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Fort Clark Springs: A new city?

Members to discuss city issue Aug. 14

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Fort Clark Springs members will be able to discuss the issue of incorporating into a municipality at Town Hall meeting on Aug. 14.

A member discussion during Saturday's monthly Board of Directors meeting turned into a question-and-answer session between Maurice Kerzee and the board.

"We will address this whole issue on Aug. 14," said Tom Saylor, president of the board. "It will be the only subject discussed at the meeting."

Kerzee asked the directors: "If this is not the place to do it, before our representatives, where is the place to do it?"

"He just told you several times we're going to have a meeting in August," Director Ray Reyna said. "Everybody will be able to present their side."

Kerzee said he wanted the minutes to reflect that he was "kicked out of this meeting and I failed to talk with this board."

Kerzee was not kicked out of the meeting, but the directors did choose to adjourn after his questions led to personal attacks on individuals in attendance.

"You didn't address the board — you did not make a presentation," Saylor told Kerzee. "I'm not going to get into an argument with you here. We're not going to debate this issue. We'll do that later."

Kerzee was questioning the board about the ad hoc committee studying the feasibility of forming a city within Fort Clark

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Photo by J.J. Guidry

Should Fort Clark become a municipality?

Fort Clark Springs Association board members Tom Saylor (from left), Nolan Brandt, Howard Wakefield and Monica White listen to presentations Saturday as members expressed their objections to efforts to incorporate a municipality within the fort. A Town Hall meeting is slated Aug. 14 to discuss the issue.

Haenn speaks out against incorporation

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Bill Haenn appealed to the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors Saturday that members abandon the campaign to form a municipality within the fort.

Haenn is the county's chief appraiser. He is a former general manager and director of the association.

"Mr. (Nat) Mendleson created the absolute model homeowners' association — a model for everybody else to follow. All we have to do is get that model out, blow the dust off it and start

working it the way it was intended to be worked, and we will succeed," he told the board.

Haenn said he volunteered to serve on the Exploration Committee two months ago, but has not been contacted by any of the committee members.

"Since the committee has never contacted me, I did my own exploration," he said. "I analyzed several courses of action and I arrived at some supportable conclusions, which I hope you will consider because the future of our community is at stake."

Haenn first debunked the rumor that the city of Brackettville plans to annex the fort.

"I asked the question to the City Council and the mayor at their June City Council meeting," Haenn said. "The mayor's response was, 'If it came before us, we would consider it.' The next week, the mayor called me on the phone at my office and said, 'What on earth were you talking about?' They have absolutely no intention whatsoever of annexing Fort Clark Springs."

"Since that time, I've had two other city councilmen, Mr. (Matt) Bland and Tully Welch visit my office, and not only inquire into what on earth is annexation, but that they have no intention of doing annexation of Fort Clark Springs."

Haenn referenced a pamphlet distributed by the state which specifies the requirements for the incorporation of a city, town or village. He said the pamphlet lists the advantages and disadvantages of incorporating as a city.

"When we read through those advantages and disadvantages, Fort Clark Springs, as it's presently organized, can accomplish every single one of those things that a city can do," he said. "The

only one is to prevent another city from annexing the community, which I stated is very remote, if not completely unlikely. "Fort Clark Springs can basically do everything now that a city can do," Haenn added.

The chief appraiser said the immediate disadvantage of incorporation would be a new municipal tax imposed on the residents.

"I don't know what's gained by that, especially since that we can already do what a city does," he said.

Several arguments have been

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Sign-up for water board election begins Aug. 4

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Local citizens will soon have the opportunity to shape the future of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District. All seven members of the Board of Directors are up for election on Nov. 2.

The board formally called for

an election during the district's monthly meeting last Thursday.

Cecil Smith, president of the board, originally said sign-up for the election would begin July 5. It was announced last week that the period to file for candidacy will begin at 1 p.m. on Aug. 4 and continue through 5 p.m. on Sept. 2.

"They said we had to do

this," Smith said. "It came out of the Secretary of State's Office, that we would do it this way. They sent us a little diagram. We have to do it exactly this way."

Applications for candidacy are available at the water district office in the County Annex on E. Ellen Street or in the County Clerk's Office in the Courthouse. Applications have to be

filed with Darlene Shahan, the general manager of the district, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 1 to 5 p.m., at the district office.

The resolution passed last week stipulates that a drawing to determine the order of candidates' names on the ballot will be conducted by the general manager no later than Sept. 7.

The board members up for election include Smith, Chuck Hall, Tootsie Herndon, Don Hood, Dub Miller, Christopher Ring and Hadley Wardlaw.

Directors will be elected for each of the four county precincts, as well as at-large positions for the city of Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs Municipal Utility District and Kinney

County.

The board members elected for Precinct 4, the city of Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs Municipal Utility District and Kinney County will serve four-year terms, while the directors elected to represent Precincts 1, 2, and 3 will serve two-year terms, according to the resolution.



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Brackettville street sweeper?

A Brackettville city truck transports a load of brush to the dump area located on the east side of town. The brush was grazing the road, giving the appearance of a street sweeper.

Council members to pick list of city secretary applicants to interview

The Brackettville City Council is slated to select a list of applicants to interview for the position of city secretary.

Council members will discuss the list of applications in closed session during a special meeting tonight at 6 at the City Annex, located on U.S. Highway 90 West. The alderman are then expected to adopt a list of candidates to interview at a future meeting.

The city secretary's position has been vacant since Bonnie Wardlaw resigned in May.

Wardlaw was hired as city secretary on Oct. 14. She was elected to the City Council in May of last year and served four months before resigning to apply for the city secretary's position.

The city budget includes a salary of \$22,500 for the position of city secretary.

"I don't think, if we ask for somebody with a degree, that they will be willing to come in and take this amount of money," Mayor Joe Garza Jr. said. "We have to look at education. I think education is a pivotal point. It's like the old saying goes, 'what you pay for is what

you get.' If we're going to insist on someone with a degree, then we're going to have perpetuate in terms of money."

The aldermen agreed not to stipulate specific education requirements for a city secretary. "There are qualified people that can do the job that may or may not have a college degree," Councilman Tully Welch said. "To a point, yes, you get what you pay for, but the last guy we had here making over \$50,000 didn't have a high school diploma, and you saw what we got and what we paid for."

"If we find there's a qualified person that doesn't have a college degree, I don't think that should keep them from getting the job necessarily," he added.

The council agreed that the salary would remain the same, but did discuss amending the budget to increase the amount if necessary.

"I do agree to a large extent that, if we're requiring a degree, we're kind of sealing our own doom because it's going to be difficult to find somebody to come down here for the amount of money that we can afford to pay at this time," Garza said.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Help lower speed limit on 90

Driving into Brackettville on U.S. 90, you'll suddenly dip down into a deep valley full of small businesses, slow drivers and children. No signs clearly warn you of the stop light at the intersection of U.S. 90 and Ann Street. You may discover that you just don't have time to stop when the light changes.

It's not just a Brackettville issue, either. Cars speeding west towards Del Rio have careened past Fort Clark drivers, rolling peacefully across the highway to the Post Office or grocery store.

In fact, on U.S. Highway 90 in Brackettville, there have been three traffic accidents involving fatalities in recent memory.

The new correctional facility being built will only add to our heavy east-west traffic, and add more people turning in the "valley of danger" that our current traffic rules have created.

The real problem is we're driving too fast — if you've been driving faster than the posted speed limit, that's a big problem. But even if you've been keeping the speed limit, if you and at least 85 percent of the recorded traffic drive a given speed, the speed limit will be

changed to accommodate your actions.

The Texas Department of Transportation performs an engineering study to see how fast everyone is driving — and computes the 85 percent average. But even if the latest engineering study doesn't reduce the speed limit, we can still take action.

The Texas Transportation Commission has the authority to mandate speed changes if the speed limit "is unreasonable or unsafe" after examining the engineering study.

We can make sure the commissioners know our concerns face to face at their monthly meeting in Austin. The whole process of appeal to the commission takes about 180 days. I am sure we'll want to ask our legislative representatives to attend the hearing with us.

Please sign petitions you will find at local business and *The Brackett News* office, and get ready for a trip to Austin to confront those who can make a change for the good of our community. We'll need more than loud voices, we'll need voters.

Roger Baker

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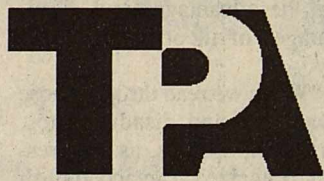
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Growing a garden can be a big chore

By Suzanna Lowery
Contributing Writer

Tired of working all day, every day in a stuffy office in Dallas, I took a year off from work in the early '80s to go through what I now refer to as my "Domestic Goddess" phase.

We lived about 40 miles from Dallas on some acreage and I decided that nothing would do, but that I had to grow a garden and learn to can vegetables and fruits and, in general, get back to the "basics of life."

There was about a quarter-acre of land we set aside for my garden and I had visions of lush green plants and lots of fresh vegetables and fruits to enjoy.

So I planted corn, tomatoes, cantaloupe, watermelon, cucumbers, green beans, black-eyed peas and zucchini squash. My ambition knew no bounds — I even planted eggplant, which nobody in the family liked and I hadn't the faintest idea how to cook.

I bought Mason jars and lids, a canning pot, bought seeds and starter plants and I was ready!

I started bright and early one morning to till my garden with a roto-tiller borrowed from my in-laws. I soon found out the darn thing had a mind of its own. Its handles were tall — I was short.

I soon discovered what a milk shake feels like in a blender. And there was no controlling the path that monster decided to take.

Each row might start out the right distance from the one before, but it soon meandered off in whatever direction it wanted

— and took me with it.

I couldn't stop it, I couldn't turn it, and my hands were permanently stuck to the handlebars. And the beat went on — whomp, whomp, whomp — until my teeth were hurting.

Once back in the house, I couldn't lift my arms for over an hour. When my husband Kent came home that evening, he asked, "Who was the drunk who tilled the garden?" I couldn't even lift my arms to sock him.

Once all the plants had begun to really grow, we had a visit from some of Kent's relatives. I found his uncle standing in the garden looking at the plants and noticed that his shoulders were shaking.

He turned and asked me how many squash plants I had. When I told him there were 14, he just grinned and said, "And how many people are in your family?"

When I answered "four," he began to chuckle and said, "Well, you should have plenty of squash."

Prophetic words.

I went out early each morning while it was cool and picked my produce. I was really excited when my first zucchini got big enough to pick. However, I soon noticed that if I missed one in the morning, by noon it was the size of a small baseball bat. And what was a bloom in the early morning was a full-blown zucchini by noon, or so it seemed.

I could hear those squash snickering when I came out of the house ready to begin picking.

Before long, I had forgotten

all my plans for the green beans, corn and tomatoes — just deal with the zucchini!

I steamed it, I stewed it, I fried it, I made zucchini bread, zucchini relish, zucchini fritters and even made a carrot cake substituting zucchini for the carrots. It wasn't bad, either!

Every Sunday we went to church with a bushel basket of zucchini to give away to anyone who would take them. The Lowery Truck Farm had a regular spot in the parking lot for many Sundays that summer.

Soon even our "regulars" were avoiding us, rushing out after church before we commanded them to "please have some zucchini — take all you want." Some of those squash were big enough to donate to the Little League for ball bats, but we were afraid it would give the kids nightmares.

We did have plenty of tomatoes and corn (remind me to tell you about the "red corn") that summer, but I never did get any green beans canned, the watermelon never produced, and the neighbor's dog ruined the cucumbers by grabbing them before I could and tossing them and barking.

At the end of the summer, I was cutting down the dead garden plants and grass that had grown out there and discovered — yep, you guessed it — the eggplant. Big, luscious purple eggplants, two to three on every plant. I just laughed and let the high grass cover them back up again.

My "garden" now consists of one tomato plant — in a bucket.

Capitol
Comment



Kay Bailey
Hutchison

Your vote matters!

The great American heroine Susan B. Anthony once said, "Suffrage is the pivotal right." Today, voting is still one of the most significant rights extended to United States citizens. This presidential election year provides an excellent opportunity to exercise this right.

Under British rule, the American colonists were forced to pay taxes to Great Britain, yet they had no one to represent their interests in Parliament. The colonists rebelled against this policy of "taxation without representation," fought a major war to win independence, and then founded the United States of America as a republic. This form of government would allow the citizens to elect people who would then represent their interests in Congress.

For many, the new government was an improvement over British rule, but not all could enjoy this new, hard-fought right. Initially, only white, male, property owners could vote. It was nearly 200 years before all American citizens over the age of 18 had the right to vote.

Less than a century ago, women could not legally vote. The Women's Suffrage Movement, led by Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton throughout the latter part of the 19th Century, argued women should also have a say in who represented them. In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution finally granted women the right to vote.

While black men were enfranchised by the 15th Amendment at the end of the Civil War, many African Americans still were obstructed from casting their votes in several states until the mid-1960s. A major element of the Civil Rights Movement focused on getting African Americans registered to vote and calling an end to tactics, such as poll taxes and property ownership requirements, which created hurdles for many blacks from being able to vote. It was not until 1965, not quite 50 years ago, that African Americans were able to freely exercise their right to vote.

During the height of the Vietnam War, Americans expressed their concern over the idea that men could be drafted to fight in a war at 18, yet could not vote until they turned 21. With the passing of the 26th Amendment in 1971, nearly every U.S. citizen over the age of 18 could register to vote.

Surprisingly, however, less than half of the voting age population votes. Many Americans may have forgotten the historical significance of being able to vote or believe their votes don't matter. Others neglect to register in time to vote in an election.

For instance, in Texas you must be registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the election. This means if you are not registered by Oct. 3, you will have forfeited your right to cast a vote for our next president on Election Day, Nov. 2.

Don't pass up your opportunity to vote. Registration is as easy as going to your local Department of Motor Vehicles.

For information about polling locations and other local election details, you can contact the Office of the Texas Secretary of State at www.sos.state.tx.us or call them at (800) 252-VOTE.

If you know you won't be in your home district on Election Day, you can still cast your vote. Just be sure to contact your county election official in advance to request an early or absentee ballot.

Also, the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) serves military and non-military citizens abroad by helping them register and vote by absentee ballot.

History is ripe with tales of elections that were decided by close margins — even a single vote in some cases — so remember your vote does count. Voting is more than a right, it's a responsibility.

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Sharp shooters

Representing the Kinney County 4-H Club at the 2004 Texas State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship Games in San Antonio were Seth Frerich (from left), Banner Kerr, Justin Calk, Bryan Calk, Emily Calk, Ward Kerr and Phillip Calk.

Photo Special to The Brackett News

Local youth compete in Texas State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship Games

The Kinney County 4-H Club had six shooters competing against nearly 600 youth from across the state in the 2004 Texas State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship Games this past week at the National Shooting Sports Complex in San Antonio.

The event consisted of three age groups competing in 26 different rifle, pistol and shotgun events spanning the entire week. At one point, the 100-yard firing line had nearly 50 4-H youth from across Texas all shooting high power rifles at one time.

Representing Kinney County were Bryan, Emily and Justin Calk, Seth Frerich, and Banner and Ward Kerr. The shooters competed in smallbore 3 position, smallbore silhouette, light rifle, sporter air rifle, precision air rifle, air rifle silhouette, running target, air pistol bullseye, air pistol silhouette and center-fire pistol.

Justin Calk competed in all 10 of the events, while Bryan and Emily Calk competed in all

except the center-fire pistol. Frerich participated in five rifle and pistol events, and Banner and Ward Kerr participated in three rifle events.

Frerich brought home a gold medal in the junior smallbore silhouette match. Justin Calk placed third for the bronze medal in that event, while Bryan Calk took second place, bringing home a silver medal in the sub-junior age group.

Emily Calk brought home a silver medal in sporter air rifle and Bryan Calk was awarded a fifth place plaque in that event, shooting with an air rifle borrowed from Jimmy Ballew.

Bryan Calk and Justin Calk were both awarded plaques for fifth place in air rifle silhouette in their age groups.

Emily Calk won a fourth place plaque in the light rifle event and brought home a bronze medal for third place in the precision air rifle event.

Bryan Calk took fifth in precision air rifle. Justin Calk took

fourth place in the center-fire pistol event and was awarded a plaque for sixth place in the 3 position smallbore junior event.

In the overall awards, Justin Calk was presented with the high overall junior rifle silhouette metallic sights award for the highest event average in his age group. Bryan Calk earned that same recognition as the high overall sub-junior for his event average.

The championship event ended this year's shooting sports program.

"Kinney County and our shooting sports program has been well represented throughout the state these past two years," County Agent Robert Elledge said.

"This success would not have been possible without the support of Fort Clark Springs for our range facility, and the support of the many Brackettville businesses and individuals who have contributed to our program," he added.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, July 12
10:30 a.m., The owner of the Jug Store reported a break-in at the business on U.S. Highway 90. The owner said the door was open and there was liquor on the floor. Deputy Donald Page was dispatched to the location.

12:10 p.m., The owner of Country Style reported that someone broke into her business on E. Spring Street. She said the back door of the building had been kicked in. Deputy Page was dispatched to the location.

4:03 p.m., A man reported that his mother was having back pains. EMS personnel were dispatched to the residence on W. Spring Street.

6:53 p.m., A woman reported that a teen-age girl was speeding down Beaumont Street in a tan truck. Deputy Ron Ring was notified of the situation.

9:36 p.m., A woman reported that a teen-age girl was driving recklessly on Beaumont Street and almost hit her. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was dispatched to the area to locate the vehicle.

10:30 p.m., A man reported that someone told him there were kids inside the house he used to live in. He said nobody was supposed to be in the house. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the scene.

Tuesday, July 13
6:23 a.m., A Spofford man reported that another man had taken his tools without permission and he wanted to file a complaint. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess was notified of the situation.

8:13 a.m., A woman reported that a delivery truck was driving recklessly and nearly ran her vehicle off the road. The Uvalde Police Department was notified of the situation.

2:20 p.m., A 911 caller reported a reckless driver at the roadside park on U.S. Highway 90 East. Deputy Ring was dispatched to the location.

10:08 p.m., Deputy Manuel Pena reported that the railroad crossing bars were going up and down in Spofford. Union Pacific Railroad officials were notified of the situation.

Wednesday, July 14
11:30 a.m., A San Antonio

alarm company reported an alarm sounding at a local ranch on Highway 90 East. The owner of the ranch was contacted and said everything was OK.

5:20 p.m., A man requested assistance at his residence on Beaumont Street because he was arguing with his family. Deputy Ring was dispatched to the residence.

6:20 p.m., A woman reported that her two brothers were arguing and she needed a deputy to arrested one of them because they were both drunk. Deputy Karl Chism was dispatched to the residence on Beaumont Street.

9:15 p.m., A woman reported that a couple were arguing outside of their apartment on E. First Street. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the residence.

11:33 p.m., A man reported three kids trying to break into his next door neighbor's residence on E. Spring Street. The man said that when he came out, the kids ran away. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the location.

Thursday, July 15
10:40 a.m., Arturo Joel Barrera, 19, of Del Rio was arrested by DPS Trooper Trevino for driving with a suspended license. He was released three days later after posting a \$1,200

bail bond.
11:04 p.m., An employee at Conrad's reported that a young kid had stolen two cases of beer. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the scene.

Friday, July 16
2:25 a.m., A man reported that his girlfriend said that he had hit her. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the residence on Beaumont Street.

4:08 a.m., An anonymous caller reported a suspicious vehicle passing by her house playing loud music. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the residence on Coffin Street.

2:40 p.m., An anonymous caller reported two subjects walking on Highway 674, about 25 miles north of Brackettville. U.S. Border Patrol agents were notified of the situation.

Saturday, July 17
1:48 a.m., A Fort Clark Security employee reported that the gate was being egged and also complained about fires. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.

6:19 p.m., A man reported two horses on his property on F.M. 2804. The owner of the horses was notified.

9 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a man driving recklessly up and down Edwards and Ann Street.

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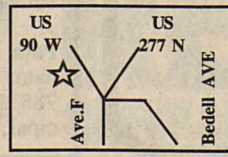
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OBITUARY

Bill Lindeman

Bill Lindeman of Brackettville and formerly of Buda, passed away Saturday, July 17, 2004, in San Antonio. He was born Aug. 26, 1925, in Austin.

Mr. Lindeman was retired from the Texas Parks and Wildlife as a game warden after 30 years of service. He then became constable for 10 years and was appointed deputy sheriff of Kinney County. He started his law enforcement career as a constable in 1952 in Hays County. He served the people of Kinney County and the State of Texas for over 50 years.

Lindeman is survived by his

wife of 23 years: Ava Jay Lindeman of Brackettville; daughter: Lou Ann Lindeman Berry and her husband Justin of Kerrville; son: Jim Lindeman and his wife Jackie of Lampasas; grandsons: Wesley Settles, Stayton and Byler Lindeman; and granddaughter: Kinsley Lindeman.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at the Kinney County Civic Center in Brackettville. Burial followed at the Burr Ranch in Spofford.

Funeral Services were under the direction of G.W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home of Del Rio.

BRIEFS

Kinney County 4-H Club members elect new officers for 2004-05 year

The Kinney County Junior and Senior 4-H Clubs held their last meeting of the year recently to elect officers and club managers for the upcoming 2004-05 year.

The Senior 4-H officers for next year are Whitney Hobbs, president; Robert Davis, vice president; Hayley Harris, secretary; Justin Calk, treasurer; Tillman Davis, reporter; and Bailee Allen and Daphne Hunt, council delegates. The Senior Club managers are Nadalee Allen and Roy Jay Harris.

The Junior 4-H officers for year are Summer Allen, president; Emily Calk, vice president; Jared Harris, treasurer; Sarah Davis, secretary; Ramon Gutierrez, reporter; and Bryan Calk and Adam Resendez, council delegates. The Junior Club managers are Jennifer Harris and Leigh Volcsko.

A training session was held to give the officers a chance to discuss programs, fund-raisers and activities for the upcoming year.

Beta Epsilon Omicron hosts meeting

Members of the Beta Epsilon Omicron chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met last Tuesday evening at Barbara's Table for summer fellowship. The 2004-05 calendar was the topic of discussion. It will be an exciting year, with every member hosting a meeting and presenting a program, as well as special cultural events like the Old Quarry Society productions and Fort Clark Days.

Members present were Cathy Conrey, Dee Curry, Sherri Elledge, Elizabeth Goebel, Hazel Ivey, Pam Melancon, Donita O'Keefe, Joy Ralston, Trish Taylor and Evelyn Whitely. Happy birthday Amanda Chambers — we missed you!

4-H members begin meat goat project

4-H members interested in the meat goat project began their series of hands-on activities in preparation for the 2005 livestock shows. Goals set by the members include: nutrition, showmanship, diseases and meat goat characteristics. Members were led by Candy and Whitney Hobbs.

The next scheduled meeting is Friday at 10 a.m., upstairs at the Courthouse. Any 4-H member interested in attending the monthly meat goat project sessions can contact the Kinney County Extension Office at 563-2442 for more information.

4-H to host meeting next Wednesday

The Kinney County 4-H Club will be holding an organizational meeting Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., upstairs at the Courthouse. The group will plan the 4-H Fun Day, which will be its first meeting in August. The club will show members and newcomers different projects that the Kinney County 4-H has to offer. For more information, call the Extension Office at 563-2442.

Emmaus fellowship is seeking others

The Brackettville Emmaus/Cursillo fellowship is seeking others who have been on their Emmaus, Cursillo, Tres Dias, Viade Christo, Kairos or Kairos Outside. For more information, call 563-3678.

Chief appraiser speaks out against FCS incorporation

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made in favor of incorporation, and Haenn said they were "unsubstantiated in my mind."

He debated each issue before the board:

Becoming a municipality would allow our employees to participate in retirement and benefit programs.

"I submit to you that the city of Brackettville employees have no health insurance, have no retirement, because the city of Brackettville cannot afford it.

"If there is a sincere interest in providing our employees with a retirement program, do it now. Fort Clark can do that right now. A municipality is going to have to have the money to do that," Haenn said.

We must incorporate to prevent developers from coming in and developing Fort Clark Springs.

"Fort Clark Springs is the developer," Haenn said. "No developer comes in to private property and begins development without the authority of the owner of the property. We all own an undivided interest in the grounds."

We must incorporate to be eligible for grants.

"The only grants available to municipalities at the federal level and the state level are for low-income housing," he said. "Environmental Protection Agency funds are available for cities with pollution problems.

"There's competition for that. The county and the city both compete every other year for grants through these programs for low-income housing. Do we want low-income housing on Fort Clark Springs?"

"Grants have already been secured through the Historical Society, which is the perfect conduit as a 501c3 non-profit to

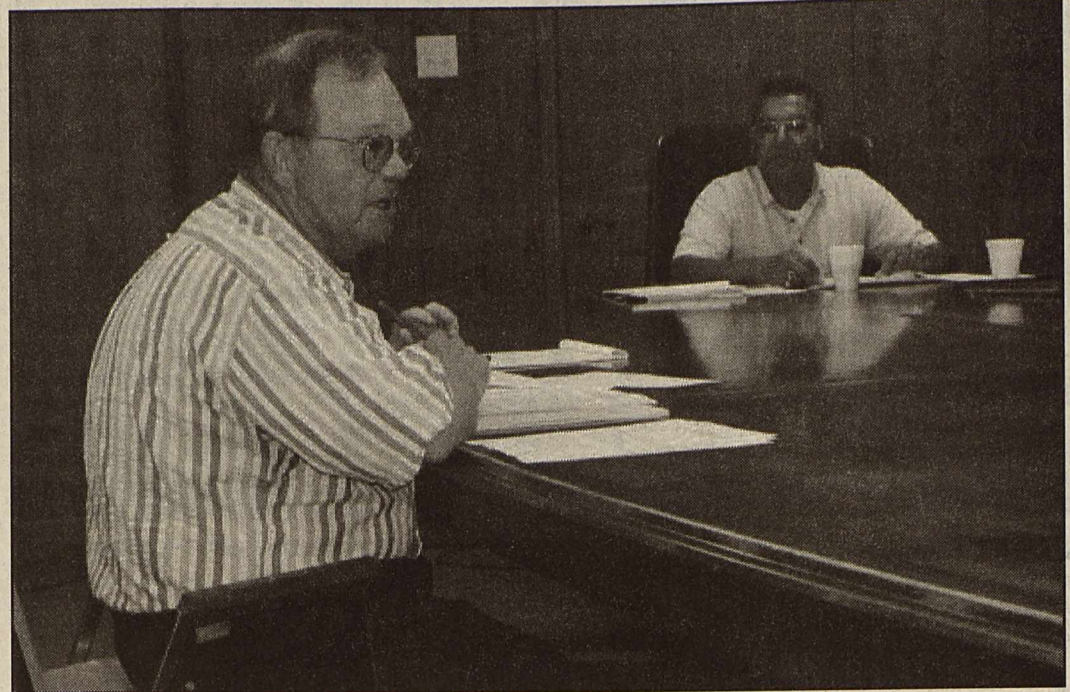


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Debating a municipality

Kinney County Chief Appraiser Bill Haenn (left) speaks out against efforts to incorporate a municipality Saturday as Fort Clark Springs Association board member Ray Reyna listens.

secure grants for our historic buildings. It was done for the Service Club, and it was done for the theater."

We must incorporate to get Pecos Trail money.

"I am the Pecos Trail coordinator for the Kinney County Historical Commission," Haenn said. "The Texas Pecos Trail does not exist. Our 22-county region is in competition with three other regions to be this year's designated trail.

"If we win, which we won't know until the middle of next month, it would be three years before the pamphlet is printed to tell people about the Pecos Trail.

"No municipalities get money from this program. The 22 counties pledge to fund the establishment of a regional office and the hiring of a regional coordinator.

There is no money connected with the Texas Pecos Trail."

Homeland Security wants to use our airport.

"I had a conversation with David Alexander, who is the Border Patrol agent in charge for Brackettville. We both concluded that's a very far-fetched possibility," Haenn said.

"There is an Air Force base 20 miles from here. There is an air field in Uvalde that is used by Homeland Security, and there is a United States Air Force auxiliary field in Kinney County already, to the south of the fort.

"So to incorporate solely for that reason, I think would be very unreasonable," he added.

We can give all our buildings and grounds to the municipality to get them off the tax rolls.

"Certainly, that is a solution,

but it's a very complex issue that has no immediate answer," he said. "First, the association's membership would have to agree to convey all of that property. And then, any property that was subsequently leased for anything other than the purposes of the municipality, would be taxed.

"We have a situation like that right now in Kinney County with the prison, that we went through attorneys and everything else. The prison is tax-exempt because of the arrangement that is in place.

"The county owns the land. The improvements are being leased from the county by the developer. It's really a smoke-and-mirrors thing, but the court cases are already there, so that facility is exempt from taxation," Haenn added.

Fort Clark to host Town Hall meeting Aug. 14

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Springs.

"We never had anything to do with it," Reyna told Kerzee.

In December, a group of Fort Clark Springs residents approached the Brackettville City Council with a resolution not opposing a petition to establish a town within the fort. The aldermen voted against the resolution.

Kerzee asked the members of

the association board members whether they were in attendance at the meeting and if they had approved the resolution being presented to the Brackettville City Council.

"I was not there," Director Howard Wakefield said. "We knew they were going, but we did not formally approve it. It had not been discussed by the board."

Kerzee replied: "It bothers

me that this was an official function on behalf of Fort Clark Springs' membership."

Saylor said it was not an official act of the association.

The resolution presented to the Brackettville City Council specifies in its contents that the request was made by a "committee of residents of Fort Clark Springs."

"It does not say on behalf of Fort Clark Springs Association.

It does not say on behalf of Fort Clark Springs' membership," Director Nolan Brandt said. "It says 'a committee of residents of Fort Clark Springs.' That's not me. That's not the board. That's not the board itself.

"At the time this was done, I knew they were doing it. It was the official policy of this board to not be a part of it in any shape or form at this time," Brandt added.

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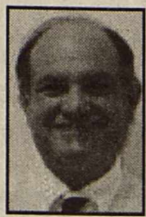
When I stopped and got out of my pickup to open the gate, I glanced at the rain gauge sitting atop the nearby post. Hmm, just under an inch of water in there.

I wondered how long it had been since I had emptied it. How long had I waited for nature to empty it on its own. How long before evaporation would once again return the vessel to an unfilled condition.

Now there's something wrong here. Usually this time of the year it's hot and dry. We all pray daily for rain. And, in a normal year, if the sky should turn dark, I would drive out to the rain gauge to watch it. I'd even check it periodically hoping for the slightest hint of moisture.

Yep, I guess it's rained so much this summer to spoil me. I don't even check the measuring devices any more. It's sure been a great year for growing grass. Usually at this point, one would expect me to sound off on how much I hate to mow the lawn. But I won't.

Connie has been doing more than her share of those duties this summer. She takes more pride in the appearance



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

of our home turf than I do. No, that's not where this column is headed. What I'm really concerned about is something else that's growing rampant this summer ... chiggers!

Red bugs. Little, six-legged, no-see-em, larva mites that suck blood from vertebrates, like me, and causes great, intense irritation. I have a strong dislike for those tiny rascals.

It even seems to me that certain spots are infested in greater numbers than other locations. I have scars from self-inflicted wounds caused from scratching and trying to dig them out of my hide.

I tried all of the usual remedies, outdoors OFF, bleach, tooth paste, commercial detoxicants, gasoline (lit and unlit). I tried them all. I guess I'll just have to wait for them to die of old age.

But I could be wrong.

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Two billion dollars — that's how much tourists spend each year as they two-step across rural Texas, whether hunting for antiques, exotics or the best bed and breakfasts. Instate vacationers represent the greatest potential. Most are willing to drive between three to five hours to reach a rural destination for outdoor recreation, regional cuisine and small town shopping.

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The multitered series is called "Bootstrap Marketing:



Texas Yes!

Susan Combs

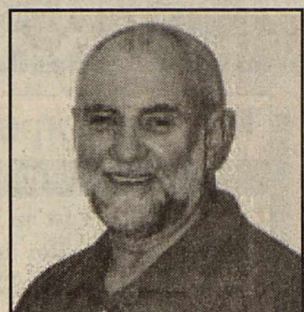
Kicking Up Tourism in Rural Texas" and began on Monday in Sulphur Springs.

Other locations in July and August will include Bandera, Brenham, Kingsville, Snyder and Stephenville. Attendees will learn all the right moves with step-by-step instruction from nationally recognized experts and hometown heroes.

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Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C.



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If you are having similar symptoms, please call Dr. Kent Lowery, located in Brackettville, for an appointment at (830) 765-4917. Office hours are Monday & Wednesday from 8 am to noon and Tuesday & Thursday from 1-5 pm.

Hash brown casserole is well worth the effort

I certainly do love potatoes. Fix them anyway you like and I'll fill my plate.

I tried this recipe this week. It's just a little different from an old standby. It takes a while to cook, but I think I'll serve it again.

Cracker Barrel Hash Brown Casserole

1 26-ounce bag frozen country-style hash browns

2 cups shredded Colby Cheese

1/4-1/2 cup minced onion

1 cup milk

1/2 cup beef stock or canned broth

2 tablespoons butter, melted

dash garlic powder

salt if desired

1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Combine the frozen hash browns, cheese and onion in a large bowl.

Mix the milk, beef stock, half of melted butter, garlic powder, salt and pepper in another bowl. Mix well and pour over the potato mixture and blend well.

I use vinyl or latex gloves to be able to break up the frozen pieces for better consistency, and then mix with my hands.



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

Heat the remaining butter in a large ovenproof skillet (9 or 10 inches) over high heat.

When the skillet is hot, spoon in the potato mixture. Cook, stirring occasionally, until hot and all of the cheese has melted. It takes about seven minutes.

Put the skillet into the oven and bake for 45 minutes to an hour, or until the surface of the hash browns are dark brown. The finished dish is nice and crispy.

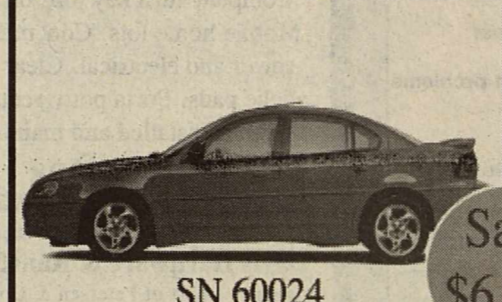
Just a note: Upon removing the frozen hash browns from the freezer, gently, but firmly, break large pieces of frozen potatoes into small ones before opening the bag, by pressing the bag on the counter edge or top, or what ever works for you.

To mix the casserole well, potato pieces should not be in clumps larger than 1 1/2 inches, which can be crushed with fingers later without a problem.

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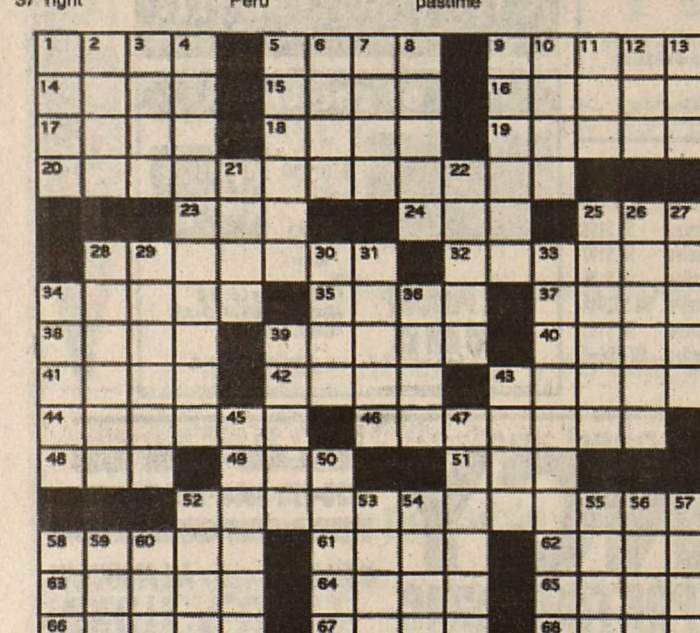
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- 1 Swat
- 5 Without delay, for short
- 9 Dog owner's item
- 14 False account
- 15 Ms. Falana
- 16 Stand
- 17 Comical Kett.
- 18 Dogs with wrinkled foreheads
- 19 Fertilizer ingredient
- 20 Very clever
- 23 One of 85,400 in a day; abbr.
- 24 12/24 or 12/31
- 25 Cub Scouts' org.
- 26 Cooks' leftovers
- 32 Artificial
- 34 Speeder's nemesis
- 35 Roman road
- 37 Tight
- 38 On one's toes
- 39 Section of homes
- 40 Disneyland attraction
- 41 Parasite
- 42 Word whose homonym begins with "a"
- 43 Pick-me-up
- 44 Animal covered with curls
- 46 City in Colorado
- 48 Azerbaijan, once: abbr.
- 49 Broke one's fast
- 51 United group; abbr.
- 52 Relatives
- 58 Saw
- 61 Term of affection
- 62 Garlicky problem
- 63 Velvety cloth
- 64 Suffix for defer or differ
- 65 City in Ohio or Peru
- 66 Birch tree
- 67 Prepared Easter eggs
- 68 Letters
- DOWN
- 1 Genevieve and Clotilda; abbr.
- 2 Piece of wood
- 3 Edmonton's loc.
- 4 Larger on the bottom than on the top
- 5 Beast of burden
- 6 Former French coins
- 7 Pond growth
- 8 Tomato
- 9 Cavalry soldier
- 10 Actor Estrada
- 11 Tiny land mass
- 12 Mariner's dir.
- 13 That girl's differ
- 21 Equal
- 22 Turn away
- 25 Ewe's pastime
- 26 Television station
- 27 Mexican Indian
- 28 Numerical comparisons
- 29 Magazine bigwig
- 30 Grow exhausted
- 31 Sedate; unchanging
- 33 Fortress
- 34 Incline
- 36 Color
- 39 Sorority letter
- 43 Snack from the bakery
- 45 Place to store food
- 47 Thundered
- 50 Quit
- 52 Hereditary unit
- 53 Opposite of acknowledge
- 54 Look toward
- 55 Ms. Adams
- 56 City near Tivoli
- 57 Fern, titles
- 58 Swirling bath
- 59 Lap up
- 60 Coits' home; abbr.



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: **GEORGES**

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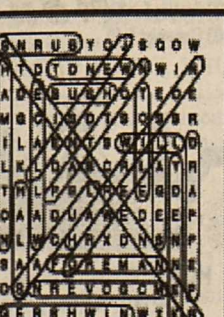
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- July 27.....Ken Curry
- July 27.....Daniel Martinez
- July 27.....Lane Nowlin
- July 28.....Angelica Cervantes
- July 28.....Tom Fierova
- July 28.....Eleanor Garza
- July 28.....J.D. Samaniego

Roaring Twenties Solution:

- 1. Burns
- 2. Bush
- 3. Eliot
- 4. Foreman
- 5. Gershwin
- 6. Helas
- 7. Hamilton
- 8. Harrison
- 9. Jessel
- 10. Kennedy
- 11. Lucas
- 12. McGovern
- 13. Orwell
- 14. Patton
- 15. Peppard
- 16. Segal
- 17. Steinbrenner
- 18. Wallace
- 19. Wendt
- 20. Will



ASTROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're more concerned this week with your romantic problems than anything else. Instead of obsessing about it, try to relax. The solution is a simple one.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A work project doesn't go as smoothly as you'd anticipated this week. Perhaps it's best to let a colleague take the lead on this one. This weekend, you have a busy social schedule ahead of you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're able to achieve a good balance between home and work matters this week. That's because everyone around you is in a cooperative mood. Later in the week, you tap into your creative side.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Singles are likely to meet a fascinating new love interest this week. At work, it's best to keep a low profile. It seems temperaments are flying right now.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're a bit concerned about financial security this week. Toward that end, sit down with family members and try to devise a workable budget. Over the weekend, catch up on your rest.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Agreements reached in the beginning of the week will reap rewards for you. Some of these could be of a legal nature. Insights you experience over the weekend help you with an important decision.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's a good time to rethink where your career is going. You may need to make some changes in order to succeed. However, it doesn't have to be anything drastic.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A close friend shares some advice that is ultimately beneficial. Be careful, though, how you go about making this work in a material way. Put things down on paper first.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You bask in the glow of approval this week from bigwigs. Enjoy this. You've worked hard and you deserve this praise.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You fairly exude charm and charisma this week. People are drawn to you as a result. This puts you in a very sociable mood for the weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're hit with a new project at work that will require a great deal of time and effort. Instead of grouching, roll up your sleeves and get to work. Obviously, bigwigs trust you, so don't let them down.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You and a loved one don't see eye-to-eye this week when it comes to certain expenses. Try to be more flexible. While it's a good idea to be frugal, perhaps you're overdoing it.

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Pastor battles pride, but finds help from church

I have spent a fair part of the summer battling with pain and fatigue that is a part of my struggle with multiple sclerosis (MS). It is a disease that slowly wears down the patient. Symptoms tend to run in cycles (called exacerbations) and vary from person to person. For me, the cycle seems to hit somewhere around every 13 months. This year, starting in June, I was hit pretty hard.

I mention my own disease for two reasons: first, learning about a progressive, degenerating disease is a great object lesson.

It reminds all of us of our dependence on our Creator. It reminds us of the daily mercy of life and breath we are extended. It reminds us that each day is precious and we will be accountable to God as to how we choose to use this gift.

I also mention my disease as an act of humility. My problem is *pride*. I want to be "tough enough" to ignore pain, to skip medications, and have a "normal" life.

I despise being labeled as "handicapped." I don't like being seen using a cane or stumbling, or having doors opened by kindly friends.

My problem is that this pride causes me to fail to rest, to recover, and it is clearly a sin of "worldliness." (1 John 2:16)

Each of us makes choices every day in how we live our lives. We choose to slumber or wake and worship on Sunday.

We spend our money on fine meals or providing food to the hungry. We listen for opinions and laughter that tickles our ears or we listen for the cry of the widow and the orphan.



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Rev. Roger Baker

For me, "pulling myself up by my own bootstraps" and "toughing it out" became more tempting than caring for the needs related to my own illness. I gave in to my pride.

One Sunday morning, my wife and our congregation took the time to tell me, sternly, to take the time to recover and recuperate. It was easily one of the most embarrassing moments of my life. I was caught. Thank God for those who loved me enough to confront me with my own foolishness and encourage me to

do what was necessary to heal. As you read this column, I hope you'll ask yourself, "Am I being a good steward of God's precious gifts to me?"

Sometimes the answers mean sacrificing the things we love, including pride and independence. Sometimes it means we need to accept help and depend on others.

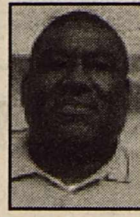
Thanks to the encouragement of my family and congregation, I've been able to take the time to rest and recover.

At First United Methodist Church, you will find a caring, loving family that is far more understanding than their pastor ever imagined.

Join us for worship at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday or come early for Sunday School at 9:30. God willing, I'll be there, and I hope you will be there, too!

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"Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people."



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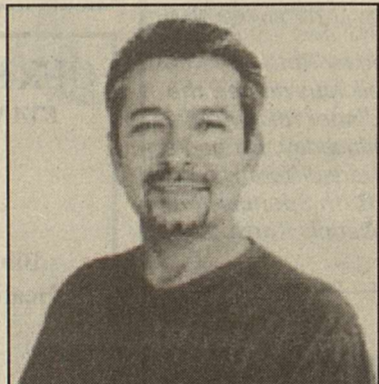
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