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# The Brackett News

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

## Tigers Eye Playoff Bid

### Brackett Can Clinch Post-Season Berth With A Win Over La Pryor

By J. J. Guidry  
Contributing Writer

With a 9-15 overall record and a 4-3 mark in District 29-2A play, the La Pryor Bulldogs don't appear to be a baseball powerhouse on paper.

But the Bulldogs have become a big factor in the conference. La Pryor has upset Natalia and Lytle in district play, helping the Brackett Tigers move ahead of the crowd in the race for the title, and giving other teams new hope for the district's other playoff bid.

The Tigers, 18-5 on the season, travel to La Pryor Tuesday for a 7:00 game against the Bulldogs. With a win, the Tigers can clinch a post-season bid and at least a share of the district title. Brackett defeated La Pryor, 2-1, at home on April 9.

"To me, La Pryor is the most improved team in our district," Tigers Coach Gary Grubbs said. "We were lucky to beat them the first time. They have beaten Natalia and Lytle so they've showed a lot of improvement."

Playing at 7:00, also means Brackett will be playing under the lights something the Tigers don't experience very often.

"We will spend some time work-

ing under the lights at the football field this week trying to get prepared," Grubbs said.

The Tigers are 7-0 in conference play and have a two-game lead over Natalia, who is 5-2. La Pryor is in third place with a 4-3 mark and Lytle is 3-4.

Brackett is coming off of an 8-6 victory over the Pirates in a road game at Lytle on Tuesday.

"It was a big win because last year at this time we were 6-0 and Lytle ended up beating us 10-1 at our place," Grubbs said. "It's also special because this is the last time we will play them in district since they're going 3A."

Ramon DeLeon (13-1) is expected to start on the hill against La Pryor. The junior went all seven innings against Lytle, giving up four earned runs on 12 hits while fanning three batters and walking two.

"I thought Ramon pitched a good game," Grubbs said. "He got hit a little harder than he usually does but we hit (Lytle pitcher Jerry) Jass harder than we did the first time but that's because we had seen him before."

The Tigers racked up 13 hits against the Pirates. Leading the way was George Rodriguez, who was 3 for 4.

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## Kinney County 4-H Member Takes Champion Honors

Many 4-H members go through their whole 4-H career without ever exhibiting a grand champion animal. It takes dedication, hard work and quality livestock to even have a chance at competing for such an honor. Kinney County has a long-standing reputation for producing consistent champion-caliber lambs as well as exhibitors to show them. This year was no exception.

The smallest exhibitor won the biggest prize in the finewool cross division of the Market Lamb Department at the 1996 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Beth Ballew 10-year old Kinney County 4-Her and Bubba, her 131 pound lamb, clinched the Grand Champion Crossbred Lamb

last month in Houston.

Beth is a fourth grader and daughter of Jimmy and Jamie Ballew. She has shown lambs for two years. Her lamb project is a team effort that she is involved in along with her brother, J. Wayne and sister, Laura Lee.

Show judge, Larry Mrozinski, sheep producer and animal nutritionist from Indiana, said Beth's lamb had good body length, was fresh down the top and handled smoothly. There were approximately 350 lambs in the crossbred market lamb division.

We are proud to have Beth representing Kinney County and the 4-H Club with her honors received at the 1996 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

## KC Chamber of Commerce Welcomes New Business Owners

Anita and Tom Ertle are the new owners of Southwest Auto Parts, as of April 1, 1996.

The Ertle's moved to Brackettville recently from Houston where their 4 grown children and 4 grand children still reside.

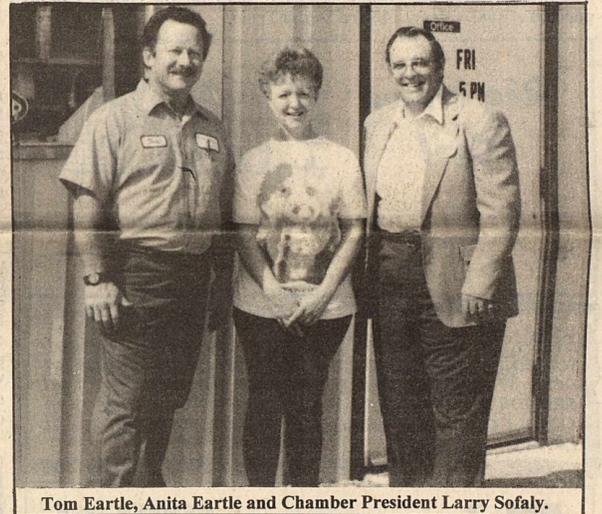
"We both love to hunt and fish and have been coming to this area for several years, so it is just perfect for us now. We are very happy to be in Brackettville and intend to retire here," was the joint comment from the Ertle's.

Virginia Yastic said, "The only thing that is changing is the manage-

ment." Virginia and Bob plan to build a house on their ranch in Brackettville and then do some traveling. "We will be around to fill in if Anita and Tom need some time off." The Yastics wished the Ertles good luck.

Southwest is the only state inspection center in Kinney County. The Ertles have just purchased a 2 hauler tow truck for towing. They are also adding Croft Specialty accessories to the list of items available through the parts store.

Stop by and visit with the new managers. We wish them much success.



Tom Ertle, Anita Ertle and Chamber President Larry Sofaly.

## B.I.S.D. Superintendent, Steve Mills Resigns

In a special meeting of the School Board Monday night, the board regrettably accepted the resignation of Mr. Steve Mills, Superintendent of Schools. The resignation will be effective June 2, 1996.

Mr. Mills has accepted a position with the Denver City Independent School District.

Mr. Mills stated in his letter of resignation: "Leaving Brackett ISD has been the hardest decision of my life. I hope that the district is able to find a superintendent who will realize the greatness of this school."

The Brackett ISD school board believed in me and gave me my first administration position in 1988 as elementary school principal. The Jones Elementary School faculty is second to none, and I know that excellence will continue to be the objective of this great group of professionals. In 1992 I was given the honor of becoming the superintendent of schools by the wisest school board in Texas (you hired me) Mills added teasingly. This opportunity has allowed me to be closely associ-

ated with the secondary faculty. The secondary faculty is an excellent group of people who care about student success. I appreciate you for your support and will always hold a special place in my heart for the board that hired me as principal, and then the board that elevated me to superintendent.

I would like to also recognize the paraprofessionals in our district who do an excellent job day in and day out. This group of secretaries, clerks, teaching assistants, custodians, cafeteria workers, central office workers, and maintenance workers have helped to make my job easier by being hard workers. It takes the entire faculty and staff working together to make the fine learning environment that is present at the Brackett Independent School District.

The school board will hold off on any decisions to hire an interim superintendent until they have time to study the situation further.

We all will miss Steve and Merry Beth, they have been an asset to our community both on the job and off the job.

## Del Rio Border Patrol Sector Reports Increased Activity

### Drug seizures on the increase

Del Rio, TX - Activity is on the increase along the 205 mile river frontage US - Mexico border patrolled by the Del Rio Sector of the US Border Patrol. During the past two and a half weeks, nearly 1800 pounds of marijuana have been seized.

Drug seizures, however, are not the only activity on the increase. A potentially dangerous and relatively rare occurrence was reported during this past weekend by the Brackettville Border Patrol Station. A break-in of a vehicle was reported to the Border Patrol Station this past Sunday, April 21st. The alleged break-in was reported at 11:00 a.m. One of the items

reported stolen was a loaded colt 45 caliber semi-automatic pistol along with additional ammunition. Quick action by Border Patrol agents from the Brackettville Station with assistance from a Border Patrol aircraft resulted in the apprehension of four undocumented immigrants, the stolen gun and ammunition. Due mostly to the tracking skills of the Border Patrol agents, the agents were able to track down the four undocumented immigrants from the scene of the break-in and recover most of the stolen articles.

All four subjects were turned over to the Kinney County Sheriff for further investigation.



## The Best Kept Secret In Kinney County Team Calf Roping

Having trouble finding something to do on Saturday afternoon? Well, just mosey on down to the Rocker Y Roping Arena (the FFA Arena) right here in Brackettville to see a show team calf roping that you won't believe.

The arena located just west of Brackettville is easy to find. Turn right onto FM 2804 (or Farley Lane), go about 1/4 of a mile and you will see a parking lot full of horse trailers off to your left. Pull on in and have a fun and exciting afternoon.

These "real live cowboys" come from as far away as San Angelo, Houston, McAllen, San Antonio, and all points in between. The riders' ages range from 10 to 63, some with as many as 20 years experience and some with as little as 1 year experience. Every one of the teams is exciting to watch.

Team calf roping stems back to when wranglers branded cattle on the open range. Two riders rope the

steer; the "Header" will first rope the horns of the steer, then the "Heeler" will rope both hind legs of the steer. The steer is held relatively still using this method, enabling it to be branded. Through the years the teams have dropped the branding part and now you see a catch and release type of roping.

Alex Solis of Brackettville and Les Alley of Del Rio started the roping competition 5 years ago. The first competition was attended by 16 riders. Over the years the word of this Saturday Competition has spread throughout the roping communities and now you will see as many as 90 teams competing in one afternoon.

There are three rounds for each division; the first round, the second round and the fast back round. Every team rides in the first round to try to get a time for the second round. In order to get a time the header must catch the horns of the steer and the heeler must rope one or both of the

hind legs. If only one of the hind legs is roped the team will get a penalty of 5 seconds added to their time. Catching both hind legs and the horns is a clean catch.

To ride in the second round the teams must have a time in the first round. To ride in the third round or Fast Back round the riders must have a time for both the first and second rounds. After the fast back round only the teams with times in the first, second and third rounds are still in the competition. All three of their times are added up and the team with the lowest times are the winners.

First place winners receive either a beautiful silver and bronze buckle, a pair of spurs or cash. The prizes vary from week to week. Second and third places receive cash prizes.

First place in the advanced division this past week went to Milo and Milito Randel of Uvalde. Milo and Milito are one of the two father and son teams competing. Milito at age

12 is quite an accomplished heeler and is 1 of 3 riders from Uvalde going to the State Team Roping Finals in San Antonio. I had a picture but it didn't come out, sorry guys.

Milo Randel and Clinto Browne won the second place in the advanced division, Raul Hernandez and Scott Sinton won third place.

The winners in the Novice division this past Saturday were: 1st Place John Paul Schuster and Bob Rollins, 2nd place Thomas Crow and Bob Rolling, and third place John Paul Schuster and Brett Allen.

For a fun Saturday afternoon you won't want to miss this event. The teams compete every Saturday beginning at 2:00 P.M. There are drinks and food available at the arena. You will want to bring your own shade and a chair.

Bring the family and enjoy a great afternoon of free entertainment, provided by some very talented REAL cowboys.

Rambling  
Around Kinney  
County  
By THE K.C. RAMBLER



There will be a bake sale at Jones Elementary School on Saturday 27th beginning at 10:00 A.M. These tasty morsels are snapped up quickly so don't be late.

Have you toured the historical Gonzalez store in Brackettville lately? Mary has many interesting old items, including a hanger that suspends brooms and mops from the ceiling. See if you can figure out the secret of getting one released from its holder. Quite an innovative invention.

Most of KC is behind the movement to defeat plans of a private company to build a waste dump in our county. Anything you can do, if only a statement now and then against the dump, will help. This will probably be a LONG drawn out battle with many tedious meetings and will take a lot of our time but don't give up. The last time it was tried, the citizens rose up and defeated it.

**DUMP THE DUMP**  
Big doings on FC this weekend. The annual Troopers Reunion takes place. Sponsored by the Historical

Society, people from all over the country come here to remember their days in service at FC or elsewhere.

Saturday, 10:00 A.M. will offer a program at the Palisado followed by a delicious BBQ served at Rendezvous Park. Everyone will enjoy this day - the public is welcome. Grab a friend and come on over. You'll enjoy a good time.

At 8:00 Friday night - a performance of Ballet Folklorica accompanied by Mariachi music will be presented in the Old Quarry Amphitheater. It's a full day to be enjoyed by everyone - DO COME.

"Cinco de Mayo" will be celebrated in KC this year with a parade and fiesta. Look for details on your local bulletin boards and in this newspaper.

Have you ever had the pleasure of eating "aroz blanco" or Las Bondegos? Both are savory Mexican origin dishes with not one bit of "hot" in them. Garlic, cilantro, onion, salt and pepper are the seasonings used. If you ever see the gourmet items on a menu, do not hesitate to order them.



From Your  
Local Game Warden

Game Wardens Find Poaching  
Not Bound By Season

By Henry Lutz  
Kinney County, Game Warden

Although deer season has been over for months, Texas Game Wardens can attest poachers don't restrict their illegal pursuits to the fall and winter months. And, as recent investigations reveal, some poachers not only can't recall when deer season ends, but seem to have short-term memories in other areas, too.

Several weeks ago, for instance, Hardin County warden Mike Boone was called by Sour Lake police to investigate two juveniles in possession of a freshly quartered deer. The suspects told Boone that Newton County warden had given them the deer after they had run it over with their pickup.

As it turned out, one of the actors was Lennis Bo Rice, who was convicted of arson in the burning of Sabine County warden Mike Alexander's home in retaliation over poaching activities. Rice and the other individual pled guilty of possessing a white-tailed deer in closed season and were transported to the Hardin County jail.

Rice's appeal bond on the arson charge was dropped by the bondsman and his bond was raised to \$100,000 by a Hardin County Judge.

A similar incident occurred recently when warden Raymond Jaramillo of Menard apprehended three young men from Brady in possession of the backstraps from a freshly killed deer shot with a .22 rifle. They were taken before the Justice of the Peace in Menard where they were assessed fines totaling \$3,192.

While deer poaching cases typically account for much of a warden's efforts during the fall and winter months, the remainder of the year finds Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement officers responding to a wide array of situations. Following are some of the more interesting endeavors facing wardens as of late.

**NO BEEF HERE....**  
Special game warden Phil Haley, while enjoying a peaceful evening at home after chasing fish dealers all day, was surprised when a retail truck fish dealer knocked at his residence door. After telling the steak salesperson he didn't eat beef, the warden was presented with an offer for an assortment of fish products. The dealer had a license, but not for this

particular truck. Citation issued.  
**Late Season Squirrels....**

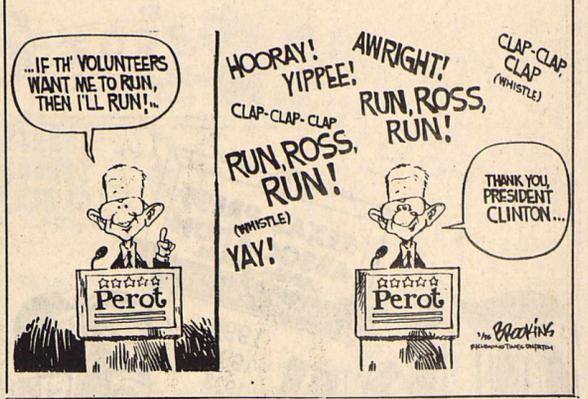
Freestone County warden Gary Robinson is following up on two reported non-fatal hunting accident reports. He was not alerted at the time of the occurrences, however, one involves a 20-year-old who told a deputy sheriff he accidentally shot himself while climbing through a fence while squirrel hunting. Robinson's concern: "When did Freestone County start having a March squirrel season?" Investigations continue.  
**They're Still In Style....**

Wardens recently stopped a boater from San Antonio for a water safety check and observed his new 27-foot Mako "rigged to the T" did not have any registration numbers on the bow. The man quickly produced his registration and told the officers he didn't want "TX" numbers on the side of his pretty new boat. The wardens gave the man a good reason to put the numbers on the boat - citation.  
**Old Habits Are Hard To Break....**

Regional Commander Wes Clogston has now made a full circle. The first citation the Houston-based warden ever issued was in June 1967 in Port Bolivar. Last month, while returning from a meeting in Port Bolivar, Clogston apprehended five subjects taking oysters from polluted waters in Port Bolivar. One subject was jailed on six warrants out of the Galveston County Sheriff's Office.  
**My Baby, She Wrote Me A Letter....**

Marion County warden Rick Lane learned about deer that was poached on a Titus County ranch. One of the violators told his sister about the kill; the sister wrote a letter to her boyfriend in jail in Marion County and told him the deer story. The story spread through the jail and jail officials informed the warden. The resulting investigation netted confessions from two poachers.  
**A Mountain "Kitty" Attack....**

Sergeant Dale Evans received a report of a mountain lion sighting. The person reported he knew TPWD wanted all such sightings reported and not only had this person seen the big cat, which had been reportedly chasing his horse and trying to get into this chicken pen, but he actually got a shot at the animal and had killed it. Warden Evans took his camera and went immediately to the scene of the mountain lion attack to photograph the dead animal. Upon arrival, the warden discovered the mountain lion was in reality a five pound tom cat of the house cat variety.



Between Us  
by Joe Townsend



Sunday afternoon after being a glutton and over-eating at the excellent buffet at Ft. Clark Springs, I was typically resting like a fattening pig in the sunshine. I was in my regular stance for Sunday afternoon fully reclined in my favorite recliner and enjoying my nap to be suddenly disturbed. Oleta came an unceremoniously awoke me with the somewhat frantic words, "Come look at this fire". This of course immediately caught my attention. Next to our property is a patch of trees and underbrush and beyond an open area mostly of weeds and grass. At the edge of the trees I could see a man standing in the smoke holding a hose putting water on the fire. It had spread to cover the entire line of trees and brush and most of the open area. Rudy Luna, having been called by his sister-in-law on the other side of the fire had come and seeing hose at my house, hooked it up and was fighting the fire. The fire department

had been called and subsequently arrived. The men immediately went to work. With Ruben Buantello manning the hose from atop the truck soon controlled the fire. Others at the same time were manning another hose. Together the good work of the fire eaters prevented the fire from jumping a lane into a thicket of brush and trees. The wind was blowing a small gale. I had to admire Ruben as he manned the hose atop the truck with smoke swirling around him. These fellows did a fine job. Being disturbed and called out on a Sunday afternoon shows their dedication to an essential element of over community. With the wind had Rudy not done what he did and the fireman not done such a good job our home could have been ashes. My nap was disturbed to watch these men work but their afternoon was disturbed to fight fire. Kudos to these men who did such a fine job.

Balet And Mariachis  
In Concert Friday

It's here! Friday night April 26 at 8:00 in the Fort Clark Springs Amphitheater -- Balet Folklorico & the Eagle Pass Mariachis will perform. Tickets are on sale from any Arts Council member as well as at the First State Bank and the Fort Clark Springs Adult Center for \$5. Tickets may also be purchased at the Amphitheater before the performance. Children under age 16 accompanied by their parents will be admitted free for this performance.

The Mariachi Band directed by Raul Gonzales of Eagle Pass plays music that is characteristic of the Mexican culture. The group plays a variety of tunes ranging from Boleiros to Rancheras. The Mariachis include 3 trumpets, a violin, 4 vocals, a guitarron, 10 guitars and 3 marimbas.

The Balet Folklorico Cuauhtl is led by teacher, Juan Jose Olivares. The dance group's membership is 23. This year, the Balet Folklorico was among 15 performance groups selected from 92 schools to perform at

the Noche Panamericana in San Antonio. Among the dances in this year's program are La Revolucion, El Naranjo, Santa Rita, El Tamatan, and others from the northern region of Mexico. Included are lively "jarochos" from the eastern state of Veracruz. Lively songs from the state of Jalisco close out the program. Cuauhtl exhibits its beautiful costumes in such dances as El Jarabe Tapatio, Los Machetes, La Madrugada and El Son de la Negra.

The Kinney County Arts Council believes that this program will be an outstanding one. The Amphitheater is beautiful this time of the year and will be filled with special music from the Mariachis and the energy and colorful costumes of Balet Folklorico Cuauhtl.

The Kinney County Arts Council invites all area citizens to join with them to enjoy one of the best and most energetic performances that our Amphitheater has ever witnessed. DON'T MISS IT!

55 Alive Safe  
Driving Course

There will be a 55 Alive Safe Driving Course sponsored by the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) and the First United Methodist Church. The class is for persons 50 years of age or older.

The class will be in Slater Hall on 29 and 30 April from 1-5 p.m.

Cost is \$8.00 per person. No examination is required. Contact Marge Jones at 563-9433 for information.

Cameo From  
The Past

By J. Lee Ballantyne  
Contributing Writer

When we lived in El Paso one of the most interesting things we had to entertain us was watching the beautiful lights from the slag when it was emptied at night. We lived on the East side of Mt. Franklin and just on the west side of the mountain was where they emptied this slag from the smelting furnace.

The sky would light up when the slag was dumped out and the mountain was red silhouetted against the sky. Balls of fire were thrown high into the sky and they would burst and throw still more balls of fire into the sky. It was a scary sight but one of the most beautiful I have ever seen.

Hot or cold weather it was all the same and we stayed glued to our porch chairs to see this spectacular scene. It was a scary and eerie scene and I always stayed close by my family - it was too scary to watch it by myself.

I have thought of this beautiful but scary scene many times and I always have a slight shiver. But what a memory! Beautiful sight to remember.

Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD



Seven tables enjoyed bridge, Tuesday, April 16th at the Duplicate Club in the Adult Center.

Nita & Fred Clayton won 1st place in the N/S direction. Flo Stafford and Norma Gould won 2nd place. Lamont and Marie McCandless took 3rd place.

Dena Scott and Mona Miller won 1st place in the E/W direction. Ruth Wilks and Dorothy Edwards won 2nd place with Molly Schroeder and Carol Benfield winning 3rd place.



The City of Brackettville has completed the installation of our new Brackettville signs on US 90. These very attractive signs were designed by John Ford and David Luna. The signs show a skyline of Brackettville and are very modern looking. Drive by and take a look at the signs, they are located east and west of Brackettville on US 90.

Kinney County Road and Bridge Administrator, Cliff Fritter along with David Garza and Mondo Sanchez, show off the county's newly purchased 1985 Chevy, 14 yard Dump Truck.

**Big Mama Sez!**

It is one life whether we spend it laughing or weeping.

PLEASE REMEMBER that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.

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Airfield Operations Flight

**LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — The airfield operations flight was born four years ago during the Air Force reorganization. Assigned to the 47th Operations Support Squadron, the mission of the AOF is to provide direct support to assigned, transient military and civilian aircrews. They support more than 220,000 aircraft movements a year, making Laughlin the seventh busiest airfield in the Air Force.

The flight consists of base operations, the control tower and radar approach control, and is comprised of air traffic controllers within the control tower and RAPCON, and civilian contractors within base operations.

Base operations is a contracted service employing expert dispatchers who have gained experience from prior service in either air traffic control or airfield management positions. These dispatchers approve and monitor all airfield activities including new construction and repair projects.

Base operations also manages the airfield drivers program, conducts training for all squadron vehicle control officers and non-commissioned officers and also police the airfield for unauthorized people or animals and respond to suspicious activities reported by the tower.

The control tower's main function is to provide the safe and expeditious flow of air traffic within the confines of its assigned airspace. To accomplish this, tower controllers continuously survey the airport and airspace to ensure safe aircraft and vehicle movements.

Tower controllers also report weather changes to forecasters and monitor and relay bird activity to base operations.

They're the focal point for aircraft hijackings, major accidents, and in-flight emergencies. On the average, tower controllers handle more than 40 emergencies or early returns weekly. The successful recovery of

these distressed aircraft is jointly shared between tower and RAPCON controllers.

The RAPCON, also known as "Del Rio Approach Control," is an integral part of the National Airspace System serving Southwest Texas. RAPCON airspace and radar coverage includes service to Laughlin, Laughlin Auxiliary airfield (Wizard), Del Rio International Airport, Eagle Pass International Airport, and other small airstrips within its airspace.

RAPCON airspace extends northwest, just shy of Sanderson; north to Rocksprings; 49 miles east, beyond Brackettville; southeast encompassing Eagle Pass; and west/southwest to the Rio Grande river. Although the airspace stops at the river, radar coverage extends well past the United States and Mexico border. Hence, radar controllers provide advisory and intercept services to Border Patrol, U.S. Customs, the Drug Enforcement Agency, and other agencies.

Air traffic control at Laughlin is as critical as it is complex. All controllers are guided by directives regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration and supplemented by Air Force, command and local regulations.

To maintain quality service, controllers undergo a demanding training program. In addition to training, controllers are also offered other types of temporary duty. Spanish speaking controllers are often selected to perform duties in Central America. This month one of our controllers will fill a 90-day tasking to Columbia.

From the flight commander down, everyone in base operations, the control tower and RAPCON work together as a cohesive team. Whether it be controlling aircraft, managing the airfield or developing quality controllers, the team fulfills a crucial role ensuring the safe operation of each sortie thus contributing to training the world's best pilots.

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# Tiger Tracks Tigers Pick Up #7

Tuesday, the Tigers traveled to Lytle for their seventh straight district win. The Tigers defeated the Pirates 2-0 on April 2nd earlier this year.

Tuesday, the Tigers picked up their seventh straight win by a score of 8-6.

The Tigers jumped out to an early 1-0 lead over the Pirates. Mike Padron singled on the first at bat of the game. Brian Hooker was intentionally walked to move Mike to second. Mike scored on Jorge Rodriguez's R.B.I. single.

In the second inning, the Pirates scored 2 runs to take a 2-1 lead into the third inning. In the third, both teams were held scoreless. The Pirates scored 2 more runs to take a 4-1 lead over the Tigers.

Rene Luna led the fifth inning off with a walk. Ramon DeLeon hit a single to put Rene on second. Rene scored on Brian Hooker's R.B.I. single. Hooker and DeLeon were brought in by a double by Jorge Rodriguez.

With Jorge Rodriguez on second, and a 4-4 tie, Beau Smallwood roped

a 2 run homerun.

This put the game at 6-4 going into the sixth inning. In the sixth, the Pirates gained one to take a score of 6-5 into the seventh.

In the final inning, Smallwood and Rodriguez crossed the plate once more to make it an 8-5 game heading into the bottom of the seventh.

The Pirates scored 1 in the seventh but 1 just wasn't enough. The Tigers remain undefeated in 29-AA conference action.

"It was a great game!" Grubbs said. "It was close the whole way. The Tigers showed great adversity overcoming a 4-1 deficit. The way our kids played shows why we are sitting in sole possession of first place. I am very proud of the Tigers. If we continue to play great baseball, we've got a great chance to go deep into the playoffs."

Ramon DeLeon upped his pitching record to 13-1. AWESOME! Ramon threw 95 pitches against the Pirates. Ramon faced 35 batters, walked 4, fanned 2, gave up 10 hits, and 6 runs.

Way To Go Tigers.

## Tigers Still Rolling

Friday, the Dilley Wolves came to Brackett to see what the 5-0 Tigers were all about.

Earlier this year, on March 29, the Tigers defeated the Wolves 9-2 in the district opener. This time the difference was once again 7 runs.

The Tigers ripped Dilley 7-0. "We just couldn't get started." Head coach Gary Grubbs said. "It got to a point where we had to score. It came down to the end and our kids did a great job when they needed to."

The game stayed at 0-0 until the sixth inning. Mike Padron led the sixth inning off with a double. Rene Luna followed with a single. Padron and Luna were brought in by a 3-run homerun, blast by Ramon DeLeon.

In the very next at bat, Brian Hooker followed Ramon with a

homerun blast of his own. Back-to-back homeruns by DeLeon and Hooker left the score at 4-0.

Beau Smallwood reached first base on a passed ball. Beau Smallwood scored on Ruben Terrazas' R.B.I. triple. Patrick Munoz scored on a hit by Mike Padron after he hit a double.

This left the game at 7-0. The Tigers held the Wolves to 0 runs on 3 hits.

Ramon DeLeon upped his mound record to 12-1 for the Tigers. Ramon fanned 8 batters, gave up 3 hits, walked no one, and grabbed the win.

On the offensive side, the Tigers got 12 hits in 29 at bats, 3 doubles, 1 triple, 2 homeruns, and 2 stolen bases.

Way To Go Tigers.

## Goodloe Advances

Saturday, the Regional U.I.L. meet was held in San Antonio.

Brackett High School took 5 students to the Regional Meet. This includes Windy Goodloe, who was there for her Poetry interpretation talents.

Windy took third at the Regional meet. She will go to the State meet on May 3rd and 4th.

Windy is the first student from Brackett High School to go to state in "Poetry Interpretation" in over 10 years.

Windy's poems include Mia Angelos, "Our Grandmothers," and "She's Free," and "Essance 25".

Congratulations Windy and Good Luck.

# Mohair Producers

UVALDE - Texas mohair producers, like their sheep raising cousins, are looking for ways to add value to their product now that mohair and wool incentive payments have been phased out by the U.S. Congress.

When Mohair Council of America executive committee members met here recently, they talked about ways to sell their mohair without having to be subject to the whims of fashion. Mohair socks could hold the secret to stability in the marketplace, said Layton Black of Goldthwaite, MCA president.

Black told growers the organization will be putting more emphasis on the domestic potential for mohair markets, but added that the marketing effort with the military would be high priority.

"How can you go wrong helping our men and women who wear the uniform?" He asked.

At the conclusion of the executive committee session, producers toured the Dishman International Co., Inc. knitting plant which is turning out all kinds of mohair and mohair blend knitwear, including sweaters and socks.

The Uvalde plant and another West Texas firm, Sonora Mohair Inc., manufactured the mohair socks sent to U.S. troops serving in Bosnia which received nationwide publicity when U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, personally delivered the footwear during a trip to the Balkans.

Senator Hutchison is working with West Texas mohair producers

and manufacturers to help them find new markets for their product. She has initiated inquiries with the Pentagon about potential sales of mohair socks at military exchanges on U.S. and foreign bases, said Duery Menzies of San Angelo, the council's executive director.

C.A. "Al" Dishman, president of DICI, and James Sweeten of Sonora, an official with Sonora Mohair Inc., also are pursuing government purchases of footwear. With soldiers in Bosnia wearing the socks and President Clinton wearing similar socks on his daily jobs, the products are getting a strong consumer test.

President Clinton received several pairs of mohair socks from former Texas Gov. Dolph Briscoe when the

items were given to his wife, Hilary Rodham Clinton, during her recent visit to Uvalde on a book-signing tour of the state.

Briscoe, the first president of the Mohair Council, said the president called him personally to thank him for the socks. "He had worn them and liked them," said Briscoe, a long-time mohair producer. "I took it that he could use some more...in fact, we will take on the project of keeping him in mohair socks."

Mohair socks could become a staple product that can use a substantial portion of the Texas mohair clip, producers learned. Other products that have market potential are home furnishings, wall and floor coverings, contract carpet and clothing accessories like hats and scarves.

The major focus and objectives of the Mohair Council is to find or help develop products that is not directed by the fashion industry, Menzies said.

The executive committee also learned results of the Texas Mohair Producers' Board election. The 12-man board will oversee operations of the commodity group, which was organized in the 1970s to collect a voluntary assessment to be used for mohair promotion, product development, and marketing. The board has been inactive for several years. New board members are to meet on May 16 to be sworn in, draw for one, two or three years terms, elect board officers and set a deduction rate.

Under auspices of the Texas Mohair Producers' Board, Menzies estimates that as much as \$400,000 per year could be raised for marketing efforts. However, these funds would not be available for sometime since programs for collection must be put into place in the coming months. Also, the board must decide on the deduction amount.

The Mohair Council will host a delegation of manufacturers and media representatives later this month for the annual Texas Mohair Tour. The group will spend three days visiting the production area, several ranches, seeing Angora goats on the range, and visiting the scouring and combing plant at Brady.

The next meeting of the council will be the summer directors meeting at the Inn of the Hills in Kerrville on August 14-15.

**Making a Difference**  
 By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, BISD Curriculum Director

## The Hall Girls' Rodeo Team

I enjoy family stories. This one's about a fourth generation rodeo family. My own family is big and the stories can be told and retold. This week, I want to talk about a story that has an ending and a beginning called "The Hall Girls' Rodeo Team." It's about Chuck and Connie Hall's girls and their adventures in the rodeo arena. They got into this stuff 14 years ago to have fun, and to have stories to tell their grandchildren. I'll share the story with you today. Here we go!

Drive down Gove Street and you'll find a cream colored horse trailer with green letters that says "Hall Girls' Rodeo Team." The youngest, Katie, is a senior at BHS this year. She ends an era of years of rodeo adventures and "hauling" this big trailer that bears the title of this story. Katie has been in the High School Rodeo Association for 4 years and has been to state all four. She has gone to state in barrels, breakaway, goat tying, pole bending and this year - she adds team roping. She's done well as she looks back over her winnings of 3 saddles, lots of buckles - the big pretty ones, and even some cash. Her story is unusual in that she won her second saddle before she ever won her second buckle. Today, rodeos give her money many times instead of buckles.

For years, the Hall Rodeo Team trailer has been going up and down the highway taking a proud papa and mama, Chuck and Connie, to as many as three rodeos a week. There are 4 Hall girls. Kelly lives in Austin and takes pride in the rodeo accomplishments of the younger siblings. Kasey (Mrs. Chip Haby) is in Alpine at Sul Ross finishing her college degree in Chemistry. Charlie is in Alpine about to complete her first year in college. Both Kasey and Charlie have been on the college rodeo team. They have done well there. All four of the girls went to BISD for 12 years and probably for the 13th for kindergarten. They are products of this family, this school and this community.

Chuck and Connie take them everywhere. Chuck's granddad was a rodeo fellow who lost part of his thumb in a rodeo accident. Uncle Alvin Jr. probably got them started in rodeoing. Granddad, Alvin, Sr.,

our JP Judge is awful proud of his granddaughters. He doesn't miss an opportunity to brag about the girls. They're proud of him too. The family has had tough travel conditions and many times must sleep in the trailer...not that bad...there's a dressing room...it's air conditioned and has heat. No, they don't sleep on the hay. But, it's still neat to think of this family traveling and staying together this way.

Katie says, "It's been something that our family could do together and have fun." She's excited about Charlie's coming home this summer for one last run or haul of the Hall's Rodeo Team Trailer. Katie points out that there are other goals out there at the end of high school and youth rodeos. She'll continue with her rodeo stuff and looks ahead to open rodeos and who knows...even to the pro rodeo circuit. Katie and I talked about Charmayne James Rodman, world class barrel rider from Clayton, NM, where I worked for 23 years. Katie has the same sparkle in her eyes that Charmayne had. I know it's because of the dedication and family ties to the Hall Girls' Rodeo Team.

That's about it...much more can be said...Katie has been in golf and one act plays 3 years, she has been in NHS, FFA and Student Council. She's ready to move on to another phase in her life. To move to a new phase, she knows she must end one that has been a fun one. Katie says a public thanks to Connie and Chuck for their time, money and for making this possible for all the girls. She thanks her Granddad, too.

The Hall Girls Rodeo Team is a story about a family that does things together. With every ending, comes a beginning. Katie moves on to college and to the rodeo of life. I think she'll be well prepared partly because of that cream colored trailer moving down the road full of dreams propelled by hard work and family love. In this community that cares about our kids, Katie has also been helped by good friends and great teachers. I guess I'll always see that trailer sitting there...perhaps it'll always be there...but it's a story that I won't soon forget. For making a difference this week, I salute "The Hall Girls' Rodeo Team."

## Brownie Troop # 154 Working Hard Towards The Bridge Over

In the past two weeks the Brownies, under the leadership of Staci Ashabrenner, have made great strides while having quite a bit of fun.

The Brownies cut out pictures of furniture to make a floor plan of "their" house on posterboard. Staci said that the girls really enjoyed this form of designing, and came up with some great houses. The floor plans are one of the 6 things the girls need for the "Art in The Home Badge."

This week a junior troop of Brownies (these are the older Brownies) from Del Rio came to Brackettville

to talk to troop #154, about Brownies & Bridging over. "Bridging over" is the graduation into the junior Brownie troop. The group from Del Rio taught a song and a game showing how to work together.

Next week Troop #154 will go talk to the "younger group" and teach them the same song and games.

The girls will also be making a piece of art for their houses, this art will be in the form of an original wall hanging plate.

The "Bridge Over" Ceremonies will be coming soon.

## Pre-registration For Kindergarten And Pre-Kindergarten

Pre-registration for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten Brackett I.S.D. Elementary, has announced that pre-registration for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten children will be held May 6th-9th, 1996, at Jones Elementary School Office from 8:00 A.M. until 3:30 P.M.

Kindergarten - The Kindergarten Program is open to all five year old children whose birthdays fall before September 1, 1996 and whose immunization records are current. In order to register your child for this program you will need to present the following information:

1. Proof of birthdate: (birth certificate or passport)
2. Copy of immunization record
3. Social Security Card

Pre-Kindergarten - The Pre-Kindergarten Program is limited to four year old children who meet the following guidelines: birthdays fall before September 1, 1996, immunization records are current. Are limited in the English language or from families whose incomes qualify them for the free or reduced lunch program. In order to register your child for this program you will need to present the following information:

1. Proof of birthdate: (birth certificate or passport)
2. Copy of immunization record
3. Proof of limited English language or proof of family income.
4. Social Security Card

Children who are currently enrolled in school do not need to pre-register. For more information concerning Pre-register, please call Jones Elementary at 563-2492 ext. 200.

## Early Voting At BISD For Board Of Trustees

Early voting continues at Brackett Independent School District for the election to fill two spots on the Board of Trustees. The high school principal's office located in the high school annex is open for early voting by personal appearance between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and will remain so until April 30, 1996.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 1996. Address inquiries to Early Voting Clerk, Theresa Davis, P.O. Box 586, Brackettville, Texas 78832.

The general election will be held on Saturday, May 4, 1996, in the central office at BISD, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville.

## First Grade Wraps Up Texas Unit

On Friday, April 12th, all three first grades culminated a month long study of Texas history and geography by visiting the Kinney County Heritage Museum. Peter Pohl and David Olesen of the Kinney county Historical Commission educated and entertained 60 lively and interested first graders in a 30-minute program. Especially popular was Mr. Olesen's "20 Questions" game using mysterious historical artifacts.

Following the visit to the museum, the first graders visited Gonzalez Grocery, founded in 1906, where they enjoyed a gracious tour given by Mary Gonzalez and an ice cream treat.

First graders were accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Gutierrez, Miss Naylor, and Mrs. York.

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Breakfast Menu	Lunch Menu
FRIDAY, APRIL 26 Scrambled Eggs Hash Browns Picante Toast Fruit Or Fruit Juice	FRIDAY, APRIL 26 Chicken Nuggets Whipped Potatoes White Cream Gravy Choice Of Vegetable Roll
MONDAY, APRIL 29 Tiger Toast Fruit Or Fruit Juice	MONDAY, APRIL 29 Sloppy Jo French Fries Veggie Sticks Peanut Butter Cup Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY, APRIL 30 Glazed Sweet Potato Bread Fruit Or Fruit Juice	TUESDAY, APRIL 30 Lasagna Choice Of Veggie Fruit Cobbler Roll
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 Pancakes Syrup Fruit Or Fruit Juice	WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 Hamburger French Fries Burger Salad Fruited Jello
THURSDAY, MAY 2 Pizza Bagel Fruit Or Fruit Juice	THURSDAY, MAY 2 Taco/Cheese Taco Salad Pinto Beans Spanish Rice



Shown are Garden Club members: Rosie Mattingly, Marge Geeze, Rozetta Pingenot, Dee Gaston, Pat McKelvey, Pat Callnan and Joyce Williamson presenting benches to Bill Haenn, General Manager.

## Fort Clark Board Of Directors Meeting

The Fort Clark Board met at 10 A.M. Saturday morning for their regular meeting. New president Mary Mitchell called the meeting to order with Board Members Frank Cheaney, Santos Yerena, Barry Williams, Mona Miller, Betty Gibbs and Taylor Stephenson all present.

Ms. Mitchell appointed Santos Yerena as Parliamentarian for the year. The new committee heads will be:

- Architecture Committee - Mona Miller & Frank Cheaney
- Audit Committee - Taylor Stephenson & Barry Williams
- Planning Committee - Santos Yerena & Betty Gibbs
- Recreation Committee - Santos Yerena & Mary Mitchell
- Rules Committee - Betty Gibbs & Frank Cheaney

All members were encouraged to vote Saturday, May 4th for the Fort Clark MUD Board. Three positions are open. Candidates are Robert Young (incumbent), Don Ralston (incumbent), Ken Callnan (incumbent), Jean Faulkenberry, and Russell Williams.

There will be a meeting of the anniversary committee in the board room Saturday, May 4th. All interested groups from Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs are encouraged to attend.

In public forum a question was asked about the rumors of pending litigation against FCS by Rio Grande Marketing. President Mitchell responded to the question stating that they have not been served, but have heard of the suit and notified the attorneys and carriers.

Walt Bauguess reminded every one to attend the Troopers Reunion this coming weekend. Walt also expressed thanks to Howard Skelton, Bob Burkpile, Bill Bray and John Mattingly for the work they have done building a rest room and storage room at the Palasaido Building. Also thanks to T J Moore who donated some of the material.

A request was made to make the fun finder larger.

General Manger's Report - Motel occupancy is down 10%, RV Park occupancy is down 17% from last year.

Manager Bill Haenn said the question was asked of him, how many memberships need to be sold to maintain the Fort? Mr. Haenn's answer was that if all 8000 memberships were in good standing it would not support the facilities we have now.

There have been 6,369 visitors come thru the gate, 14% to the restaurant, 8% to the golf club, 20 am-

balance calls were made to the fort and 2 air craft have landed. There have been 134 incidents against the rules and regulations. Individuals will now receive a copy of the complaint and sign the original.

Bid openings for repairs to the Service Club will be in 2 weeks.

Mr. Haenn made the statement that the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department did a splendid job fighting the fire at the 400 acres with aging equipment. We need to access our funding of the Fire Department. During the fire all maintenance employees returned to work as did all off duty Smith Security employees to help in any way they could. Mr. Haenn encouraged everyone to tell all of those folks thanks when you see them.

Mr. Haenn expressed thanks to the Garden Club for the donation of 5 beautiful benches, placed in the court yard.

There will be camping signs posted on the roads leading to Brackettville and at the front gate thanks to Mr. Yerena's help.

Over the Easter weekend several members volunteered to help keep order at the pool. Thanks go to Connie & Ron Armbruster, Dianna & Larry Walker, Angel Rodriguez and Ruben Soto for their help.

Three youths were apprehended when a member called security to report noises at the amphitheater. The youths apparently climbed under the fence at the pool area to do \$700 in damage to the amphitheater.

The board voted to adopt a resolution opposing the proposed waste dump in Spofford. The membership voted on the resolution at the annual meeting results were 276 objecting, 19 not objecting, 17 undecided.

The rules committee, in support of the movement against juvenile crime will begin the process to amend section 3 - members responsibility. May 13 there will be an open meeting of the rules committee.

In open session a member suggested that each member should make a donation to the Brackett Volunteer Fire Department.

There were some discrepancies discovered in some of the figure for assessment support verses income producing support of the Fort. This will be discussed at a later date.

A member stated that they were at the restaurant at 5 p.m., the lounge wasn't open and they could not have wine with dinner. Couldn't we make arrangements to have wine at lunch and dinner.

Meeting was adjourned.

## Order Of The Rose Ceremony Performed

Monday evening, April 15, members of Theta Sigma Chapter met in the Ft. Clark home of Patsy Callnan.

President Luella Gilliland called the meeting to order and led the group in the opening ritual. Secretary Pat McKelvey read minutes from the April 1st meeting and Bobbie Waddill reported on chapter finances. Talented Patsy Callnan presented the chapter with a beautiful scrapbook showcasing memorabilia from the chapters "Dream Catcher" Year.

Committee chairman reports were given and plans for the upcoming Founders Day Salad Supper to be held in the McKelvey home on April 30 at 6:00 p.m. were discussed.

Following the business meeting Lou Green and Alicia Raymer were honored with the impressive order of the Rose Ceremony. Those participating in the ceremony were Pat McKelvey, Ann Hibler, Marge Geeze, Luella Gilliland, Clara McCord, Bobbie Waddill, Doraline Kellar, Pat Callnan and Dee Gaston.

From a beautiful formal table the hostess served tempting tasty foods including chocolate mint candies, nuts, dip with crisp veggies, assorted cheese, creamy carrot cake, and cold sparkling red punch.

## Monthly Grief Support Group To Meet Friday

**HUGS, Help Using Grief Support**, meets next on Friday, April 26, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Slater Hall at the First United Methodist Church on James Street. (Hugs meets on the fourth Friday of the month at Slater Hall at the same time). Each meeting has a topic introduced to start the discussion, and this month's topic is "Grief - A Spiritual Journey."

Hospice Uvalde Area, a not-for-profit agency of Hospice San Antonio, invites anyone from the Brackettville area to participate in HUGS. For more information please call Edwin Sasek, Bereavement Services and Pastoral Care Counselor, at 1-800-339-6691.

## Golf News Ladies Golf Assn. 4-16-96

23 Members played  
Low Gross  
Gwen Ladd 83  
Carol Benfield 84  
Pat McKelvey 85  
Low Net  
Mae Roper 75 1/2  
Pat Nelson 76  
Teresa Stephens 76 1/2

## County Agent News

By Alan L. McWilliams



### Weight Lifting Builds More Than Muscles In Older Women

This weeks article caught my attention while reviewing items of interest in my weekly news packet. It comes from Dr. Judith Warren whom some of you that attended a meeting we had a couple of years ago about the prospects of having a retirement facility here in the county may remember. Dr. Warren is a gerontology specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Strength training has traditionally been associated with younger men and women. However, research reported in the spring 1995 issue of Nutrition Updates indicates that woman, ages 50-70, can experience definite benefits in increase hip bone density, increased muscle mass and strength from strength training.

The research indicates that weight training leads to increased muscle mass, resulting in greater muscle stamina, greater ability to retain oxygen levels in the muscle tissue, and a decreased risk of bone fracture.

Aerobic exercise also is beneficial for the cardiovascular system. It keeps the muscles strong and deters the weight gain in aging individuals. Walking, climbing stairs, and gardening are good examples of aerobic exercise that can certainly benefit older adults. And, exercise of any kind helps keep the muscle to fat ratio in a body higher.

Dr. Warren suggests that all individuals check with their doctor before starting any exercise program. Begin slowly and increase the time and activity level as you go. Strength training in older adults has benefits and if you are considering starting a program here are some tips:

- \*Try to exercise three to four times a week
- \*Choose a weight that you can lift at 8 to 12 repetitions
- \*Warm up and stretch for at least 10 minutes prior to each exercise session
- \*Begin each exercise session with repetitions without weights
- \*In the beginning, concentrate on

### Garden Club

As a part of the on-going celebration of the 25th and 50th anniversary years of Fort Clark, representatives from the Mountain Laurel Garden Club recently presented the Fort five garden benches for the patio area. This area is a cool respite located between the Member Services office and the Rose Garden, which the Garden Club also maintains.

The Garden Club also recently had their annual flower show which was organized around the anniversary theme. The flower show was held in the Adult Center and had forty-five floral and horticultural exhibits of great variety. The Garden Club meets the second Thursday of each month, September through May. Membership is open to anyone interested in garden club activities. More information is available at the Adult Center.

### Piano Recital

Cathie Conrey and Lynn McNew will present their piano students in recital on Sunday April 28th at 2:00 P.M. in the Calvary Room at Los Moras Inn. The students will play on the new grand piano purchased by the Community Council. The students, ranging in age from 5 years old to 14 years, will be playing numbers by Beethoven, Chopin and Scott Joplin. The public is invited.

### FOR PETE'S SAKE

The elderly woman in the small church congregation suddenly became the object of attention of a much younger man. The young fellow had recently moved to the community, and he seemed completely captivated and entranced by this female who was old enough to be his mother.

As the young man seemed to grow even more infatuated and enamored with the lady, the congregation began to become concerned and alarmed.

"It just doesn't look right," they said to the minister. "A young man like that paying so much attention to an older woman, just like they were courting!"

The minister, feeling that he had to do something, had a talk with the young man.

"Why, minister," the surprised young fellow declared, "our relationship is purely platonic. I assure you. I admire the lady, and enjoy her company. But it is all platonic, believe me."

That's what the preacher told the lady when he talked with her.

"Well," she declared, "maybe it was platonic. It may have been play for him. It was certainly tonic for me!"

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muscles in the shoulder, arms and thighs

\*Perform strength building movements slowly - about 6 to 9 seconds for each repetition

\*Alternate the muscle groups to work on - upper body one session and lower body the next

\*Inhale before you lift, exhale as you lift, and then inhale again as you lower the weights

### Time For Work On The Home Lawn

As you water your lawn remember to do it less frequently, but more deeply. Your grass needs a good soaking every 5 - 7 days, depending on how hot and dry it is. Watering early in the day is better than at night because fungal diseases are more easily established during damp nights.

It is also time to be fertilizing St. Augustine and Bermuda lawns if you haven't already done so. Regular feeding is essential for good lawn growth and disease and insect resistance. In areas, like ours, where there is higher alkaline soil, extra iron is needed to keep the grass looking green and healthy.

Bermuda lawns can be seeded now and don't forget to keep the seed beds moist as the seeds are germinating and young plants develop. Check your new lawn every day. Hot, windy weather can cause it to dry out fast and this will lead to thin stands or no establishment at all. Although not as suitable for shady areas, Bermuda grass is more disease and drought resistant than shade tolerant St. Augustine.

As you begin your mowing schedule, don't forget that removing more than one third of the height of your lawn each time you mow, can lead to heat-stressed grass this time of the year. We now recommend that you let grass clippings fall back to the yard each time you mow. This will actually improve your lawn rather than lead to thatch build-up as was previously thought. Also, by not bagging your clippings, you reduce the amount of vegetative material going into landfills each year.

### Kinney County Public Library

We are very "Happy" to announce that most of the furniture for the Happy Room is in and we are anxious to display it. We are so excited that with the help of four wonderful ladies we are creating a Pre-school "Happy" Hour for 3 & 4 year olds. Our intentions are to motivate small children to read. We will be using puppets, audio equipment and flash cards. The program is scheduled to begin May 9th at 10:00 a.m. and deadline for registration is May 1st.

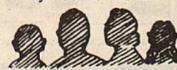
We are still looking for volunteers for our Summer Reading Program. This year we have some really great ideas for our students, not only are we going to encourage students to read but to create their own stories as well and if they are good enough we have a very special lady here in town who will turn it into a book. Be a part of this exciting program, register to volunteer now.

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

Library Staff, Board and Volunteers

### Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend



There is a man here who has been here all his life and ably fills his slot in the life of the community. He married a local girl and they have a fine son. He is always busy. He has become an excellent electrician and is capable and efficient in his work. He is energetic and aggressive. He is a good and faithful husband and father. He is warm hearted and friendly. He is always accommodating and helpful.

Surely Rudy Luna is an Unsung Hero.

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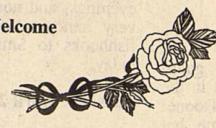
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*Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York where he graduated twelfth from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lieut 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 thirty years.*

*April 1884: This month is a turning point in the young lieutenant's experience in Texas. He relinquishes command of the Seminole Scouts and is detailed to Fort Brown, in Brownsville, where he is made the "Supervisor of Target Practice." He suffers from a boil and the difficult good-byes to friends at Fort Clark. While waiting for the train at Spofford Junction he meets Colonel Owen who has come to place the corner stones of the reservation (Fort Clark had recently been purchased by the United States from Mary Maverick for \$60,000). In San Antonio he sees the Alamo where he thinks, "... Davy Crockett was killed." He takes the train from there to Galveston where he uses a telephone to arrange his passage by steamer to Brazos. On board the steamer he "gave back" his meal to the Gulf of Mexico and endures a five day ordeal before reaching landfall and reporting to the garrison at Fort Brown (he previously served at Fort Brown in 1882 during a Yellow Fever epidemic). He moves in with Dr. Gorgas and resumes his social activities, observing that, "The fleas are terrible" and "Why can't ladies get along peaceably?"*

**Wednesday, April 23 1884**

Went to office after guard mounting and received orders from Capt. Bradford assigning me to "G" Co. for target practice only and making me Supervisor of Target Practice in the Post, something I know nothing at all about. Finished my letter home. Received two from home. Mother is very anxious to build up the house and I am the same. But I have no money. If I could only borrow five hundred dollars for a year and a half, it would be all right. Must write to Hewitt who has promised to let me have \$300 to make it \$500. Was awakened by Smith who came to say good bye. Hope to see him here soon again & often. Called at the Chaplains' to say "How" and had a very pleasant visit with them. They expect to be ordered to Wingate about the first of June. After retreat walked down town to post letter home and meeting Mr. Gourila who has been quite sick walked a piece with him. Went into Miss Cummings' to see her mother, but met Mrs. C. with Dr. and Mrs. Happersett coming out on the way to church followed by Miss McWatty, Mrs. Russell and Miss Russell. Miss Cummings did not intend to go to church. Walked to church with the last three and by invitation took my old place in the choir. Miss Houston still is here, and played the organ tonight. She is a missionary, a Christian woman and a very lov-

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for 4 with two runs and three RBIs. "George came through with some big-hits at the right time," Grubbs said. "In the top of the fifth inning, we had runners in scoring position with one out and he doubled down the left field line to drive in two runs and tie the score at 4-4. That was a big momentum swing for us." Beau Smallwood was also 3-for-4. The junior nailed a two-run homerun over the left field fence that gave the Tigers the lead for good at 6-4.

"That's probably one of the hardest hit balls we've had all year," Grubbs said. "He's shown vast improvement at the plate. He has a lot of potential. He's really turned into a good hitter."

Senior catcher Brian Hooker Brackett's clean-up batter, turned in a 2-for-3 performance. He scored a run and drove in another.

"Brian has been steady for us all year" Grubbs said. "It's pretty evident that other people look at him as a threat. In the first inning, Coach (Bryan) Bippert intentionally walked Brian to get to Rodriguez."

Lead-off batter Michael Padron was 2-for-4 at the plate. The center fielder crossed home plate once.

"Mike has been our lead-off batter for the last two years," Grubbs said. "He doesn't strike out. He puts the ball in play, he gets on base and he has some speed. Usually, if we get him on base, we're able to generate some runs."

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Most of us become parents  
long before we have stopped  
being children.  
—Mignon McLaughlin

## FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

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**Thursday, April 24 1884**

After guard mounting rode around the garrison with Bradford going first out to select a long range. Went to the old garden which recalled memories of Weine who had charge of it until his death by yellow fever in October '82. Gardner is Quartermaster and has everything in excellent condition. Praised him to Bradford who gave me to understand that the Post Commander had some right to a share of the praise. Used to think him much more of a man than he really is. While we were in quarantine camp, he drank heavily, which may account for his behavior now. Dined at Bradford's, just a family dinner but very enjoyable. After dinner chatted for a while and then went to the office and down town to get some stationery and envelopes. Wrote letter to Hewitt in the evening. About six o'clock went down to the church to practice for this evening. After practice went over to Mrs. Cook's with Miss McWatty & Happersett & sang until church time. Went after Miss Cummings, but she declined to go to church. Sang in the choir as usual. After services in bidding the preacher Mr. Johnson of Victoria, on here to attend presbytery, good-bye found that he was acquainted with Mrs. Chas. Woodworth of Fort Wayne. Like him & his sermons very much. There is a great deal of earnestness about him. Walked up to the garrison with Chaplain and Mrs. McWatty. Read Lorna Doone after returning.

**Friday, April 25 1884**

Met on a Board of Survey after guard mounting with Happersett and Hennisee and then got some stationery and commenced to write the proceedings of the Board. This & Lorna Doone occupied my time until dinner. In the evening called on Miss Sauter, Miss Valls who was out & on Miss Cummings but found a number of other gentlemen there. Came home about tattoo and wrote a letter to Shunk. Hope to hear from Clark tomorrow.

**Saturday, April 26 1884**

Marched on Officer of the Day this morning. Guard mounting is a very small affair now in comparison to what it was when we were here before. Afterwards rode out on the target range and looked around for the 1000 yard target. Read for a while in the library and then returned to Saint's Rest to read Lorna Doone. After dinner went to choir practice in the Ad-

ministraton Building. Mrs. Cook soprano, Miss McWatty alto, Gardner tenor, Happersett and I bass, Miss Mamie organist. Mrs. Happersett and Crowder were present and we had a very pleasant time. In the evening played whist with Mrs. Happersett against Miss Mamie and Dr. H. at the Doctor's. Crowder was present & helped Miss Mamie. He is very much in love with her and very jealous. Think he was angry at me as I made an engagement last evening to escort her home tonight. She played on the piano for us. Poor girl, she has been through so much trouble, that she stoops very much. Noticed it and spoke to her about it as we were going down to her house. If there were more like her the world would be all the better. After returning inspected the guard and sentinels. Made engagement to escort Miss McWatty to the concert Monday evening and engaged seats.

**Sunday, April 27 1884**

Crowder relieved me at guard mounting. Read the papers in the library and finished Lorna Doone. Commenced usual letter home, but was interrupted by a call from Dr. Happersett. He stayed during dinner. Scott went to Point Isabel. Happersett seems much pleasanter to me. He & Crowder are not so friendly. Scott told me last evening that they had a row last summer, but have since made up. He and I would be good friends now had it not been for Crowder. Finished letter after dinner. About dark Dr. Gorgas came in from Ringgold. Knew him before and liked him a great deal. He became very much in love with Marie, which caused a great deal of jealousy on my part. Believe now that I could wish them a very happy married life if he won her. They correspond now. Hope she will marry him in preference to Maddox, as he is very much superior and will make her an excellent husband. We met very friendly, and if it lies in my power will continue to be friends. Escorted Miss McWatty to and from church where her father preached. Was very much pleased to meet Mrs. Gardner there. She has been sick so that I have not seen her before. Had quite a long chat with Gorgas & Scott after returning. The fleas are terrible. Went into Mrs. Happersett's for a few minutes with Miss McWatty on the way from church. Took tattoo for Crowder who escorted Miss Mamie home.

**Monday, April 28 1884**

Went over to the office to get a detail from Gardner to work on the long range, but forgot to speak to him about it. Went down town securing seats & tickets for tonight and attending to other errands. Worked on proceedings of Board until dinner. Afterwards went down to a flower garden with Scott

and secured some flowers for this evening. Then dressed in civilian clothes & escorted Miss McWatty to the Opera House where she sang in a duet with Mrs. Cook, which song was the principal number on the programme. Miss McWatty received the most bouquets. Gave her one at her home before starting and gave one to Mrs. Cook also. Flowers are not as plentiful as two years ago on account of drought. Renewed some old acquaintances this evening. No mail on Monday evenings, and none out Sundays, a very annoying arrangement. Sent fishhooks to Smith & wrote him today.

**Tuesday, April 29 1884**

Tried to secure a detail to work on target range, but failed today. Completed proceedings taking them over for Dr. Happersett's approval after dinner. Sang some music there with Miss McWatty. Then went down town with Gardner and called on Miss Valls to invite her to accompany me to the minstrels Friday evening, but she was not home. Secured seats for minstrels and then went to Gardner's. Mrs. G. was better and we had a pleasant chat. Played cribbage a while with Gardner until Dr. Gorgas came in, when Mrs. Gardner and I beat the others at whist. Had cake and wine for refreshment. Enjoyed the games. A letter from home came today. Hope Hewitt will be able to lend me \$500 soon so as to have the house altered.

**Wednesday, April 30 1884**

Marched on Officer of the Day after inspection and muster. Crowder took my sword while I went down town to invite Miss Michel to the picnic tomorrow, & Miss Valls to the minstrels. The latter accepted, but former was not at home. Saw her sister, wife of Moon, 20th Inf'y, who is home visiting. After dinner took proceedings up for Hennisee's signature and made a short call. In evening called at Bradford's until tattoo, eating supper and having a very pleasant chat. After tattoo called on Chaplain and Mrs. McWatty until quite late and enjoyed it thoroughly. Miss M. was not at home. Her mother wanted to call her from Dr. Happersett's, but I refused to have her called. Went to sleep in my chair after returning while reading a novel. No mail for me this evening.

## Brackettville Rotary Club

On April 18th members of the Rotary Club heard Coach Roy Rokovich speak of the Athletic program in the Brackettville schools. Coach Rokovich is completing his first year here, and this first group of youngster will always hold a special place in his memory. He spoke of them and the athletic program in a manner that was informative and reassuring. The emphasis is always on the importance of learning. The coaches check on grades every six weeks. If a student is having difficulties, it is discovered and hopefully remedied before he or she fails a subject.

He introduced a series of students. Each spoke about what being involved in athletics has meant in his or her life. Denise Frerich was the first to speak and said she profited by learning to be a team member. To work toward a goal within a group was important. She also feels she has developed physically and mentally. Taking part in athletics also provided a chance to meet new people, which she appreciates.

Debra Frerich spoke of what it meant to win and to lose. One learns to work hard in order to win if at all possible. She also has begun to see herself as a role model for younger students. She feels athletics has helped her grow and mature and hopes others will recognize this and decide to work for similar goals.

Terry Esparza would like to have a career in the military and feels she has learned attitudes and skills that will serve her well in her career

choice. She has learned to be a team member. She has become aware of her own potential and is competitive but also realizes that compromise is always required in life, and it is important to respect others.

Brian Hooker expressed gratitude to the coaching staff for what they have taught him and other students. He spoke of the changes taking place in his life. Before the eighth grade, he feels that he didn't know what it meant to be on a team that represented an entire community. When he entered into freshman athletics, his viewpoint widened. Now, he can hardly believe that he will soon be leaving the team which has been so important to him. He has not decided for certain where he will go to college, but he knows one thing: he will play baseball.

Michael Padron stressed learning the difference in thinking in "I" terms rather than being a team member. He feels he has developed a sense of responsibility and confidence. He's learned not to give up. This has given him a sense of respect for himself and others. Wearing the Tiger uniform and realizing he was representing all of Brackettville has brought him a feeling of pride.

Jared Shahan spoke of his freshman and sophomore years, when he entertained dreams of being on the team that became the district champions and he, himself, being a big athlete. He learned that one has to also think ahead of the dreams and get back to reality. It takes a lot of hard work to get through school. You

can't "muscle your way through".

He has also become aware of what leadership requires. Competition is always a factor. Part of being on a team is realizing there is always someone challenging you for your position. Jared spoke of the changes taking place in his life. A freshman is at the bottom of the stack, so to speak, but by the time he is a senior, he has gained confidence. Jared is aware that in college he will really be on his own and putting what he has learned to the test. He remarked that "they take the spoon out of your mouth in college". But Jared will be prepared, as will the others who have taken part in athletics. He will know how to compete and how to hang in there to attain his goal.

Coach Rokovich remarked at the beginning of this presentation that an athletic program is only as good as the people involved in it. Observing him and these students, Rotary members could understand the truth of this statement. His attitude is excellent and these fine students exemplify the worth of a top flight athletic program. We thank them, and Taylor Stephenson, for their presentation.

Thursday, the 25th, a study group consisting of four visiting Australians and someone accompanying them will arrive in Brackettville. They'll be treated to a visit to Alamo Village by Virginia Shahan and then will attend the Rotary meeting. As usual, they will present banners from their Rotary Clubs in Australia, and we will give them Brackettville Rotary banners to take home.

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That's why Paul says we must "Guard the good treasure entrusted to us, with the help of the Holy Spirit." And that treasure is our faith. That treasure is our faith in the Gospel and the author and object of the Gospel, Jesus Christ.



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Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.  
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Be not deceived, GOD is not mocked, for whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

As we have, therefore, opportunity, let us do good unto all especially unto them who are of the household of faith. GALATIANS 6:7-9. Praise God.

Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. ROMANS 12:13 Praise God.

For GOD is not unrighteous to

forget your works and labor of love, which you have shown toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. Hebrews 6:10 GLORY

How GOD anointed JESUS of NAZARETH with the HOLY SPIRIT, and with POWER, who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for GOD was with him. ACTS 10:38

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**Gateway Ministries**

By Pastor Charolette Corey

SHOW ME! This is the heart's cry of many living in Kinney county who have seen many "programs" come and go with little or no results. God does not mind proving his word because it is alive and powerful. Even though Jesus's disciple, "Doubting" Thomas, acted like he had been born in Missouri (the "Show Me" state), in John 20:24-29, Thomas simply expressed what many others who had not yet seen Jesus were thinking, and yet, Jesus did not kick him off the "team" for wanting proof. Jesus simply encouraged Thomas to grow and stretch himself in the use of his FAITH, to believe in the working of the things of God without having to see it first. We know that faith "cometh by hearing and hearing by the word (revelation) of God. (2 Cor. 5:7) The people of Kinney County are being called to use this same FAITH in the power of God's word to help change the bad or unsuitable things which they have seen into the things which God is calling it to become.

Much time, effort, and money is being spent in trying to find a solution for the "juvenile crime" in our area. When we realize that these things are a symptom, not the "root" of the problem, then we can truly begin making a positive change in people's lives.

The problem lies not in changing people's minds, THE ANSWER LIES IN CHANGING PEOPLE'S HEARTS. It's not a "mind" problem, it's a "heart" problem and having the love of Jesus Christ living in one's heart is the ONLY answer.

I am not speaking this in a glib manner or taking the situation lightly. When we start exhibiting the true LOVE of Jesus in our lives and combine it with FAITH IN THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD, THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD WILL CHANGE THINGS.

Gateway Ministries' response helping provide an "answer" to this problem is in the planning of a team of young men and women to come here from Fort Worth, TX., who are moral, God-fearing, believing, FAITHFUL, and anointed to perform and share God's word with the youth and adults in our area from June 2 through August 10 of this year. We are believing that the ministry of this young, yet spiritually mature, group will make a difference in our community. They will make themselves available to any church in the county and or nearby area to share the LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST with others. They are gifted in preaching and teaching, are musicians, artists, gymnasts, cheerleaders, dramatic performers and more.

If you or anyone you know is interested to find out more about them please contact our Youth Minister, Brian Reynolds at 563-2121 or 563-2601. If you are interested in helping to sponsor any of these young men and women while they are here this summer, please pray about it and let us know.

STAND IN FAITH,  
ABIDE IN HOPE,  
REST IN GOD'S LOVE!  
Pastor Charolette Corey

**First United Methodist Church**



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

Have you ever thought of yourself as a mutant? I'd never thought of myself that way. Actually, the only thing mutant meant to me was the Ninja Turtles I pick up off the floor in my sons' rooms. So I was quite surprised to find out someone considers me one. (You too, for that matter.)

I'm half-way through the book, *Mutant Message Down Under* by Marlo Morgan. It's the saga of an upper class American physician's unexpected journey with a tribe of Aborigines in the Australian bush country. So far it's a fascinating eye-opener. The commentary these "primitive" people make on our ultramodern "civilization is thought-provoking to say the least. They eat bugs, rarely bathe, and run around more than half naked, but for the life of them they can't understand our compulsion to accumulate material things or our obsession with time and stress management. (They're just too ignorant, I guess...) In fact, they

think we're so different from what human beings were created to be that they call us mutants! Imagine that! But then they're looking at us from halfway around the globe and thru very different eyes.

John the Baptist did the same thing but to his own people. He ate bugs and dressed pretty rough. When he looked around at the very orthodox, highly structured, advanced culture into which he'd been born, he called them a brood of vipers! He was thrown into prison and eventually beheaded for all his efforts. (The Aborigines are also dying out.)

Of course, we know better today. We call John a prophet. We know he was trying to prepare the people for Jesus' coming. We understand these things.

But I wonder... if Jesus were to return today, what would he think of us? And what would we do to him....?

Blessings on you.



**Frontier Baptist Church**  
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

"Be not deceived, God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall be also reap. He that soweth, to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, he that soweth to the spiritual shall of the spirit reap life everlasting." This from God's word.

It is a patent fact that when anything is planted and cultivated to harvest, the product is exactly what was planted.

It follows as the night follows the day that the same principle applies to every walk of life. Every person in the penitentiary is there because of his or her actions. The sowing has led to the harvest.

This tenet proves the consistency of God's law. The law of gravity is constant. So the law of "sowing to the flesh" is constant. The harvest is a natural result of the sowing.

The harvest is inevitable. What-

ever we do has a payday someday. Being friendly makes friends. Being unfriendly brings a death of friends. Loving people brings love in return.

Disliking people brings dislike from others. A drug addict is the result of taking drugs. An optimistic spirit gives joy to life. A pessimistic spirit leads to cynicism and misery.

A disregard of the spirit and ones relationship to God leads inevitably to misery and an eternity in Hell.

A caring for the soul and love for God who gave it inevitably leads to a joyous life and an eternity with God in heaven. If you want to know what tomorrow holds give attention to what you sow today. "Be not deceived" the harvest will come.

There will be another message from the Word of God at Frontier Baptist Church next Lord's day at 11:00. Come and see.



Shown Left to Right, front row: Pastor Gil Ash and Pastor Duran. Second row: Mrs. Duran, Mrs. Starzel, Nadine Wakefield, Lillie Webb, Anita Sifuentez. Third row: Opal Groce, Larry Groce, Howard Wakefield, Esperion Duran and Jean Faulkenberry.

**RE: Joint Effort Between First Baptist Church And The Hispanic Mission**

May 12th, 1993 is not a day remembered as anything special by most people but it is evident now that it was a significant day. That evening Brackettville's First Baptist Church along with several other Baptist churches in the region as well as the Church Extension Department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, committed to support a full-time mission pastor to serve three new missions. Those missions were located in Quemado, Comstock, and Brackettville, Texas.

Since that date there have been a number of changes in leadership of the mission work but the fervor has never been lost in Brackettville to have a permanent Hispanic Baptist work. This week another significant

date has arrived with the signing of an agreement between Brackettville First Baptist Church and its Hispanic mission church. This is the first step of many to come which will establish the mission as, "Primera Iglesia Bautista" and for the new church to have their own place to worship.

Since 1993 the congregation of the Mission had met in the homes of its members until the growth would no longer allow that. Since February of 1994 the Mission has used the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church. Pastor Gil Ash of First Baptist and Pastor Eugenio Duran of the Mission share their excitement of the two congregations working together in the building project that is soon to be started.

**Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter**

Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter met April 15th, 1996 at Cathy Conrey's home. After the opening ritual, Pres. Madrid asked for roll call with 11 members responding. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted. Chapter reader Betty Mathison read an article on Founder's Day which we will celebrate April 29th.

Our Highway Pick Up will be postponed until our service committee can coordinate a date with Theta Chapter. They will report next meeting.

Because the Palisado Building is not available, Lynn McNew offered her home and yard for our Founder's Day Dinner. We will also have installation of officers at that meeting. The new officers will host and present the program at the May 13th meeting.

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**National Day Of Prayer**

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The men and women who planted their standard on these shores in 1607 vowed to build a nation founded on virtue and moral integrity. Shall we not continue to raise this same standard? As our forefathers struggled to remain one nation, President Lincoln stated, "I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go." As President Clinton remarked, "Let us not forget those painful lessons of our past, but continue to seek the guidance of God in all the affairs of our nation." What better place to be than on our knees in prayer asking that same supreme Creator for guidance, forgiveness, protection and healing.

Today we live in a new America, an ever-changing nation, yet a country that must not forget to honor the One who brought us to these shores.

God tells us in the Scriptures: "...those that honor Me, I will honor." Will "In God We Trust" be relegated to a forgotten slogan simply stamped on our money? Or will those same powerful words be stamped on our hearts, held in our thoughts, used to guide our daily actions and passed on to our children?

Mrs. Shirley Dobson, chairman of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, comments, "We truly believe, the prayer of God's people is our nation's only hope and greatest untapped resource."

In 1952, President Harry Truman signed Congress' unanimous, joint resolution establishing an annual National Day of Prayer into law. An amendment in 1988 was signed by President Ronald Regan, establishing the first Thursday in May as the official National Day of Prayer. President Clinton's proclamation set the tone for last year's observances by declaring, "Our nation was built on the steadfast foundation of the prayers of our ancestors." The year of 1995 marked the first time in the National Day of Prayer's history that all 50 states and the governors of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Island joined President Clinton in signing similar proclamations to pray.

On Thursday, May 2nd a non-denominational gathering will take place in front of the Gym at 7:30 am., in order for our community to participate in the observance of the Annual National Day of Prayer. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Church Directory**



- St. Andrews Episcopal Church:** Henderson & Fort Sunday Church Service 10:30 a.m. Vicar: Rev. Bill Koons, 563-2071.
- Frontier Baptist Church** (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday Services 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.
- First Baptist Church** (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m., Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m., Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.
- Baptist Hispanic Mission:** 307 N. Ann Street, Sunday 9:45 a.m.; Wednesday 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 p.m., Eugenio Duran, Pastor.
- Church of Christ:** N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
- St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church:** Sun. Masses at 8:00 A.M. (Spanish) and 10:30 A.M. (English); Mon., Thurs. and Fri. Mass at 7:00 AM; Wed. Mass 6:30 P.M., Religion Classes Wed. 4:00 and 7:00 PM; Sat. Rosary 7:00 AM, Sat. Mass 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Confession Wed. & Sat. 5:30 PM, Rev. Donald R. Lavelle, C.M.F.
- St. Blaise Catholic Church:** Sun. Mass 12:30 noon. Adult Catholic Explanation and Convert Classes Thurs. 7:00 PM Rev. Donald R. Lavelle, C.M.F.
- First United Methodist Church:** "Celebrate and Witness" Fellowship 9:30 a.m., Church School Classes 9:45 a.m., Service of Worship 11:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 p.m., Sheree Harris, Pastor.
- St. John's Baptist Church:** Crockett at Keene St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Worship Service Thursday 7:00 p.m., William P. Adams, Sr., Pastor, 563-9175.
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Congregation E.L.C.A.:** Henderson and Fort St., Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship, Bible Study every other Sunday 10:00 a.m., Rev. Nathan La Frenz, 563-2047.
- Templo Elim Asambea de Dios:** North Street, Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 p.m., Rev. Abundio Mancha, Pastor, 563-9237.
- Gateway Ministries (Non-Denominational):** 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:00 a.m., Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m., Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charolette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331.
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If requested in writing by May 30, 1996, a public hearing will be held by the Middle Rio Grande Development Foundation on May 31, 1996 at 10:00 A.M., 307 W. Nopal, Carrizo Springs, Texas, to accept comments on the proposed continuation of elderly and disabled transportation services within the Middle Rio Grande Region. Written comments on the proposed project may be submitted to Middle Rio Grande Development Foundation, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, prior to May 30, 1996.

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