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KC 4-H Club

The Kinney County 4-H Club will be selling Brisket BBQ plates on Sunday, September 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Shahan Park. The cost will be \$5.00 a plate. Please come out and support our local 4-H Club!

First Responder

EMS is offering a grant funded Emergency Care Attendant class starting in October. Contact EMS at 563-9090 for info. EMT Intermediate class starting in October at EMS. Grant funded. Call 563-9090.

Lesikar to speak

Kinney County Groundwater Citizens will present Bruce Lesikar, Ph.D., of the Texas Water Resources Institute for a one-night seminar/lecture on "Understanding Texas Groundwater" on October 14 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at the Brackett ISD school auditorium. Texas Water Resources Institute provides seminars/lectures of this type as a community service to all rural areas faced with groundwater conservation. If you are interested in Texas groundwater, and would like to know more, this is an opportunity to be presented with non-biased information.

Celebrate 132nd Seminole Days

The 132nd Annual Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Anniversary celebration will take place Sept. 18 & 19, 9:00 a.m. till 7, at the Carver School grounds in Brackettville. BBQ plates will be sold. Highlights feature Buffalo Soldiers, a parade at 10:00 a.m., guest speaker Bill Haenn, music, singing, exhibits, booths, food, dance from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., and a Miss Seminole Queen contest - open to all girls between the ages of 15-18. Sunday services, Sept. 19 at the Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please contact Augusta Pines at 563-9779 or Beverly Wright at 275-2395.

Blood Drive Sept. 25 & 26th

Blood Drive for our military men and women in Afghanistan and Iraq. Brooke Army Medical Center (B.A.M.C.) with its bloodmobile will be holding a blood drive Sept. 25 and 26, at Water Garden Gems. Water Garden Gems is donating one whiskey barrel tub garden complete with plants and fish to each blood donor on those dates. The Blood Drive will be held in conjunction with the 13th Annual Texas Koi and Fancy Goldfish Society's Show held on the grounds at Water Garden Gems. For additional information, please call Water Garden Gems at 210-659-5841.

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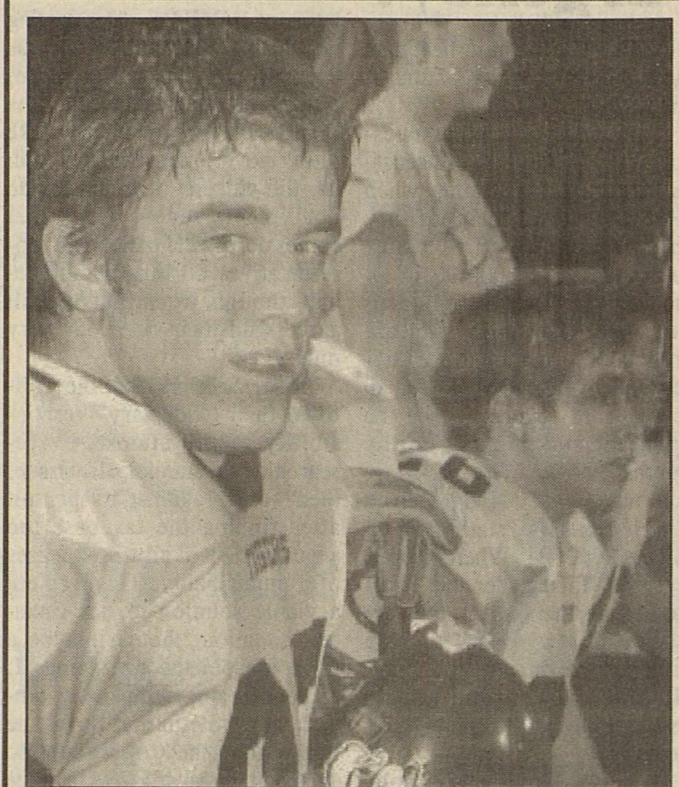
8th ranked Tigers Pummel Panthers!

By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

The eighth ranked Brackett Tigers pummeled the Nueces Canyon Panthers 73-0, Friday night. The Tigers secured their state ranking and continued their quest to win back-to-back district championships. Brackett ran its season record to 3-0 with the victory and maintained its

regular season unbeaten streak. The Tigers took control of the game from the opening kickoff and never looked back. The defense completely overwhelmed the Panthers who managed only two first downs and 63 yards of offense in the game. Meanwhile, the offense was working on all cylinders racking up 685 yards on the night. The Tigers were able to score on all but one of

their drives. The Panthers took the ball to start the game and managed only five yards on their first drive. After a 15 yard punt, BHS marched 45 yards to the end zone, with Mark Kesteloot plunging in from a yard out. This six play drive would be Brackett's longest drive of the night. On the next drive Canyon fumbled the ball away at their own 48. Tiger quarterback Kody Yeager led the team down the field and connected with Kesteloot on an 18 yard touchdown pass. The Panthers were shutdown and again forced to punt. The Tigers took over on their 35 yard line and, after one play, Noe Talamantes exploded for a 53 yard TD run.



Mark Kesteloot
Photo by Danielle Moore
Mark Kesteloot (left) and Evaristo Villarreal cooling down in between plays.



Rueda & Davis
Photo by Danielle Moore
Tres Rueda (left) providing lead blocking for Tillman Davis. Davis rushed for 36 yards on 7 carries with one TD.

The second quarter began with the Panthers again being forced to punt the ball back to the Tigers. On the first play of the drive Kesteloot broke loose on a 77 yard romp, scoring his third touchdown of the night. On Brackett's next play Yeager completed a 76 yard TD pass to Talamantes. The next play the Tigers ran was like a replay of the previous three drives, with Kesteloot again breaking loose on a 52 yard run. On Brackett's final possession of the first half Yeager completed his third pass and his third TD. This pass went 45 yards to Kesteloot, who tallied his fourth touchdown.

Brackett took possession of the ball to start the third quarter and marched 78 yards in six plays. This time it was Clyde Adams who scored from six yards out. On the next Brackett play it was Cody Edwards who busted through the defense, going 54 yards to the end zone. After the Tigers got the ball back, they marched 49 yards to paydirt. Robert Davis did the honors, scoring from the one yard line. The fourth quarter saw Canyon punt for the ninth time on the night, pinning the Tigers at the five. The field position did not hurt the Tigers, as Edwards rumbled 26 yards and Charlie Slaughter did the remainder of the work on two carries. Slaughter's seven yard touchdown capped the scoring. The Tigers were led by Yeager, who completed three passes for 137 yards and three touch-

downs, he also carried one time for three yards. The running game was spearheaded by Kesteloot's breakout performance. He ran the ball seven times for 181 yards, caught two passes for 63 yards and scored four touchdowns. Slaughter carried the ball eight times for 138 yards and one TD, while Edwards had three carries for 87 yards and one TD. Talamantes carried four times for 67 yards, had one catch for 74 yards, and scored three times. Adams had four carries for 36 yards and one TD, while Davis had seven carries for 36 yards and one TD. The Tigers will take their state ranking on the road again next week against Leakey with the kickoff at 7:30 P.M.

Commissioners approve budget

City of Spofford eligible for \$ 626,218 road paving grant

By Elizabeth Jaso
Contributing Writer

Kinney County Commissioners Court approved the budget for the upcoming fiscal year at their regular meeting last Monday. After closing the public hearing for the 04-05 proposed budget, Commissioner Francie Wylie made a motion to adopt the budget. Commissioner Joe Montalvo seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. During public comments, Alderman Matt Bland asked Commissioners to consider an inter-local agreement to enforce city ordinances. The court stated they would research the legality of the proposal. The county and

city have had prior inter-local agreements concerning enforcement of ordinances. Carl Esser of the Middle Rio Grande Development council spoke to commissioners about the incoming grant for the City of Spofford concerning paving and street signs. Spofford has been designated as a Colonia, and as such, is eligible for \$626,218 for first time paving of the streets including purchasing and installation of street signs. Commissioner Montalvo made a motion to approve the grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wylie and passed unanimously. On other agenda items, com-

missioners also designated the main entrance of the courthouse as one facing James Street on the Northeast side of building. The court set the '05 county tax rate and road and bridge tax rate at \$.7507 and \$.0369 per \$100 evaluation, respectively. In addition, commissioners approved a lease agreement with the State of Texas for new automation equipment for the Kinney County Tax Assessor/Collector's office. Martha Padron reported the equipment was necessary to produce new registration stickers. Registration stickers will now be printed locally and have the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). This will make stolen stickers easy to identify.

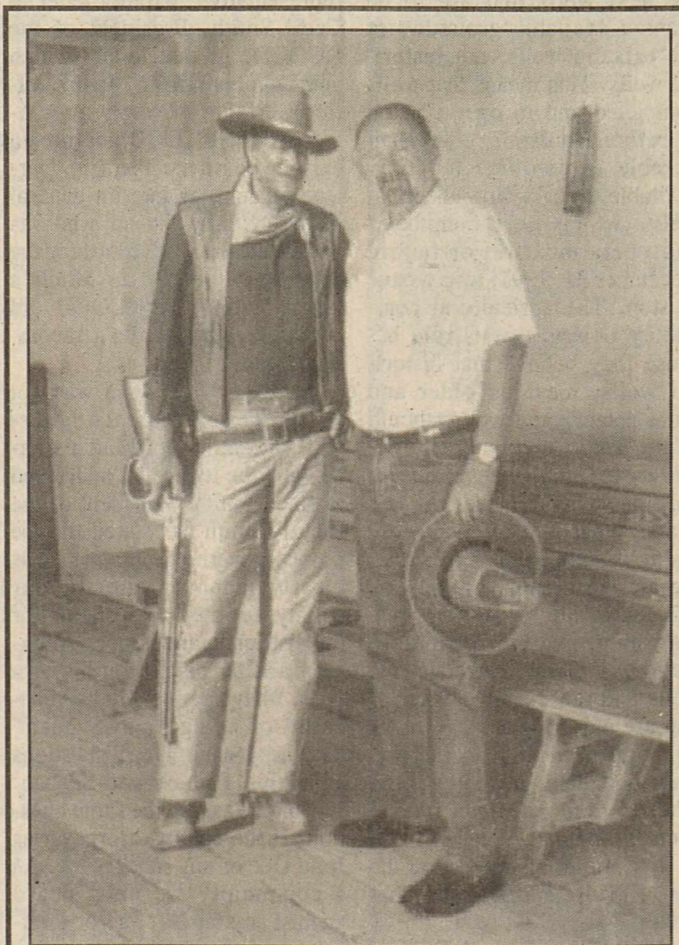
Elia Garcia was appointed election judge for Precinct 2. She will replace Ava Lindeman who has asked for a leave of absence. Commissioners adopted a new fee schedule for the Kinney County Civic Center. It was also reported that research had found that an Attorney General opinion ruled that Livestock Shows for youth are considered in the public interest. The court adopted the Texas County and District Retirement System plans and rate acknowl-

edgment with no changes from current plan. Commissioners also approved a budget adjustment for an expenditure in the amount of \$3,000 for fire suppression in the public interest. The money will be used as matching funds for a new Fire Department truck. Fire Chief Joe Escamilla reported Christopher Ring had also contributed \$3,000. Commissioners Pat Melancon, Francie Wylie, and Joe Montalvo were in attendance.

John Wayne is Big in Texas

According to Dr. Sam P. Wilson, professor and Chairman of International Politics at Cag

University in Adana, Turkey, John Wayne is "Big" and the embodiment of a positive U.S.A.



Wayne & Wilson
Dr. Sam Wilson (right) believes John Wayne is the embodiment of a positive United States image.

image. John Wayne movies are extremely popular; therefore, when Dr. Wilson visited Ft. Clark and the Brackettville area, an excursion to Alamo Village was a must. Since Dr. Wilson and his family are lifetime friends of the Hornburgs, a trek to Ft. Clark was a priority before his return to academic commitments. During the George H. Bush administration, Dr. Wilson was the secretary of Education Regional Representative, including Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. With over twenty-five years of experience in fifteen countries in Europe, Latin America and the Middle East, Dr. Wilson has a proven track record as an effective educational administrator, university professor, and business manager. Professional relationships have been with public and private universities, the United States Armed Forces, several national public policy organizations, as well as a number of elected officials at the state and federal levels. After 9-11, Dr. Wilson's students came by his office with flowers and gifts to convey their sorrow for the tragedy in his homeland. But, returning to Turkey with a picture next to John Wayne is an endorsement that John Wayne is also "Big" in Texas.



Speed Radar Trailer
Photo by Jewel Robinson
Texas Department of Public Safety put a Speed Radar Trailer on the west side of Brackettville last week. The Speed Trailer gives the speed of an individual vehicle and the speed limit.

JV Girls track win Medina Valley Cross Country Meet

By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

A long day of competition ended with the JV girl's team winning the Medina Valley meet this past weekend. The JV Tigerettes finished with 43 points, while San Antonio Lanier and Devine finished tied for second with 89 points. South San's JV finished in fourth with 102 points and Pleasanton rounded out the top five with 121 points. The varsity squad only had two girls run in the contest. Juliann Ashabranner paced the varsity team with a time of 13:01 to earn third place for the contest. Daphne Hunt ran a 13:14 to finish in sixth place at the varsity level.

The JV team was led by Gabby Schroeder who finished the race with a first place time of 14:28. Elva Garcia finished fourth with a time of 14:50, while Ivory Perez finished in eighth place with a time of 15:04. Mandy Harris finished in 10th place in a time of 15:12 and Heather Baggett finished in 16:39 to round out the JV girl's team competitors. The JV boy's team was also in action at the meet this weekend. Justin Calk led the team with a sixth place time of 19:22. Travis Nowlin ran a 21:47, Clint Conrad ran a 22:32, while Stanford-Conoly ran a 25:02. Valentin Barrutieta finished with a time of 25:20, with Cody Robinette running a 26:57, and Cullen Duncan ran a 27:14 for the JV boys.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We're asking for your help

Our groundwater district has given landowners the right to apply for historical usage. What is historical water usage? Water used from 1960-2003 for agricultural use: irrigation, livestock water.

46 permit applications were listed in the paper with maximum historic usage and maximum existing usage. Approximately 40 families that make their living on the land using the water applied. Some in our community have told folks, "they (irrigators) are going to dry up Kinney County!" They have even convinced some that wells seeking permits are new wells, when the majority of those wells; still in use, were drilled 40 years ago. We were surprised when over 30 people protested our historic permit. Many now tell us they didn't know the whole story. Others have hired lawyers that are often aggressive in trying to take our property rights away.

What are we asking for? To ranch and water crops using water we have used in the past. Have you heard the whispering that says, "You better do something, it's your water too"? They

point to the 40,000 acre feet requested and say Kinney County's recharge is less than that. What they don't tell you that figure only counts rainfall that falls inside Kinney county. It doesn't include water that moves into our county as underflow in aquifers. If what "they" say is true, we would have gone dry years ago.

We're asking for your help. Don't believe everything you hear. Attend a water meeting or come to the courthouse today, Friday or Saturday and see for yourself what's going on. It's election year—learn about those running for your precinct or area.

Kinney County is our home. Jones' have been ranching here for over 100 years and we want to preserve this heritage for our grandchildren. They should be allowed to work the land as the last four generations have. If we are denied our historical usage, this will not be possible.

Thank You for taking the time to read this and for listening to our plea. We are blessed to live in Kinney County and appreciate your time and support.

John and Melanie Jones

"Mission not accomplished"

Just after 9-11, president Bush told the world we are going to be at war with international terrorism.

When our troops had moved through Iraq and taken control of Baghdad with such amazing swiftness, our president said "Mission Accomplished". At the time, I thought he meant just that; this phase, or step in the war is done.

To me, and many others, war means armed conflict between two or more entities, while mission means a single phase or part of war.

For some time now, a group politically opposed to our president had operated a group called "Mission not accomplished", using the continued bloodshed in Iraq as the basis for their argument against our president.

When Mr. Bush said we were going to be at war, he warned it would not be short. In fact, he

said we should be prepared for a lengthy conflict. The continued aggression against the new Government and our troops, encouraged and funded by interests outside Iraq, only stresses to me the need for us to stay the course in a seemingly endless fight to counter a world-wide threat to our very way of life.

To the Bush bashers and anti-war folks, I would like to suggest they add two more words with their meanings to what seems to be a limited "War Vocabulary": They should add war, which means armed conflict, etc and Mission, which means a single step or phase in a war.

Perhaps they should put these right next to what seems to be their only other term: "I Surrender".

Of course, as Chuck Hall says on occasion, I could be wrong.

Marcus Tidwell

To the Citizens of Brackettville

On August 19th, The Brackett News published my letter soliciting questions from the citizens of Kinney County about me personally, my company (Water Texas), or our project with landowners in Kinney County. I received one inquiry from The Bugler and promptly responded to it. The response was subsequently published in The Brackett News on August 26th.

It seems there are still significant questions surrounding groundwater resources in Kinney County, which is under-

standable given that the public has been provided little to no information on the subject. To that end, I will be making a presentation to the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District at its special meeting on Monday, September 20th. The District usually starts its meetings at 4 p.m.

I invite everyone to attend Monday night's meeting to become informed and to ask questions. After the meeting, I will be available to answer any questions that you may have.

Lynn Sherman

What is the urgency?

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District held a special meeting on Monday, Sept. 13, 2004. One of the reasons for the meeting was to review, consider, & discuss the allocation of groundwater for maintenance of spring flow in Mud Creek, Las Moras Creek and Pinto Creek, and water supplies for the Cities of Brackettville, and Spofford. They plan to hire another special legal counsel to help with the decision on allocation of water, since their current attorneys are busy with the permit hearings.

This raises my question: "What is the urgency of this matter?" Why have they chosen to add to their workload when the water board and their attorneys are in midst of permit hearings? Neither the board nor their attorneys have the time to study this important issue in the depth at which it needs to be ad-

dressed. The permit hearings should hold priority status at this time.

This leads to another question: Why is the board discussing hiring another attorney when they can't afford the ones they already employ? The water board owes \$150,000.00 in legal fees. This is a current estimate since they do not release financial information to the public. On July 15, 2004, I filed an open record request to see the financial statements for the months of March, April, May, June and July 2004. I received March financial statement on August 26, 2004. When an open request if filed under the Texas Public Information Act, they are required by law to answer within ten days. The date today is Sept. 14, 2004 and I am still waiting for the rest of the financial statements.

Jennifer McDaniel

Five major issues with the KCGCD board

By Silk Waters Mooney
Contributing Writer

I live in the City of Brackettville, like many of my neighbors, I had concerns about local groundwater issues. So, I formed Kinney County Groundwater Citizens in an effort to assist the public in education about these topics. In recent weeks, I have had many conversations with local citizens, members of the agricultural community, state officials and state organizations. I found it greatly disturbing that everyone I spoke with had serious objections and concerns about our groundwater board and its existing rules. After picking through the information I gathered, there are five issues that stand out:

1. Objections to what is viewed as improper conduct during meetings by board members contrary to the Open Meetings Act.

The State of Texas Open Meetings Act guarantees the right of every citizen to be able to hear and see what is occurring in government. That means, every word of every official made in a public meeting, must be accessible to every citizen attending that meeting. The City of Brackettville complies with this regulation. Every city elected official faces the audience and has a microphone in front of them. By contrast, the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD) has no microphones, two attendees consistently sit with their backs to the public, and all members occasionally speak in low voices. Citizens of our county have complained, only to be told to "sit in the front row." I have sat in the front row and still could not hear what was being said. As citizens of this county, we have the right to demand the KCGCD comply with the Open Meetings Act and hold their meetings in an environment which ensures everyone in attendance may hear what is being said.

Requests have also been made that the KCGCD once again hold meetings in the evenings so that people who work may attend the meetings.

The result? No response. Meetings are still held in the middle of the day, well before the time an average working person may attend. This is overt discrimination against the working class citizens of Kinney County, and denies them participation in this process. Since the KCGCD serves the citizens of this county, is it not appropriate for them to make these two small adjustments to accommodate our

voters?

2. Guaranteed representation of the Agricultural community on the board.

In the enabling legislature of the KCGCD that was certified by the State, the temporary (until the initial election) board member placed in the Kinney County-At-Large position had to be a member of the agricultural community. In the clause that specified the permanent board member, the Kinney County-At-Large position has no such clause. Any resident of Kinney County can fill that position. This means the agricultural community is denied permanent representation on the board. Our agricultural community resents this, and has asked that it be corrected. Their requests have gone unanswered. If you believe our agricultural community deserves a guaranteed position on our groundwater board, then ask the board to correct this. The agricultural community is asking for your support.

3. In case of drought, existing wells, not historical wells, are the last to stop pumping.

Section 10.04 of the current rules and regulations of the KCGCD state that after setting aside groundwater for exempt use (such as the water we receive from the City of Brackettville), the next wells that are to be granted available groundwater are existing wells, not historical wells. This means that wells completed and in operation on or before January 7, 2003 shall be able to continue to pump available water, while historical wells (which were completed and operational on or before December 31, 1991) would have to stop. The agricultural community objects to this rule because they believe that historical wells, meaning older and more documented wells, should be the last to stop pumping, not newer "existing" wells that were only put in within the last few years. What is even more confusing is some wells have existing and historical permits. The AG community is also wondering why people filed permit objections to primarily historical wells and not existing wells. If you are objecting to a well permit, you need to read the fine print and distinguish who and where brand new wells have been installed.

4. Conflict of interest on the part of Tully and Darlene Shahan.

At the present time Darlene Shahan is serving as the general manager of the KCGCD. Her duties and responsibilities in assisting the KCGCD to comply with the Open Meeting Act are



It's time to move on

In response to Kim Schmidt's letter of 9/2/2004, "demanding her right to vote", that right was exercised (or should have been) last march when we elected the Board members for FCSA. Like in big government, so also with us, the citizens or members do not vote on every issue that comes across the table. The representatives do this on our behalf though we might not all agree with their decision every time.

It seems to me that they fulfilled their "fiduciary" responsibility to the utmost, by researching the municipality issue, then voting against its pursuit after finding the tax base too small to sustain all the expenses of a municipality. This was not a viable solution to our financial situation, though maybe a good idea in the beginning. I, for one (along with many others), am grateful and thank the board that they opted not to spend anymore of FCSA's funds

to pursue this dead-end avenue and direct their energy and limited resources to explore other possibilities. The required survey of the first two square miles alone, I'm told, would have cost us twenty thousand dollars or more and that would be monies much better spent on other necessities, such as promoting FCSA to attract more members or many other needed causes.

The force with which "The Municipality" is being pushed on us by certain entities, against the mounting evidence of its non-viability, does make it suspect of ulterior motives and should cause grave concern to all, as it does me, in regards to what or who is behind all this. The talents and abilities of these entities could be put to much better use by preserving our beloved Fort and doing some public relations work to promote it to the fullest of its available resources.

Sigi Mills

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be done is interrupted by the
man who is doing it.

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KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, September 6
 3:10 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee reported loose cattle out on FM 3348. The owner was notified.
 10:41 a.m., Natividad Terrazas Jr., 44, of Brackettville, was arrested by Sheriff Burgess for Assault. He was later released after posting bail.
 6:25 p.m., A man requested a deputies assistance in repossessing a truck. Deputy Pena was dispatched to the location.
 8:00 p.m., A US Border Patrol Agent reported loose goats out on highway 674. The owner was contacted.
Tuesday, September 7
 8:00 a.m., A man requested a deputies assistance in helping him unlock his tools at the Detention Center. Deputy Johnny Fritter was notified of the situation.
 8:12 a.m., A man reported a blind and 55 gallon feeder missing from his residence.
 2:05 p.m., A man reported losing his cell phone in a field on a local ranch.
 4:45 p.m., A woman reported a strange vehicle on East El Paso Street. Deputy Ron Ring was dispatched to the location.
 9:48 p.m., A Sentry Alarm employee reported an alarm at the high school library on Ann Street.
Wednesday, September 8
 11:18 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee re-

quested a deputies assistance regarding a domestic dispute in unit 15. Chief deputy Fritter and Deputy Ring were dispatched to the residence.
 11:30 a.m., A US Border Patrol Agent reported a possible break-in at Spofford on the northside of the railroad tracks. Deputy Ring was notified of the situation.
 4:00 p.m., A man reported four domestic deer running loose on highway 90 west. The owner was notified.
 5:05 p.m., Hector Pina, 23, of Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Ron Ring for assault and violence to a family member. He was later released after posting bail.
 9:57 p.m., A Fort Clark security employee reported a man speeding through Fort Clark Springs had almost hit a pedestrian. Deputy Donald Page was dispatched to the location.
 10:15 p.m., A Fort Clark man reported shots fired on Airport Road. Deputy Page was notified of the situation. Another man reported having trouble with an individual at the same location. Deputy Page located the subject near the golf course.
Thursday, September 9
 12:35 a.m., A US Border Patrol Agent reported a possible DWI on highway 90. Deputy Page was dispatched to the location.
Friday, September 10

12:12 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee requested a deputies assistance regarding a man who had run his vehicle into some trees. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was notified.
 9:00 p.m., A man reported a possible intoxicated individual walking in the middle of the road between Sweeney and Thorn Street. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the area.
Saturday, September 11
 1:49 p.m., A DPS Dispatcher requested a deputies assistance in helping DPS Trooper Corvoda with a woman. Deputy Gutierrez was notified of the situation.
 3:39 p.m., Patricia Herrera Mata, 28, of Brackettville, was arrested by DPS Trooper Cordova for public intoxication and interfering with duties.
 10:44 p.m., A man reported an 18 wheeler, making too much noise, near his residence. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the location.

Sunday, September 12
 1:59 p.m., The Fort Clark gate requested a deputies assistance. Deputy Manuel Pena was notified.
 6:30 p.m., A man reported an individual had nearly ran over his child and was running stop signs and driving recklessly. Deputy Pena was dispatched to the location.
 8:28 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee reported an individual inside a residence that was not supposed to be there. Deputy Pena was notified of the situation.
 10:57 p.m., A Housing Authority employee reported an individual driving on the basketball courts on Fulton Street. The employee also stated that children were present. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the location.
 11:01 p.m., Border Patrol Agent Juarez reported a possible intoxicated driver in a grey Mustang with Utah plates. Trooper Welch was notified.



Issues with the KCGCD board

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 viously there are those that think it makes me a freak, someone to be avoided. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion. I have no intention of arguing with them. I have peace in my heart and that is all that matters.
 What I find most interesting, however, is that only now, after I have gone public with my questions and concerns about the KCGCD, that some of my fellow citizens are presenting this information to others as "a dirty little secret." I believe that the real "dirty little secret" is that

something is wrong in Kinney County, and people are going to a lot of trouble to cover it up and disguise it. Why else would one state official say that "Kinney County is a poster child of what can go bad with a groundwater district?"
 I will tell you all what I told many that asked what I had found out. Don't believe what I say, but also don't believe anyone else. Just keep asking questions, read the paperwork, and make your own decision what the truth is. That's what democracy is all about.

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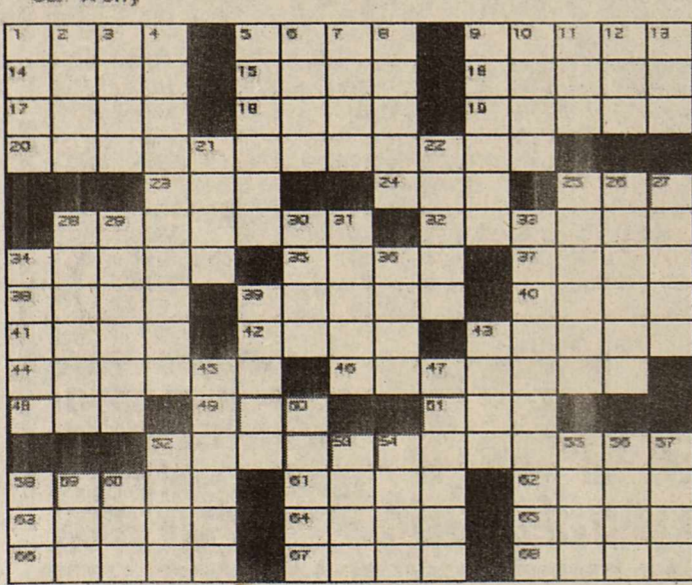
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5. Fog
9. Word whose homonym means permitted
14. Novel setting
15. OI NY or CA
16. Contract's period of time
17. Of a generation
18. Flat bread
19. Procrastinator's word
20. Warm lunch
23. Born
24. Call a halt to
25. Nemesis
28. Rhythm
32. Cuts
34. Lament
35. Swarm
37. "Ach"
38. Character in Othello
39. Academy resident
40. Out of ; insubordinate
41. Word with stick or roll
42. One who acts like another
43. Lets
44. Evaluate
46. Pillages
48. Do a hairdresser's job
49. Follower of 7 Down
51. Building site
52. Admirable people who influence others
58. William and Sean
61. Reddish-brown animal
62. Part of a finger
63. Gladsten
64. Wonderful Life
65. Slave
66. Chihuahua children
67. Late actor Bert
68. Worry

DOWN
1. Heavenly mmes.
2. Nag
3. Not just fact
4. Morn, dad, or madam
5. Take place
6. Friend at the école
7. Greek letter
8. Expunge
9. Reser
10. Spring
11. Bit of cereal
12. Employment
13. German article
21. Junior high grad
22. Commencement
25. Cal
26. Praying figures
27. Winding roads
28. Rough
29. Summertime
30. Man; colloq.
31. Dusk
33. Love messages
34. Fictional king
36. Miles
39. Tosses
43. Violent disruption
45. Sight and sound
47. Lying on a flat surface
50. 4th page of a wall hanging
52. Preposition
53. Insignificant amount
54. Complain to a dermatologist
55. Hot spot
56. 2100 hours
57. Did in
58. Item in a desk drawer
59. Mr. Whitney
60. Girl's nickname



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?

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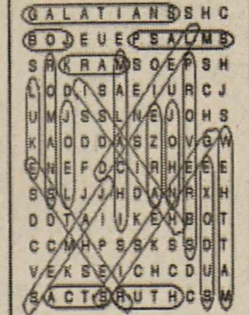
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Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Acts 11. Joel
2. Daniel 12. John
3. Esther 13. Luke
4. Exodus 14. Malachi
5. Ezra 15. Mark
6. Galatians 16. Matthew
7. Genesis 17. Proverbs
8. Isaiah 18. Psalms
9. James 19. Romans
10. Job 20. Ruth



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by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
You're right to be skeptical about a certain person's motivations. Although charismatic, this person has a hidden agenda. Beware!

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
You're tempted to just pull the covers over your head and write off the week. However, don't give in. There's much to be done, so up and at 'em.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Don't allow your concerns over money to become an obsession. This will be straightened out in time. At work, a co-worker has a tendency to be secretive this week.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Try not to take on more than you can handle this week. If you do, you could end up becoming frustrated and accomplishing little. Later in the week, you seek out time for yourself.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
It's wise to remember that you can't always have things your way. Make an effort to compromise more with those around you. Over the weekend, your major focus is on family matters.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
If out shopping this week, you could go overboard. It's best to keep your budget limitations in mind. At work, you're given new, exciting responsibilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Don't let those who disagree with you get you down. You can't change the world, nor should you. Pay special attention to your mate this weekend.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
A plan you'd had in the works for a while now needs revising. It's not working out as well as you'd thought. This weekend, socializing is a plus.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
Romance is in the air for singles. However, it's wise to take this a step at a time. Your creativity is a plus on the job.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
You spend some time doing damage control at work. Unfortunately, an error you made comes back to haunt you. Later in the week, you're pleased with how it turns out.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Your best approach to a family problem is a gentle one. Be sure to listen carefully to what's being said. This way, you can find a happy solution that pleases everyone.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Remember that you can't make family decisions unilaterally. Sit down with your mate and work things out together. Over the weekend, a change in social plans is likely.

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JV runs past Panthers, 46-0!

By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

The JV football team ran past the Nueces Canyon JV squad last Thursday. The Tigers held the Panthers to 63 yards of total offense, while they rumbled for 354 yards of offense. The entire Tiger offensive output came via the ground game. Coach Ken Wallace said, "We were able to control the ball all game. Canyon is very good and they match up well with our speed, but mistakes on their part and our lack of mistakes was the difference in the game."

In the first quarter Travis Bonner went around the right

end of the line for Brackett's first score of the night. Fermin Villanueva added a two point conversion to put the Tigers up 8-0. Once Canyon got the ball back the Tiger defense stepped up big. Bonner intercepted a Canyon pass and then led the offense down the field for their second TD of the night. The defense again stopped the Panthers and forced a punt. On the next Brackett drive Villanueva broke away on a 25 yard scamper to set up Bonner's third touchdown run of the night.

With a solid 24-0 lead after halftime, the Tigers again took control of the game on both sides of the ball. The next Tiger

strike came in the form of a 65 yard Villanueva TD run. Canyon's best drive of the night moved deep into Tiger territory, but Ivan Pinales ended all of Canyon's hopes when he intercepted another errant pass in the end zone. The Tigers then took 16 plays to go 80 yards with Villanueva punching the ball in from the one yard line. Villanueva added another two point conversion to put the Tigers up 38-0. The last score of the night came on a Villanueva 29 yard TD run with Bonner adding the conversion.

The Tiger offense was led by Villanueva who ran the ball 26 times for 255 yards and three

touchdowns. He was supported by Bonner with nine carries for 62 yards and three touchdowns, as well as Pinales with six carries and 37 yards. Pinales also led the JV defense with six tackles and one interception. Robert Sanchez and Joey Castillo also added six tackles each, while Clay Threadgill and Bonner each added five tackles. Mason McWilliams added two tackles and an interception to round out the Tiger defensive effort for the evening. The JV Tigers' next encounter will be tonight against Sabin at Tiger stadium with the kickoff following the Junior High game against Leakey.



Noe Talamantes Photo by Danielle Moore
Talamantes (left) rushed for 67 yards on 4 carries. Talamantes also scored three times and had one 74 yard reception.

Tigerettes finish 2nd in Utopia tournament

By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

The Brackett Tigerettes finished another long week of volleyball competition by earning second place honors at the Utopia tournament this past weekend. The Tigerettes were led by Shanae Simmons, who was named to the All-Tournament team, and Timmeke Simmons, who earned Most Valuable Player honors, during the tournament.

In the first round the Tig-

erettes swept San Antonio Cole 25-13, 25-16, 25-18.

In the second round the varsity squared off against Utopia's JV squad and won 25-8, 25-9, 25-17. The Tigerettes were led by Frerich with 6 kills. Ashley Castillo had 5, while Smith, Valenzuela, and Shanae Simmons each had 3. The offense was headed by Jessie Crane with 4 aces and Timmeke Simmons with 2. Timmeke Simmons also contributed 16 assists, while Yeager chipped in 4 assists. Castillo led the defense with four blocks

on the match while Timmeke Simmons and Molinar each contributed two digs during the match. This victory placed the Tigerettes in the championship match against Utopia's varsity.

The championship marked the fifth time this season that Brackett and Utopia met in a varsity volleyball match. Utopia's squad overpowered the Tigerettes 25-22, 25-16, 21-25, 25-20, to put the varsity into second at the close of the tournament. The team was led by Shanae Simmons with 10 kills, Cas-

tillio with 7 kills, and Smith with 4. Smith also led the defense with 4 blocks, while Shanae Simmons contributed 3, and Valenzuela had 2. Castillo once again contributed to the offense, this time with 4 aces, while Smith added 2 ace serves during this match. Timmeke Simmons tallied 11 assists, while Yeager contributed 6.

The Tigerettes finish their non-district matches this week facing the varsity squad in Leakey and meeting Cotulla at home next Tuesday.

7th Grade Drops Game to Eagle Pass

By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

The 7th grade volleyball team dropped their match to Eagle Pass Memorial on Tuesday, September 7th.

The girls played well taking the first game 25-18, but lost the next two games 25-23, 15-11. The Cubettes were led behind the serving of Amanda Delbos-

que, Miranda Salmon, Elidia Molinar, Sarah Gonzales, and Katie Yeager. Delbosque, Molinar, Yeager, Brooke Gose, and Cheyenne Billings were the top passers for the match. Molinar also led the team with two spikes during the match. 7th grade Cubette of the week honors went to Sarah Gonzales this week. Last week the Cubette of the week was Katie Yeager.

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