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Briefs ...

Baggett named new accounting manager

Jennifer Baggett has been named the new accounting manager at Fort Clark Springs. General Manager Maggie Banner Kerr announced Saturday during the Board of Directors meeting. Baggett began work on Monday.

"She has an accounting degree," Banner Kerr said. "I think we're going to see a big change in our accounting department with her professionalism," the general manager added.

Matrix Center has grand opening today

Matrix Rehabilitation Center is celebrating the grand opening of its Brackettville Branch today at 4 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 503 S. Ann St.

Everyone is invited to attend and is welcome to come in and tour the facility from 4 to 6 p.m.

Bible School begins Monday morning

St. John's Missionary Baptist Church is hosting Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday through Friday of next week.

Children of all ages are welcome to attend. The church is located at 116 W. Crockett St.

Golf tournament planned for Aug. 10

The Brackett Athletic Booster Club is inviting all golfers to play in its 2nd Annual Golf Tournament on Aug. 10 at Fort Clark Springs Golf Course.

The tournament is a best-ball, four-person scramble. The entry fee is \$30 per person. Door prizes and lunch will be provided.

For registration information, call Candy Hobbs at 563-2591.

Parras a fireman

Daniel Parras, son of Claudio and Iris Parras, formerly of Brackettville, recently completed training at the San Diego Firefighting Academy and is now a San Diego Fireman.

Daniel and his wife, Wendy, reside in Santee, Calif., and have three children, Tess, Isabel and Anthony.

Daniel is the grandson of Adela Meyer and Maria A. Parras, both of Brackettville.

Fort Clark Springs members call a special meeting to remove directors

Questions remain unanswered in FCS controversy

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

The members of Fort Clark Springs have called a special membership meeting to vote on the removal of five of the association's directors.

The meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Aug. 10 at Post Theater. Director Tom Saylor announced Saturday during the board's monthly meeting.

Over 400 members signed a petition requesting the special meeting to vote on removing Shirley Hadsell, Jack Simpson, Carol Miller, Glen White and Frank Cheaney from the board. Hadsell, the board president, resigned during Saturday's meeting.

White said the petition was "an attempt to stampede the people into a mob mentality to get the board thrown off."

The Preservation Society, the group which initiated the petition, says that a vote will take place at the special membership meeting. Every member of the association in good standing will receive a notification letter including the date, time, location and purpose of the membership meeting. See SIMPSON/Page 5



Williamson named to Fort Clark Board of Directors

Bob Williamson (standing, left) is sworn in Saturday as a member of the Fort Clark Springs Association Board of Directors by Frank Cheaney, board secretary. Williamson replaces Shirley Hadsell, who resigned as president of the board.

Hadsell resigns

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Shirley Hadsell resigned as president of the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors on Saturday.

She read her letter of resignation to the other board members during the association's monthly meeting.

"I'm not mad at anybody — I'm not upset about anything," Hadsell said. "I've enjoyed being on the board, but I'm very, very bored with retirement and I want to go back to work. That's why I'm resigning."

Board member Carol Miller praised Hadsell's service to the association.

"I would like to thank Shirley for all of her work over the last two and a half years," Miller said. "I think she has made a great president."

Hadsell recommended Bob Williamson as her replacement. The board unanimously voted to name Williamson a director, and he was sworn in during the meeting by Frank Cheaney, board secretary.

Salmon named new road and bridge administrator

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Robert Salmon has been named Kinney County's new road and bridge administrator.

Salmon was hired last week by the Commissioners Court during a special meeting.

"I think Robert will do an excellent job for the county," County Judge Herb Senne said. "He was the best qualified of all the applicants to do the job."

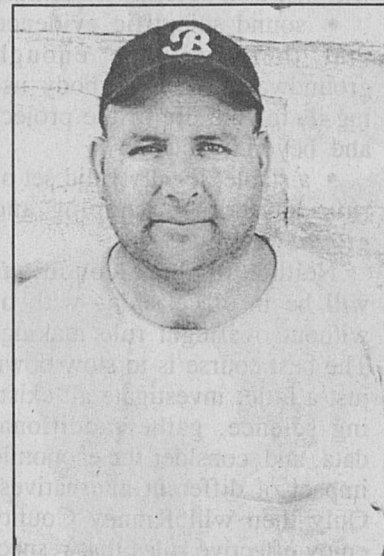
"He is a well-rounded young man that already has some experience working with heavy

equipment and working on roads," he added.

Salmon previously worked for the city of Brackettville.

Nine people applied for the position, and seven were interviewed by the court.

"One of the applicants declined when he found out it was an administrators job," Senne said. "The other person was scheduled to interview, but he had a family emergency he had to go to. Consequently, he was not interviewed, but the commissioners felt like they needed to make a selection to get the



Robert Salmon

road work that is needed to be done underway. They are working hard."

Appraisal District sets budget hearing

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

The Kinney County Appraisal District's budget will increase by 4.7 percent if it is approved. The district's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year totals \$167,272.59, which is an increase from the current budget of \$159,719.

The Appraisal District's Board of Directors has scheduled a public hearing for Aug. 9 at 5:30 to discuss the budget. Recently, the Brackettville

City Council voiced objections to the original proposed budget, which had salary increases of \$18,034.22 (25.8 percent), but the new proposal has salary increases of \$2,673.94 (3.8 percent).

The raises include an \$874.82 raise for the chief appraiser from \$31,776.47 to \$32,651.29, a \$929.91 raise for the bookkeeper/auditor from \$19,701.69 to \$20,631.60, and a \$869.21 raise for the clerk/research analyst from \$18,415.62 to \$19,284.83.

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CHASING A DREAM

Local singer loves to entertain

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Many singers have graced the small stage in the Cantina at Alamo Village, including stars such as Johnny Rodriguez, Dotsie and Linda Davis, who got their starts at the famed Kinney County movie set.

The latest is 14-year-old Brackettville sensation Jacquelyn Conoly.

"Jacquelyn has tremendous talent," said Tulisha Wardlaw of Alamo Village. "People just love to hear her sing. They are most impressed at how well she can sing for her age."

Jacquelyn's parents, Stan and Lisa Conoly, first learned about their daughter's singing talent during their annual family gatherings at Christmas. Stan and his brothers, Bill and David, sing and play guitars, and the children put on a Christmas show every year during the holidays. It was at one of those family

"I enjoy being able to perform for people. I really like to entertain."

Jacquelyn Conoly

gatherings when Jacquelyn's family discovered her beautiful voice and her amazing talent of yodeling.

Jacquelyn first performed on stage at a jamboree at Fort Clark Springs when she was 10 and she began taking voice lessons from Rocco Fortunato. Not too long after that, she performed at Alamo Village for the first time.

"It has been a real pleasure to see how she has progressed over the three years that she has been singing out here," Wardlaw said. "It is such a privilege to be a part of her singing career."

Jacquelyn feels at home on the stage, and it is evident in her performances. "I love singing," she said. "I

enjoy being able to perform for people. I really like to entertain.

"Singing at Alamo Village has been a great experience. I love it out here," Jacquelyn added.

Jacquelyn has performed at the Houston and San Antonio livestock shows the past three years. Recently, she won first place in the 4-H Roundup in Boerne, and she is singing in Savannah, Ga., Saturday at a National Association of County Agriculture Agents conference.

Jacquelyn's mother says she has "wonderful pride" when watching her daughter perform. "You have pride for all of your children for all of their accomplishments," Lisa Conoly said. "We try to keep her grounded. That's real important. Her talent is a blessing from God."

"We're very proud of her. We want her to go and do as much as she can, and we will support her along the way."



Putting on a show

Jacquelyn Conoly, 14, of Brackettville is entertaining tourists this summer at the famed Alamo Village movie set.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Editorial

City Council should follow Garza's lead

Hats off to Francisca "Chica" Garza. The recently-elected alderwoman has brought some life to the Brackettville City Council.

"I think all of us need to put a little more effort into seeing how the city operates," Garza told her fellow council members during this month's meeting. "We're getting paid to do a job here. As far as I'm concerned, I don't think we have all made a big enough effort for the citizens of Brackettville."

City Secretary David Luna proved, if unintentionally, Garza's point during the meeting.

Luna told the council that he had scheduled budget workshops at 2 p.m. on July 17 and

July 24.

"As far as the time, we had planned on different occasions to set different times," he told the elected officials. "When we changed the time from 2 to 4, then the other one would say they couldn't make it. We're going to stick to 2 o'clock and hope that you can make it."

Yes, that's right, Luna told the council members — his bosses — that he hoped they could make it to the budget workshops.

The council votes to approve or disapprove that budget and its obvious that they should be in attendance during the workshops. The first consideration when scheduling the workshops should be the council's atten-

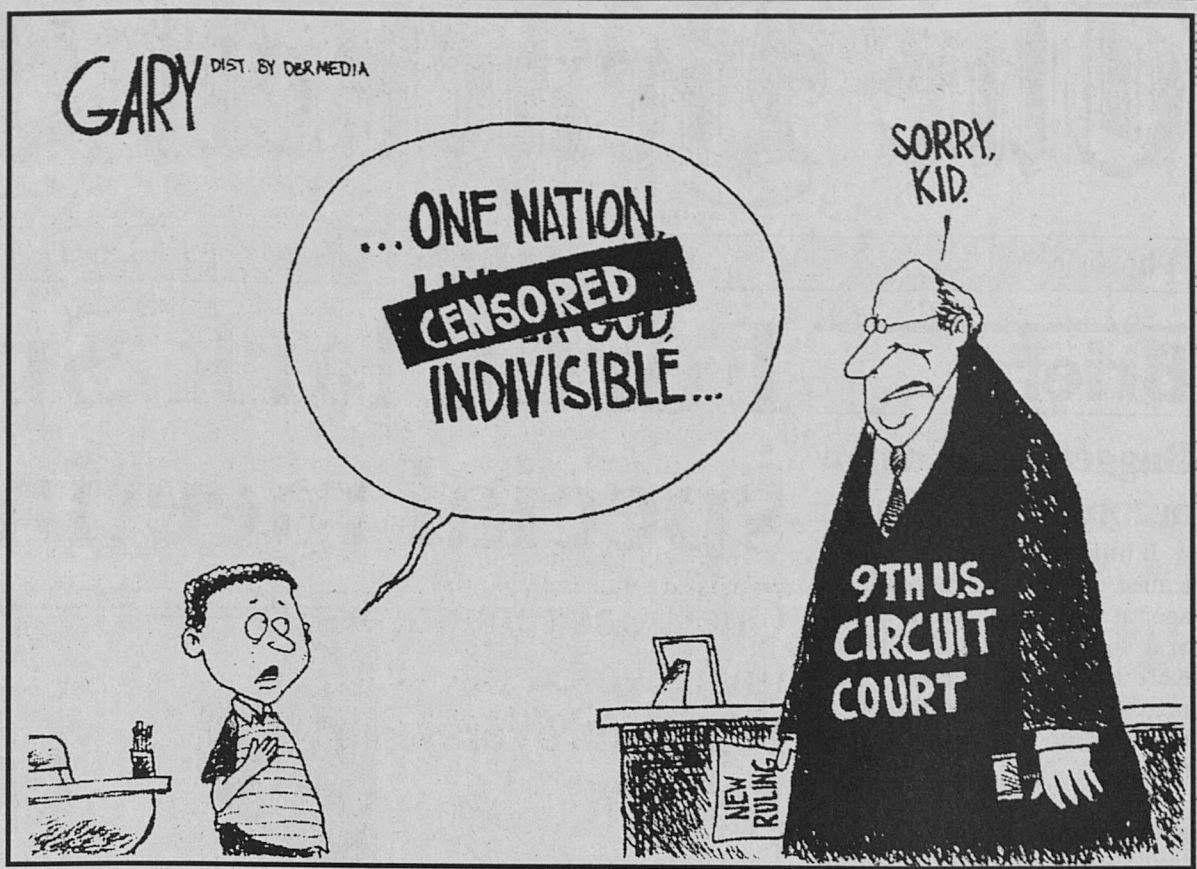
dance. Instead, it was reduced from a consideration to a "hope."

Why is a city employee scheduling the workshops rather than the council members? After all, as Garza eloquently said, they are getting paid to do a job.

We believe the council members should take Garza's lead and start earning their paychecks.

"I think we should be more involved," Garza told the City Council. "We should all be more concerned than we are. This is taxpayers' money, and we're here to do a job for them."

Thanks, Ms. Garza, for doing your job. We hope your fellow council members can learn from your example.



Letter to the Editor...

Good ol' "Cowboy Logic"

As a landowner in Kinney County, I decided to go to one of the water board meetings. The first and only one I attended was on July 15. I was there in the capacity of an interested spectator.

The board's agenda for the evening was to pass a drafted set of rules for the district to operate under.

Now, nobody needs a lawsuit, and I believe the board to be a group of honest folks who really want to do the right thing for Kinney County. It seemed to me that they were having a hard time as to how to go about it, in order to treat everyone equally. Perhaps I could offer a suggestion: we should apply some good ol' "Cowboy Logic."

If a rancher purchased a piece of land, he would get all the data he could find to determine the stocking rate on the ranch. Then, he would know how many cows, sheep or goats he could stock, and could determine how many offspring he could sell each year as a cash crop.

Wildlife is another asset. He would follow the same pattern. Once he had all the data he could find, he could make a determination as to how many animals could be taken. Once he has this number, he can decide how many hunts to sell and determine the value of the cash crop. These are called renewable assets, and ranchers have been living by them for genera-

tions. In other words, don't take any more from the land than it will renew.

It seems reasonable to me that we should follow this same "Cowboy Logic" in determining how much water to take from the aquifer.

First of all, gather all the data we can obtain, determine how much this asset will replenish annually, then take no more than that amount. I personally believe that no citizen should ask any more or less. I encourage the water board to gather all the scientific data, then make the rules accordingly. No politics, no idle talk — just good ol' "Cowboy Logic," and may God bless your efforts.

Maurice Chambers

Landowners private property rights

It was clear after the July 16th meeting of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District that the Board feels a sense of duty to Kinney County and the voters to move ahead with the District's business. The District must have formal rules to do business and to provide security to citizens concerning the continued use and enjoyment of aquifers in the county. But if the District hastily adopts rules that limit or reduce historical groundwater use, several bad outcomes can result:

- Citizen's property rights, guaranteed under the Texas Constitution, could be violated.
- There could be legal challenges to the District's rules, fought at taxpayer expense.
- A court could set unreasonable rules aside, leaving no

regulations—and no protections — for groundwater use in Kinney County.

Some say it is better to adopt rules now and "fix" them later, perhaps when more aquifer data is available. But if the District adopts bad rules in a hurry, the only certain result would be a taking of private property rights from some Kinney County landowners and large legal bills.

Many people may be surprised to learn that it is not necessary to adopt rules in a panic to prevent "water marketing" (which, by the way, is not only recognized by state law but is actually encouraged by it) from developing faster than the rules. But marketing water from Kinney County will require an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars from the buyers.

Before that happens, any buyer will insist on at least two things:

- sound scientific evidence that there will be enough groundwater for everybody using it, for the life of the project and beyond, and
- a stable, legally valid set of rules governing pumping and groundwater use.

Neither of these conditions will be in place soon—with or without overnight rule making. The best course is to slow down just a little, investigate all existing science, gather additional data, and consider the economic impact of different alternatives. Only then will Kinney County enjoy effective rules that respect both public concerns and private property rights.

Derek Saunders
Vice President
Native Valley Alliance

Letter or spirit

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

Last week I commented on the letter by Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptists. At that time I tried to find a copy of the letter from the Baptists that had prompted his response but was unable to do so. I made an assumption from the content of Jefferson's letter that he was addressing a request from these Christians that their denomination be appointed the "National Religion."

I was wrong. My brother David just sent me a copy of the letter from the Danbury Baptists to Thomas Jefferson. It turns out that they were worried about the same things we do today — the intrusion of government into their personal lives. They were not asking Jefferson to make the Baptist denomination the state religion — quite the opposite, in fact.

They said, "It is not to be wondered at therefore; if those, who seek after power and gain under the pretense of government and Religion should reproach their fellow men — should reproach their chief Magistrate, as an enemy of religion Law and good order because he will not, dare to assume the prerogatives of Jehovah and make Laws to govern the Kingdom of Christ."

In short, the Danbury Baptists were afraid of exactly what has been happening in the last few decades.

They were worried that power-seeking individuals would seek to legislate religion, establish a state religion, which would be exclusive of all other

religions, and by that, effectively outlaw the freedom of American citizens to worship as they pleased.

While my interpretation of the reason for President Jefferson's letter were admittedly faulty, my interpretation of his meaning was correct.

He was promising the Danbury Baptists that government should not and could not interfere in the free exercise of religion. The "wall of separation" was supposed to have a one-way door. Government should never tamper with religion; but, on the other hand, government without divine guidance is blind and without humanity. We are governed by laws.

They define our identity and they define our morality. There are written laws and there are unwritten laws. There is the letter of the law, and there is the spirit of the law. Here of late we have been much more worried about the letter of the law than its spirit.

We have taken the justice out of our laws and our courts and substituted process. As long as the process is followed we delude ourselves that we have seen justice done.

The guilty go free, the innocent are punished, but the process of the law has been followed, therefore justice prevails. O.J. Simpson applauds you!

The Bible is a perfect book; as such it offers a perfect ex-

ample of why the law cannot save us.

God gave Moses "The Law." The Jews took that law, expanded it, interpreted it, studied it, explained it, and eventually made it more important than Justice. They forgot the original purpose of the law — to guide their actions, not to justify them in their own eyes.

The Law should guide our actions. We should abide by the law, not worship it. There are exceptions to every law. No one can go through life without breaking some law; that is why we need God to show us the way.

We should worry more about the Spirit of the Law than the letter of the law.

What was it intended to accomplish? Was the purpose of the law to prosecute lawbreakers, or was it intended to give us a clear path and guide our actions?

If there were not lawbreakers would the law still serve any purpose? Do you realize that if we all lived by the Ten Commandments we would have no need for any civil laws? So why, if it is so easy to define our desired morality, do we continue, to try to legislate against the very basis of our entire civilization?

Isaiah 42:1 - "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations." NIV

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Protecting The Stars And Stripes

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman, 23rd Dist.

This symbol inspires our soldiers in the midst of battle and provides the direction and morale they need to protect our freedom.

It unifies our citizens in times of trouble and gives us reason to reflect on and celebrate our freedom. It is, of course, our American flag and it is perhaps the ultimate symbol of our freedom.

Throughout American history, our flag has always held the value and meaning of what it means to be an American. The Stars and Stripes continues to command respect and admiration around the world.

Freedom is America's greatest and most recognized attribute. Freedom is symbolized by our flag and the treatment of our flag is the ultimate expression of the honor we bestow upon this symbol. If we afford the flag our deepest respect, we are cherishing our freedom. When we fail to recognize the

significance of our flag, we fail to recognize the significance of our freedom. . . that it does not come without sacrifice. Many men and women have sacrificed themselves for our freedom.

We, as a nation, must recognize the thoughtful objections of our opponents and their concern that such an amendment that changes First Amendment freedoms. However, protecting the flag is imperative because it is our greatest symbol of the freedom for which we strive.

We cannot take our freedom for granted. We must teach our children and our future leaders the importance of our freedom and the American flag.

They fought to strengthen and preserve the values that America holds and that the flag represents.

It is time for the value we hold in the American flag to be reflected in our laws. By doing so, we are formally addressing the significance of the flag. More importantly, we are formally addressing the significance of our freedom.

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County adds another step to its pay scale

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Two Kinney County employees who reached the maximum step on the county's pay scale may now be eligible for a salary increase.

The Commissioners Court voted 4-1 to add an 11th step to the pay scale during its July meeting.

County Judge Herb Senne and commissioners Pat Melancon, Joe Montalvo and Francie

Wylie voted for the measure, while Commissioner Nat Terrazas opposed.

The expanded employee pay scale was recommended by the Grade and Step Committee.

The Commissioners Court also approved the Grade and Step Committee's recommended policy changes with some clarifications.

Senne said a step raise is not based on a year of service, but on performance. If the two individuals are granted step in-

creases, officials said the cost to the county in the upcoming fiscal year would be less than \$1,000.

"For an individual to receive any step, their performance and evaluation would dictate if they are eligible and the immediate supervisor would have to recommend it to the Step and Grade Committee," the county judge said. "When a year rolls around, it does not mean it's an automatic advancement to the next step. It is based on perfor-

mance." Sandy Watkins, the county's auditor, said the additional step on the pay scale is a 2.5 percent increase from the 10th step.

"There's only so many dollars in the pool that we have for pay," Senne told the court. "There's nothing wrong with sending a message to our employees that says this is all we're going to be able to pay for this job. If we add an additional step, we're just adding a few more dollars in that pool that we'll

have to come up with in the budgeting process."

Carolyn Rutherford, the county's EMS director, said the committee recommended the addition to the pay scale to encourage employees to stay with the county.

"Once they reach the top of their limit pay-wise, they would be discouraged to stay," Rutherford said.

"As department heads, if we can try to get step raises stepped out over a period of years, it al-

lows that employee the opportunity to expand as you go, rather than hiring somebody initially close to the top level. Eventually, if everybody stays their whole career, then everybody eventually will top out.

"It is a constant, steady process, rather than initially bumping them up as high as you can go," she added.

Rutherford added that the majority of the county employees are between Step 1 and Step 4 on the pay scale.

Resolution to raise fuel tax rates by 40 percent is 'ridiculous,' officials say

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Officials from two counties have asked the state legislature to raise the fuel tax rates in Texas by 40 percent.

Kinney County leaders called the proposal "ridiculous."

The Commissioners Court declined to pass the resolution asking for the tax increase during its monthly meeting on Monday.

The resolution has been passed by officials in Bandera and Concho counties.

Under the proposal, the amount allotted to the state's County and Road District Highway Fund would increase from \$7.3 million to an estimated \$387.2 million.

"I think it is excessive," Precinct 1 Commissioner Francie Wylie said. "It's ridiculous. I don't think it would ever fly. The legislature is not going to do that."

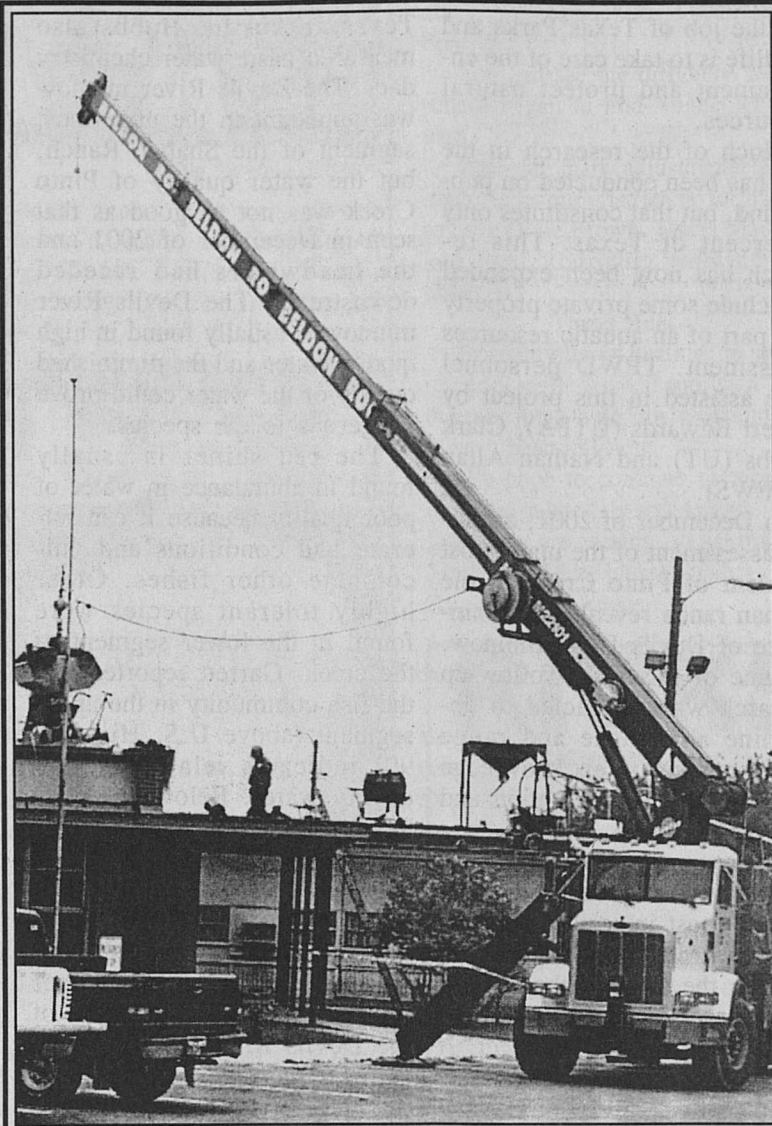
Other funds generated by the state fuel tax are distributed to the Texas Department of Transportation, the Available School

Fund and the Comptroller's Office.

"The additional revenue could mean a huge boost for county road maintenance," said Allen Amos of the Rural County Judges Association.

The resolution passed in Bandera County lists the following advantages of the tax rate increase and revised allocation formula:

- Increased revenue for county road and bridge upgrades and maintenance in all counties without increasing property taxes.
- Spreads the burden for county road and bridge upgrades and maintenance across the motoring public.
- Will assist all counties rather than the few targeted special state bond issues.
- Will enable local officials in all counties to make road and bridge upgrade and maintenance decisions that best address local needs.
- Provide funds that can be leveraged for even greater benefit.
- Provide jobs.



Roof repairs
Construction crews have been busy at the Brackettville schools, repairing roofs and other damage caused by hail storms over the past year.

Saylor's letter upsets Fort Clark member

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Fort Clark Springs member Horace Troy said he was upset by Director Tom Saylor's letter to the editor in last week's edition of *The Brackett News*.

Troy voiced his feelings during the member discussion portion of the association's board meeting Saturday morning.

In Saylor's letter, he apologized for the actions of Maggie Banner Kerr, general manager of the fort.

"I am disappointed and embarrassed," Saylor said in the letter. "I am also extremely disappointed with the majority of my colleagues on the board, because they are content to tolerate, without question, a management style that is a formula for ruination."

During the meeting, Troy said: "I cannot imagine anyone apologizing for my actions, whether they be good or bad. I am responsible for my actions, you are not."

Board member Carol Miller was also offended by the letter.

"I think that people in glass houses should not be throwing

rocks," Miller said.

Fort Clark member Rudy Brenk told Troy he was "totally wrong."

"The Board of Directors hires the general manager. The Board of Directors is responsible for what is going on. The final analysis is the board is responsible. Therefore, the apology by a director for the actions is completely OK. You are wrong," Brenk said.

Director Glen White praised Banner Kerr during the meeting.

"When we were elected to the board, the fort was in a real mess," he said. "We were elected to make changes. We hired a lady who was willing to shoulder the responsibility. You cannot make a feather bed without ruffling feathers, and she has to ruffle some feathers to get some action. That's what we want her to do."

During his statement, Troy referred to *The Brackett News* as the "scandal sheet."

Jewel Robinson, publisher of *The Brackett News*, told Troy: "I find it most interesting that on Thursday you are one of the first ones in line to buy the scandal sheet."

Appraisal District receives high marks

The Kinney County Appraisal District has received high marks for the third consecutive year from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Property Tax Division for its uniformity and level of property appraisals.

The final results of the annual Property Value Study for 2001 awarded the Kinney County Appraisal District (KCAD) an overall 98 percentile for median level of appraisal. This secures maximum state funding for Brackett ISD. The findings of the study are reported to all members of the Texas Legislature.

The Property Tax Division also estimates the total taxable value of property in each school district and certifies these values

to the Commissioner of Education.

The KCAD is a county special district and political subdivision of the state. Its mission is to discover, list and value property in the county, and to assess and collect property taxes for the county taxing units with assurance of fair and equal treatment for all taxpayers.

The KCAD is charged by the Texas Constitution to appraise property at its market value, which is typically the cash or cash equivalent price at which a property would sell from a willing seller to a willing buyer in an arm's-length transaction. The market value of property is determined by the application of recognized appraisal methods

and techniques.

The annual Property Value Study determined if appraisals in the district for various categories of property were within 95 percent of market value.

In the 2001 study, 78 Kinney County properties were selected at random and appraised by Property Tax Division appraisers. The state's opinion of value was then compared to the KCAD's appraised value to determine appraisal uniformity. The results by category were: single family residences, 97 percent; rural property, 98 percent; commercial property, 97 percent; and utility property 102 percent. The certified total taxable value for the Brackett ISD was \$326,738,078.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, July 14
11:45 p.m., Orlando B. Aviles, 39, of Snyder was arrested by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie for public intoxication. Aviles was released two days later for time served.

Tuesday, July 16
7:16 a.m., A 911 caller reported cattle on Highway 334. Deputy Karl Chism was notified.

10:30 p.m., Francisco R. Martiarena, 57, of San Antonio was arrested for DPS warrants, speeding and no insurance by Trooper Wylie and Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo.

Wednesday, July 17
9:37 p.m., A woman requested an officer. Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. was advised.

Thursday, July 18
1:29 a.m., Deputy Pena reported graffiti on the wall of the DPS office and on the softball field.

6:10 p.m., Sheriff Buddy Burgess reported someone shooting signs on Highway 334.
9 p.m., Angel DeHoyos, 18, of Brackettville was arrested for assault of a public servant by Deputy Pena.

At an unknown time, Richard

Ward, 54, and Diana Ward, 48, both of Brackettville, were arrested for possession of a controlled substance by DPS Trooper Juan Lozano. Richard Ward was released three days later on bond. Diana Ward was taken to Wackenhut and released the next day on bond.

Friday, July 19
7:50 p.m., Eduardo Pena, 32, of Brackettville was arrested by Sheriff Burgess for probation violation. Pena was released two days later.

8:55 p.m., The Uvalde Police Department reported a broken down vehicle three miles from the check point. Deputy Pena responded.

9:27 p.m., A man reported a man beating up on his girlfriend. Chief Alonzo was notified.

10 p.m., Luis Flores Jr., 40, of Brackettville was arrested for assault family violence by Chief Alonzo.

Saturday, July 20
10:53 a.m., A 911 call was received. Deputy Chism responded to an accident on Highway 90 west. The Val Verde Sheriff's Office and Val Verde EMS officials were also notified

of the accident.

10:40 a.m., A woman reported graffiti on the fence on the back side of her residence.

11 p.m., Juan Florentino Flores, 19, of Brackettville was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol by Deputy Pena.

11 p.m., Daniel Christopher Ingram, 20, of Brackettville was arrested for driving while intoxicated, no driver's license, no inspection sticker, no insurance and minor in possession of alcohol by Deputy Pena.

At an unknown time, a woman requested a city employee to pick up the three dogs that had been caught in a trap.

Sunday, July 21
7 p.m., Luis Casarez, 31, of Eagle Pass was arrested for speeding, no driver's license, unrestrained child and no insurance by Trooper Wylie.

8:41 p.m., Deputy Pena and EMS responded to an overdose of medication.

10 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to a situation between two families.

10:10 p.m., A woman requested a deputy in reference of someone threatening her over the phone.

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Mortgage burning
Lions Club members Lou Sofaly (from left), Peter Pohl and Tom Saylor, president, look on as Lynn McNew prepares to light the fire at the mortgage burning ceremony last Thursday at the Lions Club Thrift Store.

Proud grandfather

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

I have a new grandson. He was born July 12 at the Nix Hospital in San Antonio.

He didn't relinquish his surroundings easily. He came kicking and yelling into this world.

Karla was crying, Terry was crying, Connie was crying, the doctor was crying.

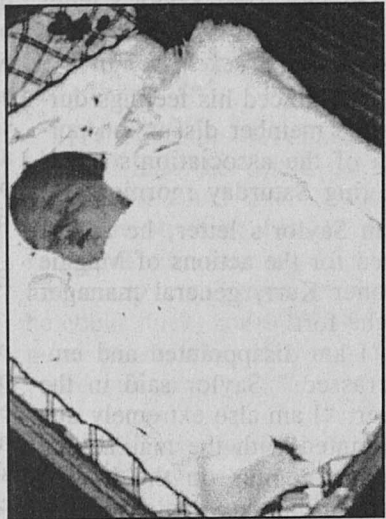
Where was I? I was sleeping. It's a tough job, but somebody had to do it.

Tanner already has had more love shed on him than most people will ever know. His parents can't take their eyes off of him.

He is rather cute. I don't want him to grow up too soon, but I am eager to have him share adventures with his granddad.

I want to be with him when he catches his first fish. I hope I'm around when he takes those first shaky steps.

I want to be around to watch him play baseball, football and hopefully ride in a rodeo. I want



Tanner Dawson Bowman

to be a major part of his growing up.

I hope I don't sound like a doting grandfather, but I guess that's just what I am.

I know I'll spoil him, but that's my job.

If you don't want to hear about my grandchildren, then you'd better not read this column for the next few weeks. But I could be wrong.

TPW officials research Devils River minnow

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club met last Thursday at Las Moras Inn Restaurant to hear Gary Garrett, a research biologist from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at the Heart of the Hills Fisheries Science Center near Kerrville. Darlene Shahan, program chairperson for the month of July, presented introduced Garrett. He spoke on his current research that focuses on restoration of threatened and endangered native Texas fishes and habitats. Garrett explained that the job of Texas Parks and Wildlife is to take care of the environment and protect natural resources.

Much of the research in the past has been conducted on public land, but that constitutes only 3 percent of Texas. This research has now been expanded to include some private property as a part of an aquatic resources assessment. TPWD personnel were assisted in this project by Robert Edwards (UTPA), Clark Hubbs (UT) and Nathan Allan (USFWS).

In December of 2001, an initial assessment of the uppermost segment of Pinto Creek at the Shahan ranch revealed an abundance of Devils River minnow. In June of this year, follow-up research was conducted to determine abundance and range of the minnow. This knowledge is essential to conservation and recovery efforts.

Garrett remarked that pragmatically saving one species is not the most important point of the research. The importance rests in the state of the species since it acts as an indicator of the state of the environment. If we do not act to preserve our resources, we will lose more and more and eventually it could be people that go.

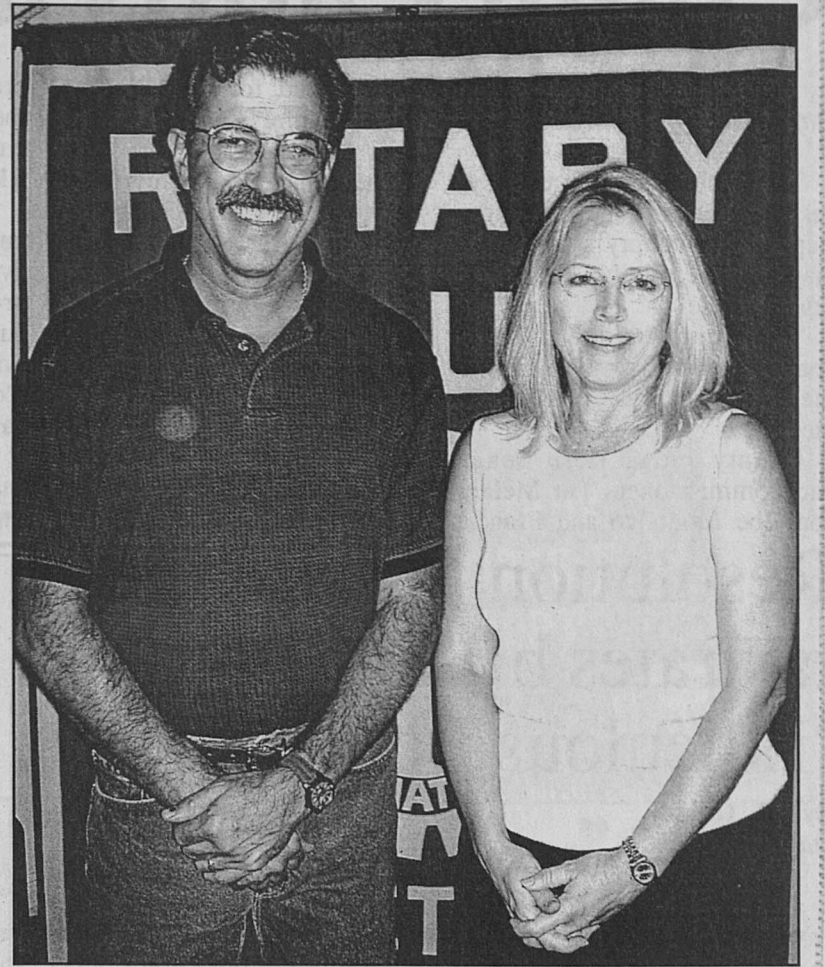
Conservationists are concerned with 25 percent of the fish in Texas. If the habitat of a species becomes too restricted, if there isn't enough water, or if

that water is polluted, one thing can go wrong and the species can be lost. For example, in East Texas there is a fish fossil that once swam with the dinosaurs. It lived once and is no longer with us; and we lose species continually.

In this recent trip by TPWD, five landowners provided access to their land and 31 collections were taken from 16 sites along Pinto Creek. Almost 7,000 fish were collected and representative samples taken. These will be preserved and kept in the Texas Natural History Collections at the University of Texas at Austin. Hubbs also measured basic water chemistry data. The Devils River minnow was abundant in the uppermost segment of the Shahan Ranch, but the water quality of Pinto Creek was not as good as that seen in December of 2001 and the headwaters had receded downstream. The Devils River minnow is usually found in high quality water and the diminished quality of the water could prove dangerous to the species.

The red shiner is usually found in abundance in water of poor quality because it can tolerate bad conditions and out-compete other fishes. Other highly tolerant species were found in the lower segment of the creek. Garrett reported that the fish community in the upper segment (above U.S. Highway 90) indicates relatively high quality water. Below Highway 90, this is not the case.

"If the water quantity and quality of Pinto Creek were further compromised, it would likely mean a change in fish community structure in the upper segment and the extirpation of the Devils River minnow," he said. It has been documented that the Devils River minnow is no longer living in Las Moras Springs, and Fort Clark is working with TPWD to re-establish it. The best way to recover it is by pulling the springs back into its former condition. The fort has ceased treating the swim-



Texas Parks and Wildlife research biologist Gary Garrett is welcomed to the Rotary Club meeting by Darlene Shahan, program chairwoman.

ming pool with chlorine once a week but power-clean it like Barton Springs and other springs in that area. Knowledge gained by research can help solve problems of endangerment to the environment. When water rights are involved, everyone starts working to protect their own interests. Water is a precious commodity and because individuals differ in their needs, conflict occurs. However, if the people threatened by these problems can get together and find where needs and goals coincide, solutions can be found. Small communities become concerned that larger cities will tap into their aquifer and dry up their springs as happened to Balmorhea Springs and Comanche Springs at Fort Stockton, but an imaginative project solved the problem at Balmorhea Springs. Prisoners of

the Texas Prison System who were incarcerated for minor crimes built a state park. The water from the spring was collected and some of it funneled into an irrigation canal and some provided wetlands for wild life.

The project served as a boon to the community. An observation deck was built that provided viewers the opportunity to see under the water level. This draws tourists and provides ideal field trips for students. Bird watchers now come to see birds attracted to the wet lands. The wet lands also serve as an ideal habitat for fish.

In addition to working for TPWD, Garrett serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Texas, Texas A&M and Southwest Texas State University. Rotarians expressed appreciation for his visit and for sharing his expertise.

RELIGION

Heaven and earth

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

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor

sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. Psalms 121.

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Search for your own personal gifts

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

Like you, there's a number of things that I can do quite well. I preach, I act and I write cowboy poetry, all of which comes from the heart.

For the most part, I am a terrible song writer. I have heard it said, that poetry is merely songs (Lyrics) without the benefit of music. I will admit that every piece of poetry, that I have written has a distinct rhythm (beat) of it's own.

I believe that songs are meant to be sung and poetry is meant to be recited. I have written some two dozen poems, with God's help, I have written two (worthwhile) songs, also with God's help. The first was written back in 1988, many of you have heard me sing it (badly I might add), it is entitled simply "he knew me."

Being a gift from God, I have sung it at every opportunity (several churches and on the streets of Alamo Village for 10 years) that God gave me.

I recently sang it for country music star, Randy Travis. Randy liked it a lot and promised to play with it. To see what he might do with it, because it was written in an unconventional format.

It has four verses, eight lines to a verse, that's 32 lines and no chorus, no hook!

I know what you're saying to your self, "Well Dave, it sounds like a poem to me!" You're right! Only I hear the music and it was meant to be sung! After 14 years, God has just given me another song, with a definite hook. It is entitled, "Just me and you and Jesus." Like "He knew me," I hear the music to "just me and you and Jesus," as well.

As I write this, I have the por-

table telephone laying on the table, waiting for Randy to call me back. He is on tour and a little hard to reach. Both songs are a tribute to God, they are also a testimonial as to my feelings about God, my need to be close to him, everyday. David and his son Solomon, wrote hundreds of songs to, for and about God. About their love for him and their need to be close to him, in the Psalms and proverbs.

The only similarity between David, Solomon and myself, is that we are all three God's children and loved by Him, that is where the similarity ends.

Like David and Solomon, I recognize the many blessings that God bestows upon me constantly, such as my personal gifts. You may or may not know, that God has given you, personal gifts (abilities) as well, perhaps, you have been blessed with the ability to sing, dance or

play a musical instrument? I was not! Perhaps, you are athletic and excel in sports? I am/did not! Perhaps, you are a scholar, with brilliant mental intellect? I am not! Perhaps, Like me, you did not or have not, figured out what your gifts are? I was nearly 30 years old before, I found my gift (talent) lying below my nose, my mouth. My mouth when synchronized with my brain could say wonderful things. I could speak in a talented way.

I believe that with God's help, that I could have been a great legislator or lawyer or anything else that demands convincing speech. I also believe, that I have only scratched the surface of the infinite possibilities.

I invite you to search for and find your own personal gifts, then put them to use for the glory of God and you will soar like an eagle. You have God's word on it!

Brighten someone's day with a hug

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

For many years I had a cartoon on my refrigerator that said, "A hug meets the minimum daily requirements of everything you need."

Over the years the cartoon has disappeared, but the sentiment has not. I have always been a "huggy" person, as my former students will attest.

Hugs are good! There have been many studies done which tell about the effects of touch and a person's mental health.

I remember a film I watched

years ago in a college education course I was taking. Basically the story was about a young boy who was ignored. No one talked to him much and more importantly, no one ever gave him any physical contact no-one ever hugged him. Eventually he died, he just sort of disappeared, he did not feel wanted or loved. That was one of the saddest films I ever saw and I have never forgotten it.

We have an expression in our family, when someone is having a bad day, we say that person needs a hug. And I guarantee it works. Hugs can always

make you feel better.

My children are huggers. Nothing makes me feel better when I see one of my sons after a long separation than to be wrapped in a big bear hug. My daughter has had to learn as a junior high teacher that; unfortunately, you have to be very careful about who you should hug. Our grandchildren are all experienced huggers and love it.

Our society has become such that hugging is sometimes frowned upon. I agree that inappropriate touching should never be allowed, but hugging is not inappropriate and in fact

is necessary.

So find someone to hug today. If you see me, I would be happy to have a hug-I'll hug you back!

Hug your spouse, hug your children, hug someone who is sad or ill, hug someone because you are happy.

Any reason for a hug is good. In fact, I don't think you need a reason to give someone a hug-just do it!

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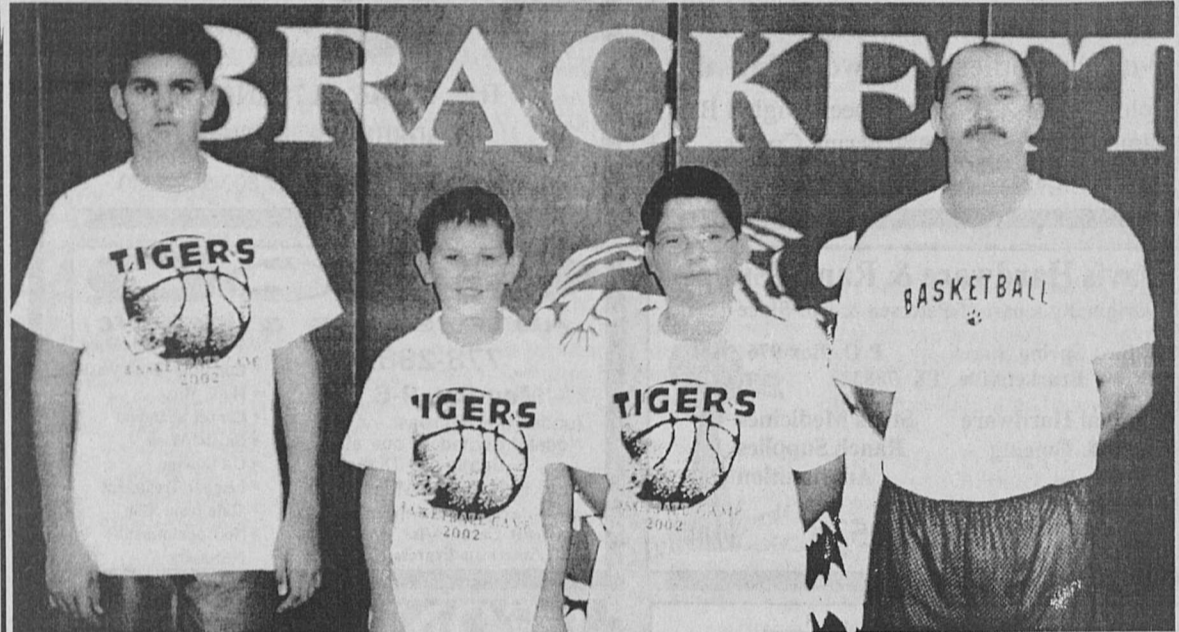
God Bless You!

Read The Brackett News to find out what's going on in Kinney County.



Girls basketball camp
Participating in the Brackett girls' basketball camp last week were, top row (from left): Coach Tiffany Blore, Daphne Hunt, Bailee Allen, Alanna Conoly, Jolisa Wright and Cassandra Gomez. Middle row: Amber Castilla, Natasha Smith, Nadine Terrazas, Ashley Stephenson, Cristi Gomez and Mari Juarez. Bottom row: Cheyenne Billings, Summer Allen, Alexis Buecher, Emily Fuentes and Krystal Rangel.

Photo by Jewel Robinson



Boys basketball camp
Participating in the Brackett boys' basketball camp last week were Michael Stephenson (from left), Chris Blake, Joe Anthony Sanchez and Coach Ricky Creel. Not pictured: Sam Childress.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Changing fiscal years helps school district

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

Changing fiscal years to July 1 through June 30 is already paying dividends.

Teachers who left supply orders in May should have those supplies before the first day of school.

The budget allows for supplies to be ordered beginning July 1. Previously, new supplies could be ordered Sept. 1.

You can see the difficulty when school began in mid-August in the past.

There are many adjustments to be made, and our district is fortunate to have Dixie Brown, Marla Madrid and Patti Rodriguez working on changes.

Texas Heat

Brackettville is heating up after our cool spell. We will approach 100 degrees for a high this weekend. It is very beautiful now.

We hope to continue to receive moisture in late July and August. The Dog Days are coming, so get ready. Maybe, we'll be blessed with a cool August. Who knows?

Local Politics

The political arguments that go on in our county continue to disgust me.

We have such a good place to live. We don't seem to ever be happy with those folks who represent us.

There are many issues that I don't have complete knowledge of. I don't have the time now to serve on those boards to help make the tough calls. The school is challenging enough for me at the present time.

I hope some day that we can all get together on the same team — city, county, school, Chamber of Commerce, Fort Clark Springs, MUD and maybe even the water district board.

Until we figure out a way to work together, we'll never be all that we can be.

There are many more factors to unite us than to divide us. We need to look for those and make our community the best that it can be!

Facility Improvements

We continue to make improvements to BISD. Currently, we are replacing carpet and tile in the fifth and sixth grade building, along with

some painting.

We hope to award the bid on the Fitness Center soon. The roofing project is progressing. Gravel is almost complete on the built up roofs at Jones Elementary and the High School Annex.

This week's projects include the New Gym. I hope to find a better name for this gym some day.

A metal roof will be put in place on both of the school gyms — old and new. The Old Gym needs a better name also.

Band Director

We're still looking for a band director. All other positions have been filled.

We've advertised extensively. This next week, I will recruit at the Texas Bandmasters Association Convention in San Antonio.

Family Fun

Last week, we spent a few days in Ruidoso, N.M. We didn't do the horse races or the casinos — we just had some family fun along the Ruidoso River.

It was a nice change, but we're happy to be home in Kinney County. Have a great week!

Jones Elementary begins registration Monday

Brackett School District officials have announced its registration dates and times for the upcoming school year.

Jones Elementary School will register students beginning Monday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

Brackett High School registration will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with seniors on Aug. 13, juniors on Aug. 14, sophomores on Aug. 15 and freshmen on Aug. 16.

BRIEFS

Meet the Tigers

The Brackett Athletic Booster Club invites athletes and their parents to attend the Meet the Tigers and Tigerettes pot luck dinner.

The dinner will be held at 7 p.m. on Aug. 16 at the Civic Center.

Parents are asked to bring a covered vegetable dish or a dessert.

Teacher Training

Brackett ISD is sponsoring an Intel-supported teacher training beginning on Aug. 6.

Teachers will receive a stipend, software and be eligible to win a digital camera.

To sign up, visit the Intel website at www.intel.com/education/teach. Brackett ISD is in the University of North Texas system.

For more information, call Candy Hobbs at 563-2591.

Simpson confirms signing petition to remove members of FCS board

Continued from Page 1

meeting within the next week.

Officials from the Preservation Society said they are following the Fort Clark Springs Declaration and bylaws and are in consultation with an attorney.

Numerous questions concerning the legality of the special membership meeting have been asked by the directors themselves.

The petition has not been presented to the board, and Carol Miller claims it is up to the directors to call the meeting.

"We have no proof that 400 members want a meeting," she said. "There is no call to have a members' meeting. There has been no 400 signatures that have been verified. There is nothing there."

Hadsell added: "The board will set a meeting if it's necessary, and set the date of that meeting."

Miller also said the bylaws require a vote of the members to be conducted by mail ballot.

"I think that anybody should be willing to let all the members vote, not just a few at a meeting," White said.

Hadsell added: "It stands to reason that you are correct there because the board was elected by the entire membership and not by a group of 400 or 500."

Cheaney, the board's secretary, outlined the procedures for a special meeting of the mem-

Removal of Fort Clark Springs directors

Over 400 members of Fort Clark Springs have signed a petition to call a special meeting to remove Shirley Hadsell, Jack Simpson, Carol Miller, Glen White and Frank Cheaney from the Board of Directors for the following reasons:

- Improper use of monies received from insurance company for repairing hail-damaged roofs and misleading statements concerning monies.
- Numerous complaints from Unit 1 concerning inadequacy of garbage pick-up methods and outside lighting left unrepaired.
- Continued support of the general manager's micro-management techniques in spite of grievances filed, numerous firings with 'not eligible for rehire' included in the record, whole department resignations at once, harassment of employees, intimidation and general inability to maintain a working team of employees after almost a year.
- Interference with a long-standing club, previously sanctioned by the Board of Directors.
- Use of equipment/vehicle by contracted labor.

bership in the association's July newsletter. Fort Clark Springs member Rudy Brenk publicly questioned the procedure in a letter, citing statutes in the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Acts.

The board discussed the procedure with its attorney, Haygood Gulley, during a workshop last week.

"We have to harmonize between what has been passed by the association and what is in the statutes," Gulley told the directors. "Most of this will be found in the law and different court cases. It's not going to be found strictly by reading the statutes."

Gulley said it would take him a week to 10 days to do research and come to a conclusion.

Also during Saturday's meeting, Simpson confirmed that he signed the petition.

"All of my friends were coming to me and saying to me, 'Well, we really don't want to get rid of you, but we signed the petition.' My comment to them was, 'My name was second on the list so you want to get rid of me. If you don't want me on the board, let me help you get rid of us.' So I signed the petition for that reason.

"I didn't sign it to get rid of these board members. I signed it to get rid of myself so maybe they can benefit a little better. If my friends don't want me on there, I don't need to be on the board."

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donkey; 9. Detergent; 10. Hawaii.

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: WRITERS

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

1. In the 16th century, who predicted World War I and World War II?
2. What now-defunct political party won its last national election with the Zachary Taylor-Millard Fillmore ticket in 1848?
3. What did Hyman L. Lipman add to pencils in 1858?
4. What '86 Dionne Warwick hit had guest shots by Elton John, Gladys Knight and Stevie Wonder?
5. What fruit did the typical American eat 135 of in 1910 but only 48 in 1990?
6. What French president said, "China is a big country, inhabited by many Chinese"?
7. What left-handed guitar player amazed the crowd at the first Monterey Pop Festival?
8. What did Thomas Nast first draw the Democratic party as in 1870?
9. What phosphorous source was banned in the 1960s, saving Lake Onondaga from algae-sewage, detergent or fertilizer?
10. In what future state did Captain James Cook die in 1779?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 25....Cecilia Ann Pena	July 28.....Tom Fierova
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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
An exciting opportunity is about to come your way. Don't miss out on it. This weekend, let others do the talking.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
It's a good week for you to sit back and observe, particularly at work. Co-workers can give you some insight. Toward the latter part of the week, you're relaxed and happy.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Time is at a premium this week. It seems you can't find enough of it to get things done. Your best bet is to prioritize and not try to do everything at once.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
The homefront is in a state of chaos this week. Happily, family members pitch in to do what must be done. This weekend, a social outing provides relief.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
It's not like you to be indecisive. Try to get to the bottom of what's troubling you. By week's end, you can sort this out with a bit of effort.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
A child is in a rebellious mood. It's best to nip this in the bud before it gets out of hand. Show clearly who's the boss!

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
You spend some time redecorating and spiffing up your living quarters. Aesthetics are important to you. It's what provides your required balance in life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
A major breakthrough occurs at work. It will have everyone scurrying around to complete a certain project. Take advantage of the weekend to rest.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
Your well-aimed barbs have found their mark. Unfortunately, they were a bit too sharp. Spend some time making amends.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
A project which has you puzzled should be put on the back burner for now. Giving time and distance to it provides perspective. This weekend, a family member is out of sorts.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
You're so busy this week, you don't have time for friends. However, you accomplish much. Use the weekend to catch up with pals.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
You make sense out of a situation which baffles you. By midweek, you're back on track. A weekend party provides lots of fun.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Alcott
2. Baum
3. Bronie
4. Buck
5. Capote
6. Cather
7. Chaucer
8. Chekhov
9. Dickens
10. Dumas
11. Hardy
12. Hawthorne
13. Hemingway
14. Kipling
15. Melville
16. Stowe
17. Thoreau
18. Tolstoy
19. Twain
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