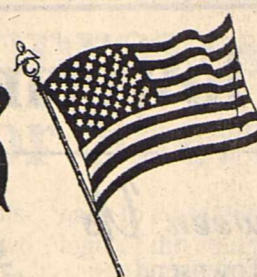


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Commissioners cut \$29,530 from budget

By: J.J. Guidry
News Editor

The Kinney County Commissioners Court approved to cut \$29,530.99 from the current budget because of lack of funds at their regular meeting Monday.

The funds that were cut were allotted for salaries and operating expenses.

"These are not easy cuts," Precinct 3 Commissioner Cordelia Mendeke said. "It's hard because it's going to affect people's pocket books, and that is not easy to do."

The commissioners also met Tuesday and Wednesday mornings to discuss the current budget and the proposed budget for the upcoming year. The county may have trouble meeting payroll under the current budget.

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At a special meeting on Friday, the commissioners asked County Auditor Cordelia Barlow to cut \$75,000 from the current budget. She came up with \$29,530.99 in excess expenses that she presented to the court Monday which were approved. Those cuts were made from these departments:

County and district clerk's offices, \$3,519.29; county judge's office, \$1,601.18; county attorney's office, \$399.91; justice of the peace's office,

\$4,325.56; District Court, \$184; Department of Public Safety, \$205; tax assessor-collector's office, \$1,951.59; county auditor's office, \$1,007.88; county treasurer's office, \$959.78; county agent's office, \$656.23; maintenance department, \$2,484.30; county-wide department, \$3,342.75; swimming pool, \$2,525.83; Civic Center, \$1,584.55; ambulance and EMS services, \$4,783.14.

With the cuts, the court approved to cut several salaries, reducing the hours of many county employees, effective Aug. 16.

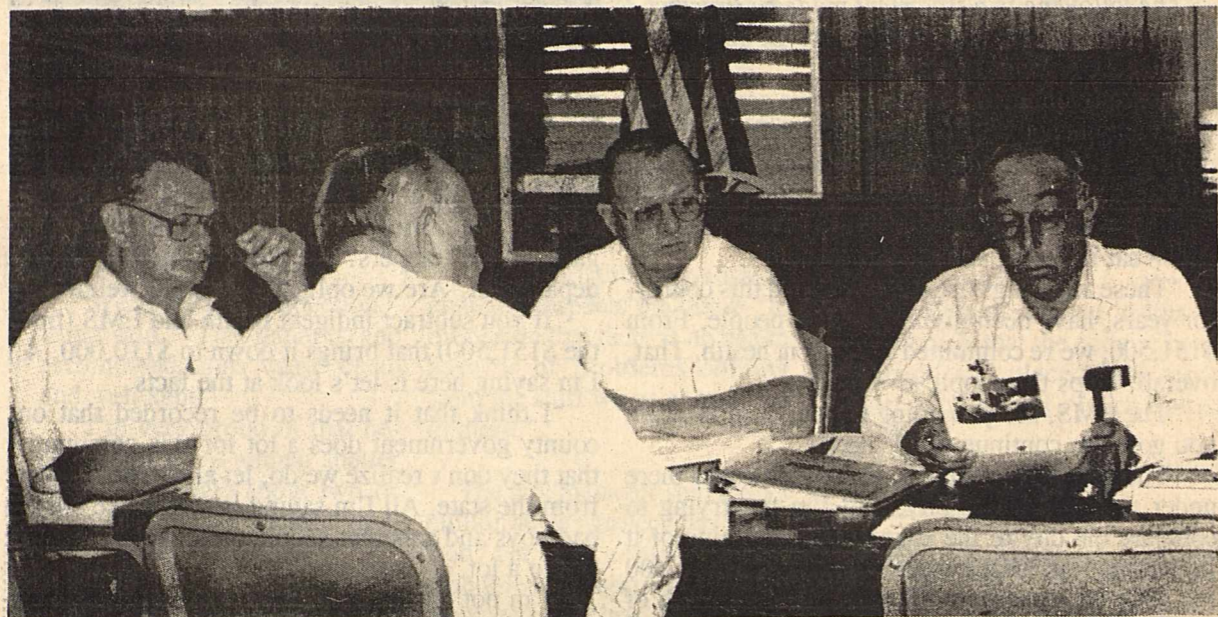
The chief deputy clerk, the deputy clerk, the county judge's secretary, the tax assessor-collector's secretary, and the parks and grounds supervisor were cut from 40 to 20 hours a week.

The county's custodian and the assistant librarian were cut from 32 to 20 hours a week, the DPS secretary's position in the justice of the peace's office was eliminated, and the run rates were cut for emergency medical technicians.

Kinney County budget cuts

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County-wide	\$3,342.75
Swimming pool	\$2,525.83
Civic Center	\$1,584.55
Ambulance and EMS services	\$4,783.14
Total budget cuts	\$29,530.99



Kinney County Judge Tommy Seargeant (from left), Sheriff L.K. Burgess and Commissioners Freddie Frerich and Joe Montalvo discuss the purchase of two new vehicles. Photo by J.J. Guidry

School Board discusses graduation for alternative education students

Controversy erupted for some parents and students last fall when alternative education students were allowed to participate in the traditional graduation ceremonies.

The Brackett School Board has agreed to let the new tradition continue within the district's alternative school position paper.

The position paper was up for approval at Monday's regular meeting. After a lengthy discussion, no motion was made for approval. It will again be considered at a special meeting Monday.

Trustee Lloyd Lee Davis said all of the students in the alternative education program, other than ones placed there because of disciplinary problems, will participate in the traditional graduation ceremonies.

"We have a multipurpose alternative school, it's not just for incorrigible kids," Davis said. "If they are incorrigible, they will be placed there and that excludes them from participating in the graduation ceremonies."

"However, we will not bypass the process of allowing an incor-

rigible to get into alternative school by other means thereby allowing them to participate in the graduation ceremony."

Pam Melancon, a concerned parent and an elementary school teacher with the district, was at Monday's meeting and said that she was concerned that the trustees "are considering allowing the alternative ed kids to go through the traditional graduation ceremonies with the rest of the children."

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Hay resigns as city's fire marshal

By: J.J. Guidry
News Editor

The Brackettville City Council accepted the resignation of Fire Marshal Debra Hay Tuesday at a regular meeting.

"I feel that I am unable to maintain my position as a fire marshal due to my increased responsibilities at my paid occupation," Hay said in her letter of resignation, which was read by Mayor Carmen Berlanga at Tuesday's meeting.

"I feel that it would be wrong to continue as fire marshal and not be able to give the time and dedication the position requires," she said in the letter, which was dated July 8.

Council members Tencha Pena, Mary Flores, Felix Gonzales and Ralph Gonzalez all

voted to accept Hay's resignation. Alderman Charles Bushart was not in attendance at Tuesday's meeting.

Budget Hearing

The city council held its annual budget hearing, which lasted about five minutes. No one in attendance questioned the city's proposed budget for the upcoming year.

"Our budget looks solid and it looks good," Berlanga said. "We're very fortunate to be able to pay our people a seven percent increase. The council and I wish that it could be more."

Rufus Alley

The council passed an ordinance and a quit-claim deed for Rufus Alley to the adjacent landowners, which include Leslie and Pete Perez, Buster Jamail and Seth

Kaplan.

Kinney County Appraisal District Budget

City officials unanimously agreed to approve the 1996-97 budget for the Kinney County Appraisal District.

"All in all, it's a good budget," City Manager David Luna said. "It seems fair and it looks good."

Monthly Activity Report

Carol Sandoval presented the monthly activity report for July 8 through Aug. 12 to the council.

The city's animal control department picked up three dead animals and 10 live animals. Six small animal traps were set out to catch small animals such as cats and skunks.

Sandoval said the city had 26 water and gas turn-ons, 18 water

and gas turn-offs, nine water and gas leaks and rereads.

The city also picked up 176 loads of brush, had 12 drainage and sewer calls, three calls for use of equipment, nine graves were dug, three street signs were down, made two mail runs to Eagle Pass, one gas meter was relocated, one easement street was repaired, one easement was shredded, one water heater was relit, replaced one water heater, fixed a water leak, replaced a stop sign at Gove and Lewis Streets, and picked up two loads of old furniture and one old freezer.

"I commend the men, the people and the staff for all of their hard work during the hot days," Berlanga said. "That's a lot of loads."

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County says yes to hiring freeze, approves hiring new employees

After unanimously voting for a hiring freeze during a special meeting on Friday, the Kinney County Commissioners Court approved the hiring of two new employees on Monday.

The commissioners agreed to hire two new people to fill positions left vacant by resignations.

The county will hire a new jailor for the Sheriff's Department and a new cook for the Nutrition center in September.

"I don't know how I can operate if we can't hire another man in September," Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess told the court at Monday's meeting.

"We've always made an exception with the jail," Precinct 1 Commissioner Freddie Frerich

"The only two places I think that we can possibly not stay with our hiring freeze is with either EMS or the jail."

Paul O'Rourke

said. "If you have to have a man, you have to have him. You're just replacing the man you lost."

Precinct 4 Commissioner Paul O'Rourke said, "The only two places I think that we can possibly not stay with our hiring freeze is with either EMS or the jail. With a full house, we can't have just one person in there for a midnight shift with 28 prisoners, there's just no way."

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DIGGING UP HISTORY AT FORT CLARK

Archeologists explore remains of old headquarters building

By: J.J. Guidry
News Editor

FORT CLARK SPRINGS - When someone buys a house or a piece of land, the new landowner is usually curious about the history of the property that was purchased.

Jay Johnson bought the Fort Clark headquarters building in April and had 21 archeologists there this weekend to help him find out a bit of the history behind his new property.

Officials from the Texas Historical Commission and the Southern Texas Archeological Association, along with volunteers from across the state, were at Fort Clark Friday, Saturday and Sunday exploring the headquarters building, which Johnson hopes to make his home someday.

"A lot of people who have talked about how the headquarters building would make a wonderful home with an inner-court-

yard, and that is our thought," Johnson said. "Perhaps, three years from now, we will be living in it."

"Before you renovate something like this, you really have to understand it. As in the case of the fireplace, we discovered that the actual hearth of the fireplace was two and a half feet below the ground surface. No one would have ever known that," without the archeology dig.

"Now we have something to go on," he said. "We have a couple of keys to focus in on in order to renovate it in harmony with what is there."

"With the old walls in back, if we would have gone in and just covered it up with a slab or something like that for a flooring, we would have covered up all of the old structural walls, beautiful stonework."

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Ray Smith, right, of the Southern Texas Archeological Association, watches as Dave Nickels, left, and Diane Crouch examine the fire place at the headquarters building on Fort Clark.

No discussion of lowering the debt

I'm deeply disturbed about trends in these United States. No need to remind anyone about the wild taxing that threatens the very future of our land.

There's not even any discussion of lowering the debt which cost the taxpayers more in debilitating interest than military, welfare and medicare combined.

The idea of lowering spending to an even keel can't get support by the tax and spend radicals.

No need to point out the decline in family values and morality as evidenced by the "gay" populace and the "abortionists."

No point in pointing the finger at oppressive police practices (in 20 minutes one afternoon, setting at a place of business on Highway 90, there passed on the highway four DPS vehicles and a "Narcs" car passed by twice, which is on loan to the Sheriffs Department).

I'm disturbed the way bureaucrats and politicians are turning Americans into special agents against each other.

A man guilty of any kind of crime can turn "states evidence" against others involved and often go scott free. If he is guilty of a crime he should have to pay the penalty. If I were on a jury and such a witness were put on the stand, I would totally ignore his testimony.

Another flagrant example is the IRS. Anyone can file a report (even write a letter) accusing one of not paying or underpaying his income tax and after investigation if the accused is found to be delinquent, the "rat" will be paid a percent of the take.

We recently had a dramatic

Between Us

by Joe Townsend



playing out of this policy to the detriment of citizens (a false accusation).

A politician with a bloated ego can call the Texas Rangers and they jump to seek evidence to prosecute innocent people.

Someone makes a telephone call the FBI puts 500 men on a detail to try to convict a man never even accused of a bombing.

Persecuted, confined to his house, treated as a common criminal and after every type of extreme forensic search found to be innocent.

A bureaucrat can be accused by a politician, fired and indicted tried and found innocent. His attorney fees and costs ran into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

When the President was asked if he would support the government paying the legal bills, he blew his stack.

Now comes a real test of an inane law passed by an unthinking legislature.

In Utopia, a coach was involved in a (consensual) sexual relationship with a 14 year-old girl. No one could accept this as right.

Now the brazen and arrogant Child Protective Agency wants to prosecute the superintendent and principal for not "reporting" the affair in timely fashion (48 hours).

It has been held by every credible count in the land that until a crime is committed there is no legitimate cause. To prosecute a person for not "squealing" is an innovation.

This agency is so focused on its tunnel vision, it disregards reality.

There was an incident here where a movie was shown at school and the children were urged to tell the teacher if there had been any parental harassment. A girl went to her teachers and accused her father of mistreatment.

In hours, a pawn of the bureaucracy came and ordered the father out of the house.

I called the responsible head and was told the father would have to wait until a trial date was set in a couple of months or so.

I said, "You are wrong. This will be settled in the next 24 hours."

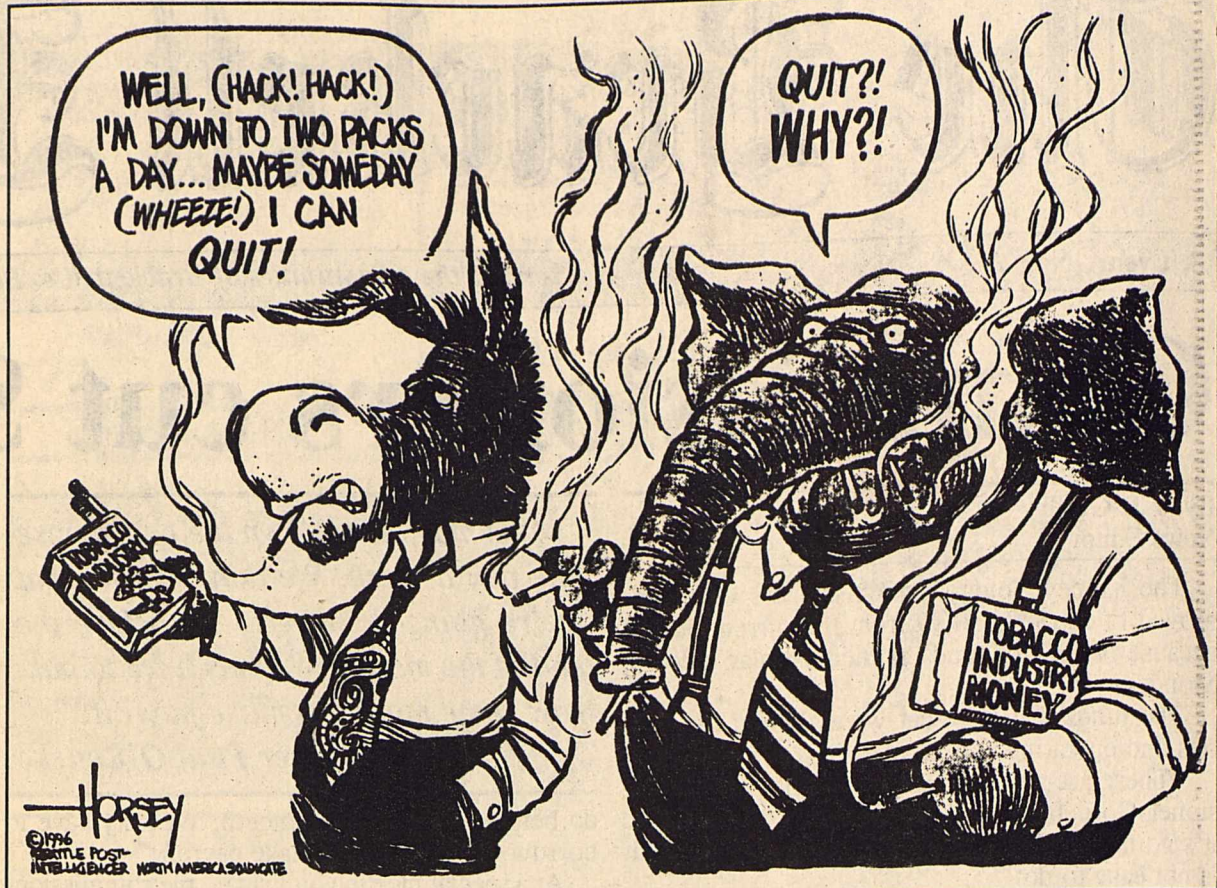
He tried to explain nothing could be done. However, by the time we finished talking he decided he'd "try" to do something.

Within an hour, he called the parents to come to his office. When the "conference" was finished, the cause was dropped and the father returned home.

This is only one of a number of cases I've intervened in to prevent oppressive treatment.

How any right thinking individual can find it rational to require or entice or bribe any person to "squeal" on another is beyond my comprehension.

This situation disturbs me because I remember the Nazis and Communist enticing anyone to betray another, even children against their parents.



County government doesn't get the credit it deserves

The following is a statement made by Precinct 3 Commissioner Cordelia Mendeke at Monday's county commissioners' meeting:

"This county government supplies services that we give this community that are the library, the pool, the trappers, the fire department, child welfare, and we have committed to EMS indigent health. That bill alone is \$151,500, mas o menos.

"What is wrong with this picture?"

"These are things that this court and this county, for years, have been giving to these people. For \$151,500, we're committed to indigent health. That, overall, helps the people as a whole.

"The EMS, are you going to get out of it or are you going to continue servicing it?"

"The Volunteer Fire Department sits over there under the halo of the city, and I'm not trying to compare the city to the county. But the thing of it is, is that Fort Clark gives them roughly \$5,400 and then we give them \$3,500. So, how much of that \$13,000 (actually \$13,134 budgeted by the city for the fire department) that was reported in the paper this past Thursday is what their fitting to community needs. They've washed their hands of the

Airing it out

police department.

"We have a contract with them to submit \$3,500 to assist them in their budget. We get no police help back. We get no EMS help back."

"We can't keep the pool going. Are we obligated to the trappers? Are we obligated to the fire department? Are we obligated to child welfare?"

"If you subtract indigent health and EMS (from the \$151,500) that brings it down to \$110,000. All I'm saying here is let's look at the facts.

"I think that it needs to be recorded that our county government does a lot for this community that they don't realize we do, let alone the mandate from the state. All I'm saying is that we're not the bad boys and gals that people think we are. I think we do a lot.

"I'm not trying to create a city-county animosity, but I'm sick and tired of them being in the halo of this community and we get the black eye, in my opinion. This county does a lot for this community of which I don't think (we) get credit."

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report

The Kinney County Jail is currently housing 28 prisoners.

Wednesday, August 7
10:07 p.m., Jeffrey Long, 37, of Stockton, Calif., was arrested by DPS Trooper Norbert Ortiz for possession of marijuana under two ounces. Long was booked into Kinney County Jail and magisterated by Judge Alvin Hall. He was released at 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 9, after posting \$1,000 bond.

Thursday, August 8
1:40 a.m., Enrique Moreno, 26, of Dallas, was arrested by DPS Trooper Willeford on an outstanding warrant for probation violation of

DWI charges out of Dallas County. Moreno was booked into Kinney County Jail and magisterated by Judge Hall. He was released at 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 8, after posting \$500 bond.

Friday, August 9
4:00 p.m., Arthur Nollie, 30, and Jose Valladares, 20, both of San Antonio, were arrested by DPS Trooper Ortiz for possession of marijuana under two ounces. Nollie and Valladares were booked into Kinney County Jail and magisterated by Judge Hall. Both were released on Aug. 10, Valladares at 11:55 a.m. and Nollie at 4:55 p.m., after posting \$750 se-

curity bonds.

Saturday, August 10
7:30 p.m., Alejandro Cervantes, 20, of Del Rio, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Timmy Santos on outstanding DPS warrants for speeding violations and failure to appear charges. Cervantes was booked into Kinney County Jail and magisterated by Judge Hall. He was released at 8:04 a.m. on Aug. 12, after paying a \$198 fine.

Sunday, August 11
7:38 a.m., Collin Lee Johnson, 19; John Sandbach, 20; Trent Stroup, 17; and William McGinnis, 18, all of Austin, were arrested by DPS Trooper Willeford for public intoxication. They were booked into the Kinney County Jail and later magisterated by Judge Hall. They were released at 5:55 that evening for time served.

7:48 a.m., William Angst, 20, of Austin, was arrested by DPS Trooper

Willeford for public intoxication. A computer check revealed Angst had an outstanding warrant out of Travis County for fraud by check. Angst was booked into the Kinney County Jail and later magisterated by Judge Hall. He was released that afternoon after paying a \$50 fine for public intoxication and posting a \$500 security bond.

Monday, August 12
9:42 p.m., David Hernandez, 20, of Del Rio, was arrested by DPS Trooper Andrew Praddy for possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of cocaine under 28 grams. A computer check revealed Hernandez was wanted on an outstanding warrant out of Medina County for probation violation. Hernandez was booked into Kinney County Jail and magisterated by Judge Hall. He was released after posting \$1,500 bond for the cocaine charge and \$750 for the marijuana charge.

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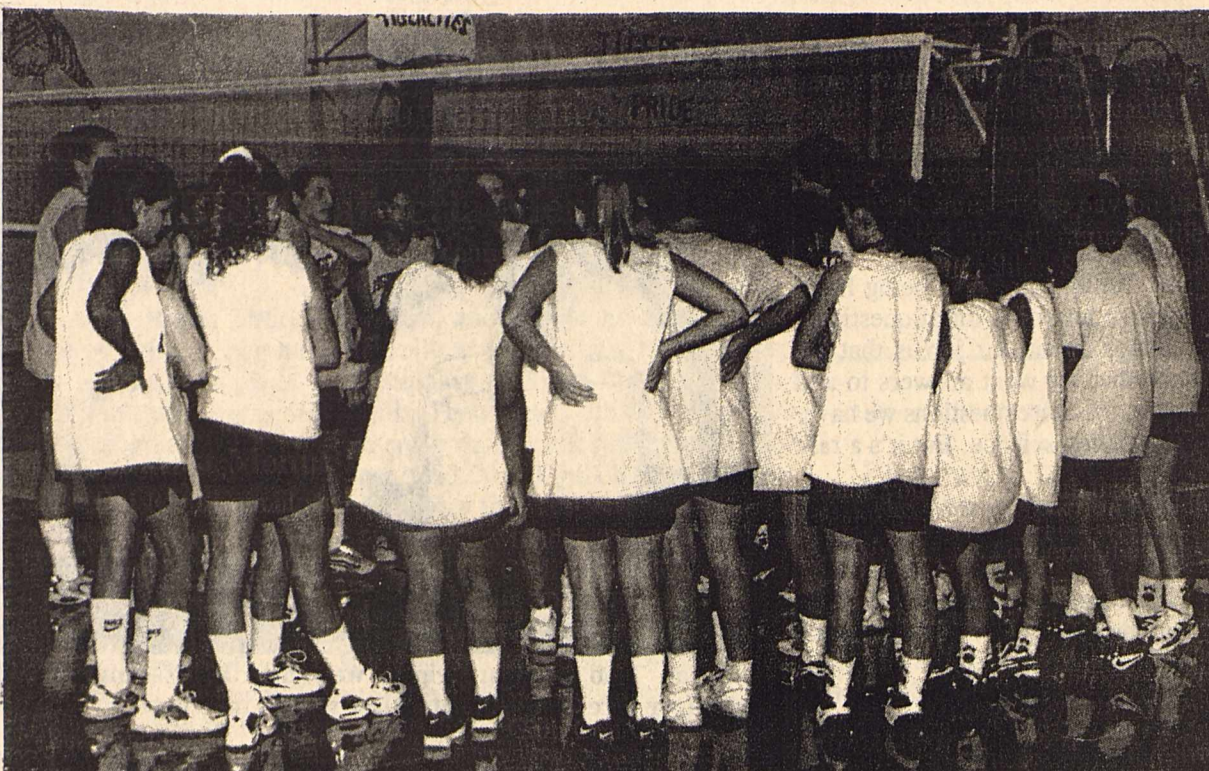
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Over 40 high school girls showed up for the first day of volleyball practice Monday. The Tigerettes will scrimmage in Uvalde on Friday and Sabinal on Saturday before opening their season Tuesday in Carrizo Springs. Photo by J.J. Guidry

County approves purchase of two vehicles for Sheriff's Department

The Kinney County Commissioners agreed to purchase two new vehicles for the Sheriff's Department Monday at their regular monthly meeting.

The county will pay out over \$57,000 over 36 months, with monthly payments of \$1,585.85 and 6.5 percent interest. Payments begin in November.

The two vehicles, which will be purchased from Arendale Ford Sales in Arlington, will come fully equipped.

"The county is going to buy two new cars that they will start paying for in November," Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said. "It doesn't effect this year's budget.

"These cars will come to us complete with everything. We

have to do nothing except put the logo of the county on them.

"The county is in a bind financially and we'll cut back in auto repairs and expenses," he said. "With the new cars, we'll have a warranty."

The Sheriff's Department recently received two free 1992 Ford patrol units from Laughlin Air Force Base.

"We believe the old cars we got from Laughlin will be good serviceable cars because we don't believe they've been used to hard around that air base," Burgess said. "They were security police vehicles at Laughlin.

"These cars have 65,000 to 70,000 miles on them. It would probably require \$2,500 to \$3,000 to put these vehicles on the road.

We have to transfer radios into them and we have to insure them."

With the two new cars the county is purchasing, the sheriff's department will have six cars, in addition to a borrowed car, a 1992 Ford, from the drug task force. The department also has a 1988 Chevrolet and a 1991 Ford.

"The Chevrolet has just about had it," Burgess said. "It will be stripped of all usable equipment and sold.

"We'll have two brand new units and two Laughlin cars. One car we plan on using for patrol and the other one will be kind of a pick-up-the-mail, go-to-school car. We're going to have four cars on the road."

Brackettville's animal shelter gets thumbs up

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City Manager's Update

Luna reported that the Texas Department of Health inspected the city's animal shelter.

"We passed the inspection," Luna said. "The remarks and recommendations were 'clean and well kept.'

"I'm very proud of that because Del Rio's animal shelter got closed down about two or three months ago because they didn't pass."

Luna said the city's old dump passed its third inspection by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission.

"When I first came in here as city manager, we had a big problem with the dump and we got it closed," he said.

"They were supposed to inspect it every year for five years. It passed inspection for the third time. We have two years left.

Luna said the commission annually inspects the dump "to make sure that there is no health hazards or problems coming from the stuff we used to dump in there."

The city manager said the \$3 million sewer project was finalized. He said construction is scheduled to begin Sept. 3, and is expected to last six to eight months.

"We have nothing at all but pride to show for the project because it took so long to get to this point," he said. "People thought we wouldn't get here."

School board approves handbooks

The Brackett School Board of Trustees approved student and employee handbooks for the upcoming year Monday night at their regular monthly meeting.

"I'm glad we were able to get those handbooks approved before the start of school," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "We'll be happy when we complete the final peg, and that's the alternative school position book."

The trustees discussed the alternative school's position paper, but it was not approved. It will be discussed again at a special meeting on Monday.

The biggest change in this year's student handbook is that the code of conduct has been removed and placed in a separate section, under Senate Bill 1, which was passed in May of 1995.

"The conduct portion will be easier to

find," Stephenson said. "We have basically adopted the same law regarding conduct, with some building rules that will go along with it."

The student handbook also addresses new graduation plans.

"The are some new plans that will affect this year's freshmen class and we cover those changes in the handbook," Stephenson said. "This year, they have a choice of taking the old plan or the new plan, but next year's freshmen will not.

"We will add one credit to the requirements. It won't change things locally, except that they will have one less elective and one more requirement."

Stephenson said that the employees handbook is the first for the district.

"Since I've been in Brackettville, they have not had a district handbook for the employ-

ees. They had a teacher's handbook for the teachers that would tell them specifics of things they were supposed to know for their buildings.

"This handbook sites the legal perimeters of employment in the district as well as benefits and things of that nature. I think it's going to be real helpful to all of our employees."

Also on Monday, the trustees accepted a deed from the Future Farmers of America chapter for the rodeo arena.

The board accepted a plan from Stephenson for group medical insurance.

Business Manager Dixie Brown presented a budget update and a financial report to the board.

Minutes for the meetings on July 8 and July 24 were approved and the trustees signed a texpool signature amendment.

Trustees say alternative ed students get traditional graduation

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"I think the alternative education program is great," she said. "It gives the children an opportunity to finish their education.

"But it is my understanding that there is no mandatory attendance for alternative ed, and there isn't a discipline code for alternative ed.

"I think these students deserve to have a graduation. But, I think, if they chose an alternative education, for whatever the reason, they do not deserve a traditional graduation with the other students."

Melancon said many parents and students were upset last May

when the alternative school students were allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies.

"Last spring, the last two weeks before graduation, it was sprung on the seniors that these other children who are not a part of their class in any way, were being included, and that was very unfair to those children," she said. "There were many students and many parents that were very upset about this issue. As best as I can remember ... you said you were doing that for '96 only.

"Now, knowing how upset and emotional everyone was at that meeting, you again are going to bring it in and stick it into the handbook.

"No parents were notified. No students were notified. Their opinions were not considered in this issue."

Davis said the trustees "are trying to help these kids finish school and get on with their lives." "At the meeting in last May, it was said that the decision we made then was just for the 95-96 graduating class and that the board would set policy for all future ones, which we have," he said.

"We will include the alternative kids, those who have not been placed there for disciplinary reasons. However, they will not receive the same diploma but they will be allowed to walk across the stage like the other kids."

Trustee Gloria Garcia said, "We need to keep in mind that education is for all students and all children. I think this whole board has tried to show that we care for these students and we want them to have success."

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Wednesday August 21 Cinnamon orange muffins Fruit or fruit juice	Wednesday August 21 Hamburger Burger salad Oven fries Fruited jello
Thursday August 22 Pancakes /syrup Fruit or fruit juice	Thursday August 22 Tacos/cheese cup Taco salad Pinto beans Spanish rice

Pete's Sake

Did you hear about the worker in the orange juice plant who was fired because he couldn't concentrate?

Navy troubles
All the troubles the navy has been having recently reminded me of a yarn I heard from a World War II sailor. His ship's captain, one of the 90-day wonders they turned out to meet the emergency, became confused one day on the bridge and almost rammed the admiral's flagship. Signal flags broke out from the admirals vessel.

"It's for you, sir!" an ensign shouted to the befuddled captain. "It says 'you blank blank land-lubber, what the blank do you think you're doing with that blank blank tub of yours?'"

"Quick, lad" ordered the Captain. "Take that down to the signal room and have it decoded."

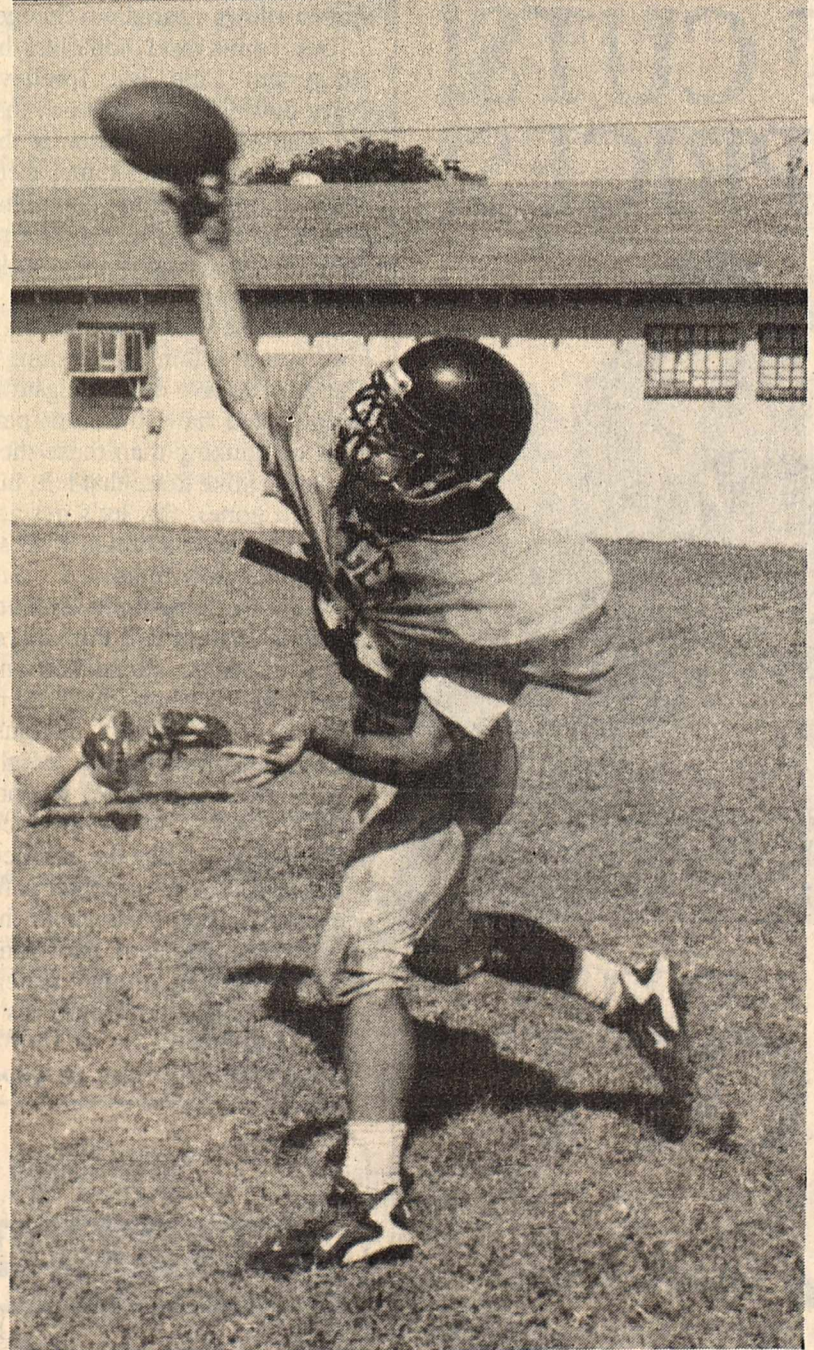
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Bridge Anyone

by Norma Gould

The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met last Tuesday with three tables playing the Howell Movement.

Flo Stafford and Rozetta Pingent took first place. Ben Pingent and Norma Gould won second with Betty Inman and Ann Hibler coming in third.



Brackett Tigers quarterback J. Wayne Ballew lets one fly during practice. Tigers head coach Roy Rokovich said close to 50 athletes turned out the first week of workouts. Photo by J.J. Guidry

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Johnson welcomes archeologists

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Johnson was also able to determine what color he wants his future home. During the exploration, he found a piece of wood trim from the original building that was lime green.

"We found a little piece of lime green wood trim about two feet underground and it was still preserved, the wood and the original trim color," Johnson said. "That's got to be the color we're going to use. What other color could we select in harmony with the overall scheme of things."

The original headquarters building was built in 1857. Additions were made to the structure in the early 1870s.

By 1878, the two small buildings located behind the headquarters were taken away. They were no longer needed because mess-halls were built on the post.

In 1919, the southern half of the building was added, along with the side porches.

Ray Smith, of the Southern Texas Archeological Society, said the building burned down in the 1960s. It is believed that the fire occurred while John Wayne was using the building during the filming of "The Alamo."

"All of the construction debris that's here is a real mystery," Smith said. "There's been so many different changes in this building and so much construction. The ground, from the fire and from the different construction debris, is very thick."

"We're really doing exploration. We're putting in our excavation units in different parts of the structure, going down and finding out what is exactly in these areas. That

will give us the information that we need to expand our excavations into more meaningful, larger areas.

"Now that we know that there's intact deposits here, we know that we can expend the time that it takes to get down to them and it will be beneficial to us."

Michael Davis, an archeologist with the Texas Historical Commission, commended Johnson for allowing the volunteers to come in and study the site.

"All too infrequently, private landowners like Mr. Jay Johnson are very, very afraid to allow archeologists to come in and undertake investigations," Davis said. "They fear the government."

"Mr. Johnson has a very strong preservation mind-set and we appreciate that. He's interested in doing the right thing, in terms of the cultural environment, before he goes ahead and moves forward with his residence construction."

"This is such an important place," he said. "We're standing right in the middle of a national register of historic places district. So all of the information that we can glean from here is singular and should be preserved."

Davis said the three-day archeological dig has proved to be beneficial.

"We've learned a great deal about the building. We've learned that there are some areas here that have been disturbed and the archeological materials that potentially could be here are not here. But there are other areas in these last two units that we dug that are absolutely intact and they contain a deposit of materials

that date to the 1850s and the 1870s, the earliest part of the occupancy of the fort. Those kind of inventories of cultural materials are few and far between."

Smith said, "In three days of being here, we're not going to answer a lot of questions. One of the things about our job is that we have questions that we want answers to and the more we dig, the more questions we have. So it's a never-ending science. But it's a rare opportunity."

"The third day (Sunday) is the first time that we've seen cultural material, artifacts, dating to the 1850s to 1870s. Unfortunately, as with many projects, that's the way it is. To gain more knowledge, we need to come back and do more work."

Johnson said plans are already underway for a future dig.

"They're talking about having a few key personnel come in within the next couple of months, and do some major preparation. Now, they're convinced that it has a lot of historical evidence. Perhaps, in a couple of months, they may conduct a major archeological dig to discover everything that they can discover. We hope to do that."

Johnson said that he wouldn't "try to do any renovations until they are done doing their discovery."

"That, of course, will allow me to continue to formulate our game plan as far as how we're going to design it - what part we're going to have covered, what part we're going to have uncovered and what things we're going to feature."



Rotarian Tino Guzman, right, welcomes Joe Escamilla of the Volunteer Fire Department to last week's meeting.

Escamilla addresses Rotary Club

The Volunteer Fire Department was the subject of Joe Escamilla's talk to the Rotary Club last Thursday.

The group consists of 15 active volunteers, eight of whom go out on all the calls. Five of the volunteers recently received specific training at Texas A&M. This is a regular resource used for teaching basic knowledge about fighting fires. Additional training is offered every few weeks by fire fighters from towns or cities with professional departments.

The local volunteer group is funded by donations and money appropriated by Brackettville, Kinney County and Fort Clark Springs. The volunteers themselves raise money for new gear by giving barbecues, conducting raffles, and any other method that presents itself.

Escamilla said that the hot, dry weather we have been experiencing invites fires. However, there haven't been as many as they had expected. At present, fires along the railroad tracks caused by sparks from trains happen fairly frequently. When lightning occurs, it can easily set off a fire.

The department is also active in fire prevention. Three public buildings are inspected every month to check conditions that could cause fires. This service is also available to homeowners upon request.

Another valuable service ren-

dered by the firemen is teaching children what to do when a fire occurs and how to exit a burning building. This is information which saves lives.

The fire equipment owned by the local department could use some updating. They are presently applying for a \$185,000 grant which could pay for a new pumper. Fire fighting equipment is expensive. Ideally, a department needs a truck, rescue van, jaws of life and air packs for freeing persons trapped in wrecks.

Every Wednesday, the volunteers hold a meeting. When this meeting time is added to that taken to actually fight a fire, one can see that being a fire fighter volunteer is a costly matter. The community owes these people unlimited gratitude.

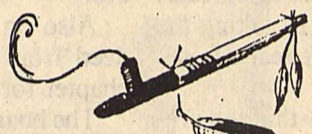
Escamilla invites anyone interested to contact him or to attend one of the meetings.

As the talk ended, several Rotarians told of occasions when they observed the department in action and they invariably complemented the efficient help the department supplied.

We wish them the best of luck on securing that grant. Our deeply felt thanks go out to those volunteers who literally risk their lives to give service to their community. Rotary also thanks the employers who allow their employees to leave work on an instant's notice to fight fires.

Smoke From Nakai

By Nakai Breen



The Woodland Indians

Ah'oe

This sunrise I will wrap up with the Woodland Tribes and next week I will tell you about some tribes that live all over the universe but these talks will have to come from studies and research that I've done on these tribes, such as Tibet, Mayan, Aztecsians, Chinese peasants and even India. Their lives are so beautiful and colorful and the way they have survived since time began.

The TSALAGI or CH-A-LU-KI which means Cave people, the Choctaw which in the tongue means Chato. The French named them Chato or flat nose and they are the ones that gave the Cherokee the name of Cave people because they could not understand their tongue.

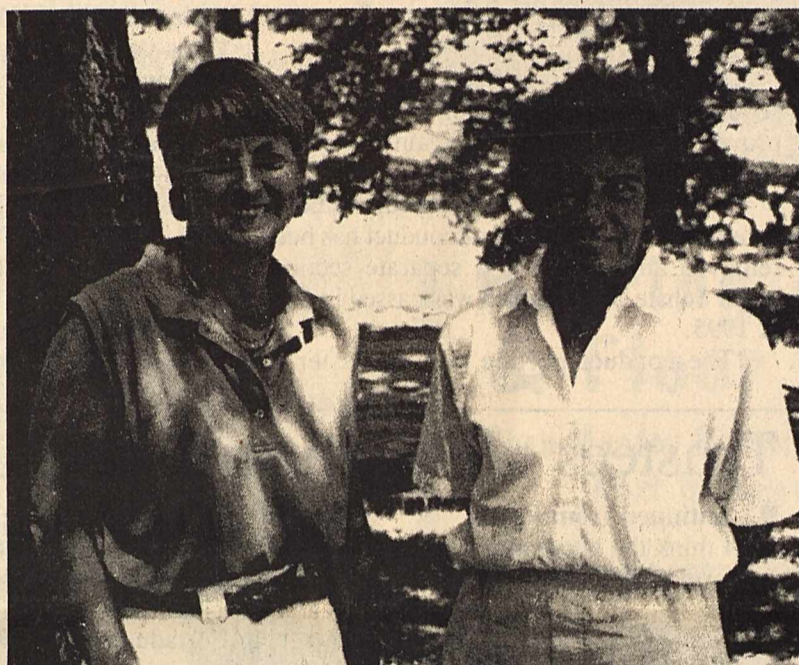
My grandmother used to tell me. When you find a good seed and you want to keep on growing the fruit or vegetable, just plant it and save the first seeds and replant for at least four years and you will have the best ever vegetable and or fruit, clean of worms and any other unnatural thing that was in the maternal plant.

Cherokee Pepper Pot Soup

1 beef shank, 3 onions, 3 qts cold water, 2 green peppers chopped 1/2 cup chopped celery, 1 cup corn kernels, 1 grated carrot, 2 cups chopped tomatoes, 2 cups okra, 1 tbsp chili sauce, 1 tsp salt, 3 tbsp flour and water, 1 tbsp butter, 1 cup diced taters.

Boil shank with onions for about three hours, skim off all the fat. Add the vegetables and remove the bone if desired. Add the flour after you have dissolved in water and let simmer and enjoy a good soup. So until then, I remain with good medicine.

Nakai



Mary Stephenson, right, and Beth Waller took first and second place in the Fort Clark Springs Ladies' Golf Club low-gross tournament Tuesday. The duo posted scores of 80 and 82, respectively.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

School starts Monday, and we're ready for it

We're ready for the real thing. School starts Monday at 8 a.m. It'll be a grand year at BISD. I'll tell you why!

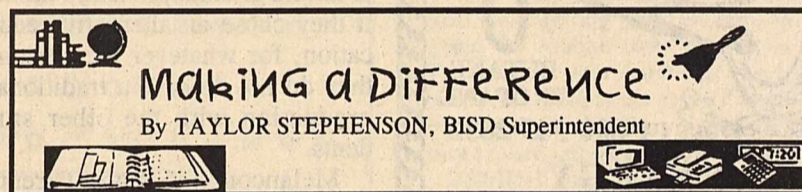
Our staff is superb. We have 12 new teachers, a new principal and the system is ready to go to work. You know, new folks in a system allows a paradigm change. Don't think that I didn't like the old system, I did. But, I believe every day that I go to work that the schools will be better at the end of the day than I found them at the beginning of the day. That way you never get your work done, but we're constantly seeking to be better.

So, 13 new certified folks allows you to rethink some things. These folks have done things differently and have different patterns of thinking than those they replaced (I like those that left, but they are gone). So, let's get going and bring on a breath of fresh air with the new folks.

We have a new student accounting system call Pathways. Our transcripts, attendance and scheduling have been much more difficult with a system that just didn't work well for us. Might have worked elsewhere, but not at BISD. I didn't like the product. The board didn't like the product.

We have a new computer software system that costs about the same as the old system, but I think we'll like the new product better. Look for more on this one. It's a good change at BISD.

Our Buildings are in good



shape. We've painted high school lockers, watered grounds, waxed floors, and have moved folks and classes to different locations for a more efficient operation. It looks good.

I get nice compliments on our grounds, green grass, flowering trees. Everything is well cared for. Well cared for grounds and buildings set the stage for everything that we do.

The playground is safer. Thanks to a Board of Education that cares and a parent and staff group that got the job done.

Our kids can fall from playground equipment at the elementary school and not hit concrete and hard ground that has no give. It's better. Equipment has a new coat of paint. Looks nice.

New handbooks. We have adopted a new student handbook, have a new staff handbook, and should complete the budget process one more time on Monday night. We have adopted a Code of Conduct in compliance with the law which changed with Senate Bill 1.

Parent requests for teachers have been made. We have accommodated most of them. When we couldn't, we took the time to explain our reasonings. Hope you

understood. We're trying to listen.

Our cheerleaders and Sponsor Brandt have been working like crazy. Won some big awards at camp this summer. Proud of you.

Coach Rok and Coach Vasquez, along with assistants, have started the **football and volleyball teams** moving. It's going well with lots of kids involved. It will be a good year.

Bandmaster Smellie has arrived from Canada and is cranking up the **band.** He's excited.

Dual credit. In the area of curriculum look for these changes: Dual Credit courses in English and Math at BHS. Our kids can graduate from HS with 12 hours of college credit with lots of hard work this year. Yes, we can sign up for college credit and get college credit (dual) at the same time. It's a great change. More later.

At middle school, we have given **relief to large writing classes** in grades 6, 7 and 8 by adding a new teacher. Should be much better.

We have added a library skills research class for a semester to reorient our eighth grade students with the library and the research that it takes to be successful academically.

At the elementary school, we have added a **counselor.** We have needed one for years, and there is one. Mrs. Finkenbinder will help parents and children at the elementary school this year. We're trying to respond to community needs.

There's lots more, like a **new life skills lab for special education.** Like a **central office staff** that has worked and worked to learn and to do things their way. That's about it. The kids are enthusiastic.

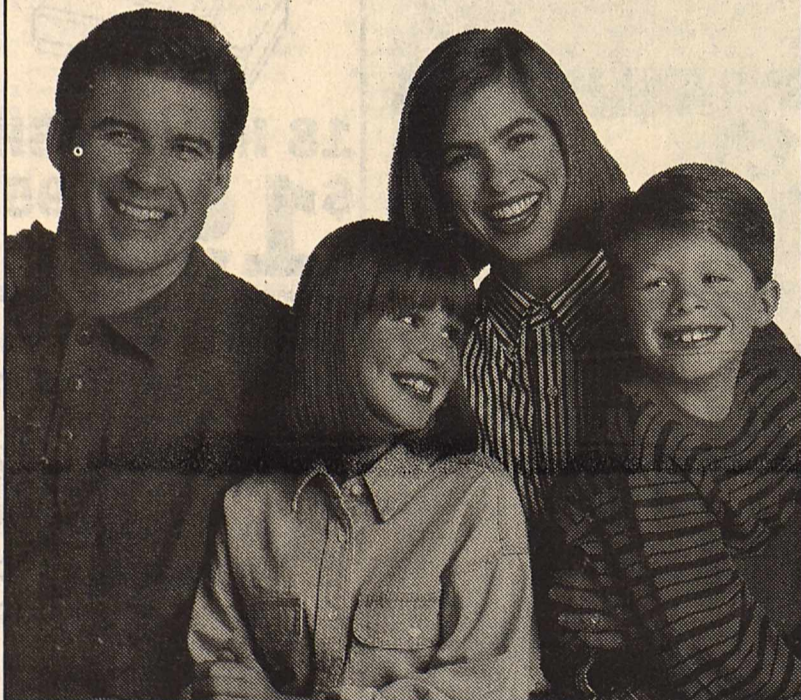
Most likely, we will make some decisions that don't please you. Someone has to make decisions, the jobs would be easy. I ask for your support after the decisions are made. We're trying to get better but better might not mean making every decision just the way that you have them planned.

Our board is made up of independent thinkers. I am certainly independent in my approach to school administration. We're going to think as hard as we can about how to make our system work better. We're going to try to get the job done.

This week, pat those young ones on the head and tell them "it's going to be a great year for you." I truly believe that it is.

We'll be looking for you Monday. Have a good final week of vacation!

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The Brackett Booster Club will host a potluck dinner for all athletic parents on Thursday, August 15, at the Civic Center, at 7 p.m.

Cost of dairy products are on the rise

An enormous amount of material comes across my desk each week. Education based on research is the primary focus of Extension work and here are several items of interest that I would like to share with you this week.

Rising Milk, Ice Cream, and Cheese prices

We're going to pay more for milk and everything milk goes into from ice cream to pizza. Milk supplies are tight. When it is hot, cattle don't produce as much milk. Then there's the drought and the high food prices. The cost of keeping dairy cattle is on the rise consumers will feel it. Milk is already \$3.00 per gallon in some areas. But retailers are reluctant to raise prices for fear customers will go to a competing store for a lower price. You would think stores would then be eager to lower the price once their wholesale costs decline, but that's not so because there are other costs involved such as labor and fuel. Some makers of premium ice cream are already raising their prices and cheese prices are going up too. It will likely be next spring before prices go down. That's when cattle traditionally produce the most. We'll also know by then if there is a good corn crop to drop the cost of feed.

Cancer and The Chinese Happy Tree

The Chinese call it the "happy tree." Medical researchers call it the source of a new wonder drug-- a chemical to fight cancer. The compound is Camptothecin (camp-toh-THEE-sin) and it's proven effective against a variety of cancers including ovarian, colon and pancreatic cancer. Researchers believe it could have broad applications in cancer treatment and may even be effective against the AIDS virus. Mass production of the drug is the concern. Texas Agricultural Experiment Station plant biologist Dr. James Dunlap in Weslaco explains that Camptothecin is found in the tiny new leaves on the Chinese Happy Tree. He says you have to have a lot of trees to get enough Camptothecin. So he's trying to determine if he can grow the trees in Texas and increase their productivity. The cancer-fighting compound was discovered in the 1960's but proved to be too toxic for use in humans. In recent years. Scientists have been able to modify the drug to reduce the side effects. If the trees can be made to grow more productively in the United States, the medical community will have a homegrown

County Agent News

by Alan L. McWilliams



source of the wonder drug.

Plants May Prevent Prostate Cancer

Plants may be the prescription for prostate cancer. Researchers at Texas A&M's Institute of Biosciences and Technology in Houston are trying to determine how certain plants may prevent prostate cancer and other prostate problems. Molecular biologist Dr. Wallace McKeehan says the incidence of prostate problems in Oriental men who come to the United States is at the root of the research. Oriental immigrants to the U-S tend to show a dramatic increase in the disease. McKeehan suspects it involves a deficiency of some sort of plant product -- something missing in the diet. McKeehan's research sets out to find that active ingredient. If he can identify it, then plants can be bred or genetically engineered to contain that cancer fighting chemical.

Mexican Cattle Exports Drop

We are not seeing nearly as many cattle imported from Mexico this year as last. Extension international marketing economists estimate it will only be 400 to 600 thousand -- half the number of feeder cattle as last year. Part of the reason is low prices in the United States, but it's also because of a drought and the devaluation of the peso which caused Mexico to unload a large number of cattle on the U-S last year. So now there just aren't as many cattle to be sold. An export credit guarantee program extended by the U-S-D-A to Mexico could help if Mexican banks are willing to make loans. Like Texas, Mexico also needs rains to revive its agricultural base. Hurricane Boris in Late June was not enough to help.

Mid-Year Cattle Report

The mid year cattle reports are in and things are looking up. Inventory nationwide is down another percent and the number of cattle on

feed in the seven-state area that includes Texas is down 15 percent. Extension livestock economist are saying ranchers are heeding the advice to liquidate. Cattle prices are on the way up, but it will be another year or two before producers will make a profit again. Many producers are holding cattle off the market for placement into the feed lots until the price of corn goes down, which should be this fall. The liquidation and the high slaughter rates should keep meat prices fairly low at the consumer level. Prices for midgrade to prime cuts will increase as cattle prices increase, but hamburger prices should stay about where they are.

How To Buy Hay

Few people are making hay off the drought. Hay prices are high, so you need to know how to get the best deal. It is a better deal to buy hay by the ton rather than by the bale since a square bale of hay can weigh any where from 36 to 70 pounds. But since it is not sold that way, calculate what a ton would cost when comparing hay prices. The second step is to analyze the nutrient value. And it's advised to cut the alfalfa in the morning to speed drying. That makes for greater sugar content and higher quality hay.

Fire Ant Motels

You've heard of roach motels. Texas A&M researchers are constructing fire ant motels. It's a bait container designed with the fire ant in mind. It lets in the vicious fire ant and turns away more beneficial ants. Its architect is Experiment Station entomologist Dr. S.B. Vinson. His fire ant motel has an entrance that's too small for big ants like the harvester ants. That was the simple part. The difficulty came in keeping out smaller ants. Vinson developed a ladder system where fire ants can go up the ladder, but the rungs are too far apart for smaller ants. So they can't get in. Vinson sees the bait being most effective in wildlife areas. He says the possibility of being bitten keeps rabbits, mice, and even deer away from many areas. These bait stations could create an oasis from being stung. Vinson is still trying to improve the design and develop it for commercial use, so it will be awhile before you hear ads about the motel where fire ants check in, but they don't check out.

National Lamb and Wool Marketing Conference slated for September

DENVER, Colo - Sheep producers who market their lamb and wool directly or through niche markets may want to attend a two-day conference on the subject.

The National Conference on Direct and Niche Marketing of Lamb and Wool will be held Sept. 20-21, at the Red Lion Sacramento Inn in Sacramento, Calif.

The conference, sponsored by the American Sheep Industry Association, is being patterned after a similar conference held in 1992, where sheep producers heard first-hand success stories from fellow producers, retailers and manufacturers who have turned lamb, wool and dairy sheep into profitable business ventures.

A few of the sessions include: successfully matching product to market; forecasting food and fiber fads; understanding and profiting from the "natural" and "organic" trends; marketing freezer lambs; marketing lamb through certified framers' markets; selling sheep to ethnic markets; and milking dairy sheep for profit.

From Your Local Game Warden

Hummingbirds need your help on their way south

AUSTIN - Texas and other parts of the southeast United States are about to be invaded not by space aliens, but by hummingbirds. The tiny birds, especially the Ruby-throated Hummingbird, will soon begin their long migration from summer nesting grounds in Texas and points north to overwintering sites in the tropics of Mexico and South America.

Due to the severe drought this year, hummingbirds need your help more than ever. The drought has greatly reduced the nectar-rich plants that the hummers need to survive, so feeders will be sorely needed. After the long trip, in some cases from as far as Alaska, the hummers need a place to stop and rest before the hazardous final leg of their journey.

Many hummingbirds are trans-gulf migrants that travel across the gulf of Mexico to their winter homes. Hummingbirds have been migrating to the tropics for thousands of years. This behavior probably began with the last Ice Age. They leave with the fall and onset of winter to seek flowering plants and insects in the tropics, returning again in the spring.

Seventeen species of hummers have been recorded in North America, and Texas is visited by all. Ten of these species are more common and we refer to them as the Texas Ten. The other seven are rare and include the elusive Green Violet-ear and Blue throated hummingbirds. Many of the rare hummingbird species that visit Texas do so during the fall migration season.

And it isn't too early to begin planning for the spring migration as well. Now is the time to start planting a hummingbird garden for next spring, wildlife experts say. Native perennial, nectar-rich flowers not only are beautiful to look at, but also provide a valuable food source for the hummers in the area. The three most favored species of flowers for hummers are salvia, honeysuckle, and lantana. Other favorites include hibiscus, scarlet sage, Turks cap, trumpet creeper, morning glory, shrimp plant, four-o'clock and Indian paintbrush.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is currently in its third year of a five-year study to map and record hummingbird migration patterns, feeding habits and locations. The public is being asked to help. If you feed hummers, plan to enroll in the survey now for next year. The survey for 1997 will begin early in January.

A \$6 donation will allow you to participate in this survey along with over 3,000 other Texans. Survey participants will receive a packet that includes a hummingbird range map, a packet of native seeds to attract hummingbirds, recipes for hummingbird nectar and a survey form to record hummingbirds sighted.

TPWD also offers a Hummingbird Wheel for easy hummer identification. The wheel is a full-color, 10-inch wheel with pictures of 16 of the most common species that visit Texas. The wheel also gives descriptions of the less colorful females and immature males along with a nectar recipe, fun facts about hummers and additional information on rare species of hummers. The cost is only \$11.95.

To sign up for the Hummingbird Round-up survey or to order the Hummingbird Wheel (a cost of \$17.95 for both), just your name, address (include county), phone number, and check or money order to: Hummingbird Round-up, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Tx 78744.

The most common hummingbirds seen during fall migration are the Ruby-throated and Black-chinned Hummingbirds. Ruby-throated hummers breed in the Eastern part of the state with a scattering of isolated occurrences throughout the western part of the state. Black-chinned Hummingbirds are commonly found in the Southwestern part of the state with isolated occurrences around the Houston-Galveston area and throughout the Panhandle.

Ruby throated males are easily identified by their bright red chin feathers, called a gorget, and a green upper body. Black-chinned males, as their name suggests, have a black gorget with a purple band underneath it along with the green upper body that is common among most hummingbirds. Sometimes the red throat on a Ruby-throat is extremely dark and can be easily mistaken for a Black-chinned hummingbird, but the red is distinguishable under the correct lighting conditions. While the two species' ranges do overlap in the Central Texas area and along the upper central coast, they are not commonly found together in opposite parts of the state. Rare visitors to the Texas coast are the Rufus, Buff-bellied and Broad-tailed hummingbirds, with the Calliope hummingbird passed through Central and West Texas.

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State's anti-tobacco campaign to combat a recent upswing in youth smoking rates

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) and the Texas Cancer Council have combined resources for an innovative, multi-media advertising campaign to combat a recent upswing in youth smoking rates.

Intended to educate Texans about facts the tobacco companies fail to mention in their advertising, the campaign's billboards, posters and radio and television public service announcements blend tobacco use prevention with health education messages. The title for the multifaceted campaign is, "Tell It Like It Is."

The focal point of the campaign's billboards and posters is an array of eye-catching cigarette packs labeled not with glamorous brand names but with names suggesting tobacco's negative side. Examples of some of the fictitious products are: "Breath Rotters," "Cancerettes," and "Phlegm Balls."

According to Dr. David R. Smith, Texas Commissioner of Health, more media attention to the dangers of tobacco use is needed.

"We need more such messages to change the social climate which makes smoking look acceptable to kids," he said.

Emily Untermeyer, executive director of the Texas Cancer Council, stressed that the campaign focuses on tobacco use prevention among youth.

"We hope that these media messages will make the point to young people that negatives surrounding tobacco use far outweigh the positives," she said.

The "Tell It Like It Is" campaign borrows from some successful media messages created by other health departments throughout the country.

The billboard and poster illustrations, for instance, were developed by the Minnesota Health Department, using suggestions from young people on how best to prevent smoking among their friends.

The television and radio spots were first developed by the Massachusetts and California health departments, as part of extensive media campaigns that were funded by increases in those states' cigarette excise tax.

The Dallas-based advertising firm, KWGC, Inc., Advertising & Design, is managing the Texas campaign through varied Texas media outlets.

The campaign will include more than 115 billboards, as well as announcements on radio and television stations in Texas communities such as Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Fort Worth, San Antonio and others.

Also, some 50,000 posters, with a design similar to that of the billboards, will be distributed to Texas schools, worksites, health care provider offices and community organizations.

For more information about participating in the "Tell It Like It Is Campaign," or for copies of posters or other campaign materials, individuals may call the Office of Smoking and Health at 1-800-345-8647.

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Super Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Zest, 6 Medieval weapon, 10 Pants part, 14 Big party, 18 Lipstick shade, 19 Mea —, 21 Wan, 22 Section, 23 Carl Weather's role, 25 Columnist, 26 Minute, 27 Half of us, 28 Odysseus, for one, 29 Cymbals' sound, 31 Vacation time in Versailles, 32 "The Great Pacifier", 34 "All in the Game", 36 Bodybuilder, 38 Bunch of bass, 41 Parish priest, 44 Colonel, 47 Tibbets' mom, 47 Gene, 52 Green land, 53 Bank offering, 54 Get under one's skin, 55 Psychic Geller, 57 Compass pt., 58 One of "The Avengers", 60 Register, 63 Actor, 65 Driver of "Circle of Friends", 67 WWII area, 68 Origin, 69 Sean, 73 Women, 75 Cloth finish?, 76 Cop some z's, 77 Literary lover, 81 Adorable, 82 HST's successor, 85 Baby bear, 86 Ed Sullivan's mouse friend, 87 Bolger/Haley costar, 89 "La Rondine" rendition, 90 '64 Adam West movie, 97 Off the plate, 98 Composer, 99 Intrepid, 100 '54 Bogart role, 103 Seer's gift, 104 "Gil...", 105 Einstein's birthplace, 106 Volunteer, 110 On the beach, 114 Canonized, 117 Piece of news, 119 Capp's —, 120 Connie, 124 Singer, 125 Ontario native, 126 Emulate, 127 One of the Wallendas, 128 Virginia of tennis, 129 Felid, 130 Inert gas, 1 Swindle, 2 "The Rape of the Lock" poet, 3 Rock's —, 4 Hall of Famer, 5 Conduit fitting, 6 "Star Trek" doctor, 7 Ambiance, 8 Actor Bevans, 9 Foil's kin, 10 Gramps' glasses, 11 Hindman's "Home Improvement", 12 — mater, 13 Herbal concoctions, 14 Hope for a hit, 15 Prospero's servant, 16 Actress, 17 "Gabby" of westerns, 20 Director Lyne, 24 College exams, 30 Sentry's shout, 32 Manage, 33 London lavatory, 35 Singing syllable, 37 Kind of cross, 38 Actress Anna, 39 Vandyke site, 40 At this point, 41 Paganini's instrument, 42 Boise's st., 43 Good place for a dip?, 44 Depraved, 45 Actress Gwyn, 46 "A Chorus Line" tune, 48 Ms. Verdugo, 49 Givies in to gravity, 50 "Uhuru" author Robert, 51 Carmen or Clapton, 56 Rage, 58 It's spotted out West, 59 Sonny Shroyer sitcom, 61 Outmoded jacket, 62 Hwy., 63 Hooch, 64 Clare, 66 He made light of invention?, 68 "Braveheart" extra, 69 Pachyderm handle, 70 Asian holiday, 71 Stick-in-the-mud?, 72 — a Grand Old Flag?, 73 Parathesis shape, 74 Morose, 78 Health measure?, 79 "Once — a time...", 80 Asset, 82 "Confound it!", 83 Gossip, 84 The Commodores hit, 86 Explosive initials, 88 Botanist Gray, 89 Author Martin, 91 Honey of a worker?, 92 Othello's inducer, 93 Medicine amt., 94 Meal, 95 Looked like Lothario?, 96 Pro-gun grp., 100 Finger part, 101 Marine leader?, 102 Arabic title, 103 Undo an error, 104 Like autumn weather, 107 Stream, 108 Chalky cheese, 109 Markey or Gagnold, 111 Galaxy glitterer, 112 A shake in the grass?, 113 Frank, 114 9 inches, 115 Tenor Schipa, 116 "East of —", 118 Brooks or Ott, 121 Courteney of "Friends", 122 Noun suffix.

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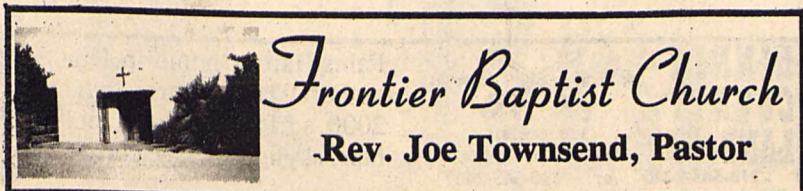
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Be sure you know your prices before honoring that hefty price tag for that special item you want. Some rethink travel plans made a while back. Weekend socializing is both romantic and thrilling. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're rather lethargic and have a hard time getting your enthusiasm going for routine tasks this week. The cure for your doldrums arrives later in the week in the form of exciting social activity. This goes a long way toward improving your mood. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're somewhat dissatisfied with the progress being made on the job. At the same time, there is nothing really major going wrong. Perhaps you're being too picky. This weekend, you're delighted by the unexpected news you receive. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You've been counting on a certain special time but will have to postpone it to take care of a minor emergency on the work front. Extra responsibilities are likely to come your way as well. What you consider minor expenses really add up. LEO (July 23 to August 22) You start the week feeling tired and sluggish. However, this wears off as the week wears on and you ultimately accomplish much. Minor disagreements occur over the weekend with a loved one who's unhappy with you. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) If out shopping sometime this week, you and your mate are in direct disagreement over a certain purchase. On the work front, compromise is the key to a business concern. This weekend, opportunity knocks. LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your main focus of attention this week is on matters at home. Consequently, it's not a good idea to entertain guests. This weekend, couples seek some quiet romantic moments for themselves. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're feeling very sorry for yourself and oh-so-misunderstood. This could lead you to a binge of impulsive shopping. If you're not careful, you blow your whole budget. This weekend, you're likely to have unexpected company. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) What occurs on the job, although unexpected, is ultimately to your benefit. You need to think twice before whipping out that credit card while out shopping. This weekend, you do better staying at home than socializing. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's not a good idea to mix friendships with finances. Something being proposed on the business front needs to be explored further before making a commitment. Sudden romance beckons for singles this weekend. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You are wisely cautious about spending money now, especially since you're not in the position to do so. A situation involving your mate is the cause of some concern. This weekend, it's best to be spontaneous. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) That plan you think is so brilliant isn't capturing the imagination of family members. Some receive an unexpected gift or favor. This weekend, it's best to tend to domestic chores rather than gadding about.

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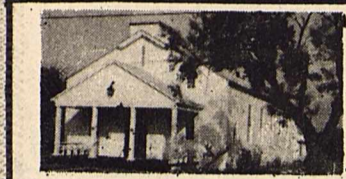
Find at least six differences in details between panels. Vision Teaser. Differences: 1. Tree is narrower. 2. Doghouse is turned. 3. Sign is added. 4. Glasses are removed. 5. Hat is different. 6. Shutters are missing.

Happy Birthday. August 15 Mae Mills, August 18 Mattew Smallwood, August 15 Ton Lipich, August 19 Adam Pinales, August 15 Daniel Woods, August 19 Judy Burks, August 15 Martin Luna, August 19 Rick Bacon, August 15 Tilda Sierra, August 19 Irene Blain, August 16 Petra Terrazas, August 19 Frances Mellor, August 16 Doug Davis, August 19 Danny O'Connor, August 16 Andrea Garcia, August 20 Buster S. Bradley, August 17 Melissa Davis, August 20 Henly Cannon, August 17 Arthur Galther, August 21 Delbert A. Kendrick, August 18 Elaine Lord, August 21 Vern Ebert, August 18 Johnny Mellor, August 21 Irene Keddy.



"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. It's difficult to keep our priorities in order. God said that God's righteousness is more important than physical well being. It's amazing the billions spent on trying to add one more day of physical life and yet relatively little in seeking to nurture the soul. We do better to focus on eternal life than physical well being. Physical life will come to an end but eternal life never ends. Better to be concerned about all eternity than a few short years on this earth. In seeking God's righteousness it entails a different way of life. God's righteousness chal-

lenges us to make Him first in everything we do. It challenges us to treat others as His creatures. To seek God's righteousness is to seek to be like Him. When Jesus said "be ye therefore perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect," He was setting the goal and aim of each of his children. God knows we will never be perfect so He sent his Son to die on Calvary for our sins so we may be shrouded in His righteousness, that we may be made fit for an eternity with Him in heaven. There will be another message from the Bible at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11:00. Come and See.



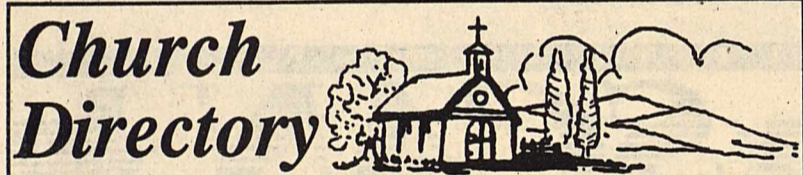
"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident in this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus," Philippians 1:3-6

It is hard to believe that this summer has gone by so fast, yet it is almost over. I have learned so much during my time here. I have grown to love each one of you, and you will always have a special place in my heart and prayers. I believe with all of my heart that God is doing something awesome here, and that He will complete it. Be in prayer for your youth, and encourage them in the Lord every opportunity you get. They need your support and love, because it's hard to live for Christ when "no one else is doing it." Show them that they're not the only ones doing it and love them through the hard times, just as Christ loves us.

did our fall revival at school, and he talked one day about Isaiah 40:31,"but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall walk and not faint." He said that there are times we just have to run straight ahead, and God will give us strength to do that. The hardest part, though, is the walking. Just going from day to day, but that's when His strength is enough to keep us from fainting. It is my prayer for everyone in Brackettville that you would each allow the Lord to be your strength. Encourage each other in the Lord, and lift each other up.

My prayers will be with you all, and I hope to be back down to see you soon! I love all of you, and I want to thank you tremendously for allowing me to work with your youth. I love all of you guys and gals! Thanks for all the memories, and thanks for all of the fun we had!! May God bless each of you in everything you do for Him!

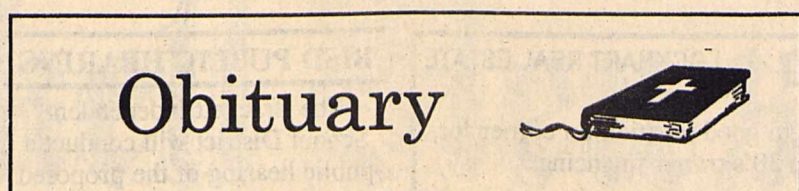
Loving Jesus,
Christi Landrum



St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Henderson & Fort Sunday Church Service 10:30 a.m. 563-2071.
Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday Services 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.
First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m., Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m., Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.
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Church of Christ: N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Sun. Masses at 8:00 A.M. (Spanish) and 10:30 A.M. (English); Mon., Thurs. and Fri. Mass at 7:00 AM; Wed. Mass 6:30 P.M., Religion Classes Wed. 4:00 and 7:00 PM; Sat. Rosary 7:30 AM, Sat. Mass 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Confession Wed. & Sat. 5:30 PM, Rev. Donald R. Lavelle, C.M.F.
St. Blaise Catholic Church: Sun. Mass 12:30 noon. Adult Catholic Explanation and Convert Classes Thurs. 7:00 PM Rev. Donald R. Lavelle, C.M.F.
First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" Fellowship 9:30 a.m., Church School Classes 9:45 a.m., Service of Worship 11:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 p.m., Sheree Harris, Pastor.
St. John's Baptist Church: Crockett at Keene St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Worship Service Thursday 7:00 p.m., William P. Adams, Sr., Pastor, 563-9175.
Our Redeemer Lutheran Congregation E.L.C.A.: Henderson and Fort St., Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship, Bible Study every other Sunday 10:00 a.m., Rev. Nathan La Frenz, 563-2047.
Templo Elim Asambea de Dios: North Street, Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 p.m., Rev. Abundio Mancha, Pastor, 563-9237.
Gateway Ministries (Non-Denominational): 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:00 a.m., Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m., Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charolette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331.
New Jerusalem Temple Apostolic Church: 514 E. Louise St, Sunday School 10:30, Church 11:30, Bible Study: Wed. 7 p.m., Mission: 3rd Thurs. of each month 6 p.m. Pastor Rudy Goodloe (563-9468)

Answers to Super Crossword

MUHAMMAD ALI



Mildred Elizabeth Harvey

Mildred Elizabeth Harvey, age 74, of Brackettville, Texas, died on August 6 1996, in Webster, Texas. She was born August 8, 1921 in San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Harvey was a member of the First Baptist Church in Brackettville and a member of the Stockdale Eastern Star. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph C. and Melva West Mahan.

Cook and Mary Richard of San Antonio, Texas. Grandchildren: Sherry McClendon of Bay City, Texas, Lisa Gail of Clear Lake Texas, Jon Harvey of Friendswood, Texas, and Michael Harvey of Bridge City Texas.

The funeral was held at 10:00a.m. Friday August 9, 1996 at Finch Funeral Chapel in Nixon Texas. The Reverend Gil Ash officiated. The burial was at the Leesville Cemetery in Leesville, Texas.

The family suggests memorials to be sent to the Leesville Little Red Schoolhouse or to the Leesville Cemetery Association.



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enough to get the job done. Your own efforts without faith in Jesus and who he is will eventually lead you to the end which is death.

God wants you to be free. Freedom comes from truth. The truth will make you free. God had given you the truth. It is up to you to receive it. Only this will give you joy, peace, love, etc., all those things you are looking for.

Make the right choice today, "As long as it is called today, do not harden your heart" Enter into God's rest.

Stand in Faith
Rest in Hope
Walk in Love

The Grahams moving to San Antonio

Hollis and Gene Graham are valued members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church who will be moving to San Antonio at the end of the month. Fellow parishioners are saying a reluctant farewell with a covered dish lunch after the church service on August 18th. Friends of the Grahams are encouraged to come. The meal will be served in the parish house next to the church at approximately 11:30 a.m.. Friends are also invited to attend the Episcopal service which begins at 10:30.

The Rev. Mike Davis from San Antonio will be the minister conducting the church service. He and his wife, Betsy, will attend the luncheon. The Rev. Bill Koons, recently retired minister of St. Andrew's, and his wife, Betty, plan to be there also to express their appreciation for the Graham's dedication to the church. Both Hollis and Gene have served as members of the Bishops Committee, the advisory body of St. Andrew's, and Hollis served as Bishop's Warden, head of the committee.

Birth Announcement of Morgan Elaine Brown

On August 6, 1996 at 3:26 p.m. Morgan Elaine Brown decided it was time to make an appearance. She was born at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio and was welcomed by her parents Clinto and Dee Dee Brown of Brackettville. Her maternal Grandparents Gail Starks Woodward and Step grandfather Caven Woodward of Junction and paternal Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Brown of Uvalde. Great Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Bill Riley of Brackettville as well as numerous other relatives. Morgan was 19 1/4" long and weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz.

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Pastor Adams
St. John's Baptist Church

Thank you
The Garza family would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, donations, and cards. We are very grateful to everyone.

Unsung Hero
By Joe Townsend

Thank You
The family of Georgie Thompkins would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards, called and brought food. Bless each and everyone of you. A special thanks to the Eastern Star for performing the graveside services.
Kathy Clapp and children

This week I want to call attention to a group of individuals. This week a number of our fine young people will be "going off" to college. Each of these is to be highly commended. It's a life enhancing decision when one determines to get a higher education. In to-days world any student can go to college if he truly desires to. Failure to do so indicates a lack of determination. As these young people take this monstrous step, they deserve our support. They know the path ahead is rough and long but they are already winners just by making the decision to take this step up. Surely each of these of Brackettville's finest is an Unsung Hero.

Add life to your cut flowers by keeping them in a quart of warm water three tablespoons of sugar and two tablespoons of vinegar.

BUSINESS

Chamber welcome new business member

By: Kathryn Letsinger
Contributing writer

The Chamber President, Larry Sofaly, stopped by to welcome our latest new member, Pizza Time, to the Chamber of Commerce.

Pizza Time is doing business at 601 S. Beaumont Street. It is run by Tony Kelly and his mother, Glenda Blalock. They prepare pizza to order and are open seven days a week. They are open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for lunch, Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to midnight, and Sunday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The pizza is takeout, or you can have it delivered right to you for no charge. They have a huge selection of ingredients, three sizes of pizzas, salads, and mini-pizzas for weekday lunch specials. The pizza is great and they aim to please. Call 563-3144 and order a pizza today!

Mr. Kelly has planned a special event for this weekend. Crockett Street Station, as he has renamed the old concrete yard behind Pizza Time, will be the

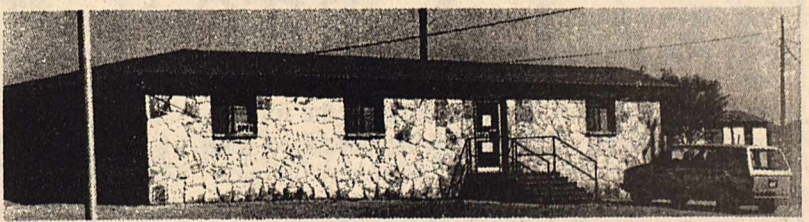
center of activity for a celebration of Brackettville's 68th Birthday.

Tony is bringing in two area bands to entertain folks under the stars on Saturday, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Darryl Earwood will play several country music sets and New American Dream will play several sets of music from the 50's to the 80's.

Gates open at 5 p.m. Bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs. Food and drinks will be on sale on the premises. Tickets are \$5 for adults. Children under 12 get in free.

Tony hopes for Crockett Street Station to make a big impression enabling him to bring music and entertainment into Brackettville every weekend at a cost everyone can afford. At this point, future events are scheduled monthly featuring a wide variety of music from country and tejana to rock and blues. Barbecue, pizza, hot dogs, cold drinks, and setups will be for sale at all scheduled events.

The grounds are available for lease for special events, such as birthday parties, reunions, or fund-raisers. Catered barbecue or pizza is available for those leased activities as well.



Pizza Time has joined the Chamber of Commerce.

Construction is still being completed, with improvements planned as business allows. Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Blalock are excited about the possibilities of their new joint venture. They are looking for a good turnout this weekend to get Crockett Street Station off to a good start!

For more information and tickets call 563-9928 or 563-3144.

New Director
The Chamber has a new director on the board. Tom Erle was appointed to the board during the August meeting. He is the owner of Southwest Service Center and will be an asset to the Board of Directors. He jumped in full swing to help out with the Shahan Festival and the new marquee at the Civic Center. Thanks Tom and welcome!

"90 Miles On Highway 90"

The "90 Miles On Highway 90" information book is finished and will go to press this week!! Within two weeks or so, a Chamber representative will be by to give members a few of these books to place in your businesses for tourists and newcomers to the area.

The book looks great and will be helpful to the aforementioned persons. This first publication will run through December 1997 and a new one will be put out for 1998. Thanks Jack Schram and Wes Robinson for all your hard work on this long and complicated project!

Our next Chamber Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 12, at Las Moras Restaurant at 7 p.m. All members of the Chamber and those interested in joining are welcome to attend.

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Cause No. 902
Estate of
Santiago J. Lopez
Deceased

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Santiago J. Lopez, Deceased, were issued on August 9, 1996, under Docket No. 902, pending in the County Court of Kinney County, Texas to Jimmy Lopez.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows: Jimmy Lopez, Independent Executor Estate of Santiago J. Lopez, co Crawford Adams Rhode, P.O. Box 4090, Eagle Pass, Texas 78853-4090 Tel. (210) 773-3611 Fax (210) 773-9631

All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this 9th day of August, 1996.

By Crawford Adams Rhodes,
Attorney for Estate
P.O. Box 4090, Eagle Pass, Tx.
78853

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc. is now taking applications to start the TEFAP (Texas Emergency Food Assistance Program) backup. This is the Commodity Program.

You need to go by your local Community Counsel office with the following information to see if you are eligible and to apply: Please bring copies.

- 1.) Proof of income for whole household or unemployment letter.
- 2.) ID (Texas ID card or Drivers License for Head of Household).
- 3.) Social Security Cards for all house members
- 4.) Utility bill

Will start taking applications on 8/19/96. The Brackettville office is located at 101 W. Military Dr. (The old Border Patrol Office), or call (210) 563-2422 for more information between the hours of 8 a.m. & 4 p.m. If no one answers please leave a message with your name and phone number.

Look for Notice of Distribution Dates Soon.

Volunteers are needed to help work in office during working hours. Call number above for more information.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
TAX RATE HEARING

The City of Brackettville will hold a Public Hearing for the 1996 Effective Tax Rate on Thursday, August 29, 1996 at City Hall, Matias Sandoval Meeting Room, 119 West Spring Street at 5:30 P.M.

David G. Luna
City Manager

EMPLOYMENT

Part time worker(s) for Brackettville. For General Maintenance, painting, carpentry, yard and brush work, hauling etc. Rio Grande Property Management. P.O. Box 421002 Del Rio, Texas 78842. 1809 Ave F. 775-0546

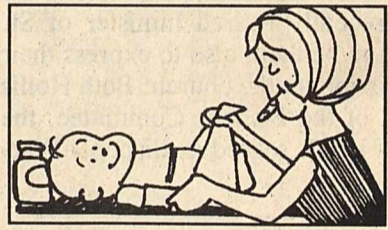
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BISD PUBLIC HEARING

The Brackett Independent School District will conduct a public hearing of the proposed 1996-97 budget at 6:30 p.m. on August 19, 1996 in the board room of the school administration building, 400 Ann Street Brackettville, Texas

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GARAGE SALE

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YARD SALE

Knights of Columbus yard sale Sat. Aug. 24, starting at 7 a.m. at old Catholic Church or Parish hall. Anyone wishing to donate large items for sale may bring them to the old Catholic Church or Parish Hall. See Ruben Garcia. Joe Goebel, Grand Knight. Phone 563-2017

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON TAX INCREASE

Kinney County will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1996-1997 by 4.7 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on Friday, August 30, 1996 at Kinney County Courtroom, Kinney County Courthouse, Brackettville, Texas at 9:00 a.m.

For the proposal: Freddie Frerich, Joe Montalvo, Cordelia Mendeke, Paul O'Rourke and Tommy Seargeant
Against the proposal: None
Present and not voting: None
Absent: None

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the .7291 tax rate that the unit published on 8-8-96. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last year	This Year
Average home value	\$ 27,635.00	\$ 26,975.
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 5,000.	\$ 5,000.
Average taxable value	\$ 22,635.	\$ 21,975.
Tax rate	.7070/\$100	.7634/\$100
Tax	\$160.03	\$167.76

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would increase by 7.73 or 4.83 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$.0797 per \$100 of taxable value or 7.97 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjustable for changes in the taxable value of property.

Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties): The Kinney County Auditor certifies that Kinney County has spent \$ -0- in the previous 12 months beginning July 1, 1995, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Kinney County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

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NOTICE OF SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF KINNEY

BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE dated August 5, 1996, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Kinney County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, and to me delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on the 5th day of August, 1996, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday of September, 1996, the same being the 3rd day of said month, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Brackettville, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on said day proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the defendants in the following suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Kinney and State of Texas, to-wit:

No. 2753, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Virginia Ross, et al; Lot 3, Block P, Original Town of Brackett;

No. 2773, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Victor Buruato, et al; Lot 9 Block M, Original Town of Brackett;

No. 2811, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Laurie Hamman a/k/a Laurie L. Newsome, et al; Lot 48 Fort Clark Springs, Unit 3;

No. 2818, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Sofia Mehas Torres a/k/a Sofia Torres Mehas, et al; Lots 1 and 2, Block IX, Maverick Addition, City of Brackettville;

No. 2819, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Higinio (Gene) Vasquez, et al; Tract 1: Lot 11, Block 13, Original Town of Spofford; Tract 2: An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in Lots 8, 9 and 10, Block 18, Original Town of Spofford; Tract 3: An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in Lots 4 through 10, Block 22, Original Town of Spofford

No. 2853, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Thomas G. Humphreys, et al; Lot 48, Fort Clark Springs, Unit 14;

No. 2855, Kinney County Appraisal District

vs. Juan Lumbreras, et al; South one-half (1/2) of Lot 1, Block 12, Original Town of Brackett;

No. 2977, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Eddie W. Jantz, et al; Lot 5, Block P, Fort Clark Springs, Unit 27;

No. 2980, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. H.W. Feltnier, et al; Lots 9 and 10, Block M, Fort Clark Springs, Unit 27, subject to protective restrictions of record in Volume A-43, Page 615, Deed Records, Kinney County, Texas, and subject to protective covenants of record in Volume A-67, Page 125-130, Deed Records, Kinney County, Texas;

No. 2981, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Feliciano Castillo, et al; North 1/2 of Lot 3, Block 42, Original Town of Brackett;

No. 2986, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Carlos Frame and Aligning Service, Inc., et al; Lot 23, Block N Fort Clark Springs, Unit 27; or, upon written request of said defendants or their attorneys, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgments, interest, penalties, attorney's fees 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, at any time within the time and manner prescribed 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 judgements rendered in the above numbered and entitled suits, together with interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs of suit and sale, 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 at Brackettville, Texas, this 5th day of August, 1996.

Leland K. Burgess, Sheriff
Kinney County, Texas

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