriff) del Condado de Val Verde se comunicó para reportar que de una camioneta blanca F150 que circulaba con rumbo este por la Carretera 90 salían chispas de la parte de

atrás. La camioneta estaba causando fuego en el Condado de Val Verde y era necesario detenerla e informar al conductor. Los oficiales del alguacil respondieron.

Una enfermera informó que salió de la casa de un paciente de Brackettville, cuando se dio cuenta de un hombre que caminaba cerca, no estaba bien mentalmente y se tocaba el estómago. Un oficial del alguacil respondió.

El Departamento del Alguacil del Condado de Maverick informó al Departamento del Alguacil del Condado de Kinney que se les había caído un andador en la línea Maverick-Kinney.

Viernes, 24 de febrero
Un hombre dijo en persona que había llegado a Brackettville para ver a su hijo y que la madre no le permitía ver a su hijo. El oficial del alguacil en turno pudo ordenar a través de los detalles así como acuerdos verbales, amenazas hechas y términos de la sentencia de divorcio y aconsejó al hombre que regresara a casa sin la visita.

Una mujer llamó para informar de una ventana rota en su residencia. Dijo que no sabía si alguien la había quebrado o si alguien había tratado de

entrar. Un oficial del alguacil respondió.

Sábado, 25 de febrero
Leighton Satchie Dolan, de 56 años de edad, de Del Rio, fue arrestado por conducir en estado de ebriedad, segunda infracción. Leighton fue puesto en libertad el 25 de febrero tras pagar una fianza de \$3,500.

Varias llamadas recibidas en el 911 informaron de un posible conductor ebrio en la Carretera 90 hacia el este. El vehículo fue interceptado dentro de los límites de Brackettville y la conductora fue trasladada al departamento del alguacil.

La Patrulla Fronteriza de Estados Unidos informó que uno de sus agentes había estado involucrado en un accidente en la Carretera 131.

Domingo, 26 de febrero

Un hombre llamado para solicitar un cheque de bienestar (welfare) a nombre de una familia de Spofford. Los oficiales del alguacil que respondieron a la llamada informaron que la familia ya no reside en la casa en Spofford.

Un hombre llamado para informar que su vecino, quien se encontraba en estado de ebriedad estaba tocando a su perro pit bull que estaba atado en el interior de su patio y tenía miedo de que el perro acabara mordiendo al vecino. Los oficiales del alguacil respondieron.

Una mujer llamó para informar que tenía problemas con su nieto. Los oficiales del alguacil respondieron.

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BRACKETTVILLE

•New Listing: 106 West First Street Beautiful 1900 +/- sq. ft. home with 3BR/2B in a great neighborhood on 1 1/2 lots. Many custom upgrades REDUCED to \$144,900.
•403 Brown St. 2BR/1B Home on lg. lot
•7 City Lots - Spring St.
•109 W. Spring St.: Downtown Brackettville 4,400sq. ft. Great Rental Property!

RANCHES

•819 Acres: 16 miles N. of Brackettville on Hwy 674. Unbelievable Opportunity Price Reduced
•318 Acres: 17 miles S. of Brackettville on Hwy 131
•Carta Valley: Hunting Camp. 191 acres. Six miles west of Carta Valley. Includes RV 4 Deer Stands, generator and 12x20 storage bldg. \$925 per acre

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FOR SALE: Three bedrooms, 2 baths, with an addition downstairs formerly used as a poolroom. Two other small rooms could be used as sleeping quarters. Hardwood floors throughout most of the house, 2 fireplaces. A big area of the spacious yard is fenced. Asking price \$155,000 Available for rent
FOR SALE: Three bed/2 baths with over 3,000 sq. ft. it includes other smaller, multi-purpose rooms. Tiledownstairs and hardwood on second floor. Great view from the comfortable and roomy front porch. Many other attractive features. Asking price \$155,000
FOR SALE Impressive, ready to move in 1 bed/1 bath townhouse. All appliances, roofed front and back porches. \$50,000
PRICE REDUCED on 1 bed R.V. Second roof covers driveway and storage shed.
GOLF COURSE: Corner lot, Great location overlooking clubhouse and Las Moras Creek.
UNIT 15- BLISS CIRCLE- 3 CONTIGUOUS LOTS- Utilities on two lots.

ELECTION NOTICE

MARCH 5, 2012 THRU MARCH 24, 2012

When: Monday - Friday
Saturday the 10th & 24th

Time: 8:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-4:30pm

Where: Sheedy St. & Edwards St.

Who: City & County Residents

Cost: **FREE** (with the exceptions of tires)

Help Clean Up Our Community

Do Not Remove Items from the site!!

CITY & COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

BRING PROOF OF RESIDENCY

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- MATTRESSES
- FURNITURE
- BEDDING
- LUMBER
- METAL
- CLOTHES
- TIRES
- BURNABLE ITEMS
- TV'S

NOT ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
- OIL, PAINT, GAS, ETC.
- BATTERIES
- ROOFING MATERIALS
- TOILETS, SINKS, ETC.
- GLASS

YOU HAUL IT! YOU UNLOAD IT!

Tire Disposal Fee:
Car/Truck: \$2.50 each
Tractor/Etc: \$5.00 each

FIRST 4 TIRES FREE! (Per Household)
Residential Customers Only
• Must bring payment receipt from City Hall.