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Tigers runner-up in Region 4 Shiner stops Black and Gold 21-7

Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

It was the end of one of the greatest football seasons ever seen in Brackettville.

The game was the long anticipated match-up between top ranked Shiner and second ranked Brackett.

This game was anticipated to be, and called by some, the 1A State Championship. Even though that title will be handed out in two weeks, many predict that the winner of Saturday's match-up will win the 1A title.

Unfortunately for the Tigers, they came up just a little bit short.

The entire first half of the Quarterfinal game could be summed up in one word: defense.

The two teams traded punts, with the exception of two Shiner fumbles, the entire half.

The two teams entered half-time deadlocked in a scoreless tie. The Tigers took the second half kickoff and that's when the game really got going.

The Tigers got stuffed on their own 10 yard line on the opening kick and their first drive of the second half began.

The drive was going well when Noe Talamantes exploded through the line only to see the crease close quickly.

Talamantes reacted quickly cutting back against the grain and rumbling 51 yards to the Shiner 33.

From that point it was Brand Wylie taking a reverse and racing 30 yards to the end zone.

The Tigers were ahead 7-0 and the defense had just forced a Comanche punt when things began to unravel for the Tigers. Brackett started at their own 13 when the entire offense jumped offside.

The Tigers were penalized five yards and on the next play they fumbled the ball.

Shiner jumped on the loose football and the Comanche offense went to work from the Brackett six yard line.

Shiner was facing a fourth

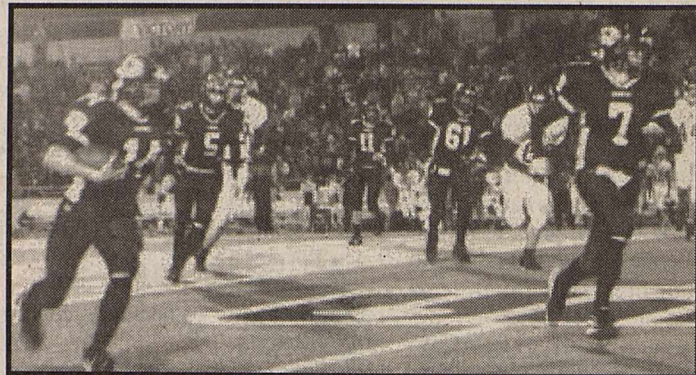


Photo by Danielle Moore

Brand Wylie (14) takes the pigskin for the Tigers' only touchdown Saturday at Alamo Stadium. The Tigers lost 21-7, snapping a 12 game win streak.

down from the two yard line when Chris Baer took the ball. Baer was hit at the line of scrimmage by several Tigers, but was able to stretch forward and put the football across the goal line. The third quarter ended with the two teams tied 7-7.

When the fourth quarter began, the tension was thick and every person knew that the game would come down to the last 12 minutes.

They also knew that both teams were very tired and that a single mistake could end the season for either of the two remaining undefeated teams in class 1A. The game did not come down to a mistake, though.

It came down to a trick play. Shiner halfback Chris Baer again carried the team like he has all season.

The highly recruited running back took the pitch and rolled out like he was running a sweep. Once he got to the corner, Baer stopped and threw to receiver Nick Evans for a 44 yard gain.

Three plays later Shiner ran a similar play when freshman receiver Kyle Condel found tight end Chase O'Conner in the front corner of the end zone. O'Conner managed to get one foot down in the field of play and Shiner took the lead 14-7.

After the touchdown, Shiner had momentum in their favor and Baer added a 29 yard touchdown run with 6:38 left in the

game to end the scoring at 21-7.

Brackett was stopped on consecutive fourth down attempts and on the final drive of the season quarterback Kody Yeager threw a very rare interception. Shiner got one first down and then took a knee to run out the clock.

The Tiger offense was led by Yeager who completed two passes for 32 yards.

Wylie caught one pass for 19 yards and Charlie Slaughter caught the other pass for 13 yards.

Talamantes was again the backbone of the Tiger running game running 18 times for 99 yards.

Wylie carried seven times for 54 yards, Slaughter had one carry for 18 yards, and Clyde Adams carried three times for six yards.

Miles Braesicke carried six times for five yards and Mark Kesteloot ran the ball two times for three yards.

The Tigers ended the season in front of nearly 2400 fans at Alamo Stadium.

The Tigers have provided one of the most memorable seasons that the town has ever experienced.

Congratulations to the 2004 Brackett Tigers and thanks for all the excitement that you have provided us over the last four months.



Photo by Gus Garcia

Kinney County Detention Center Warden Mickey Hubert cuts the ceremonial ribbon during Sunday's Grand Opening and open house. The new center was welcomed by the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce.

Detention center opens

Gus Garcia
Editor

More than 500 area residents joined the celebration of the Grand Opening for the Kinney County Detention Center.

The new detention center is set to receive its first detainees toward the middle of the month or early January 2005, according to Mickey Hubert, warden of the new facility.

The detention center, about three miles south of Brackettville, received the community and provided a free barbecue meal and a tour of the new facilities.

Hubert noted that about 66 employees will be hired, with half on the payroll already.

"We are very excited about the new facility," Hubert said after cutting the ceremonial ribbon, hosted by the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce.

"Right now, we're trying to tie up a few loose ends and get

ready for the state inspection, set for Dec. 13," he said.

The new state-of-the-art facility boasts a capacity of 320.

It was brought forward in the late 90s, CiviGenics came to the table with Kinney County Commissioner's Court. Land was purchased and some construction had been kicked off.

But funding kept CiviGenics from completing the project. That is until Reata, LTD., stepped in and saw an opportunity.

"We not only financed the project," Mike Patton said.

"We designed it, we worked hard on it and we are part of the community."

"We didn't just come in to town and drop a couple of dollars and move on."

We are here. We are part of this community," he added. "We are more than financiers."

The medium security detention center will host 320 detainees, both male and female.

CiviGenics currently has seven centers in Texas and Ohio.

This includes security and control functions, booking operations, staffing for multi-custody level facilities, training of correctional officers, classification, food, medical and dental services, commissary, recreation, data and case record management, transportation and pre-release planning and coordination.

"Our unique approach fully integrates the principles of treatment-oriented offender management with day-to-day facility functioning."

"At a CiviGenics-run correctional facility, incarceration and rehabilitation are closely linked objectives and not competing priorities," Hubert said.

The center will house detainees from the U.S. Marshalls Service and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, formerly the Border Patrol.

City talks trash; gives nod to recycling program

Liz Jaso
Contributing Writer

The city council approved two motions addressing the problem of garbage disposal Tuesday night.

According to City Secretary Bonnie Mayes there was a dramatic increase in the amount of waste taken to the city's dump site in recent weeks, causing the site to be closed for short periods last month.

The problem was that containers for the waste were fill-

ing up faster than new ones could be ordered.

She also advised the council that the bill for removing the waste had gone from \$1,900 in October to \$5,000 in November.

An investigation revealed several possible reasons for the increase.

First she has learned that Alamo Saddlery has been disposing of their scrap leather at the site.

It was discovered that the scrap leather from their plant in

Mexico has been trucked to the Brackettville dump site for disposal.

Mayes reported that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has informed her that this is not legal.

This waste must be disposed of at an approved site.

Secondly, she has had reports that persons who are not city residents have been using the site. She advised the council that a permanent employee for the site will be needed in the future.

Mayes recommended an immediate enforcement of a resolution enacted earlier this year in which each person bringing waste to the site must present a utility bill stub to prove that they are a city resident or else pay a fee to use the site.

Also recommended was a change in the rates for commercial dumping.

Instead of the flat fee of \$9 per month it was recommended that the city charge a fee of \$6.50 per cubic yard to all commercial users.

This fee is comparable to fees charged by Del Rio, Eagle Pass and Uvalde.

The council wishes to inform businesses that if they break down cardboard cartons prior to disposal and maintain control of their dumpsters from public use, they can reduce their disposal expenses.

Both of these motions were passed unanimously. In addition council members asked that the public be informed that dumping of trash along the roadside, in vacant lots, and at the Lion's

Club Thrift Store is illegal.

Photographs have been taken of these unauthorized dump areas and names have been taken from papers found in the trash bags.

These photographs and names have been turned over to the TECQ and the persons responsible will be held accountable for the cost of cleaning up the areas.

The council also wants to remind citizens who use syringes, such as diabetics on insulin, to

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Tigerettes Win

The Tigerette basketball season is under way and the team has opened competition by ripping off three straight victories.

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Thanks, Tigers!

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Community Unity rings in holiday spirit

The Community Unity Christmas Program sponsored by the Church Alliance of Brackettville was a special gift to the community Dec. 3.

Food vendors from City of Spofford, City of Brackettville, 4-H, Las Moras Hispanic Organization, Longhorn Cheerleader Competition Squad, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Gateway Ministries, United Medical Center, Kinney County EMS and Church Alliance of Brackettville handed out free refreshments.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes held a miniature basketball shoot game in which the children won prizes.

Robert Smith was our volunteer "Saint Nicholas" and the Longhorn Cheerleaders handed out gifts, as well, which were collected or purchased from the many donations which amounted to more than \$1,500.

More than 200 children were blessed by the many people and organizations who sponsored these gifts.

The program at the Civic Center began at 5 p.m. when emcee, the Rev. Charolette Corey

of Gateway Ministries began the evening with prayer and introduced the singing duo of Holt Jr., and Katie Tuck, followed by the spectacular voices of Jackie Duncan who sang "O Holy Night," with guitar accompaniment from Kody Yeager.

Next came Samantha Moore and Katie Yeager "singing" "The Gift of God" along with backup singers. Following them came the ever-ready "Voices of Fort Clark" directed by Lynn McNew.

Danielle Moore sang a Christmas song in Spanish to bless those at the program.

A special blessing came from the professional efforts of representatives from the Tabernacle Choir of the Assembly of God Church in Del Rio, led by Pastor Ruben Herrera (nephew and namesake of our local Ruben Martinez).

Both music and songs were outstanding and made the statement for the whole evening.

Poster contest winners for Jones Elementary School contestants were Megan Resendez who tied for first place with Abigail Gutierrez.



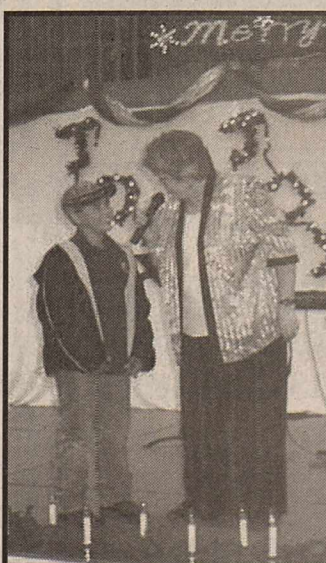
The Church Alliance of Brackettville hosted the annual Community Unity. The poster contest winners included Abigail Gutierrez and Ruben Gutierrez. As well as entertainment from Danielle Moore.

Second place winner Amber Resendez tied with Rolando Gutierrez.

Tied for third place were Priscilla Aguirre, and Marisol Aguirre.

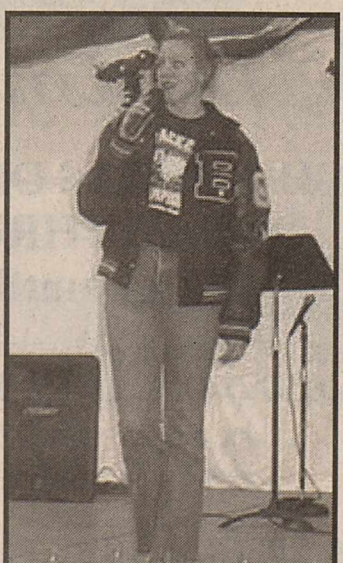
Junior High first place winner was Ramon Gutierrez.

The Church Alliance of Brackettville gave \$25 cash prizes to



first place winners, \$15 for second place and \$10 for third place winners. The theme was "Jesus" The Gift of Joy."

Children, parents and volunteers largely from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, lent a big hand in both setting up and decorating, as well as clean-up afterwards, which encompassed



the Christmas Program with prayer and unity from the beginning to end. Sound system and decorations provided by Gateway Ministries, Pastors Bob and Charlotte Corey.

"We wish to give special thanks to the Brackett News for their publicity of the program," Corey said.

I'm through turning the other cheek

They just won't go away, and, unfortunately, it's illegal to kill 'em! If you think the attacks on the Boy Scouts were bad, how about the school principal, Patricia Vidmar, of Stevens Creek School, in Pasadena, Calif., who has apparently decided that the Declaration of Independence is unconstitutional because it contains the word "God?"

Yep, that's right; Vidmar issued orders to Stephen Williams, a social studies teacher, to stop using the Declaration of Independence and other historical documents in his classroom because they contain the word "God."

Explain to me, please, the logic behind this nitwit decision. How can a social studies teacher teach about the social and ideological reasons for the formation of the United States without mentioning the most important documents in American history? This is so stupid as to defy description.

These people, in their rabid hatred of God and anything pertaining to God, are willing to destroy themselves and the United States, rewrite history, and deny reality to... to do what? What possible purpose could this have? They are beyond reason and logic. They have passed

out of sanity, beyond absurdity, and into the realms of insanity. It is insane to expect anyone would abide by such inane, insane, illogical, unprincipled, demonstrably anti-Christian and anti-American edicts.

Christian Educators Association International (CEAI) Director Finn Laursen was shocked. "I find it frustrating that so many of our well meaning administrators totally misunderstand the intent of the First Amendment which meant to inhibit governmental interference in religious expression and not launch governmental roadblocks," Laursen said. "The Establishment Clause was never written to establish a God-free zone in the public arena."

Amen Finn! Give 'em heaven son! But I seriously doubt the well meaning administrators part.

Laursen also said, "We receive dozens of complaints monthly from public school educators, who happen to be Christian by faith, demonstrating similar circumstances."

Is it possible that so many of our school administrators have been lobotomized? Have they all become mental midgets as well as liberal eunuchs and stooges? Why can they not stand up to the liberal, anti-God crowd



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

and say, "Back off jerks! We teach the truth here!"

This kind of lunacy must be stopped! This nation is a nation of God-fearing men and women, which was founded by God-fearing men and women, and we are allowing a tiny, vocal, seemingly indefatigable, godless minority to dictate to us how we will raise and educate our children. In many instances one or two malcontent, misanthropic atheists have dictated policy to literally hundreds of Christians. This is still a nation of majority rule, but we have to fight for that right.

If we just roll over and acquiesce we are going to be run over by the immoral minority. We are the moral majority and we don't have to accept their evil ideas and morally bankrupt lack of values.

If we want to pray before a high school football game, we should dangd well be able to pray before a high school football game. If we want to hang the Ten Commandments on the wall in the court house or the classroom, we should have that right.

There is nothing in the Constitution that denies us that right.

If the atheists don't want to pray they don't have to. If they don't want to read the Ten Commandments they don't have to.

The Constitution does give them that right; but it does not give them the right to deny us ours! That's the truth and nothing anybody can say or do will change that. Anything else is a bald-faced lie.

Every time some hair-brained moron states that we can't do something because it has to do with God, it is a lie and is illegal, and I don't give a hoot what liberal court puppet says differently.

God is real! God is alive! God rules! God is the creator of the universe, and the giver of rights. I challenge any liberal atheist to deny me my rights! I'm through turning the other cheek!

People it is time to fight! Every time we allow this to happen without a battle we are at fault. We need to meet these godless oafs, challenge for challenge, lawyer for lawyer, at every turn.

It is time to do something. In fact it is far past time to do something. Give no more ground; retreat no more. Stand firm, stand tall, put on the armor of God and do battle!

Romans 8:31, 32 - "What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" NIV

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I Stand Corrected

Whenever someone sits down to write a column, they should always try to make certain that information is correct. This can be easy to do, or it can be very difficult. Every once in a while information is presented that, for whatever reason, is not correct. That is where the job of reporting can become very tricky.

Several weeks ago I wrote a column about the Brackett Tigers beating Flatonia in a second round playoff game.

In that article I stated that it was the first playoff victory in school history. From the research I had done, I believed that I was correct and ran the story.

Unfortunately, I was not correct and I had to go back and do more research.

After several phone calls and emails, I was able to find out that Brackett High School does indeed have two playoff victories in school history.

The actual first playoff victory came in 1951 when the Tigers went undefeated and won the Bi-District playoff game.

The second came in 1977. The 1977 squad earned the last district championship prior to 2003 and the only other playoff victory in school history prior to this season.

The 1977 run came when the Tigers entered the final regular

season game at 7-2. The Tigers faced off against the Charlotte Trojans who were 9-0 and ranked number 1 in Class A (now 2A). Brackett had to win the game to even make the playoffs, a long shot at best for Brackett.

The Tigers led the game 33-27 and held the Trojans three times at the three yard line with just over a minute in the game. The Tigers went on to beat Marion 28-21 in the Bi-District game before Poth ended their season.

After 1977 the Tigers went to the playoffs eight times before earning their third playoff victory this year.

With all of today's technology and information access some things still get overlooked and missed.

So, I wish to offer my apologies to Brackett High School, the community, and all of the athletes who were on the 1951 and the 1977 teams. Congratulations on your accomplishment and please accept my sincere apologies for overlooking these two victories.

I also wish to thank the UIL and San Antonio Express News for assistance in finding these facts and allowing me to make this correction.

Darin Koenig

Big Mama Sez!
I have made mistakes, but I have never made the mistake of claiming that I never made one.



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KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

- Tuesday, November 30**
11:09 a.m., A woman reported a grass fire on Highway 90 west passed the motel. Fire Department was notified and DPS Trooper Tony Ashley and Deputy Ron Ring were dispatched.
- Wednesday, December 1**
10:29 a.m., Del Rio Police Department stated that a U.S. Customs agent had left an object known as a "buster" in a vehicle. All law enforcement agencies were advised.
- Thursday, December 2**
1:30 a.m., A woman reported loud music. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was informed of the situation.
- Friday, December 3**
2:55 p.m., A man reported a grey vehicle running other vehicles off the road near the Doppler Weather station. Deputy Ring was advised.
3:00 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a red SUV running vehicles off the road near the Doppler Weather station. Deputy Ring was advised.
8:44 p.m., A woman reported two vehicles driven by 13-year olds. One was in a maroon Dodge on Ann Street and the other was near the swimming pool in a blue truck. Deputy Donald Page was notified of the situation.
- Saturday, December 4**
8:25 a.m., A man reported that his hunting companion had passed away during the night. Judge John Ford and Deputy Ring were dispatched to the scene. Family members and funeral home were contacted.
12:45 p.m., Uvalde Police Department reported finding a woman's remains at the Nueces River in Uvalde County.
12:53 p.m., A woman reported their hunting camp had been broken into during the night and two guns were missing and deer meat was missing, too. Deputy Ring was notified.
3:25 p.m., A man reported two vehicles racing on Highway 90 past the Sycamore bridge. Deputy Ring was informed of the situation.
3:48 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a possible fire on Highway 693. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was dispatched and reported everything to be fine.
- Sunday, December 5**
3:42 p.m., A man requested a deputy because another man was threatening him. Deputy Ring was advised.
7:30 p.m., A man requested a deputy at his residence. Deputy Page was informed.

Thank you, Tigers!

Tiger Town,
As we pulled out of the parking lot at Alamo Stadium in Saturday night, my wife made an interesting statement.
She said, "I wish I could have sat in the other side tonight just to see our fans that were seated in the stadium."
We were there by the hundreds from infants to the elderly, Anglos and Hispanics, boys and girls, and men and women.
Many of these families represented had lived in our town for generations, others only months, and almost all wore a piece of clothing inscribed with Brackett Tigers.
Our coaches and players all put forth their usual 100 percent effort in going where no Brackett

Tiger team had ever gone.
Congratulations on a fine job of representing our part of Texas, because on Saturday night, you drew fans from Del Rio, Rocksprings, Camp Wood and San Antonio.
It is rare that two evenly matched teams go toe to toe in any sport and neither disappoint. One will always lose of course, but this season left us all anxious to see the next edition of the Tigers! So as you reflect on this season, hit the weight room early and often, and 2005 may be the year that you and your fans travel further up that championship road.
Great season, great fans, and a great job.
Ned Sitzes

OBITUARY

Manuela H. Gomez
Manuela H. Gomez, age 99, passed away November 28, 2004 in San Antonio, Texas. She was born Jan. 19, 1905, in Brackettville, Texas.
She is preceded in death by her husband Eulogio M. Gomez. She is survived by her sons: Eulogio H. Gomez, Richard Gomez, Oscar H. Gomez and wife Zulema Talamantez Gomez, and Pedro H. Gomez.
Brother, Manuel and wife Bertha Hernandez.
Grandchildren: Veronica Gomez, Divina Gomez, Oscar Jr. and wife Michelle Gomez, Michael and wife Elizabeth Gomez and Pete J. Gomez, Jr.
Great-Grandchildren are David, Justin and Abigail.
Visitation was Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, from 5 to 9 pm at the Sunset Memorial Oaks Chapel in Brackettville. Rosary was recited at 7:30 pm.
A Mass of Christian burial was Saturday at 10 a.m., Dec. 4, 2004, at St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic Church. Father Paul Raaz officiated.
Interment followed at St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic Cemetery.
Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, 2020 Bedell Ave., Del Rio, Texas.

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Tigerette basketball off to strong start

Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

The Tigerette basketball season is under way and the team has opened competition by ripping off three straight victories. The Tigerettes moved to 3-0 by beating Nueces Canyon. In the game against Canyon, Brackett jumped out to an early lead. Taking an 11 point lead into the second quarter, the Tigerettes continued to play tough defense and led by 10 at the half. In the third quarter, the team was able to maintain the 10-point lead before breaking the game open in the fourth quarter to win 45-31. The team was led to victory behind the tough play of several Tigerettes. Ashley Castillo led the team in most statistical categories scoring 18 points, grabbing nine rebounds, nine steals, and adding four assists. Courtney Frerich scored 11 points, grabbed 11 rebounds, and added three steals to the effort. Emily Valenzuela scored six points, retrieved four rebounds, added three steals, and had two assists in the game. Kara Yeager scored four points and tallied one point and one assist. Stephanie Bonner provided two points, one rebound, one steal, and two assists in the victory. Dana Bonner added two points and two rebounds while Jessi Crane chipped in with two

points and one rebound. In the Canyon Tournament, the Tigerettes split their two games to move their season record to 4-1. In the first game, the Tigerettes dropped a close game to Knippa. The Tigerettes were down by 10 going into halftime, 38-28. In the third quarter, Knippa continued to build their lead to 49-36. In the fourth quarter, the Brackett offense came alive and the defense shut Knippa down. Unfortunately, the clock worked against Brackett and they came up just short, dropping the game 56-53. Courtney Frerich led the offense with 16 points. Emily Valenzuela added 13 points; Ashley Castillo scored 10 points, and Jessie Crane scored six points to lead the Tigerettes. In the second game of the tournament, Brackett faced off against the D'Hanis JV squad. The Tigerettes jumped out to a 24-6 first quarter lead and never looked back. Going into halftime the Tigerettes led 27-11 and in the third quarter they built their lead to an overwhelming 49-22. The game ended with Brackett holding a commanding 62-34 lead to earn their fourth victory of the young season. The Tigerettes will next compete in the SWTJC Tournament beginning today.

Cubettes fall to Harper

Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

The seventh grade girls basketball team came up just short against a tough Harper squad. The game was highlighted by tough defense and quick strike offense. Brackett came up just short of both, however and were handed their first loss of the season. Harper pulled ahead of the Cubettes early and were able to hold the lead to take the 26-14 victory. The loss moves the seventh grade team's record to 1-1 on

the season. During the hard fought match the offense was led by Ivy Garcia with six points. Other offensive standouts were Elena Molinar scoring four points, Cheyenne Billings tallying two points, and Amanda Flores adding two points. The defensive effort was headed by Nydia Talamantes who recorded an amazing seven steals during the game. Ivy Garcia helped the team on both sides of the ball, grabbing six rebounds. The team's next game will come against Center Point, in Center Point, on Dec. 13.

8th graders drop game to Harper

Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

The eighth grade girls basketball team dropped a tough game against Harper last Monday. The girls played hard throughout but came up just short as Harper's defense limited the Brackett offense. As the clock hit zero, Harper held the lead 31-22. The loss dropped the eighth grade squad to 1-1 on the season. The team was led by the scoring of Bianca Terrazas, who tallied 16 points during the game. The other scores for Brackett were Bianca Martinez, Natalie Aguirre, and Samantha Moore

who scored two points each. The Cubettes only had one assist during the game and the credit for that assist went to Summer Allen. Terrazas and Harmony Pettitt led the team in rebounds gathering in four each. Bianca Martinez and Becca Mann also contributed to the effort hauling in three rebounds each. The defense was also led by Terrazas as she and Moore each recorded four steals during the game. Other defensive leaders included Pettitt with two steals and Becca Mann with one steal for the night. The next game will come on Monday Dec. 13 when the team travels to Center Point.

Easy enchilada casserole

Here's another quick to put together, easy on the budget recipe. Can't say it's fancy, but certainly tastes good while being easy on the pocket book. Serves 6. Easy Enchilada Casserole 12 corn tortillas, 1 can low fat chili with beans, 1 can chili beans in zesty sauce, 1 1/2 cups grated cheddar cheese, divided use, 1 (10 oz.) can enchilada sauce, 1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce, 1/4 onion (med.) grated or chopped finely, 1 1/4 cups sour cream, 2 tomatoes, diced, 6 green onions, chopped. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 9x13 pan with nonstick cooking oil. Set aside. Cut tortillas into 6 or 8 pie

shape wedges. In a large bowl, combine the first seven ingredients, reserving 1/2 cup cheese. Stir until well blended; pour into pan. Bake for 35 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to stan for 3-5 minutes. Top with sour cream, green onions and remaining 1/2 cup cheese. Green salad and desert completes the meal.



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

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Rough Enough excavation project featured

A small archeological display from Rough Enough Rock Shelter located in Val Verde County was featured at the Laughlin Air Force Base library.

Excavation was being conducted by Barbara Stillwell of San Antonio. Barbara is the daughter of Glen and Mary Seaver of Fort Clark Springs.

The display contained projectile points, painted stone, mano (hand held grinding stone), piece of carbon dated woven matting and two types of plant fiber cordage. Photographs of the shelter and excavation gave a glimpse of the work being done at the shelter.

Rough Enough Excavation Project preliminary development began in January 2000. The project is a systematic excavation recovery of Rough Enough rock shelter cultural artifacts on private property with private funding.

Opportunity to excavate Rough Enough Rock Shelter in Val Verde County is an honor awarded to Barbara Stillwell through developed trust and friendship from a local rancher and family. During August 1999 to December 2003, she attended the University of Texas at San Antonio, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology. Her interest and attention developed toward archaeology while a student at UTSA.

It may be noted that the landowner and family wish their names to remain unprinted and their privacy be respected.

Rough Enough Rock Shelter is in an upland canyon on the Pecos River in Western Val Verde County.

The area is archaeologically known as Lower Pecos region of Texas and is a geographical landscape where the Rio Grande, Pecos and Devil River join to form a river basin west of the Edwards Plateau and includes parts of North-Central Mexico.

Rough Enough is a dry prehistoric rock shelter, created by geological solution erosion in a limestone canyon wall.

The shelters upland location in this harsh terrain has partly protected it from complete de-



Photo by Pam Hale

struction by relic seekers, sadly to say, as seen in sites located near the Pecos River. Prehistoric cultural materials from the undisturbed levels of the excavated site units as they are being analyzed will add to the knowledge and chronology of ancient human's activity to this unique area of Texas. Indigenous Lower Pecos inhabitant's material possessions were few, utilitarian and manufactured on or near the habitant site. Basic items were baskets, woven plant fiber mats, milling stones and chipped stone projectile points, scrappers and knives. Lower Pecos cultural artifacts have provided evidence of a

long sequence foraging way of life that began about 9,500 years ago. We do not know what the Lower Pecos inhabitants called themselves. The inhabitants were conservative and in harmony with their environment that provided ba-

family and social organization. The preservation of desert plants, baskets, woven matting, sandal shell beads, bone and stone tools and ornaments including mortuary practices have been investigated and interpreted from earlier archaeological work done in this region. Refinement of artifact analy-

sis, the study of prehistoric environmental conditions and archaeological data has evolved in time. To single perspective on the Lower Pecos inhabitant's lives and culture can reveal the whole truth of an ancient people's way of life. For more information call (830) 298-5119.

Along with environmental constraints and marginal contact with other distant regional cultures, the Lower Pecos inhabitants maintained a distinct continuing cultural identity with a low rate of social and cultural change. Visible tangible material remains provide the products to search for meanings and understanding of the invisible ideology of human ways of survival, belief,

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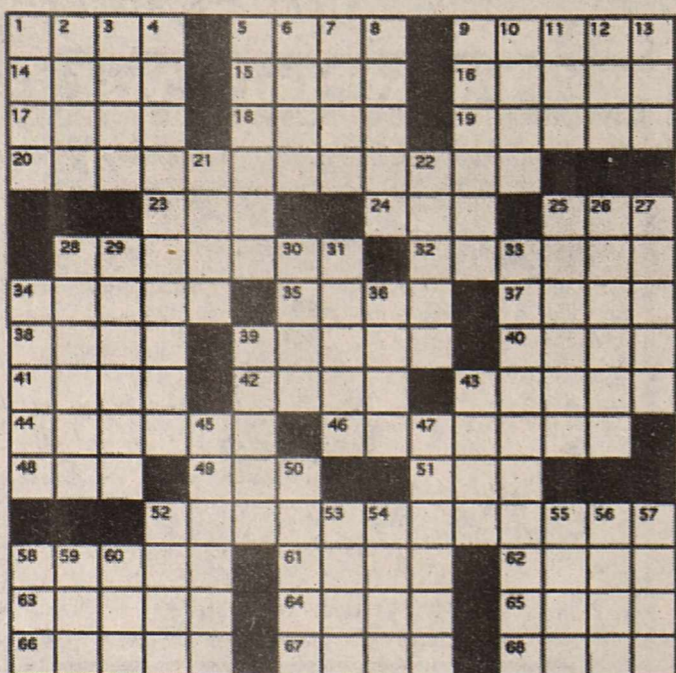
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ROARING TWENTIES

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—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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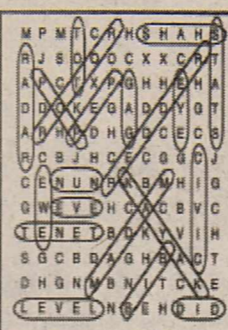
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3. Did
4. Eve
5. Ewe
6. Eye
7. Gag
8. Kayak
9. Level
10. Madam
11. Nun
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13. Pop
14. Radar
15. Redder
16. Rotor
17. Shahs
18. Stats
19. Tenet
20. Tot



HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A bit of soul-searching is in order this week. You've unintentionally slighted someone close to you. Think about it and then make amends.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're grateful for the advice you receive about a business matter. However, it's not that advantageous in the long run. You need to go with your own instincts on this one.
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Some doors open for you this week, while others are firmly closed. Don't try breaking them down. Your opportunities will come at a later date.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're told something this week that needs to be kept in the strictest confidence. If you spill, it could have far-reaching, unpleasant repercussions. Keep that lip zipped!
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You don't see it happening, but things are improving on the financial front. This behind-the-scenes action will soon surface. Just be patient.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You may want to take some time this week to do a bit of holiday shopping. Be careful, though. Something that seems to be a bargain isn't in actuality.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're a bit frustrated as the week begins. Perhaps you've misplaced something important. If you calm down, you'll be able to get a grip on this and locate said item.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're not connecting well with a family member this week. It's not your fault, so stop flagellating yourself. This person comes around by week's end.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Before thinking about the upcoming holiday, you need to rid the house of some unnecessary clutter.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You feel a bit overwhelmed this week by all the holiday preparations. You don't have to do it all yourself. Enlist the aid of family members.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It's not a good week to allow work to spill over into family life. While you have some worries on the job front, they're not insurmountable. You can come up with a plan that smoothes things out if you think hard enough.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's a good week to get some holiday preparations out of the way. Whether shopping or decorating, you're right in the spirit of things. Family members find this contagious and pitch in.
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The Twelve Days of Christmas - the story

We hear this Christmas Carol a good number of times during the time before we celebrate the Birthday of Jesus of Nazareth. It begins with: "On the First Day of Christmas", and continues with 12 separate pointers.

The 12 listed in the final paragraph of this article seem to be quite a bit of non-sense, eh what? It is no non-sense if one becomes aware of the circumstances and history behind it. It so happened in the days of King Henry VIII of England, back in the 1500's, that he broke away from the Roman Catholic Church and initiated the beginning of "The Church of England," the "Anglican Church. According to the history available, even though



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a remnant of Roman Catholics wanted to practice their religious heritage, they were unable to do so openly.

Consequently, these had to discover secret ways to keep their belief system intact and alive. According to those who have done the research related to this outcome, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was one of those ways.

This Christmas Song is composed in code: The "True Love" represents God, the "me" stands for the individual Christian, the "Two Turtle Doves" point to the Old and New Testaments, the "Three French Hens" refer to 1st Corinthians 13:13: "and now Faith Hope and Love abide", the "Four Calling Birds" correspond to The Four Gospels (Mark, Matthew, Luke, & John), the "Five Golden Rings" symbolize The Torah, the 1st five books of the old testament, the "Six Geese Alaying" stand for the six days of creation (as related in the 1st Chapter of The Book of Genesis), the "Seven Swans a swimming" represent the Seven Gifts of the Holy

Spirit. (1st Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4, & 1st Peter 4), the "Eight Maids a Milking" indicate the eight beatitudes (Matthew 5), the "Nine Ladies Dancing" signify the Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), the "Ten Lords a Leaping" stand for the Ten Commandments, the "Eleven Pipers Piping" refer to the Eleven Faithful Apostles, the "Twelve Drummers Drumming" signify the Twelve Points we can discover in the Apostles' Creed.

To use an old expression, "We've come a long way" since then. The various denominations claiming allegiance to Jesus are much more tolerant of each other.

Jesus.....God's Son

And the multitude said, This is Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

And Jesus went into the temple of God, And cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple and overthrew the tables of money changers, And the seats of them that sold doves.

And said unto them. It is written. My house shall be called the house of Prayer: but ye have made it a den of



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thieves.

And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple and he healed them. St. Matthews. 21:11-14. His name is Jesus.

Gifts that prepare the way for Christ

This is the third week in the season of Advent - the period preceding Christmas. By tradition, it's also one of the times when we remember John the Baptist. John was a cousin of Jesus and served as his herald. A herald is someone who announces the imminent arrival of a king. John proclaimed to everyone that a new king was coming. He was so outspoken in his announcements that some were troubled and confused.

The first chapter of the Gospel of John tells of the Baptist being interrogated to discover who he was and why he was making these strange announcements. At Christmas time, every Christian has a choice - to be-



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Rev. Roger Baker

come a herald of Christ like John or simply another harried consumer, shopping for the "perfect gift" and sending packages racing across the country. Don't misunderstand me, I have no objection to showing affection for each other in tangible ways, and our local merchants need your business! Still, I hope that this year, we can be a bit more mature, a bit more like John the

Baptist and proclaim the Good News, and not just participate in a spending frenzy. Perhaps the way we give at Christmas says a lot about what we think Christmas is and who we believe Christ is.

Hours spent on presents for us and our families need to be measured against the needs of our community and those who haven't yet discovered the Christ. Someone must tell your neighbors and your family the Good News - and in truth, I believe you're probably the person called to share this blessing.

It's not easy to share our faith that the King is coming. But it is a lot easier at Christmas time. A plate of cookies is easy to

bake, and it doesn't take much to pen a simple note reminding someone that your church is ready to help them discover the really big gift of Christmas. Christmas gifts were always supposed to be concrete signs of an elusive truth - God loves every one of us dearly, and paid dearly for the right to claim us as His own. We've been given the biggest gift of all - and you can be the one who gets to make the delivery, if you'll summon the courage.

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Jesus' love is the light

Dr. Hardt began the session with a short prayer and a summary of the previous counseling sessions. Then he was quiet for a few minutes as if waiting for Josie to begin talking. Josie was uncomfortable with the silence. Finally Dr. Hardt spoke.

"Josie, you've been coming for counseling for nearly three months. I'm really pleased with the progress you're making. You seem to be in a more upbeat mood than before." Dr. Hardt continued. "You've looked at the whole episode with Roger in a very rational way and you've reconciled that part of your past with your present circumstances. You've shown a very important element of spiritual and personal wholeness; your willingness to accept responsibility for your past decisions without blaming others.



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Though it was a struggle, you've been able to forgive Roger."

"I know," Josie replied. "And I feel better about myself. And yet....." She stopped as if something couldn't come out in words. "And yet, what? Josie," Dr. Hardt asked. "There's a piece of this picture that's still missing isn't there?" Josie looked up at the picture of the church. "That open door," she said. "It's like, every time I get to it the door shuts and I can't get in. There seems to be some evil force, some darkness that

turns out the light."

Words choked her throat. Tears formed in her eyes. She tried but couldn't speak. She closed her eyes. Dark memories from long ago flooded her mind joining the flood of tears in her eyes. Josie put her head down into her hands, her elbows resting on her knees. She sobbed. Josie could see the shadowy figure standing in front of her. It moved closer. She started to scream but a hand covered her mouth. Then without invitation the figure completely covered her. She struggled to breathe but no breath came to her hurting lungs. She struggled to scream but no sound came from her parched throat. She felt sharp pain and heard heavy breathing.

Her body shook and the scream finally came. She sobbed uncontrollably. Dr. Hardt

spoke quietly. "It's all right Josie. You're safe here. I'm going to touch your head and pray." He gently put his hand on her head and began to pray quietly in the Spirit."

Josie's sobbing continued for what seemed an eternity. Finally, she relaxed and looked up again at the picture. Dr. Hardt followed her gaze. "We're going to walk through that door Josie," he said. "This time no evil force will close it. Jesus' love is the light and his love will illuminate the dark corner of your life where you've kept your secret hidden." (To be continued)

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

Why aren't we more Christian?

Recently at an evangelism event that I attended I heard a shocking disturbing statement.

The question was posed, "Why is the world, or even the United States for that matter, not more Christian?"

The answer the evangelist gave was this: Most of the world is not Christian because they either have not met a Christian, or because they have met a Christian.

This is a rather damning statement for the church, as our great commission from Christ is to go out to all the nations baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

So what does this mean, that the world has either not met a Christian, or has met a Christian, and thus by implication has chosen not to accept the Christian Faith.

The answer I believe lies in how Christians have not lived out our witness to Jesus Christ in the world.

When Christians are more concerned about doctrine rather than living Christlike lives, why would anyone choose to accept the Christian faith.

When Christians are more concerned about power, wealth, success, popularity, etc., than about living lives of love, forgiveness, charity, mercy, and justice, then why would anyone want to emulate our faith.

When Christians in the name of Christ participated in the Crusades, Inquisition, participated in genocide of Native Americans, profited off slavery, op-



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Nathan Lafrenz

pressed women, exploited children, why would anyone want to accept Jesus as their saviour, if the examples of Christ's followers have been found to be lacking authentic faith and witness.

The Book of Acts tells us how the early church was perceived by the public. Acts tells us that people marveled at how early Christians loved one another, showed kindness and gentleness, shared their belongings with those in need, took care of the widow and orphan, and essentially lived a counter cultural life in comparison to Roman and Greek society.

Can we truly say in today's world that the church lives counter culturally.

I'm afraid that the world sees Christians as part and parcel of our culture.

Wouldn't it be transformative in our world if our Christian witness brought light into the darkness of our world.

My Christmas prayer to our Christian community here in Brackettville is may the light of

Christ so illuminate our words and actions, that all will truly see our witness as Christlike. May this witness attract people to our message, rather than repel them as so often is the case.

Can our neighbors here in Brackettville truly say they have met a Christian when they think of us.

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City readies for recycling program

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Further information on proper disposal of medical waste can be obtained from a healthcare professional such as a doctor, nurse or EMS technician.

The council also passed a motion to begin a recycling program in the city.

Mayes and Councilman Matt Bland informed the council that the recycling of cardboard, paper, and glass could not only reduce the amount of garbage that must be hauled away, reducing the bill, but will also generate some much needed revenue for the city.

The city will need to buy a

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It's time for a change at the Fort

This last week I went to the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors meeting. If you have not been to a meeting, you should go. Before the meeting I knew that Tom Saylor was very negative about a lot of items that he has written. After the meeting I knew it was time for Tom Saylor to step down from his leadership role.

Several people at the meeting talked of Tom Saylor, as "Doom and Gloom" and he did nothing at the meeting to change that statement. He started the meeting with a letter from a member who was upset about several items but the best he could say was that they should take it up with the groups he was complaining about. Nothing constructive was suggested. Does this sound like it's time for a change?

Doom and Gloom Saylor then assured everyone that there is nothing the Fort can do to enforce the regulations on the Fort. Then passed a new Regulation on smoking. Does this sound like it's time for a change?

Doom and Gloom Saylor then assured every one, there was nothing we could do, the Fort was going broke and going to be sold to the highest bidder. This was kind of a surprise to me that he thought this was the only direction the Fort could go in the future. Does this sound like it's time for a change?

The other members of the board just seem to let Saylor do most of the talking, so I don't know if they agree with him or not.

On the positive side, this board seems to be able to keep up with the garbage collection and mowing the grass which is something on it's own. They also seem to have the spending under control with extra money to help with the playground equipment and completed the inside remodel of about half the Motel.

The Board needs for someone else to step up with a positive "Can Do" attitude and be in charge until the Lame Duck Tom Saylor leaves in March to spread his doom and gloom elsewhere.

Jerry Smith