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FCS recall election results announced today

Special membership meeting reconvenes this afternoon at 1:30 at Service Club

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

The Fort Clark Springs membership meeting will reconvene this afternoon at 1:30 at the Service Club to announce the results of the vote to remove members of the Board of Directors.

Over 400 members signed a petition requesting the special meeting to vote on removing Shirley Hadsell, Jack Simpson, Carol Miller, Glen White and Frank Cheaney from the board.

Hadsell, the former president, resigned July 20. She was replaced by Bob Williamson. The remaining two board members are Mona Miller and Tom Saylor.

White said the petition was "an attempt to stampede the people into a mob mentality to get the board thrown off."

All seven current directors were listed on the ballot, and members had the option to vote to remove or keep each board member. Absentee ballots were



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FCS President Jack Simpson

mailed to members in good standing who did not attend the meeting on Aug. 10. The results

of the vote have been tabulated by Glen Graf and Bowers CPA. Several questions concerning

the legalities of the membership meeting have been raised, and those questions may have to be answered in the court system.

"Maybe some kind of arbitration or some kind of decision can come about by the attorneys meeting and discussing this," said Simpson, who was appointed to replace Hadsell as president.

"We want it to go the right way, whichever way it is. If it means that the board is going to be taken off, I would like to see

it done in the proper manner. If we're going to stay, I would like to see it done in the proper manner. Whichever way is right, I think that's the way we need to go, and the courts need to decide that."

Leaders of the Preservation Society said they are following the Fort Clark Springs Declaration and bylaws and are in consultation with an attorney. But the association's attorney, Haygood Gulley, said the membership meeting was not legal.



Finding your opponent's weaknesses

Brackett quarterback Jared Hobbs (14) looks for an opening in the Junction defense as guard Glen Morgan provides pass protection during Friday's scrimmage. The Tigers open their season Friday in Lytle. See story, Page 6.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Fort Clark officials hope to cut expenses in law enforcement

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Fort Clark Springs is looking to cut its law enforcement expenses by reducing the amount of its financial agreement with the Kinney County Sheriff's Office.

Representatives from the association plead their case with the Commissioners Court during a special meeting Friday afternoon.

"I feel as though we're financially in a bind," said Jack Simpson, president of the Fort Clark Board of Directors. "This is why we need to cut (expenses). If we can't stay healthy, we're going to end up not being able to pay for any kind of a deputy. If we don't stay healthy, it's going to be bad news period."

County Judge Herb Senne said the commissioners would consider the request, but the court took formal action.

"The only thing that I can see from a total budget standpoint is the Sheriff's Department's revenue would be \$17,500 less," Senne said.

Fort Clark is currently pay-

ing the \$52,500 annually for 60 hours of patrol duty at the fort per week. Officials proposed to pay \$35,000 annually in the upcoming fiscal year for 60 hours per week, but asked that they not be responsible for costs associated with fuel and vehicle maintenance.

Maggie Kerr, the general manager of Fort Clark, said those expenses were already built into the budget for the Sheriff's Office.

"It was in his budget prior to us making a contract with you guys last year," she said. "If you go to him now and try to cut \$17,500 out of his budget, you're cutting something that was already there prior to us even coming around."

Sandy Watkins, the county's auditor, told the commissioners they should look at the actual expenses of patrolling the fort when making a decision regarding the agreement with the association.

"Maybe the budget was incorrect or maybe overinflated in the past year and he didn't have

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County offers to rent office space in annex

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

The Kinney County Ground-water Conservation District may have found a new office.

The County Commissioners have agreed to rent a room in the County Annex to the district.

The water board is expected to discuss the proposal at its meeting Tuesday night at 5:30.

County Judge Herb Senne and commissioners Nat Terrazas and Francie Wylie voted to rent the room for \$90 a month last Friday at a special meeting.

Commissioners Pat Melancon and Joe Montalvo were absent from the meeting.

"Don (Hood, water board member) looked the building over and he was real happy with

it," Senne told the commissioners.

The Texas Department of Human Resources currently leases the building for \$120 month, and the annex also includes office space for the Department of Public Safety.

Wylie originally motioned to lease the office space for \$80 a month, but her motion died due to lack of a second. Terrazas

then motioned to lease it for \$100, but his motion also died without a second. Senne compromised with a motion to lease the room for \$90 a month, and the measure was approved by a 3-0 vote.

"I don't think we need to ask for too much," Wylie said. "They are a new entity trying to get off the ground. I don't want to put any burdens on them."

Smith: Water district needs permanent general manager

By J.J. Guidry
Editor

The Kinney County Ground-water Conservation District is in need of a permanent general manager, according to Cecil Smith, chairman of the Board of Directors.

Smith brought up the issue during a recent workshop. The directors will likely discuss the issue further at its meeting Tuesday night at 5:30.

Smith said the board needed to develop specific job requirements, and board member Zach Davis suggested those requirements were established at next week's meeting.

"This is not something that you can just go out and get somebody off the street," board member Bob Young said. "There are a lot of skills involved."

"It would help a great deal to have a general manager, but at the same time, you want one that is very capable that has the skills to do it," Young added.

Director Don Hood said the district could likely find a qualified person at Fort Clark Springs.

"We have an abundance of talent at Fort Clark," he said.

"There are a lot of retired people there who are retired managers of all kinds of things. Possibly, if we're permitted to advertise in our local paper, we might come up with somebody from the fort."

Darlene Shahan, the board secretary who is serving as interim general manager, said Jace Houston, the district's attorney, "suggested finding another district that would share a staff."

"A lot of staffs work part-time for two different districts," she said. "There are a lot of districts that share not only a general manager, but a staff."

"In all of this stuff that we're going to be required to do, the Texas Water Development Board is going to require us to work with other people within our region. We could be meeting one of the requirements of our water management plan by having a staff that is already functioning in another area," Shahan added.

Davis said he thought the board should "advertise for a general manager and then proceed as we see fit."

Smith agreed: "We need to see who is interested. I have not had anyone approach me."



Grand Opening

Nyshe Luce and Nancy Mendoza of Country Style Hair and Nail Salon welcomed family, friends and members of the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce to the business' grand opening ceremonies last Friday. Country Style Hair and Nail Salon is located at 104 E. Spring St.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Former coach says 'brand name' parents get their way at BISD

I, Gregg Nowlin, would like to thank all the fine people of Brackett who supported me in the last 14 years. It was a lot of fun!

For those of you with the "brand names" that succeeded in getting me reassigned, and ultimately led to my resignation, I salute you for having the right last name. Your last name opened doors, but they remained closed for so many others. Your last name got you in the door, while others were told to follow the "chain of command."

You know who you are, you still can't look me in the face!

Am I a disgruntled ex-employee? You bet I am! I worked very hard for Brackett ISD, and sincerely cared for the kids. All my hard work was for naught. It was all taken away by several people that do not have the best interest of the kids in mind when they did this.

Let me begin by saying that I was the girls athletic director for about nine years. During this time, I was never allowed to interview one single coaching prospect.

Whenever a position opened up, especially in girls basketball, it was filled by a variety of school personnel.

Among those were: secretaries, nurses, aides, elementary teachers — all were great people, but were not trained to be coaches. I was expected to maintain a good basketball pro-

gram with these people, who were there just to earn a coaching stipend.

Like I stated in a previous letter, the only sport that is allowed to recruit coaches is football. That is because we have an A.D. that is concerned with only football.

I was given a bogus evaluation by the athletic director.

Why bogus? Because that person only saw a few home games, and not even one practice.

Some years I received an evaluation, and some years I didn't. Some coaches never receive a written evaluation.

Is it fair? Yeah, right!

After the trip to Pettus, I was told by an administrator that he would still treat my kids like all the other kids.

Why shouldn't he? And why would a person even make a statement like that if he wasn't thinking about it in the first place?

During this time, I was also reassigned from girls off-season class, to a P.E. class full of students that were removed from athletics. Coach Yeager informed me via e-mail of this reassignment.

A real professional way of reassigning someone, don't you think? All this was done to get to me, and to send another football coach to boys' off-season.

Another thing that has had me puzzled for all these years is why have we only had two Hispanic coaches for the last 14

years. I know for a fact that some inquired about a job here, but for some reason or another were not hired.

I have some friends who happen to be Hispanic coaches, and have asked about coaching in Brackett. They used to be interested in coming here, but not anymore after what has happened to me after all these years.

They have all said, "No way! Look what happened to you. Imagine what would happen to us after a while, if we didn't please the "brand name" parents, or kiss up to the administrators."

I have documentation of everything that has happened to me here at Brackett High School for the last 14 years, especially the last four years.

Will I use it? Who knows? But some things have got to change, for the sake of the students at BHS.

I want to close this letter by saying that a lot of things that were done to me were unjust, uncalled for, unfair and some were illegal, according to my legal sources.

By the way, some people have asked me if I like football. Being an ex-football coach, I love football, but I feel all the sports here at BHS should be on a level playing field. That hasn't happened here. If you don't believe me, just ask the kids — they will tell you.

Go Tigerettes!

Gregg A. Nowlin

Why do elected officials fear the city manager?

To all concerned citizens: As a concerned citizen, I have the following questions:

Why is there standing water constantly in the city pool. Why is it never taken out? Are there concerns about the West Nile virus?

I have a concern with the raise in our present city manager's salary compared to surrounding counties. Is this why our roads and other city facilities are being neglected?

Who changed the due date on the water bills and did it get council approval? Is there concern for our elderly citizens whom are on fixed incomes?

In my own opinion, these are serious concerns, and we

should demand answers from our city manager.

Our so-called recently paved streets are getting worse every time it rains and gravel is washed off, especially Gove Street.

We, the people of this city, need to demand that our councilmen stand up to our city manager and make changes.

What is the use of having these people there if they do not stand up for what is right for our city? We need to understand that one councilman cannot make changes without having the majority of votes.

What do our councilmen fear from the city manager? Why don't they stand up for what is

right?

Our taxes pay our City Council members to represent the city of Brackettville, or do our councilmen consider their pay an extra income for their household and do not care what happens?

The employees of the city work hard to keep the city running, but it seems the administration is having a hard time with employee turnover.

One final question: What is the proposed \$100,000 grant going to be spent on to make our city a better place?

Truly caring citizens, please consider running in the upcoming council election, so we can make a difference in our city.

Patricia Barragan

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'Judge not lest ye be judged'

How many of you are Christians? Hmm, a lot of you, good!

Now, how many of you take every opportunity you are given to profess your Christianity and speak to others about Jesus Christ? I see, not so many now, huh?

Now, how many of you believe that it is wrong to judge the actions of others? Man, that's a lot of people! Oh, I see, "Judge not lest ye be judged," is your reasoning. Well, let's look at that for a moment.

Jesus, when he was asked about the adulteress, bent down and wrote in the dirt. He refused to condemn her. He told the crowd, "Whoever among you is without sin, let him cast the first stone."

When he said this, he wasn't saying that he was refusing to determine if her lifestyle was wrong or not. He was refusing to allow her accusers to use her to get at him, and to determine whether or not she was to die.

When the others had left and he was alone with the woman, he said, "Go and sin no more." That in itself is an acknowledgement that he was aware that she had sinned. He wasn't refusing to judge her actions, only her eternal salvation!

And the "judge not..." passage in the seventh chapter of Matthew is always taken out of context. What it means is that before you start to condemn anyone else for what they are doing, you had better take a long, hard look at your own life.

It is not uncommon for us to condemn or belittle someone else for doing something that we ourselves are guilty of.

The rest of that passage says: "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

Meaning, get your own life in order before you start trying to live someone else's life for them. Anyone who does that is a hypocrite, and does not have the right or the ability to point a finger at anyone else.

The simple fact is that if we refuse to make moral judgments, then we are useless. We must make those types of judgments in order to be able to help those who are lost!

I seem to have a new e-penpal, who I think I am going to enjoy greatly. I believe he thinks he is a liberal, but I doubt that he really is. However, he has taken me to task for being judgmental on the topic of homosexuality, using the "judge not" passage as part of his reasoning. In that context, I would like to ask you to explain this passage to me: "Neither the sexual nor homosexual offenders nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God." (Italics added)

Also, in 1 Corinthians 5:11, Apostle Paul says, "But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do

not even eat."

How are we supposed to abide by this order if we are also forbidden from making judgments about whether these people are any of these things or not?

The truth is that we are forbidden from judging whether or not a person is to be eternally condemned.

The condemnation or salvation of any person for any sin is solely and completely up to the judgment of God. However, here on earth we must make judgments about the actions of others.

There are things that are simply not acceptable, period! And as time goes by, we are accepting more and more of those unacceptable things as being something that can be overlooked or ignored or even accepted by society.

The Bible is very specific when it deals with these things. They are named and judged to be unacceptable.

I didn't judge the acceptability of homosexuality. God did! He said it was an abomination, and I agree with him. I have no other option.

And when something adjudged by God to be an unnatural, sinful abomination comes to be accepted by our society as normal and acceptable, our society has passed the point of acceptance by God and is looking divine judgment right in the face!

1 Corinthians 6:19,20 - "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body."

BHS puts on fine tournament, first football game is on Friday

Making a Difference By Taylor Stephenson

BHS hosted a superb volleyball tournament this past Saturday.

Dusty and Bonnie Brotherton, assisted by coaches Rhonda Marquardt, Tiffany Blore and Jennifer Harris planned and ran the tournament.

Brackettville was able to host its own volleyball tournament in our air-conditioned gym. Good crowds from home and area towns came to see the young ladies play.

Coaches set up a hospitality room and the Booster Club ran a concession stand for athletes and fans.

Our coaches set up a wind-down room for athletes where they could lie on mats and watch videos or take a nap.

Brackett's teams played well. Our varsity girls team won second in the tournament.

Head coach Dusty Brotherton thanks all of those parents and school employees who supported this effort. Good job!



Making A Difference

Taylor Stephenson

Football Begins

This week, we are preparing for our first football game at Lytle. BHS cheerleaders will be there, along with our school band.

The first pep rally of the season will be held in the gym at 3 p.m. Friday. We wish the Tigers luck as they begin the new season.

In other sports, cross country will run at the Del Rio Classic on Saturday. The volleyball team will play in a tournament at Devine. The volleyball team will attend Brackett's football game if schedules permit. Our teams will represent BISD well.

Vandalism

Vandalism of the fifth and sixth grade Intermediate School campus was deplorable.

Last Wednesday night, the building was flooded through the file server room. We cleaned up the water late into the evening.

I signed a complaint for the school district indicating that the district will press charges when the vandals are caught.

Meet the Parents

Thanks to Jones Elementary School teachers (grades pre-kindergarten through sixth) for hosting a Meet the Parent Night last Thursday.

There were lots of parents in attendance to meet their child's teacher. An explanation of grading procedures and special ways of helping children was helpful to parents.

I am proud of the staff of teachers, administrators and support personnel at BISD. We work hard to hire and retain the best. Our district continues to be a good one where kids are the focus of our efforts. Thanks for your support and encouragement. Have a great week!

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Big Mama Sez!

It seems so easy to be good natured. I wonder why anybody takes the trouble to be anything else.

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Watkins, Calk win 4-H awards

Senior member Beau Watkins and junior member Justin Calk were presented 4-Her of the Year awards recently at the annual Kinney County 4-H Achievement Banquet at the Civic Center.

Bailee Allen was the recipient of the Diamond Award. Silver Awards were presented to Beth Ballew, Dietrich and Tillman Davis, and Whitney Hobbs. Juliann Ashabraner, Jacquelyn and Stanford Conoly, and Taylor Dunbar won Bronze Awards.

Awards were given to members for projects in the Kinney County Livestock Show, and food and nutrition, clothing and textiles, shooting sports, public speaking, veterinary science, junior master gardener and leadership projects.

The Friend of 4-H Award was presented to special guest Donna Schuster.

A pot luck dinner was served

to members and their families and guests. Following the dinner, the new officers and club managers were installed by John Paul Schuster.

New Senior 4-H officers include Megan McWilliams, president; Beth Ballew, vice president; Ashley Smith, secretary; Sarah Meyer, treasurer; Tillman Davis, reporter; and Dietrich Davis and Jared Hobbs, council delegates. Junior 4-H officers are Justin Calk, president; Summer Allen, vice president; Katie Braesicke, secretary; Taylor Dunbar, treasurer; Hayley Harris, reporter; and Robert Davis and Bailee Allen, council delegates.

Club managers for the seniors are Neal Watkins and Kandace La-Mascus, and Bret Allen and Leslie Dunbar for the juniors.

Garlyn Schwartzlose, the guest speaker, discussed 4-H and what it means to her.



Registered collectors
Gene Slate (left) and Elizabeth Luna of the Kinney County Appraisal District have been designated registered Texas collectors.

Luna, Slate named registered collectors

Elizabeth Luna and Gene Slate of the Kinney County Appraisal District have been designated registered Texas collectors by the state of Texas Board of Tax Professional Examiners.

Luna and Slate were issued certificates in recognition of the achievement.

They are the first employees in their positions to be registered and certified with the Texas Board of Tax Professional Examiners as Tax Collectors in the 21-year existence of the Kinney County Appraisal District, according to Bill Haenn, the county's chief appraiser.

Over the past three years, both ladies completed all educational course requirements, including a five-hour final examination in order to attain their registered Texas collector certification.

Haenn has evaluated the overall job performance and results achieved by Luna and Slate as frequently exceeding the requirements and expectations for their positions.

"The contribution made by these ladies on a daily basis dramatically improves the effectiveness of the district," Haenn said. "They are essential employees."

BRIEFS

Agents apprehend 187 in Brackettville

DEL RIO — U.S. Border Patrol agents apprehended 187 illegal aliens in Brackettville during the period of Aug. 12-18, officials announced.

There were 1,064 total apprehensions made in the Del Rio Sector, including 405 in Eagle Pass, 160 in Del Rio, 147 in Carrizo Springs, 59 in Abilene, 37 in Uvalde, 26 in Comstock, 23 in San Angelo, 16 in Llano and four in Rocksprings.

Agents in the Del Rio sector seized 1,361.8 pounds of marijuana, valued at \$1,089,440.

Cancer Support Group meets next week

The Cancer Support Group will meet next Thursday, Sept. 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

A pot luck supper will be held at the meeting, and there will be a guest speaker.

Fort Clark officials hope to cut expenses in law enforcement

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to utilize that budget," she said. "From a budget standpoint, she's saying that you're going to reduce the amount that they are going to pay us by \$17,500, but our expenses are going to stay the same."

Kerr told the court that Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess wants to continue patrolling the fort 60 hours a week "because it has gone from quite a bit of criminal activity to nothing."

"He gets no complaints now," she said. "It took a while for it all to smooth out, but it's just perfect."

"When I first got here a little over a year ago, it was a daily activity dealing with somebody causing some kind of problem or some illegal activity going on somewhere that didn't have anything to do with Fort Clark Springs' rules and regulations. Today, it's maybe once or twice a month. That's how much it has improved."

Simpson said paying for the additional law enforcement services is a concern of many of the association's members.

"For the five years that I've been here, I guess that I have had the question asked more times than any other question, and that was when we started paying the deputy sheriffs."

"Almost everybody out at Fort Clark Springs had the comment: 'Well, why is it we have to pay extra when we're already paying our county taxes through our own property. Also, through our assessments, we're having to pay taxes on the association's buildings. And then, we're going to be taxed another time by having to pay for a deputy again, that already should be paid for by our county taxes.'"

Watkins told the court that the fort "is paying for additional patrolling. They were paying an outside service before."

Kerr praised the efforts of Larry Robinson, a deputy who

works at the fort 40 hours a week, and Manny Pena, who works there 20 hours a week.

"Larry is up there patrolling all the time," she said. "He has become very familiar with everybody and every thing."

"Manny is excellent. He is good (public relations) person for the Sheriff's Department — not just on Fort Clark, but for this county."

"I would like to be able to keep him, but at the same time, we would like that full-time deputy," Kerr added.

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Brackett Tiger Football



Members of the Brackett Tigers varsity football team are, top row (from left): R.C. Franklin, Whitney Massingill, Tony Jamail, Doug Sanchez, Philip Munoz, Jason Smith and Eli Woolsey. Middle row: Elliot Stone, Arnold Pinales, Dietrich Davis, Boyd Brotherton, Mark Kesteloot, Noe Talamantes, Terrell Freeman and Glen Morgan. Bottom row: Jaime Puente, Tony Rosetti, Jesse Davis, Kody Yeager, Tillman Davis, Jared Hobbs and Star Smith.



Members of the Brackett Tigers junior varsity football team are, top row (from left): Martin Flores, Rolando Ortiz, Jesus Talamantes, Joaquin Rives, Mario Caldonado, Anthony Muniz and Maarten Vos. Middle row: Raymond Gonzales, Clyde Adams, Ramiro Pina, Greg Gonzales, Miles Braesicke, Clint Doriocourt, Jose Talamantes and Jesse Davis. Bottom row: Brandon Kluzek, Tres Rueda, Mason McWilliams, Brand Wylie, Cody Edwards, Evaristo Villareal and Robert Sanchez.



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Aug. 30	Lytle	Away	7:30
Sept. 6	Crystal City	Home	7:30
Sept. 13	Sabinal	Home	7:30
Sept. 20	Cotulla	Away	7:30
Sept. 27	Sonora	Away	7:30
Oct. 4	Open		
Oct. 11	Natalia*	Home	7:30
Oct. 18	George West*	Away	7:30
Oct. 25	Dilley*	Home	7:30
Nov. 1	Three Rivers*	Away	7:30
Nov. 8	Freer*	Home	7:30

* District 30-AA game

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE			
Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sept. 5	Crystal City	Away	5:00
Sept. 12	Sabinal	Away	5:00
Sept. 19	Cotulla	Home	5:00
Sept. 26	Sonora	Home	5:00
Oct. 10	Natalia	Away	5:00
Oct. 17	Del Rio 8th	Home	5:00
Oct. 24	Dilley	Away	5:00
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Members of the Brackett Tigerettes varsity volleyball team are, top row (from left): Amanda Davis, Sarah Meyer, Stephanie Bonner, Beth Ballew, Ashley Castillo, Stacey Castilla and Megan McWilliams. Middle row: Celina Cano, Davina Luna, Stacy Terrazas and Shonte Ward. Bottom row: Vanessa Castillo and Allison LaMascus.



BHS VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE			
Date	Opponent	Time	Team
Aug. 30-31	@ Devine tourney	TBA	V
Aug. 31	@ Del Rio tourney	TBA	9/JV
Sept. 3	Carrizo Springs	5:00	9/JV/V
Sept. 6	D'Hanis	4:30	V
Sept. 7	@ E. Pass tourney	TBA	9/JV
Sept. 10	Utopia	5:00	9/JV/V
Sept. 14	@ Utopia tourney	TBA	V
Sept. 17	Sabinal	5:00	9/JV/V
Sept. 19	@ D'Hanis	5:00	9/JV
Sept. 24	Natalia*	5:00	9/JV/V
Sept. 28	Comstock	11:00	JV/V
Oct. 1	@ Dilley*	5:00	9/JV/V
Oct. 8	@ Utopia	5:00	JV/V
Oct. 11	Natalia*	5:00	V
Oct. 15	@ Dilley*	5:00	9/JV/V
Oct. 22	Dilley*	5:00	V
Oct. 26	@ Natalia*	11:00	V

* District 30-AA game



Members of the Brackett Tigerettes junior varsity volleyball team are, top row (from left): Divina Pena, Courtney Frerich, Shanae Simmons, Juliann Ashabanner and Caitlin Wiley. Middle row: Stephanie DeLeon, Vanessa Williams and Whitney Hobbs. Bottom row: Kristin Meyer and Emily Petrosky.



Members of the Brackett Tigerettes freshmen volleyball team are, top row (from left): Cassandra Gomez, Timmeke Simmons, Brandy Smith, Tye Taylor and Dana Bonner. Middle row: Isabel Rivas, Jessica Crane, Cassie Mata and Tanya Molinar. Bottom row: Vicky Resendez and Roxanna DeHoyos.

BJH VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE			
Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sept. 5	Del Rio B	Away	5:00
Sept. 9	E. Pass Mem.	Home	5:00
Sept. 16	Del Rio W	Home	5:00
Sept. 21	E. Pass tourney	Away	TBA
Sept. 23	Comstock/SH	Away	5:00
Sept. 30	Eagle Pass	Home	5:00
Oct. 7	Del Rio B	Home	5:00
Oct. 12	Del Rio tourney	Away	TBA
Oct. 14	E. Pass Mem.	Away	5:00
Oct. 21	Del Rio B	Away	5:00

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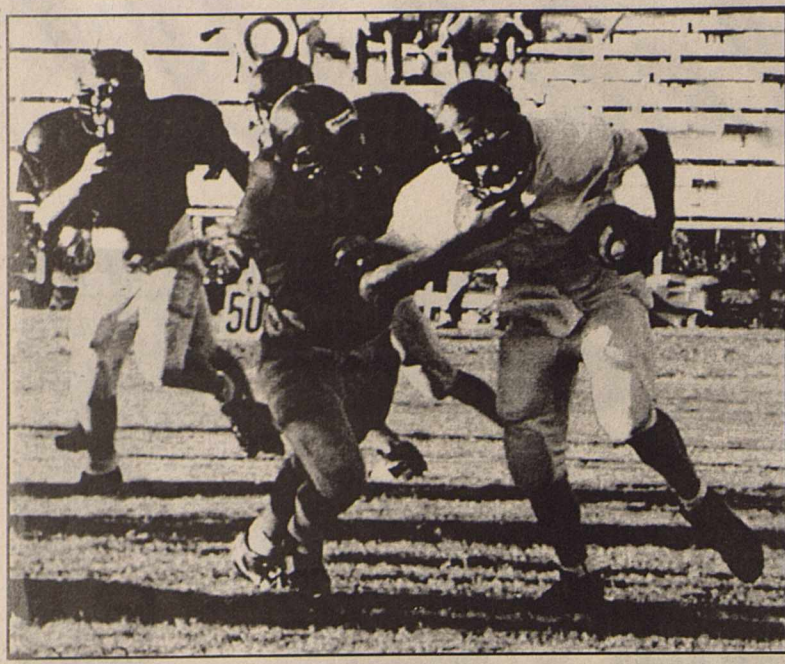
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Tough defense

BHS' Doug Sanchez brings down a Junction running back as Eli Woolsey (70) comes in to assist last Friday.

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Tigers open season Friday

Brackett faces Lytle on road

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

The Tigers are ready. Brackett head football coach David Yeager said his team is eagerly awaiting its season opener tomorrow night when the Tigers travel to Lytle for a 7:30 battle with the Pirates.

"Our kids are excited about playing the games for real," Yeager said. "We want to put what we've learned in practice to good use Friday night."

Brackett returns only two offensive and five defensive starters from last year's 8-2 squad that finished second in district, but Yeager said his team has showed a lot of promise thus far.

"I think our kids worked hard in the off-season and during the summer," Yeager said. "Good programs just reload, and I think we can do that. We have some young kids that we think can make big plays on Friday night."

Lytle second-year coach Jerry Kantor has seven offensive and four defensive starters back from last year's team, which was 3-7 overall and finished fifth in District 27-3A.

"We're looking to be a bet-



Ready to take the field

BHS head football coach David Yeager (center) will lead the Tigers into action tomorrow night when they open their season with a 7:30 road game against the Lytle Pirates.

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ter football team," Kantor said. "We are stronger and the kids know what to expect of the program."

The Pirates' Pro-I offense is led by running back Jason Zepeda, a 5-foot-9, 165-pound senior that rushed for 563 yards last season.

"Zepeda seems like he has pretty quick feet and pretty good vision," Yeager said.

Keying Lytle's weak-eagle defense are tackles Rorey Walters, a 6-2, 250-pound senior, and Tim Jass, a 6-2, 250-pound junior. Walters recorded 73 tackles last year and Jass had

31, including five for losses.

"Their defense is very similar to our defensive scheme," Yeager said. "Their defensive tackles are big, strong, physical kids. They get off the ball well and use their hands well. We're going to try to get outside of them with our speed."

Tigerettes fall to Utopia in championship game

Utopia posted a 15-4, 15-5 win over the Tigerettes to claim third-place honors in the Brackett volleyball tournament Saturday.

Brackett is now 1-3 on the season. The Tigerettes, who faced Comstock on the road in a late game Tuesday, will compete in the Devine tournament on Friday and Saturday.

D'Hanis topped Del Rio jun-

ior varsity 15-9, 15-10 to win third place, while Leakey defeated Brackett's junior varsity 15-4, 15-11 in the consolation championships.

The J.V. Tigerettes opened the tourney with a 16-14, 8-15, 15-13 loss to Del Rio junior varsity, but bounced back to defeat Stacey 15-12, 13-15, 15-13.

In the championship game, Vanessa Castillo was Brackett's

leading scorer with four points. Stacey Castilla, Amanda Davis and Allison LaMascus each had one assist, and Sarah Meyer posted two kills in the contest.

The Tigerettes picked up a 12-15, 15-2, 15-6 win over Comstock in the first round.

Stephanie Bonner had 13 points in the match, and Davis scored 12. Stacey Castilla finished with 11 kills and Bonner

had four, while Davis tallied 10 assists and LaMascus had five.

In the semifinals, Brackett claimed a 15-2, 3-15, 15-8 win over D'Hanis.

Celina Cano had 10 points and Meyer scored seven. Castilla slammed four kills, while Bonner and Beth Ballew had three apiece. Davis chipped in six assists and LaMascus had four.

Junior high teams split with Eagle Pass

The Brackett seventh and eighth grade volleyball teams split a doubleheader Monday with Eagle Pass Junior High in their season openers.

The seventh grade team fell to Eagle Pass 15-2, 16-14.

Anita DeLeon led the Cubettes with seven points and nine good passes. Amber Castilla posted five points and six good passes, while Chaito Sanchez had 10 good passes,

and Juli Castillo and Daphne Hunt each had four good passes.

The eighth grade Cubettes claimed an 11-15, 15-7, 15-9 victory over Eagle Pass.

BJH's leading scorer was Kara Yeager with 14 points, including one ace. Laura Meyer scored eight points, Lisa Morgan had 7, Nadine Terrazas and Lola Cano each finished with four, and Emily Valenzuela added three.

The Cubettes finished the three-game match with a team serving percentage of 79. Laura Meyer was 12 of 13 from the service line.

The Cubettes resume action next Thursday, Sept. 5, with a doubleheader against Del Rio on the road. The seventh grade teams open the action at 5, and the eighth graders will take the court at 6 at Cody Wardlaw Gym.

BUSINESS

Workforce Commission awards a \$258,916 grant

AUSTIN — The Corpus Christi area workforce will benefit from a \$258,916 job training grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Skills Development Fund.

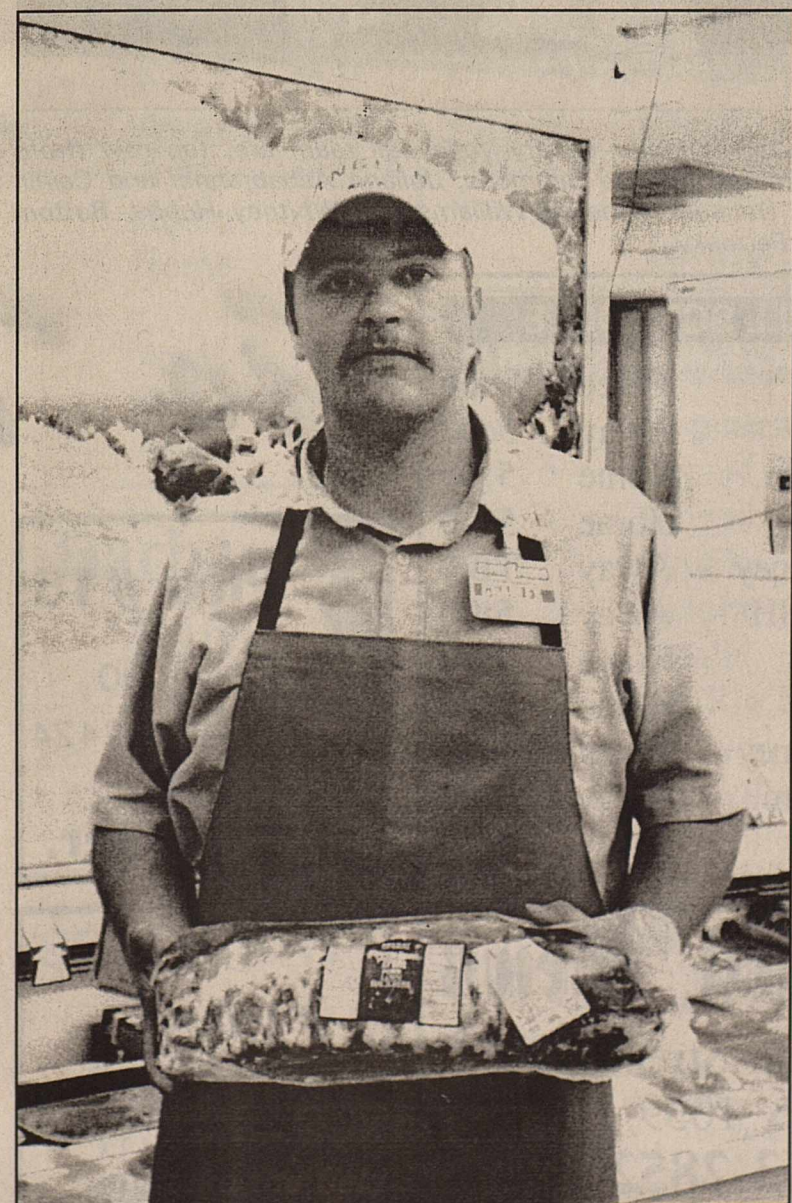
The grant was awarded to an Independent School District (ISD) consortium in partnership with Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) and the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX).

TAMU-CC will provide the training through its Monarch Program, which provides a tailored course of study and support for business persons interested in transitioning into a teaching career.

The grant will be used to custom train workers who will fill 40 new teaching positions for a four-member ISD consortium, which includes Corpus Christi ISD, Flour Bluff ISD, Gregory-Portland ISD and Ingleside ISD. Upon completion of training, workers will receive an average hourly wage of \$19.01.

In fiscal year 2001, 39 Skills Development Fund grants created or upgraded 13,130 jobs. The jobs paid an average hourly wage of \$12.55. The grants totaled \$12,657,182.

The Legislature has appropriated \$25 million to the Skills Development Fund for the 2002-03 biennium.



New meat market manager

Charles Holt is the new meat market manager at Super S Foods. Holt is a native of Center Point.

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"I didn't know that you're a drinkin' man."

"That's because I'm not! But, I will admit that I do enjoy a cold bottle of beer at the end of a hot day."

"Is that OK? I mean for preachers?"

"Well, a preacher is just a man, like any other man. He

may spend more time with God than most men, but he still enjoys the simple pleasures of life."

"What does the Bible say about drinking beer?"

"Very good question. I'll tell ya what, I'll check it out and let you know."

This is interesting. Did you know that beer is a Hebrew word meaning "well", "spring" or "fountain?"

At the time when the Holy Bible was written, there was no variety of beverages, and the



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people drank either water or wine. Since drinking wine to an excess was a common practice among the ancient Hebrews, much is said about individual drunkenness. It was considered

a social evil.

Although the Bible contains no prescription of total abstinence as a universal rule, it is consistent in its condemnation of intemperance in the use of intoxicants.

Drink is not forbidden, but drunkenness is! Let's look at this word, temperance. Temperance is the habitual moderation in the indulgence of the appetites and passions; moderation.

Paul told Titus in 2:2, "Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self con-

trolled and sound in faith, in love and in endurance."

If most, if not all of my Bible heroes drank a little wine, especially at meals, I guess a beer once in a while is OK. Our Lord Jesus, while at a wedding feast, turned approximately 150 gallons of water into fine wine.

My advice on the subject of drinking would be to drink responsibly with respectability for yourself and all who come into contact with you.

An excess of most everything is to be avoided.



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Palm prayers

One of my favorite inspirational hymns is "On Eagles Wings."

In part, this song says, "And hold you in the palm of His hand." This brings me to a story related to me by a friend.

It seems as though a speaker by the name of Carol Kuykendall had just finished speaking to a group of young mothers on the subject of "Letting Go of Our Children."

A young woman stopped her, in tears, to tell her about her friend who had just lost her baby in a tragic accident. The young woman asked Ms. Kuykendall to pray for her. Naturally, she said she would, but then realized she had no place to write down the names, so she took her pen and wrote the names on the palm of her hand.

When I heard this story, I thought, "How sad." Then, I thought, "What a good idea." People ask us to pray for them and we say we will. Then, often times, in my case anyway, I forget.

So now, when someone asks me to pray for them, I will write their name in the palm of my hand and pray for them until their names begin to fade. Then I will open my hand to God, asking Him to keep them in the palm of His hands, healing their hurt and covering their needs.

Isaiah 49:15-16 tells us: "I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name."

At the present time, I have the names of my brother and my daughter-in-law written on my hand. Would you like me to add yours?

Lord, what a privilege to carry the names of others in the palm of my hand, reminding me to pray for them, and then to lift them up to You as they fade from me.

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Learn how to say no

"Randy, I see in the paper that some boys your age were busted trying to buy tobacco at the convenience store."

Joe raised his head from the paper and gave his son an expectant look.

Randy hesitated as his eyes caught the expression on his dad's face.

"Uh, yeah Dad. I saw it too." Joe continued, "Do you know these kids? The paper doesn't give their names, only their ages."

"Yeah, Dad," Randy replied. "I'm embarrassed to say that one of them is a good friend of mine." "Who?" Joe asked.

"Do I have to say?" Randy questioned.

"I guess not, son. Word will get around soon enough."

Joe continued his questioning: "Have you ever been with these kids when they bought tobacco or anything else illegal?"

"Not really, Dad. But I know they do it. And I know that sooner or later they'd get caught. I try to keep my distance when I know they're buying or using tobacco."

"Allen and I are friends, but stuff like that is where I draw the line. Next time maybe he'll take



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my advice."

Joe put down his paper and got up and stood facing his son.

"I'm proud of you, Randy. You were able to say no to something that is both legally wrong and also harmful to you. It takes discipline to do that. In a few years, you'll be old enough to smoke and drink, and pretty much anything else you want to do. But if you can say no to harmful things now as a teenager, you're cultivating discipline for the years to come. If you can say no now, you will say no then."

A very wise man once said, "My son, from your youth embrace disci."

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'Milk' of God's word can satisfy a thirsty soul

Got milk? You can't satisfy your thirst without it. Babies start out on it. It gives life to the one who drinks of it. It helps to develop strong bones to hold up your body.

The same is true with the "milk" of God's word. It is used to satisfy your thirsty soul. It helps to establish a strong spiritual body structure on which to carry the "meat" of God's word. Spiritually, we all start off with the "milk" of God's word. 1 Pete 2:1-3: "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisy, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babies, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious."

God, in his grace and mercy, starts us off judging our own hearts, teaching us to practice taking authority over our thoughts and words.

After we have mastered the milk of God's word, he will



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move us on to digesting the "meat" of his word. John 6:27: "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed."

Hebrews 5:12-14: "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason

of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

God wants you to practice using your sense of discernment so that you may be wise in discerning good from evil, and then choosing to do that which is good. It becomes a walk of holiness that begins to cleanse the "temple of God," your body. The only way to be successful in that walk is to be daily filled with the Holy Spirit, empowered by him to overcome your flesh.

The Holy Spirit will empower you to take up your cross fashioned just for you and use the grace and mercy God has given just to you to accomplish this:

Through Christ you can do all things. Jesus living in you and going before you has paved the way for success. He has called you to walk in righteousness.

OK now, open wide, drink milk, eat meat. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

HEALTH

Asthma a complicated, sometimes deadly illness

As many as one in 10 children suffer from asthma, and the rate is expected to more than double within the next 20 years, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Children under 4 are expected to see the biggest increase of asthma.

Asthma deaths also have more than doubled for newborns to 14-year-olds in the last two decades, according to CDC statistics, and the trend is expected to continue.

Most patients who died were not seen as being at high risk—a lack of information that health professional, patients, organizations and government agencies want to see changed.

State health and environmental directors from the Texas Department of Health (TDH), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), plus private physicians, hospital staff,

school district health directors, people who suffer from asthma, policy makers, health care managers and university researchers met recently in Dallas at the Childhood Wellness Summit, which included an update on asthma issues. Their mission was to explore ways to prevent asthma episodes and promote childhood wellness by combining environmental health awareness with best medical management practices while maximizing community resources.

"Most people don't think of asthma as a serious disease, and some even believe asthma is all in a person's mind," said Dennis Perrotta, a state epidemiologist at TDA. "Asthma is a significant public health challenge, and getting to the bottom of it is complicated. It takes the cooperation and collective resources of all the groups represented at this summit to make progress against asthma."

The summit participants' top strategic recommendation for

TDH and the other government agencies was an integration of environmental data with health outcome data to highlight exposures that trigger asthma episodes. As part of this recommendation, data would be given to the general public and direct resources allocated to curb asthma triggers. Those meeting also agreed to create a single source of asthma information that consolidates recent data about causes, screening and treatment of asthma that can be used by doctors, patients, parents of patients and educators.

Another top recommendation coming from the meeting is to evaluate and work to improve indoor air quality requirements and allocating resources to support good air quality in schools.

"Since our children spend a great deal of their lives in school, it's important to make the school environment safe and healthful for them," Perrotta said.

Asthma is a serious lung disease characterized by wheezing,

shortness of breath, tightness in the chest and coughing. The triggers for asthma episodes can vary from patient to patient—from dust, mold, cockroach excrement, tobacco smoke, smog and ozone, to fragrances and chemical odors.

Asthma is an international problem with 150 million asthmatics worldwide. About 15 million Americans have asthma, the leading chronic disease in children and the number one reason children are hospitalized. Youngsters with asthma miss twice as many school days as do their friends without asthma, and deaths due to asthma in older people more than doubled in the 1990s.

Based on national estimates, the number of people with asthma increased by 75 percent from 1980 to 1994 among all race, sex and age groups and in every part of the nation. The most rapid increase was for children from birth to 4—a 160 percent jump.



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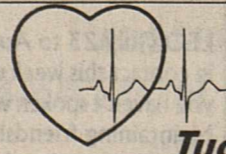
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Trivia Time Answers (c) 2001 DBR Media, Inc. 10. \$50 and Cravel; 6. French fries; 7. Rum; 8. Prince Akeem; 9. Mustard; 1. Whale; 2. Howard Hughes; 3. Sweden; 4. Crow's nest; 5. Rock

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?

Today's Category: MONTHS and BIRTHSTONES

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- Blue, bottlenose and bowhead are types of which animal?
- What millionaire built the aircraft, Spruce Goose?
- Where is the Volvo company based?
- On sailing ships, what was the name of the lookout platform high on the mast?
- What are the names of the Stag Brothers who take part in the "Wacky Races"?
- When ordering food in France, what would you get if you requested "frites"?
- What is the main ingredient in a Daiquiri?
- Whom does Eddie Murphy portray in the film, "Coming to America"?
- In the board game, Clue, what is the Colonel's name?
- What denomination of money is the bill that features the portrait of Ulysses S. Grant?

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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
The week begins quietly, but things soon heat up. By midweek, you're busy on several work projects. This weekend, a social event takes precedence.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
You find yourself running interference at work for a hapless co-worker. Fortunately, the situation soon resolves itself. A weekend getaway is tempting, but this is not the time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
You're taken back by someone's viciousness this week. This opens your eyes to the true nature of this person. You are wise to avoid contact.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Welcome information comes via a telephone call. This could be in the form of a new opportunity for you. By week's end, you're busy making new plans.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Get in contact this week with someone you haven't spoken with in a while. Maintaining friendships is important. This weekend, perhaps the two of you can even get together.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
You feel overwhelmed this week by some problems at home. Try to put these aside while at work. Remember, you can't always be the problem-solver.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Since aesthetics are important to you, take some time to spiff up your home. Perhaps some new curtains or tablecloths are the answer. This weekend, you can reward yourself with a social outing.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
You don't know what to make of what a friend tells you. The wisest course is to believe only half of what you hear. Over the weekend, a romance heats up.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
While you may think what a bigwig is asking of you borders on the routine, do your best to comply. Perhaps this is a test. You'll realize what's going on by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
A friend goes overboard by asking you a huge favor. Don't be afraid to turn down the request. It really is over the top!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Your bluntness with a certain friend isn't appreciated. Try to tone down your rhetoric. Words said in haste can never be retrieved.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Patience is not your strong suit. However, this is the time you need it most. This weekend, you're amused at a child's antics.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Amethyst	11. June
2. April	12. March
3. August	13. May
4. December	14. November
5. Diamond	15. October
6. Emerald	16. Opal
7. February	17. Ruby
8. Garnet	18. Sapphire
9. January	19. September
10. July	20. Topaz

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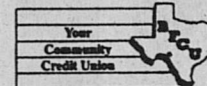
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Pursuant to 111.007 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court of Kinney County, Texas gives notice that they will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2002-2003 Budget. The Proposed Budget is on file at the County Clerk's Office for public inspection. The Budget Hearing will be conducted Monday, September 9, 2002 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the County Courtroom in the Kinney County Courthouse located at 501 South Ann Street in Brackettville, Texas. The public is invited to attend and participate in the Hearing. The Commissioners Court will consider adoption of said budget following the Public Hearing.

Pursuant to 152.013 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court of Kinney County, Texas publishes the proposed salaries, expenses, and/or allowances of each elected County official and the amount of the proposed increase(s). They are as follows:

Official	Total Comp. (FY 2001-2002)	Total Comp. (FY 2002-2003)	Proposed Salary (FY 2002-2003)	Other Proposed Allowances
County Judge	47,107.33	47,887.12	31,971.36	15,915.76 *1,2,4
County Attorney	47,333.64	48,117.23	29,667.23	18,450.00 *1,3
Co./Dist. Clerk	29,923.63	30,707.22	29,667.22	1,040.00 *3
Tax Assess/Collctr	23,671.62	24,296.00	23,156.00	1,140.00 *3
Co. Treasurer	23,219.62	23,832.00	23,156.00	676.00 *3
J.P.	25,584.34	26,224.00	26,224.00	00.00
County Sheriff	30,537.71	31,332.00	31,080.00	252.00 *3
Constable	10,737.00	11,210.00	20,520.00	690.00 *3,4
Comm. Pct. 1	11,115.02	11,369.00	10,415.00	954.00 *4
Comm. Pct. 2	11,364.02	11,654.00	10,415.00	1,239.00 *3,4
Comm. Pct. 3	11,115.02	11,369.00	10,415.00	954.00 *4
Comm. Pct. 4	11,115.02	11,369.00	10,415.00	954.00 *4

*1 State Supplement
*2 Juvenile Judge Allowance
*3 Longevity Compensation
*4 Travel Allowance

The increase as proposed will be discussed at our regular Budget Hearing that is set for Monday, September 9, 2002, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. at the County Courtroom in the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas. The Commissioners invite the public to attend and participate when the Public Officials' salaries, expenses, and allowances will be discussed and set on said date.

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Workforce center offers variety of services

By FRANCES McMASTER
Contributing Writer

Joy Ralston spoke about the services offered by the Middle Rio Grande Workforce Center at last Thursday's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting.

Ralston, the Hill Country manager for the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, was introduced by Manolo Rosas Jr., program chairman.

The Middle Rio Grande Workforce Center is located at 201 Spring St. in Brackettville.

Ralston has worked at the center for nine years, and is now manager of Kinney, Edwards and Real counties.

The Middle Rio Grande Workforce Development Council, which employees Ralston, governs the center. Local members of the board are Patricia

Taylor, Leisha Ashley, Don Ralston, Tootsie Herndon, County Judge Herb Senne and Brackettville mayor Carmen Berlanga.

In July 2000, the Workforce Investment Act was signed into law. Its goals were to streamline the services already offered, such as helping customers find entry-level employment, providing training for jobs, and helping individuals apply for unemployment benefits.

When implemented, the new program would get applicants to work more quickly by helping them find jobs while providing on-the-job training if needed.

Youth programs were to be improved, accountability would be increased and business-led local boards would provide local oversight.

Another goal was to increase

state and local flexibility, and provide universal access to core services. The changes were designed to create a one-stop career center network.

Now the centers offer different levels of services for the job seekers. Each center has fully-equipped resource rooms available for those who want to conduct their own job search or for those who need only a little assistance. If the person needs more help, he or she may register for a set of core services at each one-stop career center. They may also receive training from training providers.

The core services are an assessment of the person's needs, assistance in job search, career counseling, information about the current labor market, and information on training and other providers.

Information is also offered on filing unemployment insurance claims, and assistance is available in establishing eligibility for Welfare-to-Work and financial aid assistance.

Ralston said that training services must be directly linked to occupations that are in demand in the local area, or in another area where the applicant is willing to relocate. She said that the most important change is that the center now serves a "universal customer." It is not focused on entry-level jobs. Anyone can receive some sort of service.

Rotary members welcomed several visitors, some of whom were former Rotarians. Mike Holley and his wife, Ida, attended, as well as Don Ralston. Holley served several years as secretary and treasurer, and Ralston is a past-president.



Joy Ralston (left) is welcomed to the Brackettville Rotary Club meeting by club president Dave Alexander.

Vondy donates 1890s edition of Brackettville newspapers to DRT Library

Agnes Fritter Vondy, a member of Caddell-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, recently donated several of her late 1890s editions of *The Brackett News* to the DRT Library.

Library director Elaine Davis received the gift, noting that these were the first Kinney County newspapers to be received by the library.

The University of Texas will be microfilming the papers,

since they are in very fragile condition, so that they may be available to future generations.

Crockett Celebration

A weekend-long celebration of Davy Crockett's birthday began Aug. 16 on the Alamo

grounds.

Several Crockett descendants were present. A reception followed at the newly-restored Gallagher Building.

New Chapter

On Aug. 18, the Village of

Salado Chapter was chartered. Ceremonies were held at the Gathering Room of the Harvey House in Salado. The new chapter has 18 members and is the third and final chapter to be chartered during 2002.



But I Could
Be Wrong

Chuck
Hall

Building bridges

My brother invited us all up to his place near Regan Wells for his birthday. We spent the day in the river.

At one place, where the water forked and created a small ripple, I sat with Tillman watching dragonflies and enjoying life's simple pleasures.

"What can we do, Gandad?"

"I know Tillman, let's build a dam."

"You not suppose to say that word, Gandad?"

"Watch me, Tillman. I'm going to teach you how to build a water barrier."

I proceeded to show him all of the techniques I had mastered in 54 years of living and building dams.

We piled rocks upon rocks. Little ones, big ones, building layer after layer as we constructed a dyke that I knew would not restrain all of the flow. This moment, like many others, had been stored and eagerly anticipated since the birth of this young lad. I had long awaited the opportunity to build dams with him. I savored the moment. I didn't want it to pass.

But it did. I enjoyed the hours we spent that afternoon. I will treasure the memory of that day, those moments together in the creek, with the gurgling sounds of the water, the warm sun on my back, and, most of all, the gentle laughter of my three grandchildren, for the rest of my life.

If I sound like an old man cherishing time with his grand kids, I am. But I could be wrong.



Goodies
From G.G.

Vada
Baldree

Logical pointers

How about some "Wow! I didn't know that," or "Hey, that sounds logical" pointers?

For starters, when making mashed potatoes, use hot milk. You will notice a difference in lightness.

Next: For more volume in beaten egg whites, let them stand to room temperature in a large bowl that's tapered on the bottom and large on top (not plastic).

Egg whites expand six times when beaten, so don't think small.

When removing beaters, do not tap them on the edge of the bowl!

This jarring causes the whites to lose a lot of their body. Just hold the beaters over the bowl and tap them with your other hand.

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