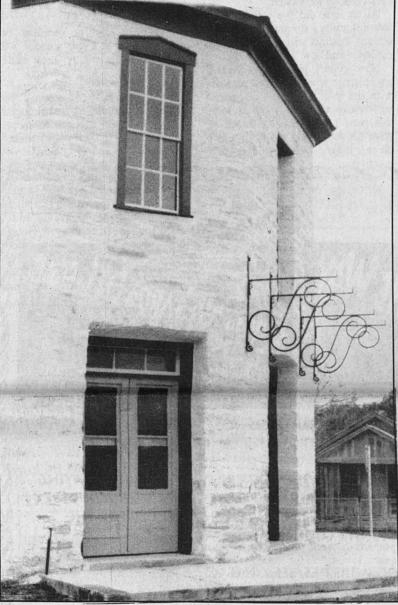
Brackettville, Fort Clark, Spofford, and Kinney County, Texas

"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have twice as much foresight."

## **Kinney County Historical Commission Sponsors Benefit To Complete Restoration** To Filippone Building For Museum

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The Kinney County Historical Commission has taken the lead in yet another community project to not only preserve local history and architecture but to beautify.



The Filippone Building is the subject and the goal is to restore the structure and establish the Kinney County Museum.

Commission Chairman B. Peter Pohl is in the process of doing the paper work to apply for a Texas Historical Marker for the building.

Briefly, in the mid-1800s, the Italian Filippone Family moved to Brackettville and opened a general store to supply goods to nearby Fort Clark and Kinney County. The store was housed in the lower floor of the uniquely designed rock building and they lived in quarters on the top floor.

A number of years after the business closed, and after one or more subsequent owners, the building became the property of the City of Brackettville. Several years ago, restoration was begun, funded by a gift from the Moody Foundation and other contributions with the stipulation that the building be used as a meeting place and as a museum.

With those funds and some city funds, much of the exterior of the building was restored but the money available was insufficient to complete the restoration and work has been delayed.

Recently the City has transferred ownership of the building to Kinney County with the same restrictions on use of the building; however, there is enough flexibility that the county has been able to lease the small north room to Middle Rio Grande Development Council to use for the Brackettville JTPA office. MRGDC is helping financially to bring that part of the structure into ADA compliance.



The first activity is an 1880s Barbecue, Auction, and Dance at the Kinney County Civic Center Saturday, December 11, 1993, beginning at

Now you have the opportunity to join in the project and enjoy good food...good bargains at the auction and just in time for Christmas shopping...good music (Southern Exposure)...good dancing...and the end results of the Kinney County Museum! It's all in one package - don't miss

**Kinney County Civic Center** Saturday, December 11, 1993 9:00 p.m. Dance 8:00 p.m. Auction 7:00 p.m. Barbecue

# **Brackettville Post Office**

Will Be Open From 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Next Two Saturdays **December 11 And December 18** 



## Santa Has Been Kidnapped

without Santa Claus, and it seems that's the state Brackettville is in. Santa made an early appearance; in fact, he spent a couple of days sitting on the vintage fire truck at City Hall. He looked so contented and happy to be there; imagination says he was fulfilling a life-long desire to ride a fire truck.

gone. He didn't even have a chance to say, "Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christ- lower???

Christmas just won't be the same mas" one last time before he departed. But, then he hadn't planned to leave so abruptly. In fact, he was kidnapped!

> The City of Brackettville, all the kids by virtue of age, and all us kids at heart, would certainly appreciate it if whoever took Santa would please return him immediately.

Pranks can be excusable Then, alas, Saturday Santa was acceptable, but come on, stealing Santa Claus - is there a crime

## **Commissioners Award Paving Contracts**

The Kinney County Commissioners Court met in special session at 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 6, 1993. Present were Judge Tim Ward and Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Plunker

Sheedy, and Cordelia Mendeke. Bids were received from Cummings Construction and Bobby Hall for paving city streets and the parking lot of the Aging Services property.

Cummings Construction, Midland firm, presented the lowest bid which was \$3.95 per yard.

The court approved awarding a contract to Cummings for street paving not to exceed \$13,308. Payment will come from grant fun-

A separate contract was approved for paving approximately 1000 yards of the Kinney County Aging Services parking lot with payment from the county capital improvement

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

## Session Set For Regional Addressing

## Concerning 9-1-1

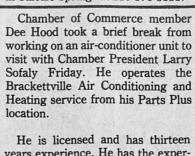
The Middle Rio Grande Development Council 9-1-1 Planning Staff and representatives of United Aerial Mapping of San Antonio will be holding an open question & answer session concerning the 9-1-1 Regional Addressing Project.

Topics to be discussed include basemap features, graphic & database formats, GIS support, methodology of addressing and related topics.

'We expect this meeting to shed some light on the overall project, and we request input from our local governments, public utilities, conservation districts, postal service, citizens, private industry, emergency services, and other related services," said M. Forrest Anderson, 9-1-1 Specialist. This project has the capability and a long term goal of establishing city block style addresses for rural residents thus reducing response time of emergency units in locating the individual(s) in need.

This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Motel, 920 E. Main St., Uvalde, Texas at 10:00 a.m. on December 16, 1993.

Please R.S.V.P. to attend only by calling the Middle Rio Grande Development Council Central Office in Carrizo Springs at 210-876-3533.



He is licensed and has thirteen ears experience. He has the expertise to take care of home and business units and also RVs.

His telephone number is 563-2544. He will continue to operate the full service garage and parts store. The air conditioning is an additional



**Howard Wakefield District Deputy For Masonic Lodge** 

On Saturday, December 4, 1993 Howard Wakefield was named Masonic District 43 Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas. His responsibilities will include visiting the Masonic lodges of District 43, dispensing instructions from the Grand Worshipful Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and representing the Grand Master at other times as requested.

December 9, 1993

The appointment was made at the closing session of the 158th Grand Lodge. His wife, Nadine, accompanied him to Grand Lodge.

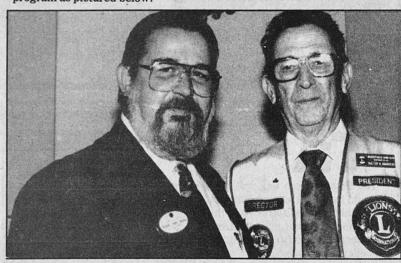
Wakefield has a distinguished Masonic background which includes being raised a Master in Columbus, Mississippi in 1963. He transferred his membership to Uvalde in 1964, and then to Dimmitt Lodge in 1986.

He served as Worshipful Master of the Dimmitt Lodge in 1987 and then as secretary until he and Nadine moved to Fort Clark Springs in 1990. At that time he transferred his membership to Las Moras Lodge

District 43 is composed of Las Moras Lodge (Brackettville), Val Verde Lodge (Del Rio), Uvalde Lodge, Eagle Pass Lodge, Dimmitt Lodge (Carrizo Springs), and Zavala Lodge (Crystal City).

# 'Lion of the Year' Sofaly

Thursday evening, December 2, 1993, the Brackettville Lions Club met at Las Moras Inn with a number of special features composing the program as pictured below.



District Governor Mike Rourke, left, was keynote speaker. Brackett President Lion Walt Bauguess, right, responsed by leading a procession of local Lions in presenting financial support to the Governor for the District's service program and making the Brackettville Lions a 100%



Highlight of the evening was the announcement that Lion Lou Sofaly was chosen "Lion of the Year." Lion Peter Pohl, right, presented the symbolic bronze-colored ceramic lion to Sofaly. Lion Sid Sponholtz has made the lions for the presentation for the past several years.

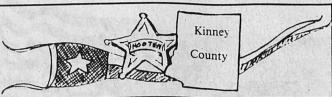


Thursday evening was "Lions Guest" night and Lou Sofaly, second from right, along with being named "Lion of the Year" proudly introduced his family, at left, his daughter-in-law, Linda Sofaly, his son, Lion Larry Sofaly, and at right his wife, Evelyn. They were wearing these smiles even before the announcement of Lion Lou's award.



# Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



A 26-year old Mexican National (a resident alien) was arrested at the Border Patrol checkpoint east of Brackettville on Hwy. 90 Tuesday afternoon, December 7, 1993, and charged with Aggravated Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, a 1st degree felony offense, after Border Patrol agents at checkpoint investigated suspicious looking fenders on the rear side panels of a 1984 Ford pickup driven by the suspect. Upon further investigation of the truck by the alert agents, a total of 94 pounds of the illegal weed was discovered hidden in secret compartments in the fender wells of the vehicle.

Sergio Rosales Hernandez (who gave investigating officers several names - aliases - and addresses) is believed to be a current resident of Fresno, Texas, was arrested at the scene by Drug Agents of the Amistad Area Narcotics Task Force after the initial arrest of the suspect by U.S. Border Patron agents. Hernandez was charged under federal statutes and transported to Val Verde County Jail in Del Rio, Texas, released on that day. where he is being held at the time of this writing pending a bond hearing before a federal magistrate.

in the paper November 24.

Sheriff's Department.

discussing the situation.

Big Mama

Hernandez could face a maximum penalty of 99 years and a \$50,000.00 fine, of course, in these days and times of ever increasing permissiveness in the courts, it is not anticipated that the maximum penalty will be imposed if a conviction is obtained in this case. The minimum penalty that can be imposed under the applicable statutes in this case is 5 years, and of course, we have to consider possible probation.

Locally, James Logan Clarkson, 38, of Brackettville went to County Court on Tuesday, December 7th, to answer charges of Driving While Licensed Suspended filed against him on December 2, 1993. On a plea of guilty of which he elected to lay out in jail with credit for time served at a rate of \$50.00 per day. Another charge of Public Intoxication on which he was convicted in Justice Court and fined a total of \$85.00 has already been resolved with credit for jail time served. Clarkson will have served out his fines by December 11, 1993, and is scheduled to be

Another Brackettville resident, Benjamin Tovar, 35, also appeared in County Court Tuesday to answer If convicted of the 1st degree Class A Misdemeanor charges of felony charges pending against him Resisting Arrest filed on him after

Public Apology To Sheriff's Department

The Board of Commissioners and the Executive Director for the

Brackettville Housing Authority would like to make a public apology to

Sheriff Hooten for comments that were made against him and his depar-

tment in the City Council Meeting Minutes of November 17 and printed

As it turned out, the tenant complaint was never called in to the

We would like to thank Sheriff Hooten and Chief Deputy Johnny Frit-

Sheriff Hooten and his department are doing a very good job, and we

There's so much pride that comes from solving your own

PLEASE REMEMBERthat we attempt to include

something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We

number of erors within our publication.

ter for coming to our Board Meeting Tuesday, December 7, 1993, and

do apologize for the misunderstanding situation that occurred.

an incident which occurred the night of December 2, 1993. He also pled guilty and was assessed a fine of \$850.00 and court costs of \$130.50 for a total of \$980.50 which he will serve out in jail at the \$50.00 per day rate. However, Tovar is also charged with Felony DWI and Felony Assault on a Peace Officer also filed on him resulting from the same incident. These cases will be presented to the Kinney County Grand Jury at their next meeting. In the interim he will remain in jail in lieu of bonds totaling \$5,000.00. He also has pending against him misdemeanor charges of No Driver's License, a Justice Court case. If indicted on the two felony charges, Tovar will face trials in those cases at a later date.

We have also been kept busy investigating numerous cases of domestic disturbances in Brackettville and one rural county case of criminal trespass and allowing domenstic livestock to roam free. The latter case is still under investigation at the time of this writing and though no charges have yet been filed in this case we anticipate doing so in the near future. That's All!

## LETTER TO EDITOR

A challenge to return to Constitutional "Government of the People, by the People, for the People..." Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, copies readily available from U.S. Government Book Store,

Gulf Freeway, Houston.
"We, the Sovereign People of Brackettville, Kinney County, and the outlying states and nation (Old Mexico) do swear to uphold the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the bylaws, rules and regulations of Brackettville, Kinney County, and the State of Texas; thereby, relieving the local, state, and federal law enforcing agencies of some of their load; freeing them to enforce laws against murder, rape, extortion, fraud, and so on...

James, Inspired Writer, in his letter (epistle) wrote, "In many ways we (servants of God) offend all (everyone); if any man (woman, boy, girl) the same is a perfect one and able also to bridle the whole body..." Look it up and put it into daily practice; you'll be glad you did.

Sincerely, /s/ Darwin H. Plummer

### realize that that some folks enjoy finding fault and for LETTER TO EDITOR those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable

Share Joy Of Holidays Without Excessive Loud Music

With the upcoming holiday season, we all have more opporseason, we all have more oppor-tunities for expressing concern and consideration for our friends and

neighbors. Many will gather to enjoy the festive activities at the Civic Center. However, when music is provided for dancing or listening pleasure, please consider the residents and ensure the volume of the music is

not disturbing to the neighborhood. In addition to reducing the volume of the music perhaps the band, disc jockey, speakers and/or amplifiers could be placed in the west end of the building away from private residences.

Let's be good neighbors. Enjoy the activities at the Civic Center; yet allow nearby residents the privilege of enjoying their holidays without being overwhelmed by loud

> Happy Holidays, /s/ Ann Wuertz

## **Democratic Scene In Kinney County**

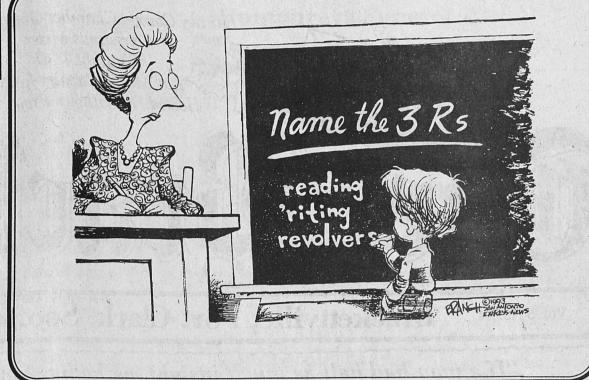
At press time, the following had filed for positions on the Democratic Party Primary Ballot - election March 8, 1994.

County Judge Tommy Seargeant County Treasurer Maria Elena Pena County Treasurer Mary V. Flores Dist/Co. Clerk Dora Elia Sandoval Justice of Peace Leonardo Luna Deadline for filing January 3, 6 pm Place for filing 507 N. Ann

To vote in the March 8 election, a voter registration must be completed by February 6. Also, last day to change voting precinct.



You're always trying to cut corners! You can't install a wood floor over carpet!"



# Between Us



Common sense and criminal prosecution continue to take a beating.

A man is convicted by a jury of his peers of a vicious and brutal murder. A court more interested in catering to criminals than to their punishment reversed the verdict.

The prosecution had among other things taken a blood sample with a 'faulty warrant." It's legal to take the blood but you must be careful to

see the paper work is in order. Other such reasons were cited.

At no time did the court say he was not guilty - simply lacking were actions dealing with details of the evidence and how it was obtained.

Now comes into the picture a psychiatrist who had three sessions with the man and some discussion with family and friends and declares this man is not capable of doing what he was found guilty of and a naive judge believes him and reduces bond so the man can go free and even allows him to leave the

With this kind of coddling of murderers, it is small wonder we have more murders by these same

The crimes committed by criminals on parole, on probation, on early release will continue as courts and judges fail in their responsibility to victims and pamper criminals.





YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR A NEW PROPANE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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## **Education And Athletics**

By Judith Zaffirini State Senator, District 21

"Sports constantly demands on the participant for top performance, and they develop integrity, self-reliance, and initiative," noted U.S. Supreme Court Justice Byron White, former all-star football player. "They teach you a lot about working in groups, without being duly submerged in the group."

Top performance for Texas students includes scholastic achievement and physical fitness. This column will focus on how the self-reliance and initiative developed through student sports programs can enhance classroom learning.

Coach Walter Kramer of Edward White Middle School in San Antonio's Northeast ISD believes that values learned through competitive sports can improve students' performance in class and at home. He calls his players "student-athletes" to remind them that they are students first and that they must do well in their classes to play on Eagle teams. He then praises his team members

## **Driving Tests** License Renewal

An officer from the Texas Depar tment of Public Safety will be at the County Courtroom, Kinney County Court House, each 1st and 3rd Thursday and each 5th Thursday, during the normal working hours of county offices.

The officer will be available to give driving tests, or to renew drivers licenses.

The need for praise is why students "sometimes head for athletics and away from academics," reports Kramer, referring to the appeal of a cheering crowd. "Nobody cheers when you

make an "A" in class. The Eagles' motto is "give 300%; 100% at home, 100% in class, 100% on the court." By involving parents and other teachers in team activities, Coach Kramer ensures that his student-athletes have the support they need to do their best at everything. He also praises other extracurricular activities such as band and drama which promote school spirit and teamwork.

This impressive student-athlete program is consistent with the University Interscholastic League's goal of "educational excellence through competition" and with the "no pass, no play" rule implemented in 1984.

The rule requires students to maintain a 70% average in every class to particiate in extracurricular activities. Those who fail a class will be excluded from school-sponsored activities, including band, orchestra, sports, drama and 4-H, for six weeks, a typical grading period.

Some argue that the rule, while often effective, is too punitive. Sitting out for six weeks could mean, for example, that a student misses an entire season or loses membership on a team. The resulting demoralization could impact academic performance negatively, the reverse of the desired effect.

During the last session some legislators attempted to shorten the waiting period to two or three weeks but failed. Our consensus was. however, that whatever the waiting

as much for their grades and period, the "no pass, no play" rule positive attitudes as for their athletic sends students the right message that good grades are a prerequisite for participation in extracurricular

activities. As a mother of an 11-year-old student-athlete, I am amazed at the values, attitudes and benefits associated with sound sports programs. What's more, I am delighted by the wholesome family activities related to spectator sports at various levels.

Outstanding student-athletes sometimes are motivated by sportsrelated scholarships and-or careers. The most impressive high school athletes often win collegiate athletic scholarships, and some college athletes later play as professionals.

In November's issue of Fiscal Notes Comptroller John Sharp reports that Texas reaps revenues and recognition from expanding professional sports programs. He estimates that our professional athletes earn an average of \$635,000 per year and are supported by approximately 6.5 million fans who spent more than \$6 million last year. "Franchise values and related sales tax revenues run up the score for the state's economy," Sharp noted.

Texas is home to eight major league teams: the Texas Rangers and Houston Astros, baseball; San Antonio Spurs, Dallas Mavericks and Houston Rockets, basketball; Dallas Cowboys and Houston Oilers, football; and the newly acquired Dallas Stars hockey team. Additionally, Texas hosts 151 rodeos and 11 golf tournaments annually. Dallas may host the 1994 World Cup, the international 52-team soccer championship.

"Winning isn't everything," said Vince Lombardi. "Wanting to win

## MEMBER 1993

The Brackett News welcomes letters to the Editor. The Editor reserves the right to edit all letters submitted for length and context. Letters will be edited to avoid the use of profanity or libelous statemen-

ts pertaining to the rights of citizens. Letters published and columnist's viewpoints do not necessarily reflect

the beliefs of this newspaper.

All letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank You!

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# Library Notes



**Library Hours** 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday **Closed Tuesday** 

Happy Holidays! If that doesn't get you in the holiday spirit then come by the library and see our beautifully decorated Christmas tree. I would like to thank Earlene Thurber for her donation of the glorious 7-foot Scottish pine and twinkling tree lights, and thanks also to Jari Thompson for helping me decorate the tree. It was a dirty job, but somebody had to do it. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Yes, we now have a FAX machine and it is ready for public use. At the present time, we are running a test cost of \$2.00 for the first page and \$1.00 per page there after for outgoing fax, and \$1.00 per page for incoming fax. Give our fax a try. At the library, we always get the "fax straight."

New books are something that we are never in short supply of. Come by and check out some of these new titles: The Texas Biographical Dictionary; Camera Maintenance & Repair by Thomas Tomosoy, Grieving: A Love Story by Ruth Pollack; Living With Killer Bees: The Story Of The Africanized Bee Invasion by Greg Flakes; Jonathan Livingston Seagull by Richard Bach, He Was Her Man by Sarah Shankman, and J.K. Lasser's Year-Round Tax Strategies, 1994. In order to better answer some of your reference questions, we also have The New York Public Library Desk Reference, Book Of Chronologies, and Book Of How And Where To Look It Up.

Many thanks to everyone who donated books and magazines to the library this past week.

The library will be closed Wednesday, December 22nd from noon until 5:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday, December 23 and 24 for Christmas Holidays. Merry Christmas everyone!

# Identify The Picture

The first person to come! by The Brackett News and correctly identify this picture will receive Brackett News cap!



**Look Again** 

Genealogists and historians, the library now has our very own microfiche microfilm reader/printer. This coin-operated printer is reconditioned and is ready for your use.

As always, we invite you to visit the friendliest little library in Kinney County.

Kinney County Library Staff & Volunteers

# Bridge Anyone



At the November 30th meeting of the Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club, 61/2 tables played the Mitchell Movement.

Tina Bauguess and Rozetta Pingenot won first place in the N/S direction. Lamont and Marie Mc-Candless won second place with Fred Clayton and Betty Inman coming in third.

Dr. Ed Prue and Nancy O'Brien won first place in the E/W direction. Ben Pingenot and Norma Gould won second place with Ruth Wilks and Madge Batchelor winning third.

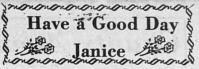
December 14 will be the Club's Christmas Party.



There is a young lady in high school who was born here as were her parents.

She is an exceptional student. She is outstanding as an athlete. She is morally a fine individual.

She is a good daughter and one to be proud of. She is friendly and outgoing. To know her is to like her. Surely Denice Frerich is an "Unsung Hero."

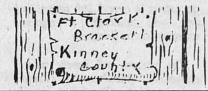


## Thank You

On behalf of the Garza Family, we want to express our heartfelt thanks to all the people for the calls of comfort, cards, donations, flowers, food and prayers at the death of Juan Garza, Jr.

> Thank you and God bless. The Garza Family

## Community Calendar



AA: Mondays, 8 p.m., Slator Hall, 109 W. James St. Al-Anon: CAN HELP. Call 563-9205 for time & location of meetings. Altar Society: 1st Monday, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall. Bass Club: Last Thursday, 7 p.m.

BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., School Board Room.

Rof J Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 2nd & 4th Monday, 7 p.m. Preceptor Theta Sigma (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Laureate Iota Epsilon (all year)

**Book Club** Thursdays, 9:30, Golf Club Chamber of Commerce: 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Cavalry Room. City Council: 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House. Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 Noon, Laughlin

AFB. Reservations required. FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Service Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.

Drivers License: 1st, 3rd, & Last Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 12 Noon; 1 - 3 p.m., Court House

Duplicate Bridge: Tuesday, 7 p.m., Shafter Hall. FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday 11 a.m., Meeting 1st

Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio.

FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 10 a.m., Shafter Hall. FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m., Board Room.

FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Shafter Hall.

FCS Museum/Sutler's Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 p.m. FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant.

Make reservations at Adult Center.

FCS VFW Post #8360 & Auxiliary: 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m. Pot Luck,

7:00 p.m. meetings, Service Club.

FCS Bingo: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Shafter Hall.
FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Sabre Room. Friends of Library: No regular schedule. Call library for information. KC Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.

KC Kickers: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Service Club. Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 Noon, Parish Hall. Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.

Masonic Lodge #444: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St. Order of Rastern Star #204: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell St., Del Rio.

Shriners: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant. Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, Noon, Slator Hall. Please

Creative Writing Group: Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Golf Club Snack Bar.

# **Around the Fort**

**Ceramic Shop Hours** 

Sat: Noon to 5:00 p.m. Sun. 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Mon. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Ladies Exercise

Activity Center. Monday, 10 a.m. Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Friday 10 a.m.

Arts & Crafts Class

**Every Monday Afternoon** Call Adult Center, 563-2024, for information.

Adult Center **Thursday Night Movie** 

**Memorial Tree Planting For Fort Clark** 

A \$25.00 donation may be in memory of a friend or family member ... or any person is welcome to make a donation to help with the development and beautifucation of Fort Clark Springs.

**ADDRESS** NAME IN HONOR OF IN MEMORY OF ACKNOWLEDGE DONATION TO ADDRESS TYPE TREE (OAK) (PECAN) AMOUNT DONATED

Send donation to Fort Clark Springs, P.O. Box 345 Brackettville TX 78832

**Voice Christmas Concert** 

Sunday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.

1-4 p.m.

7:00 p.m.



## From The Manager's Office

Members: If you missed the Christmas Party/Prime Rib Dinner Saturday, December 4, you missed the best GALA of the year. General Manager Pete Cook and Restaurant Manager Tammy Melton, along with a group of member volunteers put their best foot forward for all who

Les Roper provided the best dancing and singing music in town. Mae Roper served as "Hostess" while Pete and Georgia Cook visited with many of the more than 100 members who attended. Sorry you missed it but put it on your "must go" calendar for next year!

A special recognition to Bill Sampson and Rick Hutton for their fast action in rescuing Treg Mitchell from his burning vehicle. The response from the E,M,S, Unit administering assistance and delivering Treg to Val Verde Hospital should be recognized also. To all of the above, we owe you a tremendous Thank You and Job Well Done!

Dont forget to attend the "Voices Christmas Program" at Town Hall, Sunday, December 12, 1993, 7 p.m.

Do you like to dance? Do you want to learn the latest "country" steps for couples and line dancing? - then Members, sign up at the Adult Center. Ray and Jo Entrikin will be the instructors and classes will be held in the evening. Class starting date will be announced.

Have you been watching all the home Christmas lights and decorations popping up all over the Fort? If you think you have the "greatest" display, call the Adult Center and have yor home entered into the annual Home Christmas Decoration Contest. Judging will take place on Monday, December 20th.

## **Theta Sigma Makes Donation To Texas State Service Project**

At their regular meeting on Monday night, December 6, at the home of Dee Curry, Theta Sigma members voted to contribute to the Beta Sigma Phi Texas State Service Project. Again this year the majority of the chapters in Texas voted for the Children's Dialysis Division of Baylor College of Medicine to be

their state service project. The children needing this equipment and the specially trained personnel to operate it at the Texas Childrens Hospital in Houston is growing each year. The dialysis

procedures being helped by these

funds and the great help from the

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if you could change your

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Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

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food: A good steak.

book: Mysteries.

describe you: ???

Brackettville

Golf, travel.

Describe

Outgoing.

Scotland.

movie: Lonesome Dove.

have been a true success story.

The Texas State Convention for 1994 will be held in Dallas June 2-5 at the Fairmont Hotel.

There will be a highway clean-up Saturday morning, December 11, with all three local Beta Sigma Phi chapters participating.

Dee Curry presented a most interesting program from the quote "The measure of choosing well is whether you like and find good in what you have chosen." All members joined in the discussion.

Pat McKelvy won the door prize. Refreshments were served to Leslie Houk, Marty Isenberg, Luella Gilliland, Nancy Frerich, Jan Chism, Clara McCord, Pat McKelvy, Dee Gaston, Dee Curry, and a guest, Chick Cruse.

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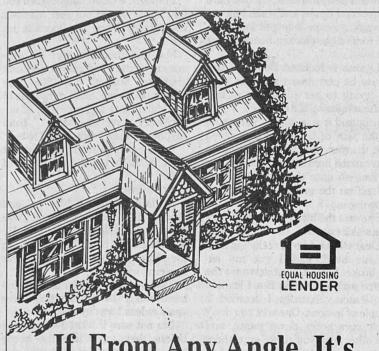
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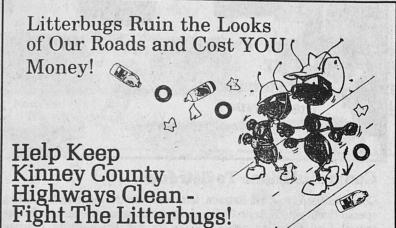
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## Messing Up Lessons

hard life is for a young man that wants to do right, but just can't seem to get it together.

I learned early it didn't make any difference what it was you were trying to do. If it failed, you'd be in a mess of trouble with the older people that hung around just so they could catch you messing up.

For this reason, I have always been one to try and do it right the first time.

Not many people know that, because most have seen me mess things up for the first time. And usually they'd be so disgusted they'd leave before I could make the proper apologies or quit bawling long enough to straighten out the mess I caused.

The schooling I got concerning mess-ups has carried over into my adult life. I'm not saying I don't mess things up anymore: I'm just saying it's harder to catch me at it.

Once when I was just a kid, I tried to talk my little sister into parachuting out of the barn loft. I had snuck a pillow case from the hall closet and with the help of my pertnear perfect memory (I'd seen a picture of a parachute somewhere one time ) I used plenty of binder twine and old harness leather to make one.

It wasn't that I was afraid to use it myself. But, see, as the parachute designer, I needed to watch it work so I could build another one, and both of us could jump at the same

The thing was, I needed a test

time later. It didn't work all that well.

It must've been the way I had it packed down the back of my kid sister's pants. By the time I managed to get her throwed out the barnloft door (jumping conditions protested somewhat by the test jumper), I realized I was standing in the barn loft with the rip cord still in my hand. I was also pretty well scratched up.

Back a few minutes earlier, when I was in the process of convincing my kid sister to jump for the glory of the free world, I failed to notice that Dear Old Dad had backed the pickup into the barn for some unknown reason. All that was sticking out was the cab.

Anyway, the chute didn't open, and my timing was as awful as usual. Baby Sister hit the cab of the pickup just about the same time Dear Old Dad was getting ready to

get out. I knew right away something was wrong. I had jumped out of that barn loft several times, and when I hit the ground, it never sounded quite like the roof of the chicken house caving

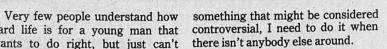
I guess it spooked Dear Old Dad 'cause he pert near ripped his head off trying to get out of the pickup without opening the door.

I figured it was all that parachute in the seat of her pants that saved her. It was probably the padding that caused her to bounce off the top of the cab onto the hood and then roll off on the ground and skin her

She was the lucky one. All she got was a skint nose.

Dear Old Dad got a really big knot on his head, and I got my sitter broke. I couldn't sit down for the better part of a week. But I learned my lesson. Actually I learned a couple of lessons. One was you don't pack parachutes down pants, and the other was you make sure there ain't no pickups in the way when you test a parachute.

Like I said, I've learned a lot about messing up. I have also learned that when I'm going to do



Kind of like the other day when it was just me and my grandson, Joe, at the house.

Joe is in the second grade, and in spite of taking after his Mammy (his grandmaw, the Little Woman) in his ungodly talent for messing things up, he is a pretty good kid. To my knowledge, he isn't afraid of anything except me, and that's only when I'm riled.

We had spent the afternoon with him working the roping chutes for me, and after a quick soda pop at the house, we went out to do the chores and look over the roping steers.

Joe had told me he would like to be a bull rider. (That statement clinched my argument that he took after his Mammy). Me being the type not to mouth off, I didn't discourage him - but I didn't really encourage him

The situation was this. We was in the steer pen, and he mentioned again his desire to be an ox jobber, and I figured, why not? I had a big blue-roan steer that was pretty gentle and easy to get around, so I thought he might just let the kid sit on him. I grabbed the steer by one horn, and with my free hand, I put Joe on top. Well, the steer sidestepped a time or two and then just started walking around the steer pen with what looked like might be a future champion on his back.

I guess I got a little carried away with Joe's excitement. He was doing so good, I asked him if he thought he could rear back and stab that old

Joe said he could. I said, "Well, do it."

I had never seen a little kid get throwed quite that high before.

I tried to catch him before he hit the ground, but me being the slim, trim, athletic figure I am, I was just a tad late. When I got to him his eyes was still kinda rolling around and he wasn't real real sure what had happened. I checked him out real close, and I asked him if he was

I had him up facing me and, over my shoulder, the house. He was having a little trouble standing up. When I asked him one more time if he was all right, he managed to give me an answer which made me realize I had better do something before Mammy got home.

What he said was, "No, Pawpaw, I'm not hungry. You can have the

I thought a cloud had covered the sun, but it turned out that Mammy was already home and looming up

She was fixing to hurt me permanent 'cause I had got her precious grandson bucked off. She was talking bad to me, and I'm not one to just stand there and take a lot of unnecessary verbal abuse from anyone. At least I didn't used to be.

I told her he wasn't hurt and just leave us alone and I'd take care of

Mammy gathered him up and headed for the house and was making a terrible fuss over him. He was tough, and he wasn't crying, but the little readheaded traitor was agreeing with her.

That was the day I made up my mind never to do anything ever again unless I was by myself.

I'm not sure if what Joe said just before they went into the house helped me or not, but at least he was thinking about me.

"That's okay, Mammy," he said. "He won't get me killed on purpose."



## **Congratulations To Estrada**

Congratulations to Elvia Estrada, left, who won the raffle turkey, and a special thank you to Anna Garza, right, for donating the turkey, for the special fund raiser to provide funds for the Brackettville Housing Authority Christmas party and gifts.

# Chronicles Of Fort Clark, Texas By Donald A. Swanson (To run in installments)

Sgt. John B. Charlton Fourth Cavalry Regiment Trooper

As a young lad, he had the desire to be a soldier and evidently his father encouraged it by telling him the soldier had qualities he needed to develop. Unfortunately, his father died when he was nine years old. As a young lad (15) he ran away from home and joined Company K, 1st U.S. Artillery on December 19, 1862, and served until December 19. 1865 (1890 Census data).

The book "Old Sergeant" reports that in Charlton's own letter that he joined Company K, 1st U.S. Artillery, April 14, 1865. Due to health and advanced age (75) he is probably referring to a second enlistment in 1st U.S. Artillery.

April 1865, Charlton re-enlisted in Light Battery "K", 1st U.S. Artillery (Brig. Gen. William M. Graham) and served until April 14, 1870 (22). Charlton then enlisted on April 14, 1870, in Troop "F", 4th U.S. Cavalry, then under the command of Captain Wirt Davis (later Brig. Gen.) and still later under Captain Robert C. Carter. He served the 4th Cavalry in this enlistment until April 1875. He again re-enlisted in the 4th Cavalry, April 23, 1875, and he was discharged on Special Orders War Department after he made application to President Grant.

On his service in the Light Artillery, he found Captain Graham "to be the hardest taskmaster who ever wore the Blue." However, when Charlton first enlisted in Light Artillery battery, he was counseled by Captain Graham, "I have seen your family tree which dates back to an old royal debauchee in England and I know your people, you should go home and go to school." Charlton's desire overcame the advice of his commander and he remained in Captain Graham's Company "K."

During his service he stated Captain Graham "made me" (promoted in rank) and "broke me" (demoted to private) so often that I put my chevrons (non-commissioner officer stripes) on with hooks and eyes. "Once we caught a venerable looking old billy goat and painted 'Old Billy' on his side in big letters and the old rascal went directly up and laid himself down on Captain Graham's porch. Of course, Captain Graham sent for the 'damned boys' and we had to lie fluently and plentifully to 'save our skins'.'

Charlton's service with 4th Cavalry was taken in serious and soldierly vein and for this he was noted by his officers as an exceptional solider. His most recognized soldierly act was when the Kiowas Indian Chiefs - Big Tree, Satanta,

and Setank - were taken prisoners by General of the Army W.T. Sherman on the porch of Colonel Gierson's Quarters at Fort Sill

General Sherman ordered Colonel Ranald Mackenzie and his 4th Cavalry to take the three Kiowa prisoners from Fort Sill, Indian Territory, to Fort Richardson, Texas, where they could be tried for the murders of Henry Warren's Government Corn Train. Charlton. who was a corporal at that time, was ordered in charge of the second wagon to carry prisoners. The first wagon was Corporal Robinson and Private Cannon, and Setank was loaded aboard for the trip. On Charlton's wagon was Private Beals along with the other two prisoners, Big Tree and Santanta.

After the heavy guarded wagons got underway, Setank began a death song chant but was mostly ignored by the military. After the procession got well on the road to Fort Richardson, Charlton, who had been alerted because of the death song chant, heard a commotion in the first wagon and looking out, he saw Corporal Robinson turn a back summersault out of his wagon and almost immediately out the other side came Private Cannon, both had left their Spencer Carbines.

Setank, with both hands free, had picked up one of their carbines and was trying to work the lever. Charlton immediately raised his carbine and fired at the old Kiowa Chief and he fell over. While Charlton was levering another load into his carbine, Setank had raised himself to a sitting position and was still trying to work the carbine. This time Setank was sitting with his side facing Charlton and Charlton fired the second time sending the bullet clear through the chief's chest. After Setank's body was dumped along side of the road, the procession proceeded on toward Fort Richar-

Due to Colonel Mackenzie's cautions for an attack by the Kiowa tribe on the way to Fort Richardson, the two prisoners were staked to ground by hands and feet, but since the mosquitos took unmerciful attacks on the Kiowas, Captain Carter felt sorry for the Indians. He placed sentinels over each to chase the mosquitos away with branches. Not to leave the reader in suspense, Big Tree and Santanta reached Fort Richardson, were tried in the Texas court, convicted, and sent to the Huntsville Prison.

(Continued next week)

# **Local Masons Attend Grand Lodge**

By BRUCE CLEMENTS

The Las Moras Masonic Lodge #444 was well represented at the 158th Grand Lodge Communications in Waco, Texas, from December 2 - 4, 1993. The Grand Lodge was officially called to order at 1:30 p.m. on December 2.

Those attending from the Las Moras Lodge were Worshipful Master Leonard Mahefky, Senior Warden Thomas Faulkenberry, Junior Warden John Taunt, Senior Deacon Jack Phillips, and Past Masters Howard Wakefield, Ray Kurtz, and Bruce Clements.

There are 158.510 Masons in 927 chartered lodges in Texas. Of this total, 4,326 Texas Masons registered at Grand Lodge with many Masons visiting from other states, Canada, England, and Japan.

One of the highlights of the Communications was a program by students of the Masonic Home and School. The program was titled "Texas Is," a musical program presented by all 144 children of the Masonic Home and School in Fort Worth. They not only praised Texas in song and dance, but the Masons of Texas that has provided them with a home, for many of them, the only home they have known.

There were five seniors - three girls and two boys - that will graduate this year and leave the home. All five plan to further their education by attending college. Scholarships have already been provided. Two of the girls plan to become Registered Nurses. The other girl is undecided, she will either become a nurse or an accountant. One of the boys will study engineering and the other plans to take basic courses the first year before deciding what to major in. Is there another school that can boast

that 100% of their graduates plan to attend college? Many students that have graduated from the home and school attended this program. Several of the men went on to become Masons.

Among the distinguished guests that attended the program, which was open to the public, was Governor Ann Richards. During the governor's address, she reflected on the key role the Masons, like Sam Houston and Anson Jones, played in the state's history. She also praised the Masons for their support of education in the state and noted that the Texas Masons started the first free education in the state. Governor Richards' father is a Mason in a Waco Lodge. He and his lady attended the program. Governor Richards was born and raised in Waco and is a Bayor University graduate.

Prior to the opening of the third and final day of the Communications, a Patriotic Program was presented by the Sojourners, a group of Masons that are or have been in the Armed Forces. During this program, Brother (Col.) Milton Kresse, Jr. explained the building of the flag...how the red and white stripes were arrived at and the order in which the stars, representing the 50 states, were placed on the blue background. This was a very impressive ceremony.

It was followed with an address given by Brother Stewart Meyer, Major General, U.S. Army, Retired. Bro. Meyer proudly served his country in Germany, Korea, and two tours in Vietman. He retired in 1979 and resides in Harker Heights, where he was elected mayor in

Following the General's address, the seventh and final session of the 158th Communication was called to order. Officers for 1994 were elected and the lodge was closed after the installation of the newly elected officers.

The 159th communication will be held December 1 - 3, 1994.

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(Published November 29, 1993)

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Activity	2nd quarter	2nd Quarter
	1993	1992
Reporting Outlets	47	45
Gross Sales	\$5,055,027	\$4,531,933
Percent Change	11.5%	
Use Tax Purchase	\$3,146	
Amount Subject To	\$1,574,397	
State Sales & Use Tax		

RETAIL TRADE

Activity 2nd quarter 2nd quarter Reporting Outlets 1993 1992 **Gross Sales** Percent Change \$1,474,126 \$1,250,329 Use Tax Purchases 17.9% Amount Subject To \$2,963 State Sales & Use Tax \$790,291 Thursday

# County Agent By Allan McWilliams

## National Health Care Plan

There are lots of items in the news every day. Some directly affect us here in Kinney County while others do not seem to have an impact on all of us. The National Health Care Plan proposed by President Clinton will surely have some kind of impact on all of us.

The plan was submitted to Congress on October 27, 1993. The document is over 1,300 pages long and will undergo a rigorous examination by Congress.

The review will surely trigger numerous amendments, changes and alterations. There has already been over half a dozen alternative plans, promising substantial improvements by rivals of the Administration. The point to keep in mind, however, is that although the debate is extensive with lots of other suggestions, hardly anyone is not suggesting to have a national health care plan. This appears our country will have a national health care plan of some sort in the not too distant future.

The administration is targeting passage of their plan by 1994. By 1998, the plan would guarantee all Americans a uniform, comprehensive package of health care benefits by requiring all employers to pay most of their employees' insurance premiums while offering government subsidies to cover the poor (income of less that 150% of federal poverty line) and small, low-wage businesses.

To increase the bargaining power of consumers, the plan would group all businesses and individuals into large regional insurance buying pools, called "health alliances" to negotiate with health plan providers. A ceiling on the allowable annual increase in health insurance premiums and cap the spending on Medicare and Medicaid, the government health programs for the elderly, disabled and poor. Tax increases ontobacco products and other activities are planned to help offset the costs of the plan.

It is clear that the plan intends coverage for everyone without any exemptions for size, composition and nature of work or the work force. This means that agricultural employers hiring even one seasonal or part time employee will have to provide health care coverage. It also means additional labor costs for many, including a significant portion of the agricultural sector and small businesses without current plans, and substantially increased administrative requirements.

Under the Administration's proposal, employers must pay 80% of the regional coverage health care insurance for each employee not to exceed a graduated scale of 3.5% to 8% of total wages paid. The employee pays the remaining 20% of annual wages received. The government will partially subsidize the employer portion for small businesses with 75 or less employees. The subsidy will be based on the average wages paid for a "full time equivalent" employee.

Health care costs for agricultural employers will probably fall in the 3.5% cap of total wages paid, including small business subsidies for having less than 76 employees.

Another item to keep in mind is that the costs are based on a regional coverage health care insurance which is projected to be less expensive than current health care insurance plans.

Regardless of the decreased total health cost projections, it is clear that labor costs, the cost of doing business and administrative requirements will increase, especially for those businesses not currently offering health care benefits for their employees. Costs for some businesses with current plans may actually decrease.

But it goes without saying that the cost of a probably much needed improved health care system will increase costs, administrative overhead and increase labor law expertise requirements by all employers. 

## York Rite Bodies Of Del Rio

Thursday, December 9, 7 p.m., Stated Conclave Pecos Commandary No. 108, K.T. ······

# Previews 33 Tiger Turf

**Breakfast** 

Fruit

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Donuts

Fruit Juice

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Sausage/Biscuit/Gravy

Fruit

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Cold Cereal

Toast

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Christmas Holidays

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> Choice of Vegetable Roll WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15 Hamburger - Burger Salad French Fries

Lunch

Fruit THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 Burrito W/Chili Spanish Rice - Pinto Beans Fruit

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

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December 1993

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7:00pm MIDDLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY--CAFETERIA

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11 Saturday

VGBB SWTJC TOURNEY T VBBB SWTJC TOURNEY T

JH SOLO/ENSEMBLE--EAGLE PASS

13 Monday

12:00pm PTO MEETING 5:00pm JHGBB COMSTOCK H 5:00pm JHBBB COMSTOCK H 6:30pm REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD

MEETING 3RD GRADE SNOW VILLAGE

14 Tuesday

5:00pm VBBB NUECES CANYON H 5:00pm VGBB NUECES CANYON H 5:00pm JVBBB NUECES CANYON H

15 Wednesday 12:00pm PTO MEETING

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16 Thursday

10:30am ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

VBBB TIGER TOURNEY H VGBB TIGER TOURNEY H JVGBB TIGER TOURNEY H LAST DAY OF THE THIRD SIX-WEEKS (27)

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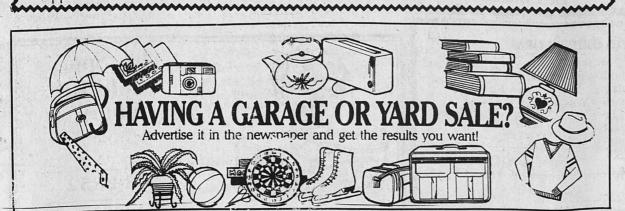
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# Making A Difference

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, Curriculum Director

and Hall as being particularly help-

ful. Stoney Burks has been very

supportive as has Don Sims. The

teachers helped me to reflect on my

own teaching. They told me about

things that worked for them and

about things that did not work. The

next day of class, I was ready. From

that day on, the learning began. It

Above all, the kids have been

superb! They're fun. They react to

good teaching. They also react when

I can only think of one way to tell

them. I told lots of stories about the

old days and used lots of analogies.

Above all, I pushed hard, then

pushed harder and then pushed as

hard as I could. You see, I don't

beleive that I could possibly let a

child go through a class of mine

without giving that child my best

and most full effort. I'm no dif-

ferent from other teachers. I

believe with all my heart that

every child is capable of learning.

It is unacceptable to me to say that

any child will not put the effort out

to learn. It is my problem as a

teacher to find ways to motivate that

I feel that my job was to teach music

to the children. It's not how well I

direct or what I know about music.

It's what I have taught them to do.

It's cranking up the band and

When you get right down to it, the

kids are about the same as they were

when I left the classroom in 1970 to

become a school administrator. I

believed that they could learn then. I

believe that they can learn in 1993. I

expected them to behave and to give

me 100% in 1970, and I expect the

same in 1993. My jokes have been a

bit on the "corny side" in 93 and my

ability to remember names is

something to behold. I guess what I

learned is that all kids can still learn.

I learned that parents are important

and so is the teacher, but most of all

we have to find a way to motivate

the children to want to learn. Our

world can be no better than our

educational system. We have an

To those music students in grades

4 through 12, I say in behalf of

Lynn, Hector and me...it's been fun.

We're betting on you. We gave you

all that we had. We expect no less

from you. You've been superb. Take

the torch and make it burn even

brighter. This week, I salute BISD's

fine music students and the volun-

teer music teachers for making a dif-

awesome responsibility.

listening to them perform.

When I give up on kids, it's time to find a new way to make a living.

child to want to learn.

surely did not happen the first day.

### **Thoughts About Teaching**

For the past three weeks I have been teaching band in grades 6 through 12. Because BISD's band director resigned, Superintendent Mills asked me to fill in until the new year when a replacement could be hired. With the myriad of other activities that I am involved in, I knew that I did not have the time to reach fourth and fifth grade music. Hector Jimenez was at my door early to volunteer for any job that needed doing. Lynn McNew was a half step behind Hector. Hector got the fifth grade assignment, and Lynn received the fourth grade. Principal Carl Glass is teaching a class for Hector and Lynn to make it possible for them to teach music.

The idea of "we three teachers" teaching is not far removed from our backgrounds. I taught band in New Mexico and Texas, directed a church choir, and my wife and I owned a music store in Clayton. Hector has a rich background as a former drum major at Eagle Pass who plays a "mean trombone" and who himself was a music teacher. Lynn taught elementary music, currently directs the Voices of Fort Clark, plays piano and sings beautifully. So, there you have it! We stepped in, dusted off the cobwebs from our past music history, and went to work.

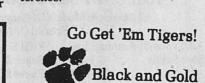
I want to say thanks to Hector, Lynn, and Carl for their great attitudes and hard work. It is physically demanding and time consuming to fill in for this music program. We all love music and want BISD's kids to have the best that they can get. By the way, Judy Burks and Candace LaMascus have been teaching elementary music at Jones Elementary all year long. (Even last year, too). They're what you might call "volunteers" also. So, to be included in the applause, let's remember Judy and Candace. Mary Beth Mills plays a superb piano as she accompanied band soldsifor the past two weeks. Please take a minute way thanks to these folks for a job well done.

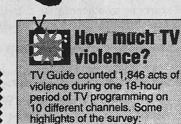
It's been fun for me personally. Some of the teachers were glad to see a curriculum director and administrator get back into the "real world." One particular remark was about General Patton in a World War II movie. Patton's jeep passed the front line soldiers marching into battle. "There goes old blood and "Yeah, our blood and his guts!" There was a message there about getting on the front lines in the trenches. I called on lots of folks for help. After the first day of being back in the classroom, I remember Teachers Holland, Mayfield, Bader

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Types of violence

Types of violent acts in 18 hours of programming Serious Serious 21% lo guns) Menacing threat **Pushing** dragging Gunplay Isolated 15% punches SOURCE 15%

## Tiger Action In Nueces Tournament

**Tigers Fall To Bulldogs** 

Friday, December 3, the Tigers first met LaPryor Bulldogs at the Nueces Canyon Tournament. The Tigers led the whole game

but somehow let the fourth quarter get away from them. The Bulldogs defeated the Tigers by a final score of 43-39. High scorers were Rueben

Terrazas and Ramon DeLeon with 9 points each. Then it was Jesse Terrazas with 7, Wil Shahan had 5, Moses Hernandez had 4, Patrick Melancon had 3, and Kelly Henrich

This loss to LaPryor brought the season record to 1-3.

**Tigers Crunch Cowboys** In the second game of the Nueces

Canyon Tournament, the Tigers crunched the D'Hanis Cowboys.

The Tigers dominated every aspect of the game and pulled it off to defeat the Cowboys 46-32.

The high point in this game was none other than senior Jesse Terrazas with 18. Next it was who else but Sophomore Rueben Terrazas and freshman Ramon DeLeon with 10 points.

Kelly Henrich and Moses Hernandez each had 4 points.

This win brought the Tiger record to 2-3 and on the rise in the tournament.

### **Tigers Go To Wire With** Rocksprings

The Tigers' third and final game of the tournament, playing for 3rd or 4th place, was against Rocksprings. The game was a breeze for the

Tigers in the first 3 quarters, the 4th quarter arrived and Rocksprings caught up, it was going to the wire. In the end, the Tigers let another one get away and was defeated by Rocksprings 51-49.

In this game, the high pointer was familiar name, Jesse Terrazas, with 15 points. Next it was Wil Shahan with 9 points, Moses Hernandez with 8, Ramon DeLeon and Rueben Terrazas had 5, Chris Hale had 4. Patrick Melancon had 2, and Matthew Rocha had 1.

This loss to the Angoras brought the Tiger record to 2-4.

## **Tournament Stats**

The Tigers were matched against the LaPryor Bulldogs, D'Hanis Cowboys, and the Rocksprings Angoras in the Nueces Canyon Tournament.

The over-all high Tiger scorer for the tourney was Jesse Terrazas with 40 points. Behind him was Rueben Terrazas with 24. Next was Ramon DeLeon with 23 points.

Moses Hernandez had 16, Wil Shahan had 14, Kelly Henrich had 6, Patrick Melancon had 5, Chris Hale had 4, and Matthew Rocha had 1.

The Tigers had a 1-2 record in the tournament and scored 133 points. This brought their season record to 2-4 and a total of 300 points scored.

## **Angoras Best Tigers**

Tuesday, December 7, the Tigers traveled to Rocksprings to face the team that had barely beaten them just 2 days before, the Angoras. This time the Angoras beat the Tigers again but by a larger margin. The final score was 54-40.

The Tigers had a new high point man this week, it was Wil Shahan with 12. Next it was Jesse and Rueben Terrazas with 10 each. Kelly Henrich and Ramon DeLeon had 4 points each.

This loss brought the Tiger record to 2-5 and 340 points for the

## **IV Tigers Defeat JV** Angoras

Tuesday, December 7, the JV Tigers traveled to Rocksprings to play only their second game of the year. The Tigers pulled away with a 50-43 victory.

The high pointer was Brian Hooker with 15. Next it was Michael Benacci with 12, Sean Burks with 10, Bernie Allemeier with 6, Jared Shahan with 4, and Joey Pena with 3.

This victory brought the JV Tiger record to 1-1.

# Show Your Tiger Spirit



## **Tigerettes Compete In Nueces Tourney**

Tigerettes Dominate Lady Bulldogs

**Tigerettes Dominate Lady Bulldogs** In the Nueces Canyon Tournament, the Tigerettes played their first game against the Lady Bulldogs from LaPryor. The Tigerettes dominated every aspect of the game, and defeated LaPrvo, 51-46.

Jennifer Terrazas was the high point with 15. Next it was Denice Frerich, Lolly Hernandez, and Sandra Hernandez with 8 points, Ida Aguilar had 6, Sandra Samaniego had 4, and Lindy LaMascus had 2.

This win brought the Tigerette record up to 2-2 for the year.

### **Tigerettes Stomped By Lady Panthers**

In the second game of the tournament, the Tigerettes faced the "home" team, the Lady Panthers from Nueces Canyon. The final score was 76-39 in favor of the Lady Panthers.

High point was Ida Aguilar with 9. Jennifer Terrazas had 7, Lindy LaMascus and Sandra Hernandez each had 5, Denice Frerich and Lolly Hernandez had 4, Chica Garza had 3, Courtney Harrison had 2, and Amy Bader had 1.

This loss brought the Tigerette record to 2-3 for the year.

### **Tigeretttes Fall To Lady Angoras**

In the Tigerettes third and final game of the tournament, they were pitted against the Lady Angoras of Rocksprings. The Tigerettes fell to the Lady Angoras 51-39.

The high point was Lolly Hernandez with 9. Next was Denice Frerich and Jennifer Terrazas with 8, Ida Aguilar and Lindy LaMascus had 6, and Sandra Hernandez had 2.

This loss brought the Tigerette record to 2-4, identical to the Tigers.

**Tigerettes Total For Tourney** The Tigerettes went 1-2 in the tournament, defeating LaPryor and falling to Nueces Canyon and Rocksprings.

High point for the tournament was Jennifer Terrazas with 30 points. Next it was Ida Aguilar and Lolly Hernandez with 21 points. Denice Frerich had 20, Sandra Hernandez had 15, Lindy LaMascus had 13, Sandra Samaniego had 4. Chica Garza had 3, Courtney Harrison had 2, and Amy Bader had 1.

After the tournament, the Tigerettes have a 2-4 record.

## **Tigerettes Lose To Lady Angoras**

Tuesday, December 7, the Tigerettes traveled to Rocksprings to take on the Lady Angoras again. The result came out the same. The Tigerettes fell to Rocksprings 52-27.

The high points were Denice Frerich and Jennifer Terrazas with 8. Next it was Lolly Hernandez with 5, Ida Aguilar with 4, and Chica Garza with 2.

This loss to the Lady Angoras takes the season record to 2-5.

## JV Tigerettes Fall To JV Lady Angoras

Tuesday, December 7, the Junior Tigerettes fell to Rocksprings in their second game of the year. The Lady Angoras defeated the Tigerettes 25-14.

High point was Isabel Aguirre with 6. Maria Terrazas and Zoila Herrera each had 4 points.

This loss takes the JV Tigerettes to a record of 0-2.



Both the Tigers and **Tigerettes** the compete in the SWTJC Tournament week end.

### Fishing Report

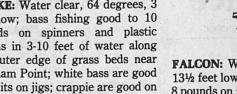


AMISTAD: Water clear, 5 feet low; black bass are excellent to 11 pounds on yellow spinners, slabs, and worms at various depths; white bass are good in the schools on various baits; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to good to 5 pounds on cheese bait in 10-100 feet of water.

**BRAUNIG:** Water murky, normal level; few fishermen out due to weather; catfish are fair to 9 pounds on night crawlers.

CALAVERAS: Water murky, 69 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 6 pounds from boats and the bank on plastic worms; catfish are good to 4 pounds on shad and shrimp; redfish are good to 17 pounds on crawfish and perch; corvina are slow to 141/2 pounds on Rat-L-Traps.

CHOKE: Water clear, 64 degrees, 3 feet low; bass fishing good to 10 pounds on spinners and plastic worms in 3-10 feet of water along the outer edge of grass beds near Calliham Point; white bass are good to limits on jigs; crappie are good on jigs near the highway 99 bridge; catfish are good in 15-25 feet of water near the river on cheese bait.





COLETA CREEK: Water clear, 63 degrees at the dam; black bass are fair to 7 pounds on crank baits; cat-

fish are fair to 15 pounds in deep

FALCON: Water clear, 62 degrees, 131/2 feet low; black bass are good to 8 pounds on jig and pigs, worms and crank baits in 8-17 feet of water; striper are good to 17 pounds on the upper end of the lake on Knocker Spoons in 25-32 feet of water; white bass are excellent on Road Runners and tiny grubs in the schools; crappie are slow; catfish are excellent to 6 pounds on rod and reel.

MEDINA: Water clear, 59 degrees, 12 feetlow; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on jig and pigs and Power Worms in 18 feet of water; white bass are good to 2 pounds on Road Runners and Tiny Traps; catfish are

## More Than 200 Districts Join Suit

As of late November, 233 school districts, representing all areas of the state and spanning the spectrum of school district size and wealth, had adopted resolutions to join in a lawsuit challenging that the state is not making "suitable provision" for the support and maintenance of Texas

The 233 school districts represent a total student enrollment of more than 1 million students, range in wealth from \$38,493 to \$5,130,417 per pupil, vary in size from 78 students to 137,686 students enrolled, and come from all 20 regions of the state.

The suitable provision challenge, which is being financed primarily by Texas Association of School Board (TASB) Legal Assistance Fund, was filed on October 1 by David Thompson of Bracewell & Patterson. Thompson initially filed the petition on behalf of 58 school districts asking to intervene in the Edgewood v. Meno Lawsuit. He is expected to amend the petition in December to add additional districts to the challenge.

Thompson presented the school districts' argument before State District Judge Scott McCown in the Edgewood v. Meno trial, which concluded on October 18 in Austin. McCown said he hoped to rule on the constitutionality of the state's new school funding law, SB 7, before the Christmas holidays but gave no indication as to how he would rule on the "suitable" challenge.

Brackett ISD was one of the 58 school districts included in the October 1 filing. There are 1100 + public school districts in Texas.

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Mary Stephenson had the only

chip-in. Skins were won by Gwen Ladd, Pat McKelvy, Fern Dyer and Mary Stephenson, all with 2 points, and Shirley Stephenson with 3 points.

Fern Dyer and Pat McKelvy tied for low gross with scores of 77. Other players were Eleanor

Herron, Jan Chism, Betty Schlatterer, Lou Green, Flo Stafford, Melba Turner, Leslie Houk, Doris Eckenroth, Margot Kendrick, Betty Tarbell, Lorna Frost, JoAnn Mayberry, Helen Westrich, LaVon McLane, and Kelly Dennis.

Winner of the 9-hole League was Jean Land. Eileen Voracek was second and Lorraine Osborne was third. Other players were Ruth Wilks, Gene Graham, Nancy O'Brien, and Evelyn Whitely.

## **Couples Tournament**

Thursday, December 2, 1993 1st place: 3-way tie with -2, Hornings/Genualdis; Gillilands/Koons -Graham; Marrs/ Reivitts.

2nd place, 3-way tie with -1, C. Smith - M. Stephenson/Eckenroths; Chisms/McKendrichs; Frost/Kur-

Isenberg/Stafford; place: Legg/Stephens; Grant/Dillahunty; Dennis/Petaja; Green/McCord; Miller/Mathison.

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CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You will be pleased with this week's family developments. It is a good time for advertising property for sale. Try not to get overly upset about a domestic concern. Some draw closer to a deep commitment. The weekend favors having company over for a visit.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You will be the recipient of good news this week. Your communicative skills are highlighted now. Make important phone calls and answer letters. Travel is a plus. Think twice when shopping, lest you purchase something you really don't need.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A chance to make extra money arises now. Buying and selling are favored. A child may need extra encouragement this week. You are charismatic and others are drawn to you. However, you still need to be levelheaded where romance is con-

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your powers of persuasion are tops this week. Others are impressed by what you have to say. You'll be hearing some good news. Positive thinking opens doors for you. Don't get carried away with home decorating this weekend

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A private discussion this week bodes well for your financial interests. A family member may not see things your way. Higherminded pursuits bring serenity. Though you are inspired and articulate, some crossed signals are still likely now. Double-check for facts.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Reaching an agreement with another about a financial concern may be difficult this week. Don't let a "what me, worry" attitude toward money take hold while socializing. A difference of opinion is likely to arise with a friend later in

moves aren't favored.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You just might stumble on a good book that will mean a lot to you. Catching up with an unfinished task will be a priority. Joyful news comes from afar. Time by yourself later in the week leads to important insights.

PISCES (February 19 to March

## Home Tips

PAPER TOWELS - I've purchased many rolls of paper towels, whichever appeared to be the best bargain. I was very displeased with some. They had shorter towels, and I had to use two or three to pick up small spills.

Now I take part of the wrapper with the name on it and stuff it in the cardboard roll before I put the paper towels on the holder. If I don't like the roll, I know which brand it is and don't buy it again. Gillian R., Yorktown Heights, N.Y.

ALARM CLOCK - Do you want to get some sleep while your teenagers are out for the evening? Simply agree on a time to be home, and then set the alarm clock for that time. Then, go to bed and sleep! When they come home, they turn off the alarm. If the alarm rings, it's time to get up and find out why they are not home. Occasionally, they may be delayed; then it is their responsibility to call. Harriet O., Dallas, Pa.

ARIES (March 21 to April 10) This is an excellent time for reaching agreements with others. Some minor problems may crop up in business this week. Partnership interests are favored. You have brilliant new business ideas later in the week, but may have a bit of trouble in execut-

seeking someone to help you out part-time around the house, you will find a person to your liking now. Good news this week relates to your business interests. You may be taking too much for granted about a friendship situation. Stay on your

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) News you've been waiting for about a business concern arrives now. You will be very pleased. It is a good time for interviews and asking favors of higher-ups. Though you are intent on doing your own thing, unconventional business

20) This week's happy news pertains to your financial interests. It is an excellent week to meet with investment advisers. A partner may receive a raise or tax rebate. You are quite popular and will be enjoying good times in the company of others.
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## ······ **Jury Duty Call**

Honorable County Court of Kinney County on Wednesday, the 15th day of December 1993, at 10:30 a.m. then and there to serve as a petit juror in

Raymond Aguilar Kenneth Phillips

Helen Lynch Robert Flurry Mary LaGioia Richard Curilla Mary G. Talamantez Anthony Negrete Elia Hernandez Gordon Lundquist James Voss Mary L. George Robert W. Corey Jessie Herndon Julia R. Raymond Clyde George

Irma Sanchez Gaylene Frerich Debbie Trant

Frank Guajardo, Jr.

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## All Registered Voters In Kinney County

From: Martha Pena-Hooten, Tax Assessor-Collector/Voter Registrar Date: December 9, 1993 Subject: Delivery Of Renewal Certificates To Voters

The new certificates are canary yellow & white in color, and are valid for two years beginning January 1, 1994. We are delivering the renewal certificates by mail to the mailing address on the voter's registration application. We have instructed the post master not to forward it to any other address and to return it to the voter

registrar if the addressee is no longer at the address to which the cer-

We are in the process of mailing out new voter registration certificates.

tificate was mailed. If at any time since your initial registration you have moved to another precinct, changed your mailing address, or your name, you must bring it to our attention personally so that we are able to make the appropriate corrections on our registration records. Corrections can be made on the back of your certificate by providing the correct information, then sign

and return your certificate to my office. Our mass mailout of renewals will be complete by Friday, December 17, 1993. If you have not received your new certificate by that date, please come by our office in the county courthouse.

The following named persons are hereby notified to appear before the

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The Pastor's Pen

# First Baptist Church

sonage and walking past my "personal car lot," one of my sons Mrs. Hooten's office to get a license plate renewed. I assured him that I would do it that afternoon. Being true to my word, I arrived at her office with registration and a check for the amount of the license plate fee.

The first thing she asked for was "proof of insurance." The premium had been paid but I didn't have the proof. Mrs. Hooten, as kind as she is, could not let me have the plates. She wanted me to have them but I hadn't fulfilled the requirements of the law that she had to uphold. She assured me that as soon as I could provide "proof" then I would get what I wanted.

Some day we will all stand before the "Great Assessor" to get the

One day as I was leaving the par- license to drive in heaven. The premium has already been paid by Jesus freely giving up his life for all. reminded me that I needed to visit We may be standing there with our registration (church membership) and check (all the good deeds we have done) in hand, but the "Great Assessor" will ask, "Why should I let you into my heaven? Show me your proof of insurance."

Until we can show that we repented of sin and believed on Him, He won't give us the license. As kind as He is, He won't give us the privilege without the "proof." He wants us to be there, but if we don't fulfill the requirements that He must uphold, we will not get the privilege.

I hope you have the proof of the "eternal insurance" that Jesus has paid the premium for.

By the way, I did show the "proof of Texas insurance" and was given the privilege to drive one more year.

# St. John's Baptist Church

Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr. 210-563-9175

### His Name Is Iesus:

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. **Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!** 

# St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

Feast Of Our Lady Of Guadalupe Sunday, December 12, 1993 St. Mary Magdalene Parish

We extend a special invitation to all to share with us in celebrating this day of Our Lady Of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas

**SCHEDULE** 5:30 a.m. Mananitas 6:00 a.m. Dawn Mass 7:00 a.m. Mexican Breakfast (Parish Hall) 8:00 a.m. Mass in Spanish 10:30 a.m. High Mass in English Pot Luck Picnic in the Parish Grounds 11:30 a.m. (Bring your favorite dish to share) Civic Center Choirs and dances by the group "Roots of Texas" from Uvalde, Texas

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# First United Methodist Church

## **Ladies Luncheon**

Wednesday, December 15, 11:30 a.m. Sign up Sunday morning at church or call Jean Downing, 563-2804, or Cubie Kurtz, 563-2846 no later than noon on the 14th. Cathy Conrey will do an Organ Recital.

## A Christmas Festival

The First United Methodist Church Choirs of Del Rio and Brackettville will again do a Christmas Cantata titled A Christmas Festival at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 15, First United Methodist Church, Brackettville. The public is invited to this outstanding presentation.

# Worship At The Church Of Your Choice This Sunday And Every Sunday

# Church Directory



St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Henderson & Fort, Sunday Church Service 10:30 A.M. Vicar: Rev. Bill Koons, 563-2071.

Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening Service 6:00 P.M., Joe Townsend,

Pastor, 563-2158.

First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann Street, Sunday School 9:45 A.M., Sunday Worship 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Wednesday Worship 7:00 P.M. Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.

Church of Christ: N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 A.M., Worship Service 10:30 A.M., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 P.M., Wednesday 7:00

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Masses Monday and Friday 7:00 A.M., Wednesday and Saturday 6:30 P.M., Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 A.M., Regular 10:30 A.M. Confession Wednesday and Saturday 6:00 P.M. Religion Classes Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Sunday 9:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Fr. David G. Zumaya, Pastor. First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" Morning Fellowship 9:30 A.M., Church School Classes 9:45 A.M., Service of Worship 11:00 A.M., Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 P.M., Gordon Miller, Pastor.

St. John's Baptist Church: Crockett Street at Keene Street. Sunday services, Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Worship 11:00 A.M.; Wednesday, Bible Study, 7:00 P.M. William P. Adams, Sr. Pastor, 563-9175.

Lutheran Congregation: Meets 1st and 3rd Saturday evenings, 6:00, Fort Clark Golf Club. 563-2047.

# Frontier Baptist Church

By Joe Townsend

Sunday was another great day at Frontier Baptist Church.

After singing some Christmas Carols by the congregation, the pastor spoke on the "Prophisied

Christ.' No other person in all history has had so many prophesies about details of his life made centuries

before his birth as Jesus Christ. Beginning 4000 years before his birth, a line of prophesies threads through the Old Testament. The prophets pointed out He was to be of the Israelites. He was to be of the tribe of Judah. He was to be of the family of David.

He was to be born in Bethlehem. He was to be born of a virgin. He was to be carried away to Egypt. He was to grow up in Nazareth. He was to be poor.

He was to serve mankind. He was to be mistreated. He was to be crucified.

No bone in his body was to be broken. His side was to be pierced. He was to be crucified between

Lots were to be cast for His garments. He was to be buried in another's tomb. He was to be resurrected from the dead.

These prophecies were by many different men at various times over a period of years as recorded from Genesis throughout the Old Testament.

From about 4000 B.C. to 550 B.C., God pointed out the details of the life of His Son so man could easily recognize Him.

Anyone capable of logical thinking would have to conclude that only an omniscient God could so accurately define the life of a person to be born many centuries ahead. Any open minded person who would read through the Bible and see what the Scriptures prophesy and see what happened to Jesus Christ would be forced to the conclusion that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

As on the cross He said, "My God, My God" he completed a prophesy from the Psalms. As darkness at noonday shrouded the world while He was on the cross, it was the fruition of a prophesy 450 years old.

As we approach the celebration of the birth of this Jesus, we can know that in full reality He is the focus of centuries of prophesy.

Following the sermon the congregation observed The Lord's Supper and enjoyed a bounty of good eating and enjoyment in the Fellowship Luncheon.

An on going emphasis on the Christmas season will be the throb of the service Sunday at Frontier Baptist Church.

Come and see.

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# **Obituary**



## Catheren England

Catheren England, age 73, died Thursday, December 2, 1993, in Uvalde, Texas.

She was born January 2, 1920, in Mississippi, and married September 19, 1973, to Fred C. England, Jr.

They had been residents of Fort Clark for a number of years.

Mrs. England is survived by her husband, Lt. Col. Fred G. England, Jr. of Fort Clark; daughters Shirley Faye Cort of Severn, Maryland and Nancy Louise Hancock of Brackettville; a son Fred England III of Port Orange, Florida; six grandchildren; sisters Eugenia Bluntzer of Corpus Christi, and Ellie Mae Hook of San Diego, California.

Rosary was recited at 7:00 p.m. Sunday at Humphreys Funeral Chapel in Brackettville and a funeral mass was at 4:00 p.m. Monday, December 6, 1993, at St. Mary Magdalene Church with Rev. David Zumaya officiating. Graveside services were at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, December 7, 1993, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Humphreys Funeral Home, Brackettville.

## Juan Garza, Jr.

Juan Garza, Jr. was born in Brackettville on May 16, 1945. He died at his Brackettville home on Thursday, December 1, 1993, at age

He is survived by his wife Frances Garza of the home; daughters Regina Garza and Belinda Vasquez both of Las Vegas, Nevada; a sister Enriqueta Gonzalez and brothers Raymond Garza, Manual Garza, and Frank Garza all of Brackettville. He had two grandchildren, Manual Jr. and Cassandra Vasquez, Vasquez.

Rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the family residence at 412 Spring St. A funeral mass was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 4, 1993, at St. Mary Magdalene Church with interment at the Catholic Cemetery in Brackettville.

Funeral services were under the direction of Humphreys Funeral Home, Brackettville.

## **Motor Oil Disposal Site To Open** MRGDC And City To Hold Unveiling Friday, 10 a.m.

If you change your motor oil and you need a place to dump your used oil, you are in luck. The City of Brackettville has recently installed a 500-gallon oil recycling tank for "do-it-yourselfers."

City officials and Middle Rio Grande Development Council representatives will unveil the new tank on Friday, December 10, 10:00 a.m., at the Citizens Collection Center, located 1/2 mile west of the city. The public is invited to view and use the facility.

Funds for the purchase of the tank were awarded to the City by Middle Rio Grande Development Council as a "pass through" grant from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's Used Oil Program," noted Brackettville Mayor Carmen Berlanga.

The City applied for the grant money to address a state law which prohibits the dumping of used oil on raw land, storm drains. sewer facilities, municipal solid waste landfills or any other areas not designated for the environmentally safe disposal of used oil.

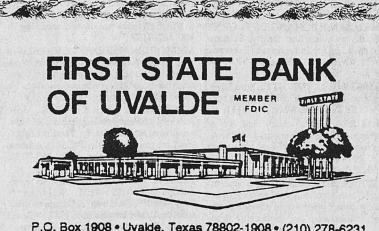
**Estimates from TNRCC indicate** that up to 250,000 gallons of water can be ruined or contaminated by only one quart of oil. "The installation of the tank allows the citizens of the community to dispense their used motor oil and protect the clean environment that we enjoy in Kinney County and Brackettville," added Mayor Berlanga.

Hours of operation for the dump are Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Persons wishing to deposit their used oil at the center are required to sign the registration log at the center. The center will only accept motor oil which is free of contaminants such as antifreeze, brake fluid. gasoline, paint thinner, or solven-



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