

# The Brackett News

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## BRIEFS

### Halloween Carnival

Kinney County 4-H will be sponsoring its First Annual Halloween Carnival Oct. 30. Talent show, costume contest, games, food, and pumpkin toss championship. FCS Service Club starting at 5 pm. For participation or questions call the Extension office at 563-2442.

### Hunter's Round-up

The Kinney County Extension Office, the Wildlife Damage Management Association, the Chamber of Commerce and Fort Clark Springs Association will sponsor the annual Hunter's Round-up on Nov. 6. Anyone interested in having a booth can contact the Extension Office at 830-563-2442. The price for a booth is \$25 or the donation of a door prize or raffle prize for the equivalent value.

### 4-H Activities

The deadline for District Spectra applications is Oct. 22. The Foods & Nutrition Tour in Del Rio will be on Oct. 23. Shooting Sports has begun, if you are interested call the Extension office at 830-563-2442. A Thank You goes out to Davis Hardware for allowing the 4-H members to decorate their windows and Silver Resendez for fixing all the brisquets for our barbecue. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Nov. 14.

### Tax payment

A new payment option for property taxes is now available to Kinney County taxpayers. Taxing units have authorized a split-payment option, which allows taxpayers to pay their property taxes in two convenient payments. Any taxpayer may take advantage of this option. A taxpayer can choose to pay one-half of their property taxes before December 1st, 2004 and then pay the remaining one-half of the taxes, without penalty or interest, anytime before July 1st of 2005. Split-payments are not eligible for discounts. Interested taxpayers are encouraged to visit the Appraisal District at 412 S. Ann Street or call 830-563-2323 for a new split-option tax statement.

### LEPC meeting

Local Emergency Planning Committee meets Monday, Oct. 24, 6:30 pm at the EMS Building.

### Dale Gas Rodeo

Dale Gas Team Roping Challenge continues today at the Val Verde County Fairgrounds Arena in Del Rio. "Best of the Border" Special Performance, Thursday, Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 22 and Saturday Oct. 23 performances will start at 7:30 p.m.

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# Second ranked Tigers roll to victory

Darin Koenig  
Sports Writer

The second ranked Brackett Tigers blasted through another opponent Friday night at Tiger Stadium. This time it was the D'Hanis Cowboys who could not tame the Tigers as Brackett moved to 7-0 overall. The Tigers came into the game as a state ranked district favorite, but there was work to do.

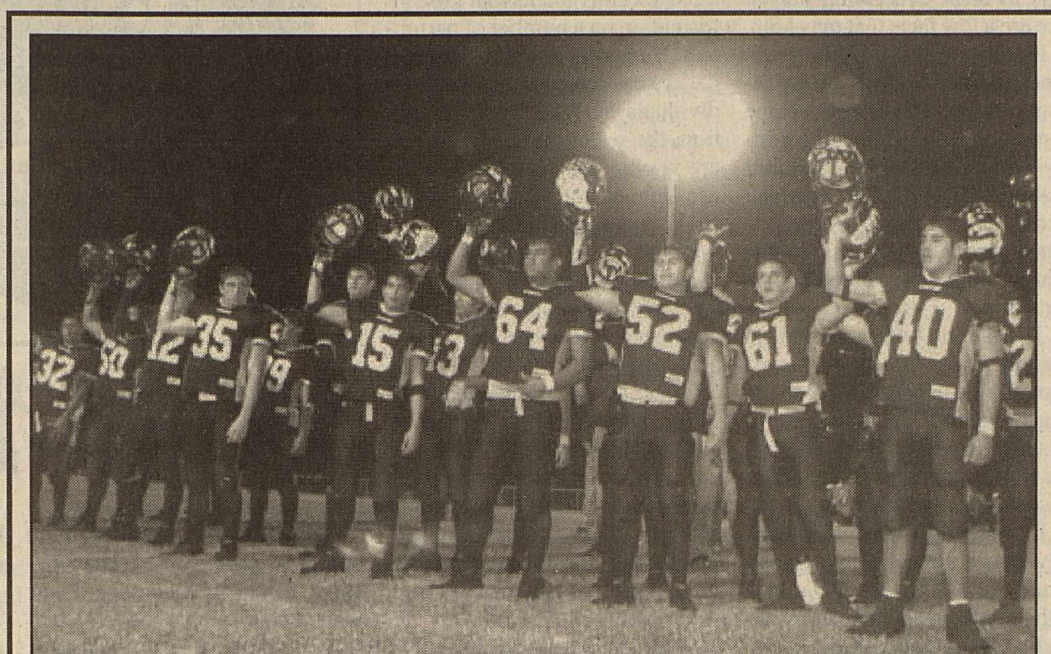
The game began with a quick three play D'Hanis drive followed by a punt. Brackett took possession of the ball at their own 37 yard line. On the first five offensive plays the Tigers ran through the Cowboy defense. Facing a third and eight from the D'Hanis 48, quarterback Kody Yeager found Tillman Davis at the 15 yard line. This set up Yeager's next pass, a 16 yard touchdown to Charlie Slaughter. D'Hanis' next drive was disastrous. On second down the Cowboys fumbled and John Moore ripped the loose ball away at the 31 yard line. Brackett's offense wasted no time with Mark Kesteloot busting through for a 31 yard touchdown run. D'Hanis' next offensive play produced their second fumble of the night, this one recovered by Leon Woolsey. Woolsey was rewarded for his defensive play a short time later when Yeager found him in the end zone for a 15 yard

touchdown strike. This gave the Tigers a 21-0 lead with all 21 points being scored in a 35 second span.

The second quarter continued the Tiger onslaught. At the 10:51 mark of the second quarter, Yeager again found an open man in the end zone. On this play it was Noe Talamantes for a 26 yard touchdown. After a couple of defensive stands, Brackett put together a drive that ended with Miles Braesicke scampering for an eight yard touchdown. After the Tigers kicked off to the Cowboys, the Tiger defense held. A timeout allowed the Tigers to get prepared for their two minute offense. There would be no need for the offense as Brand Wylie took the punt, started left, and then handed the ball to Talamantes. Talamantes would race 65 yards to the end zone to give the Tigers a 42-0 lead going into the half.

In the third quarter, the Tigers would put the icing on the cake. The icing came in the form of Yeager's fourth touchdown pass of the night. This time it was Braesicke from 14 yards away to end the scoring at 48-0. The remainder of the game was spent giving experience to young players in preparation for the remainder of the district season and the playoffs.

The Tigers were led by Yeager's passing which included five completions for 104 yards



Tiger Football Team

Photo by Danielle Moore

Brackett Tiger Varsity Football team celebrates homecoming victory over D'Hanis after last Friday's game.

and four touchdowns. Yeager also added four carries for 20 yards in the ground game. Yeager found a different receiver on every pass he threw. Tillman Davis had a 33 yard catch, Talamantes caught a 26 yard touchdown, Slaughter had a 16 yard TD reception, Woolsey's 15 yard touchdown, and Braesicke's 14 yard TD. The running backs were led by Talamantes' seven carries for 62

yards. Kesteloot added 52 yards on five carries and one touchdown, Braesicke had seven carries for 44 yards and a touchdown, and Cody Edwards rolled up 27 yards on three carries. Slaughter added 22 yards on four carries, Ivan Pinales carried three times for 22 yards, Fermin Villanueva had 17 yards on four carries, Travis Bonner added five yards on two carries, and Brand Wylie had one yard on three

carries. With Brackett ranked number two in class 1A, every opponent will be looking to knock off BHS. The Tigers have three games left in the regular season to prove that they deserve their ranking and get ready for a big playoff run. The next hurdle in their bid for another district championship comes at LaPryor. The game will kickoff Friday night at 7:30 PM in LaPryor.

## Texas drivers facing fees or revocations

Nearly 200,000 Texas drivers face possible driver license revocations unless they pay surcharges as part of a new legislative program being implemented this week.

The Driver Responsibility Program, which assesses fees for a variety of driving-related offenses, was approved by the Legislature in 2003. It took effect September 2003, but the surcharges could not be collected until the proper software was developed. The revenue generated by the program goes to trauma centers, emergency medical services and the Texas Mobility Fund.

Letters detailing the amount owed are now being mailed at the rate of about 5,000 a day to the most recent addresses on file with DPS. Drivers have 30 days after the notices are sent to either make payment or payment arrangements. If they do not, their driving privileges will be revoked, and they are not eligible for an occupational license. If caught driving with a revoked license, offenders face arrest for driving while license invalid, a class B misdemeanor.

"It's in their best interest for drivers to respond promptly to the letters," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. "Drivers who do not receive the notice because DPS has an incorrect address are still responsible for the fees."

As of Sept. 1, 2003, certain offenses carry an automatic sur-

charge for three years, including DWI-related offenses, no insurance, driving while license suspended and driving without a license. For example, the fee for a first-time DWI offender is \$1,000 per year for three years.

Also, since September of last year, 318 Texas drivers have been assigned points based on certain moving violation convictions in Texas and other states. Anyone who accumulates six points in any given three-year period will be required to pay \$100. The fee will be required every year that the three-year driver history reflects a minimum of six points. Every additional point after that will result in an additional \$25 charge.

"From a traffic safety perspective, we are hopeful this program will serve as a deterrent to dangerous driving, especially DWIs," said Davis. "The surcharges under this law are in addition to any other costs associated with the driving offenses—another good reason to obey traffic laws at all times."

Surcharges due every year for three years include convictions for:

- Failure to maintain insurance and driving while license invalid—\$250 per year
- Driving without a valid license—\$100 per year
- DWI-related offense: \$1000 per year for first offense; \$2,000 per year if the court reports an alcohol concentration of .16 or more; \$1,500 per year

for a second conviction within the three-year period.

All charges are cumulative.

Total number of drivers affected by surcharges:

No insurance	114,010
DWI-related	23,366
No driver license	47,529
Driving w/license invalid	6,000

For other moving violation convictions, DPS will assign points to a person's license as follows:

- Two points for a moving violation conviction in Texas or that of another state.

- Three points for a moving violation conviction in Texas or another state that resulted in a vehicle crash.

Points will not be assigned for speeding less than 10 percent over the posted limit or seat belt convictions.

The vendor, Municipal Services Bureau, is responsible for mailing the letters and collecting all fees. Payment options include installment agreements, and payments can be made by check, credit card and at Western Union offices. In all, \$67 million in surcharges are currently due.

For more information on the program go to Chapter 708 of the Texas Transportation Code.

A complete list of moving violations that will be assessed points can be found in Title 37 Part 1 (DPS) Texas Administrative Code Chapter 15 Subchapter D Rule 89.



King & Queen

Photo by Danielle Moore

Kristi Meyer (left) and Noe Talamantes were elected this year's homecoming Queen and King.

## Bonilla to hold meet & greet for Ag Community

Bonilla to hold meet & greet for Brackettville Ag Community Washington, DC - Congressman Henry Bonilla will hold a "meet and greet" session for the Brackettville Agriculture community on Thursday, October 21, 2004.

"Agriculture has been the backbone of Texas since its beginning. From producing crops and livestock, encouraging students to study agriculture, or ensuring that kids have healthy, well-balanced meals, American agriculture affects everyone, everyday of our lives," said Mr.

Bonilla. "The future looks bright for agriculture. I am honored to be a part of that future and look forward to ensuring it's a successful one."

Bonilla is chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. This role gives him the opportunity to shepherd important funding to home-town projects.

Bonilla holds "meet & greet" for Brackettville Ag Community, 12:30 p.m., Thursday, October 21, 2004 at Barbara's Table, 112 North St., Brackettville, TX.

## Tiger Marching Band

Band Director: Jim D'Camp

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| Cody Robinette (DM) | Lauren Hernandez   |
| Laura Adams         | Lily Hernandez     |
| Adan Aguirre        | Diana Honstein     |
| Summer Allen        | Justin Kesteloot   |
| Valentin Barrutieta | Betty Lattimer     |
| Kaden Berg          | Miranda Letsinger  |
| Cheyenne Billings   | Elidia Molinar     |
| Chris Blake         | Conrad Moore       |
| Cynthia Bland       | Samantha Moore     |
| Katie Braesicke     | Yemi Moore         |
| Alexis Buecher      | Ivory Perez        |
| Emily Calk          | Vicki Resendez     |
| Alison Carroll      | Charlie Rose       |
| Sam Childress       | Miranda Salmon     |
| Cody Clark          | Adam Sandoval      |
| Samantha Davis      | Sarah Sandoval     |
| Christie Dodson     | Andy Schmidt       |
| Brianna Escamilla   | Gabby Schroeder    |
| Amanda Flores       | Jacob Schroeder    |
| Serenity Gammill    | Chris Sergeant     |
| Kai Lani Glass      | Austin Shewbart    |
| Cassandra Gomez     | Jessica Stafford   |
| Cristiana Gomez     | Ashley Stephenson  |
| Brooklyn Gose       | Micheal Stephenson |
| Ramon Gutierrez     | Laura Swinson      |
| Diana Hernandez     | Breanna Turner     |



Tiger Marching Band

Photo by Danielle Moore

## EDITORIAL

## Make a difference Nov. 2

Confused about who is telling the truth concerning the water board election? Small wonder with the half truths, misleading statements and in some instances blatant lies being told. Some of which have actually ran in advertisements in this paper. We couldn't hope to clear everything up but here are a few facts that may help.

Regarding the \$17,500 mentioned in Cecil Smith's advertisement last week, that money came from a group known as the Kinney County Farmer and Rancher Coalition (KCFRC). The letter and a copy of the check where obtained through an open records request, both were signed by Joe York, Jr.

The fact that the money went straight to the attorney is irrelevant, it was a \$17,500 gift to the district, period. The board members have continually denied any knowledge of who contributed these funds.

If you believe that; you probably also believe a secret group would spend that much money, with no hidden agenda, taking no credit, all for the benefit of the community alone.

The coalition also spent between \$25,000 and \$49,999 during the last legislative session on lobbyist. That information was found at the Texas Ethics Commission website.

Tully Shahan represents the KCFRC as their attorney. The group has received contributions from at least two board members, Hadley Wardlaw and Chris Ring. York and Shahan both refuse to answer questions concerning who are members of the group.

The first day of permit hearings Stewart Henry represented the KCFRC until it was discovered Wardlaw and Ring had contributed and/or were members of the KCFRC. Board members can not rule on a permit hearing they are protesting, that's a conflict of interest. Henry now claims to represent individuals, some of who are members of the KCFRC.

Al Blair is an expert witness testifying on behalf of many permit protesters represented by Henry. During a recent hearing Shahan and Blair testified that

Blair represents the KCFRC. Do you think its ethical or legal for water board members to be paying for a witness to protest permits the board will grant or deny?

Now another group has surfaced, Save Our Water (SOW). SOW recently mailed out false information on a number of permittees. Numerous people on their hit list are not represented by the individuals SOW claims. In addition, the water claimed numbers are wrong. Existing and historic use claimed are not cumulative.

You would think the board members SOW supports would clear this up. Yeah, when pigs fly!

SOW also claims only 15,000 acre feet have ever been produced annually in Kinney County. The statement was initially made by Tully Shahan at a July 23 meeting on Fort Clark Springs. The meeting was suppose to be about the fort seeking to become a municipality. Shahan and Toostie Herndon, a current water board member, used the meeting as a water permit protest rally.

Shahan told the crowd, "Now let me tell you, the bottom line here is that Kinney County in its lifetime has never produced more than 15,000 acre feet a year, never."

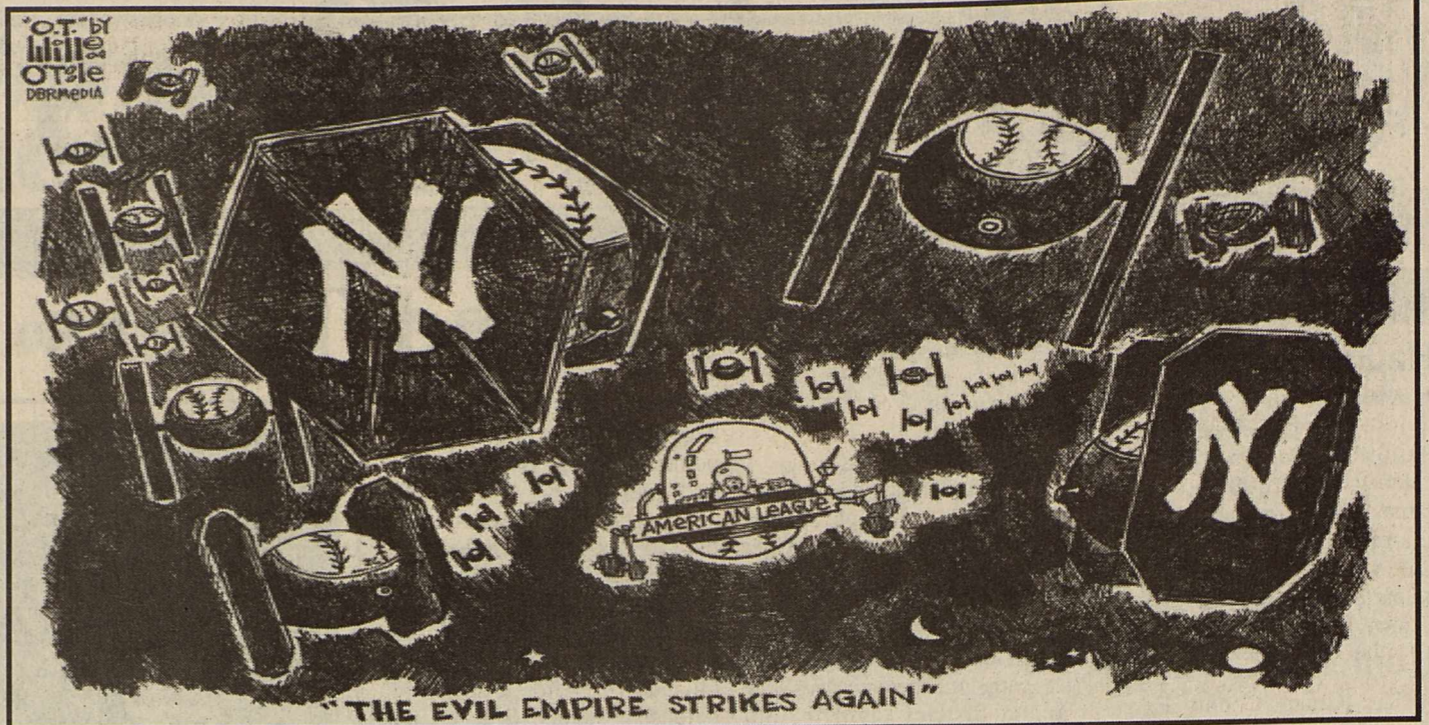
When asked where the figure came from Shahan replied, "Those figures came from the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) records."

Shahan did not mention that until recently there has been virtually no water metering on any irrigation wells in Kinney County. He also failed to reveal producers are not required to submit even estimates of their water usage to the NRCS.

If the information was withheld through ignorance we could understand. However, Shahan is a member of the local NRCS board and undoubtedly knows better.

Something is rotten in Kinney County and it revolves around the KCGCD board.

No matter how good their intentions, may or may not be, the ends do not justify the means. Take your opportunity Nov. 2, to make a difference.



## War is the last option

Sensitive war? What a unique idea, Mr. Kerry! I have been trying to envision what such a war waged by our leftist liberal faction would be like. I suppose it would require the enlistment of huge numbers of psychoanalysts, to offer succor to those terrorists who have guilt complexes after blowing up a couple of thousand Americans.

We would also have to subject the entire standing U.S. military to strenuous sensitivity training and anger management classes. We can't have our soldiers getting angry when a terrorist shoots at them or blows up their friends. Instead we must teach them to understand that one man's terrorist is simply another man's freedom fighter and that they must look for deeper understanding of their opponents.

Anger and physical attacks never settled any dispute, you see. And then we should of course enlist the assistance of France and Germany in our new politically correct war. That way they can make billions of dollars while pretending to help us.

Then, when all is in total chaos, we simply pull out of wherever we are and turn it all over to the bad guys while stating loudly that we've accomplished our goals and that the local government can now handle the problem without our

help. It sure worked well in Vietnam, didn't it?

In return for our beneficence we gain ... nothing; nothing, that is, but the contempt of the penny-ante dictator who takes over after we hike up our skirts and run. Then to add insult to injury we turn around and give him/them billions of dollars to help rebuild, which he puts in a Swiss bank account and draws interest on until some other war lord boots him out and takes over.

Do you get the picture? What John Kerry is advocating is exactly what has caused our problems in the world since the Korean War. You do not fight a war with the aim of not winning. You cannot enforce arbitrary limits and demilitarized zones and all that other defeatist nonsense.

You have to play to win, and you have to play hard and dirty. War is kill or be killed, not some prelude to sensitivity training. If you have an enemy that won't listen to reason, hunt him down and kill him or bring him to justice. Tell the military what you want done and then get the heck out of the way and let the professionals do their jobs. The last thing they need is another Lyndon Johnson telling them what to bomb and what not to bomb, and that is exactly what you get with John Kerry.

War is not sensitive! War is



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

not clean, or peaceful, or pretty, or fun, or glorious. War is dirty, dangerous, bloody, ugly, and terrifying.

You go to war only when other options are not available. You go to war when there is no alternative and then you go to war to win! You hit hardest with the mostest and keep hitting until the other guy is dead or surrenders.

It worked pretty well with Germany and Japan. Contrast the result there with the results in Korea and Vietnam and you'll see the logic. Unless, that is, you're a liberal. Then you'll just think that Korea and Vietnam turned out badly because they didn't have you to do the thinking for them. Ho hum, liberals are totally impervious to logic and reason.

The vast majority of these so-called Third World countries understand only one thing - overwhelming force. They don't give a hoot in hell if we are sensitive to their needs and desires. They think that our reticence to blow them to kingdom come is

a sign of weakness and they will not deal with someone who is weak.

If you want to impress this kind of person you must kick the snot out of him and then ask him if he wants more or prefers to listen to reason. You whip him until he screams for mercy. Nothing else works. Diplomacy is a waste of time.

We wasted ten years trying to reason with Sodom Insane before we got a president with the intestinal fortitude to get the job done. How many lives would we have saved had we carried through with the first war and killed him? Thousands? Millions?

Bush will get the job done if we don't jerk the rug out from under him in November. Kerry on the other hand will do his best to give away everything we have gained, including the grudging respect of the Muslim world, which respects strength and detests weakness - whether in an enemy or a friend. You cannot buy respect, you earn it with blood, sweat, and tears. That is, sadly, a fact that no limousine liberal has ever understood.

Jeremiah 4:10, "Then I said, 'Ah, Sovereign Lord, how completely you have deceived this people and Jerusalem by saying, 'You will have peace,' when the sword is at our throats."

Big Mama  
Ser!



Few minds wear out;  
more rust out.

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## Protect the Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance is a deep-rooted symbol of America - every American knows that. But if some federal judges have their way, our children will be barred from saying the Pledge of Allegiance in our schools.

We cannot sit idly by as the courts try to rewrite our heritage and traditions. That's why I recently co-sponsored legislation to protect our Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge Protection Act stipulates that states - not activist judges - have the right to de-



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

termine whether or not the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance is constitutional. The measure would put an end to the practice of federal judges essentially deciding to

## Back to school: making college work

August was back to school time for children across Texas. Chairs are dusted off, books are opened and pencils, pads and backpacks are purchased for the big first day. And while students from 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade are required to check-in on day one, what happens after graduation is up to them. More and more students are making the decision to attend a technical school, college or university. Unfortunately, as the importance of a college degree continues to rise, so does the price of tuition. In fact, the average cost of attending a public college or university in Texas is roughly \$14,732 per year.

Whether you, your child, or grandchild is college-bound, these increasing costs may seem nearly impossible to fathom. I believe every child who wants to work hard to pursue a college education should have the opportunity to do so. Both federal and state governments have taken major steps over the years to open doors for students who want to take their education to the next level.

The entire college process, from applications to financial aid and scholarships, can be overwhelming. A great help in navigating the maze can be admissions advisors, counselors

and teachers. And there is financial help, particularly loans, readily available.

Last year more than \$3 billion was awarded to students attending college in Texas. Seventy-five to 80 percent was from the federal government and 20-25 percent was from the state, institutions or private sources. Let's take a look at how to find some of these available resources.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), is used to decide student eligibility for federal Pell Grants, Stafford Loans, and most state aid. Colleges use the data to compare the eligibility requirements of their assistance programs. Aid comes in many forms, such as grants, scholarships, college work-study programs, or loans. For a FAFSA application and deadline information, visit [www.fafsa.com](http://www.fafsa.com). To contact the Texas Financial Aid Information Center, call 1-888-311-8881.

The best place to start finding scholarships is at the chosen institution. Each school has unique courses of study, and groups of alumni or contributors who have set up scholarships for future students. Most financial aid offices can provide a list of available awards that will help

strip our pledge of its historically important reverence for God. Passage of the plan is an important step toward safeguarding the free-exercise rights, guaranteed by the First Amendment. It is also an effective check on the power of the court when it abuses its power of judicial review.

I'm pleased to report that the Pledge Protection Act was brought before Congress this week and approved by the House of Representatives. Free-

dom of religion is a principle that is central to our Nation's Declaration of Independence. Congress has taken this positive step to protect our freedom to express allegiance to America's flag and the ideals it represents.

I can't think of a better way to educate our children about America than with the Pledge of Allegiance. It teaches the ideals that our flag represents, and about the lives dedicated - and sometimes lost - to protect those ideals.



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

students narrow down the process. Of course, another fantastic resource is the Internet. Over the past decade, Fastweb.com has expanded its database from 180,000 awards to more than 600,000. The total worth of the awards listed: \$1 billion.

Texas offers many different ways to finance an education. There are numerous state grants, scholarships and programs available to help hard-working Texans achieve their educational goals. Here are a few of them:

Texas grant: The Texas Grant provides money to enable well-prepared students to attend public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education within the state. The award amount depends on tuition and fees paid by the student at each school.

Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation: Started in 1951, this nonprofit foundation has approximately \$350,000 in student loans available yearly for full-time students attending Texas

colleges or universities. Loan applications will be considered for undergraduate Juniors or Seniors and graduate students pursuing a higher degree. Each student is eligible for up to \$10,000 in loans. MSPF also provides a wide range of grants.

Texas Tomorrow Funds: No matter how old your child or grandchild is, it's never too early to start saving for college. Texas Tomorrow Funds provides two plans to meet the future needs of every Texas student. Visit [www.texastomorrowfunds.org](http://www.texastomorrowfunds.org) to investigate these savings and investment plans.

The bottom line in financing an education is this: The more research you do and the more knowledge you acquire, the more opportunities appear. For tools and information to help your family plan for the future, visit any of the websites listed below.

Obviously, not every Texan wants to attend an institution of higher learning. But as our economy goes global, many of us will want additional technical, business, computer or academic training. My goal is that this learning should be within the grasp of every Texan who will devote energy and effort towards pursuing it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ranchers and farmers facing another obstacle

In the past ten years, 50% of Kinney County agriculture producers have gone out of the farming or ranching business. Why? Because American agriculture faces overwhelming obstacles.

U.S. agriculture is now competing in a world market. American producers face higher labor costs, higher operating expenses, and competition from imports. In the very near future, America will no longer be able to feed itself.

Ranchers and farmers in Kinney County are now facing another obstacle from our local groundwater district. Our fam-

ily is only asking for the opportunity to keep the water rights with our land and to use our water for agriculture. We have no plans to market water. We're following the water district's rules, in which we are told to file for our Maximum Historic Use.

We have proven our historic use to the satisfaction of the water district's hired expert from Edwards Aquifer Authority. But, individuals have protested our permit. We have been called "water marketers" and were forced to hire our own personal lawyer to help keep our water rights.

Several individuals say Soil Conservation surveys indicate no more than 15,000 acre feet of water have ever been pumped in Kinney County in a year's time. That is not correct. Satellite imagery from 1974 shows 10,856 acres of irrigated land which would indicate an irrigation amount of approximately 38,000 acre feet for this one year.

I wrote a letter to the local Soil Conservation representative asking for clarification. He stated in a letter to me that "in the past, wells did not have meters and irrigators have not been required to submit irriga-

tion estimates to the local office." He cautioned against anyone using irrigation surveys as definitive figures. Therefore, there is large potential for inaccuracy, and it appears correct official data does not exist. The statement that no more than 15,000 acre feet has ever pumped is wrong.

Agriculture is not receiving fair treatment from the KCGCD. Contrary to what they are telling local citizens, our family is not "water marketing." We, and many others in this county, are agriculture producers—until we lose our water rights.

Beth Ann Smith

Is KCGCD the answer or the problem

I am greatly saddened by what is happening in our county. I've seen lifelong friends become bitter enemies. I have seen families incur legal expenses far greater than costs of their land.

I have heard rumors that landowners south of Highway 90 are going to market their water — Wrong!! Most wells south of 90 are sulphur wells—who would purchase water that smells like rotten eggs? I live south of 90 and have sweet water in two wells. I need my water and have no intention of sell-

ing it — so scratch that rumor! Historic wells are just that; wells that proved their use and pumping capacity in previous years. Are KCGCD board members farmers or ranchers? Kinney County has always survived through agriculture; our only industry!! Wet years we use little water. Dry years we use much more.

How can you possibly know how much water you will need next year? We've had irrigated farms here. Remember the Gilders? Evergreen Farms, Mr. Ward, Mr. Harris?? These farm-

ers produced the best food crops this writer has ever enjoyed. It could not have been without water. The wells were not regulated. Dry years, many acre feet were needed. Wet years they used less.

Being from a farm family, I understand why these people would ask for the maximum amount allowed. How can city people know what is needed on the farm or ranch? I would never challenge the amount of water needed in agriculture. The heart of our County!!

KCGCD was created to solve

a problem — Now it is becoming a problem! Elections are underway. Please be informed, ask questions, attend meetings! At this point I will add that I am not opposed to anyone selling their water or using it on the land. It's either — or. Control is the answer.

If we can't solve the problem, Government will. If the state steps in, our water will be piped to every metro area for golf courses and water parks. Be informed, then vote for the candidate of your choice!

Genie Nixon

What is happening now

Citizens of Kinney County, I am a product of Brackettville and my parents still call it home. I have heard stories of the Kinney County water wars and am still trying to understand why this is happening. In 1985, my family moved to Kinney County for the good schools, good community, good farmland and yes, good water. My father, Jim McDaniel, is one of the few real farmers in the county. He does not waste water and would never harm Kinney County.

If my parents were out to hurt Kinney County then why have they spent the last 20 years trying to make it a better place? If they are trying to hurt you they have a funny way of showing it by sitting on the school board for 12 years, substitute teaching, giving back to the community, etc. It has been 13 years since I graduated from Brackett and I still call it home. I am proud of my home but disappointed of what is happening right now. I live near San Angelo in a farm-

ing community where the Kinney County water district is called a "disaster".

Recently, I saw the ugliness of the local groundwater board. I came home to cheer on the Tigers Friday night and sit through permit hearings on Saturday. I could not believe what I saw. The board did not even pay attention most of the time. Some did not face the audience and most did not even look at the people testifying. One board member slept through most of

the hearings— what kind of respect is that? These are leaders of the community? These are the people holding the future of my family's farm in their hands?

The only permit that my father wants right now, is the permit for his historic use that is rightfully his to grow his crops; not to market his water. When and if he decides to do that, then the board will have to grant him another permit. Those are the rules!

Shelley McDaniel Jost

We're rich in kids

I hope everyone in Kinney County will read this. I've tried to be totally truthful.

A lot of letters, mail outs, and fliers have been sent to all of us from both sides of the water dispute. When I look at these, I'm not sure what all the numbers mean. My name appears on some of these that say I'm rich and greedy.

We were required to prove historical use. The board hired a man from San Antonio who specializes in this. He came to our farm, reviewed documents and data of his own, and determined an amount, he thought it should be. In our case, as in others, his recommended amount wasn't that much lower. Even though the board hired him, it appears they won't use his recommendations. We don't want to pump the county dry we do want what was used in the past.

I haven't been to all the water meetings. I work every day that I can. Days I don't work; my children have func-


tions or activities. Many of the meetings are scheduled when I work or am with my children. If I were rich, I wouldn't have to work. Many of the people applying for permits have wives with full time jobs.

I have 3 children in college, 3 children soon to be of college age. Our third child received a scholarship to play football. Two of his teammates wanted scholarships, but didn't receive them. We used the money put back for Dietrich's college to cover fees and tuition for these boys. If we were greedy we wouldn't have used the money to make our life easier. We're not rich in money; we're rich in kids.

If we were rich, we wouldn't live the way we do. If we were greedy, we wouldn't have lived our lives the way we have. We're only asking for the rights that came with our land. That's all any of the landowners want.

Kayla Davis

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## Tigerettes chalk up two more district wins

Darin Koenig  
Sports Writer

The Brackett Tigerette varsity volleyball team chalked up two more district wins this past week. The Tigerettes improved to 22-6 overall and 6-0 in district play with the victories. District win number five came in a convincing win against Sabinal. The Tigerettes cruised over the Lady Yellowjackets in a 25-14, 25-11, 25-17 win. Brackett was led by Stephanie Bonner, Shanae Simmons, and Timmeke Simmons each with seven kills in the victory. Ashley Castillo recorded five kills while Emily Valenzuela and Courtney Frerich each had two kills in the match.

The Brackett defense stifled Sabinal behind Shanae Simmons' two blocks and Castillo's one. Castillo also contributed eight digs to the defensive effort while Bonner and Whitney Hobbs each added two. Six other Tigerettes each had one dig during the match.

The offense pounded away at

the Sabinal defense with a team serving percentage of 88 percent. Bonner was the leading server for BHS with four aces during the match.

Kara Yeager added three aces while Valenzuela, Castillo, Timmeke Simmons and Jessie Crane all added one ace. Timmeke Simmons led the squad in assists with 13, Yeager added 12, while Bonner contributed one assist for Brackett.

In the Tigerettes next match, they squared off against a powerful D'Hanis Cowgirl squad in a Homecoming match up. In a match that featured three games that went to the wire, the Tigerettes outlasted the Cowgirls for a 21-25, 21-25, 25-22, 25-16, 15-6 victory. Courtney Frerich paced BHS with four kills during the close match. Ashley Castillo, Timmeke Simmons, and Kara Yeager contributed two kills each for the Tigerettes.

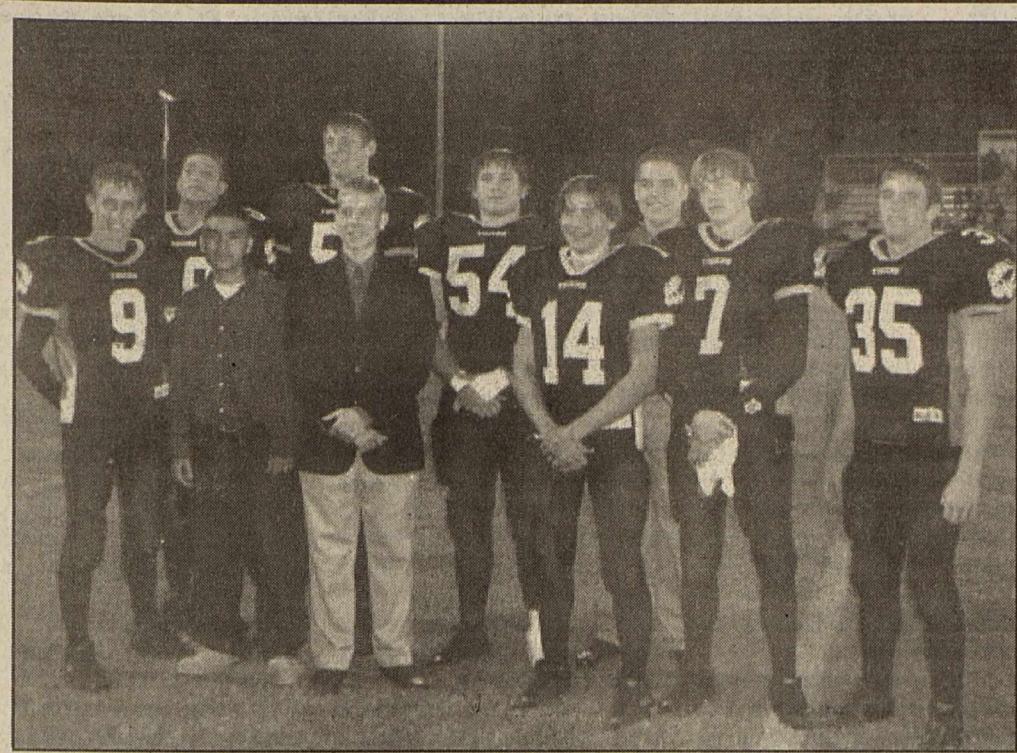
Brackett's offense was headed by Jessie Crane with four aces and Shanae Simmons with two aces. Castillo, Timmeke Simmons, and Stephanie Bonner

each added one ace for Brackett. Timmeke Simmons and Yeager contributed four assists each with Shanae Simmons adding an assist to round out the Tigerette offense.

Castillo led the Tigerettes defense with five digs during the match. Crane added three digs while Bonner, Timmeke Simmons, and Kristin Meyer each chipped in two digs. Shanae Simmons and Frerich each had four blocks for the defensive effort, while Castillo had two blocks during the match.

With the victory over D'Hanis, the Tigerettes have all but assured themselves a play-off berth. With only two games left in the season, Brackett still has work left to do. With both of their games being road games the team will begin to prepare for the post season while maintaining an undefeated district record.

The Tigerettes will continue their quest to take home the district championship Friday at LaPryor. The match will begin Friday at 4:30 PM in LaPryor.



Homecoming candidates

Photo by Danielle Moore

From left: Tillman Davis, Oscar Sierra, Rhett Chambers, Leon Woolsey, Cody Robinette, Whitney "Woody" Massingill, Brand Wylie, Ryan Koog, Kody Yeager, and Mark Kesteloot. Not pictured: Robert Davis, Lane Nowlin, and Homecoming King Noe Talamantes.



Bonfire fever

Brackett Tiger's Varsity cheerleaders and friends huddle around the bonfire. Pictured from left: Danielle Moore, Jackie Duncan, Shanae Simmons, Julianna Ashabrunner, Stephanie Bonner, Courtney Frerich, Whitney Hobbs, and Kristi Meyer.



Homecoming candidates

Photo by Danielle Moore

From left: Courtney Frerich, Heather Baggett, Cassie Mata, Timmeke Simmons, Lola Cano, Homecoming Queen Kristi Meyer, Shanae Simmons, Liliana Hernandez, Jackie Duncan, Whitney Hobbs, Stephanie Bonner, Rachel Swinson and Dana Bonner.

### BRACKETT ISD HONOR ROLL

The following is Brackett Independent School District's Honor Roll for the first six weeks:

#### High School

**All-A Honor Roll**  
**Seniors:** Juliann Ashabrunner, Tillman Davis, Courtney Frerich, Monica Gonzalez, Kristin Meyer, Danielle Moore, Cody Robinette, Oscar Sierra, Shanae Simmons, and Kody Yeager.

**Juniors:** Alanna Conoly, Rachel Swinson and Brand Wylie

**Sophomores:** Justin Calk, Laura Meyer, Austin Shewbart, and Kara Yeager.

**Freshmen:** Bailee Allen, Meghann Davis, Conrad Moore, Gabriella Schroeder, and Bianca Stewart.

#### A-B Honor Roll

**Seniors:** Clarissa Aguirre, Stephanie Bonner, Jaclynn Duncan, Cody Edwards, Raymond Gonzalez, Whitney Hobbs, Mark Kesteloot, Whitney Massingill, Bryon Page, Samantha Pina, Noe Talamantes, and Celina Terrazas.

**Juniors:** Dana Bonner, Miles Braesicke, Jessica Crane, Kimberly Glass, Liliana Hernandez, and Billy Steelman.

**Sophomores:** Dolores Cano, Robert Davis, John Moore, Ivan Pinales, Natasha Smith, and Micheal Stephenson.

**Freshmen:** Heather Baggett, Kaden Berg, Travis Bonner, Amber Castilla, Julie Castillo, Lauren Cornelius, Capri Creech, Doolie Fernandez, Daphne Hunt, Lane Nowlin, Manolo Rosas, Ashley Stephenson, Gabriela Talamantes, and Anolda Watkins.

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#### A-B Honor Roll

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**Seventh grade:** John Blake, Cody Clark, Ivy Garcia, Brooklyn Gose, Ramon Gutierrez, Jaleel Proulx, Nydia Talamantes, and Katie Yeager.

#### Elementary School

##### All-A Honor Roll

**Sixth grade:** Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Sarah Davis, Stella Guajardo, Janine Rex, Sahara Rodriguez and Josh Smith.

**Fifth grade:** Nevada Payne  
**Fourth grade:** Meghan Flores

**Third grade:** Judy Adams, Korlee Allen, Wyatt Blake, McKenzie Castillo, Mikaela Castillo, Clarissa Cruz, Clay Flores, Shannon Gammill, Dolores Garza, Javier Gomez, Marisol Gomez, Hannah Johnson, Paul Resendez, Isauro Rivas, Shelby Schuster, Haley Smith, August Stephenson and Holt Tuck.

**Second grade:** Webb Ashley, Peyton Bonner, Gabrielle Brown, Morgan Brown, Blake Duncan, Maddie Frerich, Logan Hurt, Christian Lopez, Cheyenne Pena, Saul Talamantes, Davis Wade, and Yasmine White.

**First grade:** Walt Ashley, Hannah Baggett, Gage Brown, Kate Frerich, Isabel Garcia, Elle Johnson, Diego Luna, Nolberto Martinez, Emma Palmer, Jeysen Price, Adrian Resendez, Marcus Rivera, Brianna Salazar, Katie Tuck, and Tony Zamora.

#### A-B Honor Roll

**Sixth grade:** Mike Flores, Abby Gutierrez, Haley Hale, Ayland Letsinger, Tyler McDonald, Manuel Pena, Sam Stewart, SuSu Seargeant, and Erica Villanueva.

**Fifth grade:** Stevie Lowrance, Joelson Terrazas, Lauren Duncan, Brittany Hale, Emily Holmes, David Salinas, Daulton Woodson, and Joel Talamantes.

**Fourth grade:** Priscilla Aguirre, Sierra Benson, Ryan Clark, Vanerick Domenech, Yeika Garcia, Briana Garza, Selina Gerardo, Rolando Gutierrez, Lucas Hurt, Ethan Justice, Jasmine Pena, Austin "Bubba" Pettett, Adam Resendez, Joshua Tait, Selene Talamantes, and Marissa Villarreal.

**Third grade:** Isaac Baldillez, Arturo Castillo, Isaiah Clementz, Edgar Deleon, Jose Falcon, Teno Flores, Ernan Hernandez, Juan Lopez, Alexis Martinez, Peter Martinez, Joshua Pena, Marilinda Rivas, Alberto Rocha, Nereyda Salazar, Kendall Seballos, and Clarissa Valdez.

**Second grade:** Yessenia Argil, Leonardo Elizondo, Sierra Falcon, Brianna Flores, Mark Garcia, Joshua Gose, Griffin Grayson, Martin Guzman, Marco Novel, Karina Perez, Amber Resendez, Ayissa Rodriguez, Denise Salmon, Gabriela Sandoval, Te'a Sandoval, Bryce Slubar, Joaquin Solis, Colten Stephenson, Jose Talamantes, and Juanita Vasquez.

**First grade:** Anthony Aldaco, Jordon Clementz, Walker Harris, Madison Luce, Alyssa Martinez, Rafael Martinez, Kaitlyn Partlow, Darius Richard, Benjamin Rodriguez, and Eleazar Salazar.

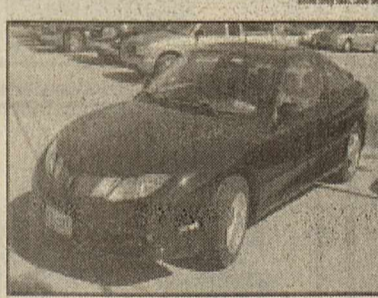
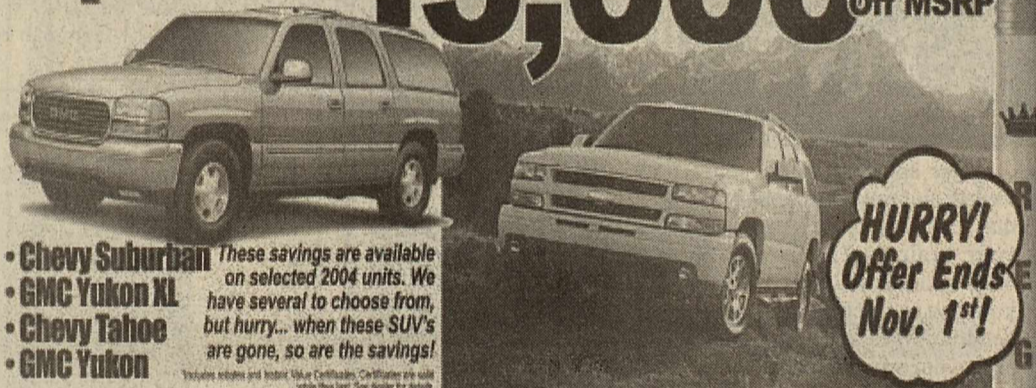
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# A view from the Tiger sideline

By Danielle Moore  
Contributing Writer

The stands are not yet full. Spectators file in through the gate and fill the seats one by one and sometimes in groups of four or five. The air clings to me, the humidity draping over me like a throw. The sun lingers over the line of mesquite trees at the end of the field. Clouds tinted with various hues of pink and purple haze over the bright red disk and make it drowsy. The national anthem will be its lullaby, and it will slip below the horizon listening as the cheers of the crowd tell the tales of football glory.

I locate my starting position, a bench on the sidelines just behind the fifty-yard line. Numbers and lines shine white against the green of the field, each character traced and painted perfectly, as though by some enormous printer. The sweet smell of cut grass wafts up from beneath me as I take a seat and grab up my camera bag.

Though this small bag has no feminine distinction, it is more a part of my wardrobe personality than any other accessory ever on my person, including my purse. It is very versatile black pleather - that is plastic, or fake leather - and goes with every pair of jeans and sneakers I own. The stuffed tiger tail Jewel, the owner and operator of The Brackett News, hung from the side on the plastic shoulder strap

clasp always makes me smile. A white rectangle of computer paper with the words The Brackett News scrawled on it in black felt tip pen is stuck to the front of the bag with clear packing tape. I smooth down the corners where the tape has lost its sticky, coaxing it to stick to the bag.

The Velcro flap on the top of the bag makes a scratching noise as I open it to see that all its contents are in order. The Brackett News' 2.1 mega pixel Olympus digital camera lies inside, its blank top screen staring back at me. All week it has set in this bag on a desk somewhere in the cluttered cubbies of the newspaper office, awaiting this, Friday night. I can relate, as I too, have been set down in classrooms all week, awaiting another night on the sidelines. But now my camera and I are reunited; the affection is mutual.

The odors of popcorn, nacho cheese, and hamburgers begin to drift toward me as I lift the digital camera from the bag. I flick the dial on top of the camera to the green triangle for the play/preview option. The liquid crystal display on top of the camera indicates my batteries are fully charged. I check my bag and find there are four more rechargeable double A's ready should the ones in the camera fail. Batteries, check, I scratch a line through my mental checklist. The screen on the backside of the camera assumes a bright blue background and the words no

new pictures appear in white text. Memory clear, check, I scratch another line into my list. I turn the top dial to off, place the camera back in the bag, and set the bag beside me on the bench. Let's roll!

I can hear our drum major in the stands behind me instructing the flute and trumpet players on where to sit and giving orders for the placement of the xylophone and the drum set, as the band section fills up with students in black polo shirts and khaki pants. The cheerleaders arrive and arrange their bags, pom-poms, and bag of plastic footballs beneath the stands. The mascot is in her tiger suit, all except for the head, which she holds under one arm so that she can breathe a while before she has to put it on. The noise in the stands has turned into a low roar as more and more gold and black t-shirts array themselves in the bleachers. "Hey, Dannie!" several friends call to me from above as they walk by into the stands.

Everyone is casual, and all show some form of school spirit. The weather is still warm enough that some students are comfortable in less material than constituted by school dress code. Yellow blow up sticks with Brackett Tigers printed on them in black protrude from the hands of toddlers and elementary kids.

Junior high and high school girls wear black paw tattoos on their cheeks. Tigers and tiger stripes are the most fashionable statement among the older women. Tiger earrings and necklaces are huge accessories. The men sport colored t-shirts and polo shirts embroidered with tiger heads. Some wear Brackett baseball caps. The little girls are always a cute sight, 3 and 4 year olds dressed up in cheerleader uniforms, some in tiger suits. It is apparent to the visiting team that this is Tiger Territory.

The stands are nearly full now. My friend, Jackie, who films the games, arrives just in time to see the Tigers take the field. Stat-boy, Brandon, in his usual jeans, worn Nike t-shirt and baseball cap, and sports writer Darin Koenig in his jeans and official Brackett Tigers polo shirt, join us on the field, stat books in hand. The team can be

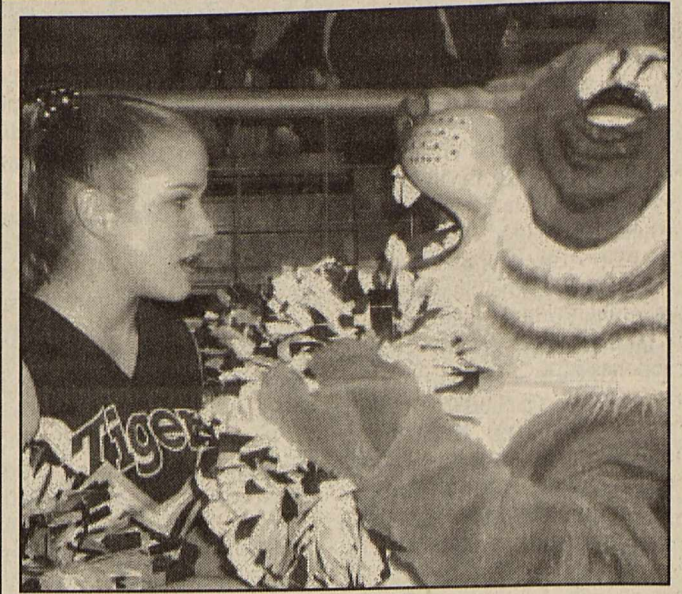
heard as they approach the field, grunting, slapping helmets, and yelling in overly masculine deep tones. Here we go Baby! Yeah, come on, we got this! What? Okay! Only about half of their words are actually interpretable.

The water boys and coaches take to the sidelines. The striped figures of referees stand by in their positions and shift their weight from side to side as they endure the pre-game proceedings.

An announcer welcomes everyone to Tiger Stadium over the public announcement system and the lights of the scoreboard flicker on. I take my camera from its bag and store the bag beneath the bleachers with the cheerleaders' possessions. Anticipation thickens with the smell of perspiration in the air. Head football coach David Yeager takes the field and makes his way to the side lines beaming his proudest smile as the huddle of black football uniforms marches out to the center of the field in military formation. They reach the center of the field and the whole body of them goes up and down, helmets popping up here and there as they jump, grunt and yell. I turn and realize the crowd is screaming right along with them.

An expectant reverence falls like a hush over the crowd. The players line up on the sideline and the band plays the Star Spangled Banner as two girls raise the American flag across the field. It climbs higher and higher toward the golden eagle at the top until the song ends. The Brackett school song follows and every index finger on the right hand of a tiger is held high. The visitors' school song follows. The boys move their legs and shake their hands restlessly as a moment of silence is observed. "Play ball!" rings from the announcement system and grunts and whoops again burst from the sidelines and the stands. The first string takes the field for kick off.

I stand with the camera in my ready-to-run position on the sideline and await the kick. The sun grows dreary but persists in staying to witness as much as it can. It finally settles off somewhere in the west and the stadium lights beam down bright on the Tigers.



**Tiger Spirit**

Varsity cheerleader Bailee Allen and Tiger mascot Amber Castilla keep the fans in the "Tiger" spirit.

Photo by Danielle Moore

## School bus safety week

DPS is asking motorists to practice safe driving habits around school buses as part of School Bus Safety Week, Oct. 17-23.

This year's theme—"Shh...Railroad Crossing"—is designed to emphasize the need for quiet on a school bus when approaching a railroad crossing. State law requires buses to come to a complete stop before crossing railroad tracks, even if a train isn't present.

"Motorists approaching a stopped school bus with alternating red flashing lights are required by state law to stop," said Charley Kennington, DPS program administrator for school bus transportation. "Violators face fines of up to \$1,000 if convicted."

Drivers should not proceed until the school bus resumes motion; the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed, or the visual signal is no longer activated. If a road is divided only by a left-turning lane, drivers on

both sides of the roadway must stop for school buses with alternating red flashing lights activated.

However, if the lanes are separated by an intervening space or physical barrier, only motorists going in the same direction as the bus are required to stop.

"There are an average of 22 accidents a year involving a student that was getting on or exiting a bus," Kennington said. "About half of those involved motorists illegally passing a school bus."

Total traffic incidents involving school buses have increased nearly 36 percent since 1991. (Based on crash statistics through 2001.)

Although 35,000 school buses transport 1.4 million Texas children daily, school buses remain one of the safest modes of transportation, accounting for less than one-half of one percent of Texas roadway accidents.

## DisabilityInfo.Gov celebrates second year of operation

Dallas - U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao today hailed the 2nd anniversary of DisabilityInfo.gov - a comprehensive Federal web site with one-stop access to governmental disability information - as an example of President George W. Bush's deep commitment to making government easily accessible to all Americans.

"DisabilityInfo.gov provides Americans with disabilities a direct connection to information and resources they need to become full participants in the 21st Century workforce," Secretary Chao said. "Part of President Bush's New Freedom Initiative, this user-friendly site provides a single online portal for information related to education, employment, health, housing and other valuable topics to people with disabilities."

Assistant Secretary Roy Grizzard, who heads the department's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), the managing agency for the site, said: "In the past two years, DisabilityInfo.gov has had almost 3.5 million unique visitors who have come from 180 countries. This site is a valuable resource for people with disabilities."

Since its Oct. 16, 2002

launch, DisabilityInfo.gov has averaged almost 5,800 visitors per day, with the most popular content topics accessed including education, employment, health, housing, income, technology and transportation. Each visit averages almost 11 minutes in duration, according to site statistics, and visitors have come from as far away as the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Korea, Germany and China. In all, the site has achieved over 45 million "hits" over two years of operation.

Background: As part of the New Freedom Initiative, and in an effort to remove barriers for people with disabilities, President George W. Bush on Aug. 28, 2002, issued an Executive Memorandum directing Federal agencies to work together and develop a comprehensive Federal web site with one-stop access to governmental disability information. Two months later, DisabilityInfo.gov was launched. The site is a collaborative effort across multiple federal agencies and contains information on civil rights, education, employment, job accommodations, housing, technology, transportation, Medicaid and Medicare, and even emergency preparedness.

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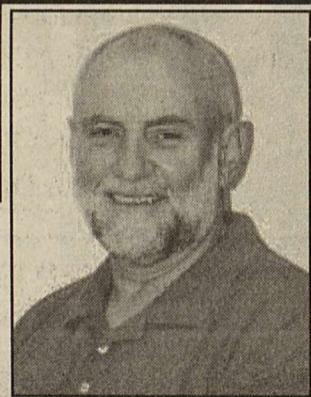
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I am the same person you have always known me to be. Do you really think I am capable or willing to destroy the community my family chose to move to years ago, where my grandkids come to visit, and most importantly our home?

Do you really think I could harm you or your family??

I am here to answer your questions and talk face-to-face. I may be a Candidate for public office but I am still the same person you have always known. Please do not get caught up in the politics, misrepresentations and the lies.

Vote for character, vote for fairness, vote your conscious. I am asking for your vote.

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# Methodist tradition at its purist

One of my professors in seminary, the Rev. Dr. Angela Tilby, was a producer of religious broadcasting for the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). Dr. Tilby would help the team of technicians spot the right places to put cameras and microphones and cables in the cathedral (or other setting) so that none of these would show during the coverage. She would then carefully prepare her "color commentary" and even conduct interviews with key members of England's official state church. Accustomed as the crew was to covering a variety of religious events from many faiths, Dr. Tilby anticipated the technician's questions and often gave them a quick impromptu lecture on the ceremonies they were observing, from the investiture of a bishop to the marriage of royalty.

Every fourth year, the hierarchy of the Church of England holds a special congress (the



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General Synod) of their clergy and lay people. The General Synod is comprised of elected representatives from across the church and is organized into a House of Clergy and a House of Laity. Dr. Tilby and her crew scrambled to cover a special session of the General Synod, first setting up for a clergy session, and then preparing in a different location for the House of Laity. She was surprised by the question of the BBC technician who asked: "Well, I suppose you're a clergy, but what, may I ask, is a laity?"

"Laity" is just another word for everyone who isn't a "clergy" - i.e., those whose

fulltime work is the ministry of God. We use the term "lay people" all the time to refer to those who aren't initiated into the years of study of a particular profession - such as medicine, law, or education. For Christians, the distinction between clergy and lay seems artificial; after all, Christians embrace the concept of the "priesthood of all believers" from Scripture (1 Peter 2:9).

But some Christian traditions endow their ministers with titles that emphasize the role of the individual member of a congregation. In the United Methodist tradition, I'm tagged as "the Reverend Roger Baker" - even though in practice, I much prefer to be referred to as "pastor" or (even better) simply my own name.

Once a year, United Methodist churches around the world celebrate a "laity" Sunday where we deliberately excuse the clergy from worship duties and

allow the rest of the congregation to take up the responsibility of conducting worship. In Brackettville, we'll celebrate this occasion on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

It's a great chance to see the Methodist tradition at its purist, with each member of the congregation adding something to the service of worship (even if that gift is the simple act of attending). Several different people will read, sing, preach, testify and pray - and you won't find a stiff collar among the lot of them! In fact, most people comment that it's the least "stiff" Sunday on the church calendar.

Join us for a totally "clergy free" experience this Sunday at First United Methodist Church. Come for Sunday School at 9:30 AM and stay for worship at 10:45. You might be surprised at how wonderful worship can be when it is led by the people of God - the laity.

## Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever

Then Peter said, silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise and walk.

And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: And immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. Acts 3: 6-8.



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Halleluya! Praise God!

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Hebrews 13: 8. Glory!!!

## Keep our eyes on Jesus and Jesus will lead us

Can you imagine the thrill that Peter felt as he began to walk on water? Or the adrenaline rush that surged through him as he overcame his fears and took that first step out of the boat? He overcame the fear of what the others thought as he jumped out of the boat leaving 11 other men behind. It was the fear of "what ifs". What if I can't do this? What if I drown? It was also the fear of the storm all around him.

Now we must remember that Peter did not take this risk in a perfect setting of daylight and calm seas. No, it was in the middle of the night, in a raging storm, in an ocean! The biggest fear that Peter faced was one that many people must face each day. It is the fear of the unknown. To step out of everything we know, everything that is comfortable, and follow Jesus to a place no man has ever gone before. What a huge accomplishment it was for Peter to be out there with Jesus. That is a sermon all on its own. Yet, there he was with the spray in his face, the waves beneath his feet, having come so far with Jesus, and then it happened. Matthew 14:30 says "But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out 'Lord, save me!'"

Where did it all go wrong after something miraculous had happened? Peter took his eyes off Jesus. He became focused on the wind. How many times in our lives does Jesus do something huge and is leading us to new



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heights on our journey with Him and it seems the bottom falls out. We suddenly feel very afraid and want to run back to the boat. We go so far, and then we take our eyes off of Jesus and begin to sink.

In verses 31-32 Jesus responds. "Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased." Jesus did not let Peter drown. He responded immediately when Peter cried out to Him and then He went back to the boat with him. Jesus wants us to keep our eyes on Him and He will lead us. Don't put your eyes on the storm around you. If you feel like you are sinking, cry out to Him and He will lift you up. Just don't give up. John Ortberg writes, "Storms have a way of teaching what nothing else can."

Don't fear the storm around you. Don't let the storm distract you from the path you are on. When the storm presses in on you and your way seems dark, keep putting one foot in front of the other and look to Jesus. Walking with Jesus is not always easy, but if you keep your eyes on Him you can walk on water.

## Sorrow gnaws at the human heart

"Mama, do you think I'll ever forget my own past?" Josie asked.

Lola looked contemplatively into her cup of tea then took a bite of the pan dulce. "A very wise man once said, 'like a moth in clothing or a maggot in wood, sorrow gnaws at the human heart (Proverbs 25:20).' God does not intend that we forget, Mijita. It is pain from the past that reminds us of the wonderful grace of God."

"That's what Rolando said last weekend when we were together at the church festival. But why would God put us through it again and again when we know we've been forgiven?" Josie asked.

"We are made in His image, Mijita." Lola answered. "Memory is a wonderful thing. Just think, if you fill your life with joy and peace and practice moral behavior, your memories will be your intimate friends and you can invite them to share your day anytime you want. Just think of the wonderful times of joy and happiness you've shared with your son."

"Well Mama, they weren't all times of joy and happiness. Remember the time when he fell out of the tree and broke his arm?" Josie winced as she described the incident. "And I'll never forget the times he spent with Roger and I worried myself sick. And the times when



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Roger beat me," she added.

Lola looked at her daughter and smiled. Understanding was written in the lines on her face. "Ah Mijita," she said. "Now you understand the pain of every mother when their children make bad decisions. But," she sighed. "It's like giving birth to your child. There's agony and pain but they're pushed aside for the joy of holding your baby for the first time. Even that pain you remember but you no longer feel."

"Some children are stubborn, Mijita. It takes much sorrow before their hearts gain wisdom (Ecclesiastes 7:3). You have come a long ways in your few years. Carry your pain like wisdom who is your friend, and rejoice in God who is your savior. Jesus bore your pain long before you had your pain to bear." (To be continued)

**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.

## Holding hands

Recently a friend of mine called and asked me if I wanted to spend the day at the Air Show. I said, "Yes" because I have always been fascinated with airplanes.

I really enjoyed the day with so many planes to see and the flying was spectacular with so many pilots doing different maneuvers or stunts. There was a large crowd and while walking around I spotted something that caught my eye. It was an elderly couple sitting in lawn chairs holding hands.

They were up in years and you could see they had their health problems. As I observed them it seemed like they were more interested in each other than the air show.

How wonderful it is to see a couple married a number of years and still in love and caring for each other.



Jerry Davenport

Brother J.

That's what God wants and is very much pleased with (Ephesians 5:31-33). It takes commitment, which many don't want today. We may find that we don't have that love within ourselves and we need to call upon God to give us that special love that only comes from Him.

It is available through Christ Jesus and the indwelling Holy Spirit (Philippians 4:13 Galatians 5:22,23). God proved His love for us when Christ Jesus died on the cross for us (Romans 5:6-8). See you in church next Sunday.

## Purpose of life

All human beings throughout history have asked themselves the question, "What is the purpose of life?" or "What on earth am I here for?"

Scripture tells us repeatedly that we are created by God and for God. In Colossians 1:16 we read, "everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible,....everything got started in God and finds its purpose in Him."

I think that this is a difficult concept for modern Americans to grasp. So much of our culture defines the purpose of life as the pursuit of happiness and self-satisfaction.

Today we tend to ask self-centered questions such as, What do I want to be? What should I do with my life? What are my goals, my ambitions, my dreams for my future? It all is about me! But focusing on me will never reveal our true life's purpose.

Contrary to what our culture tells us, life is not about me. Self-help books are so popular because they promise to help us find the answers to happiness and self-actualization.

What self-help books don't tell us is that even when we become self-actualized, even when we meet our goals, and perhaps



Our Redeemer Lutheran & St. Andrew's

Nathan Lafrenz

become successful, we will still be disappointed and unfulfilled. To discover our true purpose in life we must turn to God's word, not the world's wisdom.

We must build the foundation of our lives on the eternal truth of God in Christ as revealed in scripture, not on pop psychology, success-motivation, or inspirational stories.

God created you and I for His purposes, and He has an overall for us to His glory in which He is working out all things for the good.

I invite you to learn more about the purpose of life at Our Redeemer Lutheran and St. Andrew's Episcopal churches.

Each Wednesday evening we begin at 5:30 PM in our parish hall with a soup and sandwich meal, followed by a Christian movie at 6:00 PM. Then at 7:00 PM we are studying Rick Warren's book, "The Purpose Driven Life."

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5 Unimportant  
10 Vending machine purchase  
14 Do a household chore  
15 Fuming  
16 To ... with no exceptions  
17 "Goodness gracious!"  
18 Traveler's stop  
20 Put in place  
21 Breathe heavily  
22 Hangs  
23 Level of progress  
25 King Kong  
26 Word of warning  
28 Opposed  
31 Oklahoma Indian  
32 Part of a vacuum cleaner  
34 Defensive  
36 Inflammation: suff.  
37 Stupid person  
38 French priest  
39 Man's nickname  
40 Crow  
41 Region called "The Roof of the World"  
42 Will subject  
44 Angry speech  
45 Item on a certificate  
46 Rent again  
47 Range  
50 Sugar plant  
51 Mischief-maker  
54 Has "big ears"  
57 Pockmark  
58 At any time  
59 Gorme  
60 Polynesian tuber  
61 Barry and others  
62 Essentials  
63 Glide down a slope  
**DOWN**  
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3 Petty officers  
4 Connector  
5 Desert sight  
6 Castle or Dunne  
7 Cartoonist Thomas  
8 Mel the Giant  
9 Turmeric  
10 Calling  
11 Arabian  
12 Terra firma  
13 Picnic spoilers  
19 Amphetamine: slang  
21 Skin  
24 Price indicators  
25 Cosmetics maker  
26 Painful problem  
27 Launder  
28 Weights  
29 Professor's delight  
30 Declined  
32 Impatient chess player's word  
33 Unprocessed material  
35 ... out; allot  
37 Other sock  
38 English river  
40 Goes on a rampage  
41 Flooring  
43 Light producers  
44 Grammar book chapter  
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48 Early abode  
49 Roaster  
50 Area  
52 Hay  
55 Group of scouts  
56 Reuben's necessity  
57 Blvds.

**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: **MONEY — HERE AND ABROAD**

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4. Dollar	14. Rand
5. Drachma	15. Rial
6. Franc	16. Ruble
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8. Krona	18. Shekel
9. Kroner	19. Shilling
10. Lira	20. Yen

**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A bigwig is being mad-deningly evasive this week. Don't put this. In time, this person will reveal what plans are to be implemented.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Those who need start-up cash for a venture will find it coming from a surprising source. Just be sure you're clear on all the terms before accepting. This weekend, romance is in the air.

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) If you're wrestling with a dilemma, it's best to heed the advice of an expert this week. What you hear will be very beneficial. Later in the week, you're at your charismatic best.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Those facing reviews by higher-ups will be happy with the results. Your hard work is paying off. Now is not the time, though, to rest on your laurels.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You have an innovative idea you'd like to implement at work. However, be aware this approach may be just a tad too radical. Tone it down for best results.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Finances and friends aren't a good combination this week. In fact, it seems one friend is perpetually broke. What's best in this situation is a bit of tough love.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) It's a good time to begin a research project or new endeavor of study.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You're feeling adventurous as the week begins. However, that doesn't mean you can take foolish risks. Weigh all your actions before taking them for possible repercussions.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) If you have a revelation, be sure to put this down in writing or into your computer. You can use this for reference when you're ready to take solid action. A phone call brings happy news later in the week.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Don't waste too much time waiting for someone to get back to you this week. This person isn't likely to comply. Instead, devote yourself to what needs to be done immediately.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Romance and leisure are accentuated this week. You're happy that work isn't too demanding, so you can feel free to indulge.

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by a deed record in volume A-89, page 853 of the deed records of Kinney County, Texas; No. 3353, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Edmundo Cardoza and Alicia Cardoza, et al, Lot 1, block H of Fort Clark Springs, unit 27, situated in Kinney County, Texas, as shown by a deed of record in Volume A-91, page 397 of the deed records, of Kinney County, Texas; No. 3357, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Enrique Gonzalez, Lot 448 of the Fort Clark Springs, unit 5, situated in Kinney County, Texas, as shown by a deed of record in Volume A-50 page 595 of the deed records of Kinney County, Texas; No. 3358, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Marco Antonio Guzman and Margarite Guzman, Lot 68, block J of Fort Clark Springs, unit 27, situated in Kinney County, Texas, as shown by a deed of records in Volume A-93, page 78 of the deed records of Kinney County, Texas; No. 3363, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Judie L. Macbeth, aka Judith L. Morley, Lots 167-169 of Fort Clark Springs, unit 2, situated in Kinney County, Texas, as shown by a deed of record in Volume A-54, page 704 of the deed records of Kinney County, Texas; No. 3365, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. the unknown heirs of Arley I. Owens and Edna M. Owens, deceased, Lot 42 of the Fort Clark Springs, unit 14, situated in Kinney County, Texas, as shown by a deed of record in Volume A-64, page 329 of the deed records of Kinney County, Texas; No. 3366, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Romualdo M. Paez and Dora Paez, et al, Lot 16, block P of the Fort Clark Springs, unit 29, situated in Kinney County, Texas, as shown by a deed of record in volume A-85, page 11 of the deed records of Kinney County, Texas; No. 3369 Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Harold A. Riley and Ruth Ann Riley, Lot 32, block N of the Fort Clark Springs, Unit 27, situated in Kinney County, Texas, as shown by a deed of record in Volume A-76, Page 316 of the deed records of Kinney County, Texas; No. 3371, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Kevin D. Ryan, et al, Lot 82, block J of Fort Clark Springs, Unit 27, situated in Kinney County, Texas, as shown by a deed of records in Volume A-27, Page 696 of the deed records of Kinney County, Texas; No. 3372, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. the unknown heirs of Alice Salmon, deceased, Lot 7, block 3 of the Lorange addition to the City of Brackettville, situated in Kinney County, Texas, as shown by a deed of record in Volume A-31, Page 117 of the deed of records of Kinney County; No. 3373, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. the unknown heirs of Albert L. Stoffer, deceased, et al, Lot 13, block O of Fort Clark Springs, unit 29, situated in Kinney County, Texas, Volume A-81, page 720, of the deed records of Kinney County, Texas; No. 3375, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. the unknown heirs of Raleigh Williams and Martha Williams, deceased, Lots 10 1/2 and 11 1/2, block 1 of the Brackett addition to the City of Brackettville, situated in Kinney County, Texas, as shown by a deed of record in Volume A-55, page 780 of the deed records of Kinney County, Texas; No. 3376 Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Lynn M. Williams, et al, Lot 41, block J of the Fort Clark Springs, unit 27, situated in Kinney County, Texas, as shown by a deed of record in Volume A-93, page 313 of the deed records of Kinney County, Texas, or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time proscribed, from the recordation of the deed, in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs. Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2004, at Brackettville, Texas. Leland K. Burgess, Sheriff Kinney County, Texas.

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**Public Notice City of Spofford**  
The City of Spofford ID# 1360002 water system collected two (2) water samples during the months of August and September 2004, that contained coliform bacteria. This water system is required to submit a minimum of one (1) routine water sample each month for bacteriological analysis. One (1) routine sample was coliform found and one (1) repeat sample was coliform found for the months and year indicated above. The Texas Commission on Environment Quality (TCEQ) sets drinking water standards in Texas and has determined that the presence of total coliform is a possible health concern. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems. For water systems analyzing at least 40 samples per month, no more than 5.0 percent of the monthly samples may be positive for total coliforms. For systems analyzing fewer than 40 samples per month, no more than one sample per month may be positive for total coliforms. If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact: Keith Gose at (830) 563-3616.

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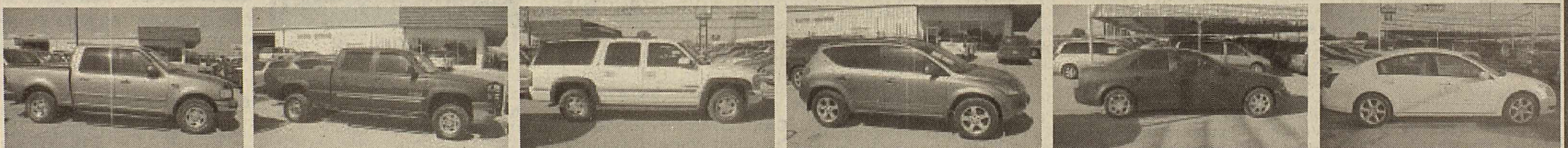
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