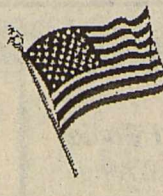


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**BRIEFS**

## 4-H Fun Day

The Kinney County 4-H will be having a 4-H Fun Day on Sunday, August 22nd, from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m., at the Civic Center.

This will be the time to register for the 04-05 4-H year. If you have any questions please call the Extension Office at 563-2442.

## FCA Fundraiser

The Adult Chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes will open and operate the concession stand at tonight's football scrimmage, as a fundraiser for the newly formed chapter, which was organized six months ago.

Adult FCA's membership drive is underway and anyone interested in supporting the work of the student FCA chapter is asked to join by paying \$25 in dues. Checks should be made payable to FCA, and mailed to sponsors Rhonda and Charlie Marquardt, in c/o Brackett High School, Box 586, Brackettville, TX 78832.

Current members are asked to renew their dues for this school year and bring one new member into the organization. Monies raised are used to send students and coaches to FCA camp.

Any adult is welcome to join the Adult Chapter of FCA, whether they have children in school or not. The chapter's purpose is to pray for the students and their sponsors, pay annual dues of \$25, and help support the work of the students in any way possible.

The interdenominational student group meets throughout the school year for prayer, fellowship and service and is the largest student organization on campus.

## Fort Clark host Forum

Fort Clark Springs Association will host a forum to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of becoming a municipality tomorrow, Friday, August 20th at 7:00 p.m.

The forum will be held at the Service/NCO Club on Fort Clark Springs and is open to all members of Fort Clark Springs Association.

There will be presentations both for and against the proposal of Fort Clark Springs becoming Fort Clark, Texas, USA.

The forum format provides for a 15-minute presentation from each side followed by 30 minutes of questions from the floor.

Questions from the floor will be limited to one question per person, pontification, and personal attacks will not be allowed.

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In our language, truth and faith refer to two different things. Truth is an absolute. Something that is true is real, verifiable, accurate, or correct. *Religion/Page 7*

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## Meyer and Smith receive Spalding Scholarships

Sarah Ashley Meyer, and Ashley Michelle Smith both graduates of Brackett High School, have been awarded scholarship's by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation (TILF).

Meyer and Smith both received Spalding Sports World-wide awards in the amount of \$1,000, payable \$500 each semester of the first year.

The Spalding Sports award was awarded to 40 students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular

achievement.

This year the TILF awarded 307 new awards and will renew approximately 200 awards for a total of more than 500 scholarships for 2004-05, with an approximate value of \$1,025,000.

Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

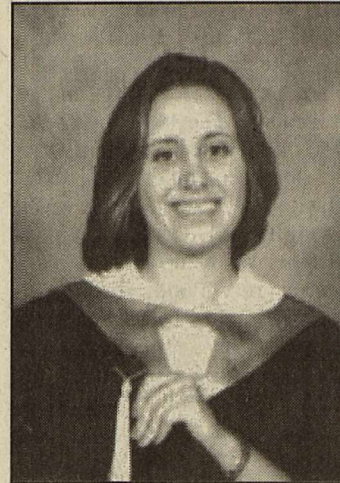
Meyer competed in accounting at the 2004 UIL Academic State Meet. She also participated in UIL computer applications, tennis and volleyball. She was senior class vice-president, a member of National Honor Society and performed community service projects throughout her

high school career.

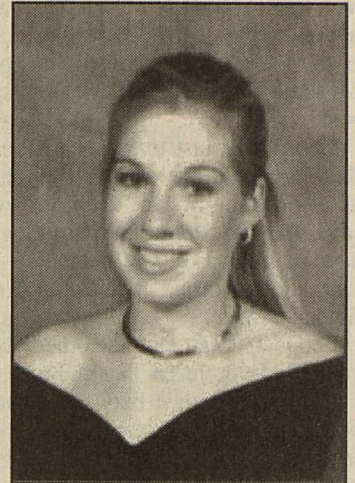
Meyer plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in accounting.

Smith competed in accounting at the 2004 UIL Academic State Meet and computer applications at the 2002 State Meet. She also participated in UIL cross country, volleyball, basketball, track and tennis throughout her high school career. She was a member of Student Council and National Honor Society, and was the salutatorian of her graduating class.

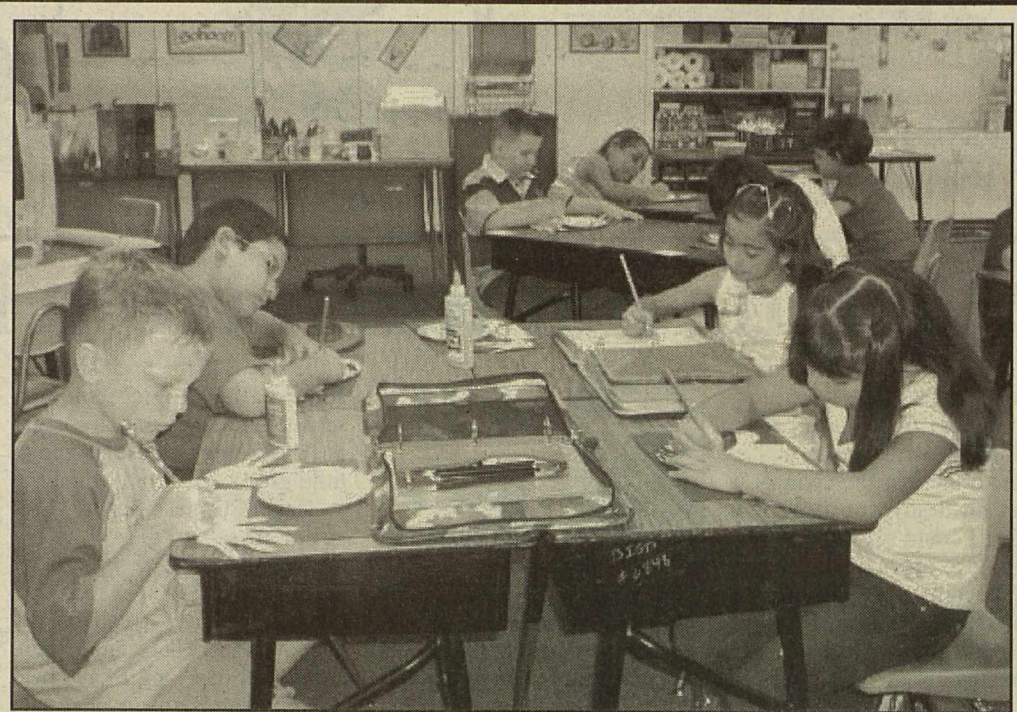
Smith plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in biology.



Sarah Meyer



Ashley Smith



**First Day of School**

Maxine Bonner's 2nd Grade Class working on an art project the first day of school. From left: Webb Ashley, Leonardo Elizondo, Gabby Sandoval and Juanita Vasquez

Photo by Kathy Wilson

## Eight file for county water board election

As of Tuesday, Eight candidates have filed to run for seven positions in the upcoming Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District elections Nov. 2.

Sign-up for the election is currently underway. Candidates can file to run for the board through 5 p.m. on Sept. 2.

Beth Ann Smith has filed for Precinct 1.

Incumbent Precinct 2 Cecil Smith will be challenged by Lloyd Lee Davis.

The Precinct 3 position has been filed for by Jennifer McDaniels.

Incumbent Don Hood, Precinct 4, is currently unopposed.

Wes Robinson has filed for the City at-large position.

The County at-large position has been filed for by Tony Fre-

rich. Donna Saylor has filed for the Fort Clark Springs at-large position.

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 or Thursdays, from 1 to 5 p.m., at the district office.

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.

## Over 100 school districts have filed suit

Kinney County residents need not fear the outcome - no tax increase this year

By Cindy Edwards and Taylor Stephenson  
Contributing Writers

Financial matters occupied a good portion of the Brackett ISD School Board Meeting, which met in regular session Monday, August 9, at 6:00 p.m.

Gearing up for the start of another school year, Superintendent Bobby Templeton presented a recap of the district's revenue and budget.

Also outlined was an agreement between the Alamo Heights ISD (San Antonio), and BISD, in which the local district would receive a whopping \$248,500 under the controversial "Robin Hood" funding plan that redistributes a portion of revenues from property wealthy districts to school districts in less affluent areas.

Superintendent Templeton told The Brackett News, "Brackett ISD would not face a deficit situation without these Chapter 41 funds. They are used for one-time only expenditures such as

repairs and construction projects." He made it clear that BISD does not rely on Chapter 41 funds for the financial solvency of the district. Templeton said that districts who do rely on Chapter 41 funds are commonly referred to as "CTD" districts in many educational circles, with CTD standing for "circling the drain".

Over one hundred districts have filed suit against the State of Texas, thus far, over the constitutionality of the current funding method.

Kinney County residents need not fear the outcome, as Brackett ISD is on firm financial ground. In fact, Superintendent Templeton reported to the board that BISD achieved the highest recognition level from the Texas Education Agency on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas.

The system is based on twenty-one indicators that rank all Texas school districts on how well financial resources are managed.

Tax payers will not be seeing an increase in the school tax rate this year. The Board set the September 13 Board Meeting as the adoption date. Chief Appraiser Bill Haenn certified district values, which were close to projections.

The Board reviewed 2003-2004 goals and accomplishments. The six goals adopted by the Board last summer include technology, drug & alcohol abuse training, communication with the public, high standards in curricular areas (particularly science and math), and consistent discipline.

Addressing the area of "consistent discipline", was Principal Paula Renken, who outlined the discipline management system, which was implemented near the close of the 03-04 school year. This discipline management system reportedly is utilized very successfully by numerous other districts.

"It illustrates a clear code of conduct in chart format," Superintendent Templeton explained.

Under the plan, there are specific punishments for identified code of conduct infringements, which will be applied across the board, in order to insure parity among all students. Students receive a copy of the Code of Conduct at the start of each school year, and are required to sign, attesting that they have read and understand the contents.

While elementary students will adhere to the same discipline process as last school year, the new system will be phased in at the Junior High and Intermediate schools this year.

Teachers received training on the new system during staff development sessions, and the district will insure that substitute teachers also receive instruction on it's use.

Board President Henry Lutz presented a plaque to The Brackett News, and former editor J.J. Guidry "for fair and balanced reporting of school issues while providing valuable information to the community about public schools, their students, parents,

and patrons."

The Texas Association of School Boards Media Honor Roll award recognizes excellence in the reporting of public school issues. The award was the result of nomination by the BISD Board of Trustees.

Also on Monday's agenda was the presentation of a speech on the Free Enterprise System by BISD student Cody Robinette. Robinette, who will be a senior this year, was selected by the Texas Farm Bureau of both Kinney and Val Verde Counties as the representative to a Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar, held in San Angelo in June. Each student attending the week-long camp learned about the economy, constitution, and other pertinent issues, and qualified to compete in District Scholarship Competition.

The criteria for competition dictated that each student make five presentations prior to September 10. Robinette will compete at the District level in **See Robin Hood/Page 8**

## Anthrax infection confirmed in Uvalde and Val Verde counties

As of August 10, laboratory results have confirmed that anthrax infection killed three animals — a cow, kudu and a white-tail deer — on three premises in Uvalde and Val Verde Counties in Southwest Texas.

Anthrax, caused by the spore-forming *Bacillus anthracis* bacteria, can remain dormant in soil for years, but may become vegetative after periods of wet, cool weather, followed by weeks of hot and dry conditions. Animals become infected when they ingest the invisible bacteria as they graze.

"Ranchers in the Uvalde and Val Verde County area are no strangers to naturally occurring anthrax, and this notice should not raise undue concern to producers, vacationers or hunters," said Dr. Bob Hillman, executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry

health regulatory agency.

"Anthrax is a very old disease and occurs worldwide. Wherever an infected animal dies, the ground becomes contaminated with the spores, unless the carcass and soil are burned with a very hot fire. The spores do not spread underground, so it's common to see death losses in one pasture, but not across the fence," he said. He explained that TAHC regulations require that the affected animal's bedding, its carcass, and nearby manure be burned with wood or gasoline (tires and oil create too much pollution), to cleanse the ground. The livestock on the premises must then be vaccinated and held under quarantine for a short time, to ensure that anthrax-exposed animals are not moved.

"We know that anthrax is under-reported, because some ranchers find the dead, bloated

or bloody animals and take immediate action on their own, disposing of the carcass and vaccinating livestock, without notifying their private veterinary practitioner," said Dr. Hillman. "This disease, however, is reportable in Texas. While laboratory tests, conducted by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station, are needed to confirm infection, suspected cases also are to be called in to the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242."

"We recommend the producers consult their private veterinary practitioners about vaccinating livestock, if they have livestock in the area where anthrax infection most often occurs, including Crockett, Val Verde, Sutton, Edwards, Kinney, Uvalde and Maverick counties," said Dr. Hillman. "Because we've had confirmed cases in the **See Livestock/Page 8**



**Lopez speaks to Rotary**

Frank Lopez, United States Border Patrol Del Rio Sector Chaplain, spoke to the Brackettville Rotary Club about the Border Patrol Chaplains Program, at a recent meeting.

Photo by Bill Haenn

## Why I love my Grandkids

A few weeks back, we kept the grandkids. The three of them. We had lots of fun.

Tillman discovered hunting shows on TV. He was thrilled to watch a video of a hunter stalking and harvesting a wild boar. He now is a self-proclaimed hog hunter.

He wants his granddad to teach him to shoot so he can one day kill a pig. I'll be happy to do so. I'll also try to instill in him some hunting ethics as I see them.

I don't kill just to kill. I eat what I kill and use as much of each animal as I can. I try to leave the woodland in better shape than it was before I came. I am not too proud to pick up another's trash.

I hope Tillman, and the other grandchildren, learn that there is a huge difference between a sportsman and a person that carries a gun around the country and shoots at things. I also hope he can enjoy the outdoors all of his life.

I want him to find more thrill from the chase than he does from the kill. If he learns to get something out of just being in God's park, then he'll be a true hunter.

Sarah is so pretty. She has learned the fine art of flirting



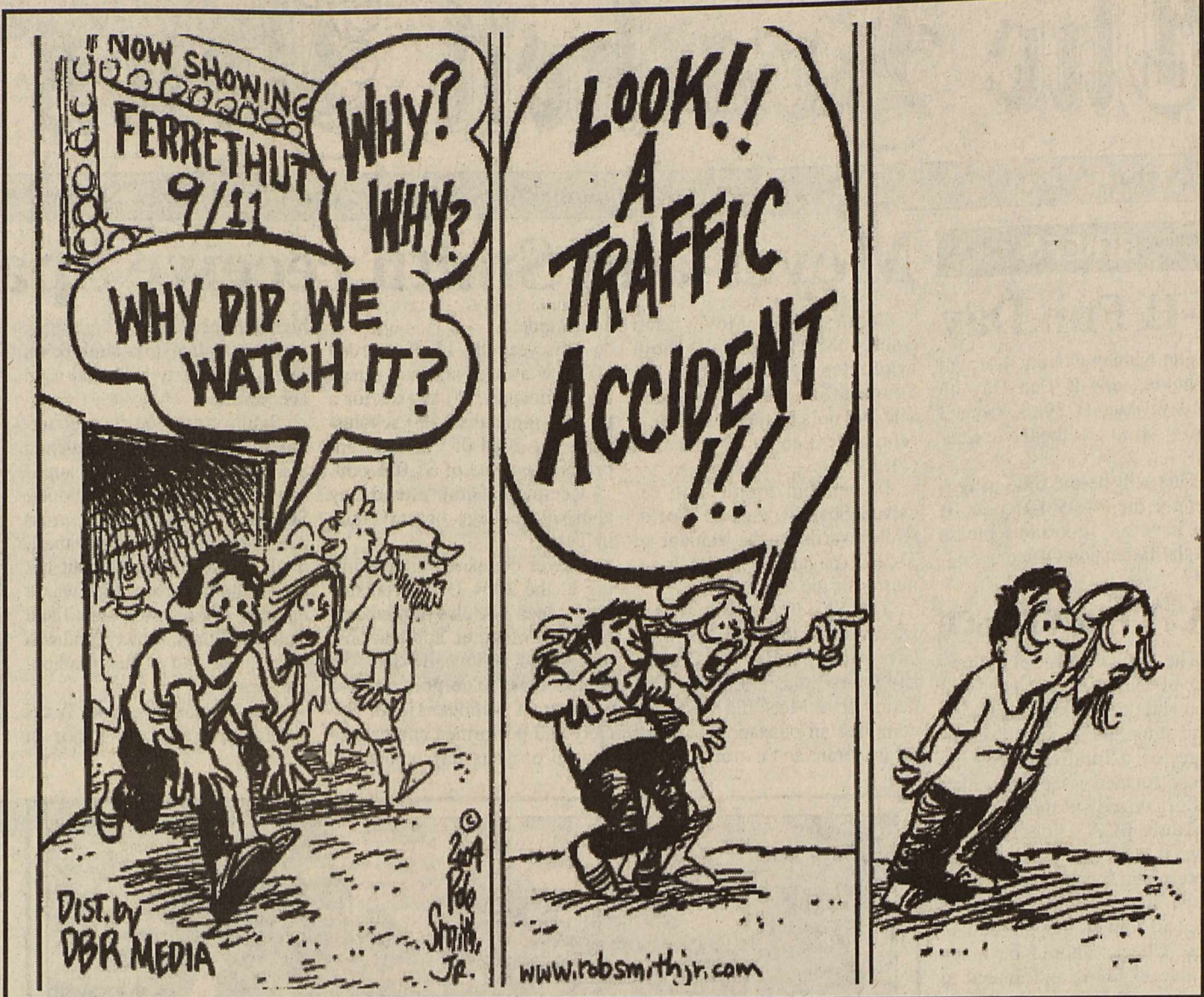
But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

with granddad to get what she wants. She is into cosmetics. She calls it "makeup". I call it war paint. She has the unfortunate spot of being between Tillman and Tanner. The two boys really get a kick out of picking on her. I don't remember being that way with my cousins when I was growing up.

Tanner wakes up each morning in a great mood. He peaks at sunrise. On his last trip to my house he was very tired one evening awaiting his slumber. I told him I loved him. "I love you too granddad." "I love you too granddad." "I love you too granddad." Each time he repeated the phrase, he said it lower and softer until he drifted off.

It was one of those moments that I'll remember for all of my life. He would not have understood the tears in my eyes. One day he will. But I could be wrong.



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## "Men do not learn from history"

I haven't written one of these columns for a few weeks now. It's not that there hasn't been anything to write about, it just seems to me that the country is so set on destroying itself that nothing I could say would mean anything to anybody anyway. I have become very pessimistic about the future of the United States and I don't like it. I see where the trends are going to take us and it hurts me. I fail to understand why the human race and those in the United States in particular seem to have learned absolutely nothing from history.

Louis L'Amour once said, "Men do not learn from history. Each generation believes itself brighter than the last, each believes it can survive the mistakes of the older ones. Each discovers each old thing and they throw up their hands and say 'See! Look what I have found! Look upon what I know!' And each believes it is something new."

Well, the folks here in the United States, at least a lot of them, especially the liberal element who are still living in the 60s and think that communism



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

is a great experiment and the perfect government and that Timothy Leary talks to God, assuming they believe in God, which most don't, fall into this category.

They have learned nothing from the last hundred years. They study history and, well, just miss the point entirely. Michael Moore is a great example. He hates everything about the United States and doesn't understand that the very thing he hates is what gives him the rights to try to tear it down. He is, as the book about him says, "A Big, Fat, Stupid, White Man." The shame of it is that there are millions more just like him. He can't look back a couple of hundred years and see what made America strong in the first place. He can't realize that if it weren't for the things he hates we would still be ruled by England or France

or be slaves to the Spanish. Reason, reality, logic, common sense, hindsight and foresight are as foreign to these people as little green men from Mars.

Isaiah Chapter 65 says, "I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, 'here am I, here am I.' All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations - a people who continually provoke me to my very face, offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on altars of brick, who sit among the graves and spend their nights keeping secret vigil; who eat the flesh of pigs, and whose pots hold broth of unclean meat; who say, 'Keep away; don't come near me, for I am too sacred for you!' Such people are like smoke in my nostrils, a fire that keeps burning all day."

This was written about Israel, but every time I read this or some other passage like it, I am reminded of the United States. We are following in the footsteps of the ancient Israelites.

We have discovered a great, time-tested way to destroy ourselves and are running toward destruction like a bunch of lemmings hurrying to leap off a cliff into the sea. We look back at our history, see the blessings that were given this nation because of its trust in God and then turn our backs and shudder in disgust. We are too sacred for God.

I'm confused - why do we abandon what made us strong, and chase after things that have proven time and again to be deadly? Why do we pursue destruction and flee from salvation? Why do we listen to morons like Michael Moore and ignore prophets of God like Isaiah? Why have we turned so far from God that we don't even allow him to be seen in public or enter our schools? Are we really that stupid?

Ecclesiastes 12: 13&14 - "Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments. For this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil."

## Summer Vacation comes to an end

Summer vacation, just thinking about it brings smiles to all the tortured youth of America. Summer vacation allows one to vacate homework, projects, and most of all early bus rides to school. Summer, the grandest of all holidays, always brings smells of coconut sun block, barbecues, and most importantly freedom. It seems just yesterday summer began and now sadly it has come to an end.

My summer started out well enough, I went to a few camps, revisited the best leadership seminar ever, GOLD, as a Jr. Staffer, and visited family from other states. I even spent quite a bit of time in Colorado, where after fainting a few times, I finally mastered the art of functioning in high altitudes. I swam a bit, ate a bit, watched a bit of TV and realized that though I was turning summer into bits it was still flying quickly by.

I tried working extra hard to slow down my rapidly passing moment of paradise, so I tried to do nothing. I thought, "well heck, if I spend my days doing not much of anything maybe they will go by slower." Wrong. It just got boring and I realized that why waste these precious moments of freedom staring at a blank wall. So I did some yoga, read some self-motivating books and played like each day was my last.

I even got the excellent opportunity to go to the Vans Warped Tour. There I saw many of my favorite bands, jumped around in mosh pits and went crowd surfing. For those of you who know neither of mosh pits or crowd surfing, you are seriously missing out. When in the pit, you hop around like a mad



Teen Spirit

Shanae Simmons

man (or woman) and cheer on your band screaming out how much you love them and how they "totally rock!" When crowd surfing, my new favorite activity, you hop up on top of the crowd and they carry you all the way up to the front. You almost literally "surf" through your peers and before you know it your at the feet of a crooning lead singer.

Sadly though, during this small yet exciting excursion, you might lose more than just your fear of riding atop screaming people. In my case, my losses were a wee more expensive. I lost one, yes just one, flip flop, a cell phone, and a pair of car keys that I found and planned to turn into the lost and found. I also got really sunburned.

When I finally returned home I had to look forward to making the volleyball team. This year it was a requirement to run a mile under time, do 20 perfect push-ups and 200 jump ropes in under two minutes to play.

Needless to say I was a bit nervous, but I had gone through the summer preparing myself not only in some physical aspects but also mental, working on "positive visualizing". In the end I not only made the team, but also made captain, gaining a new found confidence in my abilities.

But through all my summer

holiday's activities, the most exciting would have to be something that didn't even require me leaving my home. I, Shanae Simmons, was featured in the Washington Post. It turns out that a woman at the Post was writing a similar story to that of the one I wrote about my journey through the crazy world of crushes, the article I won state with, and thought my incite on crushes was very unique. She called the paper looking for me and when she finally got a hold, she gave me my first big-city newspaper interview. We talked on the phone for about an hour, on the Post's dollar of course, and she laughed as I told her about one of my biggest crushes. We giggled together like school girls, me blushing frequently, as I told her about the crazy ad-

ventures I went through while having a crush on a friend's older brother. She was totally impressed with all I went through and was generous in giving me a nice spot in her story leaving me with a pleasant way to end my summer and begin the new school year.

Summer vacations, they truly are wonderful, so much great can come of them if you play your cards right. It really is too bad they end so quickly. Farewell coconut smelling sun block, barbecues and freedom. Goodbye concert tours, camps and nap time. Adieu summer joy. Now if only school could go by as fast.

If you would like to read the Washington Post article featuring Shanae, go to www.washingtonpost.com keyword Shanae.

## 3rd Annual Team Roping Competition in Rocksprings

It's time to pack up your folding chairs and head out to the fairgrounds, yes it's almost been a year and it's time for the Sacred Heart of Mary Annual Parish Festival which will be held on September 4th at the Edwards County Fairgrounds.

Festivities will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the parade. The parade marshal for this year's festivities is native Eduardo Franco.

Come, eat and listen to La Musica de Tin Cisneros of Eagle Pass, Dennis Ray & Catlin Rutherford of Uvalde, and Las Hermanitas Montalvo of Del Rio will follow. Children's game booths and food booths will open at 11:00 a.m. A washer pitching contest will also be held along with a 3-on-3 basketball

tournament. The \$1000 cash giveaway is scheduled to be announced during the dance which begins at 9:00 p.m. with a night performance by Trueno of Dilley.

The queen coronation will be at 4:00 p.m.

The 3rd Annual Team Roping Competition will be held in conjunction with the festival. Books open at 1:00 p.m. You may contact Polo Cavazos for further information.

No coolers allowed in the fairgrounds. Tickets are currently being sold for the cash giveaway.

For further information please contact Edward Gonzales at 683-6177 or Juan Enriquez at 683-4470.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protesting our livelihood should not be taken lightly

The Kinney County Conservation Groundwater District permit hearings were held last week. We were disappointed many people protested our historical irrigation permits. We've learned protest forms were made available before the hearing to a chosen few. The District didn't advertise their availability. This is another example of KCGCD's closed government. Protesters are concerned with Las Moras Creek. They should be. However, our wells have been pumping water for over 45 years and never affected Las Moras spring flow.

The amount of water we requested wasn't random. A lot of research and time were spent collecting documentation supporting our historical permits. We used photographs from the 60s and 70s, historical electric and fuel records, and Farm Service Agency records. We have affidavits from people who worked our farm long before we came to Kinney County, over twenty years ago. Historic use permits are allowed by KCGCD's rules. We did nothing wrong by applying for them.

Long time residents of Kinney County are aware our farm has been in production in excess of 45 years. We are the only row crop farmers making our income raising corn, cotton and grain. However, a group called Kinney County Farmers & Ranchers Coalition protested our permit. Who are you? You protested all historical agricultural operations, but did not protest newer wells in the county. If you are an agricultural group, why are you attacking the agricultural community, instead of protecting them?

Sky Lewey, with the Nueces River Authority protested our permits. She stated she protested all permits asking for large amounts of water. This isn't a valid reason. Why did she protest permits in the Rio Grande Basin, and not those closer to the Nueces River? Thankfully, the Nueces River Authority has now chosen not to get involved with local politics and withdrawn their protests. Some people filed protests on a whim or because they were asked. People must understand this is our livelihood and not to be taken lightly. Excess expenses incurred during last week's hearing were unnecessary. The hearing should never have lasted five hours if handled properly.

Jennifer & Jim McDaniel

To the Citizens of Kinney County

My name is Lynn Sherman. I understand that my name and the water project being developed by the landowners in Pinto Valley are being used in the debate regarding whether Fort Clark Springs should incorporate. The water development project is wholly unrelated to Ft. Clark, and the claims you may have heard, about them being related, are false. Rather than allow other people to talk about me and

speak on my behalf, I would prefer to speak directly to those that have questions and concerns. To that end, I am providing my email, address, and telephone number for anyone with questions or concerns to contact me directly. Lynn Sherman 512-431-6515 cell 5840 Balcones Drive Suite 200 Austin, Texas 78731 lsherman@watertexas.com

Abusing 'Freedom of Speech' endangers it

The Brackett News has been steadily improving as a small town newspaper in recent years. The awards it has received in the journalism profession testify to the paper's status. However, an editorial printed in the August 12th, issue caused me to question whether this will continue. I was appalled to read "The Way I See It". Any editorial is an expression of the writer's opinion and usually states the position of the newspaper. It isn't meant to be a license to indulge in character assassination.

The tone of the entire article was inflammatory. Even if it was one writer's opinion, it was so extreme that I think it passed the boundary of acceptable material for print. The writer used offensive language; guesses were presented as facts; truth was mercilessly skewed; issues were not addressed. Tacking on a quotation from the Bible was an effort to gain automatic acceptance from people of faith. The terms "left" and "right" were taken from this Biblical quote and applied to American political positions in 2004 and construed to mean that "left" was bad, "right" was correct.

There is more than one way to look at any subject. It isn't a matter of one opinion being right and any other view being wrong. A wise choice at the polls is dependent on voters having access to accurate information, and a newspaper should strive to provide this. Democracy came into being in ancient Greece in the fifth century BC in order to give people a voice in their government. Skilled orators were selected by the different sides to

express their particular opinion. These viewpoints were presented in a logical, persuasive way in order to attract votes. Vitriolic attacks don't convince voters, nor do they invite discussion. The damage is in their divisiveness. They cause people to be reluctant to express their view for fear of retaliation. This was not the intent of democracy. Freedom of speech is a right given citizens of a democracy; abusing that right endangers it.

Frances McMaster

Examine for yourself the behavior of our directors

Over the past year I've attended several meetings and presentations where members of the "Exploration Committee" circulated questionable reasoning for creating a municipality on Fort Clark Springs.

The effort to create a municipality on Fort Clark Springs is a hoax! The ancient wisdom of "wolves in sheep's clothing" and "beware of Greeks bearing gifts" is all too obvious here. There is treachery at work.

I wrote a letter to Tom Saylor, May 18th, volunteering to serve on the "Exploration Committee." His answer informed me that the "Exploration Committee" members were all self-appointed volunteers, not appointed or ratified by the board. I was told the committee would be in contact with me.

All FCSA members in good standing should understand the fiduciary duties of our elected officers and directors. "Fiduciary" refers to integrity and fidelity. It contemplates fair dealing and good faith. Generally speaking, it applies to any person who occupies a position of peculiar confidence.

To date, three months later, I have yet to be contacted by anyone from the committee. So I did my own "exploration," analyzing several courses of action, and arriving at reasonable conclusions, none of which support becoming a municipality. I am now convinced this campaign has a far more sinister purpose!

Our officers and directors are fiduciaries of FCSA, and as such, owe certain fiduciary duties to the corporation. First is the duty of care. Simply stated the duty of care requires an officer or director to act on an informed basis while managing the affairs of the corporation. Second is the duty of loyalty. A director or officer fulfills the duty of loyalty by acting in good faith and not allowing personal interests to prevail over the corporation's interests.

I did mistakenly state annexation by the City of Brackettville was, "very remote if not completely unlikely." I have since confirmed that annexation is indeed impossible. Brackettville can only annex territory it already provides with water or sewer service!

Examine for yourself the behavior of some of our officers and directors and determine if that behavior passes the test. William F. Haem

NRA withdraws permit protests

Dear Mr. Smith: Nueces River Authority (NRA) wishes to withdraw, immediately, all registration forms it submitted at the hearing on August 12th. Our desire was to participate in the District's groundwater permit hearings as an interested party. We have no interest in opposing any application being considered. The fact that registering as an interested party was not an option available to us when we arrived at the hearing resulted,

unfortunately, in our registering against some of the larger applications in order to maintain a presence in the hearings, again, with no desire to oppose any of them. This is an inappropriate way for NRA to participate, so we withdraw and apologize to the District for any inconvenience this may have caused and to any applicant to whom our actions may have raised concern. Please distribute this letter to all entities that registered at the

August 12th hearing and invoice us for the cost of that distribution. Thank you, Sincerely Con Mims Executive Director

Editor's note: The preceding letter was delivered by fax to the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District on Monday. This letter is being published as a courtesy to the citizens of Kinney County.

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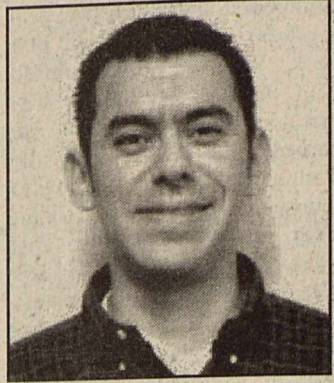


**First Day of School** Photo by Kathy Wilson  
Kindergardeners visit the newly relocated computer lab at Jones Elementary. Pictured with students is teacher Julia Terrazas.

**Firefighters attend School**

COLLEGE STATION - Leo Luna, Dustin Slubar and Joe Escamilla Jr., Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department in Brackettville, Texas attended the 75th Annual Municipal Fire Training School July 25-30. The school, attended by nearly 2,000 students, representing 750 cities and over 25 states, was held at Texas A&M University. Firefighters chose courses from a list including Fire Fighting, Fire Prevention, Fire Department Officer Development, Fire Service Rescue Practices, Specialized Fire Protection and Public Safety Emergency Service Dispatcher. Firefighter's Leo Luna, Dustin Slubar, Joe Escamilla Jr. is being sponsored by Kinney/Val Verde, County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies by contributing toward the cost of the school. Since volunteer firefighters are interested in attending this school to help do a better job for fire fighting and fire prevention, 125 County Farm Bureaus and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies in the statewide program have sponsored 125 firemen at the school. "Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies believe volunteer fire departments have been very effective in reducing the amount of loss involved by fire in rural areas," said Texas Farm Bureau president, Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo. "It is our hope in sponsoring this program that the firefighters will help the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department to better serve the residents of Kinney County."

**Alain Gallegos joins RGEC team**



**Alain Gallegos**

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce that Alain Gallegos has joined the Co-op's staff. Gallegos assumed the position of Information Technology Technician last week. He is a graduate of Uvalde High School, and obtained his Associate's Degree in Computer information from Southwest Texas Jr. College. Gallegos then earned a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from Texas A & M University in Kingsville. In addition to computers, his interests include camping, hiking, and fishing. He says he looks forward to getting to know the Co-op's staff, and to meeting the friendly people of Brackettville.

**KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT**

**Sunday, August 8**  
4:25 p.m., Gary R. Hernandez, 23, of San Antonio, was arrested by Deputy Donald Page for possession of marijuana, under 2 ounces. He was released after posting \$2,000 bond.  
**Monday, August 9**  
6:30 a.m., A man requested to speak with a trapper regarding a coyote he spotted on his property. Mark Bland was notified of the situation.  
8:02 a.m., A man reported two gas tanker trucks ran a red light on highway 90. They were headed east of Brackettville. The man also stated one of the trucks passed on the right side. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley spoke with the drivers.  
10:45 a.m., The owner of a locate store reported a break-in. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the location.  
10:18 p.m., A Spofford woman reported that someone

was firing a weapon near her house. She said she could hear rounds hitting her residence. The woman also stated, she heard a vehicle take off. Deputies Donald Page and Manuel Pena were notified of the situation.  
**Tuesday, August 10**  
10:26 p.m., An unknown caller reported under age drinkers disturbing the peace. Deputies Page and Ramon Gutierrez were dispatched to the location.  
**Wednesday, August 11**  
12:48 a.m., A Fort Clark security employee requested a Deputy's assistance in unit 15. The employee stated that the individual living at the residence did not know the person who was at their house. Deputy Gutierrez was notified of the situation.  
6:49 p.m., A woman reported an accident on highway 90 near the light. Deputy Pena and DPS

were dispatched to the scene.  
**Thursday, August 12**  
12:14 a.m., A woman reported a possible theft of goats. She stated that someone was by her neighbors goat pen on west El Paso Street. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the location.  
12:26 a.m., A woman reported that an unknown person had left a bike near her residence. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.  
2:41 a.m., A man reported that another man was trying to fight him and hit him with a board. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the residence on north Beaumont Street.  
5:40 a.m., A Border Patrol Agent reported a person riding on a tool box in a red truck, headed west on highway 90. DPS Trooper Marcos Hernandez was notified of the situation.  
1:30 p.m., The local business

owner reported that their windows had been vandalized. Constable Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the scene.  
**Friday, August 13**  
8:30 a.m., A Fort Clark security employee requested a deputies assistance regarding an aluminum gate that had been damaged by a vehicle. Constable Guidry was notified. The incident is under investigation.  
**Saturday, August 14**  
10:35 a.m., A 911 caller reported a green Astro van, driving reckless, on highway 90 west bound. Del Rio DPS was informed of the situation.  
4:15 p.m., Jose Luis Flores, 36 of Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Page for public intoxication and evading arrest.  
5:20 p.m., An unknown caller reported a bull loose on Highway 55. Uvalde County was contacted but had already been informed about it.

6:22 p.m., A woman reported a vehicle accident at local business. Deputy Page and Pena were dispatched to the location.  
9:35 p.m., A Border Patrol Agent reported that a motorist had hit a deer and had car damage. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the scene on Highway 1572 approximately five miles south.  
**Sunday, August 15**  
6:00 a.m., A 911 caller reported that their vehicle was being burglarized on Ann Street, in front of the school. Deputies Page and Gutierrez were notified.  
10:13 a.m., Guadalupe Lumberras, 25, of Brackettville, was arrested by Deputies Page and Gutierrez for burglary of a vehicle.  
12:30 p.m., Eulalio D. Garza, 20, of Brackettville, was

arrested by Deputies Page and Gutierrez for burglary of a vehicle.  
6:04 p.m., A woman reported that her grandson wanted to hit her. Deputy Page was dispatched to the location on North Beaumont Street.  
10:00 p.m., A woman reported a fight at her neighbors residence. Deputies Gutierrez and Page was dispatched to the scene.  
10:30 p.m., A man reported a red pickup driving reckless on highway 90 east of Ann Street. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.  
**Monday, August 16**  
3:17 a.m., A man reported that he heard noises in back of his residence on Remote Alley. The man also stated he saw a suspicious vehicle leaving the alley. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the residence.

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# Tigerettes' ace opener with wins over Leakey

By J.J. Guidry  
Sports Writer

The Brackett volleyball team served six aces en route to posting a 25-12, 25-11, 25-10 victory over Leakey in the season opener for both teams.

Valerie Terrazas paced the Tigerettes' offense with 13 service points, while Jessie Crane and Kara Yeager each finished with 10 points.

"We are hitting the ball a lot more this year," Brackett head volleyball coach Rhonda Marquardt said. "Our games should be very exciting."

The varsity team, which consists of eight seniors, five juniors and two sophomores this season, posted wins over Class 5A Del Rio and Leakey last week in scrimmages.

The Tigerettes posted a 25-10, 20-25, 17-25, 25-21, 15-8 win over the Del Rio Queens on Saturday.

"This was a big game for us

since it was a 1A school beating a 5A school," Marquardt said. "Emily Valenzuela came off the bench in the fourth game and served up five aces in a row to help us win the game. Our girls worked well together as a team to accomplish this win," she added.

Ashley Castillo led BHS with 10 kills, while Courtney Frerich had seven and Shanae Simmons had six. Castillo also had eight blocks, while Frerich and Simmons had seven and six, respectively.

Valenzuela finished with six aces, while Stephanie Bonner served five and Crane had two.

Crane led the defense with 10 digs, while Castillo had four, and Bonner and Timmeka Simmons had three each. Simmons also had 12 assists, while Yeager posted six.

Brackett's junior varsity beat Junction 25-14, 11-25, 25-20 on Saturday, while dropping a 18-25, 25-17, 25-23 decision to Del

Rio's junior varsity.

Lisa Morgan led the Tigerettes' J.V. with seven kills and four aces. Daphne Hunt finished with four kills and three aces, while Julie Castillo and Laura Meyer both had six assists.

Also on Saturday, Brackett's freshmen lost to Del Rio 25-16,

25-14. Amber Castilla had two kills and Meghann Davis picked up three digs for the ninth-graders. Anolda Watkins tallied three assists in the contest, and Natasha Smith had an ace. The freshmen team's serving percentage was 88 in the contest.

## 04-05 Hunting Season Dates

**Dove Season** - Bag limit of 12 birds daily during the reg. season. Central Zone: North of 90— Sept. 1-Oct. 31 & Dec. 26-Jan. 3 South Zone: South of 90— Sept. 24-Nov. 10 & Dec. 26-Jan. 12 Special White-Winged Dove Area: South of 90 only— Special Season September 4, 5, 11, 12. Bag limit: 10 birds daily, no more than 5 mourning doves.

**White-tailed Deer** - Archery Season: Oct. 2 - 31 (countywide) North of 90: General Season: Nov. 6 - Jan. 2; Special Late General Season: Jan. 3 - 16 (antlerless and spikes only). Bag limit: 5 (no more than 2 bucks, all seasons combined). South of 90: General Season: Nov. 6 - Jan. 16; Special Late General Season: Jan. 17 - 30 (antlerless and spikes only). Bag limit: 5 (no more than 3 bucks, all seasons combined).

**Turkey** - Archery Season: Oct. 2 - 31 (either sex countywide); Fall Season: North of 90: Nov. 6 - Jan. 2 (either sex); South of 90: Nov. 6 - Jan. 16 (either sex); Spring Season: (countywide) Mar. 26 - May 1 (gobblers only). Bag limit: 4 (all seasons combined).

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Using a 10 in. skillet, over medium heat, melt butter. When hot, cook chicken 10 min. or until browned on both sides. Remove; set aside and spoon out any remaining but-

ter. In same skillet combine soup, mayonnaise, honey and mustard.

Heat to boiling, return chicken to skillet; reduce heat to low. Cover and cook 5 min. or until chicken is no longer pink, stirring occasionally.

To serve; arrange chicken over rice; stir sauce and spoon over chicken. Sprinkle with nuts.

\*We adults enjoyed this with wild rice for a nuttier flavor.

## 2004 Property Tax Rates in the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

### Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$64,542
Last year's debt taxes	\$5,677
Last year's total taxes	\$70,219
Last year's tax base	\$123,407,733
Last year's total tax rate	0.0569 /\$100

### This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$69,211
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$129,512,109
= This year's effective tax rate	0.0534 /\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.0550 /\$100

### This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$63,616
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$129,512,109
= This year's effective operating rate	0.0491 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.0530 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.0041 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.0571 /\$100

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.0534 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2003 taxes by \$767.

### Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances

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

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
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### Schedule B 2004 Debt Service

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

Descrip- tion of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	\$5,000	\$194	\$0	\$5,194
Total Required for Debt Service				\$5,194
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2004				\$5,194
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95.27% of its taxes in 2004				\$258
= Total Debt Levy				5,452

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 412 S Ann St., Brackettville, TX 78832.

Name of person preparing this notice: William F. Haenn, RPA, RTA  
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Date Prepared: August 16, 2004

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2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer	5,206 miles	SN 5217	2003 Buick Century Custom	28,180 miles	SN 5194	2002 Pontiac Grand AM 4 Dr	46,796 miles	SN 5189
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ACROSS  
1 Swat  
5 Without delay, for short  
9 Dog owner's item  
14 False account  
15 Ms. Falana  
16 Stand  
17 Comical  
18 Dogs with wrinkled foreheads  
19 Fertilizer ingredient  
20 Very clever  
23 One of 86,400 in a day: abbr.  
24 12/24 or 1/231  
25 Cub Scouts' org.  
26 Cooks' leftovers  
32 Artificer  
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 Azerbaijani, 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 deer or diffier  
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  
21 Equal  
22 Turn away  
25 Ewe's pastime  
26 Television station  
27 Mexican Indian  
28 Numerical comparisons  
29 Magazine  
30 Gigwig  
31 Exhausted  
32 Sedate; unchanging  
33 Fortress  
34 Inclines  
35 Color  
39 Sorority letter  
43 Snack from the bakery  
45 Place to store food  
47 Thundered  
50 Quilt  
52 Hereditary unit  
53 Opposite of acknowledge  
54 Look toward  
55 Ms. Adams  
56 City near Tivoli  
57 Fern, lilies  
58 Swirling bath  
59 Lap up  
60 Colts' 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?

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**Roaring Twenties Solution:**

- Burns
- Bush
- Eliot
- Foreman
- Gershwin
- Helas
- Hamilton
- Harrison
- Jessel
- Kennedy
- Lucas
- McGovern
- Orwell
- Patton
- Peppard
- Segal
- Steinbrenner
- Wallace
- Wandt
- Wll

Roaring Twenties Solution grid showing words circled in the crossword puzzle grid.

**ASTROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You receive a most intriguing invitation this week. For some, this could involve some travel. Later, cultural pursuits are satisfying.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You'll need to discern fact from fiction this week. Someone you thought you could trust isn't exactly telling the whole story. Do some digging to get to the bottom of this.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You meet a very interesting person this week. Cultivate this relationship. In the long run, this person could turn out to be a very valuable friend.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Those involved in new romances should keep their eyes open. Not everything is as it seems. A money-making opportunity comes your way.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You're full of energy this week, and most of this is focused creatively. Innovations you come up with on a work project are just what's needed. Over the weekend, exercise a cooperative attitude with family members.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Friendships are accented this week. Perhaps there's someone in particular you've been neglecting. Be sure to renew those ties.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) It's not the time to even think about doing something risky. In particular, this applies to monetary situations.

Instead, look for ways to save more money and cut expenses.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You're ready to explore new horizons at work. Fortunately, bigwigs are open to your suggestions. Later in the week, you deal with an unpredictable family member.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You're really up-and-at-'em early this week. This means you're at your productive best. By week's end, even you can't believe all you've accomplished.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Sometimes, friendships and money don't mix. Remember that if someone comes to you asking for help, you can be supportive without opening your wallet.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You'll have no problem this week commercializing your creativity. Thus, you find yourself at your happiest since you really like what you're doing. This weekend, let a family member take charge of home matters.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) The news you've been anticipating finally arrives. Fortunately, it's all good. Later in the week, an impromptu outing is satisfying.

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# The Difference between Truth and Faith

Having a three-year-old child, I often hear a few things that are a bit hard to swallow. "Daddy, remember when I was in an airplane yesterday and it caught on fire and you rescued me and we all went to McDonalds?" Maybe those of you with children or grandchildren have heard this sort of thing. The interesting thing is that this creative sentence includes an element of truth (we did go to McDonalds) and element of probability (if there was some airborne catastrophe, I'm sure I'd try to save my son) and an element of pure fantasy (we were neither on an airplane nor in a fire.)

I spent some time explaining the difference between truth and "make believe" to my child. It was such a useful conversation, and given the current season, I thought I'd add some comments here.

In our language, truth and faith refer to two different things. Truth is an absolute. Something that is true is real, verifiable, accurate, or correct. Truth does not require trust, it only requires evidence if it is to be verified. In matters of religion, we all like to think we possess the truth, but what we really have is *faith*.



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Faith requires us to step outside of what we can see, know, and measure. It requires an element of trust. Christians accept Jesus' statement "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6) through *faith*.

Pontius Pilate, the man who tried Jesus, asked "What is truth?" (see John 18:33 - 19:22.) While no Christian can endorse the man who released Jesus to his executors, I admire Pilate's forthright statement, "I find no guilt in this man." (see John 19:6.) Pilate did not attempt to mock Jesus or belittle Him, he simply wanted to know the truth. In the established manner of the day, Pilate tried to cow Jesus into behaving, but He never assailed Jesus' character. Apparently Pilate understood that he was being asked to conduct a religious inquisition, not a trial, and refused to do so. Pilate could see that confronta-

tions with truth, absent any proof, quickly change from evidentiary hearings to inquisitions of faith. The matter becomes no longer a question of fact, but a question of allegiance. I can understand Pilate's frustration. So why all this talk about truth?

In a political season, it is easy for the desire for hard facts to turn into an urge to win at any cost. Examinations of positions become inquisitions of character. Discussions of details give way to arguments of passion. Jesus warned of us this danger in many ways, especially in the ways he handled the tough political questions of His own time. He himself carefully avoided an inquisition into tax paying by a clever remark to the Pharisees, showing that the coin used to pay taxes had Caesar's image, and belonged to Caesar (Matt 22:15-22.)

He then avoided a similar attack from the opposing Sadducees, after being questioned about an issue of marriage and potential adultery (Matt 22:23-33). We can think of Jesus as an ancient politician who had to find a "straight and narrow" way between polarized

camp. Jesus told the simple truth. He kept the faith and encouraged others to do so. And eventually, He was killed.

I hope Christians can find that narrow path between examination and inquisition during this period of political discussion. Jesus commands us to pray for our enemies, even our political opponents. We need to prayerfully consider how we will vote (if we vote) and we need to prepare to make good choices.

I don't consider it my place as a pastor to a spotlight a political issue or a candidate. Instead, my think my job is to share the Gospel. So I hold up as an example that great reformer, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, who was a part of neither major political group of His place and time. His Good News is better than any campaign promise (and longer lasting!) May we cling to His *truths* through study and through *faith* obtain His gift of salvation!

At First United Methodist Church we believe hearing the truth of the Gospel on Sundays helps us live the life of faith all week. Join us for worship on Sundays at 10:45 or come early for Sunday School at 9:30 AM.!

# Look towards the Scriptures

And he said, how can I, except some man should guide me?

And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

The place of the scripture which he read was this. He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth;

In his humiliation his judgment was taken away; and who shall declare his generation for his life is taken from the earth.

And the eunuch answered Philip, and said I pray thee, of



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whom speaketh the Prophet of himself, or of some other man?

Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him. Jesus. Acts 8: 31-35.

Look at God! Jesus Glory! Hallelujah!

# A Father sets the example for his family

"Jeanie, this meat's overdone. You know I don't like it this way. And look at these rolls. They're hard on the bottoms." Tom laughed and tapped the bottom of his roll with a knife.

Jeanie lowered her head. She turned to look at the children who were looking apprehensively at their father.

She feigned a little laugh and said sarcastically, "Well Tom, I had to do something wrong. Meal time just wouldn't be right if everything pleased you."

It was getting more and more difficult to keep silent with Tom's criticisms.

The children looked embarrassingly at their parents.



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Lately every meal was turning into an awkward silence for the family.

Jeanie made up her mind that she must confront Tom but not in front of the kids.

Looking at the kids, she apologized. "I'm sorry I snapped at you Tom. We'll talk later."

Jeanie decided that her talk

with Tom had to be soon. After the kids were in bed she decided it was time to talk.

She picked up the remote and shut the TV off. Tom responded angrily.

"Now what's that all about?" He asked.

Determined to keep things civil, Jeanie began. "Tom I'm going to give you the benefit of the doubt. You might not mean anything by your comments at the dinner table but the criticisms of my cooking are getting under my skin. I'm becoming bitter and defensive. I don't like some of my feelings. I'm worried about the effect on the children. Julie is beginning to criti-

cize what I fix for breakfast and sounding just like you. Please Tom, we've got to make some changes. The kids are learning from what you say."

Long ago a very wise man said that inappropriate talk is like the wrong music at a funeral (Sirach 22:6). A father must set the example for his children in his speech, in his conduct, in his love, in his faith, and in his moral purity (1 Timothy 4:12).

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

## OBITUARIES

### Fredrick H. Bromley

Frederick Howard Bromley passed away August 6th, at home on Fort Clark Springs, Brackettville, after a short battle with cancer. He was born May 14, 1931 in Voluntown, Connecticut.

Fred devoted his life to human services and served in the US Army during the Korean War. He was Dean of Boys at the Omaha Home for Boys for many years and counselor for the mentally ill in Connecticut. He loved golf, woodworking and traveling. Fred was a gentle, compassionate person and will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Effie; his mother in Connecticut; daughters; Emily Jacobsen of Omaha, Nebraska, Pat Bromley of Connecticut, Cindy Lou Bromley of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Kitrina Wade of Woodbine, Iowa; stepson RW Freiheit of Connecticut; Laurie Soulor of Connecticut; several grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Omaha Home for Boys - Fred Bromley Achievement Award or Hospice of Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio.

### LaVena Clark

LaVena Clark passed away at the home of her daughter on Fort Clark Springs, Sunday, August 15th. She was born October 10, 1915, in Hamilton, Illinois. On May 30, 1937, she married Loren E. Clark in Warsaw, Illinois. Her husband, her parents and brothers, Hubbard and Russell, preceded her in death.

LaVena was a teacher at St. Vincent's School in Keokuk, Iowa and retired in 1983 as a second grade teacher at Hamilton Elementary. She spent many years as organist for St.

Mary's Catholic Church in Hamilton.

Following retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Clark moved to Billings, Montana in 1984, where they managed Laurel Gardens Apartments. She volunteered as a Pink Lady at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings and was active with the Billings Symphony Associates. After her husband's death in June, 1994, she enjoyed dividing her time between the homes of her children.

"Beana," as she was affectionately known by her grandchildren and great grandchildren, is survived by four children: Nancy Simmons (Jerry) of Bainbridge Island, Washington, Lynn McNew (Tom) of Fort Clark Springs, Douglas Clark of Bainbridge Island, Washington, and Dennis Clark (Sandy) of Hamilton, Illinois. She is also survived by twelve grandchildren: Clay Simmons, Brad Simmons, Andrea Simmons Cyphers, Jami Simmons Au, CPT Tom McNew, Tami McNew, Tim McNew, Angela Clark Kinney, Jessica Clark Steinkuhler, Lou Clark, Terri Clark Helm, and Jason Clark; and twenty

great grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Brackettville Funeral Home on Friday, August 20th, 5 to 8 p.m., with the Rosary recited at 7 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, August 21st, 10:30 a.m., at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville with Father Cornelius Scanlan presiding.

Visitation will be at Lamporte Funeral Home in Hamilton on Tuesday, August 24, 5 to 8 p.m., with the Rite of Committal at Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton on Wednesday, August 25th, 10:30 a.m. with Deacon Bill Gray presiding.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Del Rio, the American Cancer Society, Hamilton Elementary School Library or a charity of your choice.

### Thomas E. Field

Thomas E. "Gene" Field age

84 passed away peacefully on August 9th, after a short illness.

He was a long time resident of San Antonio, Texas and Independent Produce Trucker for 54 years.

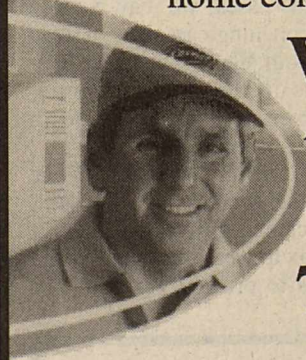
He proudly served in the 23rd Infantry Division from 1940 to 1942 and was honorably discharged for a service related injury. His favorite pastimes were playing poker and fishing.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years Katherine, 4 children; Katherine Rose, Charles T. Field, James Field (Margaret) and Debra Taylor, 3 grandchildren; Caprice Taylor, Adam LaForte and Lucas Field and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Friday, August 13th, from 6 to 9 p.m., at Funeral Caring Funeral Home, 2200 NW Loop 410, San Antonio. A Graveside Service was held at 1:30 p.m., Monday, August 16th, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

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**Livestock should be vaccinated**

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past in Terrell, Webb and Starr Counties, owners in this area also should keep watch and may want to consider vaccination, too. One of the unanswered challenges is finding a way to effectively deliver anthrax vaccine to grazing wildlife, which cannot be herded through a chute to be given an injection.

"Dear owners in these counties should check with their private veterinary practitioner or the TAHC, prior to collecting brain tissue from dead deer for routine chronic wasting disease (CWD) surveillance. CWD has not been detected in Texas, and in some cases, we may want to avoid opening carcasses of dead deer with signs of anthrax. Producers in the CWD program, however, are to report death losses," he said.

Dr. Hillman urged anyone handling or burning carcasses, or vaccinating livestock against anthrax to wear long sleeves and gloves to prevent potential dis-

ease exposure. He said skin anthrax, although rare, can cause a nasty, black sore that requires medical attention and antibiotics.

General sanitation procedures should be followed after handling livestock, and equipment used on the animals should be disinfected.

Pets should be kept away from dead carcasses or bones of dead animals, which pose a disease risk. Healthy animals should be moved from anthrax-contaminated areas.

"Hunters and campers often ask about dangers posed by naturally occurring anthrax. We advise visitors to avoid dead animals, urge them not to swim in creeks or tanks where dead animals have been seen, and not to pick up shed antlers or old animal bones.

By the time hunting season starts, cool weather usually puts an end to cases," said Dr. Hillman. "When hunting, always shoot only healthy-looking ani-

mals. By the time an animal displays signs of anthrax, such as staggering, trembling or convulsions, death is inevitable."

He also said hunters and campers should talk to their physician, if they develop an unexplained sore on their hands or arms after an outing.

Dr. Hillman cited several actions that should be taken during an anthrax outbreak:

1. Properly dispose of animal carcasses by burning to prevent exposure to other animals, such as predators or dogs. Remove healthy livestock from the area.
2. Vaccinate livestock if cases occur in the surrounding areas. Because the anthrax vaccine is a "live" vaccine, it should not be administered concurrently with antibiotics. Vaccinated animals are to be withheld from slaughter for two months.
3. Restrict movement of livestock from an affected premise until animals can develop immunity through vaccination.

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**"Robin Hood" funding plan redistributes revenues from other school districts**

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October, and if successful, will compete at State level competition to be held in San Antonio during December.

school board learn to work together for the good of the students and district in general.

Also discussed, was the Board's consideration of purchasing an automated electronic defibrillator for emergency care, in case of cardiac arrest.

Board members adjourned into executive session for discussion of personnel issues at 7:35 p.m.

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