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"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have twice as much foresight."

Council Favors Interlocal Agreement

The Brackettville City Council met in a special session Monday evening, August 23, with Mayor Carmen Berlanga and Council Members Larry Moore, Ralph Gonzalez, Mary Flores and Julie Fuentes present.

Mayor Berlanga informed the citizens present that Council Member Flores asked for the special meeting and invited her to speak.

Mrs. Flores said citizens had expressed concern to her about the 1993-94 city budget not including funds for police protection. She mentioned that the council had rejected an interlocal agreement

with the Kinney County Sheriff's Office earlier and she was now reconsidering that decision.

After a period of open discussion by council members and the public, Councilman Larry Moore moved to consider an interlocal agreement with the sheriff's department, and to amend the 1993-94 budget to accommodate the expenditure, effective October 1, 1993. The motion carried with Council Members Moore, Gonzalez, and Flores voting for it, and Fuentes voting against it.

The meeting was then adjourned on a motion made by Mrs. Flores which carried.

BISD Adopts Budget Sets Meeting To Discuss Tax Rate

The Brackett Independent School District Board met in a special session Monday evening, August 23 with the following members present: Jimmy Bader, Lloyd Lee Davis, Stan Conoly, Jim McDaniel, Gloria Garcia, and Lingo Sandoval.

After hearing proposals for a policy of Employee Health Benefits, 1993-94, the board elected to stay with the plan through Texas Association of School Boards (TASB).

The 1993-94 Student Handbook was reviewed and adopted.

The budget for 1993-94 was adopted and a meeting was scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Friday, August 27, to discuss the effective tax rate (BISD Property Tax Rates appears in this issue of *The Brackett News*.)

The TASB Board Policy Manual Update #44 was also discussed.

Eat With The Boosters Watch The Scrimmage

When you come to the Tiger football scrimmage against Crystal City Friday night, August 27, plan to eat with the Tiger Booster Club. The scrimmage starts at 7:00 p.m. and the Tiger Booster Club will be selling sandwiches, cup cakes, and cold drinks from the concessions stand in plenty of time for you to get seated by the kick-off.

Those plans were formulated at the Booster Club meeting Monday evening, August 23, in the High School Library where Manuel Pena presided.

Memberships are being taken by the Booster Club at \$7.50 individual and \$10.00 for families. Parents of

all athletes are especially encouraged to participate...however, membership is not limited to parents...all interested persons are eligible...even retired coaches and newspaper editors.

The Tiger Booster Club supports all athletics in all grades!

The Boosters voted to accept the opportunity to serve a Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, September 29, in connection with the BISD Open House to meet the teachers.

The next Tiger Booster Club meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 20, 6:30 p.m., High School Library. You'll be home in time for Monday night football.

Emma's retiring! After 45 years, she's ready to do other things with her life. Emma has been part of the legacy of Brackett ISD for almost half a century. She began work in 1948 as a Secretary for the Superintendent of Schools-C.O. McKinney. She moved to a different position in 1982 under principal Bill Johnson-High School Secretary. It is this position that Emma will leave as of August 31. We'll miss her!

The Castro family has lived in Brackettville for many years. Emma's dad was a civil service employee at Fort Clark Commissary. He retired about the time that the Fort was closed in 1944. Emma was married to George Swaim who hailed from North Carolina and worked for the railroad. He passed away in 1974. Emma's kids are all those great nieces and nephews and all the school kids. She fondly recalls that at Brackett ISD she could watch the kids when they started school, and she watched them closely as they finished high school at BHS. Today, one of her finest moments is when a former student comes in to give her a big hug as they recall days gone by. Emma comes from a big family.

Two sisters live in Brackettville: Carrie Garcia-who is Gloria Jimenez's mom and Louisa Derengowski-who is Tony Negrete's grandmother. She has a sister-Rebecca Terrazas in San Antonio. A sister, Mary Jane Talamantez, and one brother Ahart Castro, live in Chicago. One sister passed away this past year-Antoinette Converse. Five sisters and one brother made up this super Castro family.

Emma Swaim has seen lots of change. She worked directly for Superintendents McKinney, Flory and Willis. She worked directly for Principals Bill Johnson, Lee Schermerhorn, Bobby McCall and Don



The Emma Swaim Story

Sims. Emma also worked for the most recent BISD Superintendents: Bobby McCall and Steve Mills. She has nice things to say about her employers and has been a loyal employee. She talks about what has changed...lots more bookwork...all the reports, lots of paper and books. Emma tells about TEA reports from Bob McCall's days which were apparently brown paper envelopes. Said Emma, "Bob used to tell me don't bring me any more of those brown papers. I have enough to keep busy." She says that one of the major changes at BISD was the conversion to computers from typewriters.

Listen to this, world. According

By Taylor Stephenson to Emma, the kids haven't changed. She will always remember them as being real good kids. "I never had problems with kids...they were always very respectful. Some of my kids went away and came back as teachers." She points out this fact proudly such as Chuck and Connie Hall. She also brags about the teachers. What will you remember the most Emma? Really good teachers! "I'm going to miss it for sure. I sure won't miss the interruptions. No more absence or tardy slips! No more students interrupting when you had to meet a deadline."

Emma is a walking BISD history book. We need to capture her life on video tape for the school library.

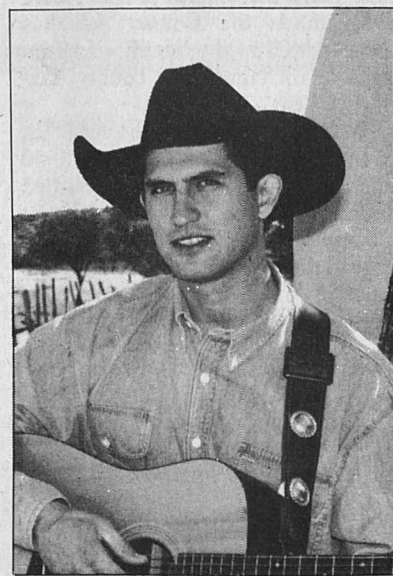
We'll lose this when she goes. I hope that Emma will take the time to write the history of BISD. She knows it because she lived it. I don't frankly know if she'll have time. She says she will visit family--"one of the first things that I'll do. I have a wedding of a niece in San Antonio in October. This spring, I'll go to Chicago and visit." She'll wait until it's not so cold in Chicago. She encourages the ex-students to come see her. "Stay in contact," Emma says, "I'll always remember you."

Some of the interesting changes noted by Emma: improvements in buildings. She remembers working in an office above the boiler room in the old junior high...mice were running all over the place. She tells lots of good stories about moving--such as from the 2-story building where Jones Elementary is now. Then, she moved back to the old Junior High again. When Jones Elementary was finished, she moved in there. Mr. Willis had an office there. She was in the outer office, and so was the elementary principal. She is very proud of the buildings and thinks this is the area of greatest school improvement.

Well, what can we say? Forty-five years is a great career. She succinctly says: "I had lots of happy times, not too many sad ones; I enjoyed my work." To be able to walk away with compliments for the kids and teachers is even more remarkable. She says every administrator's name with utmost respect. I believe that's the thing that I like. The most about her. I think Emma loved her job and would have taken you to task in a hurry for saying anything bad about her boss. That's a great quality in a grand lady. Emma, thanks for a job well done. You made a difference for the kids, teachers, administrators, and school patrons for 45 years. Great job! Thanks for the memory, Emma.



Can Your Horse Run? Enter The Labor Day Race



Sergio Salinas

Round up friends and family on Labor Day and come to Alamo Village Movie Location, FM Hwy. 674 for the 33rd Annual Labor Day Cowboy Horse Races.

Bring your horse, enter it in the Labor Day Cowboy Horse Races which will begin immediately following the Texas Style Barbecue at noon. At 5:00 p.m. a trophy will be awarded the winner of the Championship Race.

All races will be run down Front Street of the famed movie location. No stud horses, please.

Guest Star Kelly Kenning and the Rockin' Horse Riders Band, featuring Andy Perez on guitar and Clyde Hepline on bass, will be entertaining from the front porch of the jail.

Frerich Graduates From ASU

Brackettville student Bonnie M. Frerich was among the 231 students who received degrees during summer commencement at Angelo State University, San Angelo.

Miss Frerich received a Bachelor of Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude, with a major in accounting.



Kevin Fitzpatrick

Throughout the day, the Alamo Village Originals featuring vocalist Amber Leigh on piano, Daniel Hobbs on bass, Blake Lewis on lead guitar, Rodney Belasquez on rhythm, and J. J. Guidry on drums will be presenting their own creations in western music and songs they have written.

Gunfights and cannon firing will be interspersed throughout the day and world famous trick roper Kevin Fitzpatrick will provide action with his fancy and trick roping.

Shop in air conditioned stores, browse through the eighteen walk-in buildings, and be sure to take time to enjoy Happy Shahan's "John Wayne Museum."

Mexican food, burgers, sandwiches and salads will be available

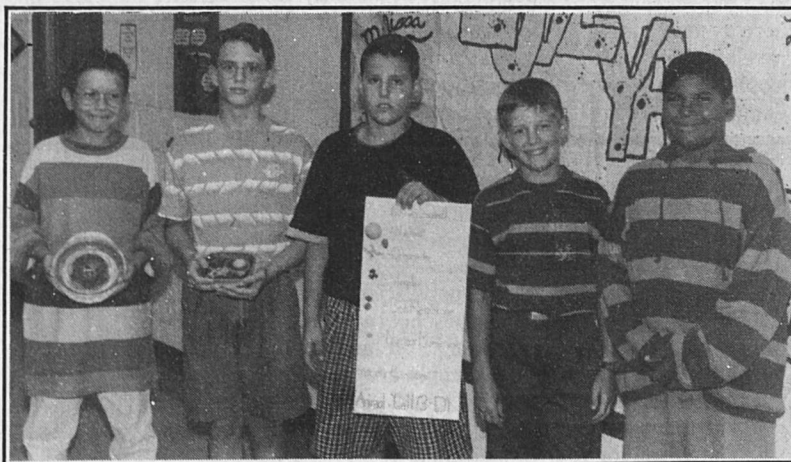
all day in the Cantuna along with ice cream, soft drinks, and ice tea.

Keep a sharp eye out for recording artist Sergio Salinas, producer-songwriter Gene Poag, and Theresa Bellamy, a beautiful lady from Tennessee with a beautiful voice.

You might also see stars and production notables already on the set preparing to start shooting a production scheduled for immediate filming at the Village.

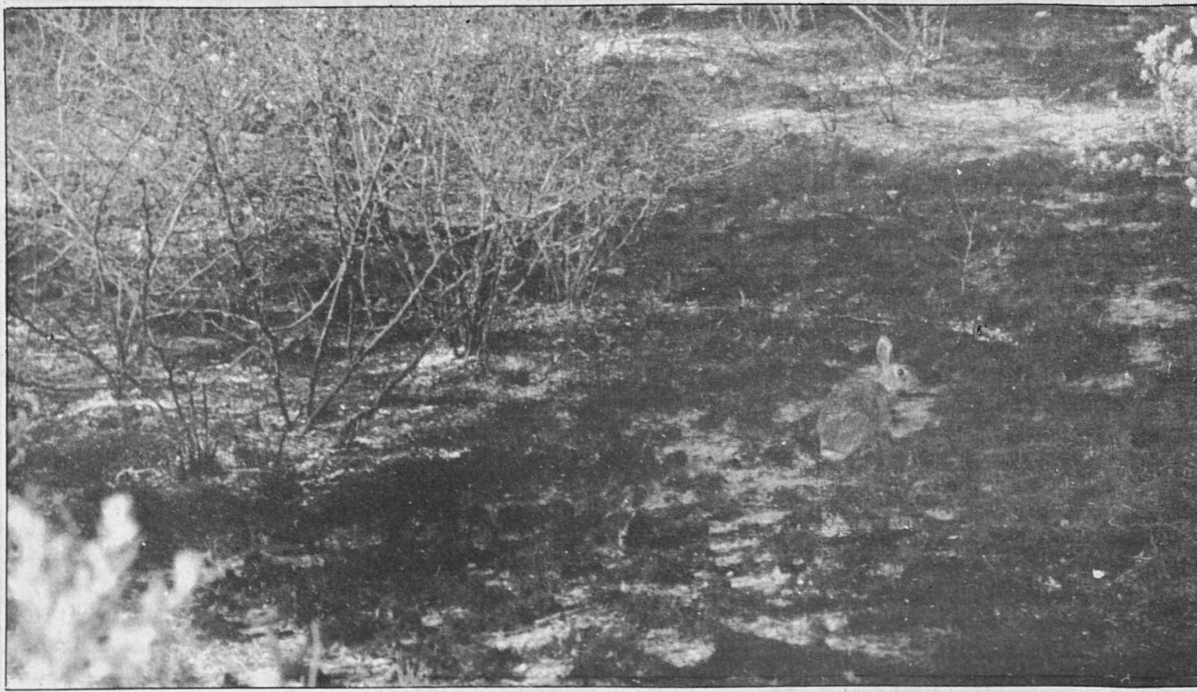
One of the friendliest visits you could have is a chat with Cowboy Poet Dave Crow who also officiates as the town marshal.

The gates open at 9:00 a.m. for a full day of top notch entertainment. Step back into yesteryear, spend the day at the Alamo Village Movie Location.



Original Experiment

Connie Hall's classes were challenged to develop original experiments. This class chose to develop animal cells using gelatin. Results were great! Shown left, Daniel Hernandez, who worked on his own. As a team, the four on the right, James Burks, Steven Hagler, Zachary Davis, and Cody Joe Williams, also scored high.



Grass Fire

Friday afternoon, August 20, the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department

answered a call to a grass fire fourteen miles east of Brackettville. The fire was contained after burning

a large number of acres of grassland, even jumping Highway 90 in places.

Notice To Former BISD School Board Members:

Emma Swaim is retiring after 45 years of service to BISD. You are invited to a luncheon at the High School Library on Tuesday, August 31, at noon, to honor Mrs. Swaim. Please attend as BISD's guests.

Reviews Previews Tiger Turf

Making A Difference

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, Curriculum Director

SCHOOL BUDGETS & SETTING THE TAX RATE

The Texas State Legislature passed Senate Bill 7 which establishes the fiscal network for Texas Public Schools in 1993-94.

Along comes Senate Bill 7 which rewards the schools that taxed the most this last year. From what I can tell, the rich are poorer and the poor are also poorer because of SB7.

Board did us a favor last year by using fund balances, but the Interest and Sinking payments will have to be paid this year.

At Brackett ISD, the School Board adopted a very conservative budget. Most of our staff members will end up paying 50% of their insurance costs that last year were paid by the school district.

I have built lots of budgets for schools in the past 23 years. In my opinion, the School Board has taken a sound approach-conservative but one that keeps the basic services going.

Tigers De-Talon Eagles

By Brian Hooker Brackett News Sports Writer

Friday night, August 20, the Brackett Tigers scrimmaged the Leakey Eagles in Leakey. It was wonderful, I'm sorry if you missed it.

Since the Tigers started on defense, I will, too. Moses Hernandez, a freshman, showed his toughness by leading the team in tackles with seven. Jesse Terrazas (who had an excellent game) was next in line with four tackles and two interceptions.

Now for the fun part, offense! Kelly Hendrich completed three passes, all to Jesse Terrazas for a total of fifty-four air yards. Kelly's last pass to Jesse was a beautiful thirty yard pass, and when Jesse caught it you might-as-well have kissed him good-bye because he was off to the races.

The Tigers not only passed well but they ran the ball well, too. Ramon DeLeon, a freshman who led the team in rushing yardage with a total of 86 yards, showed he's no baby. Moses Hernandez, also a freshman, rushed for a total of 56 yards and the second touch down of the evening.

Believe it or not! That's the game folks, Brackett Tigers 12-Leakey Eagles 0. Tigers will scrimmage Crystal City at home on Friday the 27, see you there!

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Tigerettes Awesome!

By Brian Hooker Brackett News Sports Writer

JUNIOR VARSITY TIGERETTES

On Tuesday night, August 24, the Brackett J.V. Tigerettes played Natalia in their first district game.

The girls limited the match to only two games in a best of three series. Brackett had a total of six aces, 1 belonging to Amy Bader, 2 belonging to Casey Tipps, and 3 for Jackie Smith.

At the end of the first game the score stood 15-7 in favor of Brackett. Starting things off in the second game was Amy Bader with her ace. The freshmen played the second game and ruled over Natalia's J.V. The game started in favor of Natalia 4-1 until the freshmen Tigerettes went on a 14-0 run to defeat their opponents 15-4.

VARSITY TIGERETTES

Tuesday night, August 24, the Brackett Tigerettes kicked off their district season against Natalia. Natalia showed up unprepared to take on the "Mighty Tigerettes."

The Tigerettes played two outstanding games against Natalia. Showing serving ability was Denise Frierich, going on a roll handing Natalia serves that they couldn't handle.

The second game was the same as the first but the Tigerettes went on a 14-0 roll to beat Natalia 14-0. This sparked a flame in Natalia's fire. They went on a "Big" roll scoring 4

points before the Tigerettes put them away beating them 15-4.

After the match when I had a chance to speak with Coach Coggins, I asked her what she thought and the first word out of her mouth was "Awesome". She said "The girls were awesome but they still had a lot of work."

The Tigerettes go to a tournament in Crystal City on Saturday. They will depart from Brackett at around 7:00 a.m. to face Carrizo Springs in their first game at 9:45 in the Junior High gym.

THANK YOU Chuck and Connie for all your help and support in our rodeo this summer. As always you have been a great help. Thanks a million. Charlie and Katie Hall Hall Girls Rodeo Team

Sophomores Are Welcome

The eyes of Texas - and the nation - are focused on an experiment in education going at the University of North Texas in Denton.

The state's fourth largest university has opened its doors to selected sophomores from high schools around the state. Those accepted get their tuition paid and emerge from UNT 24 months later with their high school diploma plus two years of college credit!

Sending students to college at the end of their sophomore year in high school is an unusual experiment in education that began in 1988 when the Legislature, concerned with the low scores of high school students in math and science, created the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (TAMS) and charged it with solving the problem.

Happy Birthday Brianna Escamilla 1 Year Old August 29 Love, Mom, Dad, Joey, and Lito

Tiger Football Friday, August 27, 7:00 p.m. Scrimmage, here Crystal City. Tigerette Volleyball Saturday, August 28, F/JV Del Rio Tournament Saturday, August 28, Varsity Crystal City Tournament Tuesday, August 31, 5 p.m., Here, JV/V District Game, Dilley

Young Texas Writers Violet Crown Books Taking Entries

The Austin Writers' League is taking entries for its Young Texas Writers Awards Program and the Violet Crown Book Awards.

Twelve cash scholarship awards up to \$250 will be awarded in the Young Texas Writers program in four categories: poetry, short story, essay and journalism. The theme for submission is "The Day After Tomorrow."

Texas high school students enrolled in grades 9-12 as of September 1, 1992, may submit entries through September 30, 1993. For a one-time entry fee of \$5, student authors may send in as many entries in as many categories as they wish. Submissions may be previously published or unpublished works.

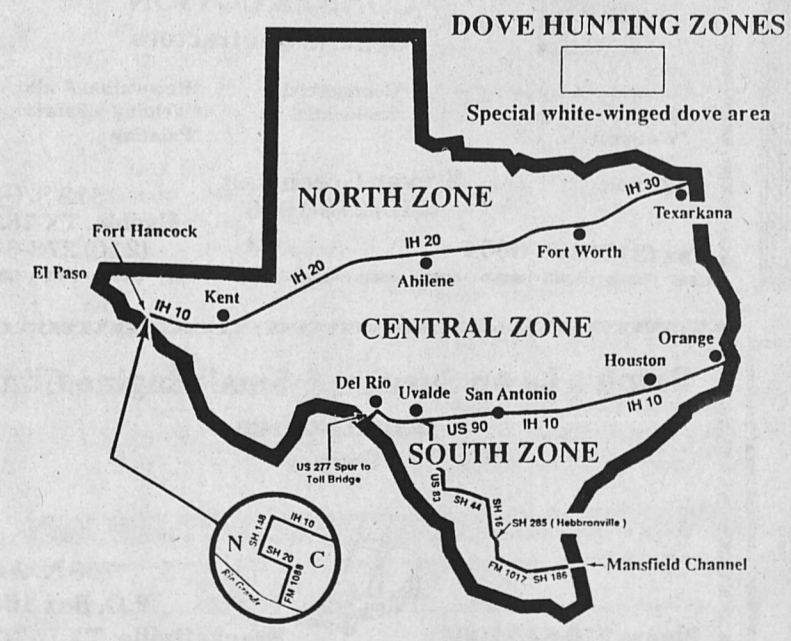
The Violet Crown Book awards are three cash stipends of \$1,000 each presented for the best books published between September 1992 and August 1993 in fiction, nonfiction, and literary categories. Entries may be submitted by the author or publisher in the author's name.

Deadline for Violet Crown entries is August 31, 1993. Guidelines and entry forms for both programs may be obtained from the Austin Writers League, 1501 West 5th St., Ste. E-2, Austin TX 78703.

The Austin Writers League is a regional writing organization with a statewide membership of over 1600. For more information concerning the League, upcoming workshops and programs, and resources available to the public, call 512-499-8914.

School Menu

- BREAKFAST MONDAY, AUGUST 30 Cheese Toast - Fruit TUESDAY, AUGUST 31 Pancakes/Syrup Fruit WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 Sausage/Biscuit - Cream Gravy Fruit THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 Donut - Fruit Juice FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 Breakfast Pizza Fruit SALAD BAR and "B" Line Everyday Milk Served With All Meals LUNCH MENU MONDAY, AUGUST 30 Corn Dog - French Fries Fruit TUESDAY, AUGUST 31 Grilled Cheese - Vegetable Salad Fresh Fruit WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 Hamburger - Burger Salad French Fries - Fruited Jello THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 Tacos - Taco Salad Ranch Beans - Spanish Rice FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 Chicken Patty W/Cream Gravy Whipped Potatoes Choice Of Veg. - Roll



Dove Season Near-Dove hunting, the traditional beginning of each year's hunting season in Texas, is almost here. As a reminder, mourning dove dates in Texas are: North Zone, September 1-November 9; Central Zone, September 1-October 31 and December 26-January 3; and South Zone, September 24-November 14 (ends November 10 in Special White-winged Dove Area) and December 26-January 12.

Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances Schedule B 1993 Debt Service Schedule C Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax Schedule D State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties) Schedule E Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

1993 Property Tax Rates in Brackett ISD. Table showing last year's tax rate, this year's effective tax rate, and this year's rollback tax rate with various sub-items and amounts.

