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Wylie named new general manager



Francie Wylie

Citizens question conflict of interest between commissioner, water board

Francie Wylie is wearing another hat in Kinney County.

The Precinct 2 commissioner was hired as the new general manager of the Groundwater Conservation District last Thursday during a special meeting.

Citizens raised the question of a conflict of interest with Wylie drawing salaries from two county entities, but Cecil Smith, board chairman, said the district looked into the legalities before the decision was made to hire her.

"We had that checked out before she ever applied," Smith said. "It is not a conflict of interest."

It was also pointed out that Wylie, as a commissioner, will be in a position to appoint a water board member because of the vacancy created by Zach Davis, who resigned earlier this month.

In previous commissioners court meetings, Wylie voted to appoint Chuck Hall and Hadley Wardlaw to the board. It was Hall who made the motion to hire Wylie as general manager during last week's special meeting.

"It may not be illegal, but it's unethical," Jennifer McDaniel said after the decision was announced.

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Director Bob Young replied: "I thought the same thing, but I asked the question and I was told that it wasn't a problem. If it is, we'll just have to do something about it."

Hall, Smith, Young and Darlene Shahan voted to hire Wylie for \$9 an hour and a 16-hour work week, including a full eight-hour day on Wednesdays. Wardlaw and Don Hood were absent from the meeting.

Hall made his motion "with the understanding that those flexible hours may go up or

down, depending on the needs of the county."

"For a while, we're going to be feeling our way along through the darkness," he said. "Certainly, we need a limit, but I don't know where that limit is going to be right now."

"I think we need to make sure that we have active hours to serve the people that need to be served," Young said. "How you calculate that right now, I'm not really sure. To me, that's of primary importance. I think we need to find out a way to find out how many hours that's going to be."

Smith said he felt 16 hours a

week would be sufficient.

"I talked to the general manager (of the Uvalde water district) and he said, when they started up, they had their office open a half a day Monday, Wednesday and Friday," Smith told the board. "For the first year, he said he had 12 hours of work. After the first year, when everything got completely settled down, he said there's not eight hours of work in Uvalde — and you're talking almost 10 times as many people there as in this county."

Smith said the district was working on getting a telephone installed in the office.

BRIEFS

Board candidates speak on Feb. 8

The Fort Clark Springs Community Council will meet at 10 a.m. Feb. 8 at the Post Theater.

Fort Clark board candidates will be invited to present their qualifications and philosophies at the meeting.

There will be a forum led by Diane Daniels. Candidates will be given a time period for their formal presentation.

The audience will then be allowed to present questions to the candidates.

Electric Coop to host blood drive

Rio Grande Electric Coop is hosting a blood drive on Monday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. South Texas Blood & Tissue Center staff members will be in the parking lot.

Each donor will receive a Chick-fil-A coupon. Donors must be 17 years or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good general health and bring appropriate identification. It is recommended to eat before donating blood.

For more information, call Kathy Kelly at (830) 563-2444.

Hunt, Ward earn academic honors

Duquesa Hunt and Diana Koch Ward of Brackettville have been named to the Dean's Lists at their respective schools for the fall semester.

Hunt, a freshman at Our Lady of Corpus Christi, finished with a 3.8 grade-point average.

Ward, a senior at Sul Ross State University's Rio Grande College, posted a 4.0 GPA.

Undergraduate students enrolled for 12 or more semester hours that maintain an average 3.3 or higher on a 4.0 scale are eligible for the Dean's List.



Nothing but net

Brackett guard Amanda Davis (11) puts up a shot in recent basketball action. The Tigerettes fell to George West 41-32 Friday. See story, Page 5.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Fort borrows from fund to pay taxes

Fort Clark Springs officials have decided to borrow money from the association's impound fund to pay its property taxes.

"MUD taxes were paid in October, but none of the remaining balance, which is \$101,000, has been paid and is due by Jan. 31," said Maggie Banner Kerr, the association's general manager.

The Board of Directors voted 6-1 during its January meeting to borrow the money from the impound fund and reimburse the members over the next year.

"Not paying the taxes is not an option," board member Frank Cheaney said during the meeting.

Cheaney, Carol Miller, Mona Miller, Jack Simpson, Glen White and Bob Williamson voted in favor of the measure, while Tom Saylor was in opposition.

"A year ago the fort paid its taxes with insurance money, but this year we didn't have a hail storm to help us out," Saylor

said. "Better management can alleviate this problem."

Kerr said declining membership has been a major factor in the association's financial woes.

Fort Clark Springs lost 202 members during the last fiscal year and there are 188 more delinquent accounts than last year, the general manager said in the association's January newsletter.

The association cut expenditures by over \$100,000 to compensate for the loss of memberships, according to Kerr.

"When you calculate the loss of 202 memberships, it comes to a loss in revenue of \$72,720," she said. "The loss is a steady decline that has historically been there due to death, age, distance and the economy. We average around 6 percent loss of our total membership roll each year."

Kerr also blamed legal fees associated with employee problems and lawsuits with the Preservation Society.

Holley appointed chairman of Appraisal District board

Mike Holley was unanimously re-elected chairman of the Kinney County Appraisal District Board of Directors Tuesday.

The meeting began with the swearing in of recently-appointed board members Tom Ertle, Wes Robinson and Tim Ward.

Slubar made the motion to re-

appoint Holley and his motion was seconded by Ward.

Slubar then made a motion to appoint Ertle vice chairman and Ward seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

For the secretary's post, Ward nominated Robinson and Ertle seconded it. Robinson was unanimously elected to serve as the board's secretary.

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Agricultural community concerned by fees imposed by water district

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Members of the agricultural community are continuing to express concern about the recently-adopted rules and fee schedule for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District.

Brian Sledge, an Austin attorney representing the district, said the fees were necessary for the district to continue to be a viable entity.

"This is the most financially challenged district in the state, perhaps," Sledge said. "You're going to need to get some more money in the door. You're going to run out of money and that's not an option for you because everybody will sue you."

"It takes money to run a governmental body. Your \$70,000 budget is going to be gone in short order. You've only got two options for fixing it — you can charge fees or you can raise taxes. The beauty of fees is it shifts the burden of financing the district from the taxpayers to those who use it."

Citizens registering wells will have to pay a \$500 permit ap-

plication fee. The board reduced the fee to \$200 for wells with usage less than 100 acre-feet.

"Our operation is only 13 acres," local rancher John Jones said. "These fees will knock me completely out. I might as well shut down."

Citizens are required to register their wells by April 1, under the revised rules.

"That deadline scares me to death," said local farmer Jim McDaniel. "We have to comply by the rules and we don't even know exactly what to do. If we don't comply by the rules, we don't get a permit."

McDaniel has seven wells on his farm and expects to pay be-

tween \$17,000 and \$20,000 in order to comply with the rules.

The fees adopted by the local district contrast greatly to those of the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA).

While it will cost McDaniel \$500 to register his well in Kinney County, EAA well-owners face a \$25 fee. He will also have to pay approximately \$1,500 per meter on each of his wells, while the EAA installs meters free of charge for members within its boundaries.

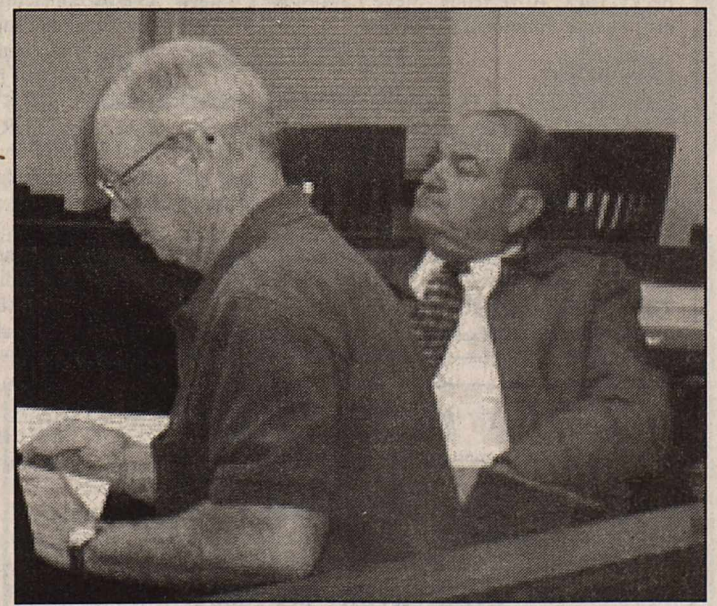
"It's tough to go from no regulations to a completely regulated situation," he said.

Sledge said one good source of income would be the district's

WATER DISTRICT FEE SCHEDULE

Following is the fee schedule adopted earlier this month by the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District:

Groundwater use (agricultural use)\$1 per acre-foot
Groundwater use (all other uses)\$10 per acre-foot
Permit application (less than 100 acre-feet)\$200
Permit application (more than 100 acre-feet)\$500
Permit renewal\$50
Groundwater transport5 cents per 1,000 gallons
Well log deposit\$100
Returned check\$35



Discussing fees

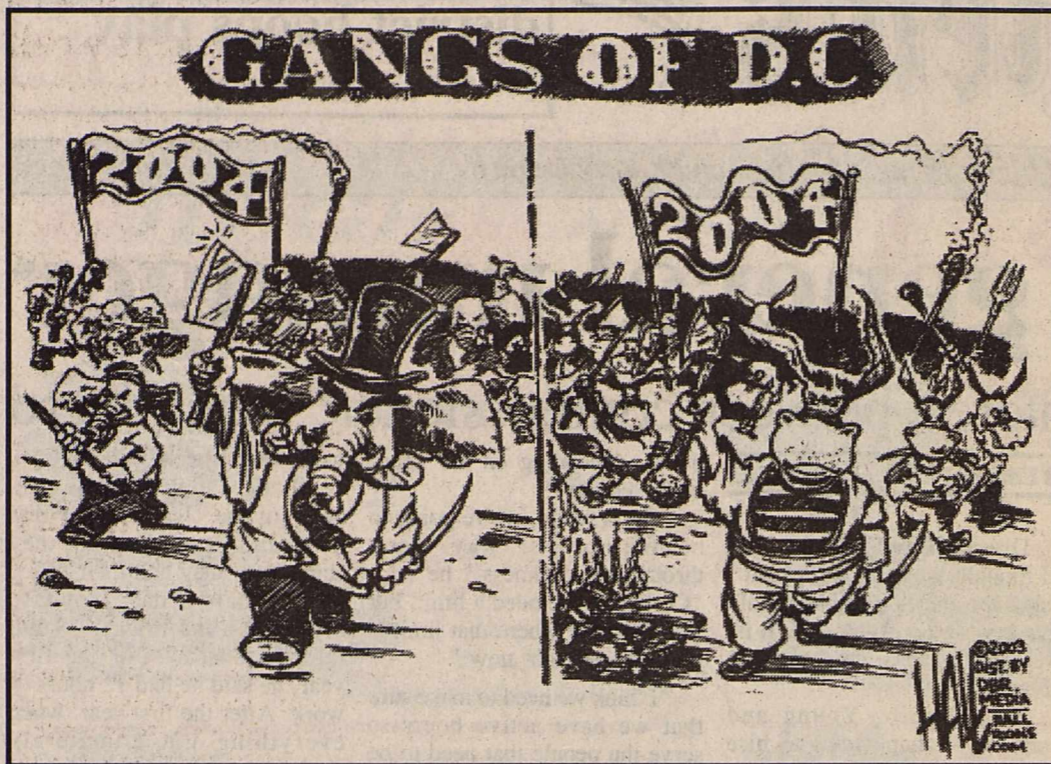
Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District board members Don Hood (left) and Chuck Hall listen to discussions concerning user fees.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

groundwater transport fee, which is 5 cents per 1,000 gallons.

"If you want to get to some marketers, you've got a good opportunity here," he said. "There are a lot of folks that are going to make a lot of money on this water when it starts going over to San Antonio or Eagle Pass. There's no question that the legislature, in contemplating the

groundwater transport fee provision, probably had something in mind on having some of the monetary benefits stay with the community from which the water came, rather than have the local taxpayers picking up the burden for all of that water that might go off to some far-away land, being beneficially used by somebody else who's not sitting here paying taxes."



EDITORIAL

Politics play obvious role in hiring of general manager

"Good ol' boy" politics is nothing new to Kinney County, but it seems to have reached unreasonable proportions with the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District.

The Board of Directors hired Francie Wylie as the district's general manager last Thursday during a special meeting. That's right, the county commissioner will now be receiving paychecks from two different local governmental entities.

Officials assured citizens at the meeting that there was no conflict of interest with the appointment, but we tend to agree with Jennifer McDaniel's words: "It may not be illegal, but it's unethical."

What may be even more unethical is the fact that Cecil Smith, board president, gave the distinct impression that Wylie was hand-picked for the job.

Smith twice said the conflict-of-interest question was addressed "before she ever applied."

Before she applied? Why would the board look into the conflict of interest before she filled out an application for the job?

When the question was first posed to the Board of Directors by Jewel Robinson, Smith responded: "We had that checked out before she ever applied. It is not a conflict of interest."

A few minutes later, Smith

reiterated his point: "Before she ever applied, this was checked out."

To make matters worse, as a commissioner, Wylie has voted to appoint two current members of the water board — Chuck Hall and Hadley Wardlaw. In fact, it was Hall who made the motion to hire Wylie last week.

Zach Davis resigned from the board earlier this month. Now, Wylie will have the chance to help name one of her new bosses. This is obviously a conflict of interest and anyone can see that it is wrong.

Ironically, Davis' reason for resigning as a director was because of "the ethics that this board is operating under."

Change can be hard to deal with

"Everything's changing, when I turn around, its outta my control, I'm immobile. Everything's changing, outta what I know, everywhere I go I'm immobile."

Those are the words of a genius, Avril Lavigne. She is one of the new pop princesses, crooning to today's youth. I was listening to a song of her's the other day, and these lyrics grabbed my attention.

"How insightful she is," I thought. I totally was able to relate to her feelings about how life was changing around her, and all she could do was stand and watch it go by.

Those words happen to be the story of my life. Like I have said before, I want to stay young forever, but it is hard fighting

Teen
SpiritShanae
Simmons

them, or who sang songs at the top of their lungs, even when some of them could not sing.

Most of all, I wish we were still all together, but change found us and went to work.

My life is not all bad, and new and better things have come along, but I would give it all up to go back to those nice summer days where we could make every small situation fun.

My friends and I still hang out, but it isn't the same. I guess it will never be the same. Kids grow up, girls get boyfriends, friends move away, and crushes go off to college.

That's the way it has been forever. How am I going to change it? It would have been nice if, just for once, change could have skipped me.

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Kindness is like snow; it makes beautiful everything it covers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Brackettville volunteer fireman are greatly appreciated

We want to thank the volunteer firemen for responding so quickly to our 911 call at 11:19 Saturday night, Jan. 4. Our hunting cabin caught fire. It started in the attic and was burning fast when we woke up.

The firemen worked so hard to keep it from spreading to the dry grass in the pasture. They were very concerned that we (four of us) were alright.

We've hunted there 13 years so it really was a "home" hunting cabin. We lost most everything.

The ranch owner and grandson, Margaret Raine and Roper, came out with coffee, water, blankets and warm clothes, which



were very much appreciated.

We would like to thank each man personally. The fire marshal, Faustino Sandoval, Joe Luna, Juan Sandoval, Jeff Luna, Robert Salmon, Leo Luna,

Ruben Buantello, Rudy Luna, Joe "Boy" Williams and Joseph Luna all are a great team. Thanks again guys.

Harry, Merle, Toby and Stacy Crosland

Membership needs to rid Fort Clark of a serious cancer

I just can't believe all of the falsehoods coming from the current administration about who is to blame for the loss of funds from the lawsuits and "other things."

My favorite is the one about the Preservation Society causing the outflow of the money by suing the board. But, of course, this is not true. In fact, it was the G.M. that filed suit against Tom Saylor, Mona Miller and the other five without first getting approval. Only then was a counter suit filed. So please people, let's try and keep it straight. It's not the other way around.

The problems of this association aren't being caused by Tom, Mona or the Preservation

Society. These people are trying to help us keep what we have worked so hard for. You must look a lot closer to home, in the management office and board room, to find wherein these problems lie.

And second, when did we secede from the U.S. and elect a king to give the board free reign to implement bad bylaws, like the one about taking out a board member just because they are trying to do what we elected them to do, which is "preserve" our fort, not destroy it.

Such a vote, in my opinion, should not be done without the membership making it, and not in secret meetings. I thought Satan and his obsequious followers were the only ones who met

in secret to do evil works.

The fort has a serious cancer and the only way to rid it of the cancer is to take it out and keep the good so we won't lose what we have.

So come next month's election, think about voting for those good people who are interested in making "our fort" well again so the healing process may begin and make the cancer go away.

Yes, your vote does count and will make a difference when you vote. So help in getting back the fort from those who are doing it so much harm.

You should know who those people are and who we should elect.

Richard Card Sr.

Many could take blame for the problems at Fort Clark

I have said that I would never write a letter to the editor, but I guess there is a first time for everything. I just want to set the record straight.

I hear there is a rumor going around that I support the manager of Fort Clark. This is not true. From the beginning of this mess we are in, I did not support the manager. I did support the board because I did not think removing five members was in the best interest of the fort.

At that time I told several directors that I did not believe we would ever have peace on the fort as long as she was manager.

I have not publicly made it clear how I stand. However, I have told several members of the board privately that I supported them, but I did not condone their stand regarding the manager.

I did not support the Preservation Society. I have stated several times that the mess we are in could have been settled peace-

ably. I said that if things were not settled peaceably, it would cost the members huge legal fees.

I still say the problem could have been averted, if the directors had acted in a responsible manner.

When it all started, the manager should have been ordered to handle the problem in a diplomatic way. I think it started when Juan Avila was relieved of his duties at the maintenance department.

Juan had been a faithful employee longer than any of us can remember. He spent a lot of his time driving around the fort, looking for things that needed to be done and getting someone to do it. Juan had reached the age where he could not do a lot of heavy work, but he got more done than anyone in maintenance.

When he could no longer get insurance to drive a truck, he

was let go. At that time, he should have been given a golf cart to continue doing what has been neglected since he left.

It is unreal and hard to believe that one person could, indirectly, be responsible for the money that has cost the members the past six months. I do not blame the manager alone. The board could have stopped it before it got out of hand.

I was chairman of the Nominating Committee last year. When we had completed our work, we thought we had a board that could work together to pit this beautiful fort back together. So with that, I take a lot of the blame myself for the condition we are in now.

I remained neutral because I have many wonderful friends on both sides and did not want to jeopardize my friendship with anyone. However, I feel compelled to write this letter.

Walt Bauguess

Basketball program deserves same attention as football

Greetings, good citizens of Brackettville. You haven't heard from me in quite awhile, but myself and a lot of other people have had enough of what is going on in athletics at BISD.

I had decided not to write anymore letters to the editor, unless I was asked to do so. I have been asked by many people that are very concerned about what is going on with athletics at BISD.

Let me tell you a hard fact. The seventh-grade basketball team did not win a single game all season long. The main reason being is that they only practiced after school about six times all year. Some weeks, they wouldn't practice at all, and then go and play a game.

Was it fair to these kids? Why didn't they practice?

They couldn't even run a single play, or even look half-

way organized.

My son plays on this team and was given a variety of reasons why they weren't practicing. Some of them being: the coach had to go work at the weight room, the coach had to go keep the weight room open, the coach had to go paint the weight room, the coach was at a football clinic, etc.

As you can read, football, football, and more football-related excuses why the basketball team didn't practice.

I kept telling my son, "it will get better," but it never did — it only got worse.

It was my son's first experience at what was supposed to be organized basketball. It was a total joke. He and the rest of the team feels that just maybe if they would have practiced, they might of won a game or two, or at the very least improved some-

what.

These boys that play other sports besides football deserve a chance to be successful. The junior high football team practiced everyday. The basketball team should have been given the same opportunity, but they weren't.

Wouldn't it be refreshing to have an athletic department that was concerned with all the sports, and not just with football?

These coaches are being paid a stipend to coach these other sports. They should be allowed — or in some cases made — to earn their money.

I'll close by saying if the present School Board or the next superintendent won't do anything to rectify this situation, maybe the new School Board that will be elected in May will

Gregg Nowlin

Members who sue Fort Clark are really suing themselves

What a wonderful part of creation we have been given in Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs! It is on loan to use and enjoy while we are here — not to possess and covet.

On Tuesday, Jan. 14, I attended the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors workshop. On Saturday, Jan. 18, the regular board meeting was held. They were long and laborious. Much was accomplished and much was

not! Some I agreed with and some I did not.

Mostly I would like to see what I saw on Monday, Jan. 20, over 100 neighbors laughing, dancing, tasting chile and having a good time. Then at washer pitch, there were over 30 participants and observers, laughing, teasing and having a good time. Then in the evening, Bible study was a group of 12 praying, studying and enjoying each

others ideas.

Do you suppose we can accomplish laughing, dancing, having a good time as we love our neighbors and agreed to disagree with a handshake?

When a member sues the fort, he is really suing himself. How much sense does that make? Suing yourself? Costing yourself thousands? Let's not do that anymore!

Mary W. Gray-Partlow

Do you have something to say about a local issue? Write a letter to the editor today!

Cold weather arrives in time for annual Cowboy Breakfast

The cold weather last week came in time for the Cowboy Breakfast in San Antonio.

It's always fun to see the folks in San Antonio prepare for the stock show and rodeo.

As long as I can remember, it was always a very cold morning for the breakfast.

Brackettville dropped to about 32 degrees during the cold snap, but we were warmer than any city north of us. We did just fine!

Commissioner's Conference
This week, I attended the Commissioner's Conference, given by the commissioner of public education and the Texas Education Agency.

There were general sessions with fine high school bands that played along with dynamic speakers.

Also, there were workshops given on about 200 different subjects to help school adminis-



Making A Difference

Taylor Stephenson

trators with the difficult job of public schools.

I'll share the information with other Brackett ISD administrators.

Jones Elementary School Principal Paula Renken and I were selected to attend by Region 20 of the Education Service Center to relate information to other state administrators. We're honored to have been asked.

Visiting Family

My grandson is 4, and he played his first soccer game in College Station last Saturday. We attended and it was quite a

site. Taylor has had one practice and was excited. He knows the soccer ball is black and white, and that you kick it toward a goal. He also knows that someone stands at that goal to kick it back; so it's not as easy as it sounds, granddad!

Insurance Claims

We continue to ask insurance adjusters to look at roofs from the three hailstorms last year. We will have a major roofing project going in Brackettville again this summer that will be paid for with insurance recovery monies.

Direct Deposit

Our first payroll direct deposit went well. Thanks to The Bank & Trust and Lynn McCarron. Also, thanks to Marla Madrid, Pat Hidalgo and Dixie Brown for their efforts in providing a service to school employees in Brackettville. Have a great week!



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

Skydiving

I have a friend that used to skydive. He doesn't any more. He finally reached a level of maturity in his life. No not really. He just outgrew that particular craze in his life.

I never understood why anyone would want to jump out of a functional aircraft. Not voluntarily anyway. If God had wanted me to skydive, He would have given me feathers and goggles. And probably a lot smaller brain.

If the airplane that I'm in is still in the air, still going toward the airport, still has a chance of landing partially intact, I'm going to ride it down. I'll jump when I think the ground is within safe jumping distance — say about 5 or 6 feet.

I don't think bailing out at 3,000 feet is a good idea. Not with a few pieces of chord, a small blanket and a harness that was rejected from the straight-jacket factory. Those parachutes are packed by some guy working for minimum wage too, I might add.

Or if you're really crazy, you can pack your own. Yeah right. I know how hard it is to pack a suitcase. No, I wouldn't even consider packing my own.

One last thought and then I'll close. You don't need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice. But I could be wrong.

BRIEFS

Little League registration next week

Registration for the 2003 Kinney County Little League season will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and next Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kinney County Civic Center.

Children ages 5 to 16 who live within the Kinney County Little League boundaries are eligible to enroll and play. Registration is required even if the child played previously. At least one parent or legal guardian must be present, with proof of residence and an original or state-certified copy of the child's birth certificate. The documents will be inspected and returned at registration.

Fees are \$30 for first child, or \$55 for two or more children. Also, each child is asked to bring a 12-pack of soft drinks at the time of registration to be sold in the concession stand.

For more information, call Kinney County Little League President Jennifer Harris at 563-2273.

Calvary Brigade to meet Saturday

Undaunted by the raging wind and merciless cold, the fearless Calvary Brigade trudges on to right the wrongs of careless polluters. Who makes up this Company X? Tough-minded Fort Clark Springs volunteers, who enjoy cleanliness and order — that's who!

Mustering takes place on Saturday on the Shafter Hall steps at 9 a.m. Some volunteers move faster than others; therefore, assignments are chosen according to abilities with a choice of inside or outside assignments. By 11:30 a.m., all work ceases and delicious chow is served by charming ladies, which was prepared by two renowned chefs. By 12:30, most troopers are dismissed for well earned "R and R." Show up and enjoy fascinating "work detail," super fellowship and a well-earned "free" lunch.

Time Machine to perform Feb. 28

The group Time Machine will perform for the entertainment and cultural expansion of the school students of Kinney County on Feb. 28. Plans were finalized by the Kinney County Arts Council at a recent meeting at the Fort Clark Springs Adult Center.

Time Machine was founded in 1996 and performs a variety of music, which includes classical jazz and contemporary. For more than 15 years, the originator, Mario Fraga, has been performing with great success in South Texas and northern Mexico.

Since the Kinney County Arts council is a non-profit organization, the Texas Commission on the Arts matches funds for the cultural arts projects. Evening performances are always planned at the Civic Center on the same date as the school's program.

Poster and essay contest announced

The West Nueces-Las Moras Soil & Water Conservation is sponsoring an essay and poster contest. The essay contest is an essay written about soil and water conservation and is open to students 18 years old and younger. The essay has a 300-word maximum and the title page must include the title and the student's name, address and grade. The deadline to enter is Friday. Awards and cash prizes will be given for first, second and third place winners.

The theme for the poster contest is: "The Gift of Trees" or "Food for the Future." It is open to students 12 years old and younger. Participants should use a standard poster board cut in half (22 inches by 14 inches) and flat art work — no 3-D art. Student's should include their name, their teacher's name and their grade on the back of the poster. The deadline to enter is Friday. Awards and cash prizes will be given for first and second place winners.

For more information, call Pam Hale at 563-2414.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, Jan. 20

6:04 p.m., A woman reported gun shots fired near Fulton and Veltman streets.

7:30 p.m., A Fort Clark woman reported loud music in Unit 7.

9:01 p.m., A man said he could smell gas outside of his residence on E. El Paso Street. A city employee was notified of the situation.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

12:38 a.m., A man reported a school bus with its top lights blinking on E. Third Street.

10:57 p.m., A man reported loud music near Fulton Street.

12:22 p.m., A caller reported loose goats at the Catholic Cemetery. The owner was notified.

6:30 p.m., A Brackettville man reported a horse under the Pinto Creek bridge. The owner of the horse was notified.

9:10 p.m., Deputy Karl Chism reported that a back door to the school had been left open.

9:10 p.m., A Stop -N- Shop employee reported that a man pumped \$20 worth of gasoline and drove off without paying.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

10:49 p.m., A Border Patrol agent reported that an individual was walking on Highway 90, about 7 miles west of Brackettville, and might have been hurt.

Thursday, Jan. 23

12:35 p.m., A Sentry Security

employee reported an alarm sounding at a local ranch on Highway 90, east of Brackettville.

3:30 p.m., Carlos Alajundo Rubio-Flores, 24, of Mexico was arrested by Deputy Larry Robinson for probation violation out of Dallas. Rubio-Flores was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held as of press-time.

Friday, Jan. 24

4:49 a.m., A woman said her son left her residence on El Paso Street and requested assistance from a deputy in finding him.

11:05 a.m., Joe Angel Verga, 18, of Del Rio was arrested by L.K. "Buddy" Burgess for possession of cocaine. He was released later the same day on a personal recognizance bond.

Saturday, Jan. 25

3:00 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee reported that a resident had reported someone knocking on their door and was requesting assistance from a deputy.

11:30 a.m., A 911 caller reported a reckless driver in a white Nissan traveling west on Highway 90.

12:14 p.m., A 911 caller reported a gold Ford pickup driving reckless on Highway 90, west of Brackettville.

3:28 a.m., A man reported a sewer line problem. A city em-

ployee was notified of the situation.

3:38 p.m., A man reported that a blue and gray Jeep was driving reckless on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. The Val Verde Sheriff's Office was notified of the situation.

4:02 p.m., A man reported an accident at the corner of Highway 90 and Gove Street. No injuries were reported.

5:25 p.m., Alejandro Cerritos Valdez, 25, of Mexico was arrested by Deputy Manny Pena for probation violation. He was transported to Grand Prairie Sheriff's Office

Sunday, Jan. 26

12:26 a.m., A woman said a man was running down Remote Alley and making unpleasant gestures. The woman called back 22 minutes later and said her nephew had a cut on his neck. EMS personnel were dispatched to the scene.

11:37 a.m., A man reported a vehicle roll-over on Highway 90, 8 miles east of Brackettville. EMS personnel were notified.

Monday, Jan. 27

5:30 a.m., A Val Verde sheriff's deputy reported a vehicle that was not stopping for unit with its lights on, about 7 miles west of Brackettville on Highway 90. Border Patrol agents were asked to be on the lookout for the vehicle.

BISD HONOR ROLL

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All-A Honor Roll

■ Seniors: Kami Berg, Maria Martinez, Jeffrey Tipps.

■ Juniors: Elizabeth Ballew, Dietrich Davis, Sarah Meyer, Ashley Smith.

■ Sophomores: Cody Robinette, Oscar Sierra, Shanae Simmons.

■ Freshmen: Dana Bonner, Jessica Crane, Rachel Swinson, Soraida Talamantes, Brand Wylie.

A-B Honor Roll

■ Seniors: Robert Franklin, Laura Gonzalez, Juan Hidalgo, Davina Luna, Megan McWilliams, Laura Negrete, Douglas Sanchez, Jessica Sanchez, Tommy Smith, Eliot Stone, Elizabeth Threadgill, Jose Vela, Maarten Vos, Victoria Ward.

■ Juniors: Stacey Castilla, Stephanie Coronado, Amanda Davis, Hector Febres, Chestin Clark-Hatley, Tony Jamail, Allison LaMascus, Emily Petrosky, Arnold Pinales, Nataly Rodriguez, Star Smith, Ashley Thourot, Beau Watkins, Elijah Woosley, Caitlin Wylie.

■ Sophomores: Juliann Ashabanner, Tillman Davis, Jaclyn Duncan, Courtney Frerich, Monica Gonzalez, Whitney Hobbs, Brandon Kluzek, Whitney Massingill, Emmanuel Talamantes, Kody Yeager.

■ Freshmen: John Braesicke, Ashley Castillo, Alana Conoly, Jacquelyn Conoly, Martin Flores, Kimberly Glass, Cassandra Gomez, Shadine Gum, Liliana Hernandez, Mason McWilliams, Tanya Molinar, Yasmin Pena, Kaylynn Perez, Rossio Reyes, Timmekka Simmons, Brandy Smith, Tye Taylor.

Middle School

All-A Honor Roll

■ Eighth grade: Laura Meyer, Joshua O'Neill, Kara Yeager.

■ Seventh grade: Bailee Allen, Meghann Davis, Conrad Moore, Bianca Stewart.

A-B Honor Roll

■ Eighth grade: Justin Calk, Dolores Cano, Robert Davis, Robin Pevehouse, Ivan Pinales, Marisela Talamantes.

■ Seventh grade: Heather Baggett, Jesus Balderas, Amy Doriocourt, Doolie Fernandez, Daphne Hunt, Evelyn Rojas, Gabriela Talamantes, Anolda Watkins.

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■ Sixth grade: Katie Braesicke, Laura Swinson.

■ Fifth grade: Cheyenne Billings, Chris Blake, Cody Clark, Brooklyn Gose, Andy Schmidt, Katie Yeager.

■ Fourth grade: Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Sarah Davis, Stella Guajardo, Haley Hale, Ayland Letsinger, Janine Rex, Sahara Rodriguez, SuSu Searegent, Joshua Smith.

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■ Second grade: Meghan Flores, Brianna Garza, Selina Gerardo.

■ First grade: Judy Adams, Korlee Allen, Arturo Castillo, Clarissa Cruz, Edgar DeLeon, Clayton Flores, Dolores Garza, Hannah Johnson, Anthony Martinez, Dustin Sanchez, Shelby Schuster, Haley Smith.

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■ Sixth grade: Luara Adams, Ray Aguilar, Summer Allen Brooke Gawnlin, Emily Calk, Serenity Gamill, Jessica Garza, Miranda Letsinger, Becca Mann,

Bianca Martinez, Harmony Pettett, Maribel Rivas.

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■ Fourth grade: Marisol Aguirre, Cody Blankenship, Katie Bowlin, Bianca Cruz, Damien Falcon, Mike Flores, Abigail Gutierrez, Sofia Lozano, Tyler McDonald, Brenda Pacheco, Manuel Pena, Victor Roman, Sammie Stewart, Roberto Torres, Erica Villanueva.

■ Third grade: Tariq Cherradi, Colton Childress, Megan Cronin, Lauren Duncan, Francisca Flores, Adam Garcia, Amanda Herrera, Jeffrey Herrera, Emily Holmes, Banner Kerr, Adrian Lozano, Amadeo Martinez, Ismael Morales, Ernesto Ortiz, Megan Resendez, Natasha Samaniego, Reece Smith, Shandel Villarreal, Ashley Wardlaw.

■ Second grade: Pricilla Aguirre, Daniel Brinker, Brooke Brown, Calli Campos, Ryan Clark, Trevor Clementz, Austin DelBosque, Daniel Falcon, Tony Flores, Crystal Garcia, Sariyah Guartuche, Rolando Gutierrez, RJ Hernandez, Ethan Justice, Austin Pettett, Jonathan Pinales, Juan Ramos, Jose Rivas, Vanessa Villarreal.

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Nothing better than a devoted wife

"It's great to have you here, Dad. I wish you and Mom could come a lot more often."
"I wish we could too, son. We really enjoy being here with you and Janie and the kids. Janie's really a fine person. You and she make a great couple and she's been good for you. I'll let you in on a little secret, though. We weren't very enthused when you married her. I guess its because we didn't know her very well."

Jason looked across the yard where his wife and mother were busy playing with the kids and visiting. He really appreciated her. She had come from a good family, but they were poor. She worked her way through college and she made it. In spite of hardships in her past, Janie was a happy person and she seemed to have it all together.

As he mused, Jason turned to his dad: "There's just one thing, Dad. She gets on me about some of my friends. I don't like her telling me what to do." He snickered, then continued, "But I guess you have to put up with that from Mom, huh?"

John mouthed a small laugh. "Yeah, son, women are pretty sensitive about some things."



Empowering Families

Dr. Donald Smith

Looking at his wife of 42 years, he smiled.

"A very wise man once said, there is nothing better in this life for a man than a devoted wife and conjugal love," he said. (Sirach 40: 19,20)

"Yeah, Dad, but a man needs his friends as much as he needs his wife," Jason said. "When a man needs some advice, he needs it from another man."

"Well Son, here's some advice coming from another man. Be smart and listen."

"The wise man also said that better than the guidance of friends and neighbors is that of a prudent wife." (40: 23)

John got up, lifted his glass toward Jason and said, "One more thing, son. Listen to your wife and stay away from fools."

■ **Editor's note:** This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project, working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and education.

Abortion issue deserves a solution that will protect unborn children and women

Pro-life vs. pro-choice, the ongoing argument over abortion was enlivened on Jan. 22, the 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision known as "Roe vs. Wade."

We were treated to television, radio and print coverage of both sides parading with banners and calling the other names.

There is great speculation over the number of Supreme Court justices who may retire during the presidency of George W. Bush, a pro-lifer.

The pro-life crowd wants more conservative justices who would overturn Roe vs. Wade and the pro-choice group wants the court to remain as it is, in favor of abortion by a small margin.

Isn't that interesting? The Supreme Court is supposed to be the last line of defense for the Constitution of the United States of America, yet they seem to be appointed as political cronies, siding with one view or another, rather than defending the Constitution.

Abortion is a delicate issue. It is less an issue of law than it is an issue of morality. It is an issue of birth control and who has the power to control birth.

The pro-life movement ar-

gues that the life of the unborn child is at stake, and, unless we split hairs over when a fetus becomes a person, they are right. They believe that the government should make it illegal for that unborn life to be terminated in any manner other than natural causes.

On the other hand, the pro-choice movement argues that the woman who is carrying that child should be allowed to terminate the fetus before it becomes a life due to circumstances that endanger the mother-to-be or the child-to-be.

I don't believe that either group approves of the use of abortion as a means of birth control, to be used as the pill or the condom.

Now, for the hard part. Because our society has become overly promiscuous, there will always be abuse of the laws surrounding abortion issues.

If the pro-life faction wins new seats on the court and Roe vs. Wade is overturned, we will once again have black-market, back-alley abortions done with coat hangers, as well as more unwanted children for whom there will be no loving, nurturing home.

On the other hand, if the sta-



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Rev. Ken F. Sellers

tus quo is maintained, there will be many women who have abortions, rather than learn moral responsibility.

Hopefully, through either political outcome, raped and abused women will be allowed to terminate pregnancies to which they were not willing participants.

So, the moral dilemma remains and it is highly unlikely that we can legislate morality with any significant effectiveness (just look at our drug problems).

To use a worn phrase, "What Would Jesus Do?"

I am no authority on the subject of what Jesus might do, but I do have a thought. If we can agree that every child of God deserves a loving, nurturing environment in which to grow, then perhaps we can merge the pro-life and pro-choice forces and lobby for provisions for the expectant mother and the child-to-be which could remove the

objections both sides have. If women sincerely believed that their unwanted child would have a new home elsewhere where it is loved and nurtured, perhaps they would not choose abortion (legal or not).

Perhaps the new organization would be "pro-kids" and we could stop the expense of lobbying against one another and lobby for a common solution that would protect the children, born and unborn, of those women who are not desirous of the child they carry, regardless of their motive!

This should not be a battle waged over the power to control the termination of unloved life, but over the love to empower life in both mother and child. I urge those from both camps to consider that their motives are very similar and there might just be a common direction they can both support.

God's story of love, not power, is told weekly in our places of worship. If you want to hear about love and peace, not power and war, visit a church this Sunday. If you have no church home, come visit us at First United Methodist Church on James Street for worship this Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

Walk in the light of God and find freedom in Christ from your sins

Back on the first of January, as we began another New Year, I invited you to take an indepth self exploration of yourself and your life — a look at past successes and failures and everything that makes you, you!

Everything that has happened to you, good and bad, and everything that has brought you to the here and now.

I do hope that you were honest and true to yourself. Knowing that improvement cannot happen as long as we lie to ourselves, I wrote to you twice about our powerlessness and our inability to properly manage our lives without God's help. I asked you, is your life "in control" or "out of control?"

Today, I ask you to ask yourself, do I live my life as if I'm "sane" or "insane?"

My dictionary says that being sane is "to be free from hurt or disease, having mental faculties in such condition as to be able to anticipate and judge the effects of one's own actions."

Another definition is "being without delusions or prejudice, free of ignorance, logical, rational, sensible."

We all have had times when we've asked ourselves, "Am I losing it? Am I going nuts, crazy, insane?"



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We all need to gain humility enough to face that it's not normal, natural, wise or "sane" to be in emotional turmoil all the time, to be fearful, anxious, resentful or picky.

This sort of turmoil results from a compulsive need to control our sin-disease. Unless we recognize that continuing this behavior in our lives is insane, we cannot own our powerlessness. If you believe your behavior, is sane, that it is "wise, mentally sound, free from hurt and disease, without delusion or prejudice," then think a little further about your behavior.

Let me ask you a few questions. Do you throw temper tantrums? Do you have any uncontrolled anger? Do you make a grand exit when you are angry? Or do you use silence as a weapon with which to hurt people? Are you a compulsive talker?

Stay with me now, because I have a few more questions. Do

you sleep too much? Or are you not able to sleep, even though you are tired? Are you unable to get up out of bed in the morning, even though you need to get up and do exercises that might save your life? Are you continuously stressed?

I know that this is a lot to think about, but I still have a few more questions.

Do you have excessive worries or fears? Do you drink or work to excess? Do you procrastinate? Do you try to control other people? Do you do any of these things in the face of the desire not to?

If you answered "no" to all or most of my questions, wonderful! If you answered "yes" to all or most of my questions, you've just taken the first step to helping yourself.

There are lots of people, many of them Christians, who have this strange, stressful craziness, but self-defeating thoughts and behaviors lose their power as they are brought out into the light.

"If we walk in the light, as he (God) is in the light we have fellowship with one another." (1 John 1:7)

It is in this fellowship, in the light, that we find freedom in Christ from our sins.

Live in the state of love — the state of God — for all eternity

I live in the great state of Texas.

I was born and bred a sixth-generation Texan, but it doesn't hold a candle to the best of all states to live in — the great state of love, specifically "agape" love — the unconditional love of Jesus Christ.

He has laid down his life for you and me that we may not only have life in that state, but live it more abundantly. (John 3:16, John 15:13)

The state of love is the state of God.

"God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." (1 John 4:16)

You inherit the land in that state through being born of God.

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that



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we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (1 John 4:7-10)

That piece of realty cannot be taken away from you no matter what.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:35-39)

His love is a shelter and abode to those who keep the law of his land, his commandments.

"If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." (John 15:10)

The abundance of life that he gives you and me is power through his blood, his name and his word. He gives you and me joint-heir ship with him and that blood-bought right gives us the ability to ask and think things bigger than what man commonly imagines.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." (Eph. 3:14-21)

The state of love is a great place to live. Plan to live there for all eternity. Stake your claim now. The perks and amenities beat all hell. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.


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Trust in the Lord

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord. He is my Refuge and my fortress; my God; in him will I trust.
Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.
He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noon day.
A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.
Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.
Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;
There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. Psalms 91:1-11
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EMS hosts CPR course on Feb. 9

To start with, I need to let the public know that Kinney County EMS is hosting a health-care provider cardiopulmonary resuscitation course on Sunday, Feb. 9, at the EMS building from 1 to 5 p.m.

Anyone who needs to renew their CPR card and wants to take the American Heart Association course is welcome. The cost is \$25 per participant to pay for the instructor from San Antonio, manikin rent and the textbooks.

If you need more information, please contact our office at 563-9090 for more details.

Professionals who require this training will find the instruction informative and fun. Pre-registration is required.

The goal for CPR training is the first "baby" step to attain a CPR training site for Brackettville, which saves traveling to and from other areas, and if the plan works out, to have AHA-certified instructors here in

town. The goal is for every man, woman and child to be able to perform CPR for your family's and friends' sake.

Committee Meeting

The Local Emergency Management Committee met Monday night and elected officers. I was elected chair and June Kaminski vice chair.

There is a heavy and full agenda of activities for the immediate future and we need your help too.

James Reesman, a Fort Clark Springs resident, agreed to join our committee and will help gather information on supplies and equipment. Matt Bland and Senon Garza represent Fort Clark security.

We still need added participation from utility companies, environmental groups, disabled and law enforcement. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the EMS office for more details. There is plenty of work



EMS Update

Carolyn Rutherford

to share, believe me!

Thanks to the folks who showed up for Monday's meeting. We finished in time to see the Spurs play.

LEPC meets no less than once every three months, with added meetings depending upon the work anticipated.

The revised Emergency Management Plan is being distributed to the groups and individuals who play key roles in the plan.

We are also looking for volunteers from the community to help with shelter operations. This means training needs to be given by American Red Cross.

For your information, LEPC members include those mentioned above, as well as Judge Herb Senne, Jewel Robinson, Tootsie Herndon, Sara Terrazas, Lydia Tipps, Jean Householder, Tony Ashley, Fire Chief Joe "Boy" Williams, Joe Escamilla, Leo Luna, Juan Hernandez, D'Ann Clark, James Blankenship Sr. and Robert Salmon.

Emergencies

If there is an emergency to report, call 911. EMS responds on the first call with the primary ambulance and a minimum of two state-required certified personnel. If there is more than one run simultaneously, Texas Department of Health issued a personnel variance which allows a minimum of one certified individual with each ambulance after the primary unit is committed to its patient(s).

At all times, at least one TDH-certified attendant cares for patients.

Chilie Rellenos Crescent Pie is a crowd pleaser

Last month I was able to enjoy a love of mine — food cooked by people other than myself. In a one week time period, I gorged on German food, South Texas brisket, generous samples of a variety of chilis and tail gate "fixins."

Yes, I love all kinds of food, some more than others. My favorite? Good old Mexican fare — the South Texas, Tex-Mex style.

All this rambling (not unusual for me) is to say if you like chili rellenos as well as I do, today's recipe is as good as "the real thing." You'll get requests for repeats.

If you wish to "go light," use



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The original version nutrition: 1/6 serving has 425 calories, fat of 260 and total fat of 29 grams. The light has 285 calories, fat of 135 and total fat of 15 grams.

Chilie Rellenos Crescent Pie

Here's what we need: one 8-

ounce can of refrigerated crescent dinner rolls, 2 tablespoons of corn meal, 6 ounces (1 1/2 cups) of shredded monterey jack cheese, 4 ounces (1 cup) of shredded cheddar cheese, one 4-ounce can of drained, chopped green chiles, three large eggs, 1/8 teaspoon of pepper and 1/4 cup of dairy sour cream.

Heat the oven to 350 degrees, separate dough into eight triangles, place in ungreased 9-inch glass pie plate and press to cover bottom and up the sides to form crust. Turn outside edges under and flute if desired. Sprinkle the cornmeal over the bottom of the crust and press in lightly.

Combine cheeses, setting aside a 1/2 cup for topping. Sprinkle cheese mixture into crust.

In a small bowl, beat eggs and sour cream until smooth, and then add the drained chilies. Pour into crust. Sprinkle reserved cheese on top.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 45 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean.

I found you need to cover edge of crust with foil strips after 15 minutes to prevent excessive browning. Cut in wedges to serve. Serves six to eight. Dress servings up with a spoonful of salsa and a slice of avocado.

Beta Sigma Phi members receive Ritual of Jewels

Connie Miller's home provided the backdrop for the beautiful candle-light ceremony of the Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

At the meeting, members Connie Miller, Mona Miller, Donieta O'Keefe, Joy Ralston and Kitty Vaughan received the Ritual of Jewels.

In an equally beautiful ceremony, the Preceptor Ritual was conferred on Dee Curry and Pam Melancon.

Pat McKelvey, a distinguished member of the Preceptor Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, presided over the moving ceremonies.

A short business meeting followed.

The Valentine get-together was discussed by the membership.

Two soups and an assortment of hot bread was served by hostess Connie Miller. A wonderfully delicious chocolate cheese cake was provided for dessert.

Those attending were Pat McKelvey, guest, and members Cathy Conrey, Dee Curry, Sherri Elledge, Elizabeth Goebel, Hazel Ivey, Pam Melancon, Connie Miller, Mona Miller, Donieta O'Keefe, Jan Peck, Joy Ralston and Kitty Vaughan.

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SPORTS

Tigerettes fall short

Brackett fell behind early Friday night and just couldn't catch up as the Tigerettes fell to George West 41-32.

George West jumped ahead 14-4 after the first period. The Tigerettes (7-13, 2-5) pulled within seven at halftime, but couldn't overcome the deficit.

"I thought our defense played exceptionally well," Brackett coach Ricky Creel said. "We couldn't execute on offense. We need to be more aggressive on offense. We will continue to get better."

Ashley Smith scored 11 points and dished out three assists to pace the Tigerettes.

Ashley Castillo finished with seven steals, six rebounds and four points, while Courtney Frerich had five boards and four points.

Tye Taylor also had four points, Tammy Smith had four rebounds and three points, Shanae Simmons finished with six boards and two points,

Amanda Davis had two points and two steals, and Stacey Castilla added two points.

Last Tuesday, Brackett dropped a 52-46 decision to Natalia on the road.

"We played real well, but failed to execute towards the end of the game," Creel said. "We are still learning how to finish the game. We are getting better each and every week."

Smith finished the contest with 12 points and five rebounds, while Castillo and Frerich both had eight points and five boards. Castillo also had three steals and Frerich had two.

Taylor pitched in six points and one steal, while Davis had four points and two steals.

Brackett faced Dilley on the road Tuesday in a late game. The Tigerettes will host Three Rivers Friday night at 6:30, and then travel to Freer Tuesday for a 6:30 contest.

Tigers claim big wins

The Brackett Tigers jumped out to a 22-4 lead after the opening stanza Friday en route to a 69-30 win over George West.

With the win, Brackett improves to 10-7 overall and 4-1 in District 30-AA action.

The Tigers played Dilley on the road Tuesday in a late game. They will host Three Rivers Friday night at 6:30, and then travel to Freer Tuesday for a 6:30 contest.

"The secret to our latest success is our ability to rebound on both ends," Tigers coach Charlie Marquardt said. "We are much more aggressive defensively."

"We have tough road trips ahead of us, starting this week with Dilley. We must continue to execute to give ourselves a chance at the playoffs. We are sitting in second place after the first half of district, one game behind Three Rivers.

"The effort these guys have given throughout the season has been excellent. They deserve any success we achieve."

Jared Hobbs scored 27 points and had five rebounds to lead Brackett over George West. Philip Munoz finished with 19 points and four boards, and Charlie Slaughter had 15 points and five rebounds.

Dietrich Davis added four points and four boards for the Tigers. Boy Brotherton had six rebounds and two points, and Jesse Davis tallied five boards and two points.

Last Tuesday, Brackett posted a 69-38 road victory over Natalia.

"This was by far the best we have played all year," Marquardt said.

Slaughter finished the contest with 16 points and four rebounds, while Munoz and Dietrich Davis each had 15 points and six boards.

Hobbs posted a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Brotherton had eight points and five boards, and Jesse Davis pitched in five points and five rebounds.

J.V. Tigers remain undefeated in district play

Brandon Kluzek and Kody Yeager each scored 10 points Friday to lead the Tigers to a 53-26 win over George West in junior varsity basketball action.

With the win, Brackett improves to 8-3 overall and 30-1 in District 30-AA play.

"We came out with a lot of pressure defensively and raced out to a 29-2 first-quarter lead, aided by a half-court buzzer-beater by Tillman Davis," Ti-

gers coach Ken Wallace said.

Travis Nowlin finished with nine points in the contest, Martin Flores scored six, Clyde Adams and Oscar Sierra each had four, Davis and Brand Wylie both scored three, and Cody Edwards and Star Smith added two points apiece.

The Tigers resume action Friday night at 5 when they host Three Rivers.

■ The Lady Angoras edged

ROUNDUP

the Brackett eighth-grade girls 24-19 Saturday in the championship game of the Rocksprings tournament.

The Cubettes finished their season with a 6-4 record.

"It's been a rewarding season," Brackett coach Rhonda Marquardt said. "The girls were very coachable."

Emily Valenzuela finished the

game with 10 rebounds, five points and five steals, while Kara Yeager scored seven points and had four steals.

Valenzuela scored 11 points to lead the Cubettes to a 19-17 victory over Junction to open the tournament.

"We did a terrific job in the fourth quarter, outscoring them 12-0," Marquardt said.

The Cubettes defeated Class 5A Del Rio 30-29 last Tuesday.

Febres, Petrosky report on RYLA Conference

By FRANCES McMASTER
Contributing Writer

tivity with individuals they did not know.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award winners Hector Febres and Emily Petrosky discussed their trip to the RYLA Conference held in New Braunfels the previous weekend at last week's Brackettville Rotary Club.

Each enthusiastically recounted their experiences. They expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to attend the conference.

Rotary International exchange student Maarten Vos of the Netherlands also attended the conference, but was unable to be at the Rotary Club meeting.

Top-flight speakers at the conference spoke on the subject of leadership. Small-group exercises followed that were designed to teach the qualities of effective leadership and encourage participants to call forth their own abilities.

Some 150 students attended and among those were eight Rotary International exchange students.

The first rule of the conference was to learn to meet strangers and learn to communicate quickly and clearly with them. Students were instructed to take part in each new ac-

The small-group exercises required frequent restructuring to accommodate this requirement. Competition between groups in problem-solving demonstrated the importance of cooperating and communicating clearly.

In one exercise, the participants were not allowed to talk and had to discover different ways of understanding one another to achieve their goal.

Both students said they had a lot of fun, along with learning more about the subject. They stayed up late at night talking and played jokes on one another. When the time came for leaving, they felt sad at parting from new-found friends.

Experience is the most solid and enduring type of learning because it is internalized. RYLA students learn how much can be accomplished through clear communication: Problems can be recognized and defined, goals can be set and problems solved effectively by working together in harmony to reach those goals.

RYLA is one of Rotary International's most important projects, meant to help create a better and more peaceful world.

Coburn presents program on Davis and 2nd Cavalry

Phil Coburn presented the program on Jefferson Davis' 2nd Cavalry versus the Comanches on the Texas Frontier Saturday during the Fort Clark Historical Society's January meeting.

Before the formation of the 2nd Cavalry, there were dragoons and infantry assigned to the Texas frontier. Dragoons are horse-mounted riflemen who were also trained to fight on foot. Neither dragoons or infantry were effective for fighting on the frontier.

When Congress authorized the formation of the 2nd Cavalry, Jefferson Davis, then secretary of war of the United States, appointed their first commander, Albert Sidney Johnston, and personally selected the corps of officers. Among the officers were men destined to become famous — Robert E. Lee, John Bell Hood, William T. Sherman and George Tomas.

Coburn included a number of

examples of how the unit had to overcome the inadequacies of the uniforms and equipment provided by Washington, D.C.

The uniforms were a good quality of heavy-weight wool, not very appropriate for Texas weather. The weapons ranged from a Colt .36-caliber revolver to a musket and saber. Only the Colt revolver was of much use to a cavalry unit fighting on the frontier. Add to that a learning curve for the officers and men fighting the Comanches, and you begin to understand why it was hard to protect the settlers.

The 2nd Cavalry fought 40 engagements with the Indians during its five years in Texas. With the beginning of the Civil War, the 2nd Cavalry was disbanded later to become the 5th Cavalry in the Union Army.

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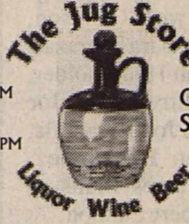
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 1. Dennis Wilson; 2. Ray-Ban's; 3. Benson & Hedges; 4. Cancer; 5. "Raise the Titanic"; 6. The Indian Point 3 nuclear plant; 7. Bottle caps; 8. A Volkswagen; 9. Jack Warden; 10. Egypt

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?

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

1. What fellow Beach Boy gave a hamburger to Brain Wilson for every song he wrote?
2. What company's sunglasses got a boost when Tom Cruise wore them in "Top Gun"?
3. What cigarette brand hoped to boost sales with a "Who's that guy in the pajama bottoms at brunch?" contest?
4. What affliction led Ted Kennedy, Jr., to form the Facing the Challenge program?
5. What 1980 movie about a sunken luxury liner became Britain's biggest box office bomb?
6. What closed three months after the Indian Point 2 nuclear plant had been shut down in 1981?
7. What was used for the letter "O" on the cover of "The Real Coke, The Real Story"?
8. What car did Steve Jobs sell to raise the capital to make him "the Henry Ford of the computer age"?
9. Who played Morris Buttermaker in the sitcom, "The Bad News Bears"?
10. What country had its first Nobel Prize winner for literature when Naquib Mahfouz won?

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 A co-worker's interruptions can ruin your concentration this week. Try to exercise patience. This person is only trying to help.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 In business, it's best to exercise caution. That potential partner isn't exactly forthcoming yet. You need to get all the facts before making a momentous decision.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 Your enthusiasm is infectious this week, particularly where domestic matters are concerned. On the job, you're not as revved up. Over the weekend, a business tip proves lucky.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 Travel plans you thought were solid get changed suddenly. However, this doesn't disappoint you. You weren't really champing at the bit to take this trip.
LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 A problem left over from last week still nags you. By midweek, though, it's easily solved. Later in the week, take advantage of social plans.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 You're usually good with details. However, this week, you just have no patience. Feel free to let things slide a bit.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 Shakespeare was right. You shouldn't borrow or lend prized possessions. If you do, you'll surely rue the day.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
 A bold idea comes to you suddenly. However, work it out in your mind before putting words to it. Over the weekend, catch up with an old friend.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 Friendships don't easily mix with money matters. Try to avoid falling into that trap. Someone you wish to help could take advantage of your good nature.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 A romantic spat is possible. Try to be more flexible if this occurs. The key to everything is compromise.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 Distractions about this week, particularly on the job. With some willpower, you can overcome this. Later in the week, your people skills need honing.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 You're a person who likes to stand on principle. However, this also makes you somewhat inflexible. By bending somewhat, you're more attractive to others.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Ambrose
2. Anthony
3. Athanasius
4. Augustine
5. Bernadette
6. Bridget
7. Clare
8. Jerome
9. John
10. Joseph
11. Lucy
12. Luke
13. Mark
14. Matthew
15. Monica
16. Patrick
17. Paul
18. Peter
19. Thérèse
20. Ursula

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