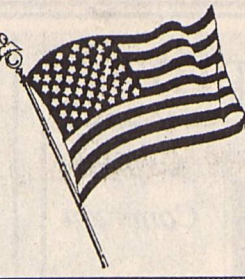


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## Briefs ...

### Trustees to consider 3 cent rate hike Monday

In an effort to maximize its rate for the next three years, the Brackett School Board is expected to approve a 3 cent hike in the tax rate during a special meeting Monday at 6:30 p.m.

The trustees proposed earlier this month to raise the district's tax rate from 1.2119 to 1.2419 per \$100 valuation by a 6-1 vote.

Under the proposal, taxes on the average home in Kinney County would increase by \$14.09, or 12.5 percent. It will increase the school district's total tax revenue by 8.96 percent.

For school district's around the state, this year's tax rate establishes a cap on the amount of state funding a district can receive for the following two years.

"If the School Board doesn't maximize the rate in the year when the cap is set and then they have needs in those two years that follow, it would end up with local taxpayers paying about three times the tax load they would otherwise have to pay," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

### City Council votes to keep tax rate the same

The Brackettville City Council unanimously voted to keep the city's tax rate at .7792 per \$100 valuation during a special meeting Monday night.

The tax rate will help fund the city's budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which is 7.3 percent higher than the current budget.

The new budget totals \$744,145.19, including \$402,949.74 in the utility fund and \$341,195.45 in the general fund. The current budget is \$693,713.44, and includes \$374,821.44 in the utility fund and \$318,892 in the general fund.

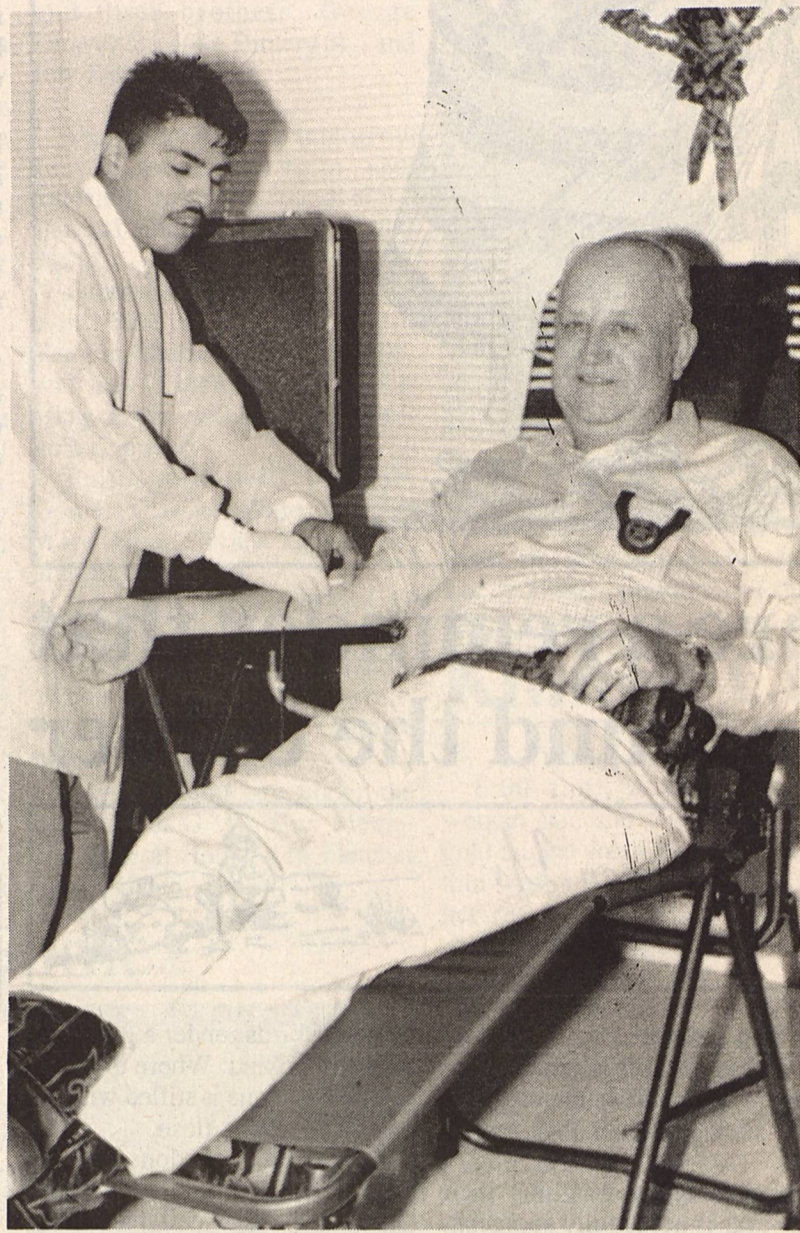
### Texas Badland Days' parade seeks entries

UVALDE, Texas -- The Texas Badland Days Festival is fast approaching.

The festival will begin on Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Chamber of Commerce with a pancake breakfast. Then at 10 a.m., the parade will proceed through downtown Uvalde, finishing at the Chamber of Commerce.

Anyone interested in participating in the parade can pick up an application at the Uvalde Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The deadline for all parade entries is Oct. 1. For more information, call (830) 278-4115.



**San Antonio's Ronnie Rendon of the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center takes blood from Kinney County Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess last Thursday during a blood drive at the First Baptist Church.**  
Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Fire truck rollover kills Laughlin man

A Laughlin Air Force Base airman was killed and another injured early Friday morning when their fire truck rolled over on Highway 90 in Brackettville.

The accident occurred at approximately 8:15 Friday morning, according to Department of Public Safety reports.

Senior Airman Donald A. Trotochaud sustained massive head trauma from the accident. He was pronounced dead at 9:45 a.m. at the Val Verde Regional Medical Center by Capt. Earl Chase

of Laughlin's 47th Medical Group.

Airman First Class Jeremy L. Housley sustained minor injuries and was released the same day.

The fire truck from the 47th Civil Engineering Squadron was on its way to Spofford Field, an auxiliary training runway for the 47th Flying Training Wing.

The firemen were transported to Del Rio by Kinney County EMS personnel.

DPS Trooper Tony Ashley is investigating the accident.

## Water needed for detention facility

The proposed detention facility needs water. That was the message that Bob Prince, marketing director with CiviGenics, took to the Brackettville City Council during its regular meeting last week.

Kinney County officials have approved a proposal from CiviGenics to construct and operate a 500-bed detention center here. The facility would house federal inmates.

The facility is proposed to be built on land owned by Joe York Jr., located on Highway 131, approximately 1.3 miles south of the Highway 90 intersection, which is outside of the Brackettville city limits.

"Certainly, we would need a large supply of water," Prince said. "We're requesting authority to hook on to the water supply of the city. We'll run the water line from the hook-up out to our service."

"If we can take the same type and same size facility from other areas as a benchmark, probably our water service would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,800 to \$2,500 a month."

County Judge Tommy Seargeant said he anticipates the detention facility using between 70,000 and 75,000 gallons of water per day.

The Brackettville City Council took no action on the request last week. Alderman Wes Robinson suggested a contract between the city and CiviGenics for the water services.

"As far as the facility goes, I'm for it 100 percent," Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Gonzalez said. "I'm also in favor of getting going on this as soon as

*"We certainly can't move forward with this if we're not assured of the utility connection. If we can't get this clearance soon, we're going to be stymied on proceeding to the next step."*

**Bob Prince of CiviGenics**

possible. We need to get it done."

Prince said an agreement would be needed before CiviGenics could proceed with plans for the detention facility.

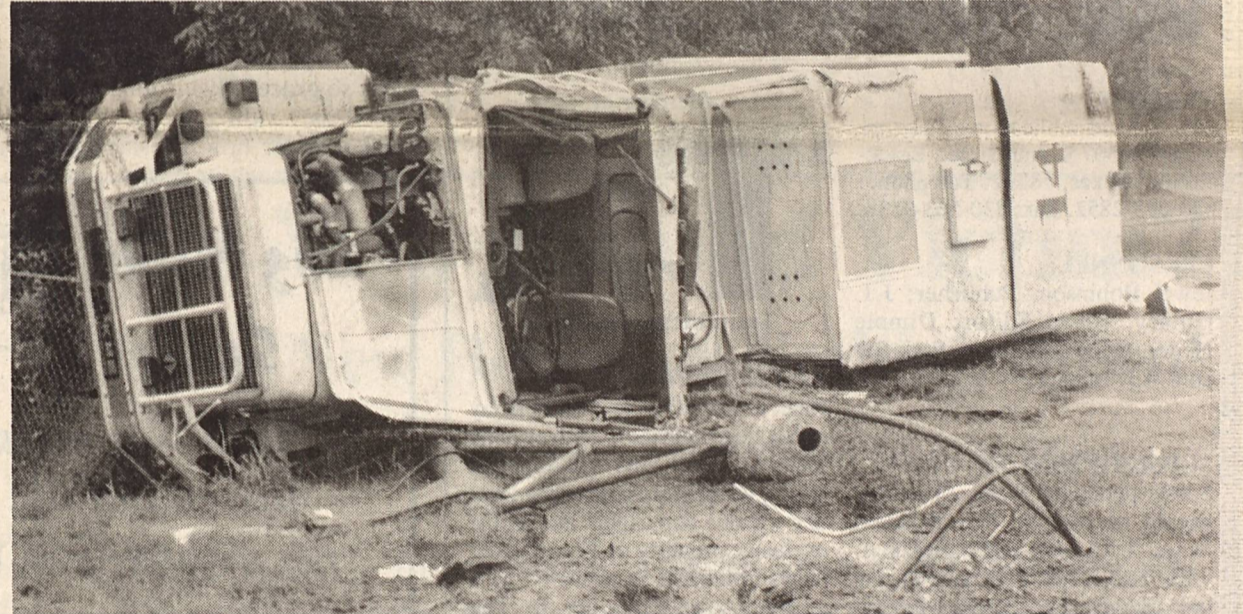
"We certainly can't move forward with this if we're not assured of the utility connection," he said. "If we can't get this clearance soon, we're going to be stymied on proceeding to the next step."

Prince said the facility will employ approximately 100 people with an annual payroll of about \$2.1 million.

"We want to bring in as few outside persons as possible," he said. "What we can, we certainly would like to hire local, from the upper tier to the newest employee."

Mayor Carmen Berlanga asked if the proposed site include the old city landfill.

"It's in that vicinity," Prince said. "We are not recommending to the county commissioners that they purchase the actual tract that the land is sitting on. But it is immediately adjacent to it."



**A Laughlin Air Force Base fire truck rolled over on Highway 90 in Brackettville Friday, killing one airman and injuring another.**  
Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## City officials continue water contract negotiations

Officials from Brackettville and Spofford will meet in a joint workshop Tuesday at 6 p.m. to continue contract negotiations to provide water to Spofford,

Brackettville Mayor Carmen Berlanga confirmed Wednesday afternoon.

The Brackettville City Council approved a proposed contract at its July meeting, but

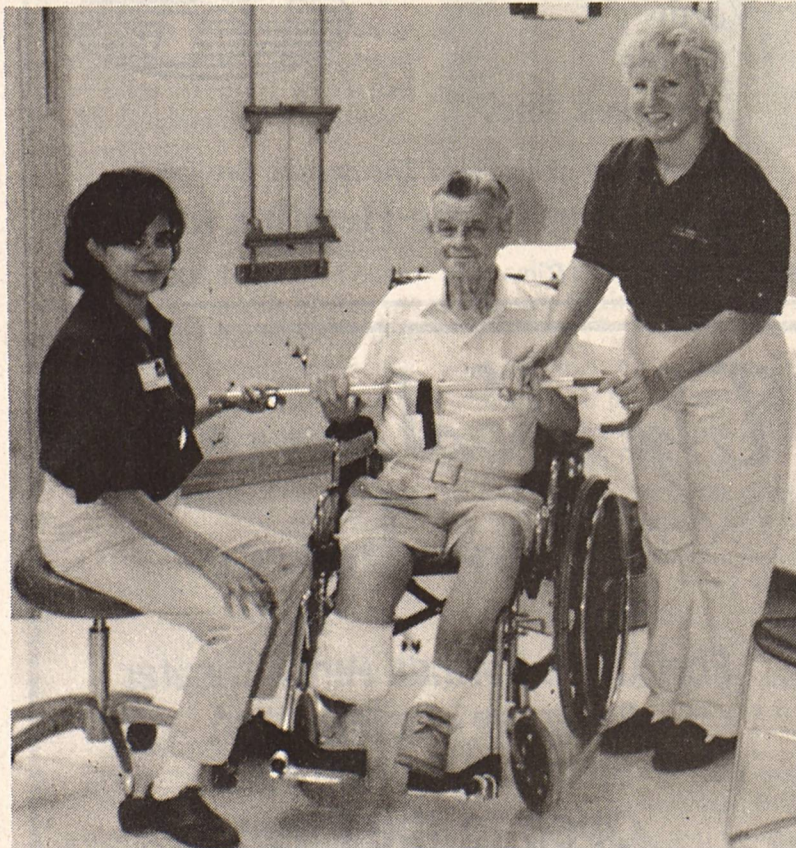
the Spofford City Council rejected the proposal.

Officials have disagreed on some of the issues contained within the contract, the

biggest being the term of the contract.

Brackettville council members voted for a one-year renewable contract, but Spofford officials want a long-term deal.

## Rehabilitation center opens in Brackettville



**Art Norris (center), a patient at the Warm Springs Rehabilitation Center, located at the United Medical Centers clinic, is assisted by Dinorah Cano (left), a physical therapist, and Tracy Slate, a physical therapist aide.**  
Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

After several months of careful planning and research, Brackettville now has available to its citizens comprehensive, state-of-the-art physical medicine and rehabilitation services.

Located at the United Medical Centers clinic on James Street, the Warm Springs clinic opened its doors to receive its first patients on Sept. 3.

The physical therapy and rehabilitation services began operations by scheduling clients on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon.

"As demand may indicate, scheduling additional hours and days is a future consideration," said Patrick Garman, an administrator with Warm Springs.

The clinic will accept most insurance programs, including Medicare, Medicaid, Worker's Compensation, TRC, Champus and commercial plans.

Warm Springs officials said they developed interest in the Brackettville community after becoming aware that it had several Brackettville clients obtaining therapy in the Warm Springs clinic in Del Rio.

The Del Rio location, which has provided comprehensive rehabilitation services to area residents since early 1997, serves as the base for supplying the Brackettville clinic with staff, supplies and equip-

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**Patrick Garman**

ment.

"The principal reason for locating in Brackettville was to eliminate the travel time to and from Del Rio for those particular patients," Garman said. "The opportunity to serve the citizens in Brackettville in the same spirit as Del Rio was also of major interest."

Dinorah Cano, a licensed physical therapist, said: "Our primary concern as health care professionals is to assist individuals in leading a functional, productive lifestyle within a safe environment. Each person referred for therapy (under doctor's order) will be involved in a step-by-step process where a plan of care is developed to address their strengths and weaknesses."

"The necessary tools to provide quality rehabilitation is the ability to address a person's deficits while emphasizing current potential, and the fundamental equipment to provide treatment. In my opinion, we have the potential to address the needs within the time and working environment provided," she said.

Warm Springs Rehabilitation Center-Brackettville follows in the tradition of leadership which began more than 60 years ago when the first Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital was established in Gonzales, Texas.

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The Brackett Tigerettes rallied for a victory over the Dilley Lady Wolves Tuesday in the district opener for both volleyball teams.

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Sonya Correa claimed first place honors at the Brackett Invitational cross country meet Saturday at Fort Clark Springs.

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## A healthy respect for privacy

"Who could deny that privacy is a jewel?" -- Novelist Phyllis McGinley

We all want high-quality medical care and are grateful for the scientific and technological advances that have made it possible for us to live longer, healthier lives.

But technology can cut both ways. It can be a bane or a blessing, it can heal or it can destroy.

Nowhere is that line of demarcation more pronounced than in the area of information technology. Kids used to worry endlessly about what shortcomings would go down on their (mythical) "permanent record." Today, advances in information technology make such concerns very real.

So news that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) was planning to create a federal data base and assign Americans their own health-care ID number set off alarm bells aplenty. I have serious reservations about issuing everyone in America a national health ID card.

The plan, as HHS intended to carry it forward, raised questions of excessive government involvement and control -- not to mention privacy concerns.

On Sept. 3, I took action to halt those plans by getting a measure passed that prohibits HHS from proceeding. Congress would be required to approve a health care ID system proposed by the federal agency. The view in Congress is that this plan is not ready, if there is a need for one at all.

The situation arose when HHS moved forward on an obscure provision of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act that mandates the creation of a "unique patient identifier" number for every citizen. Its purpose



Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

was to track medical record information.

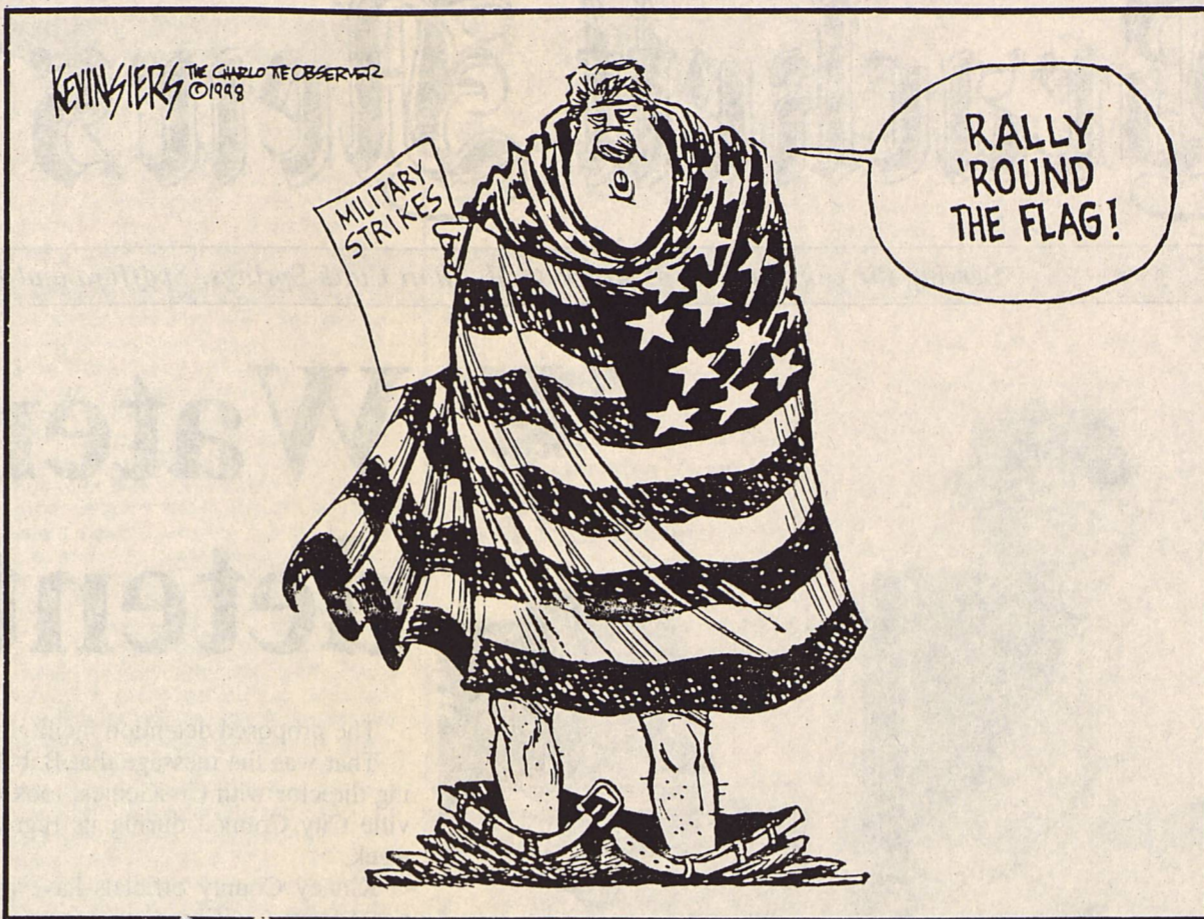
Once established, this data base was supposed to give the government a "new health assessment tool." Many believe that it would allow the government a snapshot of each and every American's medical records, health habits, life-style and heredity.

This glitch in the law set virtually no limits on how, when or by whom that data could be used. Sensitive health information might be linked to financial data or other records. Government would have instantaneous access to everyone's medical records.

HHS proposed to give state and federal agencies full access to medical, psychological and behavioral data (without patient consent) in four areas of "national priorities": oversight of the health-care system, public health and emergencies, health research, and law enforcement and court proceedings.

To me, it was clear there was no way, under current law, that our privacy could have been protected in one of the most sensitive, intensely personal areas of life.

I don't want the government to go there, and I don't think a majority of Texans want it, either. That's why my colleagues in Congress supported my proposal to stop this plan.



## Buzzards are a reminder that fall is just around the corner

Have you noticed the last few days, there is a large overflight of buzzards?

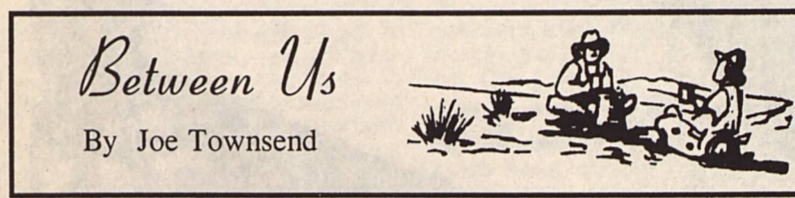
They are on their way south. This means fall and winter are on their way. I doubt that there is anyone who will not welcome fall this year.

Everyone should pause once in a while and contemplate the buzzard.

I love birds and have a difficult time finding anything derogatory about a bird, but to me the buzzard is the one bird that is just plain ugly when it is not in flight.

When you can see the buzzard in flight, it's hard to remember how unsightly it is when it's not in flight.

There is no more graceful bird than a buzzard in flight. As he soars so gracefully circling and so effortlessly riding the drafts one must wonder how he stays aloft



Between Us  
By Joe Townsend

so long at a time.

If the upper air is suitable, you can on occasion see them so high they look no larger than a sparrow.

Just to enjoy watching them however is not to fully appreciate their mission. They are nature's best scavengers. From tremendous heights, their sharp eyes can locate a dead animal and they swoop down to feed on the carcass.

Seldom do you see a lone buzzard eating. The meal attracts others and they all join in and make quick work of disposing of the quarry.

These birds render a great service to mankind. Where there are buzzards no one is stifled with the stench of rotting flesh.

I can readily condone the ugly image the bird conveys when I think of the service which other birds disdain and the buzzard so voraciously pursues.

I say thanks to the buzzard for reminding me that fall will soon be here, bringing relief from a super hot summer and badly needed moisture to a parched land.

More than that, I tip my hat to the buzzard for helping to clean up the messes of the world.

## But I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall



## Ted's birthday

Last week, one of my best friends had a birthday. He joined me at the half-century level. I hope he enjoyed his benchmark more than I did mine.

For those of you who don't know Ted, I'm not really sure that I can adequately describe him in these few lines. What do you say about someone whose last name is Zrzavy? He has a certain image he has to live up to.

He once told me, when asked what kind of name Zrzavy was, that his mother was Polish and his dad was Chinese, therefore he was a Poland China. (Look it up if you're not sure.)

Ted and I go back a long way. Our kids have rodeoed together for longer than I care to remember.

We went to college together, but didn't meet at the time. He claims I didn't run into him because he spent all of his time in the library. I've heard it's a large brick building with lots of books in it. But, I could be wrong.

## Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

There is a man who is a part of the school system who is quiet remarkable. He handles the Alternative School. His expertise and patience have produced some remarkable results.

Those in the school for good and sufficient reason are placed there because they have proved themselves to be out of place in the regular educational facilities. In spite of the foibles of some of the students, the director has led many into paths of productive lives. Some have gone into military service and done well. Others have changed their attitudes and actions for the better.

This man is industrious. With his wife, they get going in the middle of the night to deliver the San Antonio Express-News.

He has a rather large family of exceptional children. He is deeply devoted to his religious faith and hence is a fine husband and father.

He is calm and easy going, but truly friendly. Brackett School is fortunate indeed to have him on the faculty and Brackettville is fortunate to have him and his family in our community. Surely, Willie Clements is an Unsung Hero.

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Obituaries

Art Wallace Dimery

Art Wallace "Chicken" Dimery, 68, of Brackettville closed his eyes in eternal peace on Saturday evening, Sept. 19, 1998 in the hospital with his family.

He was born Dec. 30, 1929 in Brackettville to George Dimery Sr. and Rosie Shields. He later met and married Carol Ann Goodloe, and they lived happily together for 25 years.

He is survived by his wife: Carol Ann Dimery; three sons: Wallace Dimery Jr. and wife Kay of Killeen, Texas, Clark Dimery Sr. and wife Janette of Germany, and Mark A. Dimery and wife Teresa of Midland, Texas; five daughters: Diane Brazzell and husband Jeff, Wilma Rucker, Elsie Porter and Barbara Dimery all of Weatherford, Texas, and Mary Alice Dimery of Brackettville; two brothers: Porter Dimery Sr. of Des Moines, Iowa, and Louis Dimery of Del Rio, Texas; three half-brothers: Freddie Dimery of Austin, Texas, Lee Wilson of Seattle, and Clifford Wilson of Roundmount, Texas; one half-sister: Paula Dimery of Killeen, Texas; 15 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; numerous

nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Dimery was preceded in death by one sister: Marjorie Faye Hill, one half-sister: Teresa Dickson, and three brothers: George Dimery Jr., John Dimery Sr., and Ray Dimery Sr.

Visitation will be tomorrow from 10:30 a.m. until 9 p.m., with the family receiving friends at the Funeral Home from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Jerusalem Temple Church in Brackettville, with Rev. Curtis Jennings officiating. Burial will be at the Seminole Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Tom Gomez, Clarence Ward, Douglas Ward, James Shirley, Zack Davis, and Joe Kelly.

Honorary pallbearers will be John Dimery, Donald Fielder, Willie B. Fielder, Ricky Goodloe, Walter Goodloe, Willie Warrior, Sterling Goodloe, Arkie Goodloe and Arthur Goodloe.

Arrangements are under the direction of G. W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home, 114 Fletcher Dr., Del Rio, Texas.

Sophia C. Gomez

Sophia C. Gomez, 96, passed away Sept. 20, 1998 in Del Rio, Texas.

She was born Feb. 19, 1902 in Brackettville. She was a lifelong resident of Brackettville and a lifelong member of the Brackettville P.T.A.

Gomez was preceded in death by her husband, Ignacio Gomez, and her sons, Henry, Robert and Joe Gomez.

She is survived by her sons and daughters: Mary G. Talamantez and husband Flavio Sr., Delia G. Smith, and Elvidia G. Hinds, all of Brackettville, Arnulfo Gomez and wife Alice, Narciso Gomez, Ernest Gomez and wife Eleanor, Ora G. Ramirez and husband Jesse Jr., all of San Antonio, Virginia DeLaRosa and husband Ignacio of Killeen, Texas, Christopher Gomez and wife Jane of New Braunfels, Texas, Grace G. Webbell and husband Andy of Holcomb, Kan., and Alfredo Gomez of Tustin, Calif. She is also survived by 36 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held today, from 3 to 9 p.m. at the Brackettville Funeral Home.

A rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel. A Mass will



be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with Father Cashin officiating. Burial will follow at the Catholic Cemetery in Brackettville.

Pallbearers will be Flavio Talamantez Jr., Norman Longoria, Christopher James Gomez, Christopher DeLaRosa, Jesse Ramirez III, A. J. Webbell, Michael Gomez, and Ernest Gomez Jr.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home, dba Brackettville Funeral Home.



Attending the ribbon cutting ceremonies for the Warm Springs Rehabilitation Center are Kathryn Letsinger (from left), secretary of the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce; Patrick Garman, an administrator with Warm Springs; Tracy Slate, a physical therapist aide; Art Norris, a patient; Dinorah Cano, a physical therapist; Luis Garza, a marketing official with the Warm Springs; and Larry Sofaly, president of the Chamber of Commerce. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Rehabilitation center opens in Brackettville

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"Today, the Warm Springs inpatient and outpatient facilities in San Antonio, Gonzales, Corpus Christi, Victoria, Lubbock, New Braunfels, Lockhart, Del Rio and throughout the Rio Grande Valley are committed to offering complete programs of physical rehabilitation to patients and to making significant contributions to rehabilitation research and education," Garman said.

The Warm Springs facilities are not-for-profit entities of the Warm Springs Rehabilitation Foundation.

"Long recognized for its successful efforts in the areas of rehabilitation funding, treatment, research and education, the foundation holds a place at the forefront of its field that is unmatched in the Southwest," Garman added.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, Sept. 15

8:30 a.m., A Brackettville woman said she discovered two gold nugget wedding bands and a thin wedding band missing from her residence. The woman said she believed the jewelry might be at a pawn shop in Del Rio. She said she would prefer to buy it back and not file charges.

12:05 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs woman reported that her Suburban was stolen. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was notified. He found two juveniles with the vehicle at Lopez Bakery. The two subjects were transported to the Sheriff's Office. The son of the owner of the vehicle said he took the vehicle without asking his parents. Both juveniles were turned over to their parents.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

12:55 p.m., An employee at Stop N Shop reported that someone left the store without paying for \$9.45 worth of gas.

9:40 p.m., Smith Security officials reported that a Fort Clark Springs woman needed assistance at her residence in Unit 15 because someone was harrasing her. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He took care of the problem.

11:09 p.m., A Brackettville woman came into the Sheriff's Office and reported that her boyfriend hit her. She said she wanted him out of her residence at the Senior Apartments on W. Spring Street. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He escorted the man from the apartment.

Thursday, Sept. 17

3:20 p.m., Eric Rafael Castorena, 17, of Del Rio was arrested by Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess on outstanding DPS warrants. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Castorena was released the next day on a \$1,000 personal recognizance bond.

8:43 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that someone was in the back of her house on E. Henderson Street. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He was unable to find any trespassers at the location.

Friday, Sept. 18

8:19 a.m., A 911 caller reported an accident on Highway 90, about a block west of Pico's. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley was dispatched to the scene. Members of Kinney County EMS and the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department were also dispatched to

the scene. One fatality was reported.

2:05 p.m., A deputy with the Medina County Sheriff's Office reported that a Brackettville man had sold a rifle to a pawn shop. Officials ran a check to see if the gun was stolen, and it was not.

Saturday, Sept. 19

12:01 p.m., Jesus Rumaldo Martinez, 22, of Brackettville was arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar for driving while intoxicated and furnishing alcohol to a minor. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Martinez was released the same day on a \$1,500 personal recognizance bond.

1:20 p.m., Uvalde DPS officials reported a green Camero driving at a high rate of speed and passing on the wrong side of the road. The vehicle was travelling west-bound near the Purple Sage, just outside of Uvalde. Deputy Guidry was notified of the situa-

tion. He met the vehicle as it topped a hill approximately 12 miles east of Brackettville. Radar indicated the vehicle was travelling 105 miles per hour. Guidry initiated a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle had an expired license from Minnesota and did not have liability insurance. The two passengers in the vehicle, a male and a female, also did not have licenses. The three subjects were transported to the Sheriff's Office. The vehicle was later turned over to the driver's uncle and the subjects were released.

Sunday, Sept. 20

8:41 p.m., U.S. Border Patrol officials reported that two people were arguing, approximately 100 yards west of Pico's, near a black pickup. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene. The subjects said they had a flat tire and they were looking for help.

Jones Elementary receives \$170,000 grant

By Frances McMaster Contributing Writer

Christmas has come early for Jones Elementary School. It has just been awarded a \$170,000 grant from the Texas Reading Academy. The money will become available on Oct. 1.

Elementary school principal Michael Schooler spoke about the grant at last Thursday's Rotary Club meeting at the invitation of September program chairman Taylor Stephenson, superintendent of schools.

Grants don't just happen to be awarded. Applications are turned in by many schools, and grants are not easy to obtain. Hard work is involved in writing up the request. Schooler helped write it in the first stages, but teacher Janelle Senne was the main author. She took 12 days off her summer vacation to do this.

An effort aimed at improving education in the United States is Title I. In Texas, 35 percent of school children can't read fluently. Gov. George Bush has requested that any child who can't read at the level set by TAAS by the third grade should be retained. They will be pulled out and given special training.

This necessitates a revision in teaching plans. Teaching reading will begin in kindergarten with heavy emphasis continued in the first and second grade.

Much thought has gone into



Michael Schooler, left, and Janelle Senne were the guest speakers at Rotary Club last Thursday. Photo by Frances McMaster

apportioning the grant money. Schooler said 69 percent will be spent on supplies for pre-kindergarten through third grade.

Teachers in pre-kindergarten through third grade will be given \$2,000 each to spend for books. The subject matter is not as important as having books available to read. Any kind of reading helps students learn, but not many books appropriate to this level were in the library.

A special effort is made to get the whole family involved. Books for family reading will be available. Some of the parents will be learning to read along with their children.

Schooler said that one of the

statistics they found when doing research is the children whose fathers read to them develop a higher IQ than those who don't.

Stephenson added that Brackettville is one of the leading schools in the state and the nation. A total of 120 schools applied for one of these grants and 50 schools received one. Brackettville was the only 2A school approved.

Many efforts are already in place to help accelerate learning to read. The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings for students who choose to work at their own pace.

Five computers will be in every room in elementary school by December.

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## Local garden club names Heath honorary member

Fort Clarks Springs General Manager Jim Heath was made an honorary member of the Mountain Laurel Garden Club when the group met earlier this month at the Gorgas Room.

Heath presented the program at the meeting. His subject was beautifying Fort Clark. He expressed thanks to the volunteers of the Garden Club who work on several projects that help beautify Fort Clark. He said that the projects help keep down increasing costs for upkeep.

He explained that management is anxious to continue services, privileges and renovations without raising costs to members and that volunteers can help administration continue to be progressive, but frugal.

The club's tree identification project has been completed. A guide has been printed and is available at the Adult Center and the Administration Building. A special thanks was given to Juanita Robertson for making the ceramic tags, to Alan and Clara McCord for designing the map, and Ruby Cheaney and Nancy England for getting the job done.

The project of maintaining the plants at the Las Moras Restaurant continues with England in October, Betty Gibbs in November and Bobbie Waddill in December.

Suggestions for memorials for Ester Kesteloot and Walt Geeze were discussed. Marge Jones will follow up on the project.

A new project was introduced in a letter from Rosie Mattingly to improve the appearance of the portable toilet near the Post Theatre. This project was approved. Wiley Simmons volunteered to help with the project.

Another project, assisting Heath in landscaping the grounds at his residence, was also approved. England and Norma Conner will serve on this committee.

Waddill and Hazel Ivey won the door prizes, furnished by Jones. A gift box of seeds and garden pamphlets from the Mignonette Garden Club in Del Rio were distributed.

Hostesses were Mattingly and Robertson, assisted by Gibbs. County Agent Robert Ellege will speak to the club in October.

# BISD students take six-weeks tests

Six-weeks tests have been given this week to Brackett ISD students.

I hope that the grades reflect the efforts that your children have made. Above all, I hope that learning has taken place in each subject that will help each child find a better life.

Our mission statement includes a statement about schools being a partnership between parents and educators. The goal is to prepare each student for a productive life.

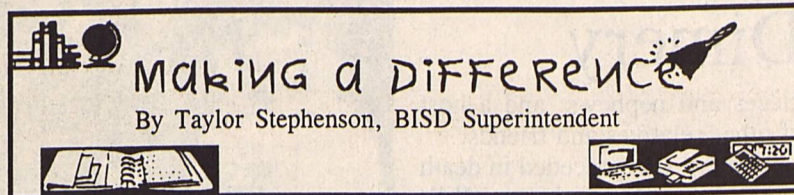
### Tennis Courts

The four tennis courts were fenced last week. This week, we will see the painting and striping of the courts. We will not have lights on the courts.

So, by the end of this week, we will start to get an idea of how the finished product looks. We're excited. I'm not a tennis player, and I'm still excited.

The City of Brackettville helped us immensely in completing this project.

Lots of mud had washed out onto the courts from recent rains



(before the retaining walls were installed). The city came with its fire truck and washed down the courts for the schools.

David Luna responded to our call for help. The city workers did a great job.

### Civic Clubs

The civic clubs of Brackettville need some new members. Rotary membership is lower than it has been in several years. The Lions Club also needs some new members.

I hope that you will take the time to visit one of these fine service clubs. They do a great job for the community.

Speaking at the Lions Club this past week, I heard a list of activities that the Lions Club has been involved in this past year.

The list was impressive. I won't list all, but will highlight

some major activities.

Lions Club helps sponsor the Health Fair, Christmas baskets, eye glasses for needy children, hearing tests, Medical Closet, pee wee football, teacher luncheon, scholarship, EMS and Fire Department donations, and assistance for the flood victims.

The list goes on and on. Thanks Lions Club for a job well done.

### Curriculum Audit

This week, I have been in Houston working on a national curriculum audit of Lamar ISD.

The process is called a curriculum audit. It's very similar to a financial audit that tells school districts and its patrons if the curriculum is working as it should.

The ideas are not new or different. They are standards that

each district should implement if it wants to make continuous improvement.

I hope to apply some of my learning and work to improve BISD. I'll tell you more in the coming weeks.

### TAAS Scores

As I work to evaluate our district, here are some of the statistics from TAAS tests given in the past few years at BISD (statistics show the percentage of students who passed TAAS tests in grades 3 through 8 and grade 10):

■ Reading: 81.1 in 1995, 83.9 in 1996, 81.6 in 1997, and 84.3 in 1998.

■ Writing: 84.8 in 1995, 78.6 in 1996, 89.3 in 1997, and 86.0 in 1998.

■ Math: 66.7 in 1995, 76.4 in 1996, 73.3 in 1997, and 83.9 in 1998.

There are many factors in the evaluation of a school district. This is one of the statistics that shows whether the Texas curriculum is being learned.

That's about it. Have a great week!

## FOOTSTEPS ECHO

The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French

Courtesy of his descendants

Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he graduated 12th in the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lt. of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, where Lt. French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882, the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries, which he faithfully maintained for the next 30 years.

### Friday, Sept. 24, 1886

Today is Sue's birthday; gave her a fan. It was clear and bright all day, a very pleasant change from the last two or three days. Started out this morning in the buggy with Ralph Hoagland and before noon had almost all of Lula's home invitations delivered. Was very glad to get this done. Found a letter from Fieberger awaiting me at noon, in which he writes that he is afraid he cannot come on for the wedding as the Superintendent disapproved applications last year; he will come if he can. After dinner drove Ralph up to the railroad and saw him and his mother start to return to Chicago. For the first time in her whole married life of 15 years, Lizzie has now a home of her own to which she goes today. Drove out to Grandmother's delivering invitations there and on the way. Sat for a while with Grandmother and then walked back stopping at the gas office to leave Mr. Cheeny's & Mr. Knight's invitations as there was nobody at home, and a short time at the factory. Then shaved and about five o'clock a large wagon with a party drove up and Mattie & I joined them and were taken down to Hoagland's farm for a picnic. Had an excellent supper and in a short time music came from town and we had a pleasant evening dancing. The whole thing was quite enjoyable. Got home after eleven o'clock. Received a letter from Helen Giddings this afternoon inviting me to come to Romeo with Ed. Cannot understand why latter does not wire me when he will be here.

### Saturday, Sept. 25, 1886

Went down town to mail three invitations and sent a telegram to Mr. Todd to enquire when Ed started for Chicago. Left razor to be sharpened and then went to the factory awhile. Came home and read "Marion's Faith," a light novel about Army life. Received Homer Lee's bill for the wedding invitations and an O.B. about some Q.M. returns at Brown. A telegram came in the afternoon from Mr. Todd stating that Ed was in Chicago today. Cannot understand why he didn't notify me when he passed through here. Read the novel most of the afternoon. Grandmother came over for a while in the afternoon. After supper escorted Sue up to the depot to meet George who came down from Chicago this evening.

Watched the passengers hoping that Ed came down also but could see nothing of him.

### Sunday, Sept. 26, 1886

Went down for the mail this morning and was rewarded by a letter from Ed in which he states that his business engagements required him to hurry through to Chicago and he had no time to stop here. He wants me to join him in Detroit where he will be on the 30th. Attended church and had a good sermon by Mr. Moffat. Henry and Grandmother ate dinner with us and spent most of the afternoon here. Went up with Henry to see a man about some business and then he, George & I went down town where I sent a telegram to Ogle to inform him of my starting tomorrow morning for Indianapolis to pay him a visit. Went to the bank with Henry & then we came home. Mattie Withers came in later and stayed for supper. Had to escort her home and then it was too late for church. My 29th birthday comes tomorrow and this evening several nice, useful gifts from Mother, Father and the girls were handed me; all of them being very acceptable.

### Monday, Sept. 27, 1886

My 29th birthday and like many of the previous was spent away from home. Left on the early train this morning and before noon reached Indianapolis where Ogle met me. Clem Edgerton came down with me. It rained all the way and in the vicinity of Fort Wayne the ground was covered with water. Ogle is looking better than when I last saw him and has a better color. He says his health has improved. Went up to his home, a very comfortable and commodious frame building which he rents and after washing, went down stairs where met Mrs. Ogle & her little girl. Mrs. O. looks just the same as she did at Leavenworth in '81. While we were at dinner their boy came in from Kindergarten. Both of the children seem to be strong and healthy and are quite pretty. After dinner went down to the office with Ogle and met Col. Youmans, his uncle and the president of the coal company of which Ogle is Secretary. Met other gentlemen in the office also. Went to the barber shop for a shave after going to see Mr. Braden but who happened to be out of town. Enquired at the U.S. Clerk's office and learned that no report has yet been filed in Father's case. It rained almost all afternoon; so spent the greater part of the time at Ogle's office. After supper chatted a while at the house and then he took me to see "Evangeline," very much of a leg show, with some good music and some funny parts. Mrs. Ogle is

very much disgusted with Army life and quite bitter in regard to some ladies that she served with at Brown.

### Tuesday, Sept. 28, 1886

The day opened up cold and rainy and continued to rain until noon when it cleared off and the sun came out. After breakfast accompanied Ogle to the office and spent most of the morning there with him. Walked up to the new statehouse which is rapidly nearing completion but was refused admission. It is to be a magnificent structure when completed. Bought some candy to take home. After dinner bade Mrs. Ogle good-bye and spent a short time at the office when Ogle accompanied me to the depot and took leave. Judge O'Rourke was on the train and was very affable and pleasant. Met Mr. Ibaugh, the democratic candidate for legislature. Col. Robertson was also on the train part of the way. Mother and Mattie were waiting for me when the train pulled in. Found all well at home. George went to Detroit this morning. Had a good supper and after a short talk with Father tried to read a while but went to sleep instead. It is quite cool this evening and a clear night gives promise of better weather.

### Wednesday, Sept. 29, 1886

After the mail came bringing nothing for me went down town to attend to some errands. Went to two different places to enquire the cost of having music at Lula's wedding. Met Will Tigar who walked down to the factory with me and stayed there talking until we were ready to come up home. On the way met his brothers Walter & Herbert. The three boys are doing very well and are good citizens. Enjoyed the talk with Will very much as it reminded me of old times. After dinner stayed at the house until after mail time but got nothing. Then attended to an errand for Mother and then went over to the Muncie station to make enquiries about the cost of a ticket to San Antonio. The agent promised to ascertain rate and other information and write me. Then walked over to the vicinity of the water works where we boys used to play and bathe in the Spy Run. It is rapidly being built up and is very much changed. Stopped at the factory a while and then hurried home to shave and dress. After this went to the Episcopal Church to attend the wedding of Dr. Irwin's daughter, which was quite a pretty affair. Had supper late on account of this. Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Laubach came in to spend the evening. Took a bath and packed my valise preparatory to going to Detroit and Romeo tomorrow morning.



### Thursday, Sept. 30, 1886

Got up before 5 o'clock and took the early train for Detroit. The ride to Toledo was spent in the drawing room of the sleeper as the chair car was full. Met Mrs. Wm. Bash, Mrs. Ward and her two daughters from home and had a very pleasant ride with them, Mrs. Bash leaving us at Toledo. Had a very short time to change cars and get tickets at Toledo for Detroit. On arriving at the latter place walked up to the hotel with Mrs. Ward and daughters and registered for them & self. Saw Ed Todd's name on the register and after seeing the ladies off to their rooms went to Ed's room. He seems just the same as when I last saw him in '81. After a short chat in which he told much about his fiancée, a Detroit lady, I returned to office to secure part of Ed's room, he inviting me to bunk with him. Was shaved and after cleaning up went to dinner with Ed. Coming out met Mrs. Ward and daughters, the bride & groom of last night and a suitor for one of the Ward girls, to all of whom introduced Ed. Later on he went out in town on business while I went out to the post, Fort Wayne, where had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Pendleton (ne'e Kate Eaton), Pendleton, & Clagett of the 23rd Inf'y. and of meeting latter's wife. Enjoyed these meetings very much, as this is the first time Pendleton & I have met since '79 and the others were Leavenworth friends. Received several invitations to remain in the garrison, but declined, having an engagement with Ed. After supper we sat a while chatting and smoking and then he took me to call on Miss Tarbel, his fiancée. She is a young lady, brunette, almost my height, with very winning manners and attractive face. Think Ed has made an excellent selection. He is very much in love with her and she seems to reciprocate. Stayed about half an hour during which time Mrs. Avery, sister to Miss Tarbel came in, and then excused myself to Ed as he had not seen his sweetheart before and I did not want to interfere in his pleasure. Returned to the hotel, purchased a magazine and read it until bedtime. One week from today, Lula will become Mrs. White if nothing occurs to prevent.

## Briefs ...

### Old Quarry Society to present melodrama

Members of the Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts have selected a gay-90s melodrama for presentation on Oct. 10 as a feature of this year's Fort Clark Days celebration weekend. Performances by the Fort Clark Dance Company will highlight the play, planned for staging in the Amphitheater.

Lynn McNew, director, has set rehearsal times for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Amphitheater. She invites all members of the community with interest in taking a nonspeaking part in the production to come to any rehearsal.

A special meeting of Old Quarry Society is planned for Monday at 5 p.m. at the Adult Center. Set preparation and construction will be on the agenda, as well as discussion and planning for costumes and further rehearsal needs.

Anyone willing to help in any area of this upcoming event is invited to attend this meeting and the regular meetings, which are scheduled the first Monday of each month at 5 p.m. in the Adult Center.

### Voices to resume rehearsals Monday night

The Voices of Fort Clark Springs will resume rehearsals for the 1998-99 season on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Post Theater. Any adult singer in Kinney County is welcome to join the group.

As in previous years, the Voices will present a Christmas concert and a spring concert. The group will conduct a Sunday morning service for Fort Clark Days, participate in the annual Brackettville Thanksgiving service and a sunrise service on Easter Sunday, and will perform on other occasions throughout the year.

The Voices are under the direction of Lynn McNew, with Cathy Conrey as accompanist. Officers of the organization include Lee Herron, president, and Cubie Kurtz, secretary and treasurer. For more information, call 563-9229.

### Preceptor Theta Sigma chapter hosts meeting

Preceptor Theta Sigma chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at Las Moras Restaurant Tuesday for a no-hostess meeting.

After dinner, President Alicia Raymer led the opening ritual. After a short business meeting, Nancy Frerich read some interesting ideas from the book "Don't Throw That Out." The meeting closed with the closing ritual and Mizpah.

### DAR hosts Constitutional Day luncheon

The annual Constitution Day luncheon sponsored by the Hill Country Council of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) was held last week at the Abundare Guest Ranch in Bandera.

Representing the Uvalde de las Encinas chapter were Joan Davis from Reagan Wells and Pat McKelvy from Brackettville. Also attending from Brackettville were Hawkins Huey, a member-at-large, and Agnes Vondy.

Davis, McKelvy and Patsy Edwards of Pearsall represented the chapter as the Texas State DAR held its annual Fall Forum Saturday at the Red Lion Inn in Austin. The six-hour workshop is for officers of the DAR chapters across the state.

### Ballew honored at Scholarship Convocation

COLLEGE STATION -- J. Wayne Ballew of Brackettville was among more than 700 freshmen academic scholarship recipients honored by the Texas A&M University at its annual Scholarship Convocation Aug. 31.

## Karen McKenzie School of Dance Now in Brackettville!

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# Family's success is within woman's grasp

By Pastor Charolette Corey  
Gateway Ministries

The word of God proclaims to women everywhere that success or demise of her household is within her grasp.

Proverbs 14:1 says, "Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands."

Ecclesiastes 7:26 says, "And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands (handcuffs or strangleholds): whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her."

The righteous woman is found in Proverbs 31:13, "She seeketh

wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

Proverbs 31:16 "She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard."

Proverbs 31:20 says, "She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy."

Proverbs 31:31 says, "Give her the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

Most of all, she grasps the future of her family in hands that pray the prayer of faith.

Matthew 21:21 says, "Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall say

unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

She prays with the right attitude, Philippians 4:6, "Be careful for nothing (note: Don't be full of worries and cares.) but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

She keeps her mind set on the things of God, Verse 8: "whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things

are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

The success of your family is within the grasp of your hands. Prayerfully use them.

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

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# The Kingdom of God is eternal

By Rev. Joe Townsend  
Frontier Baptist Church

The book of Daniel can be defined by a few simple prophecies. Daniel had been taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar to Babalonia. He was by instruction to his captors a leader among the Jews.

Nebuchadnezzar had a disturbing dream. He could not even remember it, but he sent out word throughout the kingdom to all the "wise" men to come and tell him what the dream was and what it meant.

He gave them an ultimatum. If they could tell him the dream and its interpretation, they would be richly rewarded. If they could not, they would be torn limb from limb and even their houses would be destroyed.

Daniel volunteered to do the impossible. When the king asked if he could, Daniel responded that no man could, but his God would know and answer.

He told the king that a mighty man appeared to him. The head was of fine gold. It's breast and arms were of silver. It's belly and thighs were of bronze. It's legs were of iron and partly of clay.

This short dream was comprehensive in scope. The entire message of Daniel is spelled out in these few sentences.

The Golden head signified the Babylonian Empire, the greatest empire in the world. It would be followed by the Medo-Persian Empire, the breast and the arms. Then would come the Grecian Empire, symbolized by the belly and thighs of bronze. This would be followed by the Roman Empire with legs of iron and feet of clay.

Daniel points out a stone cut from the mountain would "break in pieces, the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold."

"In the days of these Kings God of heaven will set up a Kingdom which shall never be destroyed."

These four great kingdoms will be superceded by the Kingdom of God which was established by Jesus Christ when he was in the world and shall never be destroyed.

Every person who has trusted by faith Jesus Christ as Savior at the very instant becomes a child of God and part of the Kingdom of God. Worldly empires will fade, but the Kingdom of God is eternal.

There will be another message from the Bible as worshipers meet at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Come and see.

# Readings from the book of Romans

By Rev. William P. Adams Sr.  
St. John's Missionary Church

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ;

"By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

"And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

"And patience, experience; and experience, hope;

"And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

"Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."

"For if when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

"And not only so, but we also joy in God through Our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement." Romans 5:1-11

Praise the Lord!  
St. John's Missionary Church's prayer lines, 563-3032 and 563-9228, are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

# Where Christ is, fear is not

Submitted by  
St. Mary Magdalene Church

"But now, this is what the Lord says-he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Fear not for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine." Isaiah 43:1

Where Christ is, fear is not. Jesus has taken away all fear of death from the Christian.

As you go into the future, remember:

"The light of God surrounds you. The love of God enfolds you. The presence of God watches over you. The power of God protects you. Wherever you are, God is." E. Stanley Jones

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**1998 Property Tax Rates in Fort Clark M.U.D.**

This notice concerns 1998 property tax rates for Fort Clark M.U.D. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>	
Last year's operating taxes	\$13,333.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$119,737.50
Last year's total taxes	\$133,070.50
Last year's tax base	\$31,065,854.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$.42834 /\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$133,070.50
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$32,599,969.00
(after subtracting value of new property)	
- This year's effective tax rate	\$.40819 /\$100
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$13,333.00
(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$32,599,969.00
- This year's effective operating rate	\$.04090 /\$100
x 1.08 - this year's maximum operating rate	\$ .04417 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.36788 /\$100
- This year's rollback rate	\$.41205 /\$100

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ _____ /\$100
- Effective tax rate	\$ _____ /\$100

**This year's transfer of department, function or activity:**

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ _____ /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ _____ /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$ _____ /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ _____ /\$100

**SCHEDULE A**  
Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation

Type of property tax fund	NONE	Balance	\$705,000.00
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**SCHEDULE B**  
1998 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Principal or Contract Payment to be paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be paid	Total Payment
\$60,000.00	\$59,925.00	\$ -0-	\$119,925.00
Total required for 1998 debt service			\$119,925.00
Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$ -0-
Excess collections last year			\$ -0-
State aid for facilities			\$ -0-
- Total to be paid from taxes in 1998			\$119,925.00
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only % of its taxes in 1998			\$ -0-
- Total debt Levy			\$119,925.00

**SCHEDULE C**  
Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities, and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimates that it will receive \$ -0- in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

**SCHEDULE D**  
State Criminal Justice Mandate ( For Counties)

The N/A County Auditor certifies that N/A County has spent \$ N/A in the previous 12 months beginning N/A ,19 N/A, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. N/A County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

**SCHEDULE E**  
Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

The N/A spent \$ N/A from N/A to N/A on the N/A .The N/A operates this function in all or a majority of the N/A. {Second Year of Transfer: Modify schedule to show comparison of amount this year and preceding year by unit receiving the function.}

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Fort Clark M.U.D. P.O. Box 1437 Brackettville, Texas 78832

Name of person preparing this notice: Larry Sofaly  
Title: General Manager/ Tax Assessor/ Collector  
Date prepared: September 15, 1998



Brackett's Jacob Mann, left, caught a 26-yard pass against Nueces Canyon Friday after the ball was tipped by Panthers defensive back Winston Wright. The Tigers will face Sonora tomorrow night at 7:30. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

# Brackett hosts Sonora tomorrow

The Brackett Tigers are off to their best start in 10 years. The Tigers are 3-0 and they have outscored their opponents 100-6.

But Brackett will face its toughest task yet tomorrow night as the Tigers host the Sonora Broncos in a 7:30 contest.

"It's great being 3-0," Tigers coach David Yeager said. "I think our kids are gaining a lot of confidence every game. They're starting to believe in themselves and the system."

"We're not naive enough to think that we can't improve or get better in phases of the game, but you can't overlook confidence either. Having confidence is something these kids haven't had in the past, along with some structure and discipline."

Sonora is 2-1 on the season. The Broncos have defeated Reagan County, 20-6, and Alpine, 26-16. Their only loss was a 14-6 decision to Brady in Week 2.

"Sonora is a very good football team," Yeager said. "They're very well coached in all phases of the game. They have a great defense. They're fundamentally sound. It's going to be a battle."

The Harris Ratings System has the Broncos listed as a 12-point favorite over the Tigers going into tomorrow's contest.

"We're looking for a real tough contest this week," Sonora coach Dale Heath said. "Brackett moves the ball real well and their defense does a good job of keeping teams from scoring points."

In three games, the Tigers offense has racked up 1,281 yards, including 1,080 yards rushing and 209 passing.

Fullback Wes Baker has rushed for 494 yards and three touchdowns on 49 carries. Tailback Brent Smith has 307 yards and six TDs on 52 attempts.

*"We're looking for a real tough contest this week. Brackett moves the ball real well."*

**Sonora coach Dale Heath**

"Defensively, we have to slow down Baker and Smith," Heath said. "They run the ball hard. Brackett does a great job with their play-action passes and getting the ball to (Matthew) Smallwood."

Brackett's defense has allowed only 269 yards in their first three contests. The Tigers' opponents have rushed for 201 yards and passed for 68.

"Their defensive tackles are extremely quick," Heath said. "They have good linebackers, and they're quick as well."

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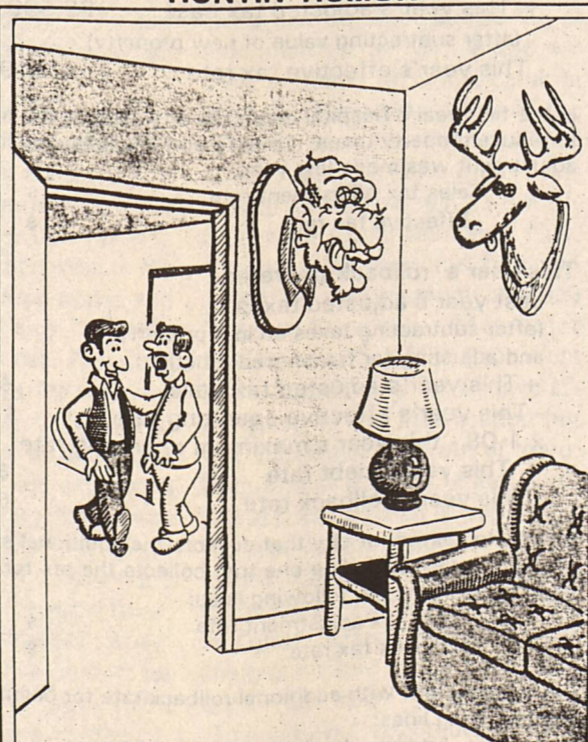
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Hey Henry, I heard you bagged a real monster this year.

### Your Horoscope by Natasha

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A tendency not to pay attention or to be lazy can interfere with job progress this week. You could receive a surprise invitation for travel. Social life is a plus, but wait for the weekend.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's best to maintain a low profile in business. Continue working on a project, but take few into your confidence now. You don't want to display your hand prematurely.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You'll certainly make a good impression socially this week, but it would be unwise to get involved with a friend's wild financial scheme. Popularity is on the rise. Take advantage of this over the weekend.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Advice you receive could be misleading. A certain measure of confidentiality is needed regarding a financial concern. Out-of-the-way shops lead to good buys this weekend.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Creative work is favored over business pursuits at present. Be careful that you don't put your foot in your mouth by saying something inappropriate to a higher-up. The consequences could be disastrous.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) It's not a good time to lend a friend a valued possession, but it's a great time for beginning a home decoration project. Your sense of beauty is to the fore. Spiff up your appearance as well.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Creative types will enjoy a week of new inspirations. Absent-mindedness could be an early problem. There's a decided accent on romance and fun activities later this week.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Don't take on a do-it-yourself project unless you know



what you're doing. You may receive a job assignment that can be done from the home. Intuition leads to career gains.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) It could be love at first sight for those receptive to romance. Be careful not to spend foolishly if shopping later in the week. The weekend favors romance and stepping out.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Romance may come through the job. Social connections prove helpful to you in business, but you could get careless now about some important details. Be alert.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You could misplace something at home. Partnership interests are highlighted in general this week. Singles could meet with romance quite unexpectedly. Travel is a plus.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Judgment may be way off when it comes to shopping and the use of credit this week. However, in business your original ideas put you a step up the ladder of success. Enjoy the accolades you receive as a result.

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This week's Brackett News' Pigskin Picks



J.J. Guidry The Brackett News, Tony Frerich Kinney County Wool and Mohair, Wes Robinson Leona Ranch, Freddie Frerich Stop N Shop

Table with 7 columns: Matchup, Brackett, Natalia, Dilley, Del Rio, Hondo, Texas, A&M, Tech, Dallas, Tampa

Briefs ...

J.V. Tigers post 46-0 victory over Panthers

CAMP WOOD -- Brackett sophomore Jesse Hidalgo rushed for four touchdowns and a pair of two-point conversions Thursday to lead the Tigers to a 46-0 win over the Nueces Canyon Panthers in junior varsity football action.

Hidalgo, who plays quarterback and tailback, scored on runs of 50, 43, 36 and 22 yards, respectively.

Raymond Gomez rushed for a 51-yard touchdown, Manuel Madrid intercepted a pass and raced 55 yards for paydirt, and J.J. Rivas returned a fumble 22 yards for Brackett's other scores.

The Tigers (2-0) will travel to Sonora today for a 6:30 matchup against the Broncos.

Sub-varsity netters fall to Lady Wolves

Brackett's junior varsity and freshmen volleyball teams lost their district openers against Dilley Tuesday night.

The junior varsity Tigerettes lost 15-0, 15-7, and the freshmen fell 15-4, 15-12.

Brackett resumes action Tuesday with road games against Jourdanton. The freshmen kick-off the action at 5 p.m.

Cubs slip by Panthers 28-16 in season opener

CAMP WOOD -- Jarred Hobbs rushed for over 160 yards and scored four TDs to lead the Brackett Cubs to a 28-16 win over Nueces Canyon in the season opener for both junior high football teams.

Joe Eddie Jaso returned the opening kickoff 65 yards for Brackett's first touchdown. Quarterback Matt Jackson ran in two conversions for the Cubs.

Brackett resumes play today as the Cubs host Sonora at 5 p.m.

Cubettes sweep games

The Brackett Cubettes swept a double-header with Del Rio in junior high volleyball action on Monday. The eighth grade team (2-1) won in three games, as the Cubettes rallied for a 15-17, 15-7, 15-10 victory.

The seventh grade team (1-2) picked up a 15-2, 15-4 win.

The Cubettes will compete in the Eagle Pass tournament on Saturday. Brackett will face Comstock and Sacred Heart on Monday in Del Rio. Action begins at 5 p.m.



Brackett senior running back Brent Smith (2) ran for 114 yards and two touchdowns Friday as the Tigers defeated Nueces Canyon 27-6.

Tigers pick up third win Brackett tops Nueces Canyon 27-6

Brackett rallied for 20 second half points Friday as the Tigers routed the Nueces Canyon Panthers 27-6 in non-district football action.

With the victory, Brackett improves to 3-0 overall. Nueces Canyon is 1-2 on the season.

"We knew they would be more physical than what we've seen," Tigers coach David Yeager said. "It was pretty much a stalemate in the first half. Our kids kept their composure and dominated the second half."

Nueces Canyon scored the first touchdown of the game as Winston Wright raced 85 yards for paydirt at the 5:15 mark in the second quarter.

That was one of only two first downs for the Panthers. Nueces Canyon finished the game with only 90 yards rushing.

"I thought the defense played great except for one play," Yeager said. "We had a breakdown on assignments, and they hurt us with it. We corrected it in the second half and shut them down."

Zach Davis scored on a 1-yard plunge with 4:39 left in the first half. Jacob Mann booted the first of his three extra-point kicks to give Brackett a 7-6 advantage.

Brent Smith scored on runs of 9 and 1 yards, respectively, in the third period, and Wes Baker added a 1-yard TD in the fourth quarter as the Tigers put the game away.

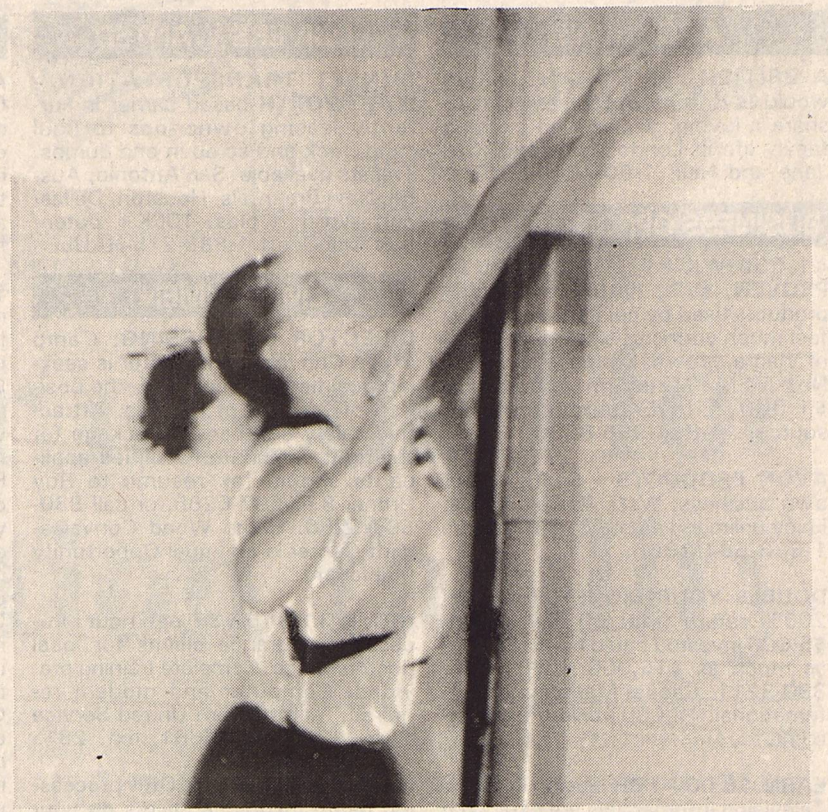
Brackett's offense finished the contest with 18 first downs and 402 yards, including 335 yards rushing.

Baker finished with 117 yards rushing on 17 carries, while Smith had 114 yards on 19 attempts.

Davis completed 3 of 10 passes for 67 yards, with no interceptions. Matthew Smallwood had a 32-yard reception and Mann caught a 26-yard pass.

Tigers-Panthers game report

Game report table with columns for Tigers 27, Panthers 6, TEAM STATISTICS, INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS, RUSHING, PASSING, RECEIVING, PUNT RETURNS, KICKOFF RETURNS



Brackett's Lindsey Brotherton had five assists, two kills and two digs Tuesday as the Tigerettes defeated Dilley in the district opener for both teams.

Tigerettes open district with win over Dilley

The Brackett Tigerettes rallied for a 15-8, 10-15, 15-13 victory over the Dilley Lady Wolves Tuesday in the district opener for both volleyball teams.

It was the fourth-straight win for the Tigerettes, who improved to 6-5 on the season.

In Tuesday's other conference matchup, Jourdanton defeated Natalia 15-4, 15-10.

Brackett trailed 11-5 in the third game of Tuesday's match before rallying to pull within three points at 11-8.

Dilley took advantage of two Brackett errors to go up 13-8, but a kill by Michelle Melancon broke the Lady Wolves' serve.

Erika Garcia served two aces and Melancon, Jennifer Ashabranner and Lindsey Brotherton each had a kill as the Tigerettes tied the contest at 13-all. Brackett put the game away on two Dilley errors.

Brotherton had five assists and two kills. Ashabranner also had two kills. Hilda Aguirre finished the contest with four digs.

Crossword puzzle grid and answers to Super Crossword.

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Correa claims first place at Brackett Invitational

Sonya Correa claimed first place honors, helping the Tigerettes to a third place finish at the Brackett Invitational cross country meet Saturday at Fort Clark Springs.

Correa ran the two-mile race in 12:30, to pace the Tigerettes. Rocksprings won the meet with 26 points, Nueces Canyon was second with 42 and Brackett had 52.

Melinda Villareal, Lindsey Brotherton and Duquesa Hunt finished 14th, 15th and 16th, respectively. Villareal had a time of 15:00, Brotherton was clocked at 15:02, and Hunt

ran a 15:11. Jamie Bader finished 22nd with a time of 17:08, while Gracie Terrazas was 24th with an 18:11 and Cynthia Cruz was 25th with a 20:33.

Rocksprings also won the boys' division. The Angoras finished with 16 points, while the Tigers were second with 39 points.

James Burks paced Brackett with a sixth place finish. He ran the three-mile race in 18:53.

Tony Rubio's time of 20:11 was good for

11th place, and Isaac Gutierrez finished 14th with a 21:41.

Carl Dalton and Chase Neuman finished 19th and 20th, respectively. Dalton ran a 24:45 and Neuman had a time of 28:31.

In the junior varsity boys' division, Jaime Montalvo was third with a 21:00, Tony Molinar placed seventh with a 23:35, and Jeff Luna was 11th with a 27:51.

Brackett's Ashley Smith competed in the junior high girls' division. She placed ninth after running a 15:48.

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**THE MIDDLE RIO Grande** Development Council is accepting applications for an Administrative/Planner Assistant. This position will house at the Middle Rio Grande Development Council Office in Uvalde. This position is primarily responsible for performing highly advanced professional assistance work for an executive and the coordination of the Council's Texas Review and Comment System. Work involves supervising and/or coordinating the work of technical and clerical workers. Oversees high level administrative operations of the agency division. Works under minimal supervision with extensive latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgement. Applicants must have experience in technical program areas and administrative management. Special consideration will be given to applicants that demonstrate grant application development experience and possess good writing skills. In addition, applicants with a degree from an accredited four-year college or university with major work in business administration or a related field are preferred. One year of direct experience may be substituted for each 30 college hours or two years of related experience may substitute for each year of direct experience. This position requires some travel within and outside the region. The salary range for this position depending on experience is \$21,100 through \$24,426. All qualified persons interested in applying for this position may submit a resume or application to the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, attention Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director of Administration. Application deadline for this position will be October 2, 1998 at 5:00 P.M. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

**THE MIDDLE RIO Grande** Development Council is accepting applications for an Assessment Officer I to be housed in the Crystal City Workforce Career Center. This position administers all standardized tests, interest inventory, achievement or aptitude tests, and motor or psychomotor instruments which will enable each customer to receive guidance and counseling on vocational choices necessary for job placement. Discusses and interprets results to customers and staff as appropriate. Assists all customers through Resource Center Library including employers, students, and job seeking customers. Assure that basic information and services are provided in a self-directed level and facilitates job readiness and /job matching between participants and employers in coordination with the Job Developer. Works with staff to assure that customers are provided quality services. Works closely with intake specialist and center manager to assign client cases to case managers based on the customer's needs after assessment. Works with Job Developer to prepare all clients for the job market and executes appropriate agreements with employers in conjunction with Job Developer. May be requested by case managers/center managers to counsel individual clients or groups. Minimum of a Bachelor's degree; prefer a Masters degree in a related counseling, education or human resource development field. Require at least 2 years of direct experience in testing and evaluation. One year of direct experience may be substituted for each 30 college hours or 2 years of related experience may substitute for each year of direct experience. Prefer previous experience in direct contact with the public and employers. Salary for this position depending upon experience is \$23,153 - 25,527. All qualified persons interested in applying for this position may submit an application, a resume, and copies of transcripts to the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, attention Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director of Administration. Application deadline for these positions will be October 2, 1998 at 5:00 P.M. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

**EMPLOYMENT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN: COMPUTER** skills required - Windows '95 & Corel Word Perfect. Various secretarial duties & field work involved. Salary negotiable. Applications available and resumes accepted at the Kinney County Extension Office - (830) 563-2442.

**THE MIDDLE RIO Grande** Development Council is accepting applications for the position of 9-1-1 Mapping Specialist to be housed in the Carrizo Springs Office. The requirements of this position are as follows: BA in Computer Science, Civil Engineering, Geography, Urban Planning, Public or Business Administration or other related fields preferred. Two years experience with micro computers and one year experience with mapping or CAD software, specifically ARC View, ARC Info, or AutoCAD. Experience with GPS equipment and the integration of GPS data collection into computerized mapping or CAD software suites required. Candidates will provide demonstrable evidence of mapping projects utilizing GPS/GIS techniques and other mapping modalities. Salary for this position will be negotiated based on experience and background from a salary range of \$24,771 - \$27,311. All interested persons should submit an application, a resume, and copies of transcripts to Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director of Administration, MRGDC, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834. Deadline for submission of applications is October 2, 1998. Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. For information please contact our VOICE or TDD telephone (830) 876-3533.

**THE MIDDLE RIO Grande** Development Council is accepting applications for the position of Planner II. This position is primarily responsible advanced work in organizing and delivering a process for the development and execution of a range of community development, community planning and solid waste management planning functions. Provides technical assistance in the development of local applications for state and federal programs aimed at improving the region's infrastructure, including environmental management. Works directly with cities and counties to assist in determining and prioritizing their community development needs and environmental management needs. Is responsible for the preparation and administration of CDBG grant projects. Acts as solid waste management planner and assists in research, collection and compilation of data and presentation of environmental management issues and projects. Must be able to deliver presentations on proposed project applications to the Middle Rio Grande Development Council Board of Directors, Texas Review and Comment System Committee, Regional Review Committee and the Solid Waste Task Force. Minimum requirements for this position includes, a Bachelor of Arts Degree with two years of related work experience. This position requires in-region and out-of-region travel as well as some overnight travel. Person accepting this position will be required to maintain an insured vehicle at all times. The salary range for this position depending on experience is \$25,470 - \$28,081. This position will be housed at Carrizo Springs or Uvalde. All qualified persons interested in applying for this position may submit a resume, an application, and copies of transcripts to the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, attention Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director of Administration. Deadline for this position will be Friday October 2, 1998 at 5:00 P.M. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

**THE MIDDLE RIO Grande** Development Council is accepting applications for two (2) Workforce Secretary positions, one to house in the Del Rio Workforce Career Center and the other to house in the Uvalde Workforce Career Center. These positions are primarily responsible for performing entry level secretarial work. Work involves typing letters, memoranda, and reports; taking and transcribing dictations; opening and routing mail; receiving visitors; answering the telephone and taking messages; keeping records of appointments and due date controls; maintaining routine files; and assembling and organizing materials used by the career center staff in completing work assignments. Work under the direct supervision of the Workforce Center Manager but will work to support all the workforce staff as requested. Experience in secretarial work in a large office environment is preferred. Graduation from high school or a GED equivalent is required. A minimum of two years clerical experience in direct work with public and/or workforce programs is required. Thirty hours of academic college courses may be substituted for each year of experience. These positions may require some travel within and outside the region. The salary range for this position depending on experience is \$14,094 through \$17,558. All qualified persons interested in applying for this position may submit a resume and an application to the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, attention Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director of Administration. Application deadline for these positions will be October 2, 1998 at 5:00 P.M. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request.

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**EMPLOYMENT**

**THE MIDDLE RIO Grande** Development Council is accepting applications for the position of Planner/Criminal Justice Assistant. This position is primarily responsible for organizing and maintaining project files for the development and execution of a range of community development, community planning and environmental planning and project applications. May assist in providing technical assistance in the development of local applications for state and federal programs aimed at improving the region's infrastructure, including environmental management. Assist in the preparation and administration of TCDDP grant projects. May perform research, collection and compilation of data as needed and performs research to access grants that address agency goals. Assist in planning and coordinating Criminal Justice Advisory Committee meetings as well as local community planning meetings. Assist in coordinating criminal justice technical assistance workshops. May assist in providing technical assistance to potential applicants on developing CJD project applications. Compiles data for dissemination to criminal justice entities within the region and assist in the development of progress reports as required. Assist with the development and submission of project applications and relevant documents to the Governor's Office Criminal Justice Division. Minimum requirements for this position includes, a Bachelor of Arts Degree with two years of related work experience. This position requires in-region and out-of-region travel as well as some overnight travel. Person accepting this position will be required to maintain an insured vehicle at all times. The salary range for this position depending on experience is \$21,100 - \$24,426. This position will be housed in Carrizo Springs or Uvalde. All qualified persons interested in applying for this position may submit a resume, an application, and copies of transcripts to the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, attention Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director of Administration. Deadline for this position will be Friday October 2, 1998 at 5:00 P.M. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS:** The Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board is accepting written bids from qualified vendors for consultant services. The deadline for submission of this IFB#WB091598-002 is 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 5, 1998 at the following address: Middle Rio Grande Development Council, 307 W. Noval - P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834. Bid packets may be obtained by contacting Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director of Administration, at VOICE or TDD telephone number 830-876-3533. The Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. The Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE**  
**FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD**  
**AT PUBLIC AUCTION**  
**SEIZED AND FORFEITED VEHICLES**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 1998**  
**TIME: 10:00 AM**  
**LOCATION: KINNEY COUNTY CIVIC CENTER**  
**200 EAST SPRING STREET**  
**BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS 78832**

1. ONE 1984 OLDS 2-DOOR
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**KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**NORMA J. GOMEZ**  
**(830) 563-2788**

**SIGNED THIS 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1998**  
**L.K. BURGESS**  
**KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF, BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS**