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Briefs ...

Tiger hoopsters host Del Rio today at 6

The Brackett High School summer league basketball team will host Del Rio in a double-header tonight beginning at 6 at Tiger Gym.

The Tigers varsity team is coming off of a 49-20 win over Crystal City on Tuesday. Charlie Slaughter scored 14 points in the first quarter, including four 3-pointers, as Brackett jumped out to a 20-7 lead and never looked back.

Slaughter finished the contest with a game-high 18 points. Dietrich Davis also finished in double figures, posting 11 points.

Sabu Flores and Phillip Munoz each had six points in the game, Jesse Davis scored four, and Boyd Brotherton and Oscar Sierra pitched in two points apiece.

Agents apprehend 823 in Brackettville

DEL RIO — U.S. Border Patrol agents made 823 apprehensions in Brackettville in May, officials announced.

There were 5,404 total apprehensions made in the Del Rio Sector, including 2,046 in Eagle Pass, 1,056 in Carrizo Springs, 581 in Del Rio, 329 in Uvalde, 145 in Comstock, 135 in Abilene, 131 in San Angelo, 85 in Llano and 73 in Rocksprings.

Agents in the Del Rio sector seized 4,725.87 pounds of marijuana, valued at \$3,780,697.

Little League hosts closing ceremonies

The Kinney County Little League will be hosting its closing ceremonies this Saturday.

The players need to be there at 8:15 so they can line up and be ready to start at 8:30. They also need to bring a change of clothes so they can turn in their uniforms at this time.

We appreciate all the coaches time and efforts. Without them we could not have a successful program.

Meetings postponed

Overeaters Anonymous will be postponing its weekly meetings until Thursday, June 27, when members will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Kinney County Library Annex Room.

Water board sets pumping limits

Davis: Officials lack scientific information to make informed decision

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

In efforts to begin adopting rules and regulations, the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District adopted pumping limits last week based on recharge rates provided in a 1997 regional water plan released by the Texas Water Development Board.

The figures — 15,517 acre feet for the Edwards Trinity Aquifer and 98 acre feet for the Edwards Aquifer — are subject

to verification by state water board officials.

Board members Henry Fuentes, Don Hood, Darlene Shahan, Cecil Smith, Hadley Wardlaw and Bob Young approved the measure, while Zach Davis was in opposition.

The majority of the members felt it was imperative to adopt pumping limits before water started being sold to other communities.

“As far as I can see right now, they are fixing to start pumping water out to San An-

tonio,” said Smith, who serves as board president. “There is no pumping limit right now. They can pump the bottom of the aquifer out. If we wait down the road, they’re going to be pumping before we have any type of pumping limits.”

Hood made the motion to adopt the limits, adding that the board was mandated to do so under the law.

“I am covering my ass people,” Hood said. “I am doing exactly what they told me to do under the law. If we get sued

— and we will be sued, many times — at least this board is covered. I guarantee you I want to be covered.”

“It’s consistent with other district caps. I’ve talked to many managers and they say they adopted Texas Water Development Board information. This will protect our springs, especially Las Moras Springs.

“If we set the caps as mandated by Chapter 36, we will be able to control the exporting out of Edwards. If we don’t, the Edwards Aquifer Authority will

annex that portion of the aquifer and we will have no control. They’re breathing right down our necks, folks.”

Wardlaw asked if the board was “putting the cart before the horse.”

Davis said: “Way before the horse.”

“We don’t have the rules adopted yet,” Wardlaw replied. “Shouldn’t we have the rules in place first?”

Davis said a pumping limit of 98 acre feet for the Edwards
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Photos by J.J. Guidry



Vacation Bible School

Top: Elva Garcia (from left), 12, of Brackettville, Amanda Barnette, 11, of Long Beach, Miss., and Sam Childress, 11, also of Brackettville, have fun in the water Tuesday at the First Baptist Church’s Vacation Bible School. Left: Kathy Kluzek (standing) of Fort Clark Springs assists 4- and 5-year-olds with crafts.

Local teachers receive raises

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

The Brackett School District will continue to pay its teachers above the state salary schedule.

The School Board approved raises for the district’s employees Monday night during its monthly meeting.

Teachers raises range from a high of 6.46 percent to 1.55 percent on the state salary schedule. Brackett had been paying its teachers \$1,100 above the state base, but that figure will increase to \$1,200 for the upcoming school year.

The salary schedule provided by the state is for 1 to 20 years, but the local school district has steps up to 22 years.

“There is a state-wide shortage of teachers,” Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said, “yet, we continue to have fine teachers at BISD. We have added stipends for additional training above the bachelor’s degree. BISD has a low tax rate compared to most other area schools. Our teacher salaries are slightly below area schools.

“Salaries are a factor in a teacher’s decision to select a school. There are other things that are important such as community, safety, living conditions and administrative support. The board and administration hope

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Taylor Stephenson

to continue to improve teachers salaries and job conditions in Brackettville. We want the best teachers that we can afford.”

The school district’s paraprofessionals will receive a raise of 4 percent on the midpoint salary schedule.

“Although these raises are not large, we feel they are equitable for all teachers and employees,” Stephenson said.

The school district has an increase of 40 percent participation in its insurance plan. A total of 70 employees have signed up for medical insurance.

The district is mandated to provide \$225 for premiums. The state will pay \$1,000 annually directly to the employee for insurance costs or for additional compensation if the employee uses insurance policies provided by their spouse.

Insurance costs for the school district will rise from \$141,000 to \$189,000 during the next school year. This is an increase of \$48,000 and the state will provide \$27,820 of the costs.

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Rocky Mountain spotted fever confirmed at FCS

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Three of four ticks taken from a fox at Fort Clark Springs tested positive for Rocky Mountain spotted fever, officials confirmed this week.

Justin Henefey of the Texas Department of Health was at Fort Clark Wednesday to conduct more testing.

“We’re going to collect some more ticks here at the fort and have those sent off to see what

kind of percentage are contaminated,” Henefey said. “For example, 2 percent of the tick population at the Garner State Park area has Rocky Mountain spotted fever. That’s what we want to find out here.”

Results of the tests will be known next week, Henefey said.

Local officials were concerned by a growing number of sick animals in the county.

“There have been a lot of sick animals,” said Manuel Pena, a

technician with the Texas Wildlife Damage Management Program. “It’s been mostly, coons, fox and deer, with pretty much the same symptoms.

“I’ve had two or three friends of mine from Brackett that had dogs die. They sent them to the vet to find out what was wrong, and I know three of them for a fact were told that they died of a tick fever.”

Rocky Mountain spotted fever is one of a number of illnesses that can be caused by a

bite from an infected tick. With prompt medical attention, these illnesses can almost always be successfully treated. But if people do not recognize the symptoms and seek treatment, the illnesses can be serious, even fatal.

The tick most likely to carry disease in Texas is the lone star tick, common throughout the south and central United States, according to Jane Mahlow, a veterinarian and director of the Zoonosis Control Division at the

Texas Department of Health.

“This tick, which is about the size of a watermelon seed, will readily feed on human blood,” she said.

Symptoms of Rocky Mountain spotted fever include headaches, muscle aches and high fever. A measles-like rash also may be present. The disease is caused by Rickettsia rickettsii, a species of bacteria that is spread to humans by ticks.

“The tick has to be attached
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Fritter resigns from county

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Cliff Fritter is resigning as Kinney County’s administrator of the Road and Bridge Department. The resignation became public Monday during the Commissioners Court meeting.

“This is to notify you that as of June 28 I am resigning my position as administrator of Kinney County Road and Bridge,” said Fritter, as he read from the written report he presented to the commissioners.

“This will give you two weeks and four days to find a replacement.”

After meeting in closed session for 21 minutes, County Judge Herb Senne said the court would formally accept Fritter’s resignation during a special meeting Friday afternoon at 4:30.

The commissioners met in executive session to “prepare performance evaluation worksheet for the Road and Bridge administrator,” but took no action.



Photo by J.J. Guidry

Construction worker in good condition

AirLife transported Raul Garcia, 39, to University Hospital in San Antonio Tuesday afternoon. The construction worker received internal injuries and a fractured back while laying fiber optic cable north of Brackettville. He is listed in good condition.

Letter to the Editor

Support For Fort Clark Board Of Directors

I feel our current board of directors are doing an excellent job.

Remember the majority of members elected these members with the confidence that those elected would do the best job for our association. These board members own property and so they are dedicated to protect their values, as well as for all members of the association. Now, yes there is an "up-roar", however I feel it is not entirely the fault of the board of direc-

tors, but by the individual workers themselves.

The board feels that work was not carried out to the full benefit of the association and dismissed one person. They were looking out for the financial outcome for all members of the association.

The board is comprised of qualified individuals who have experience in varied businesses and have the knowledge of controlling expenses to the best of their ability.

Let's stand behind them and give them a fair chance to show us their abilities and give them the trust we have extolled upon them to manage Fort Clark Springs in a lucrative environment.

This is my understanding of the situation and if I have interpreted rumors incorrectly then I extend my apology to anyone I have offended.

Regards,
Ruth L. Spencer

Fort Clark Is Running Fine

That was the general manager's quote in the Brackett News May 30.

This is her view of running fine:

*Maintenance supervisor and 12 maintenance workers, fired.

*Another maintenance worker, with 60 years of service, fired. When this worker attempted to collect unemploy-

ment, that he indirectly paid into for decades, this heartless general manager fought and stopped him from collecting what he worked long and hard to earn.

* Office manager, 8 years and two-time employee of the year, resigns.

* Restaurant manager, 3 years with Fort, resigns.

* Currently 21 grievances

from 6 departments are filed against management.

* 9 hole coarse, green areas and most areas of the Fort are over-run with weeds and brush.

* Brush pick-up that was weekly is now monthly at best.

* Some trash pick-up is 2 to 3 days late.

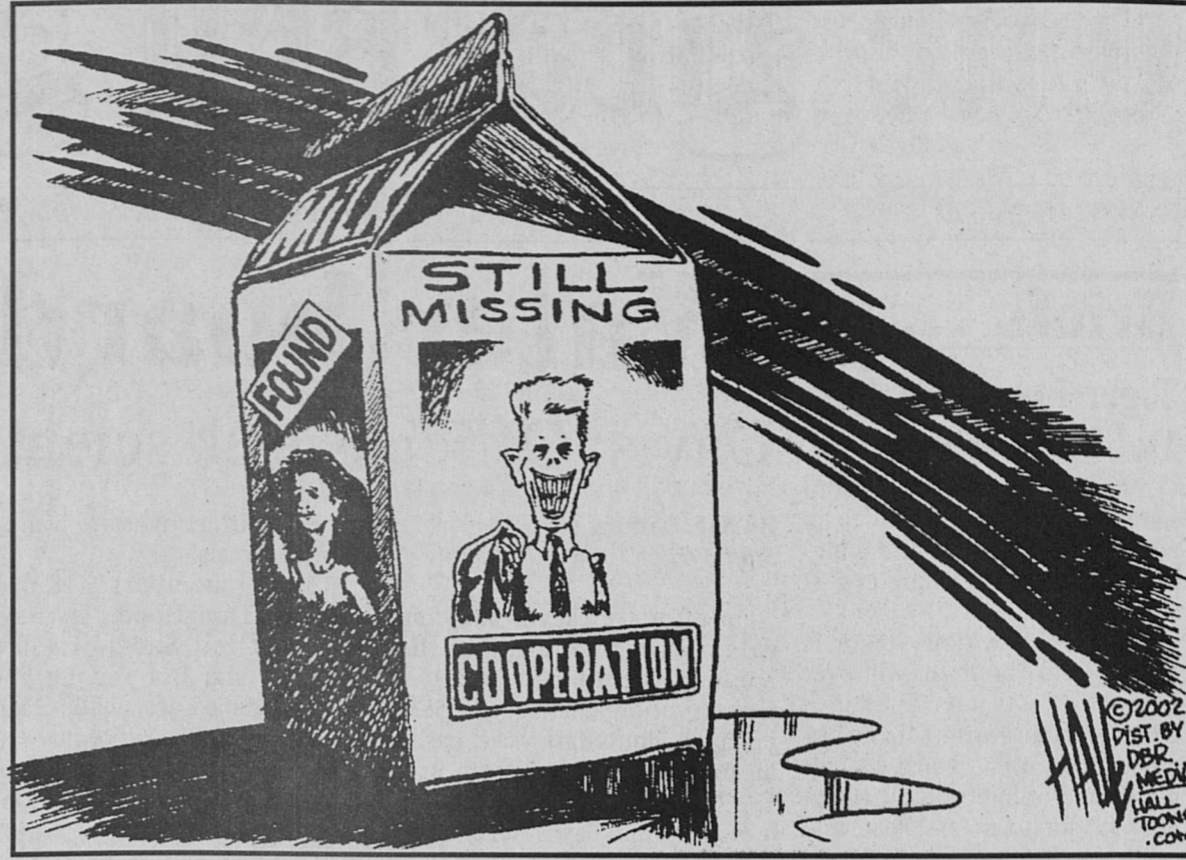
Now, how did that go again, Fort Clark is Running Fine? The only thing missing now is a pocket watch swinging in our faces so we can all repeat that lie over and over until we begin to believe it. This whole mess, in my opinion, is clearly a case for removal of an incompetent manager and if certain board members refuse to do their duty, then they too should be removed. I believe all this chaos is the result of a general manager with bizarre behavioral problems and an enormous ego.

Also, from my experience, this manager has difficulty telling the truth, and obviously lacks people and management skills.

Finally, Mr. Glen White states, in his letter to the Brackett News, that we have lost 9 managers since 1990 and that, "It is ludicrous to cling to the belief that this many people can be incompetent." Sir, please explain this logic to the person you defend.

In one year, under this manager, we have lost at least 16 employees. It is ludicrous, for 5 prideful board members and 1 manager, to cling to the belief that this many people can be incompetent.

David Reinhold



For the children

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

Have you noticed that the latest politically correct idiocy is to make everyone equal in everything?

We have become so afraid that we are going to bruise the fragile psyche of our overprotected children that we simply don't correct them, tell them they can do better than they are doing, push them to excel, or anything else that might make them better or allow them to understand that they may not be the best at everything.

Now the school system in Boston, where else, is not going to announce class ranking of their seniors.

Yep, no more valedictorian or salutatorian.

It just isn't right to have someone singled out as the best student in the class. It might make the slackers and under-achievers feel bad!

Next we'll have to do away with the Olympic Games because the losers feel bad about it. What garbage!

We have again set a new level of stupidity. We are so afraid of making someone feel bad that we are terrified of rewarding

someone for doing a great job.

We are so worried about bringing the slower kids up to average levels that we have forgotten to challenge and reward the kids who show brilliance. It simply wouldn't do to have little Johnny know that Jimmy is a better student, that might scar Johnny and retard his development.

The fact that Jimmy is held back and bored to death while the teacher spends all his time trying to explain to Johnny the problem that Jimmy understood two weeks ago is not even considered in today's liberal environment.

Oh, sure, some schools still have programs for "gifted and talented" children, but they are pale and under funded when compared to the billions spent on programs intended to help the poorer students.

This seems like a noble cause on the surface, but what we are really doing is dumbing down our bright students to match our slower students.

We are sacrificing our future scientists and national leaders for the sake of some kid's bruised ego. I always thought that the competition to be the

best student spurred the slower students to higher accomplishments. Now, at least in Boston, what is the advantage of being the best and brightest? Who cares?

Nobody is gonna know it anyway. Heck, why even give grades at all? Hey, I got an idea that'll solve this whole dilemma; let's just not have any school! That way we don't have to worry about some child being scarred for life by the horrific knowledge that he isn't the next Albert Einstein.

Sheesh, people get a life! Give credit where credit is due and try to get the Sweat Hogs to work harder, but don't penalize excellence. That is a disservice to the students and to the nation as a whole.

Hey, hey, here's one for you: the P.C. Gestapo has deemed *The Three Little Pigs* story too violent for children. Now some Connecticut liberal named James Thomas, who probably has two left arms and no guts or brains, has written a new version called *The Four Little Pigs*. In the new version "a fourth pig talks the big, bad wolf out of his lust for pork by challenging the wolf's stereotypes about the tastiness of pigs.

Rather than resorting to violence, Thomas said, children should be shown that peaceful resolution is a better solution."

These people have not just lost touch with reality, they have lost touch with earth!

And here's an interesting tidbit for you: Did you know that between 1990 and 2001, the number of all-talk radio stations grew from 200 to over 1300? And here's the kicker - the overwhelming majority of those stations provide conservative, not liberal, programming. Wanta know why?

Well, according to the folks who are supposed to know these things, there is simply no market for liberal political talk shows.

Nobody wants to hear that namby-pamby garbage. Amazing! Maybe there is still hope after all.

But the liberals have gone on the attack. They are calling all the conservative talk shows "Hate Radio." Yeah, I'll bet they hate it all right, but the truth only hurts those who have something to hide. And can you imagine a liberal talk show? They would set around for an hour telling each other how evil the conservatives are and how all the old people are gonna starve to death, and then raise everyone's donation to the coffee fund claiming it is "for the children."

If you really want to do something good for your children, set down as a family each night for a half-hour and study the Bible; then try to live according to God's word.

Psalm 57:1 - "Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed."

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Big Mama
Sez!



Medical science says
aspirin can't cure the common
cold. Neither can medical science.

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Changing the Legacy of the past into future opportunities

Submitted by
Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez

Washington, D.C. - As Congressman for the 28th District of Texas, I represent a very large and diverse part of Texas. Roughly the size of New Jersey and Connecticut combined, the 28th District encompasses both very urban and very rural areas.

As the economy of Texas constantly changes, we have all witnessed industry moving to these areas and, sometimes, watched the respective industries fail or move away.

Often, when these industries disappear, they leave behind a legacy of untreated waste, contaminated soil and other detrimental side effects associated with industrial production. As communities attempt to redevelop these sites, they are often met with the challenges of cleaning up and restoring the land, often called "Brownfields," so it can be reused for other economic purposes.

Brownfields are defined as abandoned, idle or under-used property where expansion or re-

development is complicated by real or perceived contamination.

There is widespread consensus over the need to clean up an estimated 500,000 Brownfield sites across the country. I share the belief of many that by promoting the redevelopment of these sites and revitalizing the communities around them, local jurisdictions will improve the quality of life, the environment, and the economic potential in these areas.

While some states have established programs to encourage Brownfields cleanup and redevelopment, liability involving the sites remains controlled by strict environmental standards. Developers are often reluctant to purchase Brownfield sites out of concern they will become entangled in legal disputes and be forced to pay for expected cleanups.

Congress has sought to assist in the environmental cleanup and economic development of Brownfield sites through a program called the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

While this program has been successful, Congress is now working to streamline and accelerate the process for communities to apply for a Brownfields Economic Development Initiatives (BEDI) grant.

BEDI grants are awarded on a competitive basis to communities and states in support of economic development activities

that will help communities reclaim abandoned or vacant properties.

The process for obtaining one of these grants, however, is cumbersome and lengthy.

This past week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act (HR 2941) which now has been sent to the Senate for further consideration. The proposed legislation simplifies the process for obtaining a HUD grant to clean up Brownfields sites.

The bill (HR 2941) eliminates the requirement that communities secure a loan guarantee in order to obtain a HUD grant to clean up Brownfields sites. De-linking the Brownfields grants from the loan guarantees is particularly important for small cities because they often have great difficulty in securing those guarantees.

Many communities have enough obstacles to spurring economic development without the additional complicated process involved in the restoration of Brownfield sites.

Too often, these sites are left vacant with no prospect of development.

This impediment to economic development should be removed.

We now have an opportunity, through the redevelopment of Brownfield sites, to improve both the environment we work and live in as well as our local economies. It is time we do so.

Read the
Brackett News
to find out
what's going on
in and around
Kinney County

MRGDC awards \$830,693 in scholarships for low-income youth Commissioners to meet Friday

The Middle Rio Grande Development Council's youth-ACES College Bound program started June 1 with the departure of some 150 students from Workforce Center parking lots across the nine-county region to study at Texas universities during the summer.

The scholarships provided by the youthACES program totaled \$830,693 for the three schools participating in this year's program — Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde, TAMU in Laredo and Texas A&M in Kingsville.

The mood was solemn as the young people said tearful goodbyes to parents, friends and siblings, and hesitantly climbed aboard their buses and vans.

For the next two months these students, who would otherwise have had little chance at a higher education, will spend their summer days living the college experience. They will take courses for college credit, live on campus under supervision and engage in work-study for some extra money, although all other

expenses have been paid for through their scholarships.

The funding for this program comes from the Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board and includes a \$300 clothing allowance for each student to buy new clothes and other accoutrements they will need during the next two months away from home.

As the fourth component of the youthACES achievement program, the College Bound component engages newly graduated seniors in activities that center around the college experience. The summer months will be filled with working and studying that will help the participants to decide whether or not they want to continue their educations.

All workforce services are funded by the Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board.

A workforce center is located in every one of the nine counties that make up the Middle Rio Grande Region. The Kinney County center is located at 201 E. Spring St. For more information, call the center at 563-2021.



College bound students
Sarah Gammill (from left), Ana Talamantes, Aracely Trujillo and Diamantina Flores prepare to depart for their summer College Bound experience at Southwest Texas Junior College.

The Kinney County Commissioners Court will host a special meeting Friday afternoon at 4:30.

Officials will consider applying for a Historical Landmark designation in the Texas Registry of Historical Landmarks for the Kinney County Courthouse.

The court will also hear Grade and Step Committee recommendations concerning an employee in the Sheriff's Department.

The commissioners are scheduled to accept the resignation of Clifford Fritter, Road and Bridge administrator, effective June 28. They will also discuss posting and advertising the job vacancy, and set position opening, closing, selection, entry date and rate of pay.

Officials will also consider requests for department budget adjustments and review, revise and amend the budget as needed, along with examining and approving all of the county's accounts and bills.

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EMT intermediate course is completed Missed opportunities

EMS Update
By Carolyn Rutherford

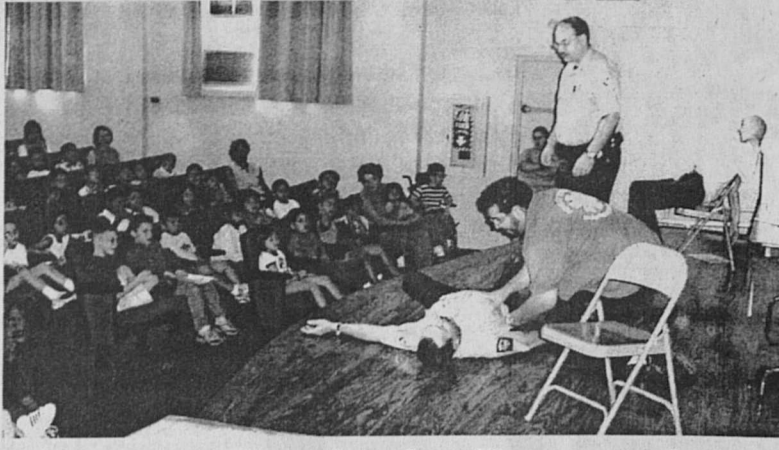
It looks like our EMT intermediate course is completed, at least in the classroom. All that is left is the hospital and ambulance internships and the final exam.

Edgar Guadarrama and Abel Mendez have been real troopers and completed most of the requirements. When you see them, be sure to "pat 'em on the back." We will start another course, EMT basic, on Tuesday. We still have some details to pin down before we have all the arrangements made, but the course will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Please be sure to call the office or come by to sign up.

Hazards and Disasters
Here's an interesting bit of information from "American Landscapes: Regionalization of Hazards and Disasters."

Meteorologists have said that Texas outranks other states (because of its size and location) in deaths and damage from tornadoes and floods. Between 1975 and 1998, we have suffered the effects of tropical storms, hurricanes, tornadoes and floods to the point that "the Lone Star State is the most storm-hazardous place in the country."

Eblen to Speak
Do you know how to tell when deadly weather is approaching? Do you know what



EMT Edgar Guadarrama shows Jones Elementary students how to help someone out who is having a heart attack while EMT James Blankenship explains. EMT Chris Calk was acting as the patient. The demonstration was part of the events during National EMS Week in May.

to do if you see severe weather headed your way? 9360.

Once again, National Weather Service meteorologist Larry Eblen is presenting another highly useful and timely course for Kinney County Skywarn on Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Fort Clark Springs Post Theater.

Specific topics covered are flooding and flash flooding, tornado and severe weather indications, and safety rules in flooding and severe weather.

Even if you have recently attended one of Mr. Eblen's courses, you will continue to learn more about his urgent message. We are also hoping to recruit some more storm spotters. If you need more information, please call your Skywarn contact, Walt Bauguess, at 563-

In an Emergency ...

If you need to report an emergency, call 9-1-1. If you have questions about Kinney County EMS or emergency management, please call us at 563-9090 or visit 401 S. Ellen St. any time between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. We're there unless there is an EMS run.

The first ambulance committed to a run is staffed by at least two EMS certified personnel, which is TDH's minimum standard requirement. Because of a personnel variance granted by TDH, our EMS is permitted to respond to subsequent simultaneous runs with less than state required personnel. Please note that our patients are always attended by at least one TDH certified individual.

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Ed, let's talk." Stephanie's voice had a serious tone.

Turning his head from the TV Ed responded to his wife, "What's up?" "I'm looking at the kids' final report cards from school," Stephanie said. "Their grades are not bad but they're not as good as they could be."

"Steph, maybe your expectations are too high," Ed responded. "I really don't think so," she said. I think we can do some things over the summer to strengthen what the kids have learned for next school year. I think we've been a little slack."

"You're serious aren't you Honey? I'll turn off the TV. Let's talk. Stephanie began. "First off, it's going to take a lot of effort and time. Our kids are smart enough to go to college some day. I'd like to see them take advantage of opportunities you and I never had. We'll have to set some different priorities for our time and work hard."

"You mean like spending less time watching TV?" Ed asked sheepishly.

"That's right," said Steph. "It also means changing the programs we watch. There are several channels that have good educational programming. We can spend time watching them with the kids and discussing what we see."

"I think we could spend more time reading," Ed chimed in. "And we need to limit time at the computer unless its time spent in educational things."

Stephanie continued, "We also need to limit time outside of the family and do more things together. We've gotten awfully careless about letting outside things take over and we lose our family time. If we work on these things this summer, we can build some good habits for

when school starts next fall."

At the end of life the greatest sorrow is to remember the missed opportunities with our children. It is a wise father who leads his family and sets the example in the doing of all things good. It is a wise mother who adds kindly counsel.

This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and education.

Putt, Putt, Putt

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

One more thing about lawn mowers and I promise to quit. The old mower was a 22-incher. For you non-lawn-mowing folks, that means it cuts a swath 22 inches in width.

Naturally, when I wanted a new apparatus to cut the grass, I purchased one of the same dimensions. I am used to making only so many circles around and around the yard. Being a creature of habit, I do not wish to change my routine. I definitely don't want to take any more time nor effort than is absolutely necessary.

The first time I mowed a section of the lawn, a portion that always took three trips down the

old cutting lane, I found myself on the fourth journey. Not a pleasant discovery.

Have we switched to a new method of measuring mower blades? What has happened here? Why isn't an inch still an inch?

I know that TVs are measured diagonally, but how can a length of steel be gauged in any other manner?

The length of the actual blade is the only possible discrepancy. I have a plan.

Before I dispose of the old mower, I'll take off the blade, put it on the new mower, and test it.

I know I am mechanically talented enough not to foul this up. I'll let you know how this all turns out. But I could be wrong.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, June 4
9:50 p.m., A man reported his driver license lost.

Wednesday, June 5
12:30 a.m., Deputy Karl Chism responded to a report of family violence.

12:43 a.m., Ben Tovar, 44, from Brackettville, was arrested for public intoxication by Deputy Chism and Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo.

Friday, June 7
5:30 p.m., A woman reported peddlers in a local store's parking lot. Constable Cordelia Mendeke, Deputy Chism and DPS Trooper Tom Wylie were notified.

6:15 p.m., David Hopper, 21, from Universal City, TX, was arrested by Constable Mendeke for warrants out of Bexar County. Hopper is still

being held.
7:45 p.m., Charles Thomas Drake, 31, from Buna, TX, was arrested for driving while intoxicated by DPS Trooper Tully Welch. Drake was released the next day on a bond.

Saturday, June 8
10:00 a.m., A woman reported that she wanted her money back on a dog she bought. Deputy Bobby Guidry

responded and advised the woman the JP would review it.

Sunday, June 9
6:55 a.m., A border patrol agent from Cline's check point reported an intoxicated motorist.

7:30 a.m., DPS Trooper Tony Ashley reported two men on the side of Hwy 90 east. Deputy Guidry was advised and transported one of them to the

station.
8:00 a.m., Robert Floyd Vick, 49, from Colomba, Mich. was arrested for outstanding warrant from Indiana by Deputy Guidry.

8:00 Manuel Torres Almaraz, 22, from Brackett, was arrested for driving while intoxicated by Trooper Ashley.

Monday, June 10
2:50 a.m., Deputy Manuel

Pena reported signs from the Texas Department of Transportation were down at FM 2804.

6:40 a.m., A man reported dogs were killing his goats. Deputy Pena responded and advised the owner of dogs.

8:16 a.m., Sentry Security reported the alarm was on at a local ranch on Hwy 90 east. Deputy Johnny Fritter was notified.

Jennifer Peña
y Los Jets

Thursday
June 13
10 pm

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La Onda Tejana

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Brackett I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, June 24, 2002 in the Trustee Board Room of the Central Office Building, 400 Ann St., Brackettville, TX 78832.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.1800	\$0.0875	* \$1.2675	\$1,771	\$4,804
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.1310	\$0.0823	* \$1.2133	\$1,771	\$4,804
Proposed Rate	\$1.2100	\$0.0875	* \$1.2975	\$2,135	\$5,023

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$28,508	\$29,110
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$0	\$548
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.2675	\$1.2975
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$0.00	\$7.11
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$7.11

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.3422. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.3422.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,000,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

New basketball coach hired Creel to take over girls' hoops program

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Charlie Marquardt has been named the new head boys' basketball coach at Brackett High School.

Marquardt replaces Ricky Creel, who is taking over the girls' basketball program.

In addition to his basketball duties, Marquardt will be an assistant football and baseball coach. He is expected to teach high school history.

"I think Coach Marquardt will bring some valuable experience to our staff," BHS athletic director and head football coach David Yeager said. "He is a good person, a quality individual and a good coach."

"He has had a lot of success in basketball. I think he is going to do a good job in that capacity," Yeager added.

Marquardt has 16 years of coaching experience, including 12 years as a head basketball coach. He has been a defensive coordinator in football and coached the shot put and discus throwers at 4A New Braunfels since 2000. He was previously

"God works in mysterious ways. Our prayers were answered. We feel we're just blessed to be able to work in Brackettville."

Charlie Marquardt

a head basketball coach at high schools in Ganado, El Campo and Pleasanton.

Marquardt said he and his wife, Rhonda, had always hoped to work and eventually

retire in Brackettville. His wife's family owns land in Kinney County.

"My wife and I have tried to get out to Brackettville for a number of years and nothing ever really opened up until recently," he said. "We're both really excited about it."

"We've been coming out there every year to hunt and we spend some time out there every summer. My wife has wanted to live out there ever since she was a little girl. It's a place where we've planned on retiring.

"God works in mysterious ways. Our prayers were answered. We feel we're just blessed to be able to work in Brackettville," he added.

Creel, who is entering his seventh year at Brackett, took over the boys' basketball program last year and led the Tigers to the playoffs. He is also the head baseball coach and coaches junior high football.

"Coach Creel is a good coach and a good person," Yeager said. "We know he will do a good job with our girls' basketball program."

Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

Thursday, June 13
Summer School 9-12:00 PM
Children, 8:30-12:30 PM
Teachers

Monday, June 17
Summer School 9-12:00 PM
Children, 8:30-12:30 PM
Teachers, Tennis Camp, Session 1: 5-7:00 PM, Session 2: 7-9:00 PM

Tuesday, June 18
Summer School and Tennis Camp

Wednesday, June 19
Summer School and Tennis Camp

HEAT ILLNESS PRECAUTIONS CONTINUED:
Wear light, loose clothing and a hat when outdoors.

Border Bash a success

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

The Border Bash was a huge success! There were folks at the golf course, swimming pool, and the volleyball, softball and baseball courts.

I saw outdoor picnics and could smell barbecue everywhere. The motel was full with cars and trucks, lining both blocks of the street in front of the motel. The sounds of folks having fun with lots of laughs were heard everywhere.

Congratulations to the Border Patrol for a day of fun. Thanks to those who worked to make this event successful, particularly Brackettville's agent in charge, Dave Alexander.

Economic Impact
Our greatest economic boom in Brackettville, Kinney County and Fort Clark Springs comes from recreation. The weather is wonderful, although sometimes hotter and dryer than perfect.

If we are to be economically successful, lets continue to seek ways to bring in more folks for weekend events like the Border Bash.

The hunting of deer and birds has been a great economic boost

for landowners and those who feed and house the hunters.

We need to find new ways of bringing in more folks seeking recreation.

Think of the beauty of our area with golf, swimming, bicycling, fishing and having picnics.

Too many days and in particular weekends go by when our facilities are not used by those who have big bucks to spend to support our community.

How do we get those folks here?

I know this is a challenge, but it is one that can be met and it goes a long way toward solving our economic problems.

New Coaching Lineup
At school, our coaching lineup has changed for next year. Athletic director David Yeager, along with the principals and I, recommended the new lineup to the School Board. The trustees approved the changes Monday night.

Charlie Marquardt will coach our varsity boys' basketball team, and Ricky Creel will coach varsity girls' basketball. Gregg Voyles will coach girls' softball.

We have interviewed coaches for several months. Creel and Voyles agreed to help with the girls programs. They will be positive coaches, and know the girls and our programs well. Marquardt and his wife will move to Kinney County to live on family property.

I encourage our community to support these coaches in their efforts to give all of our students the best possible teaching and coaching.

Roof Repairs
Roofing will begin this week. The first efforts will be on the High School Annex and the Auditorium.

We're anxious to get this project underway. I am certain that there will be another phase of roofing at some time in the near future.

Summer school is going well in Elementary and junior high.

This week, I hope that we will all try to get involved in supporting our community in positive ways.

If we can't belong to a support group at church or in our community, let's at least talk positive about our living in Kinney County.

Have a great week!

District receives \$253,028 for hail damage

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

The Brackett School District will receive \$253,028.56 as a result of damages caused by the hail storm on April 7, Superintendent Taylor Stephenson announced during Monday night's board meeting.

The full cost of repairs was estimated by the Texas Association of School Boards at \$316,588.56. Total recoverable depreciation was \$53,560, leaving actual losses at \$263,028.56. The district had a

\$10,000 deductible.

"There have been three hails in Brackettville this past year," Stephenson said. "The amount paid is a depreciated amount. We have replacement coverage, so the amount of reimbursement will most likely be closer to actual replacement cost. I expect replacement costs to exceed the amount that the district has been paid to date for the three hails."

Work to repair the damages is scheduled to begin this week. Stephenson expects the repairs to be completed before Aug. 1. In other business:

The board scheduled a public hearing on its budget for 6 p.m. on June 24.

Trustees signed an agreement with Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College to serve as a site for student teaching.

Stephenson presented a financial report to the board. For the current fiscal year, the district has taken in \$5,520,885.21 in revenues and totaled \$4,298,235.76 in expenditures.

Officials approved budget amendments and minutes from meetings on May 7, May 13 and May 28.

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Cancellation

Graduation party for
Stephanie Gomez
schedule on June 14,
2002 has been cancelled.
Sorry for the inconvenience.

Thank You,
Anna Garza

Water board sets pumping limits

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Aquifer did not make sense.

"How does the city of Brackettville and Fort Clark use 1,500 acre feet a year and yet only 98 is the effective recharge? Their usage exceeds the recharge by 1,400 feet," he said.

Davis urged the board to wait until there was solid scientific data available before adopting the limits.

"I think we need to get Guyton (Associates) before this board," Davis said. "They definitely have the technology and the available information to be able to come in and give us an estimate of what is recharging our two primary aquifers. We have two many discrepancies."

"Why are you doing it now? We haven't even adopted a set of rules, and you're already adopting something pertaining to rules that we haven't even been adopted. I think (board at-

orney Jace Houston) was pretty clear that certain parts of our rules were going to have to be science-based, and this is the science we're talking about right now. We don't have that science. We need somebody to provide us that," he added.

Other board members agreed with Davis, but felt it was more important to have limits in place immediately.

"We need to get somebody down here, let us know what this will cost, see if we can afford it and do a professional job with this," Fuentes said. "We need the correct information."

Young said he felt "very inadequate about trying to make a decision."

"I'm willing to make a decision because I really do believe in my heart that we need to make some kind of pronouncement which will protect all water users in this county," he said. "We may make a bad de-

cision right now, but we have the ability to change it. We need some kind of structure in place to protect ourselves the best we can."

The board is hoping to meet with Randy Williams of the Texas Water Development Board to discuss the accuracy of the recharge amounts in the 1997 regional water plan.

"I think these are good figures, but we still need something in writing," Wardlaw said.

Hood added: "If he gets here and says we are way low, then we can raise it on up."

Numerous citizens voiced concerns during the meeting.

"There has always been enough water in this county for the municipalities and for all of the ag producers here," said Wes Robinson. "What you have essentially agreed to is a limit that is borderline of being able to address those needs. That's a travesty."

Rocky Mountain spotted fever confirmed at FCS

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for some period of time for it to pass on the Rickettsia," Henefey said. "A red spot usually shows up, which is a good sign, but sometimes it does not."

Officials urge anyone who finds a tick on their skin to remove it right away. To remove an attached tick, use tweezers to grasp the tick at the skin surface. If tweezers are not available, use a tissue to protect fingers from possible exposure to the tick's body fluids. With a steady motion, gently pull the tick straight out. Do not crush the tick's body. Ticks should be removed from pets using the same technique or by using a tick dip.

Summer library classes

The following are summer classes offered at the Kinney County Library, beginning this week through July 19:

Day	Activity	Time	Age Group
2-5 year olds			
Monday	Dance to the music	10:30 a.m.	8 years and up
Tuesday	Story Hour		
Wednesday	Fun with Phonics		
Thursday	Spanish for kids		
Friday	Art		
6 years and up			
Monday	Spanish for kids	10:30 a.m.	8 years and up
Tuesday	Craft		
Wednesday	Dance to the music		
Thursday	Out Door Games		
Friday	Board Games		
8 years and up			
Monday	Explore Science	1 p.m.	8 years and up
Tuesday	Scrapbook		
Wednesday	Art		
Thursday	Creative Writing		
Friday	Board Games		
	Volunteers are still needed for the summer programs. Call 563-2884.		

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Andrew Carnegie
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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—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: GAMES

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- What is the groove between the nose and the top lip called?
- Where is the red dye, cochineal, obtained?
- What is thalassophobia?
- Before he went into the chocolate business, what candy did Milton Hershey manufacture?
- What agents are played by the "Men in Black," Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith?
- Who was the captain of the Titanic?
- In Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," what is Peter Quince's occupation?
- What is the meaning of the Spanish word, alcatraz, after which the island prison was named?
- Which Disney character is known as Paperino in Italy?
- What American philanthropist's motto was, "A man who dies rich, dies disgraced"?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 13.....Molly Montalvo June 16.....Mariay Yeackle
June 14.....La Von McLane June 17.....Janis Floyd
June 15.....Cecilia Terrazas June 17.....James K. Rushing
June 16.....Yvette Clementz June 18.....Caleb Crumley
June 16.....George Vipond June 19.....Travis Barrett

June 19..Everado Portilla Jr.

HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Business partnerships run smoothly this week. People you meet casually prove to be of value in the future. Later in the week, pay more attention to your wardrobe.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You seek some solitude this week. Peace and quiet really helps you focus on priorities. Over the weekend, avoid getting annoyed over trivial matters.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Monetary issues come to the fore this week. Adjusting investments is in order. Toward the end of the week, try to think before you speak.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An embarrassing incident mars the beginning of the week. Try to put this into perspective. You're not the first person to have such a thing happen to.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're torn between diligence and just knocking back. Perhaps you can find a way to do both. Utilize your days productively, but spend your evenings in blissful relaxation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The news you've been anticipating finally comes. This brightens your entire week. Over the weekend, enjoy entertaining at home.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Take heart. Those around you really are on your side. Later in the week, you find a solution to a nagging work problem.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You have a tendency this week to take others' ramblings too seriously. Sometimes, people just like to talk for the sake of talking. Don't put too much stock in this.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Somehow, you find yourself in the middle of a messy situation. Do your utmost to extricate yourself. This matter is really none of your concern.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're undecided about how to approach a project at work. Feel free to shelve this for a bit. Taking a step back will help you formulate the right plan of attack.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You have the opportunity this week to spread your creative wings. For some, this could be in the area of writing. Over the weekend, give family members their space.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Feel free to turn down a social invitation from a friend. You have good reasons for not wanting to attend. Later in the week, turn a deaf ear on workplace gossip.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

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2. Billards	12. Hockey
3. Blackjack	13. Horseshoes
4. Canasta	14. Monopoly
5. Checkers	15. Poker
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7. Craps	17. Rubgy
8. Cricket	18. Soccer
9. Croquet	19. Squash
10. Football	20. Tennis

What If... God's love and blessings

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

I've been guilty in the past of envisioning all kinds of dark possibilities for my family and me, worries that greatly disturbed my peace of mind: What if our son were injured on his construction job? What if our daughter's car broke down in the middle of nowhere on her way back or forth from Eagle Pass? What if...

Then one day I heard a story about St. Francis of Assisi that made me pause and think. It seems that the saint was hoeing beans in a garden near the monastery when another monk rushed up and announced excitedly that the world would end in the next fifteen minutes.

My rock and salvation

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

Truly, my soul waiteth upon God; from him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.

How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? Ye shall be slain, all of you; like a bowing wall shall ye be, and like a tottering fence.

They only consult to cast him down from his excellency; they delight in lies; they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah.

"What are you going to do?" cried the monk. "I'm going to finish hoeing these beans," replied St. Francis. What a simple, common sense way of dealing with unsubstantiated worries. Instead of distressing himself over something that might not come to pass, he put his faith in the Lord and got on with his everyday tasks.

Proverbs 29:25 says, "The fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the Lord is safe." I wonder—is there a lesson there for me?

Lord, I turn this day over to You, as I get on with the work at hand.

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

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charolette Corey

This last weekend was a pleasure to me as I was able to honor my father by honoring his grandmother, Georgia Avahart (Teague) Tuckness at a Teague family reunion in Teague, Texas. I represented the Caddell-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas as I dressed as her in a black, ankle length heavy cotton dress and a large brimmed black straw hat covered in white ostrich feathers, white dove, white roses, bird nest with white eggs and a black bow at the back of the hat. I enjoyed seeing my Dad's beautiful smile and hearing his deep chuckle as I referred to him as my grandson while staying "in character" as his grandmother. It was fun and yet, as I spoke of her life, it

transported me into a world of hardship for the women of that day. I realized that there was a lot that I took for granted in my life.

Some of the blessings of today are helpful appliances and good doctors. Georgia had at least twelve children, two of which died as infants in childbirth, other times she simply miscarried because of her hard life. And yet, she continued to remain faithful to her husband and family. She continued to have faith in God to give her strength and carry her through to the end.

Enduring through so many hardships of both physical and financial crisis, she lived a life that spoke of Ephesians 6:13 "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

Georgia Avahart Teague, having done all she knew how to do, knew how to "stand" and keep "standing".

That same heritage has been passed down to me through both my parents, Charles and Lucy Shipman. My Dad has endured many a decade of spiritual and physical attacks from the "Father of All Lies", the devil, yet my Dad has come out on top, a meek and humble man with a great love for God, a joy of history, and a great sense of humor.

He has always had strength of character and has remained faithful to my mother for fifty-five years. He is a man who is strong enough to single-handedly build from telephone poles, 2 x 4's and galvanized tin, a roof, nailing away at it in the middle of a cold, blustery

winter until eleven o'clock at night under the light of a small aluminum spot-light. He is a man who has invented many time-saving tools for the airforce which he sold the rights to for them to patent to help others who would come after him. Yet, he is a man that will root for John Wayne, chuckle with delight at any commercial with little children and then tenderly cry during a Shirley Temple movie.. My Dad has always been a man's man, "opinionated", yes, "stubborn", yes, but filled with the love of God for his fellow man. He has been an inspiration to his children, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

God bless you Daddy! Happy Father's Day! Thank you for my inheritance of faith.

Keep standing in faith, resting in hope, walking in love.

Our Lord and his kingdom

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

I was recently approached by a sincere person who requested that I both warn you and educate you on the subject of the antichrist.

Compared to other subjects, very little scripture was written concerning the antichrist in the king James Version of the 'Holy Bible'.

In the old testament, the book of Daniel makes interesting reading. Daniel, of course was a prophet, inspired by God to predict the future and explain religious subjects.

Daniel had many dreams and visions of the antichrist and the final days (please read 11:36-45).

In the New Testament, only two of the apostles, John and Paul wrote on the subject.

Before I share their views with you, which by the way were quite different from one another, let me first define the word antichrist, so that we will all be on the same wave length.

Antichrist, this refers to the force or forces of evil which, according to scripture will arise in a final effort to capture as many souls as possible and wreck as much Havoc as possible before the return of the real Christ.

John believed that there were many antichrists, while Paul maintained the belief of a singular individual.

In the epistles of John, the antichrist is identified as he who "denieth that Jesus is the Christ," "and he that denieth the father and the son," "and he that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh." (This is a fairly good description, I think, of the average non-believer).

Throughout history, in every age, Christians have discerned the antichrist, and surely the

spirit of the antichrist has been felt and has been evident.

The most that Christians can say, however, is that in their own day more complete embodiments of the antichrist appears than have ever appeared before.

In the face of the forces of evil which threaten us, it is heartening to recognize that the work of the antichrist or the man/men of sin is always discussed against the background of the ultimate triumph of our Lord and his kingdom.

Let us turn to God's inspired word, let's start with John and then hear from Paul.

1 John 2, "As ye have heard that the antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists.."

2 John 1, "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh." This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

In Revelation 13, John describes the final and most powerful antichrist, which is yet to come. Paul writes in 2 Thessalonians, "concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for the day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man is doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God, or is worshipped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. That man of sin will be revealed as the son of perdition, (eternal damnation). As always, I truly hope, that I have given you food for thought and have hopefully inspired you to open your bible and explore God's holy word for yourself, seek and you shall find! The truth is in the word!

Goodies from G.G.

We love cucumbers but what to do but use them as salad additions? You make a refreshing soup! This soup you will want to serve many times, hot or cold.

Cream of Cucumber Soup: 3 tbsp. butter or margarine, 3 cups peeled, seeded and chopped cucumber, 1 med. onion, finely chopped, 2 tbsp. flour, 1 tsp. salt, 1/8 tsp. pepper (white is best), 1 tbsp. lemon juice, 2 cups milk, 1/4 tsp. dill weed and 1/4 cup sour cream (optional). Melt butter in frying pan. Cut peeled cucumbers in half lengthwise, then scoop out seeds with a spoon. Add cucum-

ber and onion to butter: saute until about half of the liquid has evaporated, about 10 minutes.

Mix in flour, salt and pepper: add lemon juice, milk and dill weed. Heat and stir until it boils and thickens. Cool slightly. Run through blender or serve chunky. To serve, heat to simmering; whisk in sour cream and serve. Makes about 3 cups. This is especially good served chilled: use chicken broth instead of milk in making. This soup freezes well.

Did you know? Liquid assets to a teenager is a refrigerator full of soft drinks!

Obituaries

Mark Johnson George Haag

Mark W. Johnson, age 42, went to be with the Lord on June 3, 2002.

He had a heart attack while working in Denton, TX.

He was a former resident of Brackettville and worked for Ft. Clark Springs and Ft. Clark M.U.D. Mark was born in Odessa, TX.

On November 30, 1959. He attended school and worked in Lovington, N.M. before moving to Brackettville.

He loved fishing and golf and the people in the area. Mark was preceded in death by his father, James D. Johnson. He is survived by his daughter Nicole LaDawn Johnson, Lovington, NM and his mother Sondra Meil and husband J.E., Brackettville. Sisters Marla and Manuel Madrid, Brackettville, Paige and Jay Weatherby, Alamogordo, NM, Jodie and Gerald Stone, Albuquerque, NM.

Brothers Sonny and Marsha Meil, Macon, GA, Steve Meil, Kyle, TX, Johnny Meil, Albuquerque, NM.

His grandmother Maxine Sharp, Odessa, TX, Aunt Becky and Dane Widner Odessa, TX, Uncle Mitchell and Linda Sharp, Austin, TX. And several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Mark's life was held on June 7, 2002 at the First United Methodist Church in Brackettville with Rev. Ken Sellers, Jr. officiating.

He was laid to rest in the Kinney County Cemetery under the direction of Del Rio Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, Brackettville or The American Heart Association.

George A. Haag, passed away on Monday, June 3, 2002. Husband of the late Geneva Ann Haag.

Father of Amber Dawn Haag and Tara Shawn Haag. Brother of Sara Nancy Galloway, Austin, TX.

Friends were received at Pumphrey's Bethesda-Chevy Chase Funeral Home 7557 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD Friday, June 7 from 7-9 p.m. Graveside services were held at Masonic Cemetery in Brackettville Wednesday June 12, 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 11331 Amherst Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20902.

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On behalf of the family of Mark W. Johnson, we would like to give our heartfelt thanks to all of those who helped with prayers, visits, flowers, calls, cards, and food in our time of sorrow. A special thanks to Rev. Ken Sellers for the comfort and strength he provided for the family.

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