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Briefs ...

Farm Service Agency elects committeemen

The Val Verde Farm Service Agency held its annual election for the county committee on Dec. 2. Gordon Lackey was elected to a three-year term.

Jimmy Bader will serve a one-year term as first alternate and Stan Conoly will serve a one-year term as second alternate.

Other members of the committee are Charles E. Foust and Raymond Frerich.

HUGS to host meeting

Hospice Uvalde Area will have a special grief support group in Brackettville called HUGS (Help Using Grief Support).

The group will meet tomorrow afternoon, from 2 to 3, in Slater Hall at First United Methodist Church on Jane Street.

The group is open to anyone in the community who has experienced the death of a loved one.

For more information, call 1-800-339-6691.

Post Office will be closed for holidays

Certain postal operations will be curtailed on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, Brackettville Postmaster Felix Hernandez announced.

"After reviewing the needs of our customers over the last few years, our records indicate that very little activity is conducted after 12:00 noon on Christmas and New Year's Eve," Hernandez said.

"With this in mind, we would like to allow our employees an opportunity to be with their families earlier on these two very special occasions."

On Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, retail operations will close at noon. Also, mail will not be collected from any letter collection box after 1:00.

The Brackettville office will return to normal operating hours on Dec. 26 and again on Jan. 2.

"Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide our employees and their families with this special time together," Hernandez added.

Brackett News office to close on Christmas

The Brackett News office will be closed on Wednesday in observance of the Christmas holiday.

The newspaper office will return to normal business hours on Thursday, Dec. 26.

Next week's edition of The Brackett News will hit stands on Thursday afternoon.



Amanda Ward (from left), Ashley Antoine and Brandi Wilson perform during the Christmas musical "Dr. Newheart's Christmas Care" at Fort Clark Springs' Town Hall Friday night.

Three Tigers named to APSE all-state squad

Three Brackett players were named to the Associated Press Sports Editors' Class 2A all-state football team, which was released Wednesday.

Seniors Michael Aguirre and Ramon De Leon, and junior Patrick Munoz earned honors.

"I think that's tremendous," Tigers coach Roy Rokovich said. "I'm real happy for Brackettville. It says a lot for our kids and our coaches. I think our program has turned the corner in a lot of areas. I'm proud of those boys and our teams for all of the things they did this season."

Aguirre was named to the second team as a defensive back. The two-time all-district selection had seven interceptions and 63 tackles this season.

"That's very special," Rokovich said. "He was second team all-district and we thought he was worthy of first team. Making second team all-state is a great honor. I'm real happy for him. It

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says a lot about Michael. He hustled all year long and worked hard."

De Leon earned honorable mention as a defensive back, duplicating the honor he received as a sophomore. He finished his high school career with 20 interceptions. This year, De Leon had five interceptions, 124 tackles and 905 all-purpose yards.

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Brackett to host 37th Annual invitational basketball tourney

The Tigers will host the 37th Annual Brackett Invitational Basketball Tournament Friday and Saturday.

The two-day event will feature visiting basketball teams from Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Sabinal and Crystal City.

"I think it's going to be a competitive tournament," Tigers coach Gary Grubbs said. "All of the teams coming are quality teams."

"Typically, Del Rio and Eagle Pass will drop players down from their varsity that don't play much to their junior varsity, and that makes their teams much stronger."

With six teams competing in this year's invitational tournament, a pool play format will be used.

"We have it set up with pool play that way everybody gets at least three games," Grubbs said. "Some teams will get to play four games."

Brackett is in Pool A with Del Rio White and Eagle Pass junior varsity.

Brackett opens tournament play at noon tomorrow against Del Rio White.

"I believe the Del Rio White team is a combination of their junior varsity and their better freshmen, so they will be a quality opponent."

Del Rio White faces Eagle Pass junior varsity at 4:15, and then

37th Annual Brackett Tournament

The following is the schedule of games for the 37th Annual Brackett Invitational Basketball Tournament:

Friday, Dec. 20

POOL A

Brackett vs. Del Rio White, 12 p.m.
Eagle Pass vs. Del Rio White, 4:15 p.m.
Brackett vs. Eagle Pass, 7:15 p.m.

POOL B

Crystal City vs. Del Rio Blue, 10:30 a.m.
Del Rio Blue vs. Sabinal, 1:30 p.m.
Sabinal vs. Crystal City, 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21

Pool A first place vs. Pool B second place, 10:30 a.m.
Pool B first place vs. Pool A second place, 12 p.m.
Pool A third place vs. Pool B third place, 1:30 p.m.
Loser of 10:30 game vs. loser of noon game, 3 p.m.
Winner of 10:30 game vs. winner of noon game, 4:30 p.m.

Brackett and Eagle Pass will meet at 7:15.

"Eagle Pass gave us a really good game earlier this year at their place," Grubbs said. "They have some fine athletes."

Competing in Pool B are Del Rio Blue, Sabinal and Crystal City.

"I think all three teams in Pool B are going to be tough," Grubbs said.

Crystal City plays Del Rio Blue at 10:30 tomorrow morning. Del Rio Blue will then face Sabinal at 1:30, while Crystal City and Sabinal play each other at 5:45.

Action resumes Saturday morning as the first place team from Pool A meets the second place

team from Pool B at 10:30.

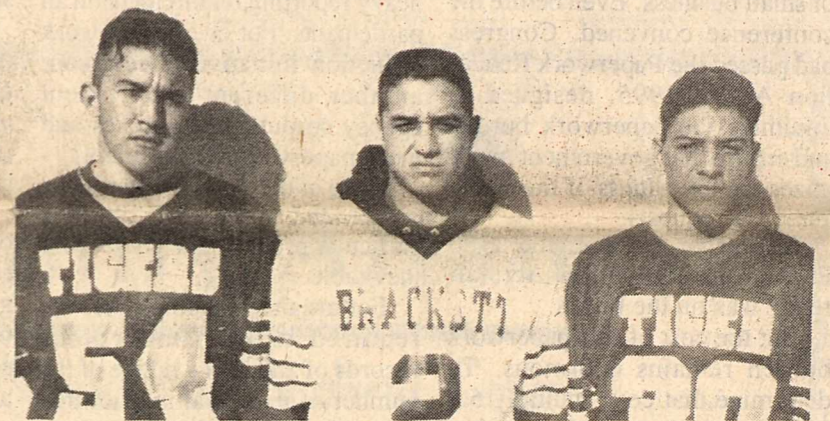
The first place team from Pool B will play the second place team from Pool A at noon.

The losers of those two games will play for third place at 3, while the winners meet in the 4:30 championship game.

The third place finishers from each pool will play at 1:30 on Saturday for the consolation championship.

This is the first year in the history of the tournament that girls' teams will not compete.

The Tigerettes will travel to Cotulla to face the Cowgirls in a non-district contest tomorrow night. The girls' third tournament of the year is next week in Devine.



Patrick Munoz (from left), Ramon De Leon and Michael Aguirre represented Brackett on the Associated Press Class 2A all-state football team.

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Sharp delivers sales tax rebates

AUSTIN - John Sharp, state comptroller of public accounts, delivered a total of \$158.9 million in December sales tax payments to 1,084 Texas cities and 117 counties.

This month's payments to Texas cities and counties include sales taxes collected by monthly filers in October and reported to the comptroller in November.

"Total city and county sales tax rebates for calendar year 1996 are 9.2 percent higher than total rebates for 1995, as the Texas economy continues its healthy upward trend," Sharp said.

Sharp delivered city sales tax rebates totaling \$144.9 million, 25.9 percent above last year's December payments of \$11.5 million allocations in December 1995.

The city of Brackettville received a sales tax rebate of \$2,654.27 in December, 23.3 percent less than the \$3,460.51 delivered to the city last December. Total payments to the city of Brackettville for 1996 were \$46,995.47, which is 2.7 percent more than the \$45,753.73 delivered last year.

The \$1,962.63 local sales tax allocation to Kinney County for December reflects a 3.6 percent increase above the \$1,895.29 in sales tax rebates for the same month last year. Kinney County received 6.5 percent more in total sales payments in 1996, \$29,061, than in 1995, \$27,298.63.

Kinney County Health Ser-

vices' sales tax rebate for December was \$1,780.23, down 3.9 percent from the December 1995 payment of \$1,851.62. This year, Kinney County Health Services received \$28,415.54, 2.7 percent more in local sales tax payments than the total for last year, which was \$27,657.45.

The city of Houston received a sales tax rebate of \$19 million in December, 23.3 percent more than the \$15.4 delivered to the city last December. Total payments to the city of Houston for 1996 were 6.4 percent more than total payments for last year.

The 12.7 million local sales tax allocation to the city of Dallas for December reflects a 26.3 percent increase above the \$10 million in sales tax rebates for the same month last year. Dallas received 10.6 percent more in total sales payments in 1996 than in 1995.

The San Antonio sales tax rebate for December was \$8.2 million, up 26.1 percent from the December 1995 payment of \$6.5 million. This year, San Antonio received 7.3 percent more in local sales tax payments than the total for last year.

The Austin sales tax rebate for December totaled \$6 million, 11.6 percent more than the city's December 1995 payment of \$5.4 million. In 1996, Austin's total sales tax rebates were 4.5 percent more than those for 1995.

The city of Fort Worth's \$4.1 million allocation was 23.9 percent higher than the \$3.3 million delivered in December 1995.

Rodriguez makes all-region band

CASTROVILLE - Brackett junior Alfred Rodriguez earned a spot on the all-region band Friday after taking top honors in the tryouts at Medina Valley High School.

Rodriguez competed against bass clarinet players from around the region, including musicians from Class A, 2A and 3A schools, and came away with first chair honors.

"Alfred competed against eight other players and he came away number one," Brackett band director Michael Smellie said.

"I'm extremely happy and proud of Alfred. He worked real hard, spending a lot of time practicing in the band hall and on his own."

Rodriguez now advances to the area tryouts, which are Jan. 11 in Corpus Christi.

"I think Alfred has a real good chance to make first chair again," Smellie said.

"He needs to take it upon himself to practice during the Christmas holidays, and he has agreed to do so.

"When I come back (from



Brackett's Alfred Rodriguez earned top honors at the all-region band tryouts last week.

Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Canada after Christmas), we'll spend every day practicing together after school preparing for the tryouts," he added.

If Rodriguez finishes first or second at the area level, he will advance to the all-state tryouts, which are in February.

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There have been a lot of Christmas programs this week, and they have gotten me in a better frame of mind.

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Brackett, N.C. split

Brackett split a double-header with Nueces Canyon in non-district basketball action Tuesday night at Tiger Gym.

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The time to act is now to save Social Security

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

Last week, a 13-member advisory panel presented its report addressing the Social Security crisis in the United States.

Well, after two and a half years of discussion, they agreed to disagree. Still, there's one thing we can't ignore, we've got a big Social Security problem and we must solve it.

In 1996, millions of Americans benefitted from Social Security to the tune of \$261 billion. Our Social Security commitment is enormous. It's also growing and the current system cannot keep up.

The problem is simple, more money is going out than is coming in. This year, the federal government's Social Security payments will be \$60 billion more than its collections.

The advisory panel, a nonpartisan group commissioned to develop possible solutions to the Social Security problem, developed three possible options. One provides for the government to divert a portion of current Social Security collections into stocks. A second plan would follow the current system, but add mandatory savings accounts, individually owned, but managed by the government. In the third plan, the government would pay flat-rate benefits at about half the current level, and then another 40 percent of Social Security contributions would be diverted into stocks controlled by the individuals.

Many economists are also proposing an adjustment to the figure used to measure inflation, the Consumer Price Index, or CPI. They estimate that CPI overstates inflation by 1.1 percentage points and therefore, costs the federal treasury billions of dollars a year. They say correcting this index a small fraction could potentially result in significant reductions in the increases the government makes in Social Security payments and save billions of dollars.

However we get there, we've got to start somewhere. The longer we wait the worse it's going to get. Without corrective action, Social Security will go broke in about 30 years. That may seem like a long way off, but we must address the situation soon to preserve Social Security later.

As our population ages and more people collect Social Security, the time to act is now.

The recent proposals are a good starting point. Early next year, Congress will examine the advisory panel's proposals and start working toward a solution.

It would be very easy to sit back and blame the other guy while Social Security goes belly-up, but Washington needs to address the situation. It's going to take trust and cooperation between Congress and the administration, but Social Security can be fixed.

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



The problem of highway traffic is not with semitrailer trucks

The other day, I had a telephone call from a local man. He was soliciting support for a pet project.

He wanted me to attend a meeting hosted by the Highway Department to discuss projects for the next five years.

I asked what he had in mind. He said, "We need a stop light on Highway 90 and a speed limit. We need to prevent semitrailer trucks from stopping anywhere on 90."

I told him he really didn't want me to attend the meeting because I would oppose the entire package.

I asked what speed limit he wanted, and he said 30 miles per hour.

He apparently thinks the speed limit on the highway should be the same as it is in town and on Fort Clark.

The Texas Highway Department set the 45 miles-per-hour speed limit in keeping with safety guidelines at the request of the city council.

I asked the caller where he expected the semitrailers to park.

He said, "That's their problem."

There are times when parked trucks call for extra care when entering the highway from Ann Street.

My experience shows that cars pulling too far out into the right of way before the stop sign presents a greater problem than the parked trucks.

The very idea of stopping highway traffic on Highway 90 is ridiculous.

I told the caller that I have been here for 30 years and the things he presumed as problems were no cause as highway accidents.

His retort was, "You want two or three people to be killed before anything is done?"

I asked him how long he had lived here and he hung up on me. Now look at the situation.

Any person who pulls out in front of a semitrailer at 30 miles per hour will be clobbered. Fifteen more miles per hour will be no greater danger.

Stopping traffic on the highway would exacerbate traffic problems and would gain absolutely nothing.

There may need to be some possible way of solving problems caused by truck parking, but to deny it altogether is unconscionable.

If drivers will simply exercise care and patient driving practices, there is no danger.

If a driver pulls out on the highway in front of an oncoming car, you can't blame the highway traffic.

In my memory, there have been three people killed in Kinney County on Highway 90 in 30 years, none of which died at the intersection of Ann and Highway 90.

Two were truckers, neither of which was driving over 30 miles per hour. Another was killed when he pulled out of Fort Clark onto the highway in front of oncoming traffic.

Sorry. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Paperwork reduction is a top concern of small businesses

A bureaucrat's idea of cleaning up his files is to make a copy of every paper before he destroys it!

This counterproductive tendency is one of the primary concerns of large and small business alike. Not only do bureaucracies make copies of each document before shredding them, but they expect the rest of us to do the same.

Two years ago, the White House Conference on Small Business identified paperwork reductions as one of the top concerns of small business. Even before the conference convened, Congress had passed the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, designed to minimize the paperwork burden and ensure that government maximizes the usefulness of the information it requests.

An earlier attempt, the 1980 Paperwork Reduction Act, already was on the books.

But the cost of this paperwork burden remains enormous. To determine that cost, multiply 6.8 billion man-hours (the current level) times a conservative \$50 an hour to comply with various federal paperwork regulations imposed by the federal government. This hidden tax on productivity comes to more than \$400 billion dollars a year. Small business



Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

costs are estimated at \$100 billion.

Government agencies are involved in a broad range of activities that impose an unnecessarily heavy reporting requirement on all participants. For every paperwork reduction initiative undertaken, another different government agency sprouts new policies and more paperwork requirements.

Some of these requirements can be avoided by staying out of a particular program. But others are inevitable.

For instance, all employers are required to keep meticulous records of and post a notice of the number of industrial injuries that have occurred on their premises, regardless of whether any such accidents have ever occurred.

If an employer fails to post a notice that his or her workplace has remained accident and injury free for the previous 12 months, the Occupational Health and

Safety Administration can impose a fine never the less.

Indicative of this problem is another government agency that few of us can avoid: the Internal Revenue Service.

The IRS accounts for more than 75 percent of the total 6.8 billion-hour paperwork burden cited above. Yet, IRS officials have claimed exemption from the 1995 act because they say the paperwork burden they impose is required by legislation.

In theory, other government agencies could attempt to make the same dubious claim.

Few Texans would argue with the assertion that Americans are over-regulated and that government requirements impose an unreasonable burden on them as they go about their business.

Government must be shaped to offer a tax and regulation environment conducive to economic growth and innovation rather than burying those it is supposed to serve under a mountain of paper and red tape.

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Smoke From Nakai
By Nakai Breen

The prairie chicken dance Seoh
Today I will close the talk about the birds with this short story.
It is said that man learned to dance by seeing the prairie chicken dance.
When the Pheasant courts, he beats his feet on a log and it sounds like a drum. His tail feathers ruff out and he stands real straight, and then stoops and goes in circles.
The human dance starts by the women forming a circle on the outside and men on the inside.
The man advances toward the woman and then retreats at the signal of the drum.
Then the women dance around while the men dance with their arms extended to the ground and shaking like the grouse, thumping their feet and they make a deep guttural sound.

Aho
Nakai

Knights announce raffle winners

The Knights of Columbus of St. Mary Magdalene Church announced the winners of their charity raffle on Dec. 8.
The winners were Steve Lumpkin of Conroe, \$200 at Super S; Brenda Neuman of Brackettville, \$50 at Kinney County Wool and Mohair; Claudia Dominguez of Hondo, \$50 at Jeans of Brackettville; Roy Barr of San Antonio, \$25 at Super S; Leonard Burts of Tomball, \$25 at Super S; Elia Payne of Brackettville, \$25 at Super S; Diane Flores of Brackettville, \$25 at Super S; Karla Ordaz of Brackettville, \$25 at Super S; Robert Barr of San Antonio, \$25 at Super S; and Jimmy Bader of Brackettville, buck knife.

BMS parents invited to lunch with kids

Parents of Brackett Middle School students are invited to eat lunch with their children Friday at the school cafeteria, announced George "Stoney" Burks, assistant principal of secondary school at Brackett.
Lunch will begin at 12:30 with pizza is on the menu. The price of a meal for parents is \$2, and includes a drink.
Friday is the last day of school for Brackett students before the Christmas holidays.

Sheriff's Report

There are currently 16 prisoners being held in the Kinney County Jail, including nine federal prisoners and seven county prisoners.
No arrests were made in Kinney County last week.

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- *1 SCREAM (R) 12:30 2:50 5:00 7:15 9:35
 - *2 BEAVIS & BUTT-HEAD (PG-13) 12:00 2:00 4:00 6:00 8:00 10:00
 - *3 Jerry Maguire (R) 11:45 2:45 5:45 8:45
 - *4 MARS ATTACKS (PG-13) 11:10 1:40 4:05 6:30 8:55
 - *5 ONE FINE DAY (PG) 11:25 2:30 4:40 6:50 9:00
 - *6 DAYLIGHT (PG) 11:20 2:10 4:45 7:20 9:55
 - *7 ONE HUNDRED & ONE (G) 11:30 1:55 4:30 7:00 9:30
 - *8 PREACHERS WIFE (PG) 11:15 2:05 4:55 7:40 10:25
- SHOWTIMES DEC. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

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Plaza del Sol



Kinney County enjoyed two performances of the Christmas musical "Dr. Newheart's Christmas Care" last week.
Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Hunters for the Hungry Program enters fifth year

By Henry Lutz
Kinney County Game Warden

HOUSTON - The Hunters for the Hungry Program is entering its fifth year of providing Texas hunters the opportunity to help feed hungry Texans by donating their freshly harvested venison to Second Harvest Food Banks throughout Texas.

The End Hunger Network has teamed up with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas

Department of Health, Texas Agriculture Extension Service, Texas Association of Community Action Agencies, Dallas Safari Club, hunters and processors to battle hunger.

To participate in the Hunters for the Hungry Program, donors can take their legally harvested deer to any of the 100 participating processing plants in Texas. For a tax-deductible donation of \$15, the venison is ground, packaged and then distributed to the hungry throughout the Second

Harvest Food Banks. Additional processing plants are also urged to participate.

The program has provided more than 300,000 pounds of venison to hungry Texans since 1991.

"The state agency is pleased to lend its support to this campaign," said Corky Palmer, TPWD special projects coordinator.

For more information about Hunters for the Hungry or for a list of participating processing plants, call 1-800-992-9767, Monday through Friday, or pick up a brochure at Carter's Country, Academy or Oshman's Sporting Goods Store.

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Christmas programs galore, and good ones!

It's been a fun week in Brackettville. There have been a lot of Christmas programs, and they have gotten me in a better frame of mind.

Hope that you have attended some of them, and maybe that magic of Christmas song is starting to work for you too! This week, I'll talk about some of the activity I've seen!

The Voices of Fort Clark concert was outstanding. Great soloists, grand director, Lynn McNew, and a fine, fine pianist, Cathy Conroy.

The program was traditional songs of Christmas and closed with Handel's Messiah. It's difficult to sing and to perform.

This year, the Voices had about 18 members. It was a cold night, but the hall was packed.

I especially enjoyed the Hallelujah Chorus and experiencing,

once again, the audience standing as has been the tradition since the mid-18th century.

Earlier in the day, the Kinney County Arts Council sponsored the 1996 Christmas Home Tour. It was cold and rainy, but the crowd was just as good as last year.

Many of our friends from Eagle Pass, Del Rio and Uvalde came to enjoy the beautiful homes. There were Christmas decorations and a home beauty that was truly outstanding!

The Arts Council will use profit from the Tour to bring in musicians to perform for us at school, along with the rest of Kinney County.

It was successful. Once again, things worked because of the hard work of a lot of selfless folks!

The Tiger Band Concert was held Monday night at Fort Clark

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, BISD Superintendent

Springs' Town Hall. The audience was a big one.

You know the band has improved so much this year that we all were delighted to be in the audience.

Director Michael Smellie presented outstanding musicians that included a Concerto for Christmas, featuring Vanessa Salinas, flautist, and Alfred Rodriguez, bass clarinetist.

The music was well rehearsed and was well performed.

Lastly, Jones Elementary School had a fine music program Tuesday afternoon. The Tiger Band played with lots of finesse.

Third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students were on the floor in Tiger Gym singing to an audience full of parents and well wishers.

Michael Smellie directed and Lynn McNew accompanied. It was a program where you could experience Christmas through the eyes of the children.

Celeste Hill was outstanding playing her violin in two Christmas carols. She is a talented musician with exceptionally good pitch! Thanks, Celeste!

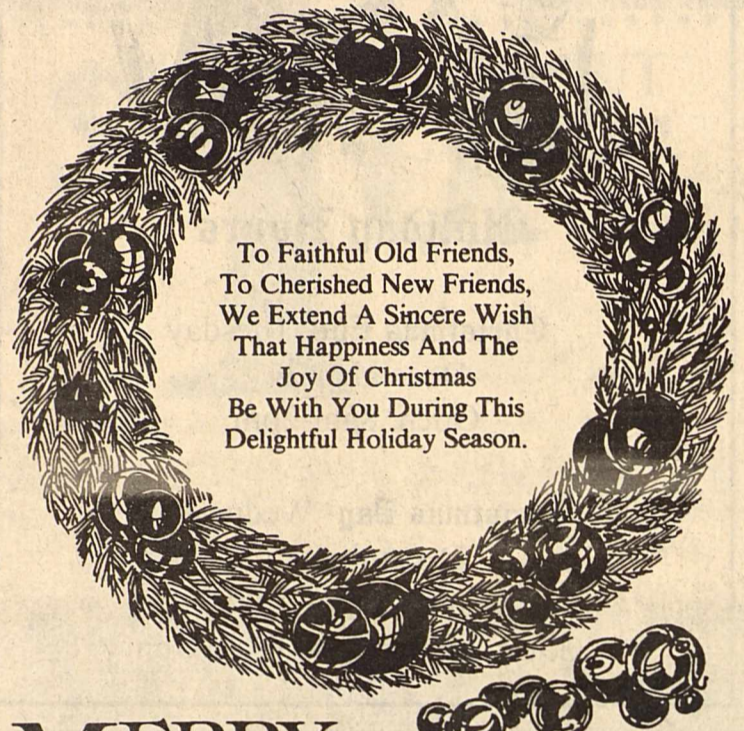
That's about it! This weekend, we have a fine basketball tournament that begins Friday morning and continues most of the day Saturday.

We end our first semester of work and hope to get report cards to students and parents by the end of this week. We'll be several weeks ahead of last year's schedule, if we can get that to happen!

One of the most fun visits this past week was to our Mexican border city of Ciudad Acuna. Lots of folks, happy ones, abound on the main street in Acuna! Hope that you have time to shop and enjoy the hospitality there before the holiday is over!

Each day, more lights go up in Brackettville and at Fort Clark Springs. Take the time to drive around and see the displays!

Above all, use the natural light of the Christmas season to develop a happier paradigm about life and the way to make it all work! Have a good week!



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DAVIS: THE HELICOPTER COWBOY

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

A "helicopter cowboy" described rounding up cattle from the air to the Brackettville Rotary Club last Thursday.

Lloyd Lee Davis of Davis Helicopters shared some of his experiences and told Rotary Club members something about his profession.

Davis is well known in this area. In fact, he is presently on the Brackett school board.

Since he was a small boy, Davis wanted to fly, and this became his life goal.

In keeping with his family's tradition of respect for education, Davis prepared for his profession by acquiring two college degrees.

Davis not only flies, but he understands the engineering and the mechanics necessary to maintain his own aircraft.

To the uninformed, rounding up cattle by air seems risky, as seen in western films where thunder causes stampedes.

Why wouldn't a raucous whirlybird do the same?

Davis said that in herding cattle, the aircraft is flown much like a crop duster, back and forth, low to the ground, but not close enough to cause panic. The cattle move in the chosen direction urged on by the noise.

If the animals have been herded by air previously, they start moving the minute they hear the aircraft. However, an inexperienced animal might become frightened and have to be given extra attention.

Herding by helicopter is fast and cost effective, especially when



Lloyd Lee Davis of Davis Helicopters, left, is welcomed to the Brackettville Rotary Club meeting by Frances McMasters, program chairman. Photo by Eric McMaster

the spread is a large one. Helicopters can do this task much more quickly than several men on horseback.

The aircraft is usually brought to the job site on a trailer to keep costs down. The craft is landed directly on a trailer bed, which has been built especially for this purpose. Then, its blades are carefully braced.

Driving to the site is actually harder on the aircraft than flying it would be and, therefore, is done very carefully.

Davis showed members of the Rotary Club photographs which show the herding operation from the air.

The Davis family name is very well known in this part of the country.

Davis' mother, Mrs. Lloyd L. (Eloise) Davis, still lives on the River Ranch where Lloyd Lee grew up, along with his brothers and sisters.

Davis is married and has three children. His wife, Susan, teaches in the Brackett Middle School.

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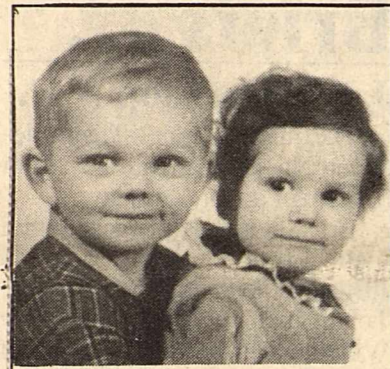
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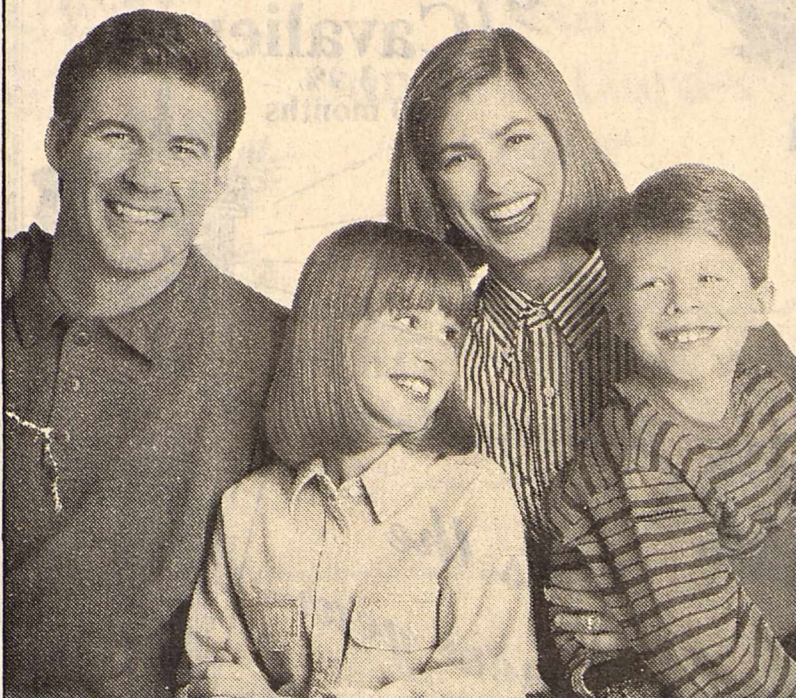
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Tigerettes win consolation title

UVALDE - Amanda Meek posted a triple-double Saturday, leading the Brackett Tigerettes to a 50-38 victory over the La Pryor Lady Bulldogs in the consolation championship of the Southwest Texas Junior College Invitational Basketball Tournament Saturday at La Forge Hall.

Meek finished the contest with 18 points, 12 rebounds and 12 blocked shots, and was named to the all-tournament team.

"Triple-doubles are hard to come by," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said.

"Amanda had a good tournament, but there were others who were deserving also. Lindy (La Mascus) and Chica (Garza) could have also been named all-tournament."

Rounding out the all-tournament team were Anna Cerda and Jamie Davis of Rocksprings, and Kayci Kenney and Amanda Jucknies of Knippa.

Brackett had an 18-17 halftime lead over La Pryor Saturday, before outscoring the Lady Bulldogs 32-21 in the second half.

"The girls played good," Nowlin said. "They stepped it up when they needed to."

"There was about four minutes left in the game and La Pryor started picking up the intensity. Finally, the girls responded and picked up their game, too."

La Mascus had eight points for the Tigerettes, Courtney Harrison and Patty Lopez both scored six, Katy Hagler and Tina Meek each had four, and Garza and Reccia Jobe added two apiece.

Brackett defeated the D'Hanis



Rocksprings' Anna Cerda (11) brings the ball up the floor as Brackett's Katy Hagler, left, and Chica Garza defend.

Cowgirls, 67-31, in the consolation semifinals.

"D'Hanis is down this year, but we had a real good game," Nowlin said.

"We did real well. We were able to run the ball some. We had an overall good game."

Amanda Meek scored a game-high 22 points for the Tigerettes. La Mascus also finished in double

figures with 11.

Tina Meek scored six points, Hagler and Jobe both had five, Garza, Harrison, Lopez and Sandra Hernandez all pitched in four, and Amy Bader added three.

Brackett's only loss was in the first round, a 43-37 decision to the Leakey Lady Eagles.

"It was a tough loss," Nowlin said. "I thought we should have

won.

"We made some crucial turnovers in the second half. It was a two-point game until we put them on the free throw line late in the game."

Amanda Meek had 16 points in the contest, Harrison scored eight, La Mascus had six, Hagler chipped in three, and Hernandez and Tina Meek added two apiece.

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Tigers take third at SWTJC

UVALDE - Luis Guajardo only made one shot Saturday night, but it was enough to lift the Brackett Tigers to a 47-45 overtime win over the Rocksprings Angoras in the third place final of the Southwest Texas Junior College Invitational Basketball Tournament at La Forge Hall.

Guajardo hit a base-line jumper with four seconds remaining in overtime for the winning basket. It was the only basket in the five-minute OT period.

"That's exciting for Luis," Tigerettes coach Gary Grubbs said. "He works hard in practice. He's really improving. He's not afraid to take that kind of shot, and he proved that."

Moses Hernandez scored 17 points for the Tigers and Beau Smallwood had 15.

Smallwood was named to the all-tournament team, along with Seth Spurgers and Jay Rivera of

Knippa, and Winston Wright and John Morris of Nueces Canyon.

"Beau is really coming on," Grubbs said. "He's very deserving. He averaged double figures in scoring and rebounding in the tournament, and he played outstanding defense. He's becoming a team leader."

Ramon De Leon had six points against Rocksprings, Brian Flores scored three, and Guajardo, Rene Luna and Josh Crumley all added two.

The Tigers opened the tourney with an 81-57 victory over the Leakey Eagles on Thursday morning.

"The Leakey game was our best game of the year," Grubbs said. "That is the kind of game we want to play. We set the tempo and kept the tempo where we wanted it, and that's important for us."

Smallwood and Flores both had

16 points for Brackett, while De Leon and Hernandez scored 13 apiece.

Guajardo finished with nine points, Luna scored eight, Matthew Smallwood had five, and Crumley made a free throw.

Brackett's only loss in the tournament was a 51-44 decision to Knippa in the semifinals.

The Rockcrushers were ahead 36-16 at the break. Brackett outscored Knippa 28-15 in the second half, but it wasn't enough to complete the comeback.

"We dug a hole in the first half," Grubbs said. "We were down by 20 against a real good team, and it's hard to come back from that."

"At one point, we hit five shots in a row and pulled within three. We had a chance to win the game."

"The important thing in this game was that the kids proved to themselves that they could come back from a big deficit," he added.

Beau Smallwood had 14 points against the Crushers and De Leon scored 13.

Guajardo pitched in six points, Luna finished with five, Flores scored four, and Crumley had two.

Cubettes compete in Del Rio tourney

DEL RIO - Brackett's seventh graders competed in the Del Rio eighth grade tournament.

The Cubettes opened the tourney with a 31-8 loss to the Uvalde. Christina Flores and Maria Gonzalez each scored four points.

In the second round, the Cubettes fell to Eagle Pass, 27-14. Flores and Michelle Bizzell both scored four points, Ana Talamantez had three, Nelda Ramos pitched in two and B'Ann Gomez made a free throw.

Briefs ...

J.V. Tigers top N.C.

The junior varsity Tigers defeated Nueces Canyon, 36-29, in basketball action Tuesday.

Eric Segovia led Brackett with eight points, Phillip Juarez and Justin Turner both scored seven, Tommy Sandoval had six, Coty Williams finished with four, and Eric Allen and Jacob Mann each made a free throw.

The Tigers took consolation honors at the Eagle Pass Invitational tournament last weekend.

Brackett opened the tourney with a 66-61 loss to Eagle Pass' freshmen. Sandoval scored 21 points, Jacob Puda had 12, Segovia and Williams had 10 apiece, Demitrous Williams had three, and Turner and Steven Hagler both added two.

The Tigers then defeated Eagle Pass, 48-46. Sandoval scored 19, Puda and Coty Williams both had seven, Segovia scored four, Demitrous Williams had three, and Turner, Mann and Jacob Hughes all had two.

In the consolation finals, Brackett topped Carrizo Springs' junior varsity, 38-30. Demitrous Williams was the leading scorer with 11 points, Puda had seven, Allen and Turner both scored five, Coty Williams chipped in three, and Segovia, Villarreal and Daniel Hernandez each had two.

Tigerettes fall short

The J.V. Tigerettes lost a 37-30 decision to Nueces Canyon on Tuesday.

Stephanie Terrazas paced Brackett with nine points, Hilda Aguirre scored seven, Laura Lee Ballew and Jennifer Ashabanner both had four, and La Toya Wright, Trisha Robinson and Connie Castro all added two.

The Tigerettes defeated Canyon, 30-18, last week on the road.

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Brackett trio earns all-state football honors

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De Leon had a 29.9-yard kick-off return average, 13.8 receiving average, 9.5 punt return average and a 4.6 rushing average this season.

"That's got to be exciting for Ramon," Rokovich said. "It's great to get that kind of honor twice in your high school career. It shows how talented he is and how hard he has worked over the years."

Gary Grubbs, Brackett's secondary coach, has had three of his

defensive backs earn all-state honors. The first was Jesse Terrazas, who earned honorable mention in 1993.

"It's a wonderful feeling," Grubbs said. "It's a tribute to how hard those boys worked in practice. It's also a tribute to the coach they had the two previous years before I took them, Dan Swaim."

Munoz earned honorable mention as an offensive lineman. The unanimous all-district pick had 83 finished blocks, 78 pancakes and 12 touchdown-springing blocks.

"Being his offensive line

coach, I'm real proud of Patrick and all that he did," Rokovich said. "The exciting thing is Patrick will be back next year and he can only be better."

Munoz is the fourth all-state offensive lineman that Rokovich has coached. David Ritchie, Manuel Gonzalez, Mario Ramon earned honors while Rokovich coached in Del Rio.

But Munoz differs from the Del Rio linemen. They earned all-state honors as seniors and were all over 250 pounds. Munoz weighs 190.

"I've coached some great line-men and Patrick is one of them," Rokovich said. "He may not be real big, but he stays on blocks real well. He gets after people. He's real aggressive."

Rokovich said the three all-state selections is an honor for the entire football program.

"It's a great motivating factor for our kids and our program," he said. "I'm real proud of our coaching staff and the job our kids did all year long."

Brackett splits with Nueces Canyon

Brackett split a double-header with Nueces Canyon in non-district basketball action Tuesday night at Tiger Gym.

The Tigerettes (8-6) opened the action with a 54-29 victory over the Lady Panthers (4-9). It was Brackett's second win over Nueces Canyon this year.

"It was a real good win," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "The girls finally started playing like they're capable of playing. They did a lot of things right and made some really smart decisions."

Brackett trailed 6-4 early in the contest but broke away with a 28-0 run en route to a 32-8 lead at the break. The Tigerettes went on to outscore the Lady Panthers 22-21 in the second half.

"Everything was clicking," Nowlin said of the first-half spurt. "We were playing great defense. We would grab the rebound, hit the outlet pass and run the floor. It was our best defensive game of the year."

Senior forward Courtney Harrison paced Brackett with a game-high 14 points.

"Courtney shot the lights out tonight," Nowlin said. "She also played great defense. She had a good

overall game."

Amanda Meek also finished in double digits, scoring 10 points. Lindy La Mascus had eight points, Chica Garza and Reccia Jobe both scored seven, Sandra Hernandez had six and Katy Hagler pitched in two.

In the night-cap, Winston Wright scored 44 points to lead the Panthers (10-3) to a 73-64 win over the Tigers (9-4).

"Nueces Canyon has a real good team," Tigers coach Gary Grubbs said. "Wright is quick. He can move well around the bucket. He is a good post player."

Brackett had a balanced scoring attack with four players finishing in double digits.

"It's good to be balanced, that makes a team tough to beat," Grubbs said. "But when you give up 44 points to one player, you're not going to win many games."

Beau Smallwood paced the Tigers with a 21-point performance. Moses Hernandez finished with 14 points, Matthew Smallwood had a career-high 13 points, Luis Guajardo scored 10, Ramon De Leon had four and Josh Crumley added two.

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We can think of nothing more appropriate to celebrate the holidays than sharing our blessings with you - our strongest asset. We salute you for the wonderful enthusiasm and confidence you have for your hospital. As we close 1996, we do so filled with a great sense of pride and anticipation in providing accessible, quality service in the years to come.

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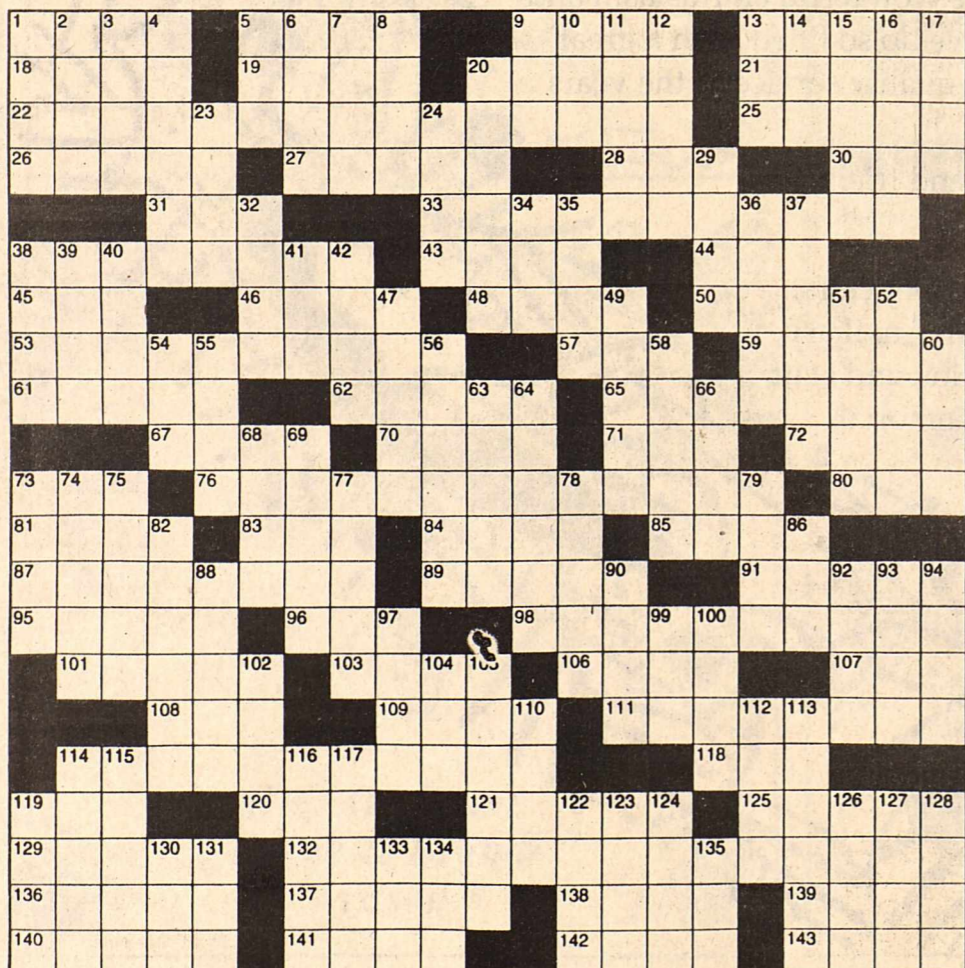
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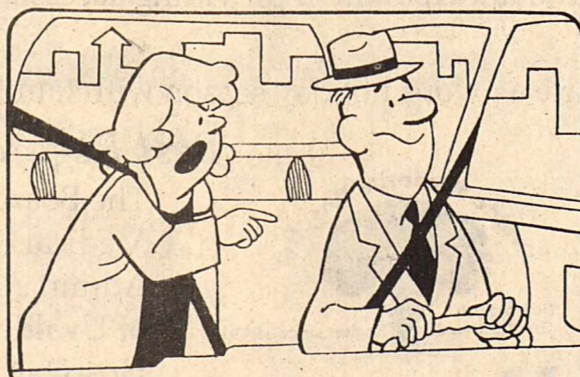
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der straps are removed. 4. Headrests are raised. 5. Seat is dif-
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Natasha's Stars



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It seems people are willing to just throw money at you for whatever reasons. Perhaps you've been crying the blues a bit too much. Instead, you'd be wise to count your blessings and stop giving the appearance of a charity case.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Stop putting off that project you've been dreading. It's best to just dive right in and get it done. Once it's over, you'll wonder what took you so long! As a result, business and financial gains are ultimately achieved.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't be afraid to call in a favor and take advantage of an influential friend. This person really did mean what he said when the promise was made. Travel plans are favored for both business and pleasure. However, this is best over the weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The key to getting what you aspire for is self-discipline and determination. You've been a bit lackadaisical of late and need to take steps to correct that. This weekend, jealousy doesn't become you in love.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Keep your ears open for important financial news that is sure to come your way by midweek. Finally, you can see the light at the end of the tunnel where work is concerned. Rest up this weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're making new career plans that look good for future gains. However, don't ignore what's currently on your schedule in your fervor. The weekend is best spent catching up with loved ones and friends who live at a distance.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You can make new friends if on the road this week, whether for business or for pleasure. Singles turn this into a romantic opportunity when an exciting introduction is made. A problem at home reaches a happy resolution this weekend.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You are personality-plus on the job this week and much success can be achieved if you play your cards right. That new person you meet at the end of the week will prove to be an influential source of inspiration. A financial deal requires further scrutiny.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You need to break out of your shell a bit and socialize more this week. If you do, you realize that others are really on your side and are willing to pitch in on certain projects. Take advantage of this.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Assert yourself and take a hands-on approach on the job this week. Something new and exciting takes place, causing you to explore a new area of study. Friends are particularly helpful to you over the weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's best to expect the unexpected in terms of business, developments, something which normally throws you off course. Be on your toes and stay adaptable. Over the weekend, romance is a plus.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Timing is everything for you, ensuring that everything you wish falls properly into place. Some make plans for a future trip. Business breakthroughs are exciting.

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Happy Birthday

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

In just a few days much of the world will be celebrating one of the two greatest of holidays of the year on the Christian calendar. It is celebrated because of the birth of a baby. As it turns out, this was no ordinary baby. The arrival of this child had been foretold by the prophet Isaiah 700 years prior to its happening (Isa. 7:14). Many have not believed. Many have tried to discredit the story but the fact is, Jesus came, born of a virgin. Refusing to believe does not change the fact.

The second great holiday, Easter, falls into similar circumstances. It too was foretold by the prophet Isaiah (Isa. 53:5). Likewise, there are those who have refused to accept that event as a fact. Again, refusing to believe does not change the fact.

There is one other great event, one that is not yet celebrated because it has yet to occur. It is referred to by many as the "second coming." The Apostle Paul took on the role of a prophet in his first letter to the Thessalonians in

chapter 4:16, 17. He foretells this. That great holiday celebration will be the greatest of all because it will be a never ending celebration.

There will be one adverse thing related to this event though. It will be a holiday celebration for only an elite group. Not everyone will get to celebrate that holiday. Christmas and Easter, everyone can get involved in the festivities. Those celebrations are open to everyone because they take place on earth. But this one will only be for those who are heaven-bound. According to the Scriptures the celebration will begin mid-air and will continue in the presence of the Lord forever. It will be for those and those alone who have really believed in the facts of the other two holidays. It will be for those who have called on the name of the Lord to receive forgiveness of sin. That is how a person receives the promise of the final holiday celebration. Don't miss the greatest most important holiday celebration of all!



Frontier Baptist Church
 Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Did you ever stop to think what the world would be like if Christ had not come?

He said "I have come that you may have life and that more abundantly. Surely life in the world is more abundant because He came. Before He came hospitals were unknown and medicine was mostly "Voo doo magic." Schools were small elite classes taught by one man, dealing mostly with religion and philosophy.

Public schools are the product of the Christian world. Early in America 85% of the teaching in schools was from the Bible. The world as a whole is much more caring. Except from the Muslim and communist world human life is counted dear because Christ came. Slavery is anathema in the Christian world while in the Roman Empire one in every five persons was a slave. Since Christ came personal life has become more abundant. Man now can have Jesus as guide. No longer need to consult oracles; no longer need to consult the "stars." No longer need to read the tea leaves nor

cards, nor waves of water; Jesus lends impeccable guidance. Man can now have immediate access to God the Father. Man can talk directly with God. Since Christ came one can be guaranteed an eternal home in heaven. Simply by faith in Him one can have forgiveness of sin and spend all eternity in heaven. No need for rituals; no need for penance; no need for any other person, dead or alive; no need of anyone or anything except a personal faith in Christ and his death on the cross. Jesus certainly did what He came to do, "To give life and that more abundantly." Sunday will be the annual Christmas program in the morning worship hour. It will be a variety program presented by members of the congregation. Dave Crow of Alamo Village will make a special guest appearance. Following the service the congregation will enjoy the annual Christmas Dinner. Everyone is cordially welcome to come and be blessed by all the activities. Come and See.



St. John's Baptist Church
 Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.
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For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and

on earth peace, good will toward men. St. Luke 2:11-14 Praise God.

St. John Christmas Program, Friday Dec. 20, 6:30 P.M., 116 W. Crockett St. The public is invited. Merry Christmas to all. Special thanks and Merry Christmas to the Brackett News. God bless you all.



First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

We humans are creatures of habit. The habits we form around things or events we enjoy, we call traditions. Traditions are important because they help keep the best of the past alive as we pass it on from generation to generation. Traditions are one way that we remember who we are and where we came from.

Most of us have a family Christmas tradition. We are likely to be found baking cookies, making fudge, decorating our homes, wrapping presents, mailing cards, giving some extra to those less fortunate, and caroling on the lawn of the elderly home-bound. Although at the last minute, we may get in a bit of a frenzy trying to do all of these things, we still hold them very dear because they are one way we express the mean-

ing of our lives. As Christ's family, there is another tradition we enjoy and treasure. It is a "Service of Lessons and Carols." We will have this service as our regular 11:00 a.m. worship service this Sun., Dec. 22. Through a series of scripture readings (Lessons) beginning with the Old Testament prophets, we will hear the story of Christ's birth. We will alternate the Lessons with prayers, lots of Carols, and a Children's Sermon (but no "adult" sermon!). The service will culminate in the lighting of the Christ candle as we proclaim joy to the world. It promises to be a warm and festive service, and we invite all Christians and all those seeking a Savior and a purpose in their lives.

Obituary



Lillian Sheedy

Lillian Sheedy, age 80, died Thursday, December 12, 1996 at her residence in Brackettville, Tx.

She was born February 7, 1916, in Eagle Pass, Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband former sheriff, John A. Sheedy and Grandson Troy Kevin Sheedy.

She is survived by her son: John (Plunker) Sheedy III of Brackettville, Texas. Grandson: John A. Sheedy, IV and wife Cherry of Del Rio. Great Grandson: Randy Sheedy of Del Rio. Nephew: Hayes D. Berry of New York. Former Daughter-in-law: Elaine

Sheedy of Brackettville. Aunt: Ms. Woodward of Utopia.

Service was Saturday, December 14, 1996 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Brackettville. Rev. Timothy J. Vellom, officiated. Burial followed at the Catholic Cemetery in Brackettville. Pallbearers were Bill Adams, Bill Whitworth, Johnny Fritter, Norman Hooten, Lingo Sandoval, Ruben Esparaza.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home, 200 E. Garfield St. dba Brackettville Funeral Home, 114 North St., Brackettville, Texas.

Gateway Ministries
 Pastor Charolette Corey

If Noah had not "gone forth" out of the ark, (Gen. 8:16-19) along with his family and the animals, then mankind and living creatures would not have prospered. Noah had much opportunity to fear new places and weather, but he acted in faith upon God's word and prospered.

If Abram (Abraham) had not been obedient to the Lord when He said "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you" (Gen. 12:1-5), He (and mankind) would have missed the blessings of God.

When God told Moses to "Go" (Exodus 3:10), Moses was obedient. If he had not been, then the Israelites would not have been brought out of Egypt unto the promised land and we would also have missed the promise of deliverance out from our own personal places of bondage through Jesus Christ.

Sometimes things try to oppress us in our lives, in our hearts, wills, emotions, bodies (the temple of

the Holy Spirit). This oppression tries to keep us from listening to and being faithful to the living word of God. This is when we are to "go to war" against those things which hold us back from doing what is right in God's eyes. God promises us that we will be saved from our enemies when we "go to war in" our "land against the enemy that oppreseth you" (Numbers 10:9).

In this day and time your greatest enemy is your own fear of the unknown. "Trust in God for He is with you (Psalm 18:3-10). Put on the full armor of God to protect yourself against the evil one. (Eph. 6:11-19).

"Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:4-5).

God's word does not return to Him void (Isaiah 55:11). When He tells you to do a thing, then act in faith upon that word. He will do the rest. Stand in Faith, Rest in Hope, Walk in Love.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Pastor Nathan LaFrenz

Lutheran Church established

The beginning of a new church body is always a joyous occasion. Sunday, December 15, 1996, a new Lutheran Church established itself in Brackettville. Thirty-five people came forward and signed the Charter to formally establish Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. They will be affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Rev. Nathan La Franz of Eagle Pass, TX, is serving as pastor and Mr. Jerry O'Brien of Fort Clark Springs is the President of the congregation.

About 4 1/2 years ago Jerry and Nancy O'Brien had a dream of starting a Lutheran Church in Brackettville. Even though they faced many adverse situations they persisted in their dream. The Sunday charter signing was the culmination of that dream.

The church began meeting in 1992 in the card room at Fort Clark Springs golf course.

Eventually the meetings were moved to Shafter Hall on Fort

Clark Springs and in 1996 when the Fort Clark Springs Association denied this fledgling group the opportunity to establish their own building in which to worship at Fort Clark, God opened another door.

The Episcopal Church of Brackettville, at the corner of Henderson and Fort St., offered to share their beautiful worship facilities with the Lutheran group. This arrangement allows better use of the facilities and sharing costs benefits both congregations.

Our Redeemer Lutheran worship services are held each Sunday at 9 A.M. and the St. Andrew Episcopal services are at 10:30 A.M. Our Redeemer congregation is very grateful that the St. Andrews congregation has opened their hearts and their doors to us.

Please join us for Sunday worship service as we extend a special invitation to all for our Christmas Eve candlelight service on December 24 at 5:30 P.M.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

Another dear friend and Brackettville stalwart has joined those who have gone home to heaven. Lillian Sheedy was one of those rare individuals who never made an enemy. She was dearly loved by all who knew her. She was a devoted and understanding wife which was not easy for the wife of a County Sheriff.

Lillian was dedicated to the welfare of her family including her grandsons. For many years she was an integral part of and loyal

to her church. She was always ready to welcome anyone for a visit and coffee. She was a great family cook and amply fed her family. As the years passed and age began to take its toll she never lost her spirit. To the end she felt she'd had a great life and was ready to go home.

We will sorely miss Lillian in this world but look forward to seeing her at the throne of God. Surely Lillian Sheedy was an Unsung Hero.

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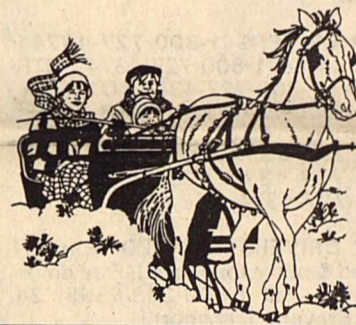
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