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Voters rollback county tax rate

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

The ballots are in and they have been counted — 80 percent of Kinney County citizens voting in the rollback election were in favor of the measure to reduce the county's road and bridge tax rate.

The rollback passed by a vote of 384-98, including 97-36 in Precinct 1, 89-18 in Precinct 2, 79-10 in Precinct 3 and 119-34 in Precinct 4.

There were 220 early votes cast and 262 on election day.

The Commissioners' Court held a special meeting to canvass the results of the special election on Wednesday morning, prior to press-time.

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

ELECTION RESULTS

Results of Saturday's election to rollback the county road and bridge tax rate:

Precinct	For	Against
1	97	36
2	89	18
3	79	10
4	119	34
Total	384	98

"I'm surprised so many people came out," County Clerk Dora Sandoval said. "The citizens asked for this election, so I was glad to see them come out and vote."

During an Appraisal District board meeting last month, Chief Appraiser Bill Haenn said the rollback election will cost the county approximately \$5,000 for the work the appraisal district will have to do.

"The Appraisal District's job

will be to recalculate the taxes," he said. "When that happens, we will have to issue a corrected tax bill to every taxpayer. The refund comes from the county. We will give them the list of the folks that have already paid and what the refund is that they are due, if it's more than \$1.

"That estimated cost is probably kind of high, but that's what the county will have to pay us to do the recalculations, to mail statements and to do everything that we have to do," he added.

Haenn said the county would have to issue somewhere between 4,000 to 5,000 checks.

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

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

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the registered voters (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, 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.

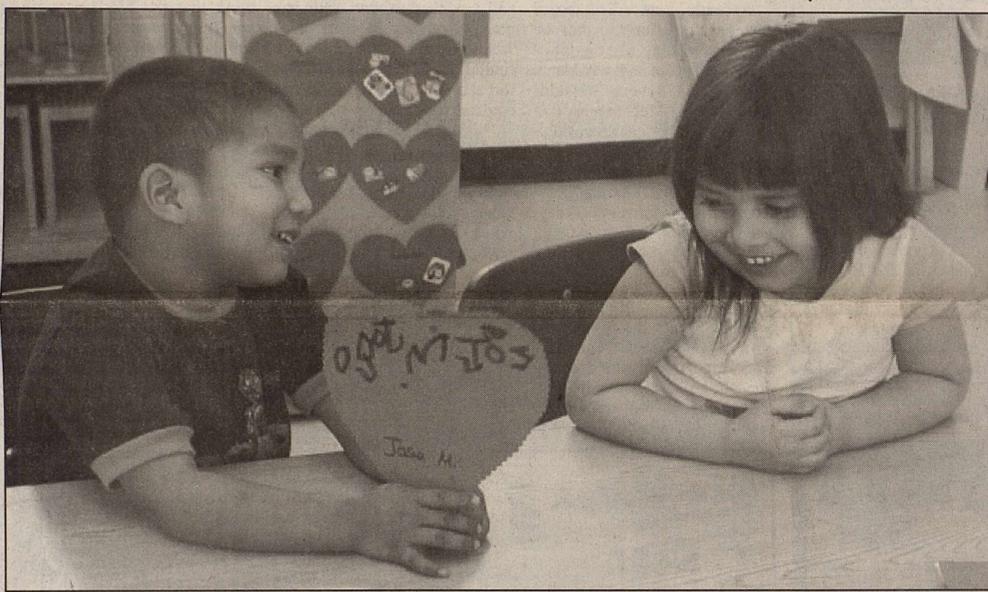


Rolling back taxes

Precinct 2 election judges Ava Lindeman (from left), Mrs. Talamantez and Bertha Reschman review the list of eligible voters during Saturday's election to rollback county taxes.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Happy Valentine's Day



Will you be my valentine?

Jose Martinez (left) shows his valentine to Destiny Terrazas. The two 4-year-olds were among the Head Start students that made Valentine's Day cards last week at the Kinney County Public Library.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Water board delays action on rehearing

By DIANA K. WARD
Staff Writer

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors tabled discussions on a motion for rehearing on the district's management plan last week.

The board adopted the management plan on Dec. 4, but it has not yet been approved by the Texas Water Development Board.

"We may have to come back later and change things anyway," said Cecil Smith, president of the board. "We don't know if it's going to be certified or not certified."

Smith said the board had been advised by the district's attorney, Robert Sledge of Austin, to table the issue until the March meeting.

The motion for rehearing was filed on Dec. 24 by Ed McCarthy, an Austin attorney representing the Ben Jones Jr. estate, the Ben Jones Sr. estate, the Willie Jo Dooley Limited Partnership, Zachry and Kayla Davis, McDaniel Farms Inc., Hayden and Doris Haby, Hayden Haby Jr. and Denette Haby Coates.

The central issue in the motion is the district's decision to define groundwater availability solely upon recharge from rainfall inside Kinney County.

"This decision, which the plan states is a 'policy decision,' falls short of the true quantity of usable groundwater in Kinney County on many levels," McCarthy writes in the motion. "It fails to take into account either the existing amount of groundwater in the aquifer or other sources of groundwater in the aquifer or other sources of

groundwater both into and within the district, many of which have been identified in previous scientific studies. The district's 'policy decision' does not take into account such sources as the lateral flow into underlying aquifers from the district's northern boundary up dip in the Edwards Plateau region."

Stuart Henry, the lead attorney for the Sierra Club, defended the board's definition of groundwater availability at the January meeting.

"What you did is take what I consider to be a prudent approach of not having any more good data than you do have, and basically saying we're not going to allocate more water than we know is actually available."

Lynn Sherman, president of Water Texas, an Austin company hoping to market water from Kinney County, addressed the board last week during the time set aside for public comment and expressed his support of the motion for rehearing.

Sherman urged the board to reconsider the management plan. His concern was that the present plan does not reflect that a groundwater divide exists in Kinney County.

"The motion for rehearing raises a lot of concerns about the uniform way that the management plan manages the aquifers, and about its failure to recognize the immense amount of water that's coming in from the other counties to the north," Sherman said.

"There are a lot of issues, but the one thing to me that illustrates how it's lacking is that it completely fails to recognize that you have at least two aquifers."

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Community partnership hosts family series

Every parent wants to be a good parent. Every husband or wife wants a good marriage. We all want our children to grow up in a loving family environment.

But who is looking out for our children to ensure they have the benefits of a loving environment? Who is making sure our children have what they need for succeeding in a society that is increasingly tolerant and even applauding of immoral behavior?

God has a wonderful plan for every husband, every wife, ev-

ery child, and for the family.

This will be the topic of the Empowering Families series of four sessions in February and March to be held at the Brackett ISD Library.

A community partnership made up of The St. Henry DeOsso Family Project, Brackett ISD, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the churches of Brackettville is presenting the series of four sessions free of charge for anyone interested.

The four sessions will be held at the BISD Hunt Library on

Monday evenings beginning next Monday at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by Jones Elementary School and child care will be provided by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Next week, the topic will be "Who is Looking Out for Your Kids?" This session will encourage you in ways to be an effective example for your family. You will learn how to be a more effective parent according to God's plan and the principles of moral parenting.

On Feb. 23, the topic will be

"Relationships — Sex, Babies and Ruined Lives." This session will discuss the problems in modern family relationships and the effects of these on your children. You will learn how to be an example to your children and how to teach them the importance of chastity and choosing the right kind of friends and life partners.

On March 1, the topic will be "Alcohol and Drugs — A Walk With Death." You will learn how to ensure that your children do not experiment with

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Petrosky: Orange Bowl a 'once-in-a-lifetime' experience

Brackett senior Emily Petrosky is still glowing after her performance in the FedEx Orange Bowl halftime show on New Year's Day in Miami.

The halftime show displayed some of the country's best talent, as over 3,000 performers — dancers, majorettes, flag corps, cheerleaders and band members — from across the nation converged in South Florida. This year's show was themed "Party South Florida Style."

"Attending the Orange Bowl was one of the most enjoyable experiences I have ever encountered," Petrosky said.

"Practicing for eight hours a day with 700 cheerleaders from all over the United States, you are bound to create new friendships — and I certainly did. I met cheerleaders from New York, New Jersey, Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Utah,

Washington, New Hampshire, Texas and, of course, Florida.

"Practices were long and very tiring, but we did have some time for fun as well," she added.

On the second day, the cheerleaders were treated to a pool party at their hotel, located in the heart of Miami Beach.

"A semiformal New Year's Eve dinner and dance helped to soothe our soreness and gave us a relaxing evening after a grueling eight hour practice in the sun," Petrosky said.

The next day included a shopping excursion to Coconut Grove. New Year's Eve was spent at Pro Player Stadium where the cheerleaders performed the next day.

"I really enjoyed the atmosphere and the reality of all the pressure involved in putting a show of this magnitude together in just five days," Petrosky said.

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Emily Petrosky

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"I don't think I will ever be able to duplicate the way I felt performing that evening — when we made a human flag on the field during the National Anthem, the cheers from the stands was deafening. It was truly an indescribable feeling."

"Thanks to all of you for giving me the opportunity to have such a once-in-a-lifetime moment!"

Petrosky has been a varsity cheerleader at Brackett High School for the past four years and is in her second year as head cheerleader.

Petrosky earned the honor of participating in the halftime performance by being elected to the National Cheerleader Association All-American squad. This is the second year she has been nominated to the All-American Squad.

"Emily is an outstanding student, both academically and athletically," said Cindy Brandt, BHS' cheerleader sponsor. "She is just a really good person."

Next fall, Petrosky will join the collegiate co-ed squad at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan.



Emily Petrosky

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Adult FCA meets

The organizational meeting of the adult chapter of FCA drew 26 members on Sunday, and has a goal of 50 members by March.
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Science fair

Brackett High School held its annual Science Fair last week. BHS will take 15 students to compete in the Del Rio science fair today.
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Show your love on Valentine's

February is the month for love. But what is love really? Have you ever stopped to think about what love means to you, or in what ways you can show someone that you love them?



*In Step
With Kathy*

**Kathy
Wilson**

Love is not just words or a phrase in a Valentine's card that we purchase at the store every year. Love is an "action." This Valentine's Day, think of how you can show the people in your lives how much you care.

So many times the words "I love you" or "love" is thrown around in our families every day in passing that it becomes said more as a habit, without much action to back it up. When we put action behind the words, the words begin to take on a whole new meaning in our lives.

Have you ever watched any of the love reality shows on TV? They usually try to "make up" love between two strangers that have never seen or met before. The couple hopes it will work out. By the end of the show, after about 12 episodes, they walk

down the aisle and say that they are "in love."

Americans watch these shows in the hopes love will be found. TV shows like these give the public a false sense of what love is really all about — how it is found and kept. Going on a reality show and winning money does not mean you will become "in love" or be able to truly show love to another person.

We know our loved ones very well, much better than those strangers that are thrown together on TV. We already have a head start on what we know about their desires and dislikes.

Showing love doesn't mean you have to spend money to do it. It is the simple things that will

stand out. For example, holding hands or giving hugs and kisses. This applies to everyone in your family.

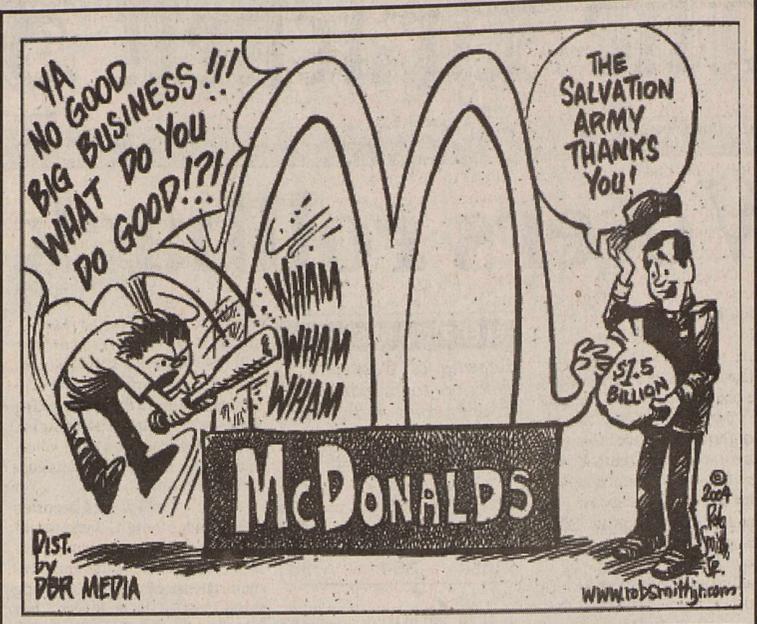
Think of what is important to your loved one and what special place or event they would like to go or see.

A few more examples of how we can show our love are: making arrangements to have a special night or date for just the two of you, or renting a romantic movie.

The key is taking the time to make it special no matter what you do. We must always remember that what we do speaks more loudly than the words we say.

This Valentine's be genuine in the way you show that special someone how much you love them.

Yes, do give cards, candy and flowers, but also take time to go the extra mile and show that person how special they are to you. Let them know how much better your life is because of them.



Experiment is shocking

A girl is sitting in a cold classroom in her favorite new skirt. She is shivering and reaches down to rub her legs. To her surprise, little goose bumps have risen all over her legs and she exclaims, "Oh no, I just shaved."



*Teen
Spirit*

**Shanae
Simmons**

If you are sitting in your home, reading this newspaper, and if you are wondering where I am going with this, then wait and your answer shall shortly come.

Recently, I embarked aboard a wonderful scientific journey and the preceding was my introduction. I am not now a suddenly transformed Albert Einstein, mind you, but I feel that my discoveries will better the world as we know it.

I have masterminded the experiment of something that affects man and woman everyday. I have discovered hair growth. OK, I know that sounds a bit vague, and no, to you balding men, I have not figured away to reproduced your missing locks.

Well maybe my discoveries aren't so phenomenal, but I have discovered under which condition hair grows best. See my purpose was to see whether hair grew faster covered and protected

from the environment or uncovered and exposed.

So to carry out this experiment, for an entire week I abstained from shaving my legs, and I walked around with one pant leg on and the other off. I went through cold and heat, finding myself in great discomfort at times. I sacrificed my own comfort for science.

Needless to say, I spent my days looking like a total dork. You may have even seen me, running around in basketball games with spandex and a long white sock covering one leg, leaving the other bare, or walking around with one jean leg rolled up. Many students didn't know of my experiment and thought that I was just being "different" as usual, and trying to start some trend.

Then the interesting part came. At the end of the week, I had to do the painful part of the

experiment, meaning I had to measure my hairs.

I pulled 120 strands of DNA, 120 pieces of pain, 120 tiny little hairs out of my quivering legs. Talk about torture. Not only did I pull these hairs out, but I did so slowly and painfully, guaranteeing the whole root of each follicle would be safe. After this torture, I measured each strand with a ruler.

After all was done I found out something amazing. One would think that the hair uncovered would grow faster to protect itself from the exposure, but quite the opposite happened. My hair, which was suffocated for one agonizing week, grew faster. This not only shocked me, but blew my entire hypothesis out of the water.

In the end, I guess I really didn't "better" the world in anyway, but I did make a discovery that disproves many of the theories held by common Joes like myself. Hair grows faster in warmth.

So ladies, when you have your favorite new skirts on and you're sitting in a chilly room, and when you reach down to feel your legs, don't worry, those babies aren't going anywhere.

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KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Saturday, Jan. 31

2:20 a.m., A man reported a stabbing at a residence near Kinney County Wool & Mohair. Deputy Cody Shannon was dispatched to the scene. Two men had been fighting and one of the individuals had been stabbed four times. Both men were treated by EMS for minor injuries. Shannon arrested Jesse Sanchez, 22, of Brackettville, for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, but the charges were dropped. After further interviews and investigation, the offense was concluded to be self-defense. Neither man wanted to file charges.

3:58 a.m., Deputy Shannon and Deputy Ramon Gutierrez were on routine patrol when they observed flames coming from a west-side window of an abandoned house on the northwest corner of W. Spring and Ross Street. Members of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to the scene.

3 p.m., A jailer reported that an inmate had a seizure. EMS personnel were dispatched to the jail and transported the man to the emergency room at Vel Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio.

3 p.m., A Border Patrol agent requested EMS assistance at the station on W. Spring Street. EMS personnel were dispatched to the scene.

Sunday, Feb. 1

7:30 a.m., A man reported illegal aliens on a local ranch on Highway 90 East, near Fritter Park.

1:47 p.m., A U.S. Border Patrol agent reported an elderly man walking along the railroad tracks on F.M. 1572. The agent said the man looked like he needed some type of medical assistance.

6:31 p.m., A woman reported that someone had run over her dog.

9:42 p.m., A woman reported loud music on E. Veltman Street.

5:24 p.m., A 911 caller reported that EMS was needed at a residence in Unit 12 at Fort Clark Springs. EMS personnel were dispatched to the scene.

Tuesday, Feb. 3

12:09 p.m., A woman reported that two juvenile girls were smoking across the street from the school.

11:40 p.m., An anonymous motorist reported that a man in a white van had been driving erratically on Highway 90 West, towards Brackettville.

10:28 p.m., Deputies Shannon and Gutierrez reported that the north door of the Courthouse was unlocked. The building was secured.

Wednesday, Feb. 4

5:44 a.m., A man reported loose livestock near Cow Creek on F.M. 693.

10 a.m., U.S. Border Patrol agents at the Cline checkpoint reported that a foreman of a local ranch located a stolen vehicle.

11:48 p.m., A man reported loud music on W. Thomas Street.

Thursday, Feb. 5

8 a.m., A woman reported that four cars had been egged during a FCA meeting the previous night at the new high school building. The vehicles were not damaged.

9:50 p.m., Deputy Ron Ring reported an open door at the BIRD Field House. A school official was notified of the situation.

11:01 p.m., A man reported loud music near the corner of Brown and Thorn Street.

11:43 p.m., A woman reported that her neighbor's dog barks all night long near her residence on El Paso Street.

Friday, Feb. 6

2:13 a.m., Deputy Ring reported the kitchen door of the Krazy Chicken was left open. The owner was notified.

7:16 a.m., Deputy Manuel Pena reported that the railroad crossing in Spofford was not working and the arms were down with no train approaching. Railroad officials were notified of the situation.

12:14 p.m., A man said some people were trying to knock down two houses behind Super S.

Saturday, Feb. 7

11:35 a.m., a woman reported that a wide load was headed towards Brackettville and that a little white car was leading the way, stopping in the opposite lane and also in the middle of the road.

12 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a grass fire in Maverick County. The Eagle Pass Fire Department was notified.

12:28 p.m., A DPS official reported a grass fire on Highway 277, south of Cow Creek. The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to the scene.

6:30 p.m., Jose Juan Arteaga, 26, of Mexico was arrested by Deputy Pena for probation violation and driving while intoxicated. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.

11:54 p.m., Deputy Gutierrez reported that an intoxicated driver was fleeing from him on El Paso Street.

Sunday, Feb. 8

12:30 a.m., Enrique Vasquez Flores, 41, of San Marcos was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for driving while intoxicated and fleeing a police officer. He was released later the same day on a personal recognizance bond.

An exciting new way to serve green beans

Gotta admit, green beans are the favorite of most. How about an exciting new way to serve them with a little South Texas touch?

Spanish Green Beans
Using a 2-quart sauce pan, melt 2 tablespoons of butter or margarine. Thinly slice two onions and cook until soft.

When done, sprinkle 1/2 cup of uncooked rice. Add one large can diced tomatoes, one 1-pound can of green or yellow beans, 1 teaspoon salt, a dash of tobasco, 1/3 cup of water and 1/8 teaspoon of pep-



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per. Cover and simmer on low for 30 to 35 minutes, or until the rice is tender, adding more water if necessary. Another can of tomatoes may be added for additional liquid instead of water if desired.



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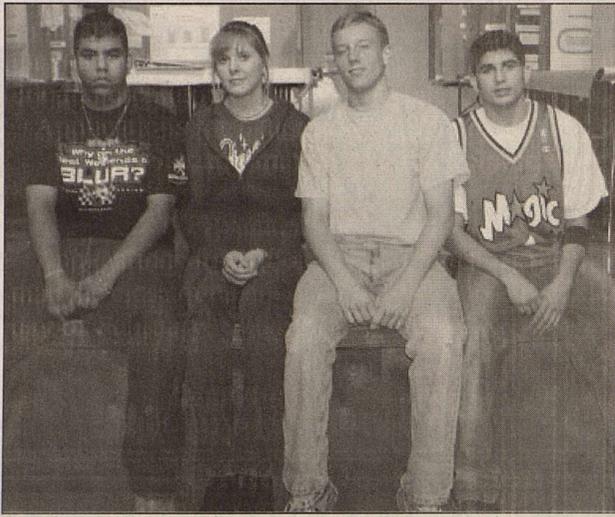
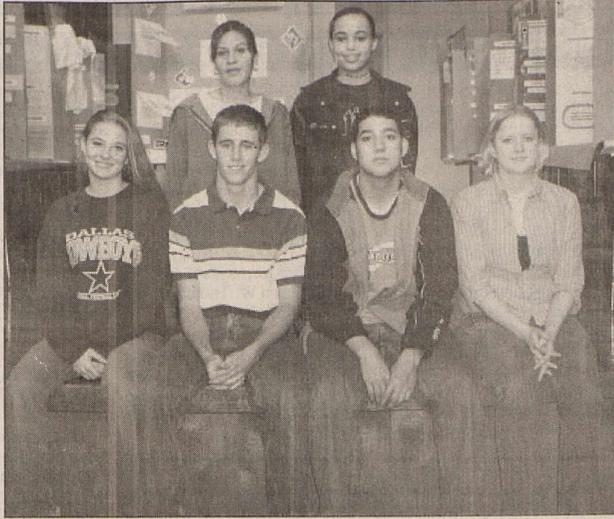
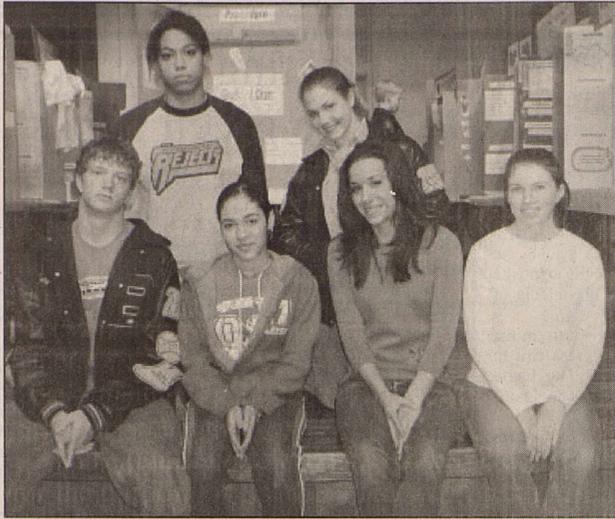
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BHS Science Fair

TOP LEFT: Winners in the life science division of the Brackett High School Science Fair are, bottom row (from left): Kody Yeager, first place, 11th grade; Celina Terrazas, third place, 11th grade; Beth Ballew, first place, 12th grade, best overall life science and best overall grade level; and Allison LaMascus, second place, 12th grade. Top row: Shanae Simmons, best scientific thinking and second place, 11th grade; and Caitlin Wylie, best art display and third place, 12th grade. Not pictured: Brandy Smith, first place, 10th grade. Judges for the fair were Joe Goebel and Henry Lutz. Stoney Burks, Raymond Gonzalez and Pam Hale also assisted with the event. BHS will take 15 students to compete in the Del Rio science fair today at the Civic Center.

TOP RIGHT: Winners in the physical science division are, bottom row (from left): Amanda Davis, second place, 12th grade; Tillman Davis, first place, 11th grade, best overall physical science, best overall grade level and grand champion; Oscar Sierra, second place, 11th grade; and Ashley Thourot, first place, 12th grade. Top row: Soraida Talamantes, second place, 10th grade; and Timmeka Simmons, first place, 10th grade. Not pictured: Cody Edwards, second place, 11th grade.

LEFT: Winners in the Earth science division are Rolando Ortiz (from left), second place, 11th grade; Alanna Conoly, first place, 10th grade, best overall Earth science, best overall grade level and reserve champion; Brandon Kluzek, first place, 11th grade; and Charlie Slaughter, third place, 11th grade. Not pictured: Stephanie Coronado, first place, 12th grade.

BRIEFS

Adult FCA draws 26 new members

The organizational meeting of the adult chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes drew 26 members on Sunday. Officers appointed were Mary Petrosky, president; Sammie Duncan, vice president; Rhonda Marquardt, treasurer; Francie Wylie, secretary; Carolyn and Bill Conoly, Food Committee; Marvin and Marion Walton, communications; Catherine and Gary Lawson, media; Stan and Lisa Conoly, and Nathan Lafrenz, music; and Kurt and Mary Partlow, Prayer Committee. Charles and Rhonda Marquardt are the FCA sponsors.

The adult FCA chapter has a goal of 50 members by March. New members are asked to pray for Brackett's FCA Chapter and its student members, to pay yearly dues of \$25, and to provide assistance for the FCA chapter's projects in various ways.

All individuals interested in joining the adult FCA chapter are invited to the next meeting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 29, in the home of Mary Petrosky. For more information, call Petrosky at 563-2096 or Carolyn or Bill Conoly at 563-3699.

BHS financial aid meeting is tonight

Ken Newman, Brackett High School counselor, will host a financial aid meeting for seniors and their parents tonight at 7 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.

Winners of rifle contest announced

The Kinney County Wildlife Damage Management Association held a drawing last week for the Predator Rifle Giveaway.

There were four categories in the rifle contest. The bobcat and mountain lion division was won by Dudley Braesicke of Brackettville for his bobcat entries. Mark Kesteloot of Brackettville was the winner in the feral hog division. Tony Frerich, Ronnie Hobbs and Jimmy Ballew were the winners for their red fox entry in the red fox and coyote division. Richard Spurlock of Red Rock won the open class, which was a five donation for the gun raffle. The winners will receive a Ruger rifle from J.A. Pawn Shop in Uvalde. The contest is underway again for next year. For more information, call 563-2471.

Board candidates featured at forum

The Fort Clark Springs Community Council will host its monthly meeting on Saturday 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.

Rose among HSU honor students

Brackettville native Patrick Rose, a student at Howard Payne University was named to the Dean's List for the 2003 fall semester. Students must earn a 3.65 to 3.99 grade-point average to be named to the Dean's List.

Class planned

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE — The American Red Cross will be conducting a community first aid and CPR class on Saturday, Feb. 21. For more information, call 775-8626 or 298-6315.

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Series of family meetings planned

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late directly to the absence of emotional discipline and control. You will learn how to control emotions so that they do not become destructive dynamite.

All the sessions will begin promptly at 6 p.m. and will end at 7:30. They will be presented by Dr. Donald Smith and Jones Elementary School counselor Michelle Frerich.

A drawing for a door prize will be held each evening.

For more information, call Smith at 563-2285 or Frerich at 563-2491, Ext. 226.

On March 8, the topic will be "Wild Emotions — Human Dynamite." This session will teach you the importance of emotions in family dynamics.

In recent years an enormous amount of violence against children has been perpetrated by members of the family and re-

Order of Election

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 15, 2004 for the purpose of Board of Trustees Election. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Central Office-Brackett Independent School District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 28, 2004 and ending on May 11, 2004.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
Susan Esparza, Early Voting Clerk
PO Box 586

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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 7, 2004. Issued this the 9th day of February, 2004.

Henry Lutz
Signature of Presiding Officer

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Brackett sweeps Dilley



Brackett guard Star Smith brings the ball down court against Three Rivers. The post-season begins this month.

The Tigers and Tigerettes swept a double-header against Dilley on the road last Friday in District 30-2A hoops action.

In the boys' game, Brackett erupted for 33 points in the third quarter en route to a 67-40 win over the Wolves.

"We really put a complete game together for the first time in quite a while," Tigers coach Charlie Marquardt said. "The guys were hitting on all cylinders. We got shots off our defense, rebounded the ball much better and cut down on our turnovers."

"Our intensity was much improved for the duration of the game, which led to fewer mental breakdowns. I'm very pleased with our game preparation and mental focus. It's a big part of being successful on any level," he added.

Travis Nowlin led Brackett's offense with a 21-point performance, while Dietrich Davis scored 16 and Charlie Slaugher posted 10.

Leon Woolsey finished with six points, Tillman Davis and Noe Talamantes each had five and Oscar Sierra scored four.

In the girls' game, Brackett had eight players put points on the board in a 44-36 win. The Tigerettes are now 19-5 overall and 6-2 in league play.

Shanae Simmons paced BHS with nine points, five rebounds, three steals and a blocked shot.

Ashley Castillo had 11 boards and seven points, while Ashley Smith posted six points and six assists. Stephanie Bon-

ner and Emily Valenzuela also scored six points. Stacey Castillo and Amanda Davis both finished with four and Courtney Frerich had two.

Last Tuesday, the Tigerettes fell short to Three Rivers, 58-53. Castillo posted a double-double in the game with 18 rebounds and 11 points. Smith also scored in double digits with 12 points. Valenzuela pitched in nine points, Bonner scored eight, Castilla and Simmons each had four, Frerich scored three and Davis added two.

J.V. Tigerettes improve to 19-1 overall

DILLEY — Brackett's junior varsity girls' basketball team improved to 19-1 on the season Friday after cruising to a 47-13 win over Dilley in District 30-2A action.

Timmeke Simmons and Kara Yeager paced Brackett's offense with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Simmons also had seven rebounds, seven steals and two assists, while Yeager tallied eight boards, four assists and three steals. Nadine Terrazas finished with seven points, five rebounds four steals and two assists.

Lola Cano scored six points for Brackett, Alanna Conoly and Kristina Wright each had four, Allison Delbosque pitched in two and Juliann Ashabraner added one. Conoly also pulled down six rebounds, while Ashabraner and Delbosque had five boards apiece.

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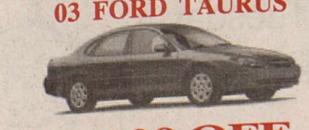
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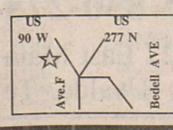
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Fools commit adultery and destroy themselves

"Are you outa your mind Sharon?" Julie asked. "What are you thinking? Haven't you learned anything?"

"Look, Julie," Sharon shot back. "It's no big deal. Living with somebody is like being married, except you're not chained together with a piece of paper. Hal may not be the perfect man, but inside he has good qualities."

"But what about your two kids?" Julie asked. "What will your living arrangement do to them?"

"Their lives have been disrupted too much," she continued. "You divorced their dad, and I don't fault you for that. He was a jerk with a pedigree. But then you ran off with someone else and left your kids with your mom. Then you moved back with your ex. Then you left him again. Now you're going to take them to live with another man."

"What do you think this does to them? They need you."

"Get off it Julie," Sharon said angrily. "I know you mean well, but I have to live my own life. Believe me, it will work this time."

Julie wouldn't give up. "What kind of moral example are you modeling for your kids?" she asked. "You're telling them by your example that



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Dr. Donald Smith

it's all right for two people to shack up. When they grow up, you can expect them to follow your immoral example."

Taking Sharon by the hand, Julie continued. "We've been friends all our lives. I'm going to be your friend no matter how this turns out, and I'm going to pray for you every day. When things turn bad, look to God. He loves you more than any man ever could."

"There's just one thing I must tell you. You and the kids are welcome at my house anytime. But, my kids and I can't visit you as long as you're living with Hal."

"A very wise man said long ago that lust indulged starves the soul. Those who commit adultery are fools and they destroy themselves (Proverbs 13:19 and 6:32) and their families."

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The Bible tells us to worship God

"Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the saying of the prophecy of this book. And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things."

"Then saith he unto me, see thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God."

"And He saith unto me, seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at



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hand. And behold, I come quickly: and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." (Revelation 22:7-10, 12-13)

Praise God!

Water board delays action on rehearing

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County has concluded or substantiated that there is a groundwater divide in Kinney County," he said. "The management plan does not give any recognition to the existence of a groundwater divide in Kinney County that divides the Edwards Aquifer to the east and the Edwards Trinity Aquifer to the west. It treats the county as being uniform and all alike."

Sherman cited numerous studies supporting his argument. "The bottom line is that every significant scientific analysis of groundwater in Kinney

County has concluded or substantiated that there is a groundwater divide in Kinney County," he said. "The management plan does not give any recognition to the existence of a groundwater divide in Kinney County that divides the Edwards Aquifer to the east and the Edwards Trinity Aquifer to the west. It treats the county as being uniform and all alike."



New officers

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church recently installed the 2004 officers of its Church Council. Officers include Sandee Reesman (from left), member-at-large; Lesley Jones, president; Rev. Nathan Lafrenz; Frank Taylor, treasurer; Dianna Daniels, secretary; and Bruce Trautwein, vice president.

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First United Methodist Church

Rev. Roger Baker

Columnist offers apology to readers

I am deeply ashamed of the remarks I made in my letter to the editor in *The Brackett News* of Jan. 29.

I should have addressed my remarks to Steven LaMascus privately. I acted out of pride. I was wrong. I apologize to Mr. LaMascus and to the local church. I hope that the readers of this column will forgive my remarks.

I greatly appreciate the response of Ms. Lynnette Ebert. She is quite right: I was getting too big for my britches. Thank you for taking time to write a response.

Anything further I might say would only aggravate the dissension I have caused in the community. I ask for your prayers and forgiveness.

FCA has a tremendous impact

As I write this column for *The Brackett News*, I'm still pondering the wonderful experience I had Sunday afternoon at the organizational meeting of the adult chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, known by most as "FCA."

About 30 interested parents and adults attended this meeting in response to a desire amongst parents and adults in this community to support the thriving FCA group at our school.

I remember my first experience of meeting the FCA group

at the high school last year. I expected to see about 30 youth at the meeting, but was flabbergasted to meet about 80 youth who were attentive during my talk. However, I didn't know much about this group until parents and sponsors began to talk about FCA Sunday.

As I listened to their testimonies, it became clear to me the tremendous impact FCA has upon the lives of well over 100 youth in our school, many of whom receive their only Christian message and examples from



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this FCA experience.

This youth-driven group ministers to the needs of their peers, as well as meeting social needs in the community.

I feel fortunate to live in a community out of whose soil

grows such a fruitful group. I praise their youth and adult leaders, as well as the school board and administration, who not only permit this group to meet, but encourage its growth as well.

FCA is a light in the darkness of our culture, and anything we parents and adults can do to support our youth in their efforts to live out their Christian witness in these difficult times will surely bear much fruit. Please keep your eyes and ears open to learn how we can support our FCA chapter.

God's with us until the end of time

From the depths of our being, we long to know God — to be with him. What is it that holds us so long from this?

To reach him, oh to reach him. It is as if we are the dogs bound from the neck by a heavy chain, tethered to a pillar too much to escape.

The coldness of the links seems to draw the heat from even the most inflamed of hearts, so that in such a short time only ash remains from what seemed to be the most intense fire. And yet we strive, from the strength that lies within man, to stir it to life, but only smoke and foulness rises from the heap.



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We curse in the strain, as what we thought ourselves to be fades like a passing shadow. Chill sounds the depths and darkness compounds the fear that was veiled by our illusions.

The screams of terror cry out in the silence as regret echos through the memories of our past. Then death closes in and

all is on the brink of despair.

Through the cold and chill and darkness pierces a ray of light which, upon striking the heart of man, refracts as through a prism, sending a light in all directions.

The spirit and body are lifted, strength returns and warmth, as the dawn following a long night.

To breathe again, peace which in itself suffices after knowing its loss. To be able once more to raise the head, to sigh, to be grateful.

The source of the light is what eye cannot see, what ear cannot hear and yet it is looked upon each day.

Man each day wrestles to comprehend what affects so really, yet escapes the capture of the senses. The light which is light itself, contained, yet exploding through the bread of life ... the Eucharist. The mystery seen only with faith. So simple yet so profound.

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of time." (Matthew 28:20)

"Whoever eats this bread will live forever." (John 6:58)

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1 Most common first name for U.S. presidents
6 Ardor
10 Campus area
14 Remus or Sam
15 Common French verb
16 Biblical preposition
17 Clamor
18 Hit the ceiling
19 On
20 Imagine
22 City in Wisconsin
24 Lake birds
25 Singing group for Davy, Peter, Mickey & Mike
26 Gathered vegetables
29 Strained
30 Bullring cry
31 Chopper
33 Fury
37 Animal
with a snout
39 Leading
41 Ox's burden
42 Nursery rhyme
44 City on the Rhine
46 Won back
47 Under ; confidential
49 Show affection for
51 Gifts from a crocheter
54 Whiten
55 Cup-shaped blooms
58 Rainy weather items
60 Oklahoma
61 Have on
63 City NW of Orlando
64 Sound
65 Suffix for kitchen or major
66 Certain paintings
67 Amphibians
68 Musical instrument
69 Common sites for trouser tears
DOWN
1 Beaver
2 Cleaver's mom
2 Of unknown authorship: abbr.
3 VIII
4 Doubled times
5 XIII
4 Women's names
5 Becomes enraged
6 Digits
7 Type of collar
8 Casa Mrs.
9 Great fright
10 Charlatan's claims
11 Loosen
12 Make repairation
13 Dummies
21 Populous nation
23 Again
25 Wall covering
26 Crowds
27 Tilted
28 Soorch
29 Equals
32 Fellows
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45 Bars
48 Piece of info given to a "Jeopardy!" player
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ROARING TWENTIES

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions - forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: COLLEGES

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Feb 12.....Ricky Sandoval Feb 17.....Virginia Brady
Feb 13.....Alfred Pena, Jr. Feb 17.....Carol Dimery
Feb 14.....Dora Goodloe Feb 17.....Elton Goodloe
Feb 14.....Dolores Jones Feb 17.....Rochelle Mellen
Feb 14.....Hector Luna Feb 17.....Ernesto Ortiz
Feb 14.....Jack Schram Feb 17.....Basilio Pacheco
Feb 14.....Shirley Stephenson Feb 17.....Renee M. Pena
Feb 14.....Frances Testman Feb 17.....Jean Quigg
Feb 15.....Stephen Brinker Feb 18.....Irene Braun

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5. DePaul 15. Purdue
6. DePaul 16. Rice
7. Duke 17. Rutgers
8. Elon 18. Stanford
9. Georgetown 19. Tulane
10. Harvard 20. Yale

FLOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
You're in a playful mood this week. However, not everyone appreciates your sense of humor. Try to tone it down a bit around those who disapprove.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
You're juggling way too much this week. Remember, you don't have to tackle everything at once. Taking one step at a time gets the job done.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Try to take it easy this week. Your stress level is building. The weekend is a good time to just chill out.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
For the most part, this is an uneventful week for you. This provides just the break you need. Later in the week, friends provide a nice social outlet.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
You learn something new and quite helpful this week. Use this to your advantage where work is concerned. Try to balance time between career and family obligations.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
An unexpected financial windfall comes your way. Get together with family members to make a joint decision on what to do with it. While not exactly a fortune, it definitely comes in handy.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
You're at peace this week. It seems no matter what goes wrong, you take it in stride. Others flock to you because of this.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
You're in a very philosophical mood this week. Share this with a like-minded friend. Together, you achieve new, meaningful insights about life.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
It's a good week to come up with a budget you and your family can live with. Your mate is particularly helpful in this area. Review all credit cards and devise a game plan to pay them off.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
You're not on top of your game as the week begins. Fortunately, this passes by mid-week. Don't allow this to get you too flustered.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Someone in authority at work is being unnecessarily demanding. Stand your ground. However, be sure you do this diplomatically.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
You're not feeling your best this week. Fortunately, this is minor and will pass quickly. Over the weekend, a family outing is pleasurable.

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