

# The Brackett News



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## Briefs ...

### Historical marker to be dedicated today at Fort's Post Theater

Dedication ceremonies for the Texas Historical Commission marker on the Fort Clark Post Theater will be today at 1:30 p.m. The Brackett High School Band will present four selections.

The dedication address will be presented by Ben Pingenot, who did the research and submitted the application to secure the marker.

The sponsoring organization is the Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts, which made available the funds to pay for the marker.

Marker approval was granted by the Fort Clark Springs Association, the Kinney County Historical Commission, and the Texas Historical Commission.

The Fort Clark Post Theater marker will be the sixth state historical marker erected on Fort Clark Springs.

Following the ceremony, refreshments will be served in the Post Theater by the Old Quarry Society.

### Brackett students to attend concert today

Thirty Brackett students from the fifth grade, middle school and high school will attend the Del Rio Community Concert presentation by award-winning baritone LeRoy Villanueva today at the Paul Poag Theater.

Brackett ISD will provide the tickets and transportation for the students while parents provide dinner at Mr. Gatti's.

### Fifth graders to take musical field trip

Brackett fifth grade students will attend a concert performance of The Chamber Soloists of Austin on Wednesday at the Paul Poag Theater in Del Rio.

The 10 a.m. concert for students has been made possible through the efforts of Val Verde Friends of the Arts, the Texas Commission on the Arts, and the Val Verde Community Foundation.

Brackett ISD provides student transportation and fifth grade teachers Lynn McNew and Hector Jimenez provide supervision and local planning for the students.

Tickets for the evening concert are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students 18 and under, and are available from Judy Burks.

Theater doors open at 7 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30.



**Bo Hagler, center, and her kindergarten class pose next to the trees that were planted in memory of her father, Tony Rose. Also pictured is Hagler's mother, Anne Rose, right. The trees were purchased by the Brackett School District with funds donated in Rose's memory. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry**

## County stock show kicks off tomorrow

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

The 1998 Kinney County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show is set for Jan. 16-17 at the Kinney County Civic Center.

All market animals will be weighed on the west side of the Civic Center from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, Jan. 16.

The judging will begin on Jan. 16 at 4 p.m. with the angora goat classes, followed by the finewool ewe lamb classes at 4:30, the market pig classes at 5:30, and the rabbit classes at 6.

On Jan. 17, market lamb classes will be judged at 8 a.m., followed by the market goat classes at 9:30.

A barbecue lunch will be catered by the Kinney County Livestock Show at noon on Jan. 17.

Meal tickets are currently available through the County Extension office and are being sold by local 4-H and FFA members. Tickets are \$4 pre-sale and \$5 at the door.

Following the lunch, stock show awards will be presented at 1:30 and the junior livestock show premium sale will begin at 2.

"The FFA and 4H members and their families would like to express their appreciation for the public support from local and surrounding businesses as well as individual contributors," County Extension Agent Robert Elledge said. "Without your support, this major event would not be a success. Thanks to you, it works."

## City Council awards bid for new booster station

By Sonja Shell  
Staff Writer

Jay Miller Construction Company was awarded a contract in the amount of \$83,391 to install a booster station for the city of Brackettville's water department at Tuesday night's City Council meeting.

The city received five bids and none of them were low enough to be afforded by the city. The highest bid was \$112,724 and

the lowest was \$87,900.

After discussion with the low bidder, Jay Miller Construction Company agreed to lower its bid to meet the dollar figure of the city's available funds.

At this time, the city has a problem maintaining equal water pressure throughout the system. To better serve the city, water lines will be divided into two sections. One half of the city will continue to be pressurized from the existing water tank,

and the other half will be pressurized from the new booster station.

Before deciding to go with this type of system, alternative methods were researched. A new water holding tank would cost double the price of the booster station, according to City Manager David Luna. After discussion with engineers, it was decided that this type of system would be the most economically feasible.

The cost will include new water pipes,

and a new back up generator to cover power failures. These new water pipes will be needed to replace old ones that will be unable to take the added pressure of the new system. These will be replaced as needed.

### Tax Exemption Refused

Permission to allow a tax exemption for a historical building of the Las Moras Lodge No. 444 for 1998 was refused.

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## Senne seeks county judge position

Herb "Butch" Senne has announced his candidacy for county judge in the March 10 Democratic Primary.

He recently served four months as interim county judge and has also represented Kinney County on the Middle Rio Grande Development Council.

Senne was born Nov. 1, 1941, in the home at which he currently resides at 500 Fort Street, to Mary and Herbert H. Senne Sr.

He graduated from Brackett High School in 1959. He then attained an associate of arts degree from Southwest Texas Junior College, a bachelor of science degree from Sul Ross State University, and an agricultural education and secondary education teacher certification and a masters degree in program-agriculture education from Texas Technological University.

Senne was employed with the United States Department of Ag-

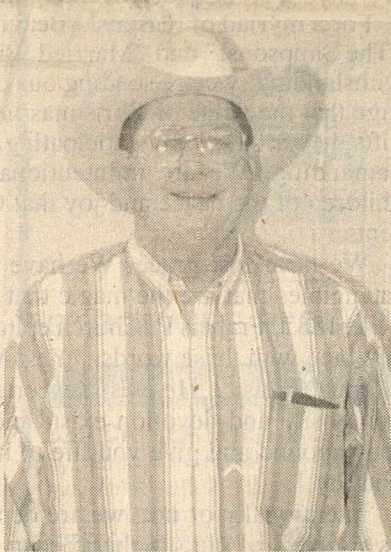
riculture Soil Conservation Service (USDA-SCS) for more than 30 years. He also taught secondary education at Eagle Pass for two years.

While with the USDA-SCS, he was a range conservationist in Sterling City, a district conservationist in Anderson, Balmorhea and Eagle Pass, a plant science specialist and a state range conservationist in Temple, and a programs manager in San Angelo.

Senne was a supervisor and director of 50 USDA-SCS field offices in a 50-county area of Texas.

As a federal contracts officer for that same area, he managed and balanced a \$2 million federal contracts budget each year.

Senne was also a grant coordinator for a nine-county USDA Resource Conservation and Development area in Texas, including Kinney, Val Verde, Maverick, Uvalde, Zavala, Dimmit,



**HERB "BUTCH" SENNE**

LaSalle, Edwards and Real counties.

While working with the USDA-SCS, Senne received eight certificates of merit for outstanding job performance, three special achievement awards, and one

superior service award.

Senne now spends his time ranching in Kinney County and bass fishing at Lake Amistad.

He is married to Janelle Senne, originally of Jayton, Texas, who is a teacher at the Brackett Independent School District. They have been married for over 33 years.

"I was real lucky to find a gal that would put up with me as long as she has," he said. "She's a real trooper and a life-long partner."

The Sennes have three children. Their daughter, Tonya Owen, is an elementary school principal in Truth or Consequences, N.M. She is married to Bob Owen, who is the manager of a lumber and hardware store.

They have two sons, Shawn and Tevin. Shawn lives at home. Tevin coaches basketball and teaches English in Elephant Butte, N.M. His wife, Lori Ann, works as a dental assistant.

## CPR course being offered

The American Red Cross will sponsor a community CPR course on Sunday in Del Rio from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with an hour for lunch.

The course will be held at Vantage Home Health of South Texas at 105 Fletcher Drive.

The cost of the course is \$20, which includes the manual and certification.



**ARNOLD PINALES**

## Pinales files for J.P. race

Arnold Pinales has announced his candidacy for justice of the peace in the March 10 Democratic Primary.

Pinales, 38, was raised on the Clifton C. Belcher ranch. He graduated from Brackett High School in 1980 and earned an associates degree in applied science from Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde.

He is also a certified minister with the General Council of the Assemblies of God from Springfield, Mo.

Pinales and his wife, Rocio, have four sons, Arnold Jr., Ivan, Adam and Jonathan.

"I will be sincere and fair to all of the citizens of Kinney County," Pinales said. "Your vote and support will be appreciated. May God bless you."

## Court rejects request for free use of Civic Center for Candidates' Night

By Sonja Shell  
Staff Writer

If Kinney County residents want to meet the candidates in the March 10 Democratic Primary election at the Civic Center, somebody's going to have to foot the bill.

The Kinney County Commissioners Court rejected Joy Williams' request Monday for free use of the Civic Center to host a Candidates' Night Forum so candidates could meet and greet the public.

County Attorney Tully Shahan advised the court that it was illegal for the county to allow the use of the Civic Center without a fee.

Usage by groups for the health and welfare of the community come under different headings and can be utilized by special agreement, he said. An example of such an event that can be allowed without fee is the Health Fair. There is also a fee schedule for non-profit groups, such as the 4-H Club, who will pay half of the standard fee. Private groups must pay the full fee.

### Part-Time Help

A request for a part-time employee was granted to the justice of the peace's office. A similar request by Sara Terrazas for permis-

sion to hire periodic part-time help for the library was approved.

Permission was given to install a second phone line in the Fritter Room to set up a second computer for the internet at the library.

Internet provider Del Rio.Com will not charge an extra fee for the second line. Internet usage at the library is very high, with waiting time up to two or three hours, Terrazas said.

Wages for the part-time help and the phone line will be paid out of the miscellaneous fund, with assistance by the Friends of the Library, as needed.

### EMS Equipment

Michelle Rosas, of the EMS Department, requested additional items for the new ambulance. To be brought up to standard, the it needs a two-way communication device, lettering, two tires, and a grill guard, she said.

The commissioners agreed to allow the upgrades. They also will entertain a detailed proposal from Steve Sempler for periodic preventive maintenance checks of all the ambulances.

### Agreed Judgement

The court agreed to sign the agreed judgement on Dick Herndon's case with Kinney and Uvalde counties.

Under the agreement, Kinney County will be released from the responsibility of maintaining roads that are technically not in Kinney County. The road ownership reverts back to Dick Herndon and will become his responsibility.

### Interlocal Agreement

It was agreed to continue in the Interlocal Participation Agreement for Texas Association of Counties Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance fund.

### Road Department

The Kinney County Road Department can get to work on the roads in Spofford as soon as possible. Kinney County and Spofford have an interlocal agreement that allows this work to be done.

### Task Force

The South Texas HIDTA Partnership supplemental budget request for an agent to be supplied by the Kinney County Sheriff's Department was granted.

The agent will be under the auspices of the Eagle Pass Southwest Border Multi-Agency Task Force of the DEA.

The \$22,006 annual salary will be paid by the Task Force, and Kinney County will receive added drug protection.

## INSIDE

### Joe Townsend

Now that Christmas is past, it's time to analyze it. I'm not one to fuss about making Christmas too commercial nor too much glitter. **Opinion/Page 2**

### Benefits of 911 fees

The MRGDC has received permission to upgrade the 911 call-handling equipment currently located in the Sheriff's Office. **Community/Page 3**

### Living a dream

For a small town, Brackettville is full of surprises. Did you know that a recording studio has been located here for six years? **Lifestyles/Page 6**

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## Letters to the Editor

### Can Fort's membership stop the board's secret meetings?

Now that the Board of Directors are all sworn to secrecy and the employees have had to sign a secrecy pledge as a condition of employment, everything is in place for them to do as they please.

Is changing the name of the association to Fort Clark a priority for them? The "secret seven" strikes again!

Why is there such a rush to buy all new equipment and spend thousands of extra dollars during a time of dwindling revenues and increasing expenses?

Could there be an exchange of monetary compensation under the table for someone? Can this happen in a secret regime?

Does buying all new golf carts increase the revenues of the golf course?

Do you think the decreasing revenues was the result of not having new golf carts? Could the decreasing revenues be the result of no management of the golf course?

Why does the Board of Directors of the Fort Clark Springs Association refuse to let the membership examine the records of the association?

The by-laws of the association plainly states the membership may examine all records of the association. A secret regime needs no by-laws to govern their actions.

Can the membership stop the secret meetings of the board? All meetings of the board are secret, except one monthly meeting and it is preceded on the morning of the monthly meeting by a secret meeting, for what purpose?

The by-laws do not authorize any secret meetings. They autho-

size only special or executive meetings for six purposes only.

The six purposes of executive meetings, briefly stated but not in their entirety, are:

1. pending litigation.
2. purchase of property from others, etc.
3. settlements and discussion with an attorney, etc.
4. appointment of personnel, evaluation, compensation, discipline, etc. of personnel.
5. deployment security information and devices, etc.
6. meetings with one or more members who wish to discuss a personal matter.

All other meetings must be open. The Board of Directors has one or more secret meetings each week.

Can you, in your wildest thoughts, imagine them having to take action on one or more of these topics each and every meeting?

The by-laws and declaration can be purchased at Member Services.

Do you ever wonder why the Board of Directors spends no time on the promotion of Fort Clark Springs Association? Are they afraid it will grow? Do they want the value of our membership to decrease to zero? Is our membership value zero now?

Would someone please instruct the Good Government Group on the dangers of a secret regime?

Should the Good Government Group be chartered by the state of Texas as to their political statutes? Are they authorized to operate as a political body on Fort Clark Springs?

What do you think?

Art Baker

### Letter raises some disturbing questions about Fort Clark

In his Jan. 1, 1998, letter to the editor, Arvel L. Baker raises some disturbing questions concerning the decrease in the Fort Clark Springs cash position.

Mr. Baker further describes the board's refusal to supply satisfactory answers to his questions.

Perhaps you, as editor of The Brackett News, can get some answers to the above.

It appears that a complete 1997 financial operating statement

could be, make that, should be published in your newspaper.

Secrecy and arrogance, if indeed it does exist, only serves to compound the problem and does little to promote confidence in the current board.

Perhaps, also, The Brackett News could take an editorial position on this issue. This would be helpful to those of us who are non-resident association members.

Bill Harrell  
Kerrville, Texas

### Letters to the Editor Policy

The Brackett News welcomes and encourages letters to the editor. The editor reserves the right to edit all letters submitted for length, potentially libelous statements and accuracy of information. All letters must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification purposes. Letters published and columnist's viewpoints do not necessarily reflect the editorial beliefs of this newspaper.

Big Mama  
Sez!



The greatest consolation for many vacationers is that they have found where not to go next time.

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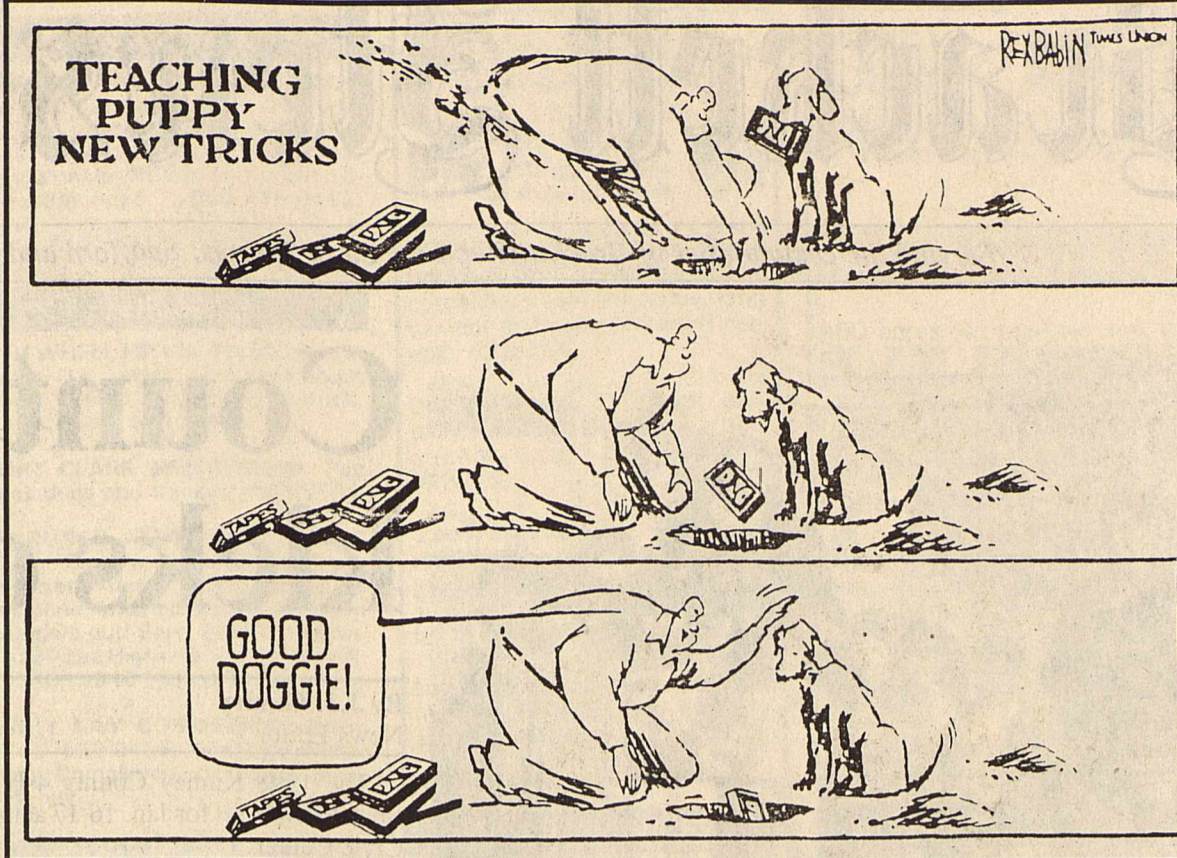
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## Where has the magic of Christmas gone?

By June Kaminski  
Contributing Writer

Christmas has come and gone once again, and I am left with the profound sense that something very vital is missing. I know that I am not alone, I have heard this same sentiment from family, friends and strangers for the past several years.

This recurrent theme will play over and over again until we recognize what we have lost. I believe in our hearts we know the answers, but sadly, we are unwilling to make the changes necessary to put the magic back into this sacred holiday. God has given us paradise and we are throwing it away with both hands.

I have made a few observations this year that I would like to share. During one of my shopping excursions into holiday hell, I pondered my lack of inspiration. It occurred to me that we have lost grace when it comes to gift giving.

We have become more concerned with quantity over quality, with receiving as opposed to giving. We have lost the grace of thoughtful giving.

For a myriad of reasons, "Beavis and Butthead," "The Simpsons," and "Married With Children" notwithstanding, we are sending our children the message that the value of Christmas lies in the tangible gifts they are not only anticipating, but are, in fact, demanding. We are unintentionally robbing our children of the peace and joy that Christmas represents.

We have lost grace. We have lost sight of the intangibles that are the magic that is Christmas.

In 1887, Francis P. Church epitomized this sense of grace with these words: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus ... He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give you life to its highest beauty and joy."

Intentionally or not, we are depriving ourselves as a society of life's highest beauty and joy. We are consumed with the obligatory act of giving a gift, rather than the love that is represented by the giving. The magic of Christmas lies in the giving of self that is reminiscent of God's supreme gift of love.

We must reinstate the noble values of love, generosity and devotion if we are to know true grace again. We must turn our eyes back to heaven and away from conspicuous consumerism.

This Christmas more than ever I have been dismayed by the distressing lack of gratitude displayed by young and old alike.

## Christmas shouldn't be used for political gain

Now that Christmas is past, it's time to analyze it. I'm not one to fuss about making Christmas too commercial nor too much glitter.

I am concerned about the hypocrisy of using Christmas as a vehicle for purposes not remotely connected to the reason for Christmas.

When I get a Christmas card, usually from a business, wishing me a "happy holiday," I cringe.

This tells me the one sending the card fears he may offend someone who is not a Christian, but wants to pay lip service to the season.

After all, a happy holiday can be said of any of the many holidays during the year. Christmas is not merely a "happy holiday," but the birthday of the Christ. One

who simply wishes a happy holiday denigrates the event.

This year, this attitude reached a new low in some political circles.

Mrs. Hilary President gathered a group of "homeless" children and started her short speech by saying "On this day, we celebrate the birth of a homeless child who later became the prince of peace."

Her degrading Jesus to the status of a homeless child played out her political arrogance to try to gain favor with homeless people. Al Gore said, "2,000 years ago, a homeless woman gave birth

to a homeless child."

In this attempt to appeal to the homeless, these two showed tremendous ignorance and utter lack of sensitivity to the fact that Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and was and is the son of God.

In no way was Jesus ever homeless. Never was Mary, his mother, homeless.

This sort of using Christmas as an occasion to appeal for political gain is demonic hypocrisy.

Happy holiday? No! Merry Christmas, the birthday of the Christ.

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



## Internships provide great experience

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

Students, what are you doing this summer? How does becoming an expert on the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., and helping out your neighbors in Texas sound?

Well, each summer, my congressional office hosts interns from the 23rd Congressional District. Although summer may seem far away for some students, now is the time to consider applying for a summer internship.

Internships, whether in a congressional office or another workplace, provide young people with invaluable practical experience.

I'll try to answer some basic questions about an internship in my office so you can decide if an internship is right for you or someone you know.

First, what does a congressional intern do?

As you might imagine, a congressional office handles a wide range of issues. For example, in Washington, a selected intern could expect to do anything from researching bills at the Library of Congress, showing folks from home around the U.S. Capitol or attending a congressional hearing.

Interns in Texas offices help solve problems that my constituents may have. Whether it's in Washington or Texas, every intern plays an important role serving constituents.

Second, who should apply?

Students who want to be a part of their government in action. Of course, interns must be able to communicate effectively orally and in writing. Still, the most important quality you can bring to an internship, or any job for that matter, is eagerness and a willingness to learn.

That's the what and who, now for the when, where and how. Interested applicants should send a resume to one of my offices by March 1, 1998. The offices are located in Washington, D.C., San Antonio, Midland, Laredo and Del Rio.

Anyone wanting to head up to Washington should contact me as soon as possible, because housing on Capitol Hill can fill up very early. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

### Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

Soon after Fort Clark Springs Association became a reality, a man and his wife moved there from Eagle Pass.

She immediately became involved in many activities seeking to make Fort Clark Springs a better place to live. She keeps active in things beneficial to Fort Clark which challenge her interest.

She is a very likeable person and very supportive of her husband and his interests. To know her is to like her. Surely, Rosetta Pingenot is an Unsung Hero.

### THANK YOU

I want to thank all of my friends from Fort Clark Springs and Brackettville for their prayers, cards and phone calls during my stay in the hospital for back surgery and during my recovery days here in Lubbock, Texas.

I want to thank St. Andrews Episcopal Church and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for all their prayers.

Larry and I want to say a special thank you to Helen Seargeant of the United States Post Office for making sure we received our mail.

Happy New Year and God bless everyone. Larry and I will see you soon.

Sincerely,  
Dianna Walker  
Fort Clark Springs

# County reaps benefits of 911 fees

By Bill Barnes  
Contributing Writer

Since 1990, the citizens of Kinney County have paid approximately \$44,880 into the 911 Regional Planning Fund maintained by the Middle Rio Grande Development Council (MRGDC).

These monies are paid by the citizens through the 50-cent 911 fee on their telephone bill each month.

On the other hand, approximately \$184,297 has been expended providing 911 services to Kinney County during the same period.

That means that the local fees collected in Kinney County make up 24 percent of the total needed to run the program. The remaining \$139,417, or 76 percent, came from a 2 percent surcharge on long distance telephone services collected by the Advisory Commission for State Emergency Communications (ACSEC).

The MRGDC, as the regional planners for the 911 program, apply to the ACSEC each year for the additional funding needed to op-

erate the 911 program in the nine-county MRGDC region.

Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess manages the 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for Kinney County.

The sheriff and his dispatchers take and handle between 3,000 and 5,000 911 calls each year. Many of these calls are for response to true life threatening situations.

The MRGDC applied for and received permission to upgrade the 911 call-handling equipment currently located in the Sheriff's Office. This particular equipment is about seven years old.

The MRGDC will be installing new equipment that will be computer based and will allow for the future integration of a computerized mapping system that will actually show on a map where a 911 call is originating from.

Currently, when a person calls 911, the telephone number, name and address of the telephone customer appears on a screen in the Sheriff's Office.

When all of the new equipment is installed, a map will be shown with the exact location from where the call is being made. This is

referred to as Mapped Automatic Location Identifier (ALI).

The cost of the upgrade is expected to be approximately \$65,000 with an additional cost of between \$8,000 and \$10,000 for the addition of the Mapped ALI service.

The new equipment will also enable officials to meet the new FCC phase I mandate for identifying cellular phone calls.

Currently, if you use a cellular phone to call 911, neither your name nor address is displayed in the PSAP.

Under the provisions of the FCC mandate, officials must be able to identify the telephone numbers assigned to the cellular phone some time in the next year.

Within the next four years, officials must be able to locate the position of the cellular phone making the 911 call within 125 meters.

The equipment upgrade will put the MRGDC in a position to meet these mandates as the technology is developed.

**Editor's note:** Bill Barnes is the director of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council 911 Regional Planning.

# BRATWURST FRY

Sunday, January 18th  
Noon til 3:00 p.m.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Fort & Henderson, Brackettville

Wisconsin Bratwurst - Hamburgers  
German Potato Salad - Sauerkraut  
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# Spanish classes set to begin next week

The adult Spanish classes are set and will begin next week. Susan Veach, superintendent's secretary, will contact you and let you know the details.

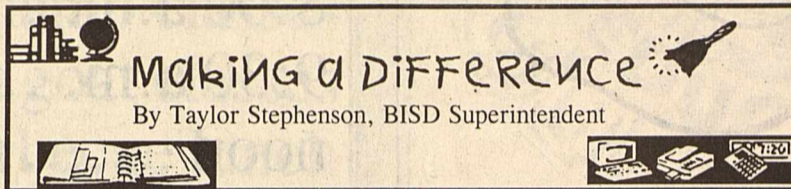
We have 66 folks signed up. That's all we can handle now. So, we'll begin conversational Spanish together. It will be fun!

If you missed this class, watch for more adult education offerings in the future.

### Tennis Courts

I had hoped that we would be able to solve the difficulties in the tennis courts bid by this time, but there are still some problems that the School Board is trying to clarify.

To build four tennis courts is a large investment for our school district. The boards wants it done right, and we'll wait until all details are clarified before awarding the bid.



**Contract Extension**  
I am grateful that the board added a year to my contract. I will have three years left at the end of this year. It's still fun, and we're making progress. Each day I make some mistakes, and each day I try to do better.

Thanks for the support from the board, community, school staff and students. I enjoy being superintendent at BISD!

**Architect**  
Tuesday morning, Board President Lloyd Lee Davis, Principal Don Sims and I toured schools in Hondo, Castroville, Somerset, Poteet and Dilley. We were checking out the work of archi-

itects who had submitted proposals for the BHS Academic Wing. Later that evening, the board authorized proceeding with negotiations with a rank order of architects. We have begun! I hope it gets done soon. We're all excited about the new building.

**Renovations**  
The new bleachers are completed at the school gym. They look really nice and have aisles with handrails. Check them out. We have some good ball games going on as the basketball teams begin district play.

The track renovation is in progress. Perhaps, we'll be through with this project in a

couple of weeks.

### Livestock Show

That's about it. Don't forget to take the time to visit the Kinney County Livestock Show this weekend.

Our kids and their supporters do a great job each year. Check out the Civic Center on Friday or Saturday.

The students and staff have a holiday this Friday. Have a great week!

# Kinney County Sheriff's Report

**Monday, January 5**  
1:32 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that a juvenile was not in school. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was notified.

9:01 p.m., A Brackettville man reported some people outside of Shorty's restaurant. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene and found that the people were working on the sewer lines.

**Tuesday, January 6**  
2:30 p.m., An employee with the Texas Department of Transportation reported a one-vehicle accident 10 miles east of Brackettville on Highway 90. The vehicle hit a fence. No injuries were reported. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie was notified.

4:37 p.m., An employee with the Texas Department of Trans-

portation reported a traffic accident east of Brackettville on Highway 90 next to Fritter Park. The vehicle hit a fence. One individual suffered minor injuries. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie was notified.

**Wednesday, January 7**  
4:10 p.m., An employee at the Brackett Independent School District said that there were juveniles playing in front of the high school and that he heard some glass breaking.

**Thursday, January 8**  
12:30 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that a travel trailer near the entrance of a Kinney County ranch on Standard Lane looked like it had been broken into. The owner of the ranch was notified.

12:35 p.m., An employee at the Brackett Alternative School reported a truant.

**Saturday, January 10**  
6:14 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that there was a woman on Ann Street riding her bicycle in front of Conrad's Trading Post and dodging vehicles. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene.

**Sunday, January 11**  
2:00 a.m., Jose Oscar Rodriguez, 26, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism and charged with driving while intoxicated, first offense. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Rodriguez was released the following day on a \$1,000 personal recognizance bond.

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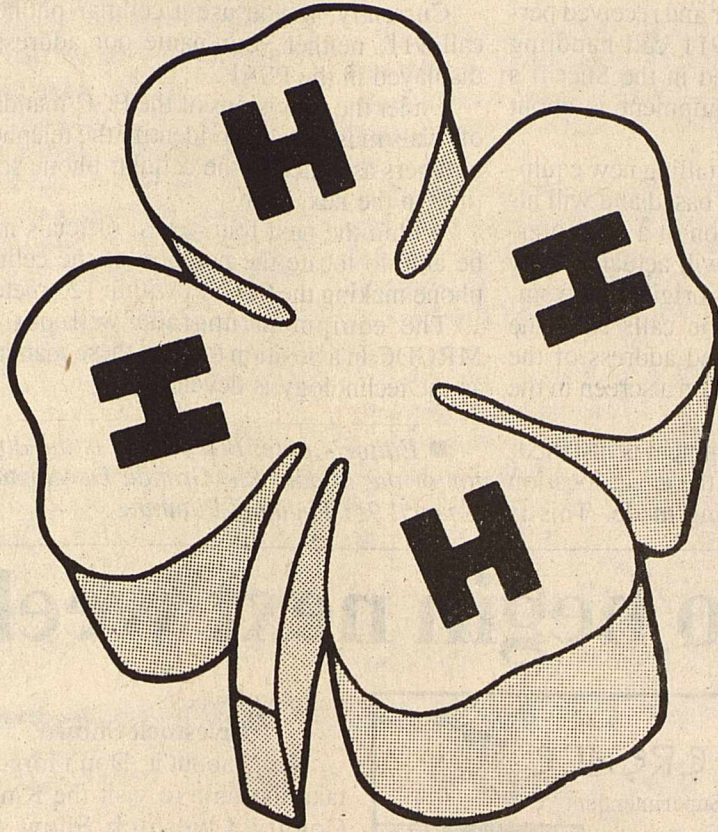
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### 4-H Emblem

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### Livestock Show Schedule

#### Friday, Jan 16

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4:00 p.m. ....  
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5:30 p.m. ....  
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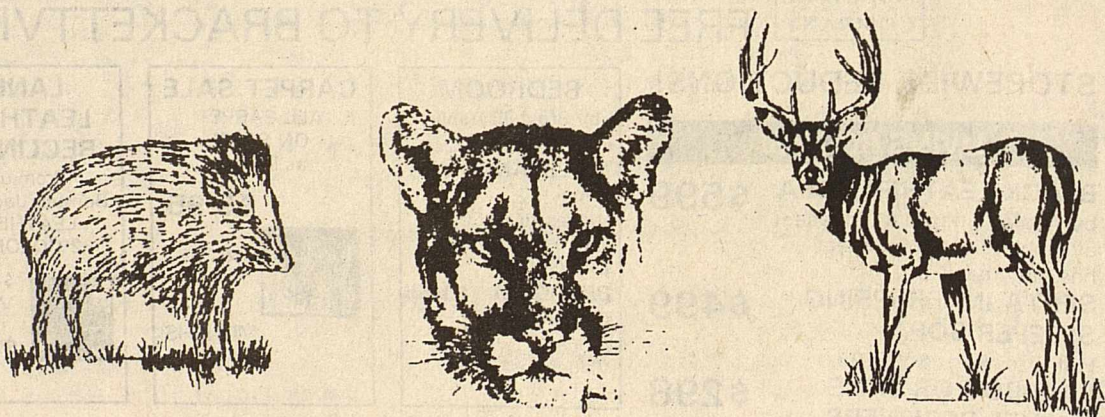
#### Saturday, Jan 17

8:00 a.m. ....  
9:30 a.m. ....  
noon .....  
1:30 p.m. .... Livestock  
2:00 p.m. .... Junior Livestock

### 4-H Motto

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In all these things I believe, and I am willing to do my part.*

Good luck FFA and 4-H members!

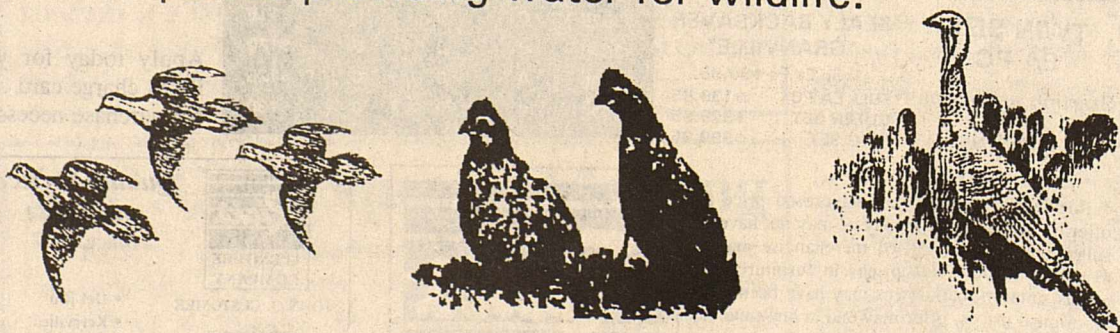


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## Schedule of Events

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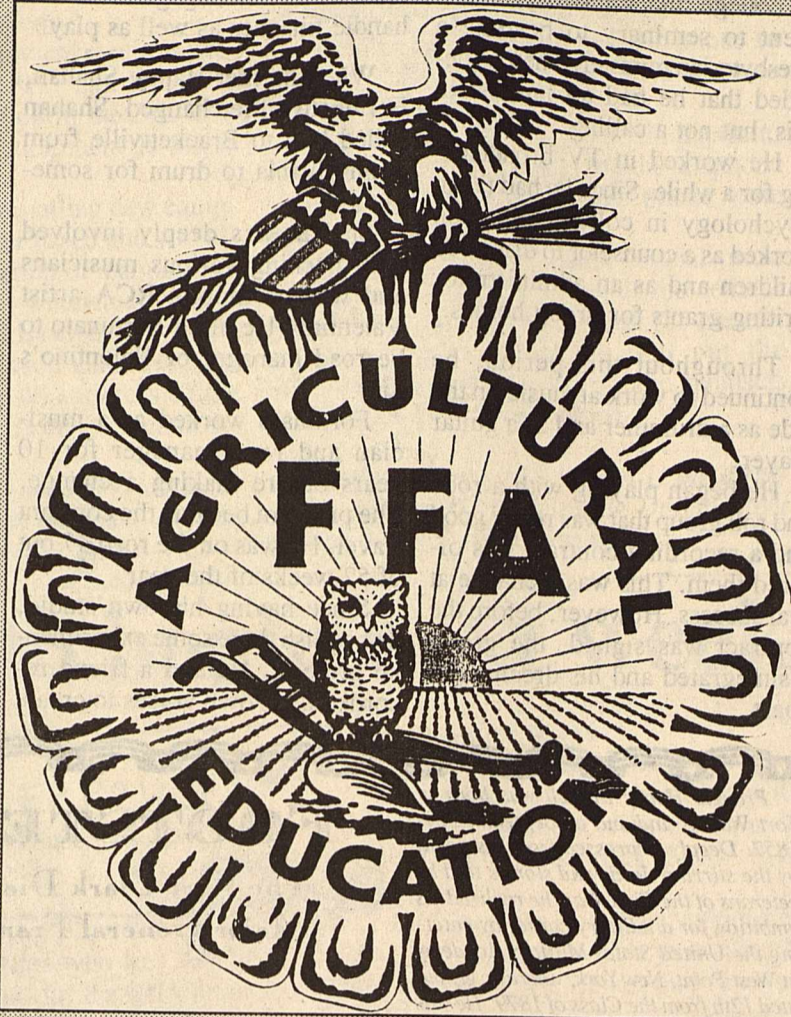
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- .....finewool ewe lamb classes
- .....market pig classes
- .....rabbit classes

### January 17

- .....market lamb classes
- .....market goat classes
- .....barbecue lunch
- .....Livestock Show Awards presentations
- .....Livestock Show Premium Sale

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 and true.  
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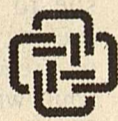
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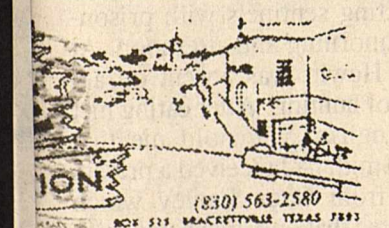


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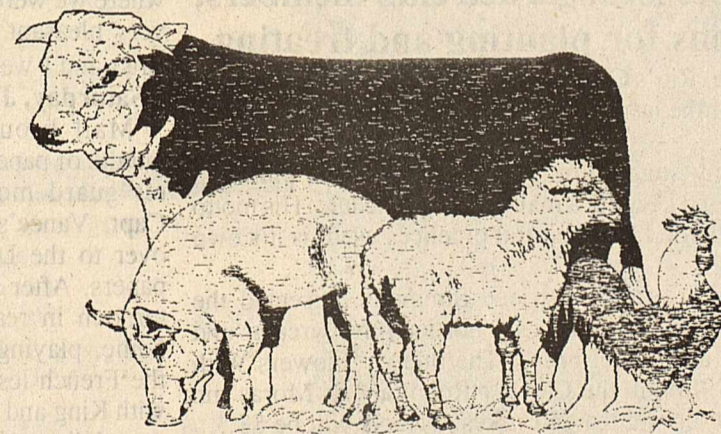
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# Musician lives dream in local music studio

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

For a small town, Brackettville is full of surprises. Did you know that a recording studio has been located here for six years?

Producer and engineer Rocco Fortunato operates Cavalry Productions. He does his audio recording at Fort Clark studios, owned by James Householder.

The invitation to speak to the Brackettville Rotary Club about his studio this past week challenged Fortunato to review his choice of careers and define himself more clearly than he had before.

He realized that since he first started working as a young man, he has moved more and more certainly into a position that satisfies him. He is doing what he wants to do and enjoying it. He's always loved music. It is not a job, but his passion.

His business is an unusual one. Most sound professionals would have a studio in the city, while he has chosen to locate in Brackettville.

He does such things as commercials and sound tracks for movies. His favorite projects, however, are helping musicians and song writers record demo presentations that show their abilities to an advantage.

When you hear a recording, you usually assume there is a musical group or orchestra backing up the main performer. Fortunato can provide the background music by computer that fills out and complements a single performer's efforts.

He likes to arrange someone's music so that it ends up sounding "like they wanted it to."

Some of the people who use his services are professional musicians. Some simply want to hear themselves as if they are perform-

ing when they are actually afraid of exposing themselves to the public.

Fortunato has always had music in his life, but hadn't thought of it as a career at first. He went to college and for two years he went to seminary to become a Presbyterian minister. Then he decided that he had an interest in this, but not a calling.

He worked in TV broadcasting for a while. Since he had taken psychology in college, he even worked as a counselor to disturbed children and as an administrator writing grants for group homes.

Throughout this period, he continued to work at music on the side as a drummer and as a guitar player.

He began playing with a rock and roll group that was really good and a recording contract was offered them. This was a chance at real success. However, before the contract was signed, the group disintegrated and his dreams fell apart.

Fortunato said this happens to 99 percent of the groups because musicians are often unable to keep their business goals straight.

He has always been the stable business person. He had become the one to book engagements and handle finances as well as play.

When he met Happy Shahan, Fortunato's life changed. Shahan called him to Brackettville from Pennsylvania to drum for some time.

Shahan was deeply involved with backing various musicians and was promoting RCA artist Valentino. He hired Fortunato to be road manager of Valentino's tour.

Fortunato worked as a musician and road manager for 10 years before making a change. The problem became the constant travel. He was on the road 47 out of 52 weeks of the year.

Since having his own studio, he has also done some experimental projects. He and a friend recorded their own voices to create



Rocco Fortunato, left, is welcomed to the Rotary Club meeting by Program Chairman J.J. Guidry. Photo by Eric McMasters

a 32-member men's chorus. He also has a CD released.

He was asked by Richard Curilla to do the background music for the film, "Travis Smith," which Curilla wrote and produced. Fortunato said the music provides the emotional component

to bring the visual aspect to life.

The result of his assessment of himself brought Fortunato to the conclusion that his life has been an oxymoron. It consists of two aspects of personality that are unlikely companions. He is a responsible musician.

## But, I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall



## The last of a breed

Ricky Herndon called me the other night and told me he had a thought he wanted to share with me. I found it hard to believe too.

He said Henry Schwandner was leaving Kinney County and that he was the last of the Schwandner bloodline. This is the end of an era. For the first time in over a century there would be none left in our community.

Indians had captured Henry's great-grandfather. Schwandners helped settle this country. They raised kids and sunk roots, hoping to last a long time. They

thought this was a good place to live.

The family has been in the ranching industry for many generations. They have had a significant impact on many of us.

I'll miss Henry, but more than that, I regret that the spirit of his family will no longer be alive in Kinney County. Their blood will have vanished from this part of the world. I've enjoyed knowing them.

Thanks, Ricky. We all have a good thought now and then. But, I could be wrong.

## Briefs ...

### Chamber of Commerce seeks nominations for Board of Directors, Citizen of the Year

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for Citizen of the Year and nominations for four positions on the Board of Directors.

Director terms run for four years and the nominations for those positions must be current members of the Chamber of Commerce.

For Citizen of the Year and director nominations, Chamber of Commerce officials need the nominee's name and the reason for the nomination.

The Citizen of the Year will be chosen by the current board of directors from the nominations received.

Nominations for the Board of Directors will be placed on a ballot and sent to current members to vote on.

Nominations should be sent to P.O. Box 386, Brackettville, Texas, 78832, by Feb. 11 to be considered.

### Clayton addresses local garden club members, offers suggestions for planting and treating

Del Clayton from Del Rio's Green Valley Home & Garden Supply was the guest speaker at the last Thursday's Mountain Laurel Garden Club meeting.

Clayton offered many suggestions for preparing beds, planting, fertilizing and treating, and keeping a maintenance schedule. His motto is "a healthy plant, with good horticultural practices used, is it's own best defense."

During the business meeting, Charlene Simmons presented the Flower Show schedule. The categories are horticulture, wreaths and swags, holiday themes and centerpieces. The title is "Flowers With Tea and Cakes" and will be in the Calvary Room at Las Moras Inn with Barbara Simmons serving tea and cakes. Tickets will be \$3.

Esmerelda Luz and Pat McKelvey were hostesses and served cake and cookies, along with nuts, coffee and tea.

### MUSICAL/CABARET DINNER PLANNED

The Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts invites you to their annual Musical/Cabaret Dinner on Saturday, January 24, 1998. Featured entertainers will be The Borderline Singers and dinner will be Austrian cuisine. The gala event will be held at the Las Moras Inn, with cash bar at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. and entertainment at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 each and are available at the FCS Adult Center, RV Park, and from Old Quarry Society members.

### K.C.C.C. Special Meeting

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce will hold a special meeting on February 12, at 7:00 pm, at Los Moras Restaurant to discuss regular agenda items and to amend the Chamber's bylaws. Changes to the bylaws involve: changing the annual meeting from February to May, amending affected sections in Article 5, and amending section 1 regarding membership plaques. All interested members of the Chamber of Commerce are invited to attend.

## FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

Courtesy of his descendents

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

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

### Friday, January 15, 1886

No mail except an O.B. for me this morning. Expected one from home but it must have been stopped by the snow. After breakfast went over to the hospital for Black to treat my ears as usual and then read the papers at the Library. Met Col. and Mrs. Bliss and was invited to bring Mrs. Kauffman to their house to play whist this evening. Went to her house and made arrangements to escort her. After lunch sent the O.B. to Forsyth for verification, writing him a short note and then filed letters and business papers for last year. Also wrote to Farber to settle for some wood and then played cards with King. After dinner witnessed an issue of clothing to "E" Troop. Hall sent me word to do this but he ought to have sent somebody else as he uses me for a sort of general utility man. Had to hurry from this to escort Mrs. Kauffman to Col. Bliss' where we were a little late. Had a very pleasant evening, but Mrs. Bliss and I were beaten.

### Saturday, January 16, 1886

Mail brought a letter and bundle of papers from home. After guard mounting went into Capt. Vance's a while and then over to the Library to read the papers. After lunch spent the afternoon in reading papers from home, playing solitaire, reading the French lesson and in talking with King and Geary. Had an animated discussion with the former about the amount of clothing he should take out to Nevill's Springs and could see that he didn't like my interference. It has taught me to mind my own business hereafter. Spent the evening with the whist club at Mrs. Hall's and had the usual pleasant time. The General came in and played my hand during tattoo. Have frittered away the day; must turn over a new leaf and improve my time.

### Sunday, January 17, 1886

Mail had nothing for me this morning. After inspection went over to hospital to have ears treated. Stopped in office on way back to quarters and there learned that Gen. Smith received a letter this morning to designate three companies of the 19th to go to Ringgold. Bradford and two companies from Ringgold are to come here and Liscum goes to Brown while Towle goes to Duncan. Sat in the office a while to talk this over and then went into Capt. Vance's a while. Hewitt called on me then. After a bath wrote on

usual letter home. At retreat Capt. Hall told me that Gen. Smith had not yet decided on the companies and would not until tomorrow. Completed letter home and mailed it before church. Informed them of contemplated move but could not name the companies. Think "E" Co. will be one to go. Went to church as usual and was thoroughly disgusted with Chaplain Merrill's jokes which to my mind are entirely out of place in a sermon. Escorted Mrs. Hall home after being refused by Mrs. Gillmore who had an escort. Both these ladies expressed regrets when I said that I thought "E" Co. would go. Went into Capt. Vance's until tattoo, and afterwards read papers and dozed. Am very sorry for this contemplated change as it will break up many pleasant associations. Can form no idea what companies are to go.

### Monday, January 18, 1886

The mail brought me a letter and some papers from home. This morning at the office Capt. Hall could give no information as Gen. Smith has not fully decided. Played piquet in quarters a while with Vernou, and was a little late at lunch in consequence. Hewitt took me out for a pleasant ride after lunch. On returning found Luce Casas, an Ex-Seminole and my striker at Mayers Springs, for whom I wrote a letter to Capt. Simonds to secure a place. Went over to the post office and learned that there was no office where Capt. Simonds is now living, and then to telephone office to send a message to Gardener about the move. Returning wrote to Steele enclosing the letter to Capt. Simonds and requesting him to forward it. While the company was forming for dress parade Capt. Vance told me that "E" Co. was elected to go to Ringgold. Gen. Smith sent down two slates for Gen. Stanley to choose from, on both of which "E" Co. appears. Expected that we would go and was not surprised to have it confirmed. This is like Gen. Smith; it is his great defect, his dread of a responsibility, and so he makes two slates to have Gen. Stanley select. He has always been very kind to me and I like him, but this shirking of responsibility is mortifying to his friends. Hewitt, Geary and I dined with Capt. Vance this evening. After dinner Hall & Remington came in and told some funny stories. Hall said that last evening the General was almost decided to keep "E" Co. here. Was glad to hear this for it appeared as "E" Co. was on both slates that the General had some dislike to us. Now we know that other causes have induced him to select the combinations he made. Played whist until near midnight at

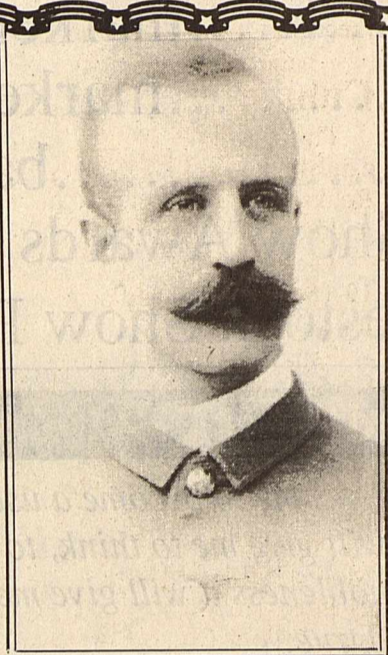
Vernou's, the first time I have ever played with Dr. Town. He plays a fair game, but is a little too careless and somewhat selfish to play a first class game. Am very sorry about the proposed move but there is no help for it. Everybody except Col. Lyster and Eckerson feels vexed that "B" Co. is recommended to be kept here as it has been at good posts all the time and ought to make the move now. The favoritism is all shown to Col. Lyster who will soon be promoted. I would not like to belong to the company after his promotion for it will get the tail end of everything then to make up for favors now shown.

### Tuesday, January 19, 1886

Only an advertising circular for me in this morning's mail. Went over to hospital as usual to have my ears treated. Spent the remainder of the morning at the office and reading the papers in the Library. In the afternoon signed the clothing rolls and book for the issue to "E" Troop the other evening and then read remainder of French play. Played cards a while with King and read Draper. The French Club met as usual at Mrs. Gillmore's but Capt. Vance did not come in until after tattoo as he was feeling sick he said; think he feels blue about the proposed move. This was the last meeting of the club as we finished the play we were reading and it was not thought worth while to commence another for the short time that Capt. Vance and I will probably be here. Much regret was expressed by Mrs. Gillmore that we have to go. The Cercle has been the source of much pleasure as well as very instructive and I am very sorry that it has to be given up.

### Wednesday, January 20, 1886

No mail for me this morning. Went into Capt. Vance's and to office after guard mounting. Was detailed as judge advocate of a garrison court and received a set of charges. Went down to the guard house to investigate them and to Q.M. office where Vedder gave me permission to send a man of the company to make a crate in place of the one injured on my trip here. On way to lunch stopped to see Mrs. Hall about whist party for tonight as Hewitt is Officer of the Guard. By her direction after lunch went to Capt. Vance's to see if he would play if Gen. Smith took Hewitt's place and returned to her house to tell her that he declined. So she invited Miss Saunders who was giving her daughter a music lesson and I made an engagement to act as escort. Then wrote usual letter home. Geary came in to tell me of an offer made him to buy some land in San Antonio which seems



a good investment. He has not money enough and offered me a half share. Went down to guard house to see Hewitt but could get no money from him. Then called on Capt. Vance and found that he would be able to loan me \$500 in about two months. So think I can take advantage of this investment. Geary had not received full details of the offer but was to have them this evening. After completing letter played solitaire and read Draper. Capt. Vance being Officer of the Day excused me from roll calls. Took a walk before and after dinner for my digestion which is getting out of fix, stopping at Gen. Smith's porch a short time before dinner. At half past seven escorted Miss Saunders to Mrs. Hall's and played until midnight with her against Mrs. Hall & Capt. Vance, beating them a little. Enjoyed the evening very much. No news yet about the proposed move.

### Thursday, January 21, 1886

Mail brought a long letter from Helen Giddings this morning. She is very dilatory in her writing but her letters are always interesting and well written. Marched on guard this morning. After getting matters straightened out at the guard house returned to quarters for a few moments and then tried a prisoner before the garrison court meeting at the guard house. Wrote up the proceedings of the court afterwards. Spent the day in reading the paper and Draper, inspecting sentinels with prisoners in morning and afternoon. At lunch Hewitt was absent on account of hunting. After eating met Cunningham who told me that Gen. Smith had received a private letter from Gen. Stanley which intimated that only two companies would go to Ringgold and that the move would not occur until the middle of next month. This leaves the whole thing in a worse muddle than before. While inspecting the sentinels this afternoon went into the carpenters shop and saw the crate that the man from the company made. Am all ready now for packing. Read Draper and dozed in the evening. The Officer of the Day inspected after midnight and told me the same news about Gen. Smith's letter. On way to dinner took proceedings to Maj. Morris, the president of the court for his signature.

Briefs ...

Center Point edges JV

CENTER POINT - The Brackett Tigerettes' junior varsity lost a 13-11 decision to Center Point on Tuesday in the District 30-2A opener for both teams.

Jamie Bader led the Tigerettes with four points, Erika Garcia and Queta Garza both had three, and Tiffany Eckenrod added one.

Brackett resumes action tomorrow as the Tigerettes travel to Comfort for a 5:00 contest.

On Friday and Saturday, Brackett will host a boys' and girls' junior varsity tournament.

Frosh fall to Del Rio

Del Rio's freshman topped Brackett's ninth graders 87-34 Tuesday evening.

April Crumley and Helena Flores both had seven points for the Tigerettes, Marty Payne scored six, Tina Luna and Melinda Villarreal each had five, and Carissa De la Santos and Vanessa Salinas added two apiece.

The freshman will compete in Brackett's junior varsity tournament on Friday and Saturday.

Cubs sweep Angoras

The Brackett Cubs swept a double-header with the Rocksprings Angoras Monday in middle school basketball action.

The eighth grade Cubs built a 19-16 halftime lead and held on for a 39-35 victory.

Fabian Farias paced the Cubs' scoring attack with 14 points. Juan Flores also scored in double digits. He finished with 13 points.

Carlos Gomez and Juan Rivas both had four for Brackett, and Raymond Gomez and Tony Molinar each scored two.

Jared Hobbs scored a game-high 23 points to pace the seventh graders in their 42-14 win.

Jesse Davis scored eight for the Cubs, Phillip Munoz finished with seven, and Doug Sanchez had four.

The Cubs are open until Jan. 26 when they face Sacred Heart in Del Rio. Action is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

Cubettes split games

The Brackett Cubettes split a double-header with Rocksprings in middle school basketball action on Monday.

The eighth grade girls picked up a 14-12 victory behind four points from Susannah Davis.

Brackett jumped out to a 10-4 lead after the opening stanza and was up 11-8 at halftime.

Christina Flores, Stephanie Gomez, Duquesa Hunt, Erica Meyer and Diedra Townsend all had two points, and Sherry Villarreal added one.

The seventh grade Cubettes fell to Rocksprings, 18-13.

Mayra Aguirre and Vanessa Castillo both had four points for Brackett, April Martinez scored three, and Celina DeLeon had two.

The Cubettes are open until Jan. 26 as they host Sacred Heart. Action is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

Bob Lee gets fifth career hole-in-one

Bob "Lefty" Lee picked up his fifth career hole-in-one this past week at Fort Clark Springs. It came on Hole No. 18.

Scramble ends with three-way tie for first

Three teams tied for first place in a four person scramble featuring 68 competitors in Couples Golf League action at Fort Clark Springs.

The teams of Lee and Stephens, Smith and White, and Simpson and Ladd all finished with scores of 62 to tie for first place.

Winning the B Flight with a score of 64 was the team of Niel and Osborne-Malin.

Dillahunty and Hinton tied Turner and Ambler for second place. Both teams finished with 65s.

The Edwards and Udy-Webster team won the C Flight after posting a 67. The Petaja and McKelvy-Martinez team was second.

Brotherton leads Brackett to 54-47 win over Lady Pirates

By J.J. Guidry Sports Editor

CENTER POINT - Lindsey Brotherton poured in 20 points Tuesday night as the Brackett Tigerettes topped the Center Point Lady Pirates 54-47 in the District 30-2A opener for both teams.

With the win, the Tigerettes improve to 11-6 on the season. After Tuesday, Brackett, Comfort and Charlotte are all 1-0 in league play and Center Point, Dilley and Natalia are 0-1.

The Tigerettes led 12-11 after the opening stanza in Tuesday's

contest, and then outscored the Lady Pirates 11-7 in the second quarter to go up 23-18 at intermission.

Both teams scored 13 points in the third period and Brackett had an 18-16 advantage in the final quarter.

Jennifer Ashabranner and La Toya Wright also scored in double figures for the Tigerettes, finishing with 13 and 10 points, respectively. Ashabranner nailed three three-pointers in the contest.

Patty Lopez scored seven points for Brackett and Stephanie Terrazas had four.

Last Friday, the Tigerettes dropped an 82-45 decision on the road to the Leakey Lady Eagles.

Ashabranner led Brackett with 18 points and Lopez finished with 11.

Brotherton had eight points in the game, Wright scored five, and Laura Lee Ballew added three.

The Tigerettes resume league play tomorrow as they face the Lady Bobcats in a 6:30 contest at Comfort.

On Tuesday, Brackett will host Charlotte. That game will also begin at 6:30.

Tigers claim 51-39 win over Eagles

By J.J. Guidry Sports Editor

LEAKEY - Brackett utilized a balanced scoring attack on Tuesday as the Tigers picked up a 51-39 victory over the Leakey Eagles in non-district basketball action.

The win ups the Tigers' overall record to 7-11. Brackett will open its District 30-2A slate on Tuesday with an 8:00 home game against the Charlotte Trojans.

The Tigers jumped out to a 12-7 lead after the first period on Tuesday and then outscored the Eagles 14-6 in the second quarter to take a 26-13 halftime lead.

Leakey then outscored Brackett 18-9 in the third quarter to pull within four at 35-31, but the Tigers had a 16-8 advantage in the final stanza as they pulled away for the victory.

Rene Luna paced the Tigers with 12 points, Schiller Hill scored eight, Demitreus Williams had seven, Luis Guajardo, Phillip Juarez and Brent

Woecke all had six, Caleb Crumley scored four, and Coty Williams had two.

Last Friday, the Tigers used a quick start and held on to edge Brackett's exes 65-63.

The Tigers were up 13-5 after the first period and had a 29-20 lead at halftime. The exes outscored Brackett 21-18 and 22-18, respectively, in the last two periods, but could not pull out the win.

W.T. Hunt went coast to coast for a layup with five seconds left as the exes pulled within two, but the Tigers were able to avoid a foul before time ran out. Hunt finished the contest with 15 points.

Beau Smallwood scored 11 points for the exes, Mitch Frerich and Frank Morgan both had nine, Josh Crumley and Pat Melancon each had six, Kirk Hill pitched in four, and Jesse Terrazas added three.

Luna paced the Tigers with a game-high 24 points. Guajardo also finished in double figures. He scored 15.

Schiller Hill scored seven points, Demitreus Williams had six, Woecke chipped in five, and Juarez and Caleb Crumley each scored four.

OUTDOORS

Academy graduates 24 candidates

AUSTIN - The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Game Warden Training Academy graduated 24 cadets on Nov. 18.

The 24 cadets, members of the 45th Game Warden Academy, came from an applicant pool of 672 men and women who applied for entry to the sought-after and highly demanding game warden program.

After graduation, the new game wardens will disperse to assigned posts in 22 counties across Texas.

This year's class includes cadets with backgrounds such as: SWAT team members, chief of police, U.S. Customs official, fish guide, and a third-generation game warden cadet.

After nearly seven months of training, the cadets are ready to enter the field, not only to enforce fish and wildlife laws, water safety and other natural resource and conservation laws, but also to serve as a Texas peace officer.

"Texas is changing, and today's game wardens are required to know more and do more than ever before," said Jim Roberts, TPWD law enforcement director.

"Our cadets must learn not only the complete regimen of standard law enforcement basics, they must also acquire specialized expertise in wildlife management, game law, water safety law, environmental law, public education and more," he said.

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

The primary task of modern game wardens remains the protection of Texas fish and wildlife, which are held in trust by TPWD for the people of the state. About 30 percent of their time is spent enforcing boating safety, including efforts to stop boating while intoxicated.

Much of what the game wardens do today involves proactive outreach. Texas game wardens make presentations to schools and private groups to promote wildlife conservation.

They also enlist the help of the law-abiding hunting and fishing majority to catch the minority of game law violators through programs like Operation Game Thief, which offers rewards for phone tips that lead to convictions.

Working with TPWD biologists, game wardens investigate environmental crimes against wildlife and protect state threatened and endangered species.

The cadet class of 1997 logged 1,490 hours of demanding mental and physical training over a 30-week period. The physical training program at the academy is designed to challenge the cadets both physically and mentally.

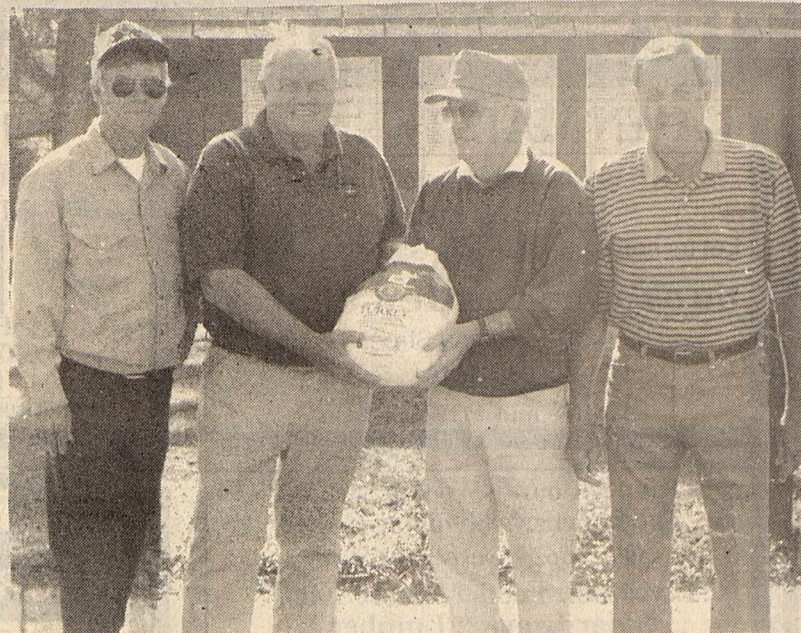
"This class is leaving the acad-

emy in superb physical condition," said Lt. Cinda Brooks, health and fitness instructor. "The physical fitness level of this group is in the top 25 percent of the country. Since the beginning of the academy, they've increased their physical fitness level by an average of 40 percent."

Training at the academy concentrates on academics and dealing with psychological stress, in addition to physical fitness.

The classroom study is the equivalent of 36 semester hours, all in seven months. Subjects covered include game and fish law, criminal law, citation and court procedures, defensive tactics, arrest procedures, firearms training, hunter safety programs, environmental pollution, saltwater and commercial fish operations, boating safety, and rescue training.

"We've got one of the longer law enforcement academies in terms of time compared with other agencies," said Director Royce Wells, head of the academy. "The reason is that our cadets have to learn everything that other peace officers learn, as well as all of the Parks and Wildlife regulation. That's a vast amount of knowledge they have to absorb."



Bob Walker (from left), Hoagy Nelson, Pat Owens and Bill Mitchell show off the turkey they won after finishing on top in the A Flight at Saturday's golf tournament sponsored by St. Andrew's Episcopal and Our Redeemer Lutheran churches. The tournament featured 92 area golfers. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Quartet scores 56 to lead field of 92

By J.J. Guidry Sports Editor

Bill Mitchell, Hoagy Nelson, Pat Owens and Bob Walker combined for a 56 to take top honors in the A Flight of the open golf tournament Saturday at the Fort Clark Springs Golf Course.

The tournament, which was sponsored by St. Andrew's Episcopal and Our Redeemer Lutheran churches, featured 92 area golfers.

Charley Smith, Mary and Shirley Stephenson and Beth Waller took second place honors in the A flight after posting a 60.

Stan and Lisa Conley, John Ford and Herb Senne tied Don Bell, Arnold Bernard, Mike Fleming and Jack Simpson for third place. Both teams finished with 61s.

Four teams scored 65 in the B Flight, but Choppy Ambler, Dennis Olson, and Milo and Sharon White finished first after the play-off.

Allen and Clara McCord and Camile and Lyle Niel finished second, and the team of Phil and Evelyn Fordahl and Dwite and Luella Gilliland was third.

Margo and Del Kendrick and Melba and Moe Turner also finished with a 65, but did not place. In the C Flight, the team of Betty Gibbs, Gerald Ivey, John Osborn and Steve Swadlenak finished first with a 67.

Harry Daniels, Len Eden Dorough, Bill Larson and Rick Searle combined for a 70, which was good for second place.

Lloyd and Mary Hermanson and Gordie and Betty Mathison finished third with a 72.

Tournament Results

The following are the results from the open golf tournament held Saturday at Fort Clark Springs:

A Flight

Mitchell, Nelson, Owens, Walker 28-28-56; Smith, Stephenson, Stephenson, Waller 30-30-60; Conley, Conley, Ford, Senne 31-30-61; Bell, Bernard, Fleming, Simpson 30-31-61; Beatty, Dennis, Williamson, Williamson 30-32-62; Brauhn, Clark, Dunton, Yates 31-31-62; Hinton, Kurz, Lee, Lee 32-31-63; Derickson, Ekenrod, McNew, Raymer 29-34-63; Bordiga, Faulkenberry, McKelvy, McKelvy 33-30-63; Miller, Miller, Stephens, Stephens 34-31-65; Bizzell, Cowart, Cowart, Stephenson 33-

34-67.

B Flight

Ambler, Olson, White, White 33-32-65; McCord, McCord, Niel, Niel 31-34-65; Fordahl, Fordahl, Gilliland, Gilliland 34-31-65; Kendrick, Kendrick, Turner, Turner 34-31-65; Spencer, Spencer, Unruh, Unruh 33-33-66; Burkepile, Inman, Land, Martinez 32-34-66.

C Flight

Gibbs, Ivey, Osborn, Swadlenak 33-34-67; Daniels, Dorough, Larson, Searle 34-36-70; Hermanson, Hermanson, Mathison, Mathison 34-38-72; Connelly, Davis, Malin, Skelton 36-39-79; Anderson, Anderson, Dyreson, Dyreson 44-39-83.

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State Parks Events Calendar

The following is a list of upcoming events at Texas State Parks during the month of January. Some events require a Texas Conservation Passport, which offers access to guided tours and discounts to events like those listed here. To obtain a TCP, contact your nearest state park or the TCP customer service line at 512-3899-4683.

Horseback Outing Hill Country State Natural Area, Bandera Ride will focus on the cultural and natural resources of the area. Mount and lunch provided. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., fees \$50 TCP members, \$55 adults, reservations required and must be made through Running 'R' Ranch, 830-796-3984.

Fate Bell Cave Dwelling Tour Seminole Canyon State Historical Park, Comstock Every Wednesday thru Sunday. Take a walking guided tour to see some of North America's oldest pictographs and cave dwellings. 10 to 11:30 a.m., 3 to 4:30 p.m., fees \$3 adults, \$1 children 6 to 12. 915-292-4464.

Jan. 10 Dinosaur Walk San Angelo State Park Hike back in time to tracks left over 200 million years ago by Permian vertebrates. 3 mile total hike. 1 to 3 p.m., in addition to the park entry fee, the tours are: free to TCP members, \$2 non-members, \$1 children 12 and under, reservations available but not required, 915-949-4757.

Jan. 17 Petroglyph Tour San Angelo State Park Visit the site of a prehistoric Native American village and see Native American rock art. 1 to 3 p.m. In addition to the park entry fee, the tour fees are: free to TCP members, \$2 non-members, \$1 children 12 and under, reservations available but not required, 915-959-4757.

Jan. 17 Jan. 31 Bird Identification Tour Choke Canyon State Park Calliham Unit Walk the bird trail and along the water edge with a guide to identify birds and water fowl, 9 to 11 a.m., 512-786-3868.

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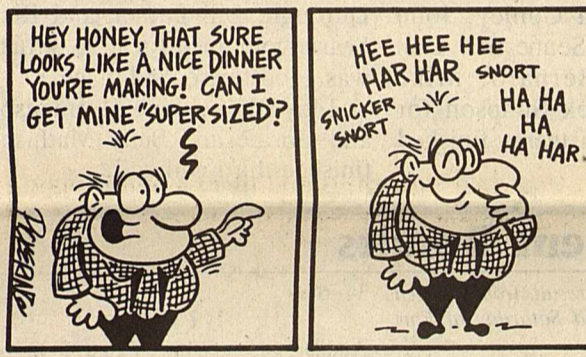
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Your Horoscope by Natasha

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You could receive a useful financial tip this week. An intellectual project may be less time-consuming than you had thought. You'll want to go places and do things this weekend.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Communications skills are tops, but you may have to wait a bit before you can get the ear of a higher-up. Shopping for home and family is a plus over the weekend.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) It's a good week for buying and selling. It would be better to go out for good times than to have guests over later in the week. Place a special emphasis on leisure interests.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Creative interests are highlighted. You're effective in presenting your ideas to others. You could decide to get a difficult household chore out of the way over the weekend.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Judgment is excellent this week about job and family interests. You're able to help a child out with an endeavor. Couples will enjoy a weekend out on the town.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Couples will reach an understanding with a child. You could receive financial backing for a project. Extra momentum may cause you to put in some overtime toward the end of the week.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Common sense and efficiency combine to bring you gains at work this week. You may have second thoughts about an investment. The weekend favors partnership interests.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Partners will be in agreement this week about mutual concerns. In business, you'll meet with extra responsibility, but you'll also have extra initiative and drive.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Talks with those in authority positions are favored. A friend may ask you for advice. Plans for travel fall into place. Social interests highlight the weekend.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Couples will be making important plans for the future this week. You'll also be devoting extra time to a career project. Behind-the-scenes moves bring positive results.

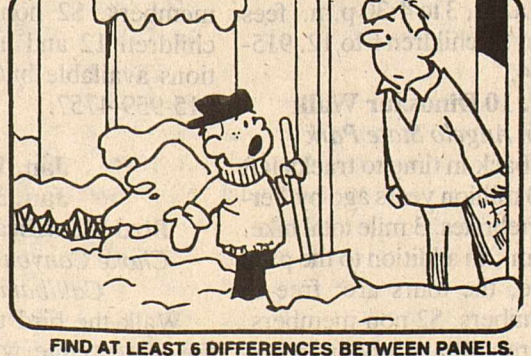
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A private business talk will give you key insights. You'll fulfill a social obligation this week and may plan a party. You project confidence and authority.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A talk with a friend is especially meaningful. You're able to bring a difficult project to a successful conclusion. It should be a good money-making week for you.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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Jan. 15	Juanita Talamantes	Jan. 20	Juan Reyes
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# Love can pay big wages

By Rev. Joe Townsend  
Frontier Baptist Church

Love pays big wages. There is a recap of a happening in the Old Testament of the love that led a woman to give the last food she had to the prophet Elijah.

It was a time of severe drought sent on the land because the people rebelled and refused to obey God. God sent the prophet to a woman who was gathering sticks to build a fire to use the last oil and meal she had to feed herself and son as a last meal before they died.

Elijah asked the woman to fix him something to eat. She explained the situation and fixed food for the prophet.

As the prophet promised, the woman received from God meal and oil until the drought was broken.

Later, the woman's son died and she appealed to Elijah, who was living in her upstairs room. He brought the child back to life.

The widow's love for God and the prophet paid big wages. Love in action pays big wages in material ways.

Job lost everything, his livestock, his home, his children and even his health. His wife suggested, "Curse God and die."

His reply, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him."

Three of his friends berated him and tried to accuse him of sin. They came to need and prayed to God, who refused their pleas but told them to have Job pray for them.

They went to Job and the scripture says, "God turned the captivity of Job when he prayed for his friends."

God then restored to Job his home, his herds, and gave him twice as many sons and daughters who were the most beautiful in all the land. Job's love for God and his friends paid big wages.

Love develops real character. Two women living together each had a baby. One rolled over on her baby in her sleep and smothered him. She took the other woman's baby and replaced it with the dead child.

When the other woman awoke, she discovered the swap. They took their case to Solomon. After hearing all the argument, Solomon

said he would cut the baby in half. The true mother refused the offer and pled for the baby to be given whole to the other woman.

Solomon thus determined who the true mother was and gave the baby to her. Her true love for her baby paid big wages.

Love pays intangible wages. A life of love for others brings unexpected and unplanned wages. Love lives when life is gone. The acts of love in life leave blessings and wages even when one is gone.

Love opens the gates of heaven and reaps a crown of righteousness. Love for God, expressed by faith and commitment to his son Jesus Christ, guarantees a home in heaven.

The expression of love for our fellowman adds jewels to our crown in life God awards in heaven. One who is lacking in love for his fellowman and thus does not exhibit that love in actions loses the wages it would pay and thus sells himself short.

There will be another message from the Bible as people worship at the Frontier Baptist Church on Sunday at 11 a.m. Come and worship and receive a blessing.

## Readings from Galatians

By Pastor William Adams  
St. John's Baptist Church

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, who is spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone,

and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden.

Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever 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 men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Gal. 5:25-6:10  
Praise God.

## God can heal a broken heart

By Pastor Charolette Corey  
Gateway Ministries

God heals a broken heart if you give him all the pieces. God is famous for touching the lives of people and healing them in their hurt and pain. He feels it the same as you.

Remember when Lazarus had died and Mary, his sister, was weeping as she told Jesus he could have healed him if he had only come sooner.

Jesus wept too, because he felt her pain, yet he knew that her brother would soon return to life again on his command to "come!"

Lazarus was then restored to life and everyone celebrated his return. Jesus rejoiced with them just as much as he had wept with them.

You may have lost a loved one. Jesus has wept with you even if you were not aware of it. He was not able to tell your lost one to "come" and return to life, because it was not the will of our heavenly father. But

he still felt and feels your pain. He can heal your pain, given time. Just let him carry you for a while.

Or you may have lost a job, a pet, or some kind of relationship that was very important to you. I do not belittle any kind of pain that breaks your heart. Sometimes it simply comes from words that have slashed your heart with disappointment and disillusionment.

Any kind of pain affects the soul. Jesus wants it all given to him. He'll even let you yell at him until you're able to see the truth and then he'll set you free.

Trust him with all the pieces of your broken heart. It is just like a puzzle. It cannot become completely whole until every last piece is in place.

If you play games with God and hide a piece from him, he cannot make it completely whole again. So, trust in him. He is the gentle physician. He will make you whole again.

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

## Being God's angels can be a joyous task

By Rev. Sheree Harris  
First United Methodist Church

Last Sunday, when I walked into my office, on my desk I found a statue of a small angel bear. His flower-studded halo was cocked over one ear and one of his golden wings had been broken and glued back on.

On the bottom of this little statue was the handwritten inscription "For us: all your 'broken winged' crew! XO." XOX.

What a marvelous statement! It says so much. What a beautiful symbol! It stands for so much.

As Christians, we are God's angels - in the Biblical sense anyway. In Greek, the language in which the New Testament was originally written, the word we translate as angel means messenger. We are included (and in word) to be God's messengers, heralds of the good news.

Being God's angels is a joyous, thrilling task, but it is also sometimes difficult and draining, and occasionally we fall.

How blessed we are to have the church to which we can come when we are weary or need help or have slipped a little.

Church is where we can come straighten our halo and where our broken wings can be mended. It is where we are forgiven, nurtured, and loved so that once again we can soar as bearers of the good news.

The angels in the church may not always be angelic in the secular sense (i.e. perfect boys and girls), but I love my 'broken winged' crew!

If your wings or halo need repair, or if you're ready to soar, or even if you're perfect and you don't already have a church home, we'll welcome you aboard at First Methodist.

## COMMUNITY

### Library is staying busy

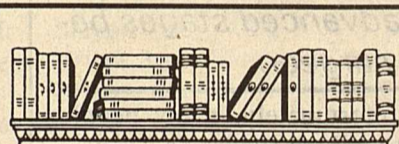
We have been very busy these past few months. Our circulation has increased since our hours have changed. We are now open three days a week until 6 p.m.

Our new hours are: Monday, 2 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Our fee collections are very strong. This includes fees from fax, copies, book sales, donations, late fees and memorials.

Since our patron use has increased, so has the demand for the internet. We have requested a sec-

**Library Notes**  
By Sara Terrazas



ond phone line to set up a second internet connection. This request has been granted.

We have received 150 children's books from the Mexican Council. They are books in Spanish that are donated to libraries along the border.

The library has been rearranged to allow more privacy to the individual groups. The internet, the computer and printer,

and now the young adult section all have special places. It is more user friendly now.

The next project is to rearrange the children's section to get it ready for the Summer Reading Programs.

The month of December showed 835 patrons using our facilities; 102 used the internet, volunteers donated 44 hours, and there were eight new cards issued.

### Christmas basket program for the needy possible because of the many donations

Christmas baskets were delivered to 111 needy Kinney County families last month. These baskets affected 361 individuals of which 116 were children under the age of 12.

The baskets were filled with canned foods, fresh fruits and vegetables, packaged foods, candy, fresh hams, bakery goods, toys for the children, etc.

Various Kinney County businesses, churches, individuals, and civic organizations came together to provide this help to needy families during the holiday season. A list with the names of all donors was enclosed in each basket.

The following clubs, organizations, and individuals made the deliveries: Employees Rio Grand Electric, Knights of Columbus, Brackettville Lions Club, Brackettville Rotary Club, Preceptor Theta Sigma Sorority, Las Moras Hispanic Club, Tootsie Herndon, Beta Epsilon Omicron Sorority, Alfred Pena, Horace Troy, and Beverly Wright.

Boy Scouts from Troop 257, and students from Brackett High School also helped with the loading and delivery of the Christmas Baskets.

Various Kinney County business, churches, individuals and civic organizations came together to provide help to needy families during this holiday season.

The following are cash contributors: Joann Mayberry, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bauguess, First United Methodist Church, Kinney County Chamber of Commerce, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Descheemacker, Brackettville Lions Club, H.E.B. of Del Rio, Mr. and Mrs. David Olesen, Fort Clark Men's Golf, Future Homemakers of America, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Edwards, Howard Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Powell, VFW Post 8360, Super S of Brackettville, Bob Burkpile, Horace Troy, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Brackettville Rotary Club, Preceptor Theta Sigma Sorority, Mr. and Mrs. Duanne Meek, Mr. and Mrs. Moe Francis, Gift Box of Brackettville, Kinney County Memorial Clinic, Anna L. Owen, Alamo Village, Marshall and Norma Conner, Fiesta Food Basket of Del Rio, B. Peter Pohl, Betty Inman, R.L. Kurtz, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Boysen, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McNew, John D. Classen, Fort Clark Springs Association, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Land, St. Andrews Church, Beta Epsilon Omicron, Betty Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Choppy Ambler, Mr. and Mrs. Hermanson, Rio Grande Electric and First United Methodist Church Adult Sunday School Class.

Many individuals also contributed toys, food items, etc.

### Council to address fireworks ordinance

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Fireworks in the city caused several complaints to be filed this holiday season.

It was determined that there has been an ordinance against fireworks in the city since 1928. However, up to the present time, there have been no known citations for breaking this ordinance.

Mayor Carmen Berlanga called for a special workshop to discuss this problem, and to decide in the future how this problem should be addressed.

**Fire Marshal Report**

Fire Marshal Faustino Sandoval Jr. reported that the Santa program by the fire department was dubbed a success. Santa passed out candy to 236 kids.

Sandoval said the city responded to one fire last month. It was a structure and brush fire. Four buildings were destroyed and 300 acres of brush. Arson investigators from Del Rio were called in and the incident is still under investigation.

### American Red Cross sponsors CPR course

The American Red Cross will also sponsor an instructor course on Jan. 23-25. The minimum age to participate is 17 years old.

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**Numbness or tingling hands can signal carpal tunnel syndrome**

Do you experience numbness or tingling in your hand, especially at night? How about a clumsiness in handling objects? Perhaps a pain that goes up the arm to as high as the shoulder?

If any of these occur often, you may be exhibiting the telltale signs and symptoms of an orthopaedic hand problem called "carpal tunnel syndrome."

In layman's terms, carpal tunnel syndrome is nothing more than an abnormal pressing action of one of the nerves that runs through the wrist. This nerve is called the median nerve, and it extends from the forearm into the hand through the "tunnel" in the wrist, called the "carpal tunnel."

A good analogy is a piece of conduit or PVC with an electric line running through it. The tunnel in the wrist is the conduit, and the nerve running through it is the electric line.

The bottom and sides of this tunnel are formed by the bones in the wrist. However, the roof of the tunnel is not made up of bone, but rather a strong section of tissue called a ligament.

If the median nerve was the only thing running through the carpal tunnel, there wouldn't be many problems.

But the hand needs more than nerves to function normally - it also needs tendons to connect muscles to bones and bend the fingers and thumb. Nine tendons share the space in the tunnel with the median nerve.

Again, an appropriate analogy would be to imagine a conduit or section of PVC but with many lines running through it.

The problem arises when the membrane covering the nine tendons enlarges and swells.

There is only so much room in the tunnel, so if the membranes covering the tendons get inflamed

*Health Tips*  
**Dr. Gloria Gonzalez**

*Unfortunately, many people wait until the syndrome has progressed into advanced stages before seeing an orthopaedic surgeon.*

- the presence in the hand of an electric-like shock or tingling (like hitting your funny bone) when the orthopaedic surgeon taps over the course of the median nerve at the wrist; and/or
- the reproduction of one's symptoms by holding the wrists in a bent down position for a specified period of time.

In some cases, the orthopaedic surgeon may order a nerve conduction study, which is a specialized test that can tell the orthopaedic surgeon the severity of the pressure on the median nerve and may aid her in making a diagnosis and formulating a treatment plan.

Mild cases may be treated by applying a special orthopaedic brace or splint, which is usually worn at night and keeps the wrist from bending.

Resting the wrist allows the swollen and inflamed membranes around the tendons to shrink, relieving some of the pressure on the median nerve.

There are also certain oral medications that the orthopaedic surgeon can prescribe to alleviate the swelling.

Another tool at the orthopaedic surgeon's disposal is a cortisone injection into the carpal tunnel itself. The medicine spreads around the swollen tendons and shrinks them, relieving the pressure on the nerve. The dosage of cortisone is small and when used in this manner it usually harbors no harmful side effects.

The effectiveness of nonsurgical treatment is often dependent on early diagnosis and early treatment. In fact, the earlier, the better.

Unfortunately, many people wait until the syndrome has progressed into advanced stages before seeing an orthopaedic surgeon, and by that time, the necessity for surgical intervention is much more likely.

In the patients who have the most severe cases of carpal tunnel syndrome, and in those patients who do not gain sufficient relief from the nonsurgical treatment mentioned above, orthopaedic surgery may be one's only resource.

The surgery is usually done by the orthopaedic surgeon in an outpatient setting, with the patient going home the same day.

The surgery itself is called a "release" because it involves separating the ligament which forms the roof of the tunnel (creating a hole in the roof), thereby releasing the pressure on the median nerve.

The procedure is performed under local anesthesia, which is injected either into the wrist and hand or higher up in the arm.

The best advice to someone who is experiencing numbness and/or tingling in the hand, clumsiness or pain as described, is to go ahead and make an appointment to get to see your orthopaedic surgeon to get it diagnosed and treated.

Carpal tunnel syndrome is one medical problem where early intervention can save you a lot of aggravation, as well as money, down the road.

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