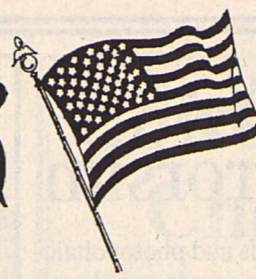


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Tigerettes pick up win over Medina
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Briefs ...

Local agents seize 241 pounds of marijuana

U.S. Border Patrol agents seized 241 pounds of marijuana Friday on Highway 90, approximately a half mile west of Ranch Road 693.

The drugs were discovered when two subjects fled from a vehicle, after agents attempted to conduct an immigration stop.

The marijuana, valued at \$192,800, was turned over to the Multi-Agency Drug Task Force in Eagle Pass.

Baptist church to host blood drive today

The First Baptist Church of Brackettville and the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center will host a Blood Drive today in the Fellowship Hall from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Anyone between 17 and 72 years of age who weighs at least 110 pounds and is in good physical health may donate.

All blood donors will receive a free cholesterol test and mini-physical consisting of blood pressure, iron level, pulse and temperature check.

South Texas Blood and Tissue Center asks all donors to present some form of identification before beginning the donation process.

Donors are also encouraged to ask about signing a tissue donor card and joining the National Marrow Donor Program.

For more information, contact Carol Salladay at (830) 563-2612.

Texas Badland Days' parade seeks entries

UVALDE, Texas -- The Texas Badland Days Festival is fast approaching.

The festival will begin on Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Chamber of Commerce with a pancake breakfast. Then at 10 a.m., the parade will proceed through downtown Uvalde, finishing at the Chamber of Commerce.

Anyone interested in participating in the parade can pick up an application at the Uvalde Convention and Visitors Bureau, located 300 E. Main in Uvalde.

The deadline for all parade entries is Oct. 1. For more information, call (830) 278-4115.

Youth association to host barbecue Sunday

The Kinney County Youth Development Association will host a barbecue on Sunday at Happy Shahan Park from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates are \$4 each.



Wes Baker (3) and the Brackett Tigers will try to keep their perfect record intact as they host Nueces Canyon tomorrow. See related story, Page 6. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

County cuts tax rate, increases budget 25%

After increasing its budget 25.5 percent, Kinney County officials voted to lower its tax rate by 1.5 percent Monday.

The County Commissioners adopted a \$1,953,199.24 budget during its regular meeting. The budget includes a \$1,696,176.03 general fund, \$190,254.43 for road and bridge, and \$66,768.78 in interest and sinking.

The budget for the upcoming fiscal year is up from this year's budget of \$1,556,086.91, which consists of a \$1,310,692.24 general fund, \$162,031.42 for road and bridge, and \$83,363.25 in interest and sinking.

Officials adopted a total tax rate

for the county of .73919 per \$100 valuation. That rate is down from the current rate of .75.

The commissioners also considered a recommendation from the county's salary grievance committee to increase the salaries of the county treasurer and the tax assessor-collector. No action was taken.

Janis Floyd, the county treasurer, and Martha Pena-Hooten, the tax assessor-collector, appeared before the committee last week to request salaries equal to that of the county auditor, Cordelia Barlow.

The committee approved Floyd's request 8-1 and Pena-

Hooten's request 6-3, which forced the commissioners to consider the raises.

The auditor's current salary is \$18,488.10, while the treasurer and the tax assessor-collector are paid \$16,978.14.

Under the budget adopted on Monday, the auditor will receive a salary of \$20,280, which is up 9.7 percent. The new budget calls for a 5 percent pay hike for the treasurer and the tax assessor-collector, upping their salaries to \$17,827.04.

"We're not begrudging (Barlow)," Pena-Hooten said last week. "She is doing her job. But we don't feel that it is fair to us."

School district hosts tax rate hearing tomorrow

The Brackett School District will host a public hearing on its proposed tax rate tomorrow at 5:30 p.m.

In an effort to maximize its rate for the next three years, the Brackett School Board is proposing a 3 cent hike in the tax rate.

The trustees voted 6-1 last week to raise the district's tax rate from 1.2119 to 1.2419 per \$100 valuation during a special meeting.

Under the proposal, taxes on the average home in Kinney County would increase by \$14.09, or 12.5 percent.

For school district's around the state, this year's tax rate establishes a cap on the amount of state funding a district can receive for the following two years.

"The cap applies to Tier II, which is an equalization fund in Texas," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "The equalization fund in our district is about one cent for each two cents of state help. That's a significant amount of money. In our district, we receive approximately \$600,000 in Tier II funds every year."

Trustee Tim Ward said, "It's a scheme

on the part of the state to force local school districts to raise taxes. We have to recognize it for what it is, and it's a trap."

Stephenson said the proposed rate would allow the district to utilize a greater amount of state funds during the next three years. But he added that the tax rate could be lowered if additional funding wasn't needed in the future.

"If the School Board doesn't maximize the rate in the year when the cap is set and then they have needs in those two years that follow, it would end up with local tax-

payers paying about three times the tax load they would otherwise have to pay," he said.

"At one point in time, the tax rate in Kinney County was \$1.32. Two or three years ago, it was \$1.25 and we've dropped it to \$1.21. So I think they have a history of trying to establish the lowest possible tax rate, but yet maximizing state funds. That's what this vote was about tonight."

Trustee Steve LaMascus said, "We all want to do what's best for the children, and this is obviously going to be best for the children."

County officials continue contract negotiations for detention facility

Kinney County officials continued contract negotiations Monday with CiviGenics to construct a 500-bed detention facility during a regular Commissioners Court meeting.

The facility is proposed to be built on land owned by Joe York Jr., located on Highway 131, approximately 1.3 miles south of the Highway 90 intersection. The original land to be purchased was 88 acres, but the size of the property was increased to 92.15 acres in order to address concerns made from Fort Clark Springs residents. The price of the land has not been made public.

"It's a few more acres than we originally intended because of being sensitive to the opposition, about setting too close to the road," said Bob Prince, a marketing director with CiviGenics. "So we went back as far as was practical. On the backside, we'll need some buffer between our security fence on the backside and the facility."

"Also, there was concern about the lighting," he said. "We have agreed to put baffles on that are practical and to point the lights downward. This is

possible, so this shouldn't have the lights lighting up the night except where necessary."

The proposed site includes the land which was used for the former City of Brackettville dump, which was a concern to the commissioners.

"Concerning the landfill, I have talked with David Luna and he has the supporting documents to show that this is not a hazardous site," Prince said. "It meets all of the state government requirements."

County Attorney Tully Shahan said: "That's a certificate that we must obtain for clearance from every state agency. They're going to have to do some more testing out there. Once we get those certificates, then we're OK."

Members of the Commissioners Court asked how the environmental studies were going to be paid for.

"That's usually something that is negotiated between the seller and the buyer," said Herb Bristow, an attorney representing the county in the negotiations. "We can require in the contract that the seller provide us with an environmental assessment of the property at his cost."



Today marks the 211th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States. Mayor Carmen Berlanga signed a proclamation Monday designating Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week in Brackettville. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry



Brackett News Publisher Jewel Robinson, left, welcomes Charlie Urbina Jones to Kinney County. Jones stopped in Brackettville recently on his way to Del Rio to examine the damages caused by the recent flooding. Jones is a Democratic candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in the November general election.

BISD a leader in technology

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Brackett School District is a leader in technology, according to Superintendent Taylor Stephenson.

Some of the technological advances were discussed at last week's Rotary Club meeting by Frank Taylor, the director of technology for the local school system.

The drastic changes in the way young people acquire their education have come about so recently that some of the Rotarians present found it quite foreign to their life experiences.

Members who have young people in school or college have experienced these changes vicariously, and Rotary President J. J. Guidry is involved directly because he is taking college courses.

Years ago, if you had no plans for college, you might choose to attend a technical high school to learn a skill such as auto mechanics. Speak of technology today and you are probably referring to computers.



Frank Taylor, left, is welcomed to last week's Rotary Club meeting by Taylor Stephenson. Photo by Frances McMaster

Students can access a seemingly limitless source of information with a computer. Learning how to operate it is a skill within itself. Having one presents many opportunities for gathering information -- it's like opening a door to another world.

As the director of technology, Taylor is in charge of the computers and the programs available to students. In the 10 years he has taught locally, his subjects have

been history and a gifted and talented program.

These are valuable subjects to certain students. Now, computers, and the district's Alternative School, give dropouts a chance to return, catch up, and even graduate with their class.

Each student has access to a computer and the time he or she wants to spend catching up. A stu-

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Sellers named pastor

Rev. Ken F. Sellers of Rock Island will replace Rev. Sheree Harris as pastor of Brackettville United Methodist Church.
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Runners take fourth

The girls' team took fourth at the Rocksprings Invitational Saturday, but all five runners improved on their times.
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Sustainable energy — a defense against terrorism

By Garry Mauro
Texas Land Commissioner

In his first press conference after assuming his new post, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson warned that we must cut our dependence on foreign oil.

His reason? Foreign oil is too easy a target for international terrorists.

The bombings of our embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam and our subsequent punitive strikes against terrorist infrastructure only highlights what many policy makers, myself included, have been saying for years: One of the best ways to assure our future energy supplies is to develop clean, sustainable energy resources.

What is a matter of national energy security is also a great opportunity for Texas.

Despite the long-standing image of the Texas wildcatter, the fact of the matter is that the Lone Star State is now a net energy producer — we consume more than we produce. On the other hand, Texas is rich in clean, renewable energy resources, particularly wind and solar power.

We have enough accessible wind to generate half again as much electricity as we consume every year, enough to fulfill more than 10 percent of national demand. And, in the words of one expert, Texas is the Saudi Arabia of solar power. By developing wind and solar power, Texas will once again be an energy exporter.

Wind and solar power have many advantages over petroleum. Since they are domestic resources, they are far less vulnerable to terrorist attack than foreign oil fields or huge tankers. Moreover, the jobs and other economic benefits coming from domestic wind and solar generating facilities will go to Texas and Texans.

The waste emissions produced by burning fuel oil, gasoline and diesel fuel is a major source of air pollution. But, no waste is mit-

ted by windmills and photovoltaic panels. In other words, wind and solar power won't contribute to the public health and environmental problems caused by air pollution.

Petroleum is a depletable resource. We don't know how much oil reserves remain on the planet and we don't know how fast we will use them up. But we do know they are finite — they won't last forever.

Historically, the biggest drawback to wind and solar power has been cost. However, the West Texas Wind Power Project — a cooperative venture between the General Land Office, the Lower Colorado River Authority and a private corporation — generates power for LCRA customers at less than a nickel per kwh and is paying royalties to the Permanent School Fund to boot.

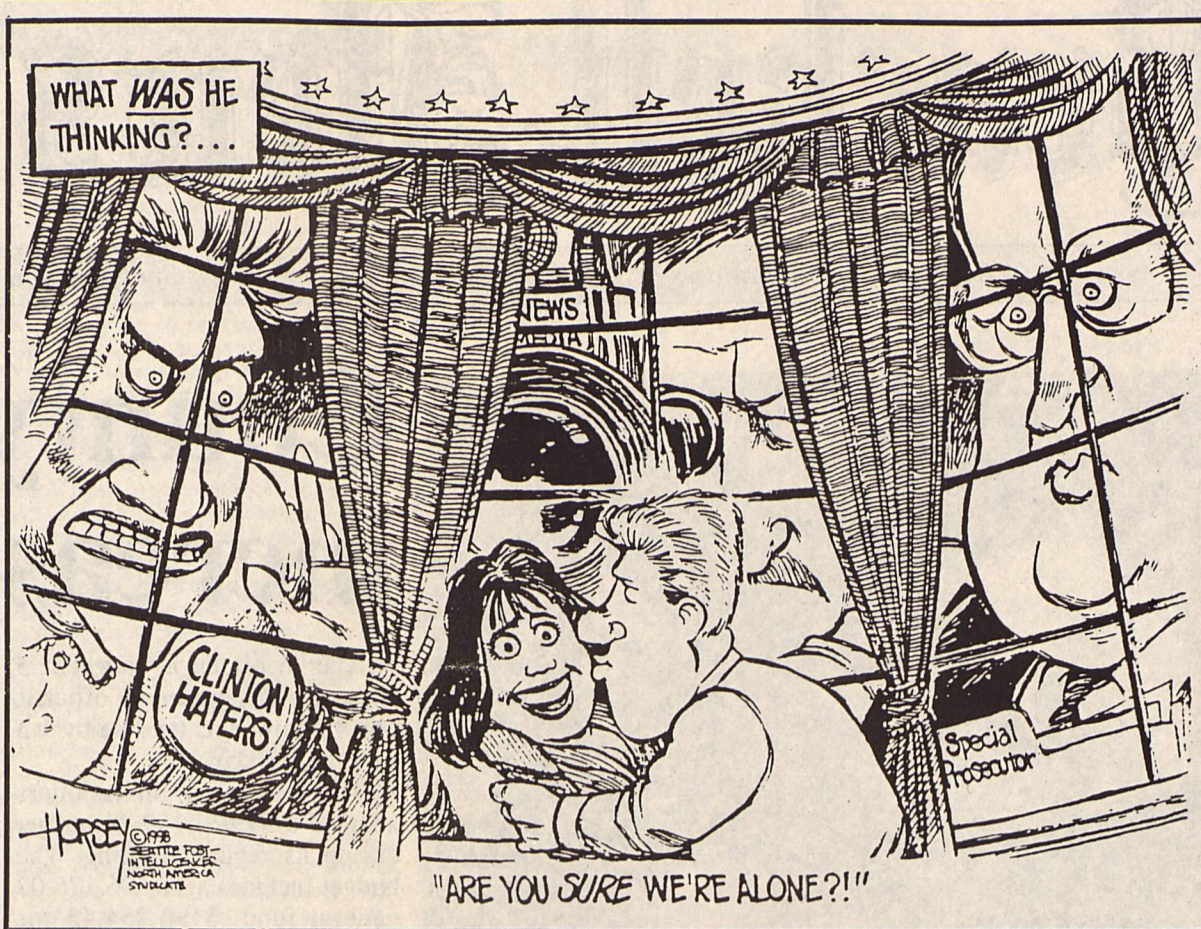
Advances in photovoltaic technology is rapidly reducing the cost of solar-generated electricity.

Some people dismiss wind and solar power as pie-in-the-sky dreams of impractical idealists. But consider what Royal Dutch Shell, the world's most profitable oil company, has done.

According to their best estimates, in the year 2030, the worldwide wind and solar industries will have combined revenues of \$150 billion a year. Shell has backed up that prediction with cold cash and bought two photovoltaic companies.

I have long been an advocate of using natural gas as much as possible, particularly as a vehicular fuel, because Texas continues to have abundant supplies of this clean resource. But like oil, natural gas won't last forever. It is at best an interim fuel before the full development of wind and solar electrical generation and more exotic resources such as hydrogen fuel cells.

Now is the time for Texas to aggressively develop sustainable energies. If we do, Texans will have energy as long as the wind blows and the sun shines.



Elected officials should earn more than auditor

The situation at the Courthouse is interesting. To recall some history may be helpful.

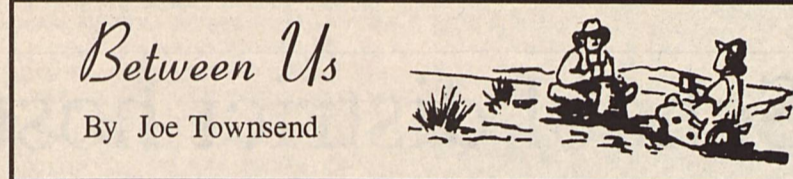
When the county judge's office faced a change in judges after an election, some interesting facts came to light.

The county was deeply in debt. It was found there were bank loans executed by the former judge without the knowledge of the Commissioners Court and no money to pay.

The major bank doing the county business was told to get their finances in order or the bank would call in their loan and cancel their contract. During that time, salaries in the Courthouse were paid by fines levied on the highway violators.

The district judge persuaded the Commissioners Court to pay an "auditor" he would appoint.

From that time until the present there has been an auditor paid by the taxpayers. The alibi the Commissioners have used since that time is: "The district judge ap-



points the auditor."

The truth of the matter is the Commissioners Court has to authorize paying the auditor.

In reality, there are two important factors. In the first place, the county treasurer is elected by the people and is charged with handling county funds. She should and does do all the auditor does.

In the second place, if an auditor was needed, state law would dictate the election of an auditor.

There comes now very serious questions about the salary paid the auditor.

State law dictates the publication of salaries of elected officials. Since the auditor is not elected, there is no publication of the salary.

It turns out the Commissioners Court plans to pay the auditor more than the elected officials, one of which has the identical responsibility of the auditor.

All the hemming and hawing in the world cannot whitewash this chicanery to make it acceptable.

Both the tax assessor-collector and the county treasurer should be paid considerably more than the auditor.

If the court insists on wasting taxpayers' money on totally unneeded personnel, it should at least have integrity enough to recognize the iniquity of paying such personnel more than the responsible elected officials.

Grievances filed by these officials should be recognized as right and adjustments made.

The flood was a wake-up call

By Steven R. LaMascio
Contributing Writer

The Southwestern part of Texas is just coming out of the worst flood anyone can remember. In some places, there were over 30 inches of rain recorded in just a couple of days.

There were many lives lost and families left destitute. Homes were destroyed, livestock was lost, businesses were left in a shambles, and there was no electricity and no water.

This came on the heels of an equally severe drought. The old-timers around the country say the drought was the worst ever.

The good and pure and Christian part of this story is the reaction of the rest of the state and country. From all over the United States, aid flowed into the Del Rio area.

People and material were present even before the rain stopped falling.

There were trucks lined up along the highways leading into Del Rio waiting for the water to go down so they could make deliveries of desperately needed medical supplies, food, water and other necessities of life.

As usual in this great land, the population came to the rescue

when it was needed. The cavalry came at the gallop, the good guys rode in on their white horses, knights in shining though muddy armor were everywhere, and everyone pitched in to do what was needed.

In time of crisis, the true nature of the United States shines like a beacon on a stormy night. When the chips are down, we still have what it takes, in spades! And I am proud of it!

But what about when there is no crisis? In our daily, routine, humdrum lives do we have what it takes? Do we chip in for the good of all when we are not faced with disaster? Is our moral and moralistic strength kept in reserve for only those situations where we are called on to save lives? And while we are on the subject of drought and flood, why did this happen?

I don't know, but I have an idea. I think it is a message. I think the most holy God has decided that we need a wake-up call and has sent one.

Yes! We are a great and strong nation. We are, or were, the greatest nation ever seen on earth. We had both physical and moral strength that had never before graced the face of the earth. We were "one nation, under God, in-

divisible, with liberty and justice for all." Were! Were! Were!

We are no longer "one nation under God." Our morals have begun to decay. Our moral outrage at things unacceptable has faded into apathy.

We, at least a majority of us if you believe the polls, are willing to accept the fact that the foremost representative of the greatest nation ever known is an immoral, philandering, lying, power-hungry socialist.

There is no strength in our morality. Yes, it was wrong. No, he shouldn't have done it. And then he shouldn't have lied to us about it. But, he is doing a good job.

Wrong! His job is to represent me and I do not want to be represented by a man who has so little moral or physical courage that he would lie to the entire United States of America rather than face the consequences of an act that he should never have committed. His job is to represent "one nation under God" and I know that God does not condone his actions.

God has given us a slap. He has sent us a message. He did the same in the days of Ahab and Jezebel, and they did not listen. They were destroyed root and branch.

It is up to us to accept the message for what it is and change our course. If we do not, all the goodness, helping hands in a crisis, and having what it takes in a crunch will not amount to a thimble in the ocean.

In the midst of disaster, we responded with warmth, humanity, kindness, and largess. We shared both our financial and physical wealth and we're proud to do it. Now we must continue the trend into the future. Let's not wait for the next disaster to force us into demonstrating our Christian roots.

Tax free home runs

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman, 23rd District

Baseball's Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire are racing each other to make baseball history, and they just may end up making history together.

Both sluggers have beaten Roger Maris' record for hitting the most home runs in a single season. Maris' record was 61 homers set in 1961. Sosa and McGwire have each hit 62 humdingers this season and there are still several games to play.

But as the bats continue to crack and crowds continue to cheer, no one is cheering louder than the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS is looking to the bleachers aiming to pick the pockets of the fans that catch record-breaking homers.

A lucky fan who caught one of Mark McGwire's record-breaking balls, could find he or she wasn't so lucky when they generously returned the ball to McGwire. An IRS official said that exchange would be a gift and the IRS could slap the fan with a hefty gift tax. Supposing the record-breaking ball was worth a million bucks, the unlucky fan would find he owes the federal government over \$140,000 in taxes.

The IRS is hinting that it does not plan to impose the gift tax on fans who return the history making baseballs to McGwire and Sosa, but it stops short of flatly exempting fans who return record-breaking home run balls. When asked directly, the IRS' answer has been, like the IRS in general, legalistic and bureaucratic.

Congress is stepping up to the plate, so to speak, to protect fans who end up on the receiving end of historical home runs by catching and returning home run balls to the sluggers that hit them. The legislation will keep the IRS from sticking those fans with the "McGwire-Sosa Tax."

Taxing fans for their generosity in returning the home run balls to the batter is just not right. This bill will make sure fans are free to catch historic baseballs rather than run from the bleachers every time a history making homer comes flying their direction.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

Brackettville and particularly the Methodist Church has lost an important personage. Sheree Harris was an outstanding contribution to our community.

Sheree was a good pastor. She led the church in organizing to do a good many things in the community.

She was an integral part of the Ministerial Alliance and participated fully in all activities. Sheree was a good preacher and always brought a good message. Sheree was beloved by all who knew her.

In addition to being a fine pastor for her church, she was interested and supportive of many community activities.

We certainly wish her the very best of God's blessings as she begins her new responsibilities at Colonial Hills. By all measurements, Sheree Harris is an Unsung Hero.

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Masonic Lodge presents 50 year service awards

The Las Moras Masonic Lodge presented 50 Year Service Awards to four of its members Saturday.

The open meeting was held at Slator Hall, with 54 members and guests present.

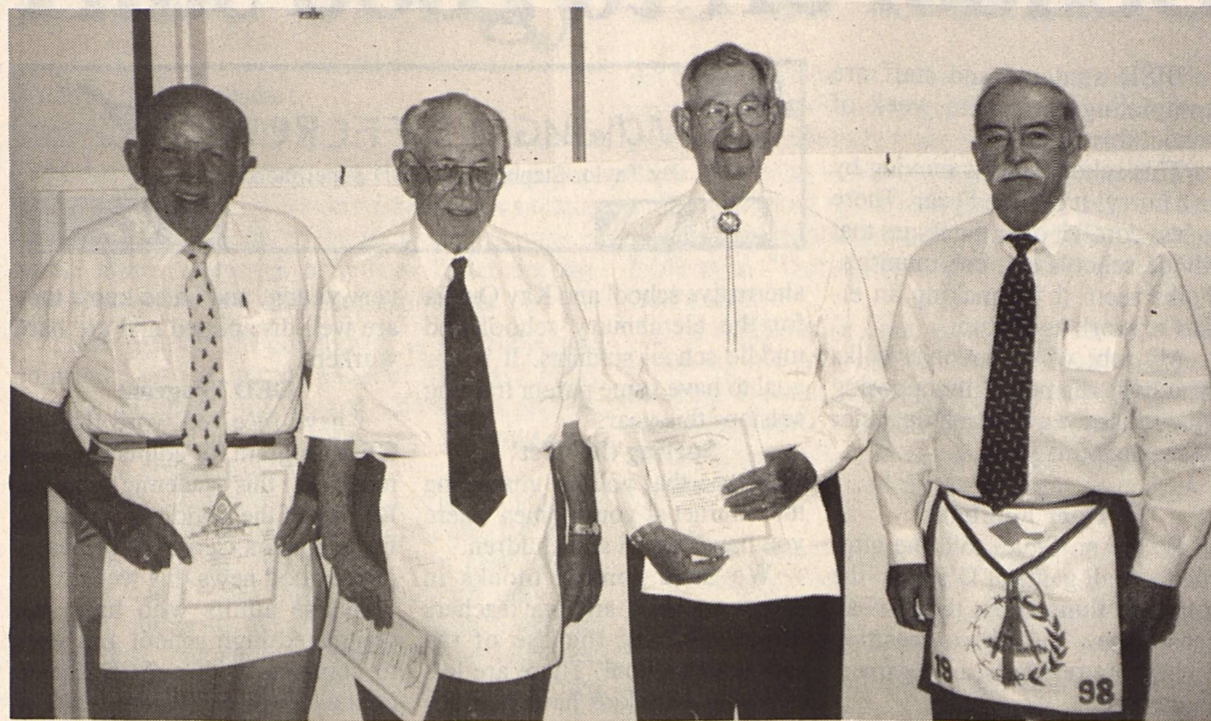
A covered dish dinner was served at 6 p.m., and then the open meeting was called to order by Worshipful Master Frank Taylor.

A prayer given by Chaplain Tom Faulkenberry, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Taylor introduced District Deputy Grand Master Durwood Edwards, of the 43rd Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of Texas, who presented the 50 Year Service Awards to Samuel H. Blackwood, James F. Harber and John A. "Jack" Taunt.

The fourth recipient, Richard A. Mountain, is living in Las Vegas. He was unable to be in attendance to receive his award due to health reasons.

The four members join two others, Bruce Clements and



Samual H. Blackwood (from left), James F. Harber and John A. "Jack" Taunt were presented 50 Year Service Awards Saturday by District Deputy Grand Master Durwood Edwards. Richard A. Mountain (not pictured) was also a recipient of the award, but he was unable to attend the open meeting.

James Stafford, who have labored as Master Masons in the Masonic Fraternity for more

than 50 years.

After the ceremony, Ray Kurtz, the guest speaker, gave

a brief history on the growth of the lodge after he joined in the 1970s.

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Technology allows BISD to offer college courses

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dent management program helps define exactly what is needed for this individual to catch up and to graduate from high school if that is the goal. The student's own history keeps focus on what is needed.

At Brackett High School, two college courses are presently available for which ambitious students can earn college credits.

Distant Learning classrooms provide interaction between two or more separate places. Two way communication exists. Sensitive microphones placed in opposite corners of the class-

rooms pick up the sound. Students can interact with one another. Monitors oversee the classes.

There will be more computer classes available in the spring, and perhaps a night class for individuals unable to attend during the day.

With computers available, students can access the Internet to research material for class and use E-mail to talk to other students, even ones in other countries.

Cities have computer centers where one can rent a computer by the hour and do such things as learning about available college scholarships.

Storm-related damages eligible for assistance

DEL RIO -- Anyone who has storm-related losses from the effects of Tropical Storm Charley, no matter how the damage happened, is encouraged to apply for assistance, according to federal and state disaster officials.

"Reports have been received that some storm victims have not applied for financial assistance because their homes were not flooded, but were damaged by high winds from Tropical Storm Charley," according to Juan Gil, deputy federal coordinating officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"We want to assure victims that their property did not have to be damaged by flood waters to be eligible. If the damage was wind-

related, or caused by any aspect of Tropical Storm Charley, they may be eligible for assistance and should apply," he added.

"In every disaster it seems that some rumors and misinformation as to who is eligible and who is not gets repeated," said Ed Laundry, state coordinating officer for the Texas Division of Emergency Management. "Complexity of certain programs tends to confuse the public, most of whom have never been involved in a disaster before. It is not necessary that victims understand the details of every assistance program."

Anyone whose property is damaged by any part of the storm should call FEMA toll-free number 1-800-462-9029.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, Sept. 8

1:00 p.m., A Rio Grande Electric employee reported that a hunting camp had been broken into on a ranch close to Cline. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, he found that a combination lock had been pryed off of a door. The door was secured. The owners were contacted. The case is still under investigation.

2:30 p.m., An employee at Pico's reported that a man at the convenience store didn't have any money to return to his home in Del Rio and requested help from the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess was dispatched to the scene. Burgess and Ricky Alvarado, the manager of Pico's, purchased a bus ticket for the man so he could return home.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

3:12 a.m., An employee with Security Link reported that a burglary alarm was going off at a Unit 21 residence at Fort Clark Springs. Deputy Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, he found that the doors and windows were locked.

9:16 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported that someone had stolen an 18-speed bicycle from her residence the previous day between 5 and 11 p.m. A Brackettville man came into the Sheriff's Office at 3 p.m. on Sept. 11 and reported that his son-in-law had taken the bicycle from the residence because it was near some trash and he thought it was being thrown away. The bicycle was taken to the Sheriff's Office and later returned to the owner, who did not wish to press charges.

9:31 p.m., Border Patrol officials reported that a vehicle tried to run the check point at Cline. The occupants of the vehicle were reportedly intoxicated. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar was dispatched to the scene.

11:50 p.m. Michael Gerald Mann, 20, of Boerne and Casey Ervin Riley, 18, of Somerset were arrested by Trooper Slubar. Mann was charged with driving while

intoxicated, first offense and Riley was charged with public intoxication. Both individuals were booked into the Kinney County Jail, and released the following day. Mann paid a \$150 fine and Riley posted a \$1,000 bail bond.

Thursday, Sept. 10

5:25 a.m., A Smith Security officer reported three illegal aliens on Fort Clark Road. Border Patrol officials were dispatched to the scene.

8:15 p.m., Border Patrol officials asked local officials to stop a gold Mercury travelling east on Highway 90. The vehicle stopped at Pico's and the driver was taken into custody. A missing person's report had been filed with the Del Rio Police Department. The man was released to his daughter.

Friday, Sept. 11

3:56 a.m., Del Rio DPS officials reported that a DEA agent from Eagle Pass reported a suspicious Toyota pickup at the Kinney County rest stop on Highway 277. The DEA agent was transporting prisoners and could not stop. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He said everything was OK.

6:15 a.m., Border Patrol officials requested assistance at the intersection of Highway 90 and Highway 693. A 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee was running from Border Patrol officials when it ran off the road and through a fence, south of Highway 90. The two men fled the scene and were not apprehended. Approximately 150 pounds of marijuana was found in the vehicle. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. A wrecker removed the vehicle and transported it to Border Patrol headquarters in Brackettville. The vehicle is owned by the Hertz Corporation.

6:40 p.m., A Smith Security officer reported vandalism at a Fort Clark Springs residence in Unit 3. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. The case is still under investigation.

7:55 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that a family was having

car trouble at Fritter Park, east of Brackettville on Highway 90. A tire had blown out on the vehicle, and the spare was flat. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. Family members said that a friend was bringing a tire.

Saturday, Sept. 12

1:40 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported that she didn't want her husband in her house any more. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the residence on Rose Alley. Upon arrival, he found the husband sitting outside. The woman would not answer the front door. The man said that he would stay outside for the rest of the night.

2:53 a.m., A Brackettville man reported that someone had tried to run over him. He described the vehicle as a brown four-door LTD. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the man's residence on Fulton Street, but no one answered the door. Dispatchers tried to call the man, but he had given them a wrong number. The man never called back to the Sheriff's Office.

7:32 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that a black truck was driving fast on North Street by the church. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene, but he could not locate the vehicle.

11:12 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs woman reported gun shots. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He patrolled the area, but did not see any suspicious activity.

Sunday, Sept. 13

1:12 a.m., Smith Security officials requested assistance at Fort Clark Springs. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, he met with a woman who said she needed an escort to pick up a baby car seat because she had words with her boyfriend. Chism explained to the woman that it was a civil matter, but agreed to escort her to prevent any trouble. After arriving at the residence, the woman's request was denied and she started causing trouble, so Chism asked her to leave the residence.

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Briefs ...

Old Quarry Society to present melodrama

Members of the Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts have selected a gay-90s melodrama for presentation on Oct. 10 as a feature of this year's Fort Clark Days celebration weekend. Performances by the Fort Clark Dance Company will highlight the play, planned for staging in the Amphitheater.

At the group's regular meeting last Monday, Lynn McNew, director, reviewed progress on casting the adapted play. She set rehearsal times for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Amphitheater.

McNew invites all members of the community with interest in taking a nonspeaking part in the production to come to any rehearsal for casting as Indian braves and maidens. Some costumes are available.

A special meeting of Old Quarry Society is planned for Monday, Sept. 28, at 5 p.m. at the Adult Center. Set preparation and construction will be on the agenda, as well as discussion and planning for costumes and further rehearsal needs.

Anyone willing to help in any area of this upcoming event is invited to attend this meeting or the regular meetings, which are scheduled the first Monday of each month at 5 p.m. in the Adult Center.

Beta Epsilon Omicron hosts 'start-up' social

The Beta Epsilon Omicron chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its yearly "start-up" social at the home of Dee Curry where members gathered for banana-split cake, walnut caramel brownies, and cool, refreshing drinks on Sunday afternoon.

Members shared summer news of their own and caught up on winter members' expected arrival dates. The new yearbook pages and yearly calendar were distributed, and programs and socials for the coming year were reviewed. The chapter will continue the member's autobiography stories for this year's programs.

The chapter begins its first year as a career chapter, and will have only one meeting and one cultural event monthly on the calendar. Monthly meetings will be at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, September through May. A brunch meeting is planned for June, and a poolside meeting for July. Club members from local chapters are welcome to visit to make-up meetings.

Members attending the social were Elizabeth Goebel, Opal Groce, Judy Hooker, Hazel Ivey, Pam Melancon and Lou Green, who was visiting.

Preceptor Theta Sigma chapter starts new year

The Preceptor Theta Sigma chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Alicia Raymer to start their new year on Beginning Day, Aug. 31, which is celebrated by all Beta Sigma Phi chapters nationwide.

Hostesses Alicia Raymer and Marge Geeze served refreshments to Nancy Frerich, Luella Gilliland, Pat McKelvy, Lynn McNew, Bobbie Waddill, and guest Patty Lanzetti, Geeze's daughter.

Frerich handed out the new yearbooks. Members then discussed the dates for upcoming meetings, programs and socials.

Officials recall Fold 'N Go Care Centers

WASHINGTON -- In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Century Products Co., of Macedonia, Ohio, is voluntarily recalling about 50,000 Fold 'N Go Care Centers for repair. Only model numbers 10-750 or 10-760 manufactured before September 1998 are being recalled.

Consumers should stop using the bassinet immediately and call Century at (800) 583-4092, or write to Century Products Company, Attention: Consumer Relations Department, 9600 Valley View Road, Macedonia, Ohio, 44056.

Aerobics Classes!

Place -- St. Mary Magdalene Parish Hall
Starting Date -- October 5, 1998

Weekly classes are scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 P.M. Monthly fee \$5. All ages are welcome, male and female. Anyone interested should call Ida Holley at 563-9646 or Casuals Plus at 563-9313.

BISD Cafeteria Menu

Breakfast Menu

Friday, Sept. 18
Biscuits & Sausage
Gravy
Fruit or Juice

Monday, Sept. 21
Tiger Toast
Fruit or Juice

Tuesday, Sept. 22
French Toast
Syrup
Fruit or Juice

Wednesday, Sept. 23
Waffles, Syrup
Fruit or Juice

Thursday, Sept. 24
Breakfast Pizza
Fruit or Juice

Lunch Menu

Friday, Sept. 18
Roast Beef, Fresh Baked Roll
Whipped Potatoes, Brown Gravy
Seasoned Vegetable

Monday, Sept. 21
Sliced Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
Oven Fries, Fruit
Lettuce & Tomato Salad

Tuesday, Sept. 22
Lasagna, Fresh Baked Roll
Seasoned Vegetables, Fruit

Wednesday, Sept. 23
Tacos, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice
Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Fruit

Thursday, Sept. 24
Hamburger, Oven Fries
Burger Salad, Jello

School off to good start

BISD students and staff are completing their fifth week of school this Friday!

This school year is moving by in a hurry! It's a good year. There is less conflict over the issues that divide schools and communities. Folks seem to be making an effort to work as a team.

My job, which involves folks who have diametrically opposing views, has even been a little easier to manage this year.

Tiger Football

Beth Ann Smith told me after the football game at D'Hanis, the only bad thing about the football season was that there are only eight more regular season games! Point made!

This week, our athletic program gets a sound challenge. My schedule shows Comstock volleyball here on Friday, and Dilley here next Tuesday. Games start at 5 p.m. Dilley will be a district game!

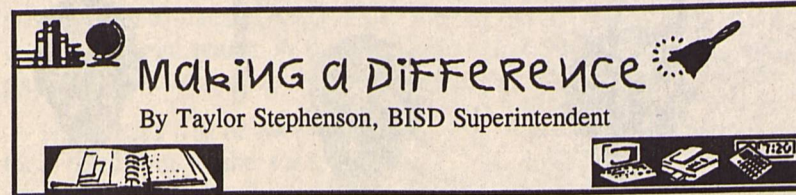
Come support a bunch of hard working young ladies and their coaches.

The football team has a home game here against Nueces Canyon this Friday at 7:30 p.m. It is Parents' Night at Tiger Stadium.

The team is unbeaten and is unscored on. We are one of three teams in the San Antonio area that are unscored on. Get 'em Tigers! We look for a sellout crowd Friday night.

Parental Assistance

Our counselors are busy with referrals from student problems. Parents who need assistance or help should contact Susan Harrison for the high school and



alternative school and Kay Qualia for the elementary school and middle school students. It is our goal to have some parent training sessions this year.

Surfing the 'Net'

I hope that you are managing the Internet at your homes where you have school age children.

We have content blocks in place at school, and our teachers are monitoring the use of the Internet at school. There are lots of sites where kids have no business being.

Parents have the responsibility at home to monitor the use of the Internet.

There are tremendous learning opportunities on the "net." Just like television, parents should be in charge of what comes into the home and what doesn't. We're trying to do that job at school.

Academic Wing

The new high school wing has been delayed because of problems in the caliche pit caused by the Aug. 24 flooding. I hope that we can get this project back on the tracks this week.

Cheerleaders

The cheerleaders stay many hours after school practicing to be the best. They are good and are doing their best to keep the spirit upbeat at the games this year.

Tiger Band

Our band gets better each week. I know that the students are

very young, and I also know they are well disciplined and are hard workers.

GED Program

I have received word that the GED program for adults has been funded for this academic year. Joy Ralston of the Middle Rio Grande Development Center informed us of the good news this week.

Those adults who have not completed high school and want to complete with a GED should contact Willie Clements at the Alternative School.

One of the basic needs if new jobs should come to our area will be a high school diploma. Get yours taken care of!

Thanks, Rio Grande

Rio Grande Electric's fast action helped the school through a difficult time when a power line started popping this past Monday.

Dan Laws, Clinton Brown, Charley Hadsell and the fine staff at RGE deserve a tip of the hat.

It is our good fortune that RGE is located here in Brackettville. From the kids, staff and community, thanks RGE!

That's about all. How exciting it is to be here among the fine students at Brackett ISD!

Educators and parents have an awesome responsibility to guide Kinney County's best to a productive life after BHS! I'm proud to be a part of it! Have a great week.

But I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall



Man's best friend

A friend of mine recently lost his dog. It died. I guess it can't really be classified as a tragedy, but it was a painful loss.

I know we're not supposed to love 'em, but they're special friends too.

I've been through my share of lost pets. Every time I get one I know that the chances are very good that it'll die before long. Almost certainly before I do.

But we still acquire them anyway. I'm not sure why. I guess we just need more devotion in our lives. More devotion, more unquestioning loyalty, and certainly more love.

Some of us get pet rocks so we don't ever feel the pain one suffers from the eventual loss of that contact in our lives. But they never feel the joys and rewards that come from having a pet either.

So we have two clear choices. Never own a pet and forego the pleasures associated with them or endure the pain suffered from their loss. I choose to have a pet. But I could be wrong.

Allen claims title at Hill Country Classic

KERRVILLE -- Bailee Allen took first place for Pee Wee Showmanship at the Hill Country Classic last Monday at the Kerr County Youth Exhibit Center.

Allen, a third grader at Jones Elementary, is a member of the Kinney County 4-H Club.

Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he graduated 12th from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lt. of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, where Lt. French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882, the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries, which he faithfully maintained for the next 30 years.

Friday, Sept. 17, 1886

Worked on the invitations this morning and prepared several to be mailed. Carried some down to the postoffice, those that are to go to California and Clark. Went into the Bank a few moments to see Henry and after buying some postage stamps went to Detzer's to complete arrangements for the toilet case. Then called for a while on John Morris and Charley Worden at their office, and on Judge Morris who said there was no news from the case at Indianapolis. Sat for a while in Dr. Laubach's office but he did not come in. Returned to his office in the afternoon and had a chat with him. Then went down to the factory and spent most of the afternoon there. In the evening Lula and I called on Mr. and Mrs. Nuttman spending quite a long time there, and then on Mr. and Mrs. Chapman where we found Mr. Moffat. George returned tonight from Chicago where he went last night.

Saturday, Sept. 18, 1886

Played solitaire a while this morning waiting for the mail. Then went down to the factory and helped put up some blankets for shipment. Sue came down bringing a letter from Ed Todd stating that it would be impossible for him to be here for Lula's wedding, but he expected to spend a short time with us next week en route to Chicago. Went down to the factory in the afternoon to help about the blankets. It is a pleasure to help them fill orders. On way home in the evening stopped & paid Mr. Perrin for livery bill. After supper George and I went down town to attend to some errands. Met Will Fleming & had a long talk with him, Harry Hanna joining us for a short time. He has become quite stout. Got my new shoes this evening. Went to Mrs.

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The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French

Courtesy of his descendants

Miller's where found Mother, Lula & Sue. Mrs. Miller has just returned from Petoskey and this was my first meeting with her. She is looking well & hearty. Received a letter from Hatfield today acknowledging their error and sending me a corrected account. Their letter was a very pleasant one.

Sunday, Sept. 19, 1886

Went down to the post office before church but got no mail. Read the Register which came and found that Eckerson is acting Adjutant. Wonder why Cunningham was relieved. Had a stranger minister this morning and could not understand all the sermon. Henry was waiting at the church and took me out to his house for dinner. In the afternoon a party of us rode up to Cedarville and back over a different road. The country is more rolling than I expected to find and quite beautiful. It is evident that farmers are improving their places and beautifying them, not contented to live anyway as in former times. Took supper with Aunt Julia then escorted Mattie Withers up to her room. She has had a hard time of it and told me about her troubles, but she exaggerates so much that it is hard to believe all she says. I guess she has had a great deal of trouble though. Took Mattie to church afterwards. This was the first time I have been in the church at night. It is well lighted and the colors show well. Had trouble to keep awake during the sermon.

Monday, Sept. 20, 1886

Waited at the house for the mail but none came for me. Then went down to the factory and spent the rest of the morning there. After dinner wheeled the baby down in her buggy, Sue and Mattie taking her out to Grandmother's. Stayed at the factory until about four o'clock when Emma & Mecca Hoagland came along in their buggy and took me up to their house where Mecca & I played several games of tennis. Enjoyed the exercise and want to have more of it. On way home stopped in at Dr. Laubach's new house and was glad to see that it was almost ready for occupancy. In the evening went down to the lodge

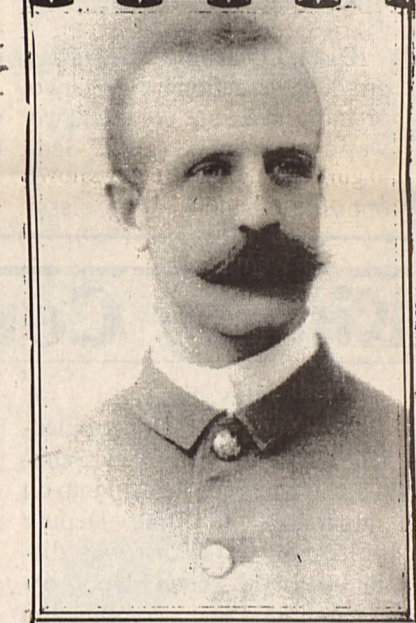
room but contrary to my expectation no meeting was held this evening. Escorted Lula and Mrs. McDonald to the Opera House where they went to attend the theatre. Made a long call afterwards on Mack Tower and his wife. He seems to be happily married and pleasantly located. Read and dozed until near 11 o'clock when went after Lula & Mrs. McDonald again. Intended to call early in the evening with Mother on Cass Miller but he was not at home.

Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1886

Waited at home until after mail time but nothing came for me. Went down to the factory and spent the rest of the morning there. In the afternoon read Blaine's second volume until after three o'clock when went down to Detzer's and found that he had received no news about my toilet case. Met the Edgerton girls on the street. Stopped at the book stores and found the prices of atlas and book stand. Must write to Capt Kauffman about the latter. Stayed at the factory a while afterwards. Henry came in and said that Kate, he & I are to meet up at Mecca Hoagland's tomorrow afternoon to arrange for a picnic sometime this week. After supper Lula & I called on Mary Randall, Mrs. Fanny Williams and Miss Agnes Morris, but did not find latter at home. George returned this evening from Detroit.

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1886

No mail for me this morning. Carried Lula's invitations down to postoffice to be mailed after writing a letter to Capt. Kauffman to inform him about the dictionary holder. Then went to the factory, and accompanied Father up town to see Mr. Bell, but he was not at his office. Then visited the car shops where saw Mack Tower, but could not find George. After dinner went up to the shops with George and stayed there until near four o'clock. Shaved after returning and then went up to Mecca Hoagland's to arrange about the picnic. Henry did not come but Mecca had sent him a list and I can see him to make arrangements. Stopped at Detzer's to see



about toilet case and then went to the factory. Had hard shower with hail this afternoon which broke many windows. On account of the bad weather did not go out in the evening but played cribbage with Mattie and read. George left this evening for St. Louis. This noon Dr. Laubach took me through the house he is fitting up; it will be a fine home when finished.

Thursday, Sept. 23, 1886

Had another hard rain this morning. Started out before it was over and had to go into Schott's drugstore for a while. Attended to some errands for Mother and went to Detzer's to complete arrangements for the toilet case. Then went to the bank to see Henry about the picnic and down to the factory a while. Returned to the bank to see Henry and then had hair cut. Went up to Wabash road and got time cards to study up time for leaving here in order to reach Clark on time. The fare is only \$37.20 to San Antonio, a cheaper rate than I expected to get, almost as cheap as a scalper offered to sell me a ticket. After coming home went down town to buy some copies of Harper's Weekly. Spent the afternoon reading and took a bath. Henry came up just before supper to see further about the picnic. He accepted an invitation for dinner Sunday. Went down to Dr. Laubach's office in the evening but met him in Schott's store on his way home and had a short talk there with him. Read and dozed until bedtime. Enquired at the telegraph office today but found no message from Ed. Cannot understand why none comes as he is to go to Chicago this week. Wish he would send me word so that I could arrange about going to Indianapolis.

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Praise God, be blessed

By Rev. William P. Adams
St. John's Missionary Church

"God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us, Selah,
"That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

"Let the people praise thee, O God; Let all the people praise thee.

"Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

"Let the people praise thee, O God; Let all the people praise thee.

"Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

"God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him." (Psalms 67)

Praise the Lord!
St. John's Missionary Church's prayer lines, 563-3032 and 563-9228, are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Life truly is a battle

By Rev. Joe Townsend
Frontier Baptist Church

No army ever entered a battle without the expectation of winning. Life in every real sense is a battle. Many of the highlights of the Bible are accounts of battle. Many references in the New Testament suggest battles and armaments for battle.

There are factors pointed up in the Bible that contribute to winning the battle of life. Man many times will evaluate his life and others lives and declare them good and they are wrong. The only valid evaluation comes from God.

Someday each of us will stand in judgement before God. He will then evaluate each life. He'll not care what "church" one belongs to or how important one was in life, but the Bible, the only and complete authority, says the works of each shall be tried. Those that were unworthy shall be destroyed and those that are worthy will accrue to the crown of life.

It further states that those who have faith shall be saved, some by the "skin of their teeth," but will be redeemed nevertheless.

There are conditions necessary to success in this battle. If we expect to win, we must have God on our side. The only way to have God on our side is for us to be on God's side. There is no middle ground. If we are not on God's side, we are on the devil's side. The Bible says: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" The answer is no one, nor no thing can defeat us.

God will be on our side if truth is on our side. Jesus said "I am the truth." There are no shades of truth. A half truth is a lie. Sincerity is not enough. One can be sincere and yet be wrong.

What we think does not determine the truth. One can think falsely. What we have been taught may

not be true. There are millions who are wrong because they have been taught wrong. We must find the truth, and the only place to find real truth is the Bible. Anything contradictory to the Bible is false.

We will win if righteousness is on our side. Someone has said righteousness is reserved for God. The Bible says, "Our righteousness is as filthy rags in God's sight."

The righteousness that takes us to heaven is not following the do's and don'ts, rites and rituals or teaching of some errant way, but God's righteousness imparted to us through Jesus Christ. Human righteousness is discerning opportunity, having compassion in time of need and being aggressive in service.

We can go a long way toward winning the battle of life simply with love. Love is not quiet assent. It is often harsh, tough love. Love is always pointing to good for the other person; is always considerate.

Having a good heart for battle is a winning element. Joab, when he was leading his army to battle, said, "Be of good courage and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people and for the cities of our God."

We can well be valiant because we have the promised presence of our God. Approval of our conscience and maintaining our self respect gives strength to win.

We can anticipate a "Crown of Joy" to the winner. Our family, our friends, our entire world needs us to win. We must work and plan as though everything depends on our efforts. But we must pray and wait as though everything depends on God because of our faith in Jesus Christ. God's blessing crowns both the work and the wait.

There will be another message from the Bible Sunday morning at 11 at Frontier Baptist Church. Come and see.

Sellers named pastor of Methodist Church

Members of Brackettville United Methodist Church will welcome a new pastor Oct. 1.

Rev. Ken F. Sellers of Rock Island will replace Rev. Sheree Harris as pastor of the 97-member congregation.

The announcement of the new pastor was made during the Sunday worship services at the church. Bishop Ray Owen of San Antonio made the appointments last week.

Harris, who has served in Brackettville since June 1995, was named associate pastor of the 1,921-member Colonial Hills Methodist Church in San Antonio on Tuesday.

Sellers has been pastor of the 32-member Rock Island United Methodist Church since June 1995. He was ordained a deacon in May.

Sellers is married to Rev. Judith L. Sellers, who will serve as pastor of First United Methodist Church in Del Rio.

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Would you eat from the tree of life?

By Pastor Charolette Corey
Gateway Ministries

From the very beginning it was God's intention to let us partake of the "Tree of Life."

In Genesis 2:9, "out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; The Tree of Life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil."

God never told Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree of life. In Genesis 2:16-17, "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou

shalt surely die."

After God told Adam this, he made Eve and, of course, we all know that when the serpent deceived Eve, she ate of the forbidden fruit, then Eve offered it to Adam and he also partook of it, and that sin came into the world from his choice.

Spiritual "man" died in his spiritual relationship with God, and physical "man" began having shorter life spans from that time onward.

You might well say that if you were in their shoes, you would have been wiser. You would have eaten of the tree of life first so that you would never die.

Well, are you all talk or would you really do it? God's word says you have the opportunity now.

In Proverbs 3:13-18, God refers to wisdom as "tree of life." Proverbs 11:30 says, "The fruit of the righteous is 'A tree of life.'" Proverbs 15:4 says, "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life."

These all refer to "a" tree of life, which are each worthy to be "eaten," but the one I challenge you to eat of is "the" tree of life.

Revelation 2:7 says, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat from The Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

When describing the "city of God" in Revelations 22:2, John writes, "In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there The Tree of Life,

which bare twelve fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and leaves of The Tree were for the healing of the nations."

If you say you would choose to eat of the tree of life, then that means you "Do His Commandments, that (you) may have a right to The Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." (Revelations 22:14)

Choose life, choose Jesus. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Laughter could be the cure

Submitted by
St. Mary Magdalene Church

"He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy." (Job 8:21)

I heard someone say that laughing is her drug of choice as a universal antiaging potion.

Laughter is the language of the young at heart and the antidote to what ails us. No drugstore prescription is required -- laughter is available to anyone at any time.

Laughter's benefits are felt immediately. With large doses, the benefits show on our face, in our body language, and the spring in our step. So who needs a face-lift or crazy diets that don't work?

Did you know that one laugh burns six calories? Laughing is jogging for your insides. It increases heart rate and circulation, stimulates the immune system, and improves the muscle tone of the abdomen.

According to a popular psychology magazine, laughter goes hand and hand with creativity, too. Researchers found that people with a keen sense of humor have a more creative outlook to problem solving than do somber individuals.

God gave us this capacity to be tickled way down deep inside. Giggles are as contagious as a viral disease.

You don't have to be happy to laugh. You become happy because you laugh.

When the losses of life become unbearable, you learn to cope and move on if you have a sense of humor. Seeing things in a humorous light helps to dissolve disappointment.

There is nothing like a mouthful of laughter. Get some for your-

self and everyone else you know. With God's help we can spread his love through chuckles and smiles to those with whom we

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The City of Brackettville is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 21, 1998 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall Annex, Highway 90 West.



David Honstein (51) takes down Sabinal's Patrick Meyer (48) during Brackett's season opener. The Tigers have not been scored on in their first two games. Brackett will host Nueces Canyon tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.
Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Tigers host Nueces Canyon

The Brackett Tigers have posted back-to-back shutouts and is one of three teams in the region still unscored on.

The Tigers will be looking for their third win of the season tomorrow night as they host Nueces Canyon in a 7:30 contest.

The Panthers are 1-1 on the season. They opened with a 27-6 loss to Leakey, but rebounded last week with a 52-20 win over Asherton.

"I'm sure Nueces Canyon will be coming in with some momentum because they beat Asherton pretty good," said David Yeager, who is in his first season as Brackett's head football coach.

"They'll probably be better

than the previous two teams we played, so we're looking at it as a challenge to go 3-0. They'll have a good team coming in."

Nueces Canyon quarterback Winston Wright rushed for three touchdowns and returned a punt 41 yards for another score against Asherton. The senior finished the contest with 141 yards rushing.

"Wright is a good athlete," Yeager said. "He plays quarterback and they like to get the ball to him on kickoffs and punt returns. He has good speed, so we're going to try to neutralize him."

Brackett's defense has been dominating in the first two weeks of the season. The Tigers have

given up only 158 yards in two games. They gave up only two first downs and 24 yards in last week's 39-0 win over D'Hanis.

Offensively, the Tigers are averaging 443.5 yards a contest, including 372.5 yards on the ground.

Yeager said the Tigers are working to improve on the mental aspects of the game.

"We're trying to eliminate the little mental mistakes that we're still making," he said. "We're still concentrating on not putting the ball on the ground. We had fewer yards in penalties last week, but we're still trying to improve on that and the mental phase of the game."

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25 Its capital is Shillong
26 Pay to play
27 Bad traffic situation
29 Reception held by the president
31 Michael, of TV fame
33 Debussy's "Clair de lune"
34 Participating citizen
35 Fine-grained sharpening stone
36 Appetizing
39 Ancient residents of Great Britain
40 Way of marching
44 White linen vestment
45 Word with shoe or drum
46 Hooded garment
47 Samuel's

wise mentor
48 Clove-scented
49 Custard tarts
50 Nathaniel and Artemus
51 Washer cycle
52 Part of a bus.
53 Palm leaf
54 Leopatra's craft
55 Reprove mildly
56 Stalemate
58 Cowboy gear
59 Small differences
60 Charged atoms
61 Gambling game
62 Relax in the tub
63 Picture holder
66 Famous jockey
67 Male witches
71 Bacchanalian cries
72 Losses freshness
73 Evade work
74 Leo "The Durocher"
75 Fish or brick starter
76 Opposite in character
77 Demented
78 Dorothy's dog
79 Once called Clay
80 Sheik's retreat

11 Young pheasant
82 Baseball great and TV host
83 In the hoosegow
85 Twin crystal
86 Showing the most pluck
87 Ship's steering wheel
88 Stoppers
89 "The Animal" (movie)
90 River in New Jersey
93 Friend of the Lone Ranger
94 Cotter pin
98 TV star Estrada
99 Fill too full
101 Word before shop or suit
103 Baker's need
104 Body or dot
105 Called Chosen by the Japanese
106 Rudely concise
107 Relief org. of films
108 Short clicks in Morse code
109 Report or rumor
110 Like Georgia Brown of song
111 Swiss abstract painter

DOWN

1 Marionette maker
2 Temple's ex-husband
3 Large highway hauler
4 Wrestler's hold
5 Plymouth, for one
6 Lewis Carroll heroine
7 Actor Moranis of "Ghostbusters"
8 Duct or form starter
9 Ben and daughter, of TV
10 Longs for eagerly
11 Charlie Brown, usually
12 Harebeest
13 Keresan Indian
14 Short-necked evergreens
15 Construction-site sights
16 Bill or book starter
17 Freminger, of films
18 Hammer part
28 Angler's need
30 Kitchen follower
32 Paul of songdom
34 Article of food
35 Wandering tube

36 Pleasingly tasty
37 Ammonia derivative
38 Flowering, woody plant
39 April 1 occurrence
40 Slow and stately, in music
41 Lukewarm
42 Suppress
43 Isle of —; south of Cuba
45 Voting groups
46 Sentence a device
49 Weather-map area
50 Squander
51 Military dress hat
53 Ice fields
54 Parade features
55 Classroom need
57 Drained by a ditch
58 Not a party animal
59 "Who's — Now?" (song)
61 "Call Me —"
62 Canonized one
63 Same as
24 Across
64 Convex molding
65 Baby's complaint
100 Bosh!
102 Novel

67 Sals or some starter
68 Biological duplicate?
69 Birds of prey
70 Golf or tennis
72 Ancient Roman square
73 Spiritual entities
76 Closes against entrance
77 Maneuvers in labor disputes
78 Bank vault security device
80 Umlaut Uriah
81 Essential element
82 Green vegetable
84 Military uniforms
85 Blue day?
86 Gem stone
88 Shrink in fear
89 L.O.O.M. member
90 Peruse
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96 Wax
97 Cap or hole starter
100 Bosh!
102 Novel

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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You won't exactly be pleased with a friend who keeps you waiting in the wings. The unreliability of others is a definite concern in general. The weekend favors romance and cultural interests.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There could be a few false starts before you get a handle on a current assignment. Concentration may be difficult to achieve until late in the week. By week's end, though, you've managed to accomplish much.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You may stall for more time rather than answer someone's question right now. Try to be on time for appointments. After dark is your best time for fun pursuits and get-togethers this week.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's just not a good week for shopping or financial transactions in general. Someone could try to sell you a bill of goods. Studying and bookkeeping are favored for the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A mix-up in appointments could occur now or someone fails to return your call. Confusions make it hard to confirm plans, though things improve for the better eventually. A weekend of fun socializing eases your stress.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Unexpected developments at home could cut into time you had planned to spend at job pursuits. Still, you'll meet with a bona fide chance to improve income and status. Don't pass this opportunity by.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You may find the behavior of a close tie somewhat bewildering. Singles should be wary of insincere types. Get-togethers with friends are favored during the weekend.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You may not accomplish as much as you'd like on the job



this week. Distractions and escapist tendencies need watching. The weekend favors quiet pursuits at home.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Lines of communication between you and a close tie could be garbled. Still, the accent is on fun and entertainment in general. You will be proud of a child's accomplishments.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Though you'll be pleased with your progress on the job now and delighted with the potential for increased income, be wary of those who take advantage in financial transactions. A potential business transaction needs further research before making a commitment.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) There are liable to be changes in plans and mix-ups in communications now. Other people either are ambiguous or not telling the truth. Couples, however, understand each other and romance is renewed this weekend.





PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You seem to be torn in two directions this week. Both career and home demand your attention at the same time. By the weekend, however, you'll be able to spend relaxing times with family.

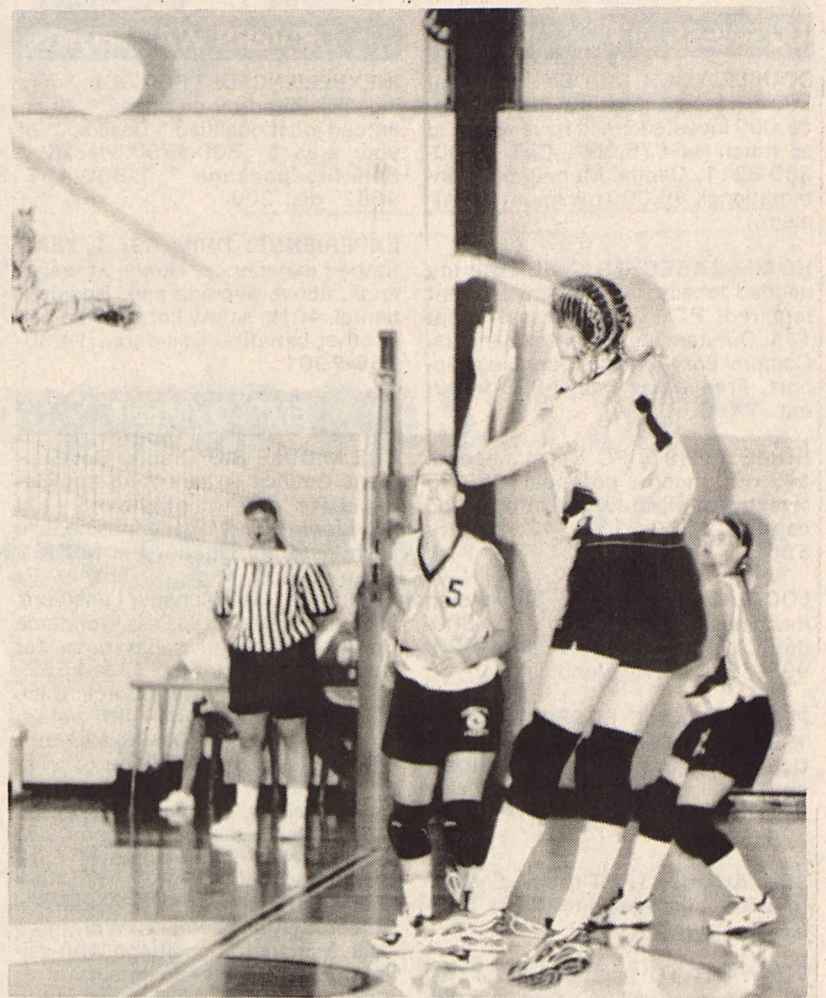
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This week's
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Picks**

					
J.J. Guidry The Brackett News	The Ladies of The Bank & Trust	Fort Clark Springs	Tony Frerich Kinney County Wool and Mohair	Wes Robinson Leona Ranch	Freddie Frerich Stop N Shop
Last week: 6-4 Overall: 15-5	Last week: 4-6 Overall: 11-9	Last week: 7-3 Overall: 14-6	Last week: 8-2 Overall: 17-3	Last week: 9-1 Overall: 16-4	Last week: 6-4 Overall: 15-5
Nueces Canyon at Brackett	Brackett	Brackett	Brackett	Brackett	Brackett
La Pryor at Dilley	Dilley	Dilley	La Pryor	Dilley	Dilley
Comfort at Rocksprings	Comfort	Comfort	Comfort	Comfort	Comfort
Carrizo Springs at Uvalde	Carrizo	Carrizo	Uvalde	Carrizo	Uvalde
Medina Valley at Hondo	Hondo	Hondo	Hondo	Hondo	Hondo
Texas at Kansas State	Kansas St.	Texas	Texas	Kansas St.	Kansas St.
A&M at S. Mississippi	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	S. Miss.
Fresno State at Texas Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech
Dallas at N.Y. Giants	Dallas	Giants	Giants	Dallas	Dallas
Philadelphia at Arizona	Eagles	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona



Brackett's Jennifer Ashabraner (1) puts over a kill after a set from Lindsey Brotherton (5). Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Briefs ...

Perez leads UTSA at Texas Invitational

AUSTIN -- Brackettville's Samantha Perez led the UTSA cross country team Saturday as she placed 14th in the university division at the Texas Invitational. Perez posted a time of 20:35 in her first collegiate cross country event.

J.V. Tigerettes defeat Utopia in two games

Brackett made quick work of Utopia Tuesday as the Tigerettes claimed a 15-11, 15-5 victory in junior varsity volleyball action. Brackett (4-5) resumes action Tuesday with a 6 p.m. game against Dilley.

Sub-varsity football teams play tonight

Brackett's sub-varsity football teams will travel to Camp Wood tonight for a double-header with Nueces Canyon.

The Cubs begin their first game of the junior high season at 5 p.m. Brackett's junior varsity (1-0) will kickoff at 6:30.

Frosh win consolation

Brackett won the consolation championship Saturday at the Eagle Pass freshmen volleyball tournament.

The Tigerettes lost to Eagle Pass 15-7, 15-12, before picking up wins over Del Rio, 15-13, 15-10, and Crystal City, 5-15, 15-6, 15-6.

Brackett's freshmen team will host Dilley on Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Cubettes split matches

The Brackett Cubettes split a double-header with Eagle Pass Memorial in junior high volleyball action on Monday.

The eighth grade team (1-1) won 15-5, 15-2, while the seventh graders (0-2) lost 15-9, 5-15, 15-4.

The Cubettes will host Del Rio on Monday. Matches begin at 5 p.m.

Gilliland places first

Luella Gilliland took first place and Mary Stephenson finished second in a game of low putts Tuesday during Ladies Golf League action at Fort Clark.

Boosters host meeting

The Brackett Athletic Booster Club will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the high school library.

Tigers shutout Cowboys

Brackett's offense rolls up 426 yards in 39-0 win

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

D'HANIS -- Brackett had two running backs rush for over 100 yards Saturday as the Tigers pitched their second shutout of the high school football season with a 39-0 victory over the D'Hanis Cowboys.

Wes Baker rushed for 177 yards, including a 55-yard touchdown, and Brent Smith tallied 111 yards and two TDs as Brackett improved to 2-0. D'Hanis dropped its overall record to 0-2.

"I was very pleased with the way our kids came out and executed," Tigers coach David Yeager said. "Being a Saturday night at D'Hanis, we had to fight some tradition, but we were ready to play when we stepped on the field."

Brackett's offense tallied 20 first downs and 426 total yards, including 372 yards rushing.

"Our offensive line had another great game," Yeager said. "They did a good job of coming off of the ball and opening up holes.

"Our backs ran hard. D'Hanis played tough and hit us, but our backs kept their feet moving and made some real tough yards. We're obviously pleased with the offensive output."

Zach Davis had two touchdown passes and Damian Toms had



Brandon Moore (30) caught a touchdown pass Saturday as Brackett shutout D'Hanis. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Brackett's other score on a 5-yard TD run.

Davis finished with 54 yards passing. He connected with Jacob Mann for a 24-yard scoring strike and hit Brandon Moore on a 13-yard TD pass.

Defensively, the Tigers held the Cowboys to only two first downs and 24 yards of total offense.

"Our defensive scheme is really tough to run and throw against," Yeager said. "Our linemen really dominated the line of scrimmage, which allowed our linebackers to run and mop up on tackles. Our defensive ends, Coty Williams and Steven Hagler, had really good games."

Tigers-Cowboys game report

Tigers 39, Cowboys 0	
Brackett	13 13 13 0 - 39
D'Hanis	0 0 0 0 - 0
First Quarter	
Brackett - Brent Smith 1 run (Jacob Mann kick), 7:14. Drive: 29 yards, 10 plays. Key play: Smith 1 run on 4th-and-1. Brackett 7, D'Hanis 0.	
Brackett - Jacob Mann 24 pass from Zach Davis (kick failed), 3:11. Drive: 67 yards, 6 plays. Key play: Brent Smith 30 run. Brackett 13, D'Hanis 0.	
Second Quarter	
Brackett - Brandon Moore 13 pass from Zach Davis (run failed), 6:25. Drive: 64 yards, 12 plays. Key plays: Wes Baker 17 and 14 runs, Damian Toms 17 pass from Davis. Brackett 19, D'Hanis 0.	
Brackett - Brent Smith 23 run (Jacob Mann kick), 2:50. Drive: 61 yards, 4 plays. Key plays: Wes Baker 27 and 11 runs. Brackett 26, D'Hanis 0.	
Third Quarter	
Brackett - Damian Toms 5 run (kick failed), 2:33. Drive: 73 yards, 9 plays. Brackett 39, D'Hanis 0.	

TEAM STATISTICS		BRA	D'H
FIRST DOWNS	20	2	2
Rushing	18	2	17-111, Brandon Moore 8-49, Damian Toms 5-16, Matthew Smallwood 1-9, Jesse Hidalgo 4-6, Zach Davis 1-4.
Passing	2	0	D'Hanis - Phillip Rothe 15-19, Harris Schlott 2-7, Reid Redden 1-2-0 (-8), Phillip Rothe 0-7-1 0.
Penalty	0	0	
THIRD DOWN EFF.	9-13	2-8	
FOURTH DOWN EFF.	3-3	0-0	
TOTAL NET YARDS	426	24	
Total Plays	60	29	
Avg Gain	7.1	0.8	
NET YARDS RUSHING	372	32	
Rushes	55	20	
Avg per rush	6.8	1.6	
NET YARDS PASSING	54	-8	
Completed-Att.	3-5	1-9	
Yards-Pass Play	10.8	-0.9	
Sacks-Yards lost	0-0	0-0	
Had intercepted	0	1	
PUNTS-Avg.	0-0	5-35	
TOTAL RETURN YARDS	44	82	
Punt Returns	2	0	
Kickoff returns	16	82	
Interceptions	30	0	
Fumbles	0	0	
PENALTIES-Yards	4-30	4-20	
FUMBLES-Lost	3-2	3-2	

Runners take fourth place at Rocksprings
Brackett hosts annual meet Saturday at Fort Clark Springs

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

ROCKSPRINGS -- The Brackett Tigerettes opened their cross country season with a second place finish at the Del Rio meet. The girls' team took fourth at the Rocksprings Invitational Saturday, but all five runners improved on their times.

"It was a real competitive meet," Brackett coach Julie Bruce said. "Rocksprings and Ingram were there, and they have both won state championships."

Sonya Correa finished sixth at the meet

after being clocked at 13:03. The previous week she placed second with a time of 15:47. Melinda Villarreal finished 32nd with a time of 15:08, up from 15:26.

Lindsey Brotherton and Duquesa Hunt tied for 36th after each ran a 15:11. At Del Rio, Brotherton ran a 15:47 and Hunt had a 15:19. Gracie Terrazas placed 46th with a 16:06, improving on her initial time of 16:24.

Carlos Gomez paced the Tigers at Rocksprings, finishing 22nd with a time of 19:28. Tony Rubio took 25th after being clocked at 19:08.

Issac Gutierrez was 32nd with a time of 19:28, Carl Dalton posted a 20:52 to finish 47th. Jaime Montalvo was 51st with a 20:20, and Tony Molinar finished 56th with a 21:55.

Brackett will host its second annual invitational meet Saturday at Fort Clark Springs. The meet will feature teams from Crystal City, Knippa, La Pryor, Leakey, Nueces Canyon, and Rocksprings.

The meet begins at 9:30 a.m. with the junior high girls race, followed by junior high boys at 10, varsity girls at 10:30, varsity boys at 11, junior varsity girls at 11:30, and junior varsity boys at noon.

Tigerettes pick up win over Medina

The Brackett Tigerettes cruised to a 15-4, 15-6 victory over Medina Tuesday in non-district volleyball action.

With the victory, Brackett improves its overall record to 4-5.

"We played pretty well for the most part," Tigerettes coach Dusty Brotherton said. "We played better than we had been."

Brackett was without starter Stephanie Terrazas, who was ill. Patty Lopez replaced her in the lineup.

"Patty stepped into Stephanie's spot and did really well," Brotherton said.

Lindsey Brotherton and Michelle Melancon each had nine service points to pace the Tigerettes.

Erika Garcia served for six points, Hilda Aguirre scored five, and Lopez added one.

Jennifer Ashabraner led Brackett's offensive attack with five kills, while Brotherton,

"We played pretty well for the most part. We played better than we had been."

Dusty Brotherton

Garcia, Melancon and Jaime Bader each had one.

Brotherton finished with eight assists, Aguirre picked up three digs, and Ashabraner had a block.

Brackett resumes action tomorrow against Comstock at 5 p.m.

The Tigerettes were scheduled to compete in the Utopia tournament last weekend, but the event was postponed because of potentially bad weather. The event is being planned for this Saturday, but Brotherton said some teams may pull out.

Brackett opens district play on Tuesday as the Tigerettes face Dilley at 7 p.m.

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New Listing: 4 bd, 3 bath modular home, 2000+ sq.ft., FP, lg. workshop/storage.

Lovely 2/2 stone home, 1,500+ sq.ft., RV carport, lg. office/workshop.

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**CREDIT CARD PROBLEMS? ** Debt consolidation. Avoid bankruptcy. Stop creditor calls.

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FOR SALE

FORT CLARK, 2 bedroom mobile home, 1 1/2 bath, carport, fenced.

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GARAGE SALES

YARD SALE - SAT., Sept. 19, 1998 314 E. First St. 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM.

HEALTH

GREAT NEWS DIABETICS! Medicare pays for testing supplies.

MEDICARE RECIPIENTS: ARE you using a nebulizer machine? Stop paying full price for Albuterol.

LEGAL SERVICES

FEN-PHEN REDUX Cases still accepted. Severe heart valve, lung damage.

SERVICES

LOT SHREDDING - METAL carports, maintainer - dozer work.

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This spacious 3 bdrm, 3 bath home comes complete with its own swimming pool, underground sprinkler system.

Two lovely building lots in the Oaks. Shade trees.

Home in Ft. Clark historic district. 2000 + sq. ft. Large fireplace.

MOBILE HOMES

1ST TIME HOMEBUYER financing now available for a limited time.

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2ND CHANCE FINANCING, regardless of past credit history.

5 BEDROOM, 2 bath, A/C, all kitchen appliances, with 5 acres.

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BUY A NEW 3 BR, 2 bath mobile home with little or no credit.

CITY LOTS PERFECT for mobile homes. All utilities available.

NEW 3-2 DOUBLE wide with appliance pkg. Includes washer and dryer.

REPO'S LIKE NEW, just take over payments, E-Z terms.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be conducted at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 1998.

REAL ESTATE

78 ACRES NORTHWEST Junction, well and electricity, live oaks.

KINNEY COUNTY: 400 acres, 900 acres, 1300 acres. Excellent hunting.

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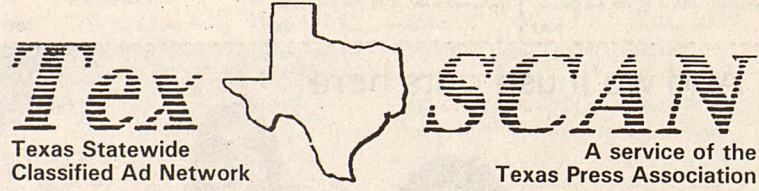
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OUTDOORS

Hunter education class begins Monday

A hunter education training course has been set to begin on Monday. It will continue on Tuesday and conclude on the following Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Registration for the three-evening class will be Monday night at 6 p.m., followed by class until 10 p.m.

Classes will be held at the Brackett High School Annex in Room 5 (science room). The entrance is on Fulton Street.

The cost is only \$10 per person. The class is a 10-hour course minimum needed for certification.

Every hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete a hunter education training course.

Hunters of all ages are welcome to attend. A parent or other relative is encouraged to attend

A Little On The Wildlife Side By Henry Lutz Kinney County Game Warden

with their child. The minimum age of certification is 12 years old.

If you are a hunter and you are 17 or older and born after Sept. 2, 1971, you must have this course to hunt.

This course is good for life. It has to be completed only one time. Other states may require that a hunter complete a hunter safety or education course before hunting there.

Hunters, regardless of age, need to purchase a hunting license and any stamps (if needed), and must carry them with him or her

at all times while hunting. Upon completion of the hunter education course, you will receive proof that you have completed the course.

This proof of certification is required to be on your person, along with your hunting license, while hunting. It is not required to purchase a license.

Also, if you know anyone who is interested in becoming a game warden, the next Game Warden Academy class is scheduled to begin June 1, 1999.

Applications will be accepted during the month of October. If you know of anyone who might be interested in applying for a career as a game warden, please contact me for more information on requirements, etc.

If you need more information or have questions about the hunter education class or the upcoming Game Warden Academy, please call me at 563-2507.