

Tigerettes take district by storm **Briefs ...**

Brackett opens conference slate with wins over Center Point, Comfort

The Brackett Tigerettes stormed into District 30-2A basketball competition last week, picking up lopsided victories over Center Point and Comfort at home.

Courtney Harrison scored a career-high 22 points and Amanda Meek recorded a triple-double as Brackett topped Comfort 61-37 on Friday.

Harrison scored 12 points in the first quarter and made her first seven shots of the game. She was 11 of 14 from the floor on the night, and pulled down a game-high 14 rebounds.

Meek finished the contest with 14 points, 10 rebounds and 10 blocked shots.

Chica Garza, Lindy LaMascus and Tina Meek all had six points

for Brackett. Garza also had 10 assists.

Katy Hagler scored four points, Reccia Jobe had two, and La Toya Wright made a free throw.

On Thursday, La Mascus had the triple-double as the Tigerettes routed Center Point 70-21.

The game was originally set for Tuesday, but had to be rescheduled because of bad weather conditions.

La Mascus had 15 points, 12 steals and 10 assists in the contest. She was 7 of 13 from the field and 1 of 2 from the charity stripe.

Amanda Meek scored a game-high 21 points, hitting 10 of 13 shots.

Patty Lopez also finished in double figures. She scored 11 points.

Hagler and Tina Meek each had six points, Harrison and Jobe scored four apiece, and Garza sank a three-pointer.

The Tigerettes made 33 of 65 field goals for 53 percent shooting, while the Lady Pirates were 9 of 43 for 21 percent.

Brackett out-rebounded Center Point 42-24. Garza had seven boards, and Harrison and LaMascus each had six.

JV Tigerettes get fourth-straight win

The Brackett Tigerettes' junior varsity picked up its fourth-straight victory with a 28-25 win over Charlotte on the road Tuesday.

Jennifer Ashabranner scored 14 points to pace the Tigerettes, who are 5-4 on the season.

Stephanie Terrazas hit a pair of three-pointers and finished with eight points.

Laura Lee Ballew, Hilda Aguirre and Crystal Juarez all scored two points.

On Friday, the Tigerettes defeated Comfort 30-23 at home.

Ballew and Terrazas both scored seven points, while Ashabranner had six.

Juarez, Tara Eckenrod, Tricia Robinson, Jamie Bader and Samantha Payne all added two.

Brackett ran over Center Point 48-12 on Thursday.

Ashabranner scored a game-high 14 points, and Terrazas sank a trio of treys en route to an 11-point performance.

Robinson scored seven points, Bader pitched in five, Garcia Terrazas scored three, and Payne added two.

Cubs rout Panthers

BARKSDALE - Brackett had three players score in double figures as they defeated the Nueces Canyon Panthers 44-22 Thursday.

Schiller Hill paced the Cubs with 12 points, and Jarrett Harrison and Damion Toms each had 10 points.

Sam Hunt, Tony Rubio and J.J. Rivas all had four points for Brackett.

The Cubs will face Rocksprings on the road today, and will host Sacred Heart on Monday. Both games begin at 6.

Cubettes notch win

BARKSDALE - Brackett's seventh graders outscored Nueces Canyon's seventh graders 8-2 in the first quarter, and then the eighth grade Cubettes cruised to a 23-16 victory over the Lady Panthers.

Queta Garza led the Cubettes with six points, Erika Garcia had five, and Duquesa Hunt and Mary Ann Rivas both had two.

Scoring for the first quarter was not available.

Brackett will travel to Rocksprings today for a 5:00 game against the Lady Angoras.

The Cubettes will host Sacred Heart on Monday at 5.

Tigers fall to Amigos

DEL RIO - The Amigos outscored the Brackett News-Fritz Insurance Tigers 24-12 in the last 10 minutes of regulation Monday en route to a 61-49 victory in City League basketball action at the Boys Club.

The Tigers trailed the entire contest. Gary Grubbs hit a baseline jumper with 11:38 remaining to tie the score at 37-all.

"It was our best offensive night of the season," Tigers coach J.J. Guidry said. "We really worked well together."

W.T. Hunt paced the Brackett News-Fritz Insurance with 14 points.

Grubbs also scored in double digits. He finished with 10. Creel had eight points. Both hit two three-pointers.

Richard Slubar scored six points, while Billy La Gioia and Tom Stults had two apiece.

On Sunday, Creel scored 10 points to pace the Tigers to a 38-36 victory over the Spurs.

Steve Clementz had eight points in the contest, Ruben Terrazas scored seven, Hunt had five, Grubbs pitched in four, Mike Padron had three, and Clay Hunt sank a free throw.

On Thursday, Brackett News-Fritz Insurance fell to All-State, 75-38.

Grubbs led the Tigers with 15 points, Stults scored 14, Brian Hooker had four, Eddie Garza made a three-pointer, and Ferney Quiroz chipped in two.

The Tigers resume action Sunday as they face Sports Awards at 2 p.m. On Monday, they will play From Signs Now at 9.

1996: THE YEAR IN SPORTS

Tigers' bi-district title named top story of year

■ **1. Tigers win bi-district** - The Brackett Tigers blanked the Marion Bulldogs 9-0 on May 17 for the first bi-district baseball championship in the school's history. It was also the first time in 19 years that a boys' athletic team from Brackett won a playoff contest. Ramon De Leon pitched a five-hit shutout for the Tigers and all nine of Brackett's starters recorded hits, including home runs from De Leon and Ruben Terrazas.

■ **2. Dedication of Baseball Complex** - A dedication ceremony for the new baseball complex was held in March. Jimmy Bader threw out the first pitch as the Tigers opened their season at the new field.

■ **3. All-state honors** - Seven Brackett athletes earned all-state honors in 1996. Brian Hooker, Ramon De Leon and Jorge Rodriguez earned honors in baseball; Lindy La Mascus and Debra Frerich earned honors in softball; and De Leon, Michael Aguirre and Patrick Munoz earned honors in football.

■ **4. District track title** - The Brackett Tigerettes took nine athletes to the District 29-2A track and field meet and came away with first place honors.

■ **5. Tigers beat Cole** - The Brackett Tigers defeated San Antonio Cole in basketball action for the first time in school history on Jan. 5 with a 71-64 victory. Ruben Terrazas poured in 18 points for Brackett, while Mike Padron and Ramon De Leon both added 16.

■ **6. Lighting athletic fields** - The Brackett School Board agreed to spend \$115,691 to light the district's baseball, softball and football fields. The new lights at the baseball and softball fields will allow Brackett teams to play night games, which is not a common occurrence at 2A schools.

■ **7. Tigers beat Comfort** - Brackett scored two-straight third quarter touchdowns to rally past Comfort as the Tigers handed the Bobcats their first defeat of the 1996 football season with a 28-21 decision on Oct. 25. Comfort was 7-0 entering the contest. The victory put the Tigers in contention for a playoff berth. Moses Hernandez scored two touchdowns and Ramon De Leon had a pair of two-point conversions. Demitrous Williams had a 75-yard TD run and J. Wayne Ballew scored on a 45-yard jaunt. Jorge Rodriguez rushed for 107 yards

on 15 carries. Sophomore line-backer David Honstein intercepted a Comfort pass with 2:35 left, sealing the victory.

■ **8. All-Southwest Texas teams** - *The Brackett News* released the first-ever All-Southwest Texas Area baseball and softball teams in 1996. Earning honors were Lindy La Mascus, Debra Frerich, Chica Garza, Brian Hooker, Ramon De Leon, Jorge Rodriguez, Beau Smallwood and Michael Padron. Brackett had five players earn area honors in basketball, including Garza, Frerich, Padron, Amanda Meek and Moses Hernandez. Hooker and Hernandez were both named to the area football team.

■ **9. UIL loses Brackett** - When the UIL released the new alignment for softball, Brackett was left in District 5-2A, but the Tigerettes were the only team left in the district. Brackett officials later appealed the decision and were put in a three-team district with Natalia and D'Hanis.

■ **10. Athletes of the Year** - Brian Hooker, Michael Padron and Denice Frerich were named Brackett's Athletes of the Year at the 1996 Tiger Booster All-Sports Athletic Banquet.

BISD Cafeteria Menu

Parents welcome to join their children at breakfast or lunch

There are 19 school days in the month of January. Elementary @ \$1.10 = \$20.90 Middle and High School @ \$1.25 = \$23.75 Milk served with all meals. Salad Bar everyday. B line everyday.

Breakfast Menu	Lunch Menu
Friday, January 17 No School Teacher Inservice Monday, January 20 Pizza Bagel Fruit or Fruit Juice Tuesday, January 21 Biscuit/Sausage Gravy Fruit or Fruit Juice Wednesday, January 22 Pancakes/Syrup Fruit or Fruit Juice Thursday, January 23 French Toast Fruit or Fruit Juice	3 choices for breakfast daily. 1. The printed menu 2. Cereal, toast, fruit or fruit juice. 3. Two toasts, fruit or fruit juice Grades 6-12 are offered an extra Bread/Crout product Friday, January 17 No School Teacher Inservice Monday, January 20 Salisbury Steak Rich Brown Gravy Quick Bake Potato Fruit & Roll Tuesday, January 21 Hot Ham & Cheese Potato Salad/Baked Beans Chunky Pineapple Wednesday, January 22 Hamburger Burger Salad Oven Fries Pumpkin Bread Thursday, January 23 School Made Burritos Picante SpanishRice/Pinto Beans Fruit

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Bonilla named to agriculture subcommittee

WASHINGTON- Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX-23) today announced that he was appointed to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture for the 105th Congress.

Bonilla will be the only Texan serving on the subcommittee.

"I am thrilled to represent Texas on the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee," Bonilla said. "Agriculture is vital to Texas and this is a great opportunity for me to serve my district and our great state."

"Serving on the subcommittee gives me a chance to bring the

Texas perspective to funding decisions for agriculture programs," Bonilla said. "The Agriculture Subcommittee is responsible for a wide range of programs which reach far beyond traditional agriculture."

The Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee funds programs directly impacting ranching and farming such as the Animal Damage Control Program, the Boll Weevil Eradication Program and agricultural research programs. In addition, Bonilla's new committee is responsible for funding the federal food stamp

program, the school lunch program, rural housing and utilities programs, resource conservation programs, and the Food and Drug Administration.

"Congressman Bonilla is a superb addition to the subcommittee," remarked Agriculture Subcommittee Chairman Joe Skeen (R-NM). "Henry's constituents will be very well served by his presence in one of the most important committees in congress."

I'm looking forward to working with Congressman Bonilla and welcome his valuable input and contribution to our committee."

"It is a time of transition for federal agriculture programs. The hard-working farmers and ranchers of Texas have felt it," Bonilla said.

"Representing a district that has more sheep and cattle than people, I look forward to ensuring the continued success of the food and fiber industries of Texas and the nation," Bonilla said.

Bonilla will continue to serve on the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee and the National Security Appropriations Subcommittee.

The future direction of mohair in America

The future direction of the Mohair Council of America and its promotion programs during the coming year will be major topics at the organization's annual meeting to be held in San Angelo January 23 at the Holiday Inn.

The session will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude during the afternoon. Other highlights of the meeting will be the setting of

council's 1997/98 budget and the election of officers and directors.

"This will be one of our most important meetings," said the council's President Lanny Leinweber of Mountain Home. "We need mohair producers to come and provide input."

We invite them we urge them to come and take part. Speakers will include Gerald Morrison and

Steve Berger of Georgia who will discuss and show examples of mohair carpet now under development; Denise Bailey of Zachery and Associates will discuss mail order catalogs and how mohair products can be marketed through that medium; Richard Pactor, New York City Consultant; and John Fleckenstein of Rauscher Pierce and David Stone of Pru-

dential Securities will report on Mohair Council fund investments.

A meeting of the Council's Executive Committee and Texas Mohair Producers Board will be held on Wednesday January 22 at San Angelo Holiday Inn. The Producers board will meet at 10 a.m. and the Executive Committee at 2 p.m. Mohair growers are invited to attend each of these sessions.

Write your congressman

The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Auxiliary is sponsoring a Letter Writing Contest to encourage young people in Texas to take an interest in writing members of the U.S. Congress. The contest is open to Texas residents who are U.S. citizens and enrolled in college in the 1997 Spring semester. Former contestants who wish to enter must totally rewrite their previously entered letters.

Subject: Why private property rights are important to Texas.

Deadline: Entries must be post-marked by May 31, 1997.

Prizes:
1st. prize, \$1,000 college scholarship.
2nd. prize, \$750 college scholarship.
3rd. prize \$500 college scholar-

ship.
4th. to 10th. prizes, \$100 U.S. Savings Bonds.

General Information: Letters must be typewritten and not over two pages in length. The heading must include your address. The first paragraph must state the student's age, classification in college and college attended. Then state that this letter expresses your views on property rights and requires no response. Address the member of Congress properly, be polite, be specific, be concise and use examples to support your position on why private property rights are important to Texas. Letters will be judged in June, 1997 by an industry leader.

Who to write:
1. Either Senator Kay Bailey

Hutchison or Senator Phil Gramm. Mail the original letters to the U.S. Senator of your choice. Mail a copy of the letter to: **TSGRA Auxiliary Contest c/o Mr. Ben Love P.O. Box 387 Marathon, TX 79842**

2. And write your 1997 U.S. Representative. Use the same letter but change the addressee to your national representative. Letters to state congressmen will be disqualified. Mail the original letter to your U.S. Congressman and mail a copy to:

Doris Haby P.O. Box 1496 Brackettville, Texas 78832
If you have any questions, you may contact Mrs. Haby at (210) 563-3020 or 563-9316.

Rural Hero Nomination Deadline Feb. 3

WACO- The search is under way for the rural hero for 1996, according to Ben Bullard, President of the Texas Farm & Ranch Safety Council.

The 1996 recipient will be announced March 17, 1997 at the 58th annual Texas/Southwestern Safety Conference and Exposition to be held at the Adams Mark Hotel, Houston, Texas. Deadline for submitting 1996 entries will be Feb. 3, 1997. Send all nominations to the Texas Farm & Ranch Safety Council, Box 2689, Waco, Texas, 76702-2689. To qualify, a candidate must have performed a heroic act of human-lifesaving within Texas during 1996. Preferably, it should relate to farming and ranching.

1997 Kinney County Junior Livestock Show

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, January 17	
8 a.m. to 12 p.m.	..... Weigh all market animals
8 a.m.	..... Project Show
1:30 p.m.	..... Angora Goat Classes
3 p.m.	..... Finewool Ewe Lamb Classes
4:30 p.m.	..... Rabbit Classes
6 p.m.	..... Market Pig Classes
Saturday, January 18	
8 a.m.	..... Market Lamb Classes
10 a.m.	..... Market Goat Classes
12 p.m.	..... Barbecue lunch
1:30 p.m.	..... Stock Show Awards
2 p.m.	..... Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale

Barbecue tickets are currently on sale for \$4. Contact Woody Massingill or any local 4-H or FFA member to purchase tickets.

Barn closes at 9:00 P.M. Friday night
Barn opens at 6:00 A.M. Saturday morning

Texas Mohair Producers Board meeting

Members of the Texas Mohair Producers Board will discuss the need for an advisory committee and talk about the checkoff assessment and refunds when they meet in San Angelo on Jan. 22. Board President James Leo Greer of Rocksprings said the session will be held at 10: a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the Holiday Inn. The board meeting will precede the annual meeting of the Mohair Council of America which will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday Jan. 23 at the same hotel location.

Greer reports that the Mohair Board collected \$66,267.39 between June 1 and Dec. 31, 1996. This amount came from the sale of 1,539,029 pounds of mohair during the same period. The board, reorganized in early 1996 to collect a voluntary

checkoff in Texas, started collecting the 4 cents a pound assessment on June 1. Of the total amount collected in 1996, the board refunded \$7,101.72, or 11 percent. In addition to its financial report, the board is expected to determine when an audit of its operations will be conducted.

The board operates under authority of the Texas Commodity Referendum Act that is supervised by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Also, the board will discuss promotion, education and research opportunities and possibly hear a report from the Texas Warehouse Association.

Greer said mohair producers and others interested in the mohair industry are invited to attend the board meeting.

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We are an extension of God's compassion. Many times Jesus saw people in need and had compassion and met their needs.

As an extension of God we should want to be like Him lest others get the wrong impression of God.

First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

We're in the after-glow. And what an after-glow it is!

Like many new proud parents, God wanted to send a birth announcement to family and friends.

Fortunately (for we Gentiles especially) three star gazers east of Bethlehem spotted the star, they determined that it heralded some great news.

Epiphany means appearance, revelation, manifestation, a making known. The church celebrates Epiphany, the revelation or making known of Jesus' true identity.

Wednesday (which is Feb. 12 this year) is referred to as the Season after Epiphany.

The original celebration of Epiphany was in the Eastern church in the 3rd. century and was in honor of our Lord's baptism.

Sometimes when Christmas is over and the trimmings are packed away, we feel a let down or even a sadness.

If you choose, you can welcome it as a relief from your harried December schedules and as a time for reflection on what that blazing birth announcement meant to the Magi.

My prayer for you is that you will bask in the glow of God's love.



St. John's Baptist Church
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And Jesus, answering, said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

But a certain samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him.

And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil

and wine, and set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

And on the next day, when he departed, he took out two pence (denarii), and gave them to the host, and said unto him, take care of him; and whatever thou spendest more, when I come again I will repay thee.

Which, now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?

And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise. St. Luke 10:30-37.

Praise the Lord. Come feast with us the table is set in the Lord.

Unsung Hero
By Joe Townsend

Another friend and outstanding person has left us and joined the hosts of heaven. Dorothy Payne was in many ways a remarkable person.

Most of her life Dorothy was engaged in writing for a large number of publications. She was a contributor to The Brackett News for several years.

ings encompassed a variety of areas. She wrote news, human interest, commentaries, and a variety of other topics.

Surely Dorothy Payne was an Unsung Hero.

Obituary



Lillian Mae Mills

Lillian Mae Mills, age 76, a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Died January 10, 1997 at her residence in Brackettville.

She is survived by her only daughter: Joyce J. Williams of Fort Clark Springs, Texas. Brother: A.W. Mills of Brandy Station, Virginia.

daughters. Numerous nieces and nephews in Virginia. Funeral Service was Sunday January 12, 1997 at the Frontier Baptist Church with Rev. Joe Townsend officiating.



First Baptist Church
Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor
"The Pastor's Pen"

Is it just me or have you noticed it, too? As a society we seem to have lost the ability to express thanks.

While growing up my parents taught me the importance of saying "thank you" whenever anyone gave me something or did something nice for me.

Several times in recent days I have had an occasion to go out of my way to do something nice for someone. I have been amazed at how many have met my kindness with an attitude which suggested to me that they deserved it.

kindness shown? No! No! However, when genuine gratitude is expressed it becomes a great motivation for showing someone future kindness.

Do you think God feels the same way? Perhaps that's the reason David instructed Israel with these words; "Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done."

Do you think God feels the same way? Perhaps that's the reason David instructed Israel with these words; "Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done."

The Lord is good and gracious to all of us. Let's not forget to say thanks!

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charolette Corey

Because of the quick, wise and responsible actions of the wife of the rich man, he and his household were spared certain destruction from the anger of "The Protector" whom the rich man had treated with such selfishness and hard heartedness.

When the woman returned that evening to her home, she found her husband feasting and drunken. She wisely waited until her husband woke the next morning and told him what she had done in order to save the household.

Instead of receiving her actions as a blessing, he chose to harden his heart as hard as a stone, which ten days later caused him to die.

When "The Protector" heard of the death of the rich man, he took the woman and made her his bride.

The rich man's name was Nabal (which means foolish, wicked) ...I Samuel 25:25.

The woman's name was Abigail (which means source of joy) and she became a bride to the future king.

"The Protector's name was the future King David (who is also a symbol of the person of Jesus Christ and the groom).

Any man, woman, or child can choose to be a Nabal (fool), or to be an Abigail (source of joy).

Jesus understands the temptation to become hardened due to bad experiences in our lives.

He suffered all temptations "likewise". All anyone has to do is accept the price he has already paid for all sin, stop trying to "figure things out", and with child-like trust and faith, enter into his rest.

Heb. 3:12,13 states "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, but exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Don't shut the door on your past "So they stoned Stephen, and Saul was among those who approved of his murder." Acts 7:59-60



The stoning of Stephen must have left an indelible mark on the mind of Paul. Stephen's faithfulness and

courage amid intense persecution must have captured Paul's attention.

Although Paul was unaware of it, Almighty God was planting a seed in the future apostle's life during this painful experience.

This seed took root as Paul became a Christian, and it came to fruition when Paul experienced persecution in his own life.

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So, don't shut the door on your past! God can use it for good!

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