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BRIEFS

Adult FCA hosts first-ever meeting

The first meeting of the new adult FCA chapter will be held this Sunday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Any adult interested in helping to support Brackett High School's FCA members and their ministry service projects is invited.

Adults who join this year will form the new club's charter membership. Members will be asked to pray for the FCA Chapter members and sponsors, pay \$25 in dues and offer support to the FCA chapter. Area clergy are also invited and are asked to help spread the word in their churches, so that the new Adult FCA Chapter will be made up of all communities of faith.

FCA's goal is to "present to athletes and coaches and all whom they influence the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church."

The meeting will be held in the home of Bill and Carolyn Conoly, and will be led by FCA sponsors Rhonda and Charles Marquardt. For more information, call 563-3699 or 563-2491, Ext. 414.

Board candidates featured at forum

The Fort Clark Springs Community Council will host its monthly meeting on Saturday, Feb. 14, at Post Theater. Candidates running for the Fort Clark Board of Directors will be invited to present their qualifications and philosophies at that meeting. There will be a forum led by Diane Daniels.

Candidates will be given five minutes for their formal presentation. After the candidates finish that portion of the forum, the audience will be allowed to present questions that they want the candidates to answer.

BHS hosts blood drive on Monday

Brackett High School will host a blood drive on Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school parking lot. For information, call Francine Collins at 563-2491, Ext. 182.

Cancer group to meet tonight

The Cancer Support Group will meet tonight at 6:30 at First Baptist Church. The group includes those who are currently receiving cancer treatment, in remission or who are cured, and their caregivers. The meeting includes a pot luck supper.

Little League to elect officers

The Kinney County Little League will host an organizational meeting on Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the H.E. Cottage next to the BHSD band hall. Directors and officers for the 2004 year will be elected at the meeting. For more information, call Jennifer Harris at 563-2273.

RGEC sees 5 percent rate hike

Officials to discuss first increase in 16 years during meeting tonight

Members of Rio Grande Electric Cooperative will soon experience a 5 percent rate increase — their first in 16 years.

"Every consumer will receive the same percentage of increase and the increase will be applied only to the energy charge of each rate class," said Dan Laws, general manager and CEO of RGEC.

Laws said the availability and demand charges will remain the same as they have been for the last several years. In addition, Laws cautioned that consumers should not confuse the energy charge portion of their monthly bill with the power cost adjust-

ment, which, as established by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, allows electric utilities to adjust for rising and falling fuel costs, like natural gas, used to generate electricity.

"Our board of directors and employees have worked hard to hold down the costs associated with delivering your electric energy," Laws said. "But the rising cost of nearly everything else made it necessary for us to make this adjustment."

In 1987, for example, the minimum wage was \$3.35 per hour, and today it is \$5.15 per hour — an increase of 54 per-

cent. The cost of employee health insurance has doubled over the last six years. Cooperative employees travel more than 1 million miles every year, doing what is necessary to deliver safe and reliable electric energy.

During the last 16 years, the cost of fuel used in co-op vehicles has risen 27 percent.

"These are but a few of the changes that necessitate the increase," Laws told a group of members. "Implementing a rate increase is certainly not our first choice when trying to meet our obligations and maintain the co-

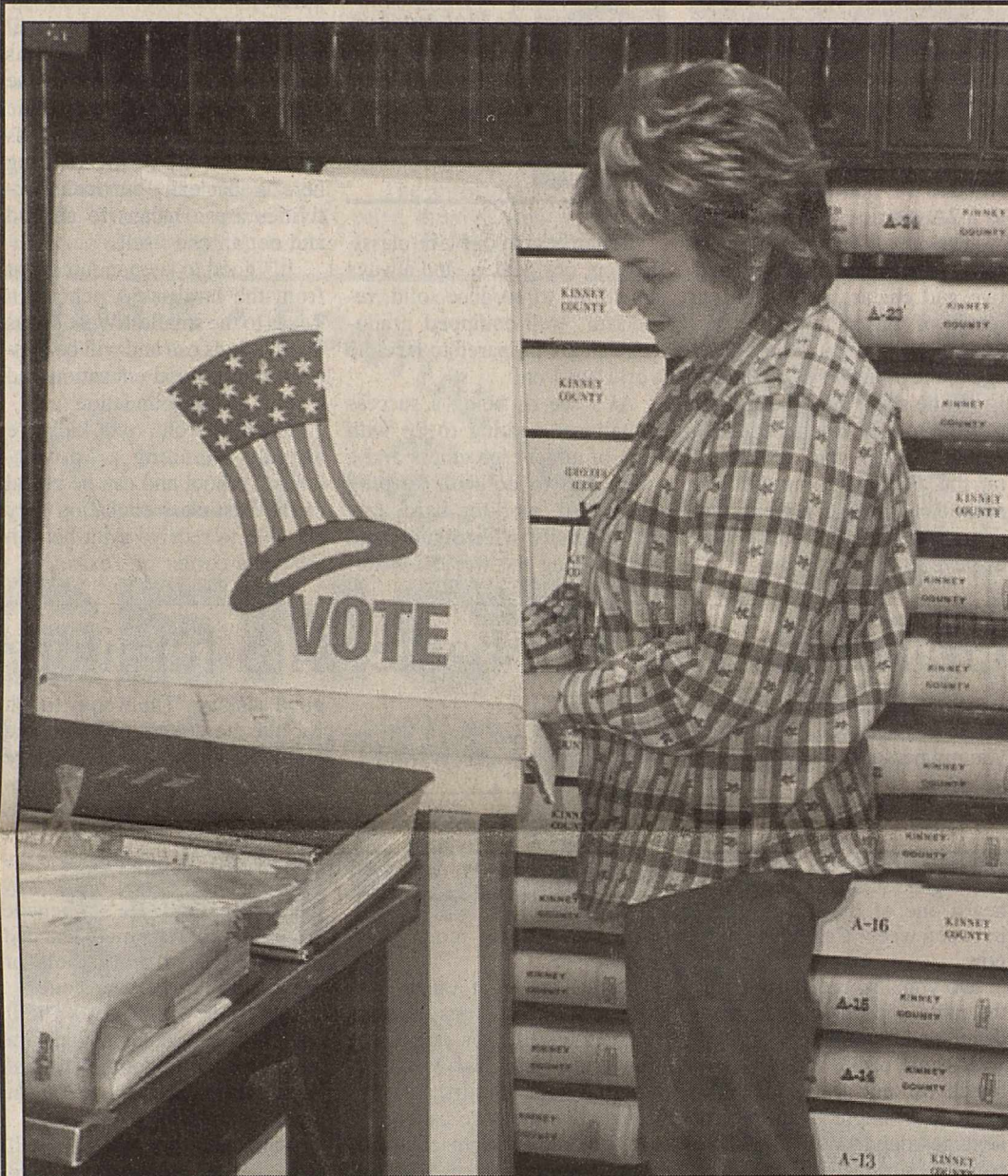
operative's financial health, but there comes a point when you simply have no choice, such as the case here. We borrowed money to meet our capital needs, but that money has to be paid back and the interest on these loans is an expense that directly impacts the statement of operations and is a factor that reduces margins to levels that are below policy goals."

A series of meetings, conducted by Laws and members of the Board of Directors, will be held to explain the increase, its need and the effect it will have on consumers' bills. For the

Brackettville area, the meeting will take place tonight at 7 at the Rio Grande Electric Co-op Warehouse, located on Highway 90 and Highway 131.

RGEC, headquartered in Brackettville, is a member-owned, non-profit electric cooperative, serving rural residents in 18 counties in Texas and two counties in New Mexico.

With offices in Brackettville, Carrizo Springs, El Paso, Fort Stockton, Dell City and Marfa, the co-op promotes sustainable rural development throughout its 27,000 square mile service territory.



Voting early
Jennifer McDaniel casts her vote Monday in the county's rollback election. She was one of 221 citizens to vote early in the election to reduce the county road and bridge tax rate.

Citizens can rollback tax rate Saturday

A total of 221 citizens cast their votes early in the special election to rollback the county road and bridge tax rate from .8700 to .8393.

The special election is the result of a petition signed by citizens opposing the 12 percent tax rate increase approved last fall by the Commissioners' Court.

"I'm surprised so many people have come out," County Clerk Dora Sandoval said. "I hope we have a lot more people show an interest. The citizens asked for this election, so I hope they come out and vote."

Election day is Saturday. Polling places include the EMS Building, Precinct 1; the Brackett High School Auditorium, Precinct 2; the Senior Citizens Apartments, Precinct 3; and the Kinney County Library Annex, Precinct 4.

Citizens are asked to bring their new voter registration cards that were mailed last month.

The petition opposing the tax hike was approved by the Commissioners' Court in December.

POLLING PLACES

Following are the polling locations for Saturday's rollback elections:

Precinct	Location
1	EMS Building
2	BHS Auditorium
3	Senior Citizens Apts.
4	County Library Annex

According to Martha Pena Padron, the county tax assessor-collector, there are 2,423 registered voters in the county. A recall election required a petition signed by at least 10 percent of the registered voters, or 243. Padron validated 336 signatures on the petition.

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.

After adopting four consecutive deficit budgets, officials approved major budget cuts this year. The county pledged over \$300,000 in savings last year to balance the budget.

State officials host local hearing on corridor

The Texas Department of Transportation will host a hearing here next week to gather public comments and opinions on possible routes for the Trans-Texas Corridor.

The public hearing is slated for 6 p.m. on Tuesday at the EMS building.

"We have not received public hearing presentation materials from our Austin office as of yet, which I am sure will shed some light as to the planning of the corridor in your immediate

area," said Raul Leal, public information officer with the Department of Transportation's Laredo District Office.

"At this point, I can only assume that any information to be presented at the hearing will be preliminary. However, feedback from your community members at the hearing will be important and most probably crucial toward the development of this project."

Gov. Rick Perry unveiled his "Trans Texas Corridor" plan

two years ago and touted it as a fiscally responsible and innovative transportation blueprint that will improve the state's transportation needs, move the transport of hazardous materials out of urban population centers, reduce air pollution and significantly improve opportunities for economic development and job creation in Texas.

The Trans Texas Corridor incorporates toll and non-toll roads, high-speed freight and commuter rail, water lines, oil

and gas pipelines, electric transmission lines, broadband and other telecommunications infrastructure in the same corridors.

With population projections showing that Texas could grow from 21 million residents today to 50 million over the next few decades, Perry said that planning for tomorrow's transportation needs is essential.

"We need a transportation system that meets the needs of tomorrow, not one that struggles to keep up with the needs of yes-

terday," Perry said. "The Trans Texas Corridor will map out a brighter future for Texas. It is a plan to ease traffic congestion and increase the safety and security of Texans living in crowded cities and suburbs, near congested border crossings and in our smallest communities in rural Texas."

The corridor is the largest engineering project ever proposed for the state. The total estimated cost for the corridor ranges from \$145.2 billion to \$183.5 billion.

INSIDE

UIL team wins

EAGLE PASS — Brackett High School won the first place sweepstakes award for small schools at the Eagle Pass UIL academic meet. Community/Page 4

Tie for second

Brackett forced a tie for second place in the District 30-2A girls' basketball standings Friday as the Tigerettes edged George West 45-42. Sports/Page 7

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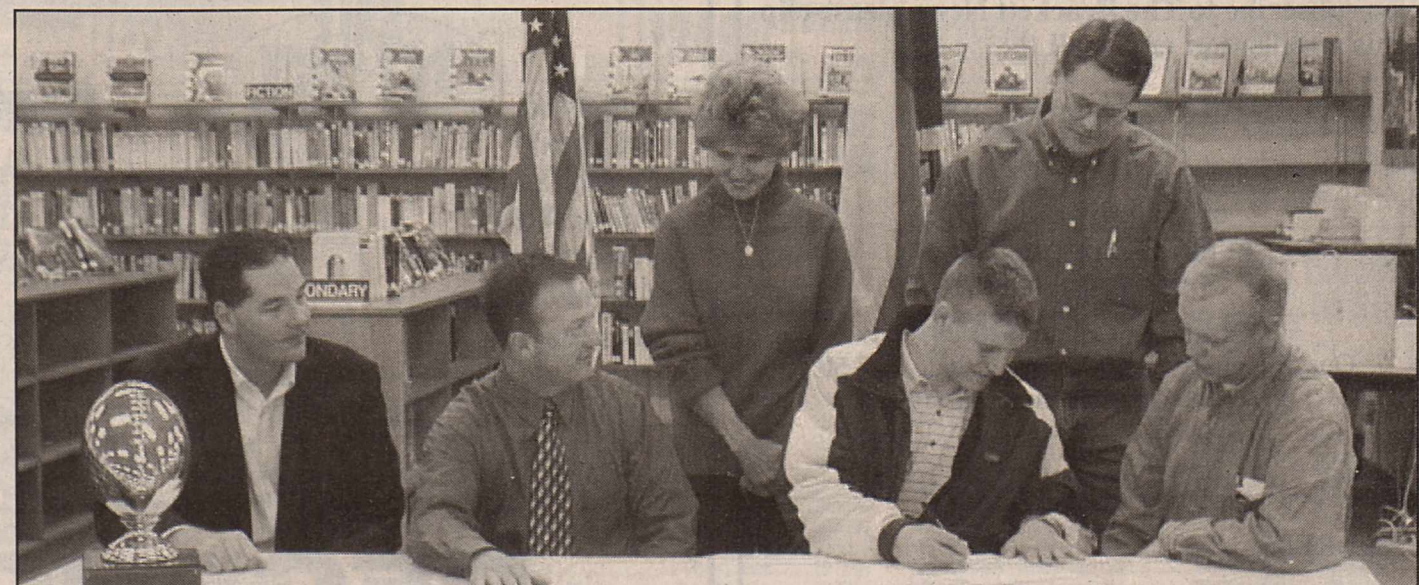
Davis earns scholarship to play football with Rice

Dietrich Davis is now the first Brackett High School senior to earn a scholarship to play football for a Division I school.

The Tigers star defensive end signed a national letter of intent to play with Rice University on Wednesday, which was national signing day. He will receive a full scholarship.

"It's every kid's dream to play college football and I'm really excited I'm going to have the opportunity to live that dream," Davis said after a brief ceremony at Brackett ISD's Hunt Library.

Davis earned All-Southwest Texas laurels at tight end and defensive end and was the District 30-2A defensive MVP after helping the Tigers' football team to its first conference championship in 26 years and its first perfect 10-0 season in 31 years. See DAVIS/Page 7



Signing on the dotted line
Brackett senior Dietrich Davis (seated, second from right) signs a national letter of intent Wednesday morning to play football at Rice University. Also on hand at the Hunt Library were superintendent Bobby Templeton (from left), athletic director and head football coach David Yeager, Davis' parents, Kayla and Zach Davis, and high school counselor Ken Newman.

Appraisal District board finally meets Directors gather for first time in five months

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

The Kinney County Appraisal District Board of Directors met in January for the first time in over five months.

Controversy has surrounded the district since Mike Holley, chairman, and Bill Haenn, chief appraiser, attempted to recall Wes Robinson as a director.

The Brackettville City Council and the Kinney County Commissioners Court — the two entities that elected Robinson to the board — both decided not to pursue the recall.

Holley and Haenn said they sought to recall Robinson because he had missed three meetings. Officials later learned that Richard Slubar and Tim Ward also missed three meetings.

Slubar's term has since expired. Haenn said he did not attempt to recall Ward because he had explained by telephone why he would not be able to attend the meetings. Robinson claimed he was singled out for political reasons.

"I'm not singling out anyone," Holley said during last week's meeting. "That was never

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Mike Holley

the intent. I'm sorry that it happened that way.

"I'm sorry for the upheaval that it caused. I have some other comments, but those will be made in a personal nature later on," he added.

Since the leaders of the taxing entities represented by the Appraisal District are the only ones who can recall a director, Holley suggested that a regular attendance report of board members be sent to the entities.

Robinson said one major problem with attendance has been the random dates that meetings are scheduled.

"The school board, the city and the county all meet on the second Monday or the second Tuesday so it would seem to be prudent for us to meet on the first Tuesday," Robinson said.

The directors approved a schedule of meetings for the up-

coming year. The board will meet on the first Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December. In addition, the district will have a public hearing to approve its budget on Aug. 10.

Haenn said the agendas for meetings are posted at the Appraisal District Office and Courthouse at least 72 hours in advance and are mailed to the directors at the same time.

At the suggestion of board member Tom Ertle, the directors voted to have an Appraisal District employee contact each of the board members by telephone the morning of every meeting day.

"There are five of us here," Ertle said. "Five phone calls in a matter of a few minutes in the morning would be no problem."

In addition, Robinson asked if the directors' packets containing information about the items on the agenda could be mailed out with the agendas, but Haenn said it was not possible.

"It's not prepared at that time," the chief appraiser said.

The directors currently receive their packets when they arrive for the meetings.



Swearing in ceremony

Mike Holley (standing left) and Steve Crosby (right) are sworn in as directors of the Kinney County Appraisal District by Bill Haenn, chief appraiser, during a recent meeting.

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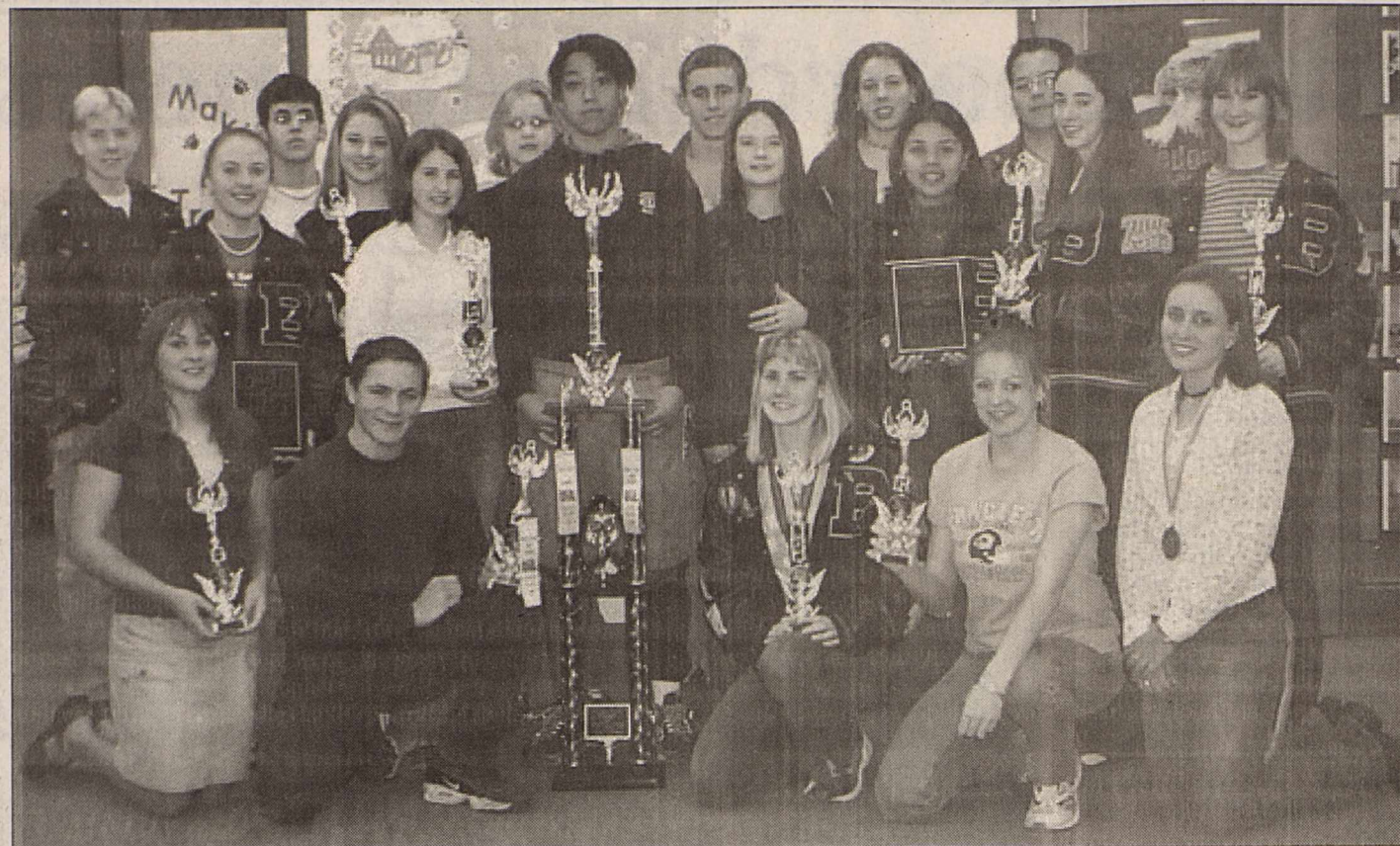
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Brackett won top honors for small schools at the Eagle Pass UIL academic meet. Team members include, back row (from left): Cody Robinette, Hector Febres, Ashley Thourot, Tillman Davis, Courtney Frerich and John Moore. Middle row: Jessi Crane, Amanda Davis, Emily Petrosky, Shanae Simmons, Alison Carroll, Clarissa Aguirre, Jackie Duncan and Rachel Swinson. Front row: Dana Bonner, Beau Watkins, Juliann Ashabranner, Danielle Moore and Sarah Meyer. Not pictured: Ashley Smith.

BHS wins Eagle Pass academic meet

EAGLE PASS — Brackett High School won the first place sweepstakes award for small schools (Class 1A through 3A) at the Eagle Pass UIL academic meet last Saturday.

BHS had 21 students competing in the meet, where students were tested in the areas of math, science, English, business, history and speech.

Participants represented 1A to 5A schools from Knippa to Laredo.

Brackett's accounting team

took first-place honors. Individually, Ashley Thourot was third, Sarah Meyer finished fourth and Ashley Smith was seventh.

The computer applications team finished second. Amanda Davis was second overall, Smith placed eighth and Meyer was ninth.

Davis also claimed third-place honors in the spelling competition.

Juliann Ashabranner won the feature writing competition, while Shanae Simmons was fifth

in poetry and sixth in news writing.

In literary criticism, Rachel Swinson and Hector Febres finished second and third, respectively.

Tillman Davis and Emily Petrosky were second in cross-X debate, while Dana Bonner and Cody Robinette finished fifth. Danielle Moore was fourth in Lincoln Douglas debate.

Beau Watkins finished third in current events and fourth in persuasive speaking, while

Alison Carroll was fifth in prose.

"I would like to thank all the students who took time out of their Saturday to attend this meet, especially the basketball students who had traveled to Freer the night before and were back up and on the van at 6:15 Saturday morning to travel to Eagle Pass," said Cindy Brandt, BHS' UIL coordinator.

"Your special effort helped to make this a successful meet for Brackett High School," she added.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Wednesday, Jan. 28
 5:49 p.m., A man requested that a deputy check on his mother's residence on W. Spring Street.
 5:59 p.m., A man requested a deputies assistance in unlocking a vehicle with a child inside on W. El Paso Street.
 10:00 p.m., U.S. Border Patrol agents reported stopping a driver at the Cline checkpoint who had an outstanding warrant out of Travis County for driving while intoxicated, second offense. The man also had in his possession several pills that were tested and found to be amphetamines, plus three needles and

syringes and marijuana cigarettes. Deputy Ron Ring was dispatched to the scene. He arrested the man, David Wayne Roberts, 43, of Austin on the outstanding warrant and charged him with possession of a controlled substance. Roberts was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.
Thursday, Jan. 29
 7:15 p.m., A man reported that his 1985 blue Ford Bronco was missing. He said the last time he had seen the vehicle was at noon that day.
 8:05 p.m., Deputy Ring was patrolling behind the Brackett

ISD campus when he discovered a blue Ford Bronco that had been reported stolen. The man driving the vehicle said he went to the complainant's house and nobody was home, but he needed to borrow the vehicle. The complainant declined to file charges and gave the other man a ride home.
 9:30 p.m., A Del Rio man requested a welfare check on a Brackettville man who had telephoned him, said "good-bye" and was acting funny. Deputy Karl Chism was dispatched to the residence and said the man was OK.
 10:45 p.m., A Spofford wo-

man reported four illegal aliens near her residence.
Friday, Jan. 30
 1:04 p.m., A man called to complain that people should keep their goats on their own property.
 3 p.m., A man reported 50 dead goats on a local ranch.
 5:39 p.m., A woman reported that someone was in her backyard and her daughter was home by herself.
 10:44 p.m., An anonymous caller reported loud music on W. Thomas Street. Deputies Gutierrez and Cody Shannon were dispatched to the scene, but did not hear any loud music.

OBITUARIES

Hilaria S. Perea

Hilaria S. Perea of Brackettville went to be with the Lord on Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at the age of 80. She was born Jan. 13, 1924.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Juan Salazar and Gregoria Alcorta; a brother: Jose Salazar; and four sisters: Delfina Dones, Mercedes Dones, Francisca Dones and Dolores Villanueva.

Perea is survived by her husband: Juan R. Perea of Brackettville; brother: Paulino Salazar, sister: Juanita Alcorta;

grandchildren: Ben Fuentes, Julie Molano and Ralph Fuentes; and great-grandchildren: Kelsey and Celes Molano.

Visitation was held last week at Don's Funeral Chapels in Brackettville, and a Rosary was recited.

A Mass of Christian burial was held last Thursday at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Burial followed at the Catholic Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Don's Funeral Chapels.

Elizabeth Prescott Ebert

Elizabeth "Betty" Prescott Ebert, 85, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, in Prescott, Wis.

Ebert was one of Fort Clark Springs' Winter Texan for over 20 years. Her husband, Vernon, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her sons: David, John, Thomas and Dou-

glas; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held this morning at 11 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Prescott, Wis. Burial of her cremated remains will be at a later date in the church's cemetery.

BRIEFS

Financial aid meeting set for parents

Ken Newman, Brackett High School counselor, will host a financial aid meeting for seniors and their parents next Thursday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The meeting will be informative, and interactive for seniors and their parents so that many will hopefully have a better understanding of financial assistance. Newman will also be distributing handouts that will enable parents to understand what their child needs to be preparing for in the future.

Parents are encouraged to attend, as Newman will be relaying some very important information regarding grants, loans and scholarships. Hector Jimenez and Mary Hernandez will also be there to translate for those parents who speak Spanish.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets at FCS

The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met last Tuesday in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center. Six tables played, using the Mitchell Movement. The winners in the north-south were Blake and Jeanette Hinton. Ann Melin and Ann Watts finished second and Helen Marie Jones and Rosetta Pingenot were third. In the east-west, the winners were Mona Miller and Dena Scott. Dianna Daniels and Mylo Unruh took second, while Ruth Potter and Sara Richhart were third.

Computer Club meets Monday night

The Brackettville Computer Club has put together a presentation on digital photography, which includes a "how-to" about organizing, transferring, attaching, archiving, editing, printing, adjusting and capturing digital photographs.

The club will meet Monday night at 7 at the Kinney County Library Annex. There is no charge for the meeting, but the club requests a donation of 50 cents per person for the library's utility expenses. For more information, 563-3443.

Church's annual Bratfry a success

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church officials deemed the 10th annual Bratfry a success. There were 269 meals served at the event, sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Funds raised are for youth scholarships. Music for the event was provided by Pat Strothers on accordion and Pastor Nathan Laftrenz on violin.

Cavalry Brigade to clean Saturday

The Fort Clark Springs Community Council's Cavalry Brigade has many projects on the agenda in preparation for Fort Clark Days, scheduled for March 12-13. The group will meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday at Shafter Hall for work detail assignments. Lunch will be served to volunteers from 11:30 to 12:30.

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Longhorn Cheerleaders



Among the best in the nation Photo Special to The Brackett News
The Brackettville Longhorn Cheerleaders finished sixth at the National Cheer-Power Competition in Galveston. The squad, coached by Nancy Rodriguez, will start tumbling classes in preparation for its next competition at Astroworld in Houston on May 1. Team members include, back row (from left): Amanda Del Bosque, Chaito Sanchez, Erica Rodriguez and Stella Guajardo. Middle row: Roxy Gomez, Brianna Escamilla and Bianca Cruz. Front row: Crystal Garcia, Natasha Samaniego, Selena Gerardo and Isabel Garcia, mascot.

Try to keep an open mind about new food combinations

Do you find that even as an adult, we are still hesitant to try new foods or new combinations? I admit to a few preconceived ideas of "I don't like that!" about things I've never tried. Keeping that in mind, while having lunch with the Cheaney's at their new home, a friend stopped to chat. With due course, she shared an original salad recipe of hers that the restaurant named after her features on their menu. You guessed it, I knew I



Goodies
From G.G.

Vada Baldree

wouldn't like the combos in it, but certain my husband would, so I'd make it. Would you believe I ate more of it than he did? Hope you enjoy this as much

as we did.
Broccoli salad by Edi
1 head of broccoli flowerlets
1 red onion (chopped)
½ cup cocktail peanuts or other nuts
½ cup golden raisins
¼ teaspoon sugar
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice or concentrate
¾ cup mayo
Mix sugar, lemon juice and mayo together and pour over vegetables.
Refrigerate.

Veltman reactivates membership

UVALDE — Mary Louise Veltman of Brackettville, a former member of the Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, expressed her desire to again become an active member at the group's January meeting at The Bistro. The vote to accept her was unanimous.

State Regent Florence Fitch Patton was the guest speaker. Thirty-seven years of DAR membership and responsibilities have preceded her leadership of the Texas Society and this was very evident in her presentation of "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness — Source of the American Dream."

Although born in Eagle Pass, Nacogdoches, her maternal family homeplace since the 1930s and her home town since 1961, is the city where she and her late husband raised their son and two DAR daughters.

Gay Huffman was welcomed as the chapter's newest member.

In the message from the DAR president general, Sandra Harris quoted: "Perhaps, today as never before, the Daughters of the American Revolution must take up the cause and lend our voices to that of our ancestors as we rededicate ourselves to preserving American's religious heritage. Our forefathers came to this land initially seeking freedom to worship God in their own ways. They fought and died to guarantee our freedom of worship and we must accept the responsibility to preserve it. This generation of patriots must not allow the intolerance of the few to inhibit the rights of the many. We are 'one nation under God.' It is our heritage and it is the foundation of our American republic."

The next assembly will be on Saturday, Feb. 21, at The Bistro on Getty Street with registration at 10:30 a.m. Prospective members are welcome.

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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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Roaring Twenties Solution: 1. Bears 2. Bengals 3. Bills 4. Broncos 5. Buccaneers 6. Chiefs 7. Colts 8. Dolphins 9. Eagles 10. Falcons 11. Giants 12. Jets 13. Lions 14. Oilers 15. Packers 16. Patriots 17. Raiders 18. Rams 19. Saints 20. Vikings

HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper ARIES (March 21 to April 19) At the height of the week, you have little time for relaxation. However, by week's end, you deserve a nice rest. Take time out this weekend just to pamper yourself. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Utilize patience when dealing with elderly family members. Remember, someday you may be in the same position. A late-week phone call brings surprising news. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Avoid a tendency to be less than forthcoming this week. Coworkers need to know exactly where they stand. A weekend outing leads to new introductions. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Mind your manners when out and about this week. You don't have to answer rudeness in a like manner. Rise above this and prove you're the better person. LEO (July 23 to August 22) What you want isn't always what you need. Take some time to get your priorities in order. In the long run, it will make you a happier person. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A friend comes to you with a bit of a dilemma. Fortunately, you're able to untangle the mess. Over the weekend, devote some time to hobbies.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You have a tendency to be a bit forgetful this week. It seems you just can't concentrate. This passes by week's end. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your imagination works overtime this week. Luckily, your fears are unfounded. Later in the week, a child has a question you find difficult to answer. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Unlike last week, peace and harmony reign. Feuding friends have kissed and made up. Use the weekend to catch up on correspondence. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's a good time to go over your budget. If you need to be more organized, enlist the aid of a professional. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You have a tendency this week to dwell too much on past hurts. Make an effort to forgive and forget. If not, the residual resentment will only serve to your detriment. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You learn something about a close friend you'd never know before. While surprising, it's not necessarily bad. Travel is in the stars for the weekend. (c) 2001 DBR Media, Inc.



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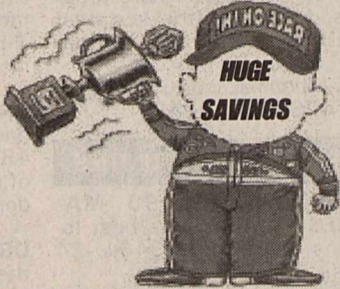
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