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BRIEFS

Old Quarry is set to open season

The Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts will open its season with performances of "The Cemetery Club," on Nov. 7-8 at Post Theater.

This delightful comedy concerning the lives of three Jewish widows is back by popular request. "The Cemetery Club" was first presented in 1999, and again finds Jewel Robinson, Barbara Hunter and Rosie Mattingly in the starring roles, as Ida, Lucille and Doris.

Two new-comers to the Old Quarry stage are also in the cast. Jack Schram plays Sam and Leigh Volosko plays Mildred. The play is directed by Lynn McNew.

Tickets for the show, as well as season tickets, are now on sale. Either can be purchased by calling 563-2296, 563-3070 or 563-9229.

Group to give away four rifles

The Kinney County Wildlife Management Association will be sponsoring a rifle giveaway for the following during the hunting season: bobcats and mountain lions, coyote and red fox, feral hog, and an open class for a \$10 donation. Four rifles will be given away.

All predators taken will be registered at the Kinney County Wool & Mohair, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

A drawing will be held on Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. to determine the winner.

Water district to host workshop

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District is holding a workshop for anyone applying for an existing or historic groundwater use permit.

The workshop will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8, in the Fritter Room at the Kinney County Library. The goal of the workshop is to help applicants complete their existing use or historic use permit application.

Hunters Round-Up set for Nov. 1

The Kinney County Extension Office, the Wildlife Damage Management Association, the Chamber of Commerce and Fort Clark Springs Association will sponsor the annual Hunter's Roundup on Saturday.

Cavalry Brigade to meet Saturday

The Community Council's Cavalry Brigade will meet Saturday morning at 9 at Shafter Hall to "spit and polish" Fort Clark's appearance. Chow will be served at 11:30.

County set to consider petition, discuss election on rollback tax

Kinney County officials will consider the validity of a rollback petition during a special meeting this morning at 9.

The agenda for the special meeting also says the Commissioners Court will also consider a resolution ordering a rollback election.

J.J. Guidry, editor of *The Brackett News* and a former city councilman, presented the petition, signed by 362 citizens, during the Oct. 14 Commissioners Court meeting.

"I think it is obvious that the average income in Kinney County hasn't increased 12 percent so we don't feel it's fair that the county's taxes increase 12 percent," Guidry said. "We're confident we could have obtained many more signatures,

but we wanted to get the petition to the court in a timely manner."

The petition is for a county-wide election to determine whether or not to reduce the county tax rate for the current year to the rollback tax rate.

According to the state tax code, if the county "finds that the petition is valid, it shall order that an election be held in the taxing unit on a date not less than 30 or more than 90 days after the last day on which it could have acted to approve or disapprove the petition."

The 30 to 90 day period for the rollback election falls from Dec. 3 through March 2.

County Judge Herb Senne and Commissioners Pat Melancon, Joe Montalvo and Francie

Wylie all voted for a 12 percent tax hike and the budget for the current fiscal year, while Commissioner Nat Terrazas opposed.

"The proposed rate for the general fund does not come up any this year," Senne said. "The proposed rate that you see an increase in is for road and bridge. That's about a nickle per \$100 valuation."

After approving four consecutive deficit budgets, officials are facing major budget cuts this year. Melancon said "the major increase in the budget is 18 to 20 percent a year just in health insurance."

The commissioners pledged over \$300,000 in savings last year to balance the current budget.

"Last year, we did not balance with what we were spending," Melancon said. "We were taking what we had in savings. There's not as much in savings this year to do the same thing."

"I would rather sit here and argue than be in the shape the city is in," he said when explaining the tax increase.

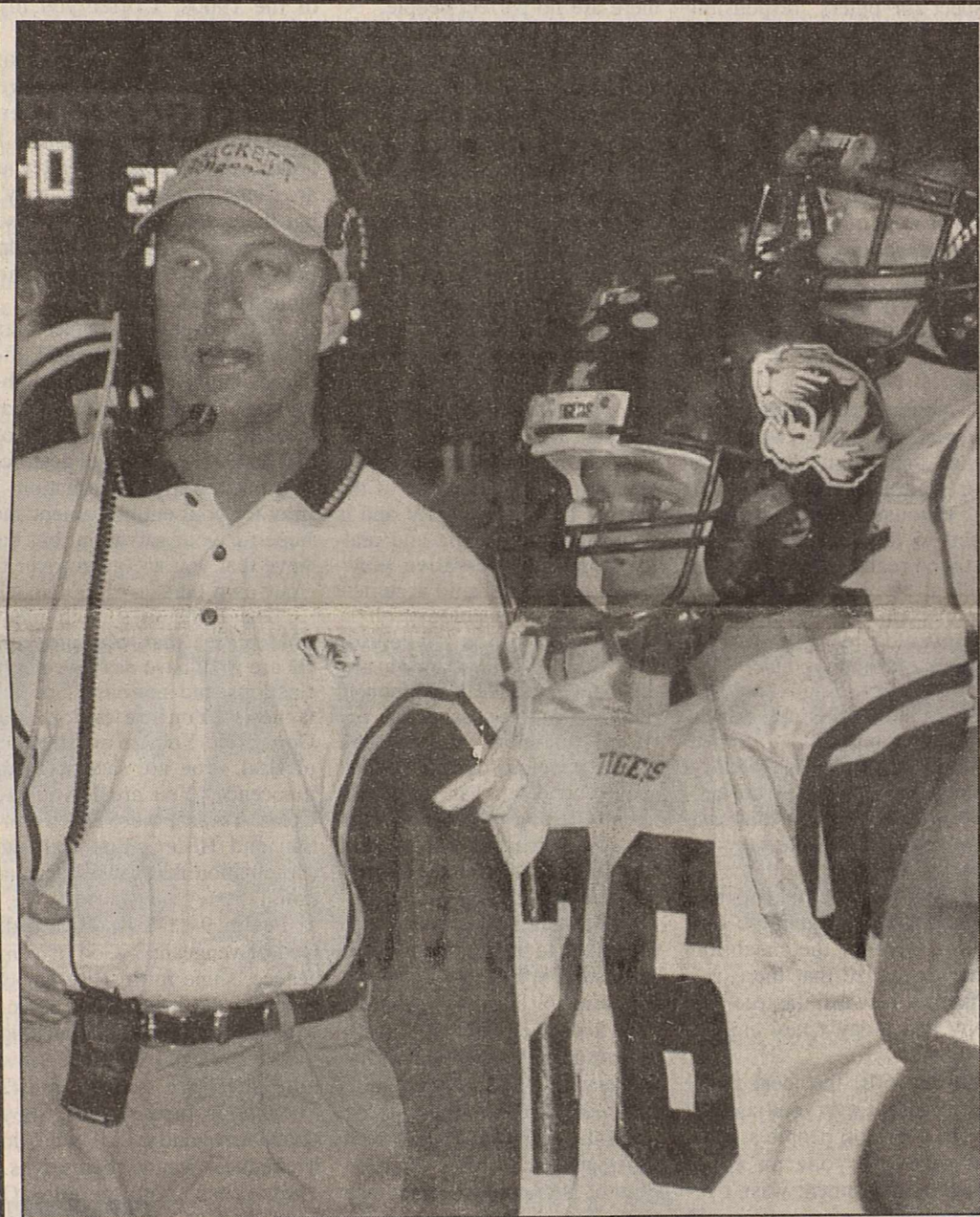
Included on the agenda for this morning's meeting is a budget adjustment of \$75,572.99 in savings to help balance the general fund.

The commissioners will also consider moving the following items from the road and bridge budget to the general fund: commissioners' salary, \$41,660.19; commissioners' travel, \$3,816; road supervisor seminar expenses, \$300; Precinct 1 semi-

nar expenses, \$200; Precinct 2 seminar expenses, \$500; Precinct 3 seminar expenses, \$500; Precinct 4 seminar expenses, \$500; FICA, \$3,480; retirement, \$2,984; and \$16,908 for insurance.

Other budget adjustments include \$85,398 in revenues for farm-to-market and lateral road taxes, \$885.11 in revenues for delinquent farm-to-market and lateral road taxes; \$11,610 in revenues for lateral road money from the state comptroller; and \$11,610 in expenses to be transferred to the road and bridge budget for the construction of farm-to-market and lateral roads.

The commissioners will also discuss taking action on the final draft of the use fee schedule for the Civic Center.



Eyeing the playoffs
Brackett coach David Yeager sends a play in with Evaristo Villarreal (26) during the Tigers 34-0 win over Dilley on Friday. Brackett will try to secure a playoff berth when they host Three Rivers tomorrow. See story, Page 6.

Photo by Danielle Moore

Fort Clark members to consider releasing ownership of roads

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Fort Clark Springs members will soon be deciding whether to transfer ownership of the association's roads to the Fort Clark Municipal Utility District.

The fort's board approved a ballot last week for a special election. The ballots will be mailed to members next week and must be returned by early December.

"We just don't want to have to pay taxes on the roads," said Tom Saylor, president of the association. "MUD cannot be taxed because they're a taxing entity. If we transfer the roads to them, then we won't be liable for the taxes. The main thing is to get them off the tax roll."

Kinney County Appraiser Bill Haenn said all improvements on Fort Clark are taxable because the fort is private property.

"A state auditor found several parking lots all over the city of Brackettville, which were not on the tax rolls and had value that contributed to the value of the property," he said. "That particular year, it affected our state value for the school."

"When Fort Clark built Unit 38 for about \$550,000, all of the improvements had taxable value."

"I spoke to Mr. Saylor and Mr. (John) Dixon about putting Unit 38 on the tax rolls and basically cautioned them that if

they didn't do something about the roads on the fort that, ultimately, they would end up on the tax rolls because I couldn't risk a state auditor finding out about that. We wouldn't be able to recover from how that would drag those percentages down," he added.

Haenn made the suggestion to the fort to turn ownership of the roads over to MUD.

Saylor said the association will still be responsible for maintaining the roads if the measure is approved.

"Ideally, MUD can maintain the roads with property taxes," Haenn said. "Then we would have roads that are in good shape. Fort Clark, obviously, doesn't have the resources to maintain them. The last road they put in was in Unit 27 in 1996 and it's falling apart because it wasn't done well. We got what we paid for."

"I would like to state, for the record, I never said — in a public meeting or any other forum — that all the roads at Fort Clark would be on the tax rolls next year. I never said that."

"I told the board that ultimately it would happen. I'm not going to be caught by a state auditor that comes in and realizes that these aren't on the tax rolls."

"I also never told Fort Clark that they would be taxed \$180 a linear foot. That is the appraisal for Unit 38, which is brand new. I didn't measure the roads."

County receives grant for \$10,000

Kinney County has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to defray costs associated with the preparation of a courthouse master plan, officials announced this week.

"With these start-up funds, Kinney County joins communities nationwide committed to preserving America's architectural and cultural heritage and, in so doing, creating more livable communities," said Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The grant has been funded by a gift from the Fondren Foundation in Houston, which established the Fondren Endowed Preservation Fund for Texas. The purpose of this fund is to assist in the preservation, restoration and interpretation of historic structures.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, chartered by Congress in 1949, is a nonprofit organization with more than 270,000 members. As leader of the national preservation movement, it is committed to saving America's diverse historic environments and to preserving and revitalizing the livability of communities nationwide.

Lions Club begins work on Christmas basket project

Members of the Brackettville Lions Club gathered at the home of Mary K. Dixon, club president, last week to begin working on Christmas baskets for the community.

The local group prepares more than 30 baskets each year to assist those who would not otherwise be able to have a joyful Christmas.

"This program is an annual contribution from the Brackettville Lions Club to the local community," Dixon said.

The Lions Club collects toys throughout the year, and then the items are laundered or washed if necessary, prior to being wrapped for children of appropriate ages.

The toys are put into baskets, along with food items to assist families in having a holiday meal.

For more information about the Lions Club, call Dixon at 563-2747, Zeny McKelvy at 563-3176 or Donna Saylor at 563-3382.



Getting ready for the holidays
Brackettville Lions Club members Donna Saylor (from left), Zeny McKelvy, Bobbie Waddill, Mirta Hernandez and son Brian, and Mary Dixon began working last week on the group's annual Christmas baskets.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Members are losing benefits

Is it real or is it Memorex? To those who don't want to get involved, it's Memorex because the changes haven't affected them and/or they don't care.

For those who have been here for 18 years or more, it has become a rude reality. They've seen all the benefits that existed in the past wiped away by a well meaning board which was going to fix everything, yet saw the benefits erode year after year to the point that non-members now reap the same benefits as members, with the members having to foot the tax/expense bills.

The gated community is wide open to everyone except for relatives, friends and hired contractors who are stopped and turned around at the gate in the name of security.

Now we hear talk of turning all improved roads and parking areas over to MUD, and subsequently the entire fort to eliminate any taxes.

So goes the fall of FCS. So goes all memberships. So goes a beautiful way of life.

If this happens, those who remain will be taxed heavily, ei-

ther by municipality or township through bonds and taxes.

Our first agenda will be coming up in November when members will vote on the sale of all improved roads and parking areas to MUD for the sum of \$1.

According to the board, this will save each member approximately \$25.50 in taxes for year 2004. A big loss for such a small amount of tax, because the members will still pay for fixing the roads either to the association or to MUD. The questions I and others have are:

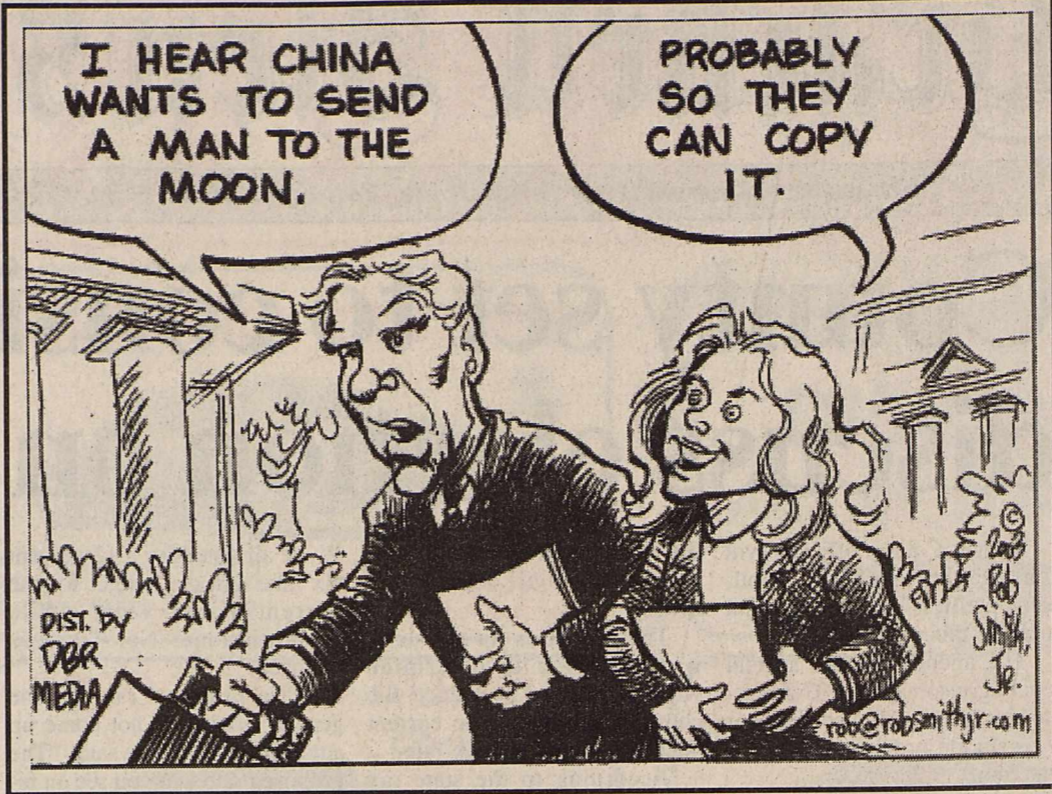
Has the board made the ballots reflect the sale of said items to MUD for \$1 with the association leasing/contracting them back from MUD to maintain them?

Will the association receive any value from this deal other than tax avoidance and would this be legal?

Even if the roads are transferred, could the association be held liable for five or more years of back taxes plus interest?

If you're in question about these items, ask the taxing authority.

Jerry Miller



Liberals are tools of evil

By now you probably know that I am a conservative in my political views. As a dear friend once told me, my political stance is about two steps to the right of Attila the Hun.

I believe in all the things that today's "liberals" hold in highest contempt - Jehovah God, Jesus Christ, honesty, integrity, respect for others, responsibility for one's own actions, self-discipline, child discipline, the near perfection of the U.S. Constitution as it was written, law and order, majority rule, Christian morality, absolute right and wrong, justice as opposed to "due process of law," and many more supposedly outdated concepts.

Now it never really occurred to me to define precisely what I consider as "liberal" in modern terms.

I assumed that most of you who read my rantings would recognize that I am talking about 21st Century super-Marxists and limousine liberals as opposed to those idealists of the past who really believed that we could all get along together and live in communes, and that nobody would ever try to take advantage of anybody else.

A year or so ago I wrote a piece called "60s Hippy or New Millennium Liberal." In it I stated: "The '60s hippies are today's liberals, only now they are proposing policy that is diametrically opposed to what they believed in the past."

However, in making that statement, I was much too general. I have in the meantime come to realize that there is a difference between the true '60s hippy and today's new millennium liberal.

In the '60s, the ideal really was to accept everyone as they are, to overlook people's faults and give everyone an equal chance. Government wasn't really needed if everyone would just embrace the ideology that love conquers all.

It was an unrealistic concept that totally overlooked the obvious fact that a perfect society



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascuso

requires perfect people, and there are no perfect people.

Today's liberal is not that same idealistic person who really wants equality for everyone. Instead, he wants equality for everyone - but with him and his cronies more equal than everybody else.

Instead of preaching that we should simply accept each other's beliefs as valid and go on about our business, he has become exclusionary, small-minded, angry, mean-spirited and hateful. The modern liberal has evolved into more of a fascist than a hippy.

Have you noticed, and I hope you have, that when one of the leading liberals is on TV and is confronted with logic and reality from a conservative viewpoint, he has no valid argument to support his ideology?

Almost without exception that liberal will abandon any effort to persuade his opponent of the righteousness of his political position, and instead launch a vicious personal attack against whoever has raised his ire, not letting the other person talk or finish a sentence without caustic comments and continuous interruptions.

The liberals no longer try to win others to their point of view, but instead try to tear down the opposition by attacking their personal lives, their families, friends and associates. And when that conservative individual has a personal problem, there is no sympathy from the liberal side.

As evidence I offer Charlton Heston, NRA president and one of my favorite actors, as an example. When it was learned that he was suffering from Alzheimer's, the liberals pounced on him like a pack of wolves on a wounded moose.



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

Bonilla among first visiting Iraq

I recently returned from a weekend trip to Iraq as part of a congressional delegation led by the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. It was the largest delegation to visit Iraq since the commencement of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I was proud to have been among the first to visit the new "free Iraq."

It was an amazing trip aimed at oversight on the administration's funding request for military and rebuilding assistance. I walked away with a greater understanding of why this funding is imperative. I am convinced that this spending is crucial to the future of both America and Iraq.

My eyes were opened to Iraq's true devastation and the effects of a ruthless leader. We are talking about a leader who has invested nothing in the people nor the infrastructure of his country. In fact, their hospitals, electrical systems and infrastructure are practically non-existent.

I toured killing fields where Saddam killed over 1.5 million of his own people.

I flew over cities where young children waved their arms to the sky as if they were reaching out to the American military planes with gratitude. They weren't waving at a congressional delegation flying overhead. They were waving at what they believed were American soldiers. American soldiers who have become their friends and their hope.

During my trip I made several visits with military forces on the ground.

Of course, our military servicemembers are the driving force behind the success of the rebuilding and liberation efforts. The men and women of our armed services are doing a tremendous job. They are putting their lives on the line every day and we owe them a huge debt of thanks.

Most importantly, I came to an understanding that Iraq is a breeding ground for terrorists. My feelings were shared by all of my colleagues on the trip - regardless of political affiliation. We all came to agreement that if we do not do something now to fix Iraq, it may become an even greater risk in the coming months and years.

Rebuilding Iraq is about eliminating an outlaw government that has served as a haven to terrorists like Osama Bin Laden and those who may come after him.

If we can build an Iraq that works, we have the ability to destroy the seeds of hatred that have been growing there for years.

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Columnist has an answer for all of readers' questions

Ah, autumn. Crisp air, cool temperatures. No, wait, I've already done an article on this topic.

But I was watching leaves falling last week and I couldn't help think about how much I enjoy the fall season.

I guess that's why they call it fall - because leaves fall. But maybe not.

Trees gather nutrients from mother Earth, sent upward through roots, into branches and finally into the very leaves themselves. Those leaflets provide oxygen for us to use for our benefits through out most of the year.

Then autumn arrives. As the season changes and the plants need a dormant time, just like we need sleep (how'd you like



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

to sleep once a year?), the leaves die and return to the ground, settling on top of the world.

Hmm, let me see if I've got this right. Roots take things from underground, creating a sort of void, then move something upwards through the tree, into the air, above ground, and then finally materials fall back to Earth.

Hey, maybe I've just answered my old question. Yes. Trees cause old pottery

to become buried under the ground. Of course, why didn't I think of it before?

As items lie on the open ground, and the trees create a partial underground vacuum, those ancient artifacts are naturally drawn downward. Then as centuries of leaves fall upon them and those same leaves turn back into dirt, they become covered!

I knew if I thought about it long and hard enough, I'd find an answer to the question. It was simply a matter of time.

So ask me anything, anything at all - I have an answer. If you ask me then I'm betting that you don't know so my answer can't be proven wrong.

I may not always be right, but I'm never wrong.

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Jalisco!
The Fighting Tiger Band was unable to travel to the football game Friday night, but Cassandra Gomez brought her horn to the game. She entertained the crowd with "Jalisco," the school fight song, after Brackett touchdowns.

Photo by Danielle Moore

Fighting Tiger Band adds to school spirit District plans for new building

I read somewhere that music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life. That is so true. Can you imagine life without music?

I would like to point out that the gift of music and the magic of performance is hammered home every Friday night by an exceptionally talented group of young people.

If you have been to a Brackett Tiger varsity football game lately, you have had the chance to see the Mighty Tiger Band perform — and perform well.

I'm not sure how many people realize just how fantastic these kids are.

In addition to their regular class load, they also practice every day after school and into the twilight.

There have been several times when I have seen our band di-



Making A Difference

Bobby Templeton

rector, Mr. Jim Dcamp, holding practice late in the evening, only to stop because he and the band could no longer see each other.

When these long sessions are over, the kids still have homework and chores and Mr. Dcamp is yet again faced with his twice daily drive to Uvalde.

Being a musician is, I am learning, tough, demanding work and it takes a tremendous amount of dedication and time. We should all be thankful that they spend this time, too.

Athletic events, bonfires,

graduations, parades, school in general would be so much less significant without their gift to us — music.

I truly believe that some of the spirit of Brackett would be lost without the wonderful efforts of Cody Robinette, David Latimer and the rest of the Tiger band.

As you may have read in the last issue of the award-winning *Brackett News*, the Brackett ISD Board of Trustees voted earlier in the month to begin the planning stages for a new band hall for this superb troop of kids.

I am grateful to the board for approving the new facility. It will serve the school well and be the birthplace of a great many musical talents, lying in wait, yet undiscovered in Brackettville.

Thanks for the music.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, Oct. 20

7:09 p.m., A woman reported that a dog had bit her son in front of a residence on Fort and Edwards Street.

8:08 p.m., A Border Patrol agent reported an individual in possession of two bags of steroids at the Cline Checkpoint and requested assistance. Deputy Cody Shannon was dispatched to the scene where he arrested Frank James Ramirez Jr., 28, of Sulpher Springs for possession of a controlled substance. He was released two days later after posting bond.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

6:30 p.m., A Brackett High School official reported a white extended cab pickup driving at a high rate of speed up and down Ann Street.

7:29 p.m., A Super S Foods employee reported an accident in the store's parking lot.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

3:45 p.m., A 911 caller reported a snake at their residence on W. James Street.

10:45 p.m., A woman reported a dead animal at the intersection of Highway 90 and F.M. 2804. Texas Department of Transportation officials were notified of the situation.

Thursday, Oct. 23

4:05 p.m., A man reported that his vehicle had been keyed while it was parked across the street from the BISD gym.

6:23 p.m., A woman reported a strong gas odor near a residence on Fourth Street. City officials were notified of the situation.

8 p.m., Omar DeLeon Rivas, 18, of Brackettville was arrested by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter for criminal trespassing. He was released later the same day on a personal recognizance bond.

Friday, Oct. 24

10 a.m., Charles Slaughter, 17, of Brackettville was arrested by Chief Deputy Fritter for criminal trespassing. He was released later the same day on a personal recognizance bond.

3:16 p.m., A man reported that he had found a small child wandering around on Beaumont Street. Deputy Ron Ring was dispatched to the area. He located the girl and returned her to her parents.

3:30 p.m., Roger E. Brown, 37, of Del Rio was arrested by Constable Bobby Guidry and Deputy Ron Ring for terroristic threats. He was released later the same day after posting a \$1,500 bail bond.

5:02 p.m., A man reported a reckless driver was speeding and passing vehicles on Highway 90. Del Rio DPS officials were notified of the situation.

7:30 p.m.,

A Fort Clark man was reportedly walking down Broken Arrow Street when a red car came around the corner and almost hit him.

8:59 p.m., A man reported that three motorcycles were driving recklessly, going from lane to lane, speeding up and then slowing down, on Highway 90, about 7 miles east of Brackettville.

Saturday, Oct. 25

2:39 p.m., An unknown caller reported a possible vandalized vehicle about 5 miles west of Brackett. The car had been jacked up since the day before, and three men were seen next to it. Deputy Manuel Pena was dispatched to the area.

6:08 p.m., A DPS trooper reported a couple arguing at Fritter Park. Deputy Manny Pena was dispatched to the park, but could not find anybody at the

scene.

6:15 p.m., A woman reported an accident on Hamilton Lane, about 20 miles from Brackettville. Del Rio DPS officials were notified of the situation.

8:54 p.m., A woman said that a boy was threatening to throw a rock at her child near her residence on W. Fulton Street.

9:15 p.m., Marco Anna DeLoss Anton, 44, of San Antonio was arrested by DPS Trooper Tully Welch for driving while intoxicated. Anton was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he was still being held at press-time.

Sunday, Oct. 26

9:09 a.m., Ruben Navarro, 21, of Del Rio was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley on an outstanding warrant. He was later released after paying \$337 in fines.

Monday, Oct. 27

2:30 a.m.,

Jesus Jumeniz Escobedo, 42, and Augustine Paredes III, 29, both of San Antonio, were arrested by Deputy Shannon. Escobedo was charged with public intoxication, while Paredes was charged with driving while intoxicated, third offense. Both men were booked into the Kinney County Jail where they were still being held at press-time.

4:05 a.m., David Charles Williams, 34, of Austin was arrested by Trooper Ashley for driving while intoxicated. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he was still being held at press-time.

4:40 a.m., Wate Lee Faseler, 29, of Castroville was arrested by Trooper Ashley on an outstanding warrant. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he was still being held at press-time.

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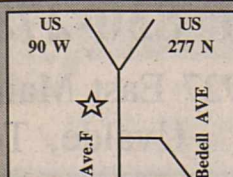


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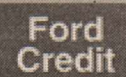
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Love your children through Halloween with a little extra attention to details

The season of Halloween is always a tricky one. On the one hand, there's the innocent fun of dressing in costumes and seeing neighbors, having special treats and a time with children. On the other hand, there are those who object to Halloween on a Christian basis, and I can't say that I blame them.

The argument against Halloween usually goes something like this. First, there are a lot of occult and witchcraft symbols involved in Halloween, and Christians are clearly opposed both to occult practices and witchcraft. I agree fully on these points. But one of the things that confuses me is that the same Christians who object to Halloween will blithely mention their horoscope sign when asked without considering where this comes from.

And the same Christian might also "knock on wood" or have a "lucky" rabbit's foot. Seems to me, if we want to remove the occult and witchcraft symbols

from our daily lives, we should start with the everyday issues, not just the once a year things.

Instead of taking our children to our neighbor's homes once a year, what would happen if we took them many times a year? What if we took them visiting not just for candy, but to meet their neighbors as people, old and young, poor and rich?

Wouldn't it be easier to teach the lesson about the "good samaritan" if our children understood our neighbors as more than the people next door who give candy once a year?

What if we took time with our children to allow them to try out different careers and identities all through the year?

Deputy Manny Pena made a big impression on my son Michael when we visited the Sheriff's Office a few months ago, and my son has a big appreciation for the law enforcement community that I wouldn't have predicted.

We go visiting to a lot of



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places — to see the homeless and the sick, the fire station and the hospital, anywhere a young child can learn. What if we gave our children treats through the year, but also spent time explaining what good food was — and demonstrated it by eating the right way ourselves?

Apples and bananas are wonderful treats, so are oranges and grapefruit from the Valley, and chilled cantaloupe is probably better than any candy on the planet (OK, except chocolate).

My point is that Halloween doesn't have to threaten Christians if we're already doing the things that make Halloween special. If our children already get to play dress up and try on new

roles, if they already get to try new foods and occasional treats, if they already visit their neighbors often, then we can take a few minutes and explain — as Christians — the way we feel and what we believe about what is right and wrong in some of the symbols of Halloween.

We can debate the occult origins of many things when our children grow older, and show them that things like horoscopes, drug usage, immodest dress and gambling all are designed to replace the love of God with something else. But now, when our children are young, I think we can love our children through Halloween with a little extra attention to details and some good parenting.

At First United Methodist Church, we have a mix of parents, some old hands, some new ones, and a few "about to be" parents, too. Come join us as we learn together how our Heavenly Father wants us to raise our children to meet His Son!

Trust in God and your future will be great

The door made a loud crash as it slammed shut. "Sherri," Dana called, "please don't slam the door like that, OK?" "Coach announced the starters for the volleyball team," Sherri announced as she threw her books on the table.

"And?" Dana queried. "And I didn't make the team, Mom," Sherri said, her voice rising with anger.

"I'm sorry, honey," Dana said, trying to show sympathy for her daughter. "It's really not the end of the world."

"But it's not fair, Mom," she whined. "Bonnie cut me out. I know I'm better than she is. It's just not fair."

"Here Sherri, let's enjoy a cup of tea while we talk," Dana said as she put the cups on the table and heated the water. Silently, she prayed for wisdom. Sherri remained sulen.

"When you signed up for the team and agreed to the workouts, did anyone promise that you'd make the team?" Dana asked.

Sherri looked up and said: "No, Mom, so what's the point?"

"Well, sweetheart, you knew that you would be working hard with no promise of being selected. You knew that you would do your best and the final decision would be made by someone else. Coach



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decided that Bonnie would be better for the team."

Sherri took her mom's hand and smiled: "I know all that Mom but it still hurts. It's not what coach did or what Bonnie did. It's my own heart responding to the disappointment. I think I'm good, but in reality, I'm not as good as I think."

Dana's pride in her daughter swelled.

"You're a very wise young lady, Sherri," she said. "Long ago a very wise man said, be sincere of heart and steadfast even in times of adversity and disappointment. As gold is refined in fire, worthy young ladies gain character in the crucible of disappointment and humiliation: And God has a wonderful promise for just such occasions. Be sincere of heart and steadfast, trusting in Him and your future will be great." (Sirach 2:1-6)

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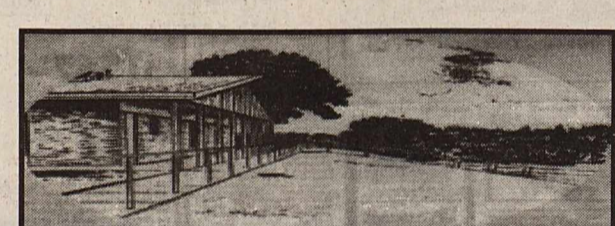
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True freedom comes only by faith in Christ

Jesus promises us in the gospels that the truth shall set you free. He is the truth. All which culture and society promise us as the truth are in reality falsehoods.

Technology promises to set us free. It promises us more productivity, which is supposed to translate into more leisure time. However, it appears to me that the technology of Internet, fax machines and cell phones have only given rise to longer work weeks and less leisure time. Now there is no longer any down time.

We can be reached 24 hours, seven days a week. People on vacation now take their cell phones and laptops with them so they are never out of reach of the office.

A pet peeve of mine is hearing cell phones going off in the movie theater or people putting me on hold due to other calls coming in on their cell phones.



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Are we truly more free due to our advances in technology? I think not.

Rather, the message of the Reformation is that true freedom comes only by faith in Christ. There is no salvation to be found in any human works, nor advances in medicine nor technology. Salvation only comes from Christ. This salvation is a free gift — all we do is accept it.

Come and celebrate the gift of salvation in Christ each Sunday morning at Our Redeemer Lutheran at 9 a.m. and St. Andrew's Episcopal at 11 a.m.

We have Bible study each Wednesday evening at 7.

Find a 'friend' in Christ

By JOE GOEBEL
St. Mary Magdalene Church

A few days ago, I was reading Charles H. Johnson's "One Common Purpose," where he refers to friends. I would like to share it:

"If you see a man with many friends, you may be sure they did not come unsolicited or by accident. The man with friends deliberately planned to have friends. We cultivate friends."

"The word 'cultivate' is used advisedly. Friendships do not grow like weeds. To have them one must cultivate them. One does not have to do much deep thinking to make enemies. Indeed, the less thinking probably the more enemies. People do not write books on that subject."

According to Cruden's Compact Concordance, 1968, the King James Bible uses the words "friend," "friendly," "friends" and "friendship" only 94 times from Genesis through Revelations.

The New American Bible, 1970, used words other than these to translate the same meaning one-third of the time. Some of these other words were man, best man, neighbor, noble, fellow man, flesh and paramour.

In the New Testament, the word friend is used as an address like "sir."

One wonders if we learn from the Bible that we are His friends as we understand being a friend today. Maybe our concept of friends is too modern?

Surely, Jesus wants to be our friend, and he ours. But you have to look for that in the Bible.

Nevertheless, near the Bible's end, in the Book of James, it refers to the beginning of the Bible as it states that "Abraham was a friend of God."

Let's make the effort to be friends.
Editor's note: Joe Goebel is a deacon at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville.

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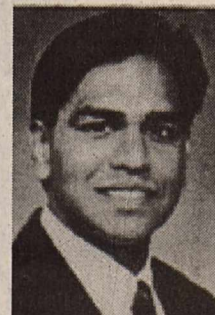
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Local DAR chapter earns three awards

The Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution received three awards at the DAR Fall Forum held in Austin.

The awards were presented to the local chapter last Saturday during a meeting at The Bistro in Uvalde.

The chapter received a Blue Ribbon Award from TSDAR for excellence in program review and evaluation, as well as a Level One Award from NSDAR for excellence in chapter achievement.

Pat McKelvy won an individual award as the outstanding volunteer field genealogist of the South Central Division of NSDAR.

A message from the president general was read by Beth Hiler and Freida Rogers gave the national defense report.

The chapter was commended for having 24 members attend the Constitution Day Luncheon in Kerrville on Sept. 20.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Shirley Cabada and Sharon Hubble gave the financial report.

Names of prospective chapter members were presented at meetings in May and September. Susan Gaylor Knowlen and Lasche Huffman McRory, both from Uvalde, Gay Huffman of San Antonio and Sandra Hoover Harris of Rocksprings were voted on and accepted as prospective members of the chapter.

Sharon Hubble presented the chapter's budget for the year. Janie Van Hoozer, the club's vice president who also served as program chairman, showed a video reinforcing the group's belief in "One Nation Under God."

DRT history forum a success

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library Committee once again sponsored a forum on Texas History at Alamo Hall on the grounds of the Alamo in San Antonio.

Local Caddell-Smith Chapter members attending from Brackettville were Pat McKelvy and Louise Stone.

On display at the hall were the recently acquired Santa Anna sword and the Santa Anna letter as an added bonus to the program.

Dr. Bruce Winders spoke on "Mirabeau B. Lamar and the Quest for Empire."

Dr. Bryon Laburt Howard's topic was "Practicing Medicine in 19th Century Texas."

Dr. Don Graham selected "The King Ranch: Land, Desire, and History" as his topic. The King Ranch is celebrating its

150th anniversary.

Mary Margaret McAllen Amberson gave a book review of her work of history that tells the compelling story of the Lower Rio Grande Valley and the people who struggled to make this land their home in "I'd Rather Sleep in Texas."

The book project was actually begun by Amberson's grandmother, Margaret H. McAllen, in 1978.

McAllen's father, James A. McAllen, compiled extensive notes, research and data on South Texas and Valley history that added much interest to the book.

Spanish conquistadors and Mexican revolutionaries, cowboys and ranchers, Texas Rangers and Civil War generals, entrepreneurs and empire-builders are all a part of this thoroughly

researched, centuries-long saga.

Steamboats used the inland waterway as a major route and fortunes were made while serving as the confederacy's only outlet for money and munition. It is the land from where cattle were driven to the Chisholm Trail and where men, women and beasts braved the unrelenting climate. It was and remains a crossroad of international cultures.

First-hand accounts and the life experiences of the family members of the Santa Anita further enrich this narrative. It tells a remarkably story that covers the broad sweep of Texas and borderlands history.

"The families who founded and maintained the Santa Anita land grant for generations — the Gomez, Dominguez, Balli and McAllen families — were either

influenced by change or caused change to be made in the area," the book says.

"Throughout the history of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, three major striking and ever-repeating themes emerge. The first is how elements seem to grind and blend: the fresh water of the Rio Grande meets the salt water at Boca del Rio, both Mexico and Texas meet at the great river, and Mexican and Anglo cultures mix.

"Many people, Anglos and Hispanics alike, speak Spanish and English, often interchangeably. Customs and traditions blend to incorporate holidays on both sides of the river.

"The study of the family members of the Santa Anita also reveals the assimilation of cultures with each generation.

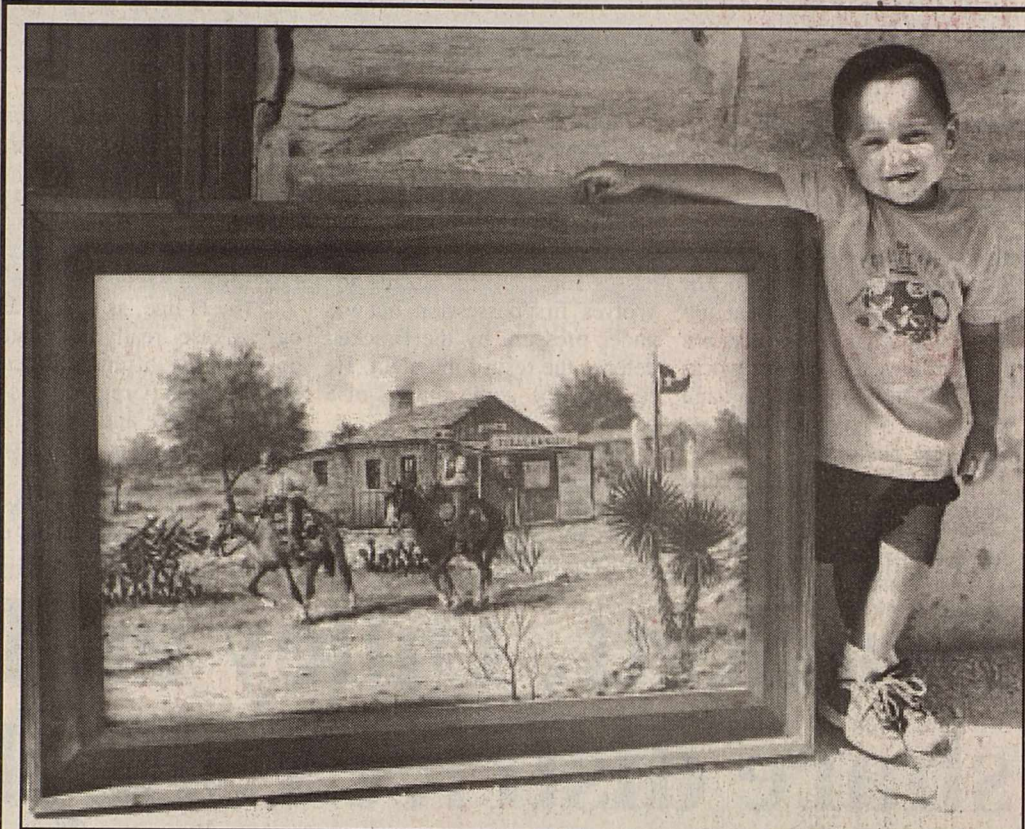
"The second theme is the end-

less change that occurred in the region over a period of two hundred years due to territorial disputes, war or local political skirmishing.

"And finally, there is the theme of durability, or the responding strength, grittiness, and adaptability that is shown in its people."

Following the forum, the group had lunch at the Hyatt property penthouse, The Lone Star Palace, which overlooks the Alamo. It is advertised as having "the ultimate view of Texas history."

Membership in the Daughters of the Republic of Texas is open to any woman over the age of 16 years who can prove she is lineally descended from a man or woman who lived in Texas during the time it was a Republic.



Raffle winner

Nathaniel Talamantez, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Omar Talamantez, was the winner of the Bud Breen painting, raffled to raise funds for the Southwest Twisters softball team.

Photo by Jewel Robinson

Steak sauce on chicken is a pleasant surprise

Well, it happened again. Time has disappeared. It couldn't have been that 30 minute nap!

There are chores to be done and animals demanding supper, as well as my husband.

I was hoping to not have to "make do" for dinner. Using my money-saving whole fryer and steak sauce, dinner was ready in one hour.

If you have not tried steak sauce on chicken, you'll get a pleasant surprise. Oh yes, the chores were done while dinner cooked.

Tangi Chicken

2½-3½ pound chicken, quartered or cut in serving pieces
2 tablespoons butter or margarine

½ cup steak sauce
½ cup water
Melt butter in a skillet large enough to hold the chicken,



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preferably in one layer, and brown the chicken pieces.

Combine the sauce and water, and then pour over chicken. Cover and simmer, basting two or three times. Cook for 30 to 40 minutes, or until the chicken is tender.

If the chicken is large, you might want to turn it over half way through.

Remove the cover and cook for another five to 10 minutes. Skim the excess fat from sauce before serving. Spoon the sauce over the chicken.

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Tigers shut out Wolves in 34-0 win

By J.J. GUDRY
Sports Editor

DILLEY — The Dilley Wolves were a dominating force on the gridiron during the 1990s, earning a trip to the playoffs every year of that decade. That trend seems to be over. Brackett exploded for 483 offensive yards and held Dilley to only 102 yards Friday as the Tigers claimed a 34-0 shutout, virtually closing the door on the Wolves playoff hopes.

"Anytime you get a shutout win over a district opponent, it is a big victory for our program," Tigers coach David Yeager said. "Dilley was favored to win district by a lot of publications, plus they were co-district champs last year, so the win was very special. They were a good football team."

Glenn Morgan led Brackett's offensive assault, rushing for a career-high 235 yards and four touchdowns on 22 carries.

"Glenn ran the ball very hard and really showed some speed on getting to the corner — nobody was catching him," Yeager said. "He continues to improve on his running ability, and unfortunately had a TD reception called back on a good block by Star Smith."

"He is no doubt playing at a different level each week, and we are going to need him to continue to improve in all phases of his offensive game in order for us to make a deep run in the playoffs."

"Coach Ken Wallace really gets our running backs ready to play on Friday night. He does an outstanding job with these young men," Yeager added.

Tony Rosetti also passed the century mark, rushing 11 times for 116 yards, including a 3-yard TD in the fourth quarter.

Noe Talamantes finished the contest with 90 yards on only six totes, including a 66-yard run.

"I was joking with Tony at our pre-game meal that it was time to have a breakout game and he did," Yeager said. "It is really nice that Glenn, Tony and Noe really compliment each other in the fact that if you focus on one the other two can hurt you."

"Tony has good speed and vision, and is very shifty in finding the holes. His ability to make big runs really takes the pressure off of Glenn. He also continues to get better each week, and he is a funny guy."

The Tigers' offense finished with 17 first downs 473 rushing yards, and was forced to punt only once.

"It was kind of a weird game offensively because we had so many yards but not that many points," Yeager said. "We made some correctable mistakes in the red zone or the score could have really gotten out of hand."

"The offensive line has really stepped up to the challenge of winning the battle in the trenches. We really stress to them that they are the key to



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Finding the end zone

Brackett running back Tony Rosetti (3) follows his blockers as he eyes his way to the end zone Friday night in the Tigers 34-0 victory over Dilley. The Tigers host Three Rivers tomorrow. See story below.

winning the ball game.

"Jason Smith, Whitney Massingill, Eli Woolsey, Gumaro Martinez, Tony Jamail and Rolando Ortiz all did a great job last Friday night. They also are going to have to keep on working hard and improving each week if we are going to make a run in the playoffs."

"Our tight ends and swing men also blocked very well: Dietrich Davis, Tres Rueda, Star Smith, Tillman Davis and

Everisto Villareal."

Dilley quarterback Ricky Carpinteyro completed two passes for 18 yards during the Wolves' first possession, but was under pressure by the Brackett defense the rest of the night. He finished the game only 2-of-8 passing.

Massingill, Morgan, Dietrich Davis and Mark Kesteloot each recorded a sack for the Tigers. Davis and Arnold Pinales tackled Carpinteyro in the end zone

for a safety in the third quarter. Massingill and Cody Edwards both recovered a fumble for Brackett.

"The D-line, as well as all of our defense, really dominated a good Dilley offense," Yeager said. "Coach (Greg) Voyles had a great scheme and the assistant coaches did a good job all week of teaching it."

"I thought Dietrich Davis really stood out at defensive end. He just dominated his man. Our

outside linebackers, Tres and Arnold, played well. Mark Kesteloot is playing really well at linebacker and Lito Escamilla continues to make plays anytime he is on the field, whether at linebacker or the kick-off team."

"Our safeties, Brand Wylie and Noe Talamantes, were really humming on Friday night. Our safety play is critical in the success of our defensive scheme. Anytime you have a shutout, the defensive did its job."



Photo by Danielle Moore

A time to celebrate

Brackett's Ashley Smith (11) and Amanda Davis (7) celebrate after a winning point. The Tigerettes play Natalia at 3:30 tomorrow in Uvalde.

Brackett, Dilley and Natalia share district volleyball title

Brackett, Dilley and Natalia are sharing the District 30-2A volleyball crown.

Natalia topped Brackett 25-14, 25-23, 25-12, but then fell to Dilley 25-23, 27-25, 25-21 in a double-header in Dilley on Tuesday, leaving all three teams with 3-3 conference records.

"Tonight was our second chance to clinch the district title — we did not," Tigerettes coach Rhonda Marquardt said after the game.

The three teams will play this weekend to determine seeding for the playoffs. Brackett will play Natalia at 3:30 tomorrow in Uvalde. The loser will finish third, while the winner will face Dilley at 5 on Saturday to determine the first-place team.

"It should prove for an exciting weekend," Marquardt

"This was by far the worst game we played all season. We served 85 percent and wouldn't hit the ball. Our defense was weak and we were mentally not in the game."

Tigerettes coach Rhonda Marquardt

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Simmons

said.

Shanae Simmons led the Tigerettes offense Tuesday with eight kills. Ashley Castillo, Courtney Frerich and Ashley Smith all had three kills, while Beth Ballew and Stephanie Bonner each had two. Amanda Davis finished with seven assists, Kara Yeager had six, Bonner pitched in three and Ballew added one.

Brackett served 92 percent in the contest. Castillo had three aces, Bonner served two and

Davis had one.

Valerie Terrazas paced the defense with 10 digs, while Emily Petrosky had five. Castillo, Simmons and Smith all had two, and Ballew, Bonner, Davis, Yeager, Stacey Castilla, Brandy Smith and Timmeka Simmons, all had one apiece.

Castillo, Frerich and Shanae Simmons each had one block.

Last Friday, Brackett fell to Dilley 25-16, 25-15, 25-10.

"This was by far the worst

Castillo tallied five kills in the contest, Bonner had four, Shanae Simmons added two, and Ballew, Castilla and Frerich all had one apiece. Davis finished with five assists, Bonner had two and Ballew added one. Bonner and Davis also had one ace apiece.

Shanae Simmons picked up two blocks, while Ballew, Bonner, Frerich and Brandy Smith each had one.

Tigers host Bulldogs in final home game

Brackett took sole possession of first place in the District 30-2A standings last week. This week the Tigers will try to secure a state playoff berth.

Brackett (8-0) shut out Dilley 34-0 Friday and Natalia surprised Freer 21-14, leaving the Tigers atop the league standings with a 3-0 mark. Freer and Natalia are now both 2-1. Dilley and George West are 1-2.

Next on the schedule for the Tigers is Three Rivers. The Bulldogs are 1-6 on the season and 0-3 in conference action.

"Three Rivers is another team that is much better than their record indicates," Tigers coach David Yeager said. "They have lost some close games. We will have to have a great week of practice in order to prepare for them. They will be coming in here with nothing to lose and everything to gain by trying to pull off the upset. It should be a great football game."

Three Rivers is coming off of a 26-13 loss to George West.

Chris Salazar led the Bulldogs with 107 yards rushing on 20 carries in the contest.

Quarterback Daniel Gonzales was 7-of-13 passing for 58 yards against George West. He also rushed for 80 yards on 11 attempts.

"They have some very good skill position players in Gonzales and Salazar," Yeager said. "Both are extremely fast and can turn an average play into a big gain."

STANDINGS		
District 30-AA Football		
Team	Dst	Sea
Brackett.....	3-0	8-0
Freer.....	2-1	4-3
Natalia.....	2-1	4-4
Dilley.....	1-2	2-6
George West....	1-2	1-7
Three Rivers....	0-2	1-6
Friday, Oct. 24		
Brackett 34, Dilley 0		
G. West 26, 3 Rivers 13		
Natalia 21, Freer 14		
Friday, Oct. 31		
Three Rivers at Brackett		
Freer at Dilley		
George West at Natalia		

"They do a lot of things offensively, with lots of different formations and sets. Defensively, they are an aggressive eight-man front team."

"They are led in the line by Andrew Jarrett. He is 6-foot-4 and weighs 240 pounds. He is very good on the offensive and defensive line. They have two big linebackers in Joe Juarez and Francisco DeLeon."

Brackett's offense is led by the running tandem of Glenn Morgan and Tony Rosetti.

Morgan has rushed for 1,071 yards and 16 touchdowns this season on 134 attempts. Rosetti has rushed 89 times for 614 yards and five touchdowns.

Tigers quarterback Kody Yeager has completed 17 of 30 passes (56.7 percent) for 307 yards with eight touchdowns and one interception.



Photo Special to The Brackett News

Headed to nationals

Brackettville's Longhorn cheerleaders competed at the Alamodome on Saturday with over 200 other squads and brought home three awards: the American Cheerpower New Squad Award, eighth place in the Let's Cheer category and a national bid. The Longhorns' next competition is Nov. 15 in Laredo. Team members include, top row (from left): Stella Guajardo, Erica Rodriguez, Chaito Sanchez, Roxana Gomez and Amanda DelBosque. Middle row: Bianca Cruz, Selina Gerardo, Natasha Samaniego, Brianna Escamilla and Crystal Garcia. Bottom row: Isabel Garcia and Mya Garcia, mascots.

BRIEFS

Volleyball closes season with wins

Brackett's junior varsity and freshmen volleyball teams closed their seasons last week with wins over the Natalia Lady Mustangs.

The J.V. Tigerettes claimed a 25-12, 25-12 victory over the Lady Mustangs.

Timmeka Simmons led in scoring with nine points. Divina Pena had three kills, Kara Yeager pitched in six assists and Whitney Hobbs had nine digs. The freshmen squad served 96 percent en route to a 25-9, 25-19 win over Natalia.

Laura Meyer paced the Tigerettes with 14 service points and seven assists. Lola Cano and Lisa Morgan each had three kills, Allyson DelBosque picked up nine digs and Nadine Terrazas had three aces.

Cubs post 22-0 win over Wolves

Brackett scored three times in the first half and never looked back as the Cubs blanked the Dilley Wolves 22-0 Thursday in junior high football action.

Fermin Villanueva paced the Cubs with 207 yards rushing and three touchdowns on 14 carries. He scored on runs of 51, 28 and 62 yards, respectively.

Scott Thourout tallied 22 yards on four totes, while Travis Bonner finished with 13 yards on seven attempts, including two conversions. Defensively, Bonner had two interceptions.

The Cubs play D'Hanis on the road today at 4:30, while the junior varsity Tigers play in Sabin today at 5.

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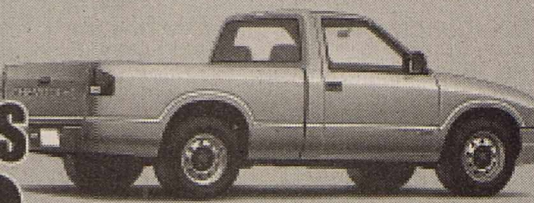
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