

The Brackett News

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50th Annual Livestock Show a success

The 50th Annual Kinney County FFA & 4-H Livestock show was successful, according to officials. Results include: Champion Meat Pen: Banner Kerr. Buckle donated by Brackett Burger and Shake.

Reserve Champion Meat Pen: Austin Pettett. Bag donated by 3-D Cattle Company.

Champion Rabbit Doe: Ramon Gutierrez. Buckle donated by Mr. & Mrs. Hudson Kerr and Family.

Reserve Champion Rabbit Doe: Natasha Smith. Bag donated by Brad Coe.

Champion Rabbit Buck: Ramon Gutierrez. Buckle donated by Mr. & Mrs. John Paul Schuster.

Reserve Champion Rabbit Buck: Abigail Gutierrez. Bag donated by Sew What? The Ashabanners.

Showmanship in the Rabbit division: Junior member Abigail Gutierrez and Senior member Bianca Stewart. Both plaques donated by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Whitworth, in memory of Jack Whitworth.

Champion Commercial Ewe: Jared Harris. Buckle donated by Mr. & Mrs. Doug Davis.

Reserve Champion Commercial Ewe: Taylor Dunbar. Bag donated by Mr. & Mrs. Dusty Brotherton.

Champion Pen of 3: Jared Harris. Reserve Champion Pen of 3: Hayley Harris. Both received Rosette ribbons.

Junior and Senior Showmanship award for Commercial Ewe went to Jared and Hayley Harris. Buckle and plaque were donated by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Whitworth, in memory of Jack Whitworth, and Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Clark and family.



AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Clockwise from Left: Whitney Hobbs accepts the Silver Shearer Award from Mr. and Mrs. Tony Frerich. She also received the High Point Exhibitor Award, 4-H Sweetheart and various other awards.

Whitney Massingill accepts the Doug Taylor Top Hand award for third straight year.

Emily Calk receives her buckle for Champion Meat Goat, presented by Daniel Samaniego of Rio Grande Electric Cooperative.

Jared Harris accepts his buckle for Champion Fine Wool Ewe. The award was donated by Mr. & Mrs. Doug Davis.

A buckle for Market Lamb Senior Showmanship is presented to Mason McWilliams. The award was donated by the Hobbs Family.

Champion and Reserve Champion Market Hog went to Hannah Johnson. Buckle and bag were donated by Jimmy Ballew, Acco Feed and Trevino Electric Services Inc. of Uvalde.

Showmanship for Market Hog went to Senior member Whitney Massingill and Junior member Cody Clark. Buckle and plaque were donated by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Whitworth, in memory of Jack Whitworth, and Metco.

Champion Steer: Summer Allen. Buckle donated by Trevino Electric of Uvalde.

Reserve Champion Steer: Bailee Allen. Bag donated by Mr. & Mrs. Alan McWilliams.

Showmanship for Steer: Junior member, Sarah Davis; Senior member, Summer Allen. Buckle and plaque donated by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Whitworth, in memory of Jack Whitworth, and Texas Ag Finance.

Champion Meat Goat: Emily Calk. Buckle donated by Rio Grande Electric.

Reserve Champion Meat Goat: Whitney Hobbs. Bag donated by 3-D Cattle Company.

Showmanship for Meat Goat: Junior member, Nevada Payne; Senior member, Whitney Hobbs. Buckle and plaque were donated by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Whitworth, in memory of Jack Whitworth, and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Threadgill.

Champion Fine Wool Lamb: Whitney Hobbs. Buckle donated by Elledge Farms.

Reserve Champion Fine Wool Lamb: Shelby Schuster.

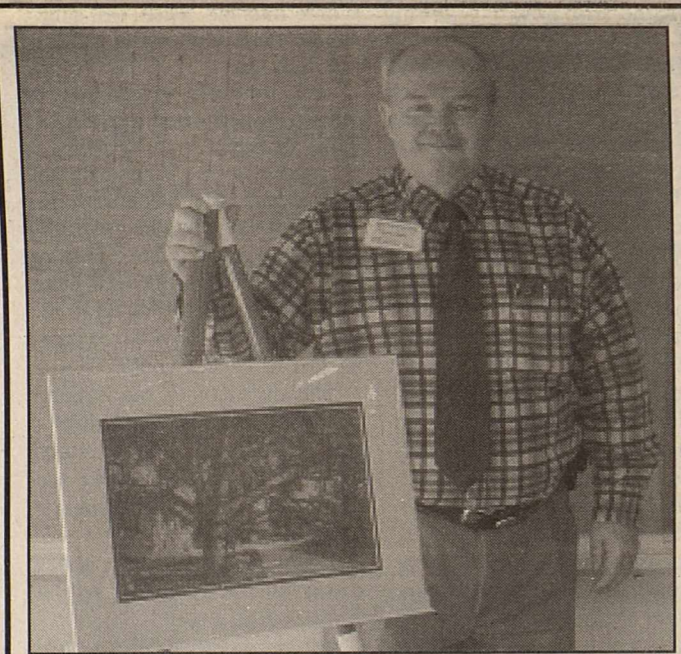
Champion Crossbred Lamb: Mason McWilliams. Buckle donated by Brackett FFA Chapter. Reserve Champion Crossbred Lamb: Whitney Hobbs. Bag donated by Tejas Properties and Mr. & Mrs. Les Meyer.

Champion Medium Wool Lamb: Mason McWilliams.

Reserve Champion Medium Wool Lamb: Whitney Hobbs. Bag donated by Tejas Properties and Mr. & Mrs. Les Meyer.

Showmanship for Market Lambs: Junior member Jared Harris, Senior member Mason McWilliams. Buckle and plaque were donated by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Whitworth.

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Burks celebrates birthday

The teachers and staff of Jones Elementary would like to wish Mr. Burks a Happy Birthday. Mr. Burks received a lithograph of the "Century Tree" located on A&M Campus as a gift from the Jones Elementary teachers and staff. This picture has a special meaning to Mr. Burks because this is where his son, Sean proposed to his fiancée, Kristy. Teachers, staff and students also lined the hallway to sing "Happy Birthday" to their principal followed later with a teacher luncheon.

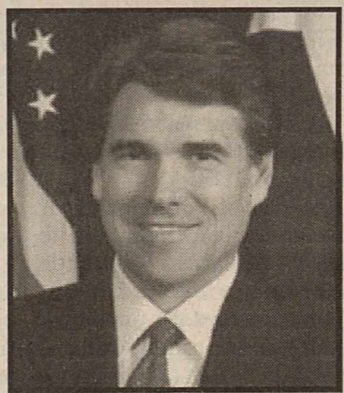
Gov. Perry Awards \$558,536 in Criminal Justice Programs

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today announced the award of \$558,536 in grants focused on reducing crime and improving the criminal justice system.

These grants are awarded under the state Criminal Justice Planning Fund (421) and are distributed by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD). "Through these funds, Texas can better support its citizens and provide them with necessary resources to protect themselves and their loved ones," said Perry. The Alamo Area Council of Governments is awarded \$504,981 to offer basic peace officer certification training, as well as continuing law enforcement education courses to officers in Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Frio, Gillespie, Karnes, Kerr, Kendall, Medina and Wilson counties.

This training will help ensure that law enforcement agencies employ qualified and well trained officers.

Atascosa County is awarded \$53,555 to serve victims residing in the 81st and 218th judicial districts.



Gov. Rick Perry

Victims will receive information about their rights, victim impact statements and crime victim's compensation applications. In addition, victims will be advised on counseling options and court proceedings. Each year, CJD provides more than \$130 million in grants to help Texans at the forefront of the fight against crime.

CJD funds a variety of programs for juvenile justice, crime prevention and victim service grants - all aimed at making Texas a safer place.

BRIEFS

Ft. Clark Ladies Golf

Fort Clark Ladies Golf League game was blind bogey. 1st place went to Effie Bromley, Betty Lee was 2nd, 3rd was Sheri White and Ruth Spencer got 4th place.

5th Annual FCS Chili Cook-off

Monday, the 24th, at noon at R.V. Park \$5 all you can eat. Tickets can be purchased at the Adult Center or R.V. Park.

Meyer named to ASU dean's list

The Dean's List for the 2004 Fall Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

The honorees, along with their majors, include the following from the Brackettville area: Leslie Elaine Meyer, marketing and business-international option.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Annual bratwurst fry set for Jan. 30

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will host its 11th Annual Bratwurst Fry from noon to 2 p.m. on Jan. 30 on the church grounds, located on the corner of Fort and Henderson Street.

Plates are \$6 each and \$3 for children under 12, and include bratwurst, buns, German or American potato salad, baked beans, sauerkraut, desserts and coffee, tea or lemonade. Carry out will be available.

For tickets, contact any member of the church or call 563-2973w.

Tickets will also be available the day of the fry.

The proceeds of the dinner will have matching funds by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church welcomes all people for services. Communion is served every Sunday as part of an outreach to all believing Christians.

The church has Sunday services at 9 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages following at 10:15 a.m.

Local Longhorns head to national cheer competition

After winning the national bid in October, the Longhorn Cheerleaders continued with their competing while receiving 1st place, Nov. 6 in Belton, Texas.

The team now heads to national competition Jan. 21 to 23.

On Dec. 11, the team received the new title of Southwest Texas Cheer Blast Champions where they competed in Uvalde.

Also during this competition they won various other awards which consists of Most Spirit Award and High Point

Overall.

In solo routines, Ashley Herrera was awarded 1st Place in cheer and jumps; Roxy Gomez, Crystal Garcia and Minnie White all received 2nd place in cheer; Erica Rodriguez received 2nd place for interview; Chaito Sanchez was awarded 2nd place in jumps and Amanda Delbosque placed 3rd in cheer.

Mya Garcia was awarded 1st place in cheer and was High Point Champion in the 0-4 age category.

On Jan. 8 in Grand Prairie, Texas, the team also received 2nd place and traveling team.



The Longhorn Cheerleaders have earned their National bid by placing 2nd in a San Antonio competition on October 23, 2004.

INSIDE

Vada Baldree

Everyone these days are talking, eat healthy; watch calories, carbs, cholesterol, fats.

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Donald Smith

"Right now, Josie," Dr. Hardt began. "You're absorbed in the pain of your past."

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Tsunami disaster brings out the best in Texans

Like most Texans, I listened with a sinking heart to news of the death and devastation unleashed on Asia by the tidal waves spawned by an earthquake off the coast of Indonesia. The tsunamis ravaged the coastlines of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, and Malaysia. More than 150,000 were killed, and five million more were instantly rendered homeless. As a mother, I could only listen in shock to reports that approximately one-third of the victims were children.

Yet, in that time of trial and loss, I was heartened by the response of the American people. With the breaking of the news, we sprang into action, donating money and goods to those affected by this natural disaster.

The pace has not slackened, and the United States is providing needed help to the suffering people in the region.

Our armed services have demonstrated, once again, their ability to perform humanitarian as well as military missions. The sailors and airmen of the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln are providing airlift capacity to relief ef-

ports. A U.N. official has said the helicopters, which get supplies and help out to remote villages whose roads and ports have been demolished, are "worth their weight in gold."

As always, Texas is heavily involved in providing aid. The High Speed Vessel (HSV) 2 Swift, whose home port is Ingleside, was deployed on January 3, to support tsunami disaster relief efforts in the vicinity of Singapore.

President Bush has pledged over \$350 million so far to help the people and nations affected by this natural disaster. The Senate approved a resolution, and Congress stands ready to do everything necessary to support relief efforts. In the meantime, food, medicine, and other aid is already flowing.

While our generosity as a nation is impressive, it is as individuals that we shine. After television broadcasted the grim news of the tsunami, Texans spontaneously sought ways to help. Local churches, schools and charities have pitched in, raising money, supplies, and materials.

There are countless examples of corporations, people, and organizations which have pitched



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Kay Bailey
Hutchison

in. Kimberly-Clark Corp., of Irving, said donations by the company and its employees could hit \$1.5 million. The firm has also donated health and hygiene products to the relief effort.

Philip and Donna Berber of Austin, founders of the Glimmer of Hope foundation, have pledged \$1 million.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas is sending three water purification units to Sri Lanka and one to Thailand and more than 80 volunteers to man cooking teams which can provide up to 30,000 meals daily.

Michael Dell, chairman of Round Rock's Dell, Inc., has pledged \$3 million to relief efforts through his Michael and Susan Dell Foundation.

Texas artists are also chipping in. Willie Nelson headlined the "Tsunami Relief Austin to South Asia" concert to benefit the Red Cross, UNICEF and Doctors Without Borders. Join-

ing him were Patty Griffin, Bruce Robison, and other musicians.

If some readers are looking for a chance to contribute, they will find their local churches, temples, and civic organizations can help direct them to a worthy agency. They can also contact either the local chapter of the American Red Cross, or go to the national organization's website at: <http://www.redcross.org>. For a list of reputable organizations involved in tsunami disaster relief, you can go to the webpage of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), at: http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia_near_east/tsunami/ngolist.html.

I am personally giving to Samaritan's Purse, a part of Billy Graham's humanitarian effort that has been delivering supplies throughout the region.

At this time of immense suffering, it is inspiring to see so many of our neighbors helping out their fellow man. Lending a hand is part of our heritage. I urge my fellow Texans to remember the afflicted in their prayers, and to support the relief effort if they can.

Abortion Rights?

I was browsing the internet news today and saw the headline "Democratic Leadership Rethinking Abortion."

The gist of the story was that the more reasonable Democrats have finally realized that they are not going to win any more elections without appealing to the majority of the American people on issues that they believe are important.

If the Democrat party is opposed to the moral ideals of the majority they are obviously not on the winning side.

The terrible dilemma they find themselves in is how to maintain their own liberal, atheistic, amoral ideology while still making the American voter believe they agree with his moral values.

So you see, they do not intend to *actually* change their stance on abortion, but only intend to find some way to make the conservative voter *think* they are changing while they go on killing babies on demand.

It is the same old Democrat shuffle; tell the people what they want to hear and then, after you're elected, do whatever you want.

They don't think we are smart enough to catch them in the lies.

They still think the American voter is an idiot who doesn't have the sense to decide what is best for himself.

They have no intention of changing. They are only going to try to convince you that they are changing. Don't believe it!

That is, and has been for decades, the difference between the Republican and Democrat parties.

The Republicans, for the most part, run on issues that they truly believe in, trying to persuade the public that those issues are the most important and that the Republican way of dealing with the issues is the proper one.

The Democrats (not all of them, of course) run on whatever they think the public wants to hear, tell the public whatever they think will get them elected, and then ignore the promises they made and keep on doing the same old power-grabbing stuff.

They feel that they are above the moral responsibility to tell the truth because they are the only ones who really know what's best for all of us.

If lying will get them the power to implement their socialistic programs they will lie. They will also kill, perjure, blackmail, intimidate, and use any other tactic they think they can get away with.

I offer Bill Clinton as an example. I can't prove he ordered anyone murdered but the evidence is strong that he or someone in his employ did so.

It is a proven fact, however, that he did perjure himself more than once, and blackmail and intimidation were his and Hillary's stock in trade.

Most Democrat politicians would rather lie than tell the



The Way
I See It

Steven R.
LaMarcus

truth.

They don't even contemplate the difference between the two.

What they say is not based upon fact, but only upon what will best serve their purpose.

I think that many of them don't even understand the concepts of veracity and honesty.

I saw a program on television not long ago where they had a group of folks from government past and present answering questions about hypothetical situations.

It was amazing to me that the first response of many of these politicians to a situation where the government would be portrayed in a bad light was to tell lies to cover it up.

They never even considered that the American people have a right to know the truth about their government.

It did not occur to them that they were responsible to the people and that they owed the people the actual truth.

Politicians — and now I'm not just talking about liberals or Democrats — have lost sight of the fact that they work for us.

They are not a ruling class. They are not above the law.

They are not smarter, or better, or even better looking than we are; they simply chose a different path.

They owe us the respect and responsibility they demand for themselves, and they owe us the truth.

There are, of course, times when national security demands secrecy and even deceit. But it is a rare thing.

We don't care if the government is embarrassed by some snafu. Tough!

Just admit it and learn from your mistakes and move on.

But don't lie to me about it because that makes me angry; and like the Incredible Hulk, you won't like me when I'm angry — and I am only one of millions just like me.

It is time for government to relearn honesty and veracity as a way of life.

And it is time for the Democrats to learn that lies hurt them, and that we can handle the truth.

If they really believe they're right, they should at least have the guts to stand up for their beliefs, not try to change their colors just to garner votes.

The majority of the American public is no longer gullible. And contrary to their opinion, many of us conservatives are every bit as smart as the liberals *think* they are.

Psalm 118:8, 9 — "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The High Cost of Freedom

The war in Iraq struck a little closer to home this week.

Matthew Holloway, formerly of Brackettville, was killed in action on Thursday while serving with the Marines.

I never met Matthew, but from all accounts he was a fine young man. He has now joined a very long list of Americans who've been killed or wounded in the service of our country.

When a member of our military pays the ultimate price, the family and friends always wonder if it was worth that high cost.

After all, this young man will never have his own children, will never finish college, and his dreams for the future will never be realized.

There are many who debate the "righteousness" of this war. So, let us look at the results, while we add the cost.

A mass murderer is out of business and in prison awaiting trial. The people of Iraq can decide their own future, a unique opportunity in that part of the world.

Freedom is never really free; someone must always pay the price.

The freedom that we have today was bought in blood by those who came before us and

our troops pay today for those who will follow.

It is time for the people of Iraq to stand up and be counted. You will never again have this opportunity to gain your freedom.

Our men and women have paid the price to give you this chance to evolve into a free society, and the ball is now in your court.

Will you push aside the murderers who would once again enslave you, or will you cover before these forces of hatred and evil?

It takes courage and it takes a willingness to make sacrifices to become a free people, and the world wonders if you're up to the task.

If you squander this opportunity, then the sacrifices of our troops have been wasted and you once again will lose your freedom. But, in a few years, we can look at a free Iraq, a happy Iraq, and a prosperous Iraq, then perhaps this high cost will have been worth it!

As it has been in all our wars, only time will tell if you were worthy of Matthew and all the others, who died to make you free.

Ned Sitzes.

Two centuries of inaugural milestones

For more than two hundred years American's have witnessed the inauguration ceremonies of the President of the United States.

This week we will once again celebrate this remarkable American tradition. President-elect George W. Bush's inauguration ceremony on Thursday, Jan. 20 will mark a great milestone.

With this milestone comes more than two centuries of history and tradition.

Many of us take for granted that today's inaugural ceremonies usually go off without a hitch. But that was hardly the case when our nation began.

When the Constitutional Con-



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Report

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Bonilla

vention convened in 1787, the proceedings associated with today's presidential inaugurations were entirely new.

While drafting the Constitution, our Founding Fathers thought ahead and included several guidelines for the presidential inauguration.

Many of those guidelines are still in place today.

Our Constitution requires that the president must be a natural born citizen of the United States, has lived in this country for at least fourteen years, and has attained the age of thirty-five.

It even specifies the specific oath of office that the new president should affirm. But beyond that, the Constitution remains silent. This silence has left room for a variety of ceremonies, locations and advances in technology.

Our nation's first presidential inauguration was held on April 30, 1789. President George Washington took the oath of office on a balcony in New York's Federal Hall.

When the ceremony was complete, President Washington returned to the Senate chamber, where he read his brief inaugural address, and called upon "the Almighty Being who rules over the universe" to assist the American people in finding "liberty and happiness" under "a government instituted by themselves."

By 1801, the seat of the U.S. Government had moved to Washington, D.C.

The City of Washington was quite crude in comparison to today's standards. With little fanfare, President Thomas Jefferson marked the first president to take the oath of office at our nation's new capitol building. But for a few occasions, the inauguration ceremonies for our president and vice president would continue in the City of Washington for the next two hundred years.

In 1829, Andrew Jackson marked the first president to be inaugurated on the East Front of the Capitol.

Though Jackson's second in-

auguration in 1833 was moved indoors to the House Chamber because of his ill health, this tradition would continue until 1981 when Ronald Reagan's inauguration was held on the West Front of the Capitol.

The West Front tradition continued with the 1989 inauguration of George Bush and those of Bill Clinton in 1993 and 1997. This new tradition will continue this weekend with President-elect Bush's inauguration ceremony.

There have been more changes to the presidential inauguration than just the location. Significant advances in technology have made their marks on these historic occasions.

In 1897, the inauguration of William McKinley ushered in a new age, for it was the first to be filmed using the new motion picture technology.

The 1925 Calvin Coolidge inauguration was the first to be broadcast live by radio, and the 1949 inauguration of President Truman was the first to be televised live. Just four years ago, the 1997 ceremony marked another first, as it was carried live on the Internet.

Today's City of Washington, as well as the Capitol Building, bear remarkable differences from the fledgling city of two hundred years ago.

However, the ideals our presidents are sworn to uphold have remained true and constant.

As you watch this week's inaugural ceremony, I hope each of you will keep in mind the history of this great tradition and look forward to a future of peace, progress and prosperity.

May God bless each of you and continue to bless America.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Tuesday, January 4

1:32 a.m., A woman report that someone was knocking on her door and running. Deputy Donald Page was notified and reported he did not see anyone.

2:55 a.m., A woman reported she heard noises near a local laundry mat. She said she saw two kids walking towards a local grocery store and then towards the school. Deputy Page was informed.

Wednesday, January 5

1:30 a.m., An unknown caller reported a house fire at West Fulton and Coffin Street. The Fire Department was paged and dispatched.

4:15 a.m., A woman called and reported that her son was upset and intoxicated. She requested a deputy go arrest him. Deputy Page was informed of the situation.

3:17 p.m., A woman requested assistance in lifting her husband to his chair. EMS was notified and dispatched.

4:19 p.m., A manager for a local grocery store requested a deputy. Deputy Ron Ring was dispatched.

Thursday, January 6

1:20 a.m., A man reported three Hondurans kept going by

his home. He requested a deputy drive by his home. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was informed.

10:06 a.m., A woman reported an accident with no injuries at the corner of Ann and Louise Street. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was notified.

Friday, January 7

11:26 a.m., A woman reported two horses loose on West Fulton Street.

Saturday, January 8

1:25 p.m., A woman reported a 16 year old male at her house and she did not want him there. The male was with her daughter. Deputy Gutierrez was informed.

10:00 p.m., A man reported another man was intoxicated and was not wanted at his residence. Deputy Page was informed.

Sunday, January 9

4:35 a.m., A man reported a gray or white blazer parked on the side of Highway 90 with emergency lights on and motor smoking. He said he pulled over to offer assistance. The man seemed disoriented or intoxicated and sped off heading west bound. Deputy Page was informed.

Monday, January 10

9:55 a.m., A man report his vehicle stereo had been stolen. Deputy Gutierrez responded.

11:33 a.m., A Border Patrol Agent reported four horses on FM 2804. The owner was notified.

8:40 p.m., Val Verde Sheriff's office requested assistance with bomb squad from Uvalde County line to Val Verde county line. Deputy Page was advised.

Tuesday, January 11

4:10 a.m., A woman reported an individual walking in front of her residence. She requested a deputy to patrol the area. Deputy Page was informed.

7:46 a.m., A woman requested a deputy in regards to an accident on Fulton Street. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched.

1:15 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a possible intoxicated driver going north on Highway 277. Del Rio Police Department was informed.

Thursday, January 13

8:08 p.m., A man requested a deputy go to another man's residence because he was concerned about him. Deputy Gutierrez was informed.

8:18 p.m., Efrain Garcia, 49, ■ See Crime/Page 5

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Big Mama Sez!
The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

LETTERS POLICY

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The editor reserves the right to refuse or edit all letters submitted for length, potentially libelous statements and accuracy of information.

All letters must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification purposes. All writers must provide proof of identity.

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Breakfast foods also for supper

Everyone these days are talking, eat healthy; watch calories, carbs, cholesterol, fats. On and on! I'd like to do better, maybe twice a week, so I've decided to search out some of these foods that taste good!

So far I've not had alot of luck in some areas. This week was an exception.

Many of us don't limit traditional breakfast foods only to that meal for they make for lighter suppers. Any time, add turkey bacon or ham, veggie or turkey sausage on the side.

Oatmeal Pancakes
3/4 cup quick-cooking oats, 1 tsp. packed brown sugar, 1 cup fat-free (skim) milk, 1/2 tsp. vanilla, 1 large egg, 1 cup reduced-fat all purpose baking mix.

In medium bowl, mix oats. Brown sugar, milk and vanilla. Heat 12 inch skillet to 375 degrees; whip egg and add to baking mixture, stirring until all ingredients are well combined.



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

For each pancake, pour scant 1/4 cup batter for each pancake into skillet; cook 1 to 1 1/2 minutes or until bubbly. Turn; cook 1 minute longer or until browned.

Whole Grain Waffles
1/2 cup all purpose flour, 1/2 cup whole wheat flour, 1/2 cup quick cooking oats, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1 1/4 cup fat-free (skim) milk, 1/4 cup fat-free egg product or 1 egg, 1 tbsp. vegetable oil and powdered sugar, if desired.

Heat non-stick waffle iron. In large bowl, combine all dry ingredients. In small bowl, blend remaining ingredients. Combine the two mixtures, stirring just until large lumps disappear.

Spread into waffle iron. Bake

until waffle is golden brown.

Berry Toppings
1 1/4 cups frozen unsweetened mixed berries and 1/2 cup blueberry syrup.

Cook ingredients in 2 qt. saucepan over medium heat, stirring occasionally until berries are thawed and mixture is warm. Remove from heat; set aside.

Strawberry Topping
1/2 pkg. frozen strawberries, 1 can strawberries; drain and reserve juice, Splenda or sugar to taste.

Place berries in small to medium sauce pan. Using small bowl, dissolve approx. 2 tsp. cornstarch with small amount reserved juice; mix well.

Pour remaining reserved juice to berries and blend in cornstarch mixture.

Cook over medium to low heat until thickened. Remove from heat.

Actually, no reason not to substitute any frozen or canned fruit to make toppings.

Tigers fall short for victories

By Charles Marquardt
Varsity Head Coach

On Jan. 11, the Tigers traveled to Crystal City and lost to a very good 3A basketball team. The final score was 63 to 56.

The score was tied with 1:30 left in the game. The Tigers had their opportunities to win this ball game but couldn't get the defensive stops when it was a must. Leon Woolsey led all scorers with 15 points and also had 15 rebounds. Travis Nowlin was next with 14 points followed by Charlie Slaughter with 8. Three players had 4 points, they were Brandon Kluzek, Noe Talamantes and Brand Wylie. Oscar Sierra added 3 points. Rolo Ortiz and Tillman Davis ended the scoring with two points.

"Our efforts was very good and I was very happy with the overall effort from the Tigers. The Tigers need to find a way to finish ball games. It is going to be crucial that they finish games in district. The Tigers

need to be much more consistent on the offensive end to be competitive in our district."

On Jan. 13, the Tigers traveled to Harper for the District opener for both teams. The game started with the Tigers falling behind early in the first quarter, 16-8. It was an up hill battle the rest of the night. At half time the Tigers trailed by 5 points and had worked themselves back in the game. The third quarter saw the defense step up and hold Harper to five points while scoring 11 points. The final score ended up being 56-53 and now has the Tigers sitting at 0-1 in District and 5-4 overall for the season record.

"We just couldn't get the big basket when we need it. It has been our problem so far this season. We need to find our shooting touch in a hurry or we are going to find our playoff hopes dashed. I'm confident that these guys are going to step up and show the district that we are

complete players. Until then our defense will have to carry us to wins."

Travis Nowlin led all scorers with 25 points followed by Charlie Slaughter with 12 and Leon Woolsey with 9 points. Rounding out the scoring was Oscar Sierra who had 3 points, Rolo Ortiz and Tillman Davis ended the scoring with 2 points each.

"If there was a disappointment for the game it would have been the rebounding. They controlled the boards on both ends of the court which I thought was going to be our strong point this season.

I'm not going to doubt for a minute the efforts of these players. They have a big heart and will find a way to get it done. If it doesn't work out the way we want, I can promise the folks of Brackettville that these guys won't go down easy. They will play hard, with character and class."

Junior Varsity takes Rocksprings tourney

Submitted by Ken Wallace

The Junior Varsity boys basketball team won the Rocksprings Tournament Jan. 15.

The JV Tigers started out the tourney versus the Nueces Canyon Panthers.

The JV Tigers raced out to a 23-0 first quarter lead and never looked back.

Ivan Pinales scored 8 points for the JV Tigers in the opening quarter and Travis Bonner tallied 7 during the period. Ramiro Pina scored six points in the second quarter to pace the JV Tigers.

The half time lead was 33-7. The Tigers came out hot after the half and continued their dominance of the helpless Panthers and ended the game with a lopsided 60-24 win.

Leading scorers for the Tigers were Ramiro Pina with 14, Ivan Pinales with 12, Lane Nowlin with 12 and Travis Bonner with 11.

In the next game, the JV Tigers faced the tournament hosts Rocksprings. Lane Nowlin was on fire and ended the game with 16 points. The Tigers led at the half by a score of 18-15.

The third quarter saw the Ti-

gers extend their lead to a 7 point differential, 26-19. The Angoras cut into the Tiger lead early in the 4th Quarter, but the determined Tigers went on a scoring rampage and put the game away 38-28.

Leading scorers for the Tigers were Knowlin with 16 points; Ivan Pinales with nine points and Chuy Balderas with six points.

The two tournament wins improve the JV season record to 6-5. The Tigers were off Tuesday, but they face the Center Point Pirates Friday in Center Point.

Garden club to select yard of the month

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club held their monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 13 at the Adult Center at Fort Clark Springs.

President Nancy Stone presided and the club voted to select a Yard of the Month in Brackettville or Fort Clark Springs.

Beginning with the February meeting, an outstanding yard will be selected and a sign placed in the honored yard that same day.

Anyone who would like to submit the name of a possible recipient may do so by contacting a Garden Club member.

Also at the January meeting a very interesting program was

presented by Len Zorn, who showed a wonderful slide show of his home place in Austria.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 10 at the Adult Center, 9:30 a.m.

Anyone interested in beautification of their own yard or the public areas of Fort Clark are invited to attend.

Gov. Perry calls for inspector generals

AUSTIN - Citing the great importance of protecting taxpayer resources from waste, fraud and abuse, Gov. Rick Perry today announced his support for creating an Inspector General (IG) position at several large agencies that expend large sums of taxpayer dollars.

"We need an independent voice at several large agencies to ensure wise stewardship of taxpayer dollars," Perry said.

"Even as the economy improves and more revenue flows to the state government, we must redouble the effort to ensure agency contracts protect taxpayer interests, and public expenditures are wise and efficient."

Perry noted the success of the new inspector general at the Health and Human Services Commission, Brian Flood, who has done a thorough review of

the systemic flaws in the delivery of protective services, while reviewing agency contracts for waste, fraud and abuse.

"The work done by Brian Flood at the Health and Human Services Commission has led to strong recommendations to restructure protective services so that the state does a better job of caring for our most vulnerable populations that are subject to abuse and neglect," Perry said.

Perry will work with legislators to determine which agencies will have IGs, but he proposes creating IG positions at the following agencies: Texas Workforce Commission, Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Education Agency, Texas Department of Insurance, and Texas Workers Compensation Commission.

Perry also wants to codify in statute the IG position at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

"Texas is blessed with thousands of dedicated public employees who are wise stewards of public resources," Perry said. "An inspector general at key agencies can ensure better expenditures of public dollars."



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SOLDIER HONORED

Capt. Margaret Haenn Vineyard is presented the Defense Meritorious Service Medal by Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Metz, Commanding General Multinational Corps-Iraq at a recent awards ceremony at Camp Victory, Baghdad, Iraq. Margaret is the daughter of Bill Haenn of Fort Clark Springs and is completing her tour in Iraq where she served on the Corps staff as Lt. Gen. Metz's "battle captain." Margaret is a Class of 1999 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY and will soon return to her permanent duty station at Fort Hood, Texas.



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Tigerettes start out 1-2 in District

By Ricky Creel

Girls Varsity Head Coach

The Tigerettes took on the Lady Pirates of Center Point last Tuesday. The Tigerettes got off to a slow start, only scoring 7 points in the first period. While the Lady Pirates scored 17. The Tigerettes rebounded in the second period, out scoring the Lady Pirates 14 to 8. The score at the break was Lady Pirates, 25 and Tigerettes, 21. The Lady Pirates out scored the Tigerettes 29 to 16 in the second half of the game. The final score was Lady Pirates, 54, Tigerettes 37. Jessi Crane was the leading scorer with 9 points, Courtney Frerich and Ashley Castillo pitched in with 7 points each, Stephanie Bonner and Emily Valenzuela both had 5 points and Timmeke Simmons had 4 points.

Last Thursday, the Tigerettes traveled to Harper for their third

district game. The Tigerettes struggled offensively in the first half scoring a total of 12 points while the Lady Horns scored 21 points. The Tigerettes came out the second half with a lot of passion. Determined to get back into the game, out scored the Lady Horns 38 to 31, but the Tigerettes came up short. The final score was Lady Horns 52, Tigerettes 50.

The leading scorers were Emily Valenzuela and Ashley Castillo. Emily finished with 19 points and Ashley had 18. Stephanie Bonner had 5 points, Kara Yeager with 4 points, Timmeke Simmons finished with 3 points, and Courtney Frerich had 1 point. The Tigerettes are 1-2 in the District and 11-5 overall. They go up against Medina Friday.

We would like to thank the EMS crew of
Chad, Julie and Rick who helped out on
Saturday, Jan. 15. We really appreciate the help.
To Laura Rosales who stopped and helped out Sunday with some good
information about Vicks. It really works.

Thank you all!

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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?

Today's Category: **PLANETS AND MONTHS**

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FLOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Something you overhear accidentally wasn't meant for your ears. Try to forget it. If not, there's trouble down the road.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You surprise family members with your sociability this week. However, you're in an overall good mood. This weekend, curl up with a good book.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's clear sailing this week. You're able to accomplish all tasks by set deadlines. Later, physical activities are favored.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Diplomacy serves you well at work this week. Two feuding co-workers finally get the point. This weekend, you're the leader when it comes to social activities.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Avoid giving into discouragement where your career is concerned. Things will pick up soon. In fact, keep your eyes open for an exciting opportunity coming your way.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Stop pressing that special someone into a decision. This will all resolve itself in due time. Patience is the key.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're able to see your financial picture clearly. Discuss your insights with your mate. Over the weekend, browse through some travel information.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't give up on your exercise regimen. It will help you focus mentally. Later in the week, a work project challenges your abilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You're highly motivated to succeed as the week begins. Just be sure your expectations are realistic.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're finally through with a daunting work project. Feel free to reward yourself. However, in the process, avoid being overly self-indulgent.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're so focused on a goal, you've become enmeshed in tunnel vision. Widen your scope. Once you see the bigger picture, you're more effective.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Introspection serves you well this week. However, some perceive you as being too aloof.

To everything there is a season

When thousands of people died suddenly last month, I was still recovering from the holiday season.

Christmas time isn't a picnic for any pastor. I attended four deaths during the week of Christmas, and prayed with another family whose son took a nearly fatal dose of heroine to "celebrate" Christmas Eve. It was a difficult season. Then, as I turn on the television, I am overwhelmed by the images and sounds of destruction.

It is as great a catastrophe as any in my generation have seen. In the space on a single day, more lives were lost than at the first day of the Nagasaki nuclear bomb (80,000) and Hiroshima atomic bomb (39,000) combined with the September 11th tragedy (3,300).

In our attempt to comprehend what has happened, we can quickly fall prey to Joseph

Stalin's maxim, "One death is a tragedy, one million deaths is a statistic."

As Christians, we know we must acknowledge the deaths individually as well as wholesale. To do any less is to lose sight of God's creation. We are more than the sum of the parts - we are individuals.

Every person that died was someone's child, brother, sister, father, mother, fiancée, teacher, pastor... the list is endless.

In the words of Thomas Paine, "these are the times that try men's souls." We wonder if the tsunami flood doesn't somehow contradict God's rainbow promise in Genesis 9:11.

It certainly seems if all life is cut-off. Where is God when 'nature' destroys so many lives?

To those struggling with the enormity of the disaster, I can only offer the following advice:



First United Methodist Church

Rev. Roger Baker

read the third chapter of Ecclesiastes. It talks of a time for mourning and a time for dancing.

We are in the former. It may take many years, but a time to rejoice will come.

Today is a time to clear the rubble and bury the dead, and to mourn.

God's creation is both amazing and occasionally brutal. Sadly, this also includes God's creation called man.

We can react or we can fail to react. We can look towards the future with hope or we can throw our hands up in despair.

We can find creative ways to assist or we can change the channel. The choice is ours.

I am sure you have all given what you can. I suggest now is the time to give even more.

From a Christian perspective, sacrificial giving is the closest approximation of acting like Christ.

We cannot save the world - only Christ can do that. But we can help feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit the sick and imprisoned, and that's what Jesus asked us to do (Matt 25:35-36).

Visit First United Methodist Church this Sunday and you'll hear one more appeal to dig deep and give for relief of the victims of the tsunami.

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Jesus the resurrection

Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here my brother had not died.

But I know that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

Jesus saith unto her, thy brother shall rise again.

Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

Jesus saith unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live.

And whosoever liveth and



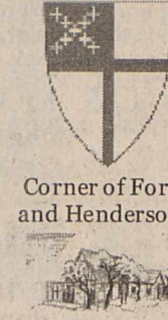
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believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

She saith unto him, yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

John 11:21-27. Praise God! Glory!



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You locked up the rape and an evil man in the far recesses of your mind until recently when Rolando came into the picture. Rolando offers you a healthy Christian relationship.

It's difficult for you to reconcile that relationship with the ugliness of your past."

Josie looked at Dr. Hardt. Something clicked in her mind. A new light came on in her understanding.

She smiled. "Deep down inside I still look at myself as dirty and ugly. I don't see myself as worthy of a Christian man like Rolando," she said.

"You know Josie," Dr. Hardt said. "We tend to confirm our feelings about ourselves in our relationships."

Josie interrupted. "That's why I was so attracted to Roger wasn't it? I felt dirty and ugly and so I looked for someone who would be as bad as I thought I was." She smiled and laughed.

"Mama said that Roger was



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Dr. Donald Smith

an ugly frog in a slimy pond. I thought that I could kiss him and he would become a handsome prince who could rescue me from all my pain."

She laughed some more. "We both ended up in the slimy pond."

Dr. Hardt smiled with understanding then spoke. "Some years ago Dr. Frankl, a very wise psychiatrist, said that guilt, pain, and death are the tragic triad of human suffering."

When you were raped, you experienced death, pain and guilt. In the decisions that came out of your struggles with guilt, pain, and death, you decided who you were, you decided what you ought to do, and you decided on what you could base your hopes.

Roger came along and you thought you had the answers."

Dr. Hardt continued. "You really want to put your heart into a relationship with Rolando but it contradicts what you have believed about yourself doesn't it?"

Josie's conversation with Dr. Hardt was gaining momentum. It was as if missing pieces of a puzzle were suddenly available to complete her life.

Josie looked again at the pic-

ture of the church. She paused, her mind deep in thought. As if talking to herself she softly said, "The door is open. The light is there. There's so much peace and joy inside."

(Next week: The little girl returns)

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.

Ninety-Ten or Ten-Ninety

A few months ago I had the privilege of spending a few days with a youth group on a mission trip and one of their sponsors was a recently retired lawyer.

I really enjoyed talking with him. He has been very active in his Church and in the last few years he has been working with the youth.

I was curious about what lawyers do to prepare for a case.

He informed me that he probably spent ninety percent of his time reading, researching and preparing alone, in the quiet and only a small amount in his court presentation.

As I thought about what he said it brought to mind what is needed to live the victorious or successful Christian life.

Preparation for Christian living is not done in the pub-



Jerry Davenport

Brother J.

lic eye; it is done in quiet and away from the public.

It is there by reading our Bibles, (Psalms 1:2) and in prayer, (Matthew 26:41) and fellowship with God that we get the inner strength to go out and face the world (Psalm 91).

There are no shortcuts, quick fixes or just pop it in the microwave.

Jesus our beloved Savior took time to be alone with God the Father, (Matthew 26:36-39) so He could do the work the Father wanted Him to do.

Which plan are you on? See you in Church next Sunday.

What is Church?

One of my favorite lessons in Sunday School is when I get to ask the children, "What is the church?"

Invariably they will quickly answer, the church is the building in which we are sitting!

I will shock them then with the answer, Wrong!

Well, I guess the answer isn't wrong, but I will answer instead that the church is the Body of Christ, which is not the building but the community of believers that worship, pray, listen, sing, forgive and are forgiven, talk, laugh, and yes, even learn inside the building.

And then I will point out to the children that the church, as the Body of Christ, includes not just the church to which they belong but all community of faiths that accept Jesus as Lord. What an institution is the



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church!

Did you know that the church is perfect!

Yes, the church as God's chosen instrument to be His vehicle of Grace in this world of ours, is perfect. God's purposes are always perfect. Yet as we know, the church does not function perfectly.

The church is made up of human beings, imperfect as we are, called to do God's perfect purposes.

The Old Testament is full of characters who inspite of their

imperfections do the will of God.

There is a Texas phrase I've come to understand after living in Texas now for 18 years, "He is a mess!"

What I think this statement means is "He is really a character, don't you just love him"! We are all messes aren't we. The church is a mess too!

The church is full of characters! In the church we can find prickly people, organizers, comedians, lovable people, caring

people, charismatic folk, talented musicians, wonderful teachers, friendly folk and not so friendly folk.

Yet somehow God fulfills His plan through messes just like you and I.

Next time we get tempted to judge our churches as lost causes, let us remember that God does wonderful work through lost causes like Jonah, Moses, Peter, and so many messes throughout history.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Continued from Page 2 of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for public intoxication. Garcia was still being held at the time of this report.

Friday, January 14
12:52 p.m., A man reported he could not get into his residence because someone was inside and had the door locked. Deputy Gutierrez and US Border Patrol were notified.

7:28 p.m., A woman reported a man firing his gun and was con-

cerned he was going to hit someone. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched.

Saturday, January 15
9:55 a.m., A man reported a deer caught in the fence at the cemetery. Game Warden Henry Lutz was informed.

5:45 p.m., A man reported he had been ran off the road by two females on a 4-wheeler. Deputy Manuel Pena was dispatched.

8:34 p.m., A woman reported two vehicles possibly racing down the street. Deputy Page was

informed of the situation.

Sunday, January 16
1:59 p.m., A woman stated that a boy went off and had not been heard from since. Deputy Pena responded. While speaking with the woman the boy was

found.

2:20 p.m., Sentry Security reported an alarm sounding on a ranch on FM 2804.

6:03 p.m., Fort Clark Security reported a trespasser. Deputy Gutierrez was informed.

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Notice is hereby given that Kinney County Emergency Medical Service has requested a variance from the Texas Department of Health to operate said EMS while not being in compliance with the law. The variance, if approved, would allow Kinney County EMS to operate emergency vehicles while responding to and transporting emergency patients. The public is encouraged to attend.

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