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Brackett ISD is awarded \$110,000

By Aundrah Hill
Staff Writer

Brackett Independent School District was awarded \$110,000 from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) for the 2002-2003 school year.

The funds from this grant will enable the school district to purchase 50 new Pentium III computers. It also includes installation, monitors, accessories, one LCD projector, one Elmo document camera, one Hewlett-Packard printer, one server to convert to the new IP-based standard and a three year maintenance contract for all equipment. TIF will also provide TIFTech training to the teachers.

Superintendent Taylor Stephenson, said "Because Brackett is so isolated, TIF allows us to stay at the momentum of other school districts in the state of Texas."

"In the November 1st issue of Texas Monthly Brackett highschool was rated #1 out the top 10 lower middle economic group, I believe it is because TIF has kept us up to date on all our technology," added Stephenson.

Brackett ISD currently has 677 students. The vision that the school district has is to provide a learning environment where every student, teacher and staff member can access technology to enhance knowledge and curriculum.

"Over half of our teachers

use the computers for teaching tools," says John Paul Shuster highschool principal.

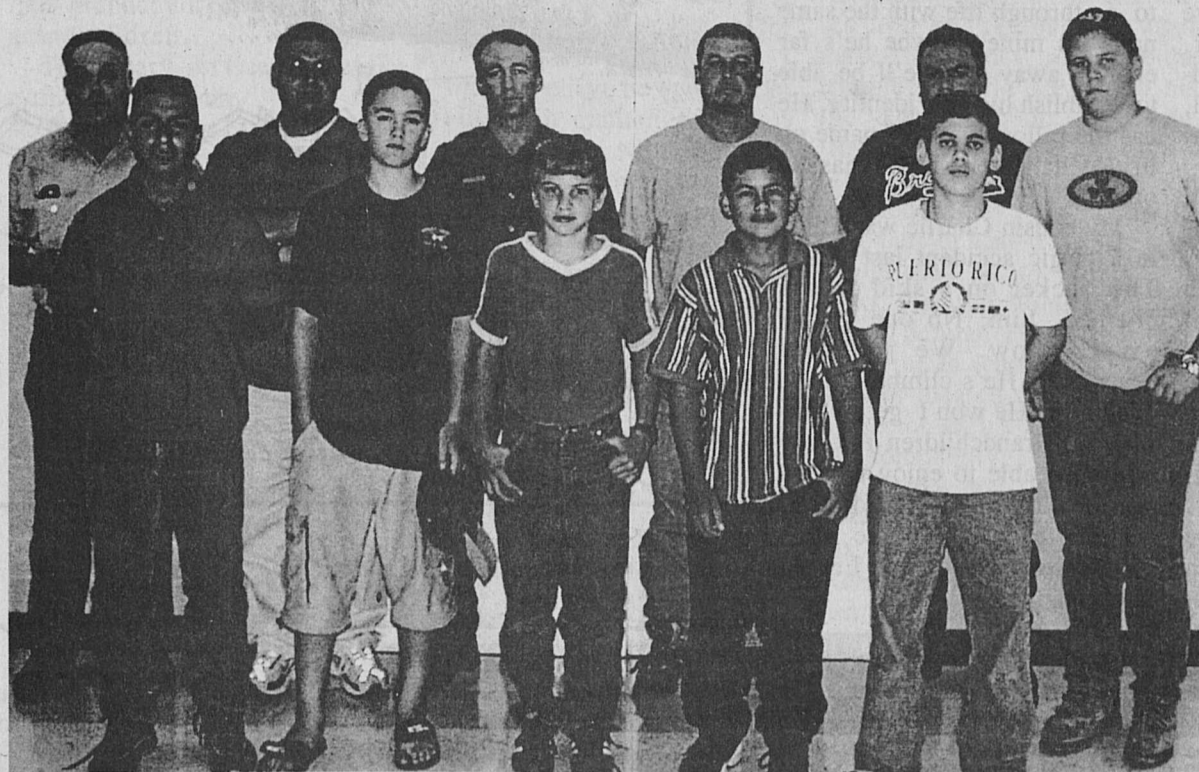
Brackett ISD now provides a networked system connected to the Internet on the K-12 campus. These computers and computer labs are available to all teachers and students. The highschool currently has a 28 station computer lab where business and keyboarding classes are taught. It has also been used by the staff for faculty in-service training. The school district has also opened the lab to the community for computer literacy classes. As well as having the lab, there is at least one computer in each classroom available for Internet access, e-mail and electronic gradebook.

"Not only do our teachers utilize the technology, but our students are exposed as well. By the time the students leave highschool they will have a full understanding of computers and be up to date on the different types of software," says Shuster

A side from what already exists at the school, two new labs will be set up with 25 computers.

As well as the computer labs a class room has been set up for a new video conferencing lab. All three labs will be located at the highschool.

"We are very fortunate to have the amount of technology that we do for such a small school," added Shuster.



Pictured above participants of last months Hunters Education Course. Front row from left: Arnold Pinales, Justin Calk, Brand Wylie, Ivan Pinales and Hector Febres. Back row from left: Instructor Jack Frerich, Roman Salazar of Uvalde, Jeff Duncan, Luis Mareno of Eagle Pass, Jose Ramirez and Patrick Rose. Not pictured: Caitlin Wylie, Eli Woolsey, Steven Boden and Game Warden Henry Lutz who is also an Instructor.

Tigers are going to the Playoffs

By Ken Wallace
Contributing Writer

Last Friday the Tigers traveled to Natalia to play the Mustangs in a very important district game. The Tigers won the game 28-20. The win would put the Tigers in the playoffs.

The Tigers forced a turnover on the second play of the game when cornerback Jared Hobbs deflected a pass and strong safety Boyd Brotherton intercepted the ball. The Tigers took advantage of the field position and scored when David Campos

crossed the goal line from 26 yards out. The kick failed and the Tigers led 6-0. The next possession for the Mustangs began and ended on the first play when free safety Lee Davis intercepted the errant pass and returned the ball 41 yards to put the Tigers inside the Mustang 20 yard-line.

Four plays later, Jared Hobbs scored from 9 yards out and Dave Campos passed the ball to Levi Duncan for the two-point conversion to give the Tigers a 14-0 lead.

The Mustangs then changed their game plan and went to the ground. They drove the ball the length of the field and cut the Tiger lead 14-7. The Tigers got the ball back and went the distance for another score. Hobbs

went in from two yards out to put the Tigers up at the half 20-7. The Mustangs cut in to the lead to six in the third quarter when their quarterback ran in from 1 yard out.

The Tigers stormed back to score again when David Campos ran in from 8 yards out and Lee Davis ran in the two-point conversion giving the Tigers a 28-14 lead.

The scoring was completed when a desperation heave by the Mustangs was caught for a touchdown. Final score: Tigers 28 Mustangs 20.

The win put the Tigers in the playoffs for the fourth straight year. The Tigers will finish up the regular season Friday against the Dilley Wolves here in Brackettville at 7:30.

Wild Game Dinner a success

This years annual Hunters Roundup had 50% more in attendance than last year.

The total number in attendance was approximately 450. Although there was more in attendance, there were fewer hunters this year. The majority were local residences.

The sponsors for this event were the Kinney County Extension Office, Animal Damage Control, the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce and Fort Clark Springs.

Total money generated was \$2,360 which was 44% more than last year.

Many donations were made by local and surrounding area businesses.

The food prepared for dinner was moulton, axis, black buck and hog. All the meat was prepared by Manny Pena, Tom Ertle, Stan Conoly, Robert Elledge, Paul Resendez and Doug Anderson. The rice was

prepared by Honey Bee Gomez and the beans were prepared by Ronnie Hobbs. Pico de Gallo and condiments were also provided.

While everyone mingled and ate the wild game dinner, entertainment was provided by Brackettville resident Jacquelyn Conoly.

Giving out door prize after door prize was John Paul Schuster.

The winner of the open class rifle raffle was local resident Tom Ertle.

The winner of the hand carved bear was Hector Sandoval of Uvalde, Texas.

The Spring Turkey hunt was won by Mike Pasket of Anderson, Texas. The prize was donated by Boursching.

The Mouflon Ram hunt was won by B. Brown of League City, Texas. The prize was donated by La Fonda.

The predator hunt was won

by Sam Davis of Fort Worth, Texas. The prize was donated by Kinney County Wildlife Damage Control Association.

The Eland hunt was won by Elias Carobajal of Uvalde, Texas. The prize was donated by Pinon.

The Youth Antelope Hunt was won by local resident Chris Blake. The prize was donated by Horns and Thorns, David Mann.

The one year recreational membership was won by a resident from Houston, Texas. The prize was donated by Fort Clark Springs.

Among the crowds of people were many booths from local businesses and organizations. Some of which include La Fortuna Realty, Kinney County Wool and Mohair, The Kinney County Water Advisory Board, The Trapping Club, Kinney County Extension Office and Kinney County 4-H.

Shahan speaks on upcoming election

Brackettville Rotary Club
By Frances McMaster

Last Thursday the Brackettville Rotary Club met with Darlene Shahan scheduled to speak.

Shahan is one of the Temporary Directors of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District, she spoke of the purpose of the group and the election on January 12, 2002.

Surface water, (water in streams and rivers), is owned by the State of Texas. However, the Texas Legislature has ruled that management of groundwater is a local responsibility.

Conservation is of utmost importance, but it is not the answer to the entire problem.

Areas of the lowest population will have less demand and may choose to sell water to more heavily populated regions, and regulation will be required for this to be equitable. At the present time, 45 groundwater

conservation and special districts exist in Texas.

The "Right of Capture" has been upheld in Texas courts. This allows landowners to withdraw ground water without limitations. Owner of the deepest, largest well can draw out the most water. Pumping limits, spacing requirements, and metering will have to be regulated.

The Groundwater Conservation District may adopt regulations to accomplish its purpose with limits established by the State of Texas. The District will have the ability to "levy a property tax each year to pay the maintenance and operating expenses of the District. However, this can not exceed ten cents per hundred dollars of assessed valuation. The district will only have this taxing authority if the voters of Kinney County approve it. All tax rates will also require voter approval.

Other means of funding may come from fees imposed on

water exported. Fees might include permit, export and production fees. A landowner would be able to sell his water outside of Kinney County, but the wells would be subject to fees.

Well regulations such as pumping limits and spacing are necessary to "minimize as far as practical the draw down of the water table or artesian pressure, and to prevent waste".

These regulations will be governed by guidelines established by the Texas Legislature, the Texas Water Board and the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission.

Deadline for candidates to file for the Initial Board of Directors is November 28, 2001. Early voting will be from December 26, 2001 through January 9, 2002. A Town Hall meeting will be held on January 7, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. The Election Day is January 12, 2002.

Briefs ...

Parent's Night

Parent's night is this Friday at 6:15 PM.

Volleyball, Cross Country and Football players will be recognized.

Both bands will play a tribute to all veterans at half time. The local Boy Scouts Troop will raise the flag. Brackett will be playing Dilley at 7:30.

This will be the last regular game of the season. The Tigers hope to finish the season 4-1 in district.

High School Principal John Paul Schuster encourages all students and parents to attend.

Science Fair

BISD Science Fair will be held next Wednesday and Thursday at the school library.

Judging will occur Wednesday from 10 to 6.

Awards will be given immediately after judging in the library. The public may view the project until the following day at 2PM.

Hunter Education

A Hunter Education course was held in Brackettville last month.

The 12 class hour course covered hunting laws, gun safety, hunting ethics, game management, first aid, wildlife identification and many other related topics.

Thirteen local and area residents successfully completed the 4 night course.

The course is required of all hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 and those going out of state to hunt.

Buckner Fanning

This Sunday Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist in Gruene Hall, with special guest Buckner Fanning - In the tradition of a New Orleans-style gospel brunch, we are serving up awe-inspiring gospel music coupled with a mouth-watering buffet catered by the Gristmill River Restaurant & Bar.

Brunch hours are 10:30 am-12:00 pm. For information or to purchase tickets, visit our Web site at www.gruenehall.com, call toll free from San Antonio (830) 606-1601, or stop by Gruene Hall in person.

Advanced tickets are recommended. \$19.50 for adults, \$8.50 for children.

Market Days

November 17-18 Old Gruene Market Days - Nearly 100 vendors feature uniquely crafted items, antiques, collectibles and packaged Texas gifts. Market hours are 10 am-6 pm. Free admission. Call (830) 629-6441 for information.

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Charles M. Hall

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

My cousin Charlie was born 10 days before I was. When we were growing up we were very close.

I would relish the time we spent together each summer. We shared many boyhood adventures. No tree was too tall, no barn too high. Our imaginations knew no bounds.

Once my grandmother Hall made pillows for each grandchild. She bought ticking, sewed it together, stuffed it with feathers and created a work of art.

Money was scarce and time was plentiful. After completing each headrest, she stitched each one of our names into the individual pad.

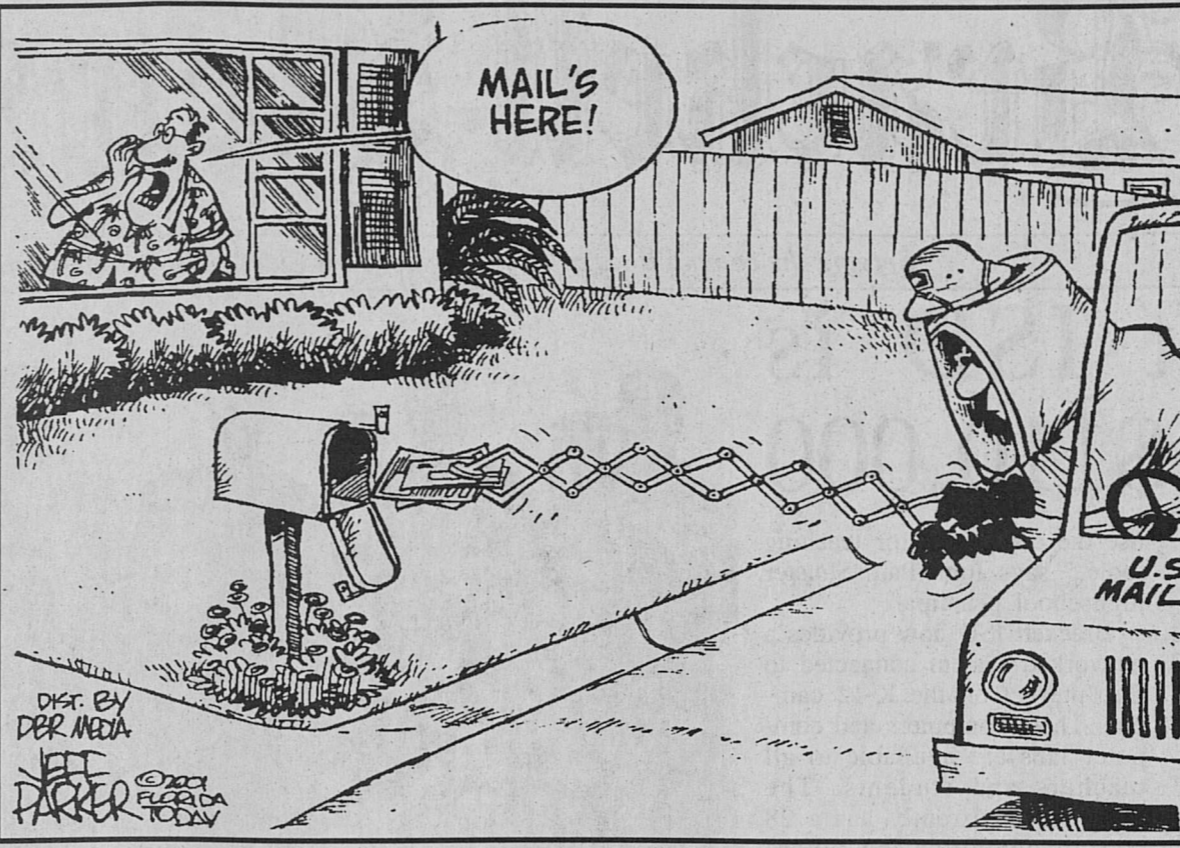
Charlie and I decided that we would exchange ours with each other. I'm not exactly sure what

our reasoning was, or even if we had a thought of any kind. You don't really have to be creatively intelligent at that age.

Charlie didn't get married until he was near 30. He named his only son Chuck. Poor kid has to go through life with the same name as mine. Maybe he's far enough away that he'll be able to establish his own identity. He has the pillow with my name on it. My daughter Charlie has the other.

My cousin Charlie was killed in a tragic accident last week. The bucket on a skid loader crushed him. No one knows exactly how. We probably never will. He's climbing taller trees now. He won't get to play with his grandchildren the way I've been able to enjoy mine. I guess I'll have to do it for him.

I'll tell them stories the same way he would have. But I could be wrong.



The American Way?

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

All my life I have heard that something or other is the "American Way." As is said in a former piece, Superman fought for "truth, justice, and the American Way." So just exactly what is the American Way, and is it being threatened today; and by whom and what is it being threatened?

Well first let's define the American Way. I believe that it is based on the Golden Rule - "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." That's simple, and danged near impossible to live by. Some of us try to follow that simple sentence, but few of us, if any, are capable of living up to such high standards. By nature we are selfish. And if we are to treat other people as we would like to be treated, we are required to perform in a more selfless manner. Such actions today are thought by many of the Me Generation as a sign of weakness. It is the opposite of the animalistic code many Americans live by in modern society.

The American Way is also codified by the freedom to succeed or fail on one's own abilities and merits. It means that if we try hard enough, we can succeed, we can be a "success." It means that patience, perseverance, and perspiration are the tools of a successful life.

That too is in danger. Today we have begun to believe that each of us is intrinsically endowed with a right to have things given to us by "The Government." If we try something new, the government is expected to guarantee our success. If we fail at this new something, the government is expected to pick us up, dust us off, and send us on our way to a new adventure, with our pockets stuffed

full of freshly printed dead presidents. We have in modern society given up the important right to fail. If we go broke we declare bankruptcy, change the name of our company and start again, none the worse for wear. Our creditors are the ones who take it in the teeth.

The American Way once meant that each individual stood up for himself. Now we have also given up that right. Now we are told that we are not responsible for anything that happens to us. If we are drug addicts, it's not our fault, it's a disease. Alcoholism is no longer a problem of a lack of will, it is a disease also. If we go nuts and kill our family, it was because our mother didn't nurture us properly when we were infants, or because our father spanked us when we were bad. If we rob a liquor store, it's because we are victims of society, not that society itself is our victim. Therefore, we have given up the right to be responsible for our own actions.

Marriage and the family are also parts of the American Way. But today both are crumbling away. The family is now "a village" which is required to raise a child. Marriage is merely a convenience.

Divorce is so easy and accepted that the first time we have a disagreement with our spouse we run to the nearest shyster lawyer and sue for divorce. There is no longer a need to resolve the problem, we just escape from it.

Part of the American Way was that we were all involved in one another's lives. This too we have abandoned. We don't want to be bothered with other people's problems: we have enough of our own. In our day-to-day lives we concentrate only on what serves us, not on what is good for the whole commu-

nity, or the nation. We are self-centered, stingy, begrudging, selfish, conniving, deceitful, spoiled and faithless. We don't want to deal with God because He demands too much, just like our neighbors. If we visit, either our neighbor or the local church, we might be drawn into something that is unpleasant.

It takes a disaster like the 9/11 attack to bring us back to our center, to force us to reassume the American Way of life. It takes such terrible disasters to bring us back to God. There is something incredibly wrong with this picture. If we turn to God and to our neighbors in time of national crisis, why must we studiously avoid them at other times?

Seems to me that if it's good in times of stress, it would be even better in times of contentment and happiness. I suggest that you contemplate the patriotism and faith in God you felt on September 12, 2001 and try to maintain that after the danger has passed. God is here all the time. Our neighbors are always our neighbors. Our country is always in need of patriots. Please don't let any of them slip into disuse again. That just isn't the American Way.

Isaiah 58:7,8,9 - "Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter - when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here I am." NIV

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Obituary.....

Albert Ortega

Albert Ortega, 53 years of age, passed away on Thursday November 1, 2001 at the Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital. He was born on October 18, 1948 in Brackettville and lived in Sweetwater for 25 years, formerly of Ft. Stockton. He worked for T & R Oil Field Service and attended Holy Family Catholic Church. He was married to Mary Ophelia Garcia of Sweetwater in 1997.

Survivors are his wife Mary Ophelia Ortega from Sweetwater. Sons, Valentine Ortega from Del Rio and Albert Ortega Jr. from Las Vegas, New Mexico. Daughter, Rosie Ortega from Del Rio. Step sons, Juan Palamo from Sweetwater and Ray Campa from Midland. Four step daughters Blanca Campa from Sweetwater, Christina Campa from Laredo, Cecelia Hoover from Lewisville, and Maria Madrano from Snyder, TX. Brothers:

Armando Ortega, Pete Ortega both from Sweetwater, Mario Ortega, Richard Ortega, and Nick Ortega all three from Brackettville. Sisters, Hortencia Pena, Diana Hernandez both from Brackettville. He also had four grandchildren and 15 step grandchildren.

The rosary service was at 7 p.m. on November 4th at the McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater. Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on November 5th at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Officiating was Father Mike Goode. Burial followed at Sweetwater Cemetery.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, October 29

2:30 p.m. Steve Thatcher, 26, from San Antonio, was arrested for Warrants out of Bexar County by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley. Posted Bond, released same day.

Wednesday, October 31

11:00 a.m., Adrian Oroasco, from San Antonio, was arrested for Bench Warrants by Deputy Bobby Guidry. Still being held.

Thursday, November 1

10:46 a.m., A woman reported being bothered on her job. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter responded to the call.

12:20 p.m., Mario A Rodriguez, from Eagle Pass, was arrested for a 2nd offense DWI by Trooper Welch. Posted bond, released 11/02/01.

1:36 p.m., 5 - Point lights not functioning. Reported by Deputy Fritter.

9:40 p.m., A man reported loose cattle on Hwy 277 North. Owner was notified to handle the situation.

Friday, November 2

3:10 p.m., A man reported a minor accident on Hwy 90 east 18 miles. Deputy Pena was notified as well as TXDOT.

8:10 p.m., A woman reported a 2 tone truck headed into Brackettville driving wreckless and at high speeds. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar was notified of situation.

9:15 p.m., A woman reported loud noises by a vehicle. Deputy Chism responded.

10:01 p.m., James Eric Krotzer, from Wimberly, was arrested by Trooper Richard Slubar. Posted bond, released same day.

Saturday, November 3

1:15 a.m., Jorge Alberto, 24, from Port Arthur, was arrested for PI by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie. Time served released same day.

1:15 a.m., Medina Sanchez, 30, from Mexico was arrested for speeding and no drivers license by DPS Trooper Wylie. Time served released same day.

4:40 p.m., Del Rio PD notified Sheriff's Office of a stolen freight liner. Trooper Ashley responded.

4:45 p.m., A man reported someone shooting at his house. Police Chief Alonzo responded.

6:53 p.m., A woman reported being harassed. Constable Mendeke responded.

8:00 p.m., Virgil Rolando Delvalle, 21, from San Antonio, was arrested for 1st offense DWI by Trooper Trevino. Still being held.

Sunday, November 4

2:53 a.m., A woman called in from San Antonio trying to get an urgent message to her next of kin. Henry Lutz, Game Warden was asked to find next of kin and give them the message.

9:18 a.m., Unknown caller requested deputy at Fort Clark Springs Stables. Deputy Pena responded.

9:30 a.m., Douglas McCarty Taylor, 40, from Brackettville was arrested for disorderly conduct by Deputy Pena.

9:38 a.m., Chief Alonzo requested a city employee stand by to keep an eye on a certain vehicle.

10:50 a.m., Kenneth Clapp, 47, from Brackettville was arrested for 1st offense DWI by Trooper Tom Wylie. Posted Bond released same day.

3:05 p.m., A woman reported animal abuse. Deputy Pena responded.

7:00 p.m., Deputy Pena re-

ported to S.O. stating the electricity was out at Fort Clark Springs. Deputy Pena then notified Rio Grande Electric.

7:47 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to a disturbance call at Fort Clark Springs Stables.

9:51 p.m., Century Security notified Sheriff's Dept. that School Ag Building alarm was going off. Constable Mendeke responded.

Murder By Membership Only

The Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts presents a delightful mystery comedy in two acts by Thomas Hischak.

Under the direction of Lynn McNew the cast of 9 in, "Murder by Membership Only" can be seen at the Post Theater next Saturday, November 10th at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, November

In Memory of Martin Kelso

When I think about it, I can't recall that he ever asked for anything. Although he was always willing, even eager, to help anyone, he never asked for anything. We knew him for more than expert repair to a flat bicycle tire out in the boondocks here at the Fort. He wouldn't, of course, take any money for that kindness.

I don't believe he ever sought payment in exchange for his help, no matter what that help cost him in time or effort or even expense. I suppose his pension, after years spent in the Custom Service at Eagle Pass, was sufficient to meet his needs, but that

cannot explain his unending generosity directed to the entire community. Many in similar or better circumstances sell, rather than donate, their skills and services.

What extraordinary services they were! He was endlessly curious about science and mechanics and processes and what makes things tick, and took the trouble to build ideas into his life. Countless hours spent at the library were evidence of his thirst for knowledge. He had traveled widely, and a significant part of that travel was accomplished on his bicycle, on treks through mountains and across deserts. He had invested and idle time in learning skills that he was pleased to apply to the problems of his neighbors and his community.

I really miss his old white panel truck, with the solar panels on top and an ingenious workshop within. He could fix nearly anything. He could open a locked door when a key was lost or mislaid. He knew about gardening, and roof repair, and

carpentry, and a host of other matters that complicate lives when they go away.

He thought deeply about national and international affairs, and had considered opinions which he shared in conversations with his neighbors and friends. Although he recognized the serious nature of some events, he was nevertheless an optimist who believed in the essential goodness of mankind. He would gladly discuss nearly any subject with anyone who showed interest but was careful to share, rather than impose, his opinions.

To say that a man - any man - was wise, and generous, and kind, and happy, and skilled, and scholarly, is accolade indeed and too rarely applicable. In the case of Martin Kelso, our long-time and treasured fellow citizen of Kinney County, these words of praise are woefully short of adequate. He leaves us rich with his memory, but poor in his absence. Farewell, Martin. We are glad we knew you. We will not forget you.

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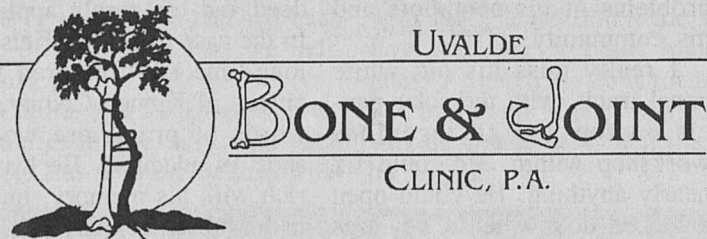
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Tigers make payoffs fourth year in a row

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

Congratulations to the BHS football team for making the playoffs under Head Coach David Yeager for the fourth year in a row!
The last home game of the season will be held Friday at Tiger Stadium when the Tigers meet the Dilley Wolves! There will be a special patriotic presentation at halftime. Parents of ball players will be recognized before the game begins.
Monday night, the school board honored our cross country girls and boys teams for a job well done. The girls won 6th place in the Regional Cross Country meet in San Antonio this past weekend.
Juliann Ashabranner came in 5th and will represent BHS at the state track meet. The cross country meet was fun to watch.

There was lots of interest and cheering going at the finish line.
Also, we could cheer our athletes as they began this grueling meet. They would circle the track after each mile of cross country running. We could cheer our athletes on there also. Thanks for a job well done! Good luck at state, Juliann!
Also, honored Monday night was the Migrant program at Jones Elementary and at BISD. The Texas Education Agency, division of Migrant Education, recognized these programs for notable achievement. Gloria Jimenez, migrant clerk, ably works with migrant students and families. Chuck Hall, federal program coordinator, writes the Migrant federal grant application. Good job!
New stage curtains are to be installed in the school auditorium next week. By the first of December, you will be able to

see the auditorium in all of its glory.
We will open the new technology building for its first training session this Thursday. Candy Hobbs will be teaching a computer workshop to 18 of Brackett's school teachers.
BISD's science fair will be held Wednesday and Thursday of next week. We're grateful to Karen Crumley, BHS science teacher and to our many science teachers who helped students with their research and science projects. Uvalde CISD has provided us with judges for the past couple of years. The public will be able to view the projects at the Intermediate School (grades 5 and 6) and at the school library on Thursday from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Thanks to parents and students for a job well done.
This past weekend, a college band reunion was held for Sul Ross Band members from the

years of 1952-1960. There were about 30 in attendance. We visited and remembered the glory days when Sul Ross had one of the two finest university bands in Texas. Many have gone on to achievements in music, teaching and academic excellence. Two of the members had doctorates in English and had taught at the university level for many years.
Our leader, Dr. Bill Thomson was a music theory teacher at Sul Ross who went on to write 15 books on the theory and composition of music. He ended his teaching career as Dean of the School of Fine Arts at the University of Southern California.
We had a great time at Mi Tierra and at the Menger Hotel Restaurant. The universal thread holding us together was a love of music. Have a great week!

Someone who swears will never mature in character

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Stephen, we need to talk. Let's go to the back yard."
Stephen looked away from the TV and at his dad's face hoping to see some clue about the impending conversation. Seeing a serious look on his dad's face, he decided to follow. "What's up Dad?" Stephen asked. "Did I do something wrong?"
Father and son reached the back yard and sat down in the lawn chairs. Bill looked at his son and then spoke. "Stephen, this morning Mom heard you say a couple of things that has her worried."
"What'd I say Dad? I don't remember anything bad."

"Mom said that you got mad and used the name of God to damn your sister. She also said that you use the name of Jesus Christ pretty flippantly at times as an exclamation."
"But Dad, all the guys at school say things like that. Nobody takes it seriously and I really didn't mean anything by it."
"Whether anyone takes it seriously or not doesn't lessen the wrong in what you say. When you say words like that you can never call them back into your mouth. Your words cursed your sister whom I know you dearly love. You also used the name of our Lord as an exclamation and it is not honoring to God. These kinds of words express something in your heart that you cannot be proud of. An

apology is due to your sister and also to your mother who heard your words.
Long ago a very wise man recognizing his own problem with words saw the need to guard his mouth so that he might not be destroyed by his own words (Sirach 22:27). The wise man tells us that we are not to allow ourselves to get into the

habit of swearing or of being too familiar with the Holy Name. The man who has the habit of such language will never mature in character as long as he lives (Sirach 23:9-15)."
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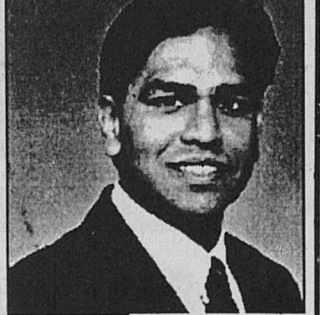
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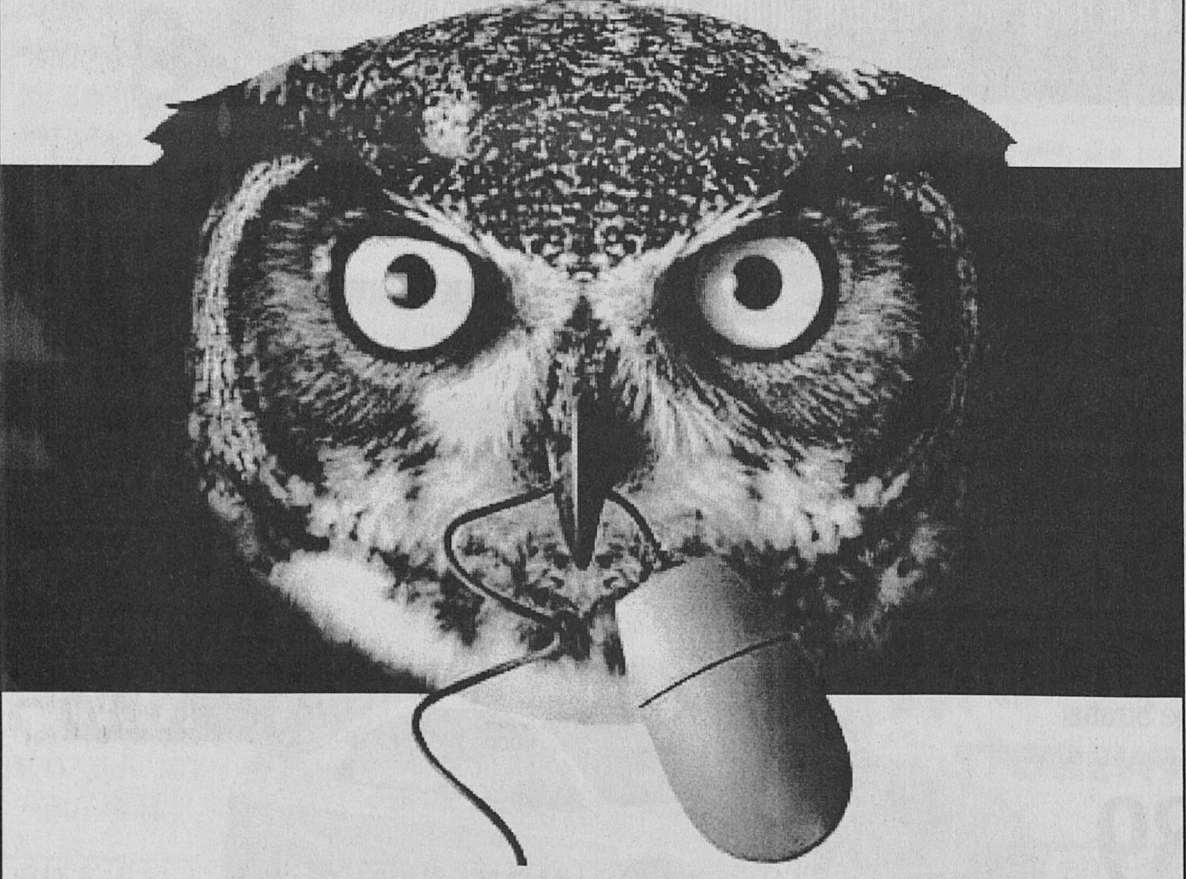
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Brackett Girls Team Place 6th Varsity Volleyball In Regional Cross Country Meet Lost To Yorktown 13-9

By Jenifer Harris
Contributing Writer

Both varsity boys and girls competed at the Region 4 cross-country meet in San Antonio this past weekend.

In the girls division there

were 156 runners and 24 teams competing.

The Brackett girl's team placed 6th as a team.

Placing in the top 20 were Juliann Ashabranner with 5th place and Duquesa Hunt in 14th.

Also competing for the girls division was Tammy Smith in 51st, Ashley Smith in 53rd, Nicole Mata in 66th and Stephanie Coronado placing 115th.

The 5th place by Juliann qualified her for State.

In the boys division the team

placed 24th. Placing for the boys are as follows:

Santos Buitron 114th, V.C. Gomez 144th, Jaime Montalvo 149th, Joseph Luna 153rd and Carl Dalton 159th.

Both teams competed extremely well at regionals and had a successful year.

The Varsity Volleyball lost to Yorktown on October 30th.

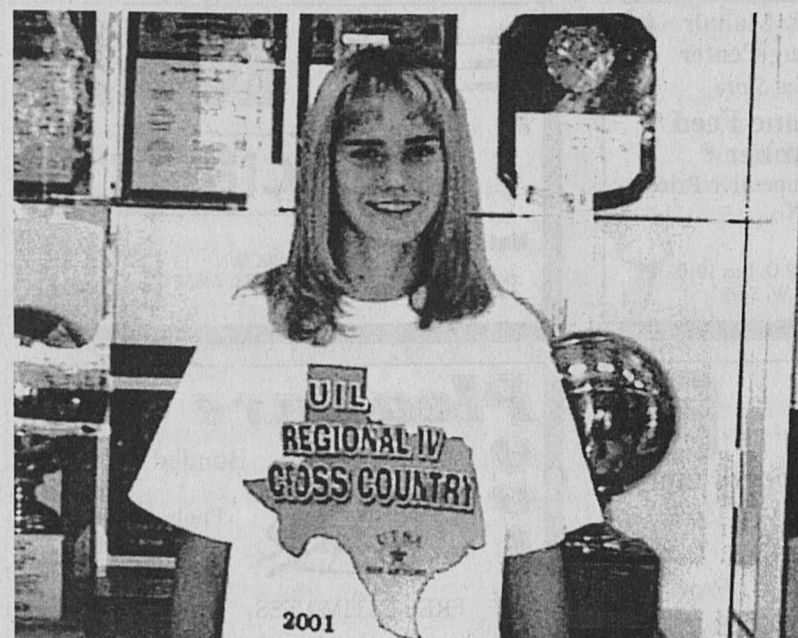
Scores were 15-5, 12-15, and 1-15. The leading scorers for the Tigerettes were Susannah Davis with 10 points and Duquesa Hunt with 8 points. Kills: Erica Meyer with 9, Mayra Aguirre with 4, Duquesa Hunt with 3, Stephanie Bonner with 2 and Vanessa Castillo with 1.

Assists: Susannah Davis with 17

Digs: Allison LaMascus, Duquesa Hunt and Mayra Aguirre with 2.

Blocks: Susannah Davis, Erica Meyer, Duquesa Hunt with 2 and Stephanie Bonner with 1.

The final team record was 13-9.



Pictured is Juliann Ashabranner winning 5th place with a 13:17 time at the regional cross country meet on November 3rd. She is now qualified to compete at the State meet on November 10th in Round Rock.

Cubs won 30-12 against Mustangs

By Ricky Creel
Contributing Writer

Last Thursday, the Cubs and Mustangs met at Tiger Stadium on a Jr. High district football game.

The Cubs elected to kick the ball to the Mustangs to start the game.

The Mustangs offense had a difficult time moving the football against the Cubs defense. The Mustangs first possession of the game was three and out, and the Cubs started their first possession on their 35 yardline.

The Cubs were having a hardtime getting the snap as they fumbled on their first three offensive possessions of the game. One of those fumbles resulted in a Mustang touchdown which made the score 6-0.

The Mustangs were getting all the breaks as they recovered the second fumble on their 45 yardline, but the Cubs defense forced them to punt the football back to them. A bad snap gave the Cubs the football on the Mustangs 35 yardline. Tres Rueda scampered for 10 yards and Brand Wylie hit Clyde Adams for a 20 yard pass play which set up a 6 yard touchdown run by Tres Rueda.

The two point conversion was good by Frank Hidalgo. After the third fumble by the Cubs, the Mustangs were moving down the field, but the drive was stopped when Ramiro Pina intercepted a pass and took it back to the Cubs 45 yardline. The half ended 8-6, Cubs.

The Cubs started the second half receiving the football, but fumbled it on the first play of scrimmage.

Jr Varsity lose to the Bulldogs

By Ken Wallace
Contributing Writer

Last Thursday the JV Tigers lost a hard fought game to the Somerset Bulldogs 30-7.

Eliot Stone took the ball on the second offensive play for the Tigers and ran 66 yards for the only Tiger touchdown of the day. During the run, Stone was injured and did not return to the game. Mark Kesteloot kicked the point after and the Tigers led 7-0. The Bulldogs came back to score 30 unanswered points to win the game.

The loss drops the JV record to 6-2. Next up for the Tigers will be today at Dilley to take on the Wolves.

That put the Mustangs in good field position, but they could not capitalize because Martin Flores caused a fumble that was recovered by Robert Sanchez and Ivan Pinales.

Cubs start on their own 45 and lose 5 yards on the first two plays which made it third and long from the 40 yardline. On the next play, Ramiro Pina gets to the outside and runs for a 60 yard touchdown. Tres Rueda scored the two point conversion which made the score 16-6, Cubs.

After a short kick by the Cubs, the Mustangs put a drive together and scored a touchdown. That made the game tight, but the Cubs did not let that affect them, as the Cubs drove the ball 55 yards to score a touchdown.

The Cubs had the Mustangs on the ropes as the Mustangs were passing the ball on every down, but that was stopped when Tres Rueda intercepted the ball and returned it to the Mustangs 10 yardline. Frank Hidalgo scored a 7 yard touchdown run.

The Cubs cap the scoring drive off with a fake extra point to make the final score 30-12, Cubs. The Cubs will travel to Dilley to take on the Wolves this Thursday for their final game of the year. GO CUBS!!

We will be playing both a Jr. High and JV Football game at Dilley on Thursday, Nov. 8. Jr. High will be at 5:00 and JV will be at 6:30.

The Jr. High game was not on the original schedule. Thanks ... Coach Yeager

Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

Thursday, November 8
5:00 PM JH FB Dilley (A)
6:30 PM JV FB Dilley (A)

Friday, November 9
7:30 PM V FB Dilley, DIST.
Parents Night (H)

Saturday, November 10
Cross Country State (Round Rock)

Sunday, November 11
Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 13
9:30 AM Quarterly Safety Committee Meeting
5:00 PM BKB JVG/JVB/VG/VB Menard (A)

Wednesday, November 14
Science Fair, Hunt Library

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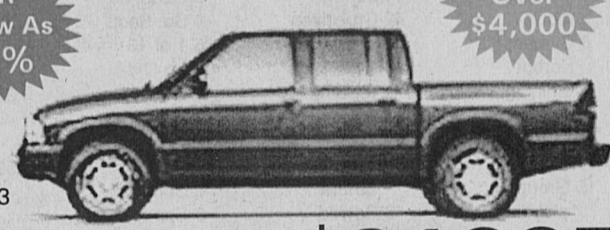
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ROARING TWENTIES

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions— forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

1. What is the unit of currency in Vietnam?
2. What county was physicist Niels Bohr from?
3. Whose plane was dubbed "The Spirit of St. Louis"?
4. In what musical do you find the song, "America"?
5. Which wife of Henry VIII's was the mother of Mary I?
6. Who won the Best Supporting Actor Oscar for his role in "Arthur"?
7. What language was Prince Albert's, husband of Queen Victoria, native tongue?
8. What is the term for the eggs laid by frogs and toads?
9. What was the name of the dog in the TV show, "Hart to Hart"?
10. How many hours ahead of Hawaii is New York City?

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ASTROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're taken by surprise this week when someone you haven't heard from in a while contacts you. A happy reunion ensues. Over the weekend, try to conquer those feelings of self-doubt.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The stars align in favor of new business interests. In fact, you receive well-deserved kudos. Later in the week, expect a minor disagreement with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're worrying needlessly over something you can't control. However, a friend puts this in perspective for you. This brings the two of you closer than ever before.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're calm and tranquil as the week begins. You'll need to tap into that when a midweek crisis erupts. Avoid a family member whose pessimism could affect you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Don't let your self-confidence get out of hand. Yes, you're dynamic. However, you don't need to remind everyone around you of this at every turn!

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) In general, it's a week of beneficial financial developments. Thus, feel free to look into that major purchase you're considering. The weekend is a slow, lazy time for you - just what you need.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The accent is on spontaneity in love. However, don't let this deter you from important work projects. Finish these before indulging.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Real estate matters are favored this week. Perhaps you find that dream home you've been looking for. Later, domestic matters take precedence over socializing.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A family member shares happy news with you. Later, you receive an intriguing social invitation to a special event. Don't pass up this wonderful opportunity.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) For some, a raise could be in the works. For others, it's a promotion and additional responsibilities. This weekend, tap into your positive energy.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Social gadfly that you are, some plans could be last-minute. Don't be afraid to jump in and enjoy. Not everything has to be planned to the last detail.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Share what's on your mind with your mate. This person has been puzzled over your recent behavior. Reassurances are needed.

Roaring Twenties Solution:

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2. Carnation	12. Pansy
3. Edelweiss	13. Peony
4. Fuchsia	14. Petunia
5. Goldenrod	15. Phlox
6. Iris	16. Poinsettia
7. Jasmine	17. Poppy
8. Lilac	18. Rose
9. Lily	19. Tulip
10. Marigold	20. Violet

Trust God with everything you have Pray The Lords Prayer

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

Learning to trust, at the very least is a hard thing for most of us to do and for some, it is impossible or nearly so.

We must learn to overcome fear and doubt and for each of us the process started at birth. As a new baby, we were totally dependent on someone else for everything. About all we knew in the beginning were things like comfort or discomfort, wet and dry, full or hungry.

Shortly, we discovered that we had a voice and we learned to use it. We learn to pull ourselves up, then we learn to crawl and finally we conquer our fear and take that first step. It takes nearly a year to accomplish what most baby animals do in only a few minutes.

Do you remember, how you felt the first time you found out that you had been used or lied to or was cheated or stolen from. First came shock, then hurt, then bitterness and even perhaps retaliation. At some point, you learned that not all people could be trusted. The more it happened, the fewer and fewer people you trusted, until nearly none at all.

Each of us, desperately needs someone that we can share and trust with our feelings, thoughts, hopes, dreams and secrets. Even when we fall helplessly, hopelessly, head over heels in love, we have to ask ourselves, "How much can I trust this person not to break my heart if I give it to them?" Is it safer to give them just a little at a time? Kinda' make them earn it? NO! Love must be freely given, but that feels so scary, so dangerous.

Life and love, come with no guarantees, we are forced to take chances, like it or not. We are most comfortable, when we are in the drivers seat, when we are in control. That's why there are so many control freaks in this world. You can not do everything yourself. As a matter of

fact you can do very little on your own. You have to, like it or not, depend on other people for most of life's necessities.

Unless of course, you can grow everything that you eat and drink. Make all your own clothes, build your own house and car and become totally self-sufficient in every way.

Well, you get my point, nobody can. We need each other. You trust, that the food that you buy is safe to eat.

You trust, that you are getting a fair market value for everything you buy. Yet, we find it harder and harder to trust anything or anybody that we cannot control.

If you find it hard to completely trust me and I find it hard to equally trust you, when we can see each other face to face, how can we trust a God that we've never seen. I will not lie to you. In the beginning it is hard. It is like taking that first step. If you hadn't turned loose and took a chance, you would never have learned to talk. As Christians, we walk through life

by faith. The more you believe and trust the easier it becomes.

Here's how it works, just as you first learn to crawl, then walk and then run, you learn about God and how to trust God by hearing his word and reading his word and going to him in solemn prayer. If you talk, he'll listen, you turn your problems over to him and he'll help you solve them.

Little by little, you give and he will always give back more than you gave. You give and he gives back even more. You can not out give God! You can trust God with everything you have, after all, he gave it all to you in the first place. He is your father and he loves you and he wants only the best for you and he expects only the best from you. When you give, give it all.

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

After this manner, therefore, pray ye;

Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as

we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you;

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

St. Matt 6:9-15.

Put on the whole armor of God

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charlotte Corey

In honor of soldiers everywhere, we remember the centurion of whom Jesus said, "I say unto you, I have not found so great a faith, no not in Israel." (Luke 7:1-10).

The soldier had come and humbled himself before Jesus, asking him to heal his servant. He had faith that if Jesus simply spoke the word, that his servant would be healed (without even

coming to his house, or seeing the servant).

Being a soldier, he understood the chain of command and believed Jesus had authority to command demons of sickness and disease to leave, even to command death itself to release its hold on his servant. His servant was instantly healed.

Soldiers of honor have always been men and women who honor others, who place others before themselves, are fair, just, and committed to do their jobs

no matter how thankless the job may be or how small their wages may be.

Often the price of freedom has been paid with their life's blood. Through the ages, men and women of honor have proven the steadfast faithfulness of God by using their faith in the midst of seemingly impossible circumstances.

They have trusted God to move in these circumstances and have committed themselves to hold the ground they have

gained.

In the same way, each of us are daily called to be soldiers of the cross. We are commanded to "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against powers, against principalities, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. (Ephesians 6:10-18).

Veterans and soldiers of Christ Jesus, we salute you. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Gods Relationship with his Creation

First United Methodist Church
By Rev. Ken. F. Sellers

We are quickly arriving at a season of thanksgiving. On the 22nd we will celebrate a day called Thanksgiving.

Late in December we will be giving thanks for another reason, the birth of Christ, The Messiah, The Deliverer.

I should probably remind all of us that we are allowed to give thanks every day for all the gifts we are given even when we don't recognize them as gifts. However, I will mention only one special gift at this time.

Because of birth, or perhaps because of immigration, we are gifted with the opportunity to voice our beliefs, our desires and our hopes by voting.

Last Tuesday we were called by our governing bodies to ex-

press ourselves through the voting process.

We were given options for varying offices and propositions and asked to make an educated decision about which to support. Most of us, well over 50%, tossed our gift into the nearest trash can by electing to stay home or simply ignore the opportunity and the gift it represents.

We have become an apathetic public, empowering our friends and neighbors who do vote to make wise decisions we must all live by for a significant period of time.

During the last presidential election we were gifted with an election which was so close that both sides still argue the outcome a year later.

It was an election that should have made all of us aware of the

power of the vote - but alas, we are still unwilling to take the time and effort to become knowledgeable of the issues and options so that we can make our vote count.

The gospel story is the story of God's relationship with God's creation.

In Genesis we read that God viewed God's creation and pronounced it, "Good!"

I think the gospel story empowers every child of God to see themselves as uniquely valuable in God's plan for establishing the kingdom.

As God's valued children, I believe that we are responsible to God for our actions and how they promote or inhibit the growth of the kingdom.

I believe that our system of government gives us the opportunity to use the vote to improve the kingdom's growth.

When we don't vote it seems to me that we have given aid and comfort to the forces that would see the kingdom destroyed.

It is not only patriotic to vote but it is also very much a Christian duty.

I hope you voted last Tuesday.

We invite the entire community of Brackettville to join with us in services of healing and wholeness again Sunday at 10:45 am, as we worship and pray and lift the Saints in love remembering the inheritance they have left to us.

The Holy Spirit helps us "Climb a Tree"

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn Mc New

When my oldest grandson was little he used to sing a song about Zaccheus. I don't remember all of the song, but Caleb used to sing, "Zaccheus was a wee little man, a wee little man was he. He climbed up in the sycamore tree, the Lord he wanted to see." I can still see and hear Caleb singing, "Cooooome doooooown, Zaccheus."

The story about Zaccheus is a familiar one—he climbed up into a sycamore tree because he was too short to see over the others watching for Jesus to pass by. Jesus called for Zaccheus to come down because Jesus was planning to stay at his house. Imagine how thrilled Zaccheus was when Jesus singled him out, called him by name and visited his home. Today it seems we don't have the opportunities to climb a tree to see Jesus pass by.

Often we forget that the Holy Spirit comes to us in surprising ways, if only we "climb a tree" to get a look. As a short person, I know what it is like to not be able to see over the people in front of you at a concert, the theater or a parade. It is easy to feel lost in a sea of taller people

around you.

Once I was walking through the airport in Salt Lake City, when a basketball team departed a plane and began to walk the same direction I was going. I felt completely surrounded, and a little bit nervous, because I couldn't really see where I was going. Being spiritually lost feels similar to being physically lost. We are uneasy because we are not sure of the destination or how to get there.

Jesus promises not only to save the lost, He promises to seek them out. In Luke's account of Zaccheus' story, Jesus said, "For the Son of Man has

come to seek and to save what was lost" (19:10).

The Holy Spirit reminds us to be vigilant—to watch for those people, those opportunities, those places in our lives where God is working to seek us out in order to bring what was lost to the true destination: life in Jesus Christ.

Lord, I thank you for Your faithfulness and for sending the Holy Spirit to be a beacon lighting the way to true peace.

You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. God Bless You!

First Baptist Church (SBC)

Corner of Ann and Veltman
Pastor: R. D. Holloway 563-2245
Sunday: Bible study for all ages 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Adult/Youth/Children Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesdays 7 p.m. Bible Study

Welcome! Church of Christ

808 N. Ann 563-2616
Sunday A.M., 9:30 Classes - 10:30 Worship
Sunday P.M. 1:30
Wednesday P.M. 6:30 Classes
Minister: Ray Melton

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Sunday Schedule:
Bible School at 9:30 am
Choir Practice at 10:15 am
Worship at 10:45 am
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On the corner of Fort and Henderson
Sunday Worship 9 AM
Sunday School 10 AM
Wednesday
Bible Study 7 PM
Pastor: Nathan Lafrenz
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"You don't have to sit on a cactus to learn how to jump."

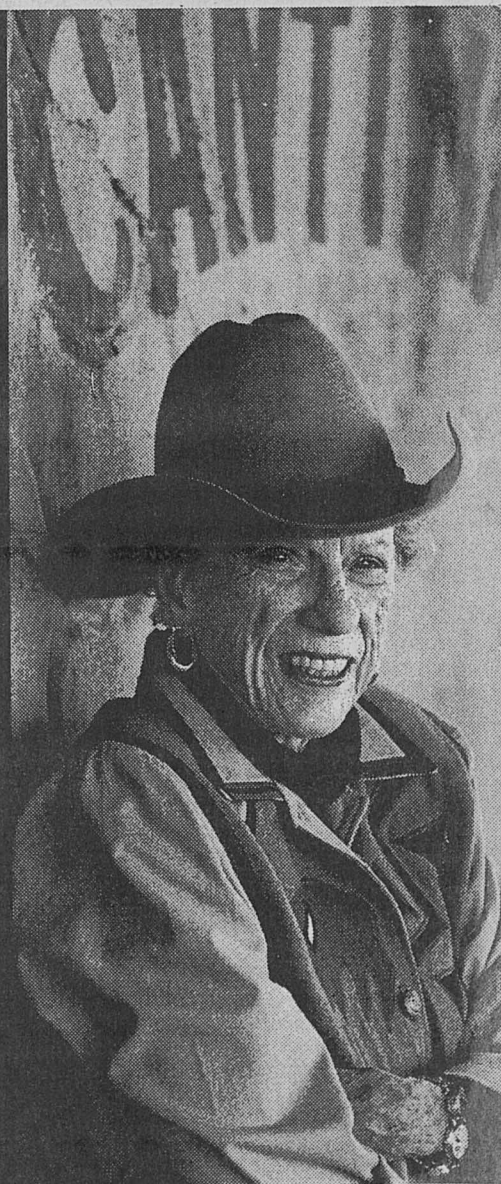
All that Virginia Shahan and her husband "Happy" knew about movies was the price of tickets when John Wayne asked to make a movie on their ranch. After *The Alamo* was released in 1960, the Shahans found themselves proprietors of a tourist attraction and movie set. More than twenty films have been shot at AlamoVillage and 20,000 people visit a year. Happy passed on in '96, but Virginia still manages the property, when she's not spending time at her ranch house with her eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Virginia counts on co-op power for her home and business. She belongs to a Smart Choice cooperative. What's "Smart Choice?" We're a coalition of Texas co-ops committed to making the right decision on electric deregulation.

Deregulation is a thorny issue and no one has a crystal ball to view its impact. Like many other Texas cooperatives, Smart Choice co-ops believe the wisest course is to "wait and see." Before deciding, Smart Choice co-ops want to know if deregulation has raised or lowered rates for other Texas power customers, particularly in rural areas.

Unlike private corporations, co-ops are owned by their customers. Your co-op's board of directors is elected to set policy that most benefits its member-owners. Your board is answerable to members and only to members, not shareholders or investment banks.

Electric cooperatives in Texas have been providing power to Texans since 1937. As co-ops, we are non-profit and member-owned. To learn more about deregulation, visit us at our web site, or call your local Smart Choice cooperative.



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Your Smart Choice Electric Cooperatives.

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- Comanche Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Concho Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.
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