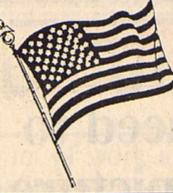


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School board avoids tax hike, adopts a \$4.9 million budget

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

The Brackett School Board avoided a tax hike and adopted a \$4,922,236.26 budget at a special meeting on Monday night.

The trustees approved a \$1.2529 tax rate, the same rate as the district had last year.

"We feel real good about the budget," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "We were able to fund the 1996-97 budget with no tax rate increase. We were able to budget the monies that it takes to run our organizations, our classes, student activities and maintenance programs."

Included in the budget were pay raises for employees.

"We were able to give a raise for all of our staff, and that keeps us more competitive as we start to hire staff," he said.

"In my opinion, the number one essential element in a classroom, other than the student learner, is a good teacher. We can do without supplies and some of the basics that you would think we would need, but you can't do without a good teacher.

"The best way to get a good teacher and to keep a good teacher, is to have a decent salary schedule. And I feel the same way about a good custodian, a good maintenance person, a good secretary, a good instructional aide and a cafeteria worker."

Within the budget, the school district was also able to add two more positions, an elementary school counselor and a middle school language arts teacher.

"This is the first time we have had an elementary school counselor, and I think that is magnificent," Stephenson said.

"We've added a language arts teacher in the middle school who will help us have smaller writing classes. Last year, our classes were way too large."

Included in the tax rate is an I&S rate of \$.2445.

"It is money owed for the bond issue that they had here several years ago when they built the library, remodeled the elementary school, built a middle school and built a cafeteria," Stephenson said. "It was quite an ambitious building program. It will be paid off in the year 2004."

The I&S rate and the M&R (maintenance and operation) rate of \$1.0084 gives the district its 1.2529 tax rate per \$100 property valuation.

"Many of the schools in Texas are at \$1.50, which is your maximum rate, and you can add your I&S to that," Stephenson said. "I know a lot of the districts have already pushed to \$1.50. We have one of the lowest rates in Texas."

"The tax rate is exactly the same as it was last year," School Board President Jimmy Bader said. "This year is a critical year for your tax rate. It is going to determine your funding for the next two years."

"However, this year, we felt like we could live with the tax rate as it is and I think our tax payers need that. It's a tough economic time right now and I think we're funding a budget that is good, thorough, but not a luxurious budget."

Stephenson said Business Manager Dixie Brown was a tremendous help with the budget.

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Two-car accident sends one to hospital

A two-car accident on Highway 90 sent a Brackettville woman to the hospital Wednesday.

Emma Swaim, of Brackettville, was leaving Fort Clark Springs Wednesday morning, just before 11 a.m., driving her green 1996 Mercury Grand Marquis (above).

Swaim turned left on Highway 90, colliding with a red 1989 Ford Thunderbird (below), which was travelling eastbound.

Upon impact, the airbags in Swaim's vehicle opened. Carrie Garcia, Swaim's passenger, suffered facial lacerations after being struck by an airbag.

Garcia, of Brackettville, was transported to Val Verde Memorial Hospital by Kinney County EMS officials.

Swaim was issued a citation by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar, who worked the accident.

Scott Brandt was the driver of the Thunderbird. Brandt and a group of University of Texas students were returning to Austin.



Commissioners approve five-year telephone contract

The Kinney County Commissioners Court approved a new five-year telephone contract for the Sheriff's Department at a regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 12.

The county's current contract with Peoples expires in September. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess presented three contracts to

the court, and the commissioners opted to sign with Secure Technology of San Antonio.

"Since I've been here, we've had bad trouble (with Peoples)," Burgess said. "The telephone cards they buy don't work. We have trouble with them coming to replace them. And they offered

very little. We're hoping the new company will have a better system than the old company."

"We sell telephone cards and a lot of the time, this other company's cards wouldn't work. The prisoners weren't happy after they bought them, then they weren't able to make their calls to

Mexico or to the United States."

The county was getting a 22 percent commission with Peoples, but Secure Technology offers a 35 percent commission. Burgess said the additional money "will be beneficial."

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The Brackett Athletic Booster Club had a potluck dinner Thursday at the Kinney County Civic Center. Officials dubbed the event a success. Photo by Steve La Mascus

Trustees approve position paper for alternative education program

The Brackett School Board unanimously approved a position paper for the district's alternative education program Monday at a special meeting.

"We finally were able to adopt a paper on the alternative school that we've been discussing for a year now," School Board President Jimmy Bader said. "It is very comprehensive and addresses almost every situation that could arise. I think it's serving its purpose of dropout recovery, as well as discipline management."

Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said he was "happy" that the paper was approved.

"We really have a good alternative school here. We have produced a good product. We have a

great teacher and aide, Willy Clements and Mary Ward. We've graduated kids."

"We've picked up the pieces and made it possible for kids to go on and get in the service, to go on for additional education, or to go and become a part of the work force. And we've been highly successful with it, but it's fairly new."

This is the district's third year to have an alternative school.

"We just have some growing pains," Stephenson said. "We need to get a permanent home for it."

"We just had some philosophical issues that just needed to be talked through and thought out. I was very proud of the board tonight. They were able to express

their positions and agree in principle on the basic document that will guide us through the year."

Middle School Principal Stoney Burks commended the school board for its work with the alternative education program.

"Kids don't come to realize how important education is at the same time others do," Burks said. "Different factors in their life cause them to value an education. Some of them don't see it as a way to get out of circumstances until it's too late."

"There has been a lot of work with this particular facet of things. As a member of this school district, and especially as a citizen of this community, I appreciate the effort that all of you have made."

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LIFE IN THE ARMY

Hill works with new technology being tested for battlefield

By Rich Lamance
Army and Air Force Hometown News Service

FORT HOOD, Texas - We all face the inevitable in our jobs. Learn new technology or get left behind. Zipping off faxes from cellular phones, e-mailing clients from laptop computers, surfing the internet, and video teleconferencing, are just a few of the tech gadgetry that make our lives easier and more complex at the same time.

While we may battle faster megahertz, bigger hard drives and more powerful software, the son of a Brackettville couple is in the midst of one of the most explosive leaps in technological developments to ever sweep the military.

Army Pfc. Audie M. Hill, son of Gordon W. and Dianna Lackey of Brackettville, is a member of the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, the Army's high tech experimental force unit designed to fully computerize combat equipment and soldiers, catapulting them into the 21st Century.

Aptly named "Force XXI," the unit, based out of central Texas, is equipping tanks, infantry vehicles, howitzers, air defense and command vehicles, as well as soldiers themselves, with computer equipment that will provide an instantaneous, continuous and more accurate flow of information throughout the battlefield, putting the U.S. Army in a different

stratosphere, technologically, from any other military.

This elite experimental force is working around the clock to upgrade equipment, train soldiers on new computer applications and "work out the kinks" with contractors before putting this technology to the test in the field.

Hill has been working with the new "factory," helping install the new high tech equipment.

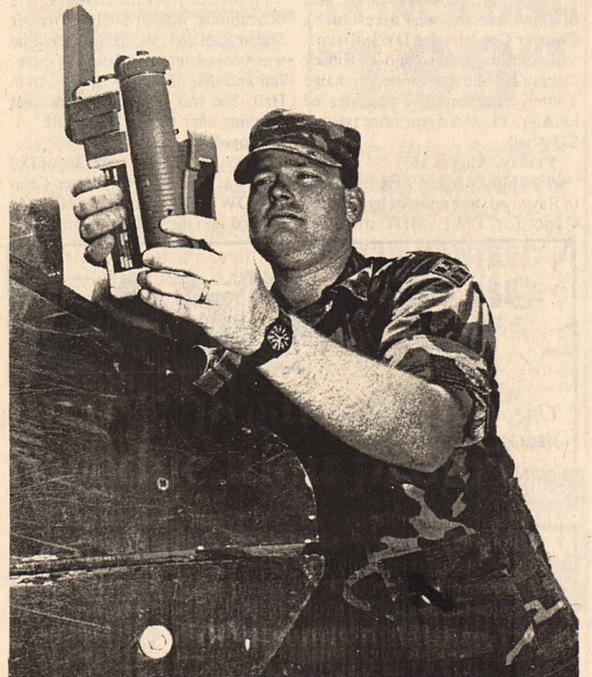
"The Army is installing a lot of new sophisticated high tech computers that are going to lead us will into the 21st Century," said Hill, a 1990 graduate of Brackett High School.

"This system is like none we have ever seen before. We have global positioning systems that will allow us to position our missiles by computer. Before, we have had to line them up by hand on a firing pole and use a firing pad. This is really technology at its best."

Dubbed the "digital university," soldiers from throughout the experimental force unit have undergone extensive classroom training from the contractors who developed the technology, as well as the new equipment being installed on the vehicles.

"Everyone connected with the Task Force XXI has had to have some classroom training," Hill said.

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Army Pfc. Audie M. Hill tests a new device that will allow him to locate his and the enemy's position on the battlefield in a matter of seconds. Hill is part of an elite experimental force at Fort Hood, Texas, currently working with new technology being tested for the battlefield. Photo by Michael Tolzmann

Editorials

Commissioners need to look at the whole picture

After months of talking about how bad the county's finances are, the Kinney County Commissioners voted to cut \$29,530.99 from the current budget.

The court had asked County Auditor Cordelia Barlow to cut \$75,000.

Because of the county's financial problems, the commissioners passed hiring and spending freezes on Friday, Aug. 9.

But, three days later, the court approved hiring two new employees - a jailer for the Sheriff's Department and a head cook at the Nutrition Center.

Both of those positions were open because of resignations, and the heads of both of those departments have said they could operate without hiring another employee until September.

If both departments can operate sufficiently until September, they should be able to wait until the beginning of the new fiscal year to hire any new employees.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Cordelia Mendeke said it was hard to make the budget cuts "because it's going to affect people's pockets books."

Mendeke went on to say that the county "does a lot for this community."

She said the public library, the pool, the fire department, child welfare and EMS indigent health are services that "this court and this county, for years, have been giving to these people."

But what Mendeke doesn't understand is that the county government doesn't give to the community, it takes. The commission-

ers are taking taxpayers' money and spending it on unnecessary expenses.

Hours before approving the budget cuts - which included slashing the hours and salaries of many employees - the commissioners agreed to spend over \$57,000 to purchase two brand new patrol cars for the Sheriff's Department.

The county will make monthly payments of \$1,585.85 - not to mention insurance costs - for 36 months to pay for the two vehicles.

The county has no money now, so what makes the commissioners think they will be able to afford to pay for these vehicles for the next three years?

The local commissioners shouldn't be surprised when the county is in the same financial shape at this time next year.

Not too long ago, the Sheriff's Department was operating with just two vehicles - a 1988 Chevrolet and a 1991 Ford.

An employee ruined the engine in one of the vehicles - no one noticed there was no oil in the car.

The Sheriff's Department just recently received two free 1992 Fords from Laughlin Air Force Base.

With the purchase of the two new cars, the department will soon have six vehicles - not to mention a car on loan from the drug task force.

If the Sheriff's Department didn't have so many vehicles to drive around in, maybe one of the deputy's could stay at the office and the county wouldn't have to hire a new jailer.

cifically on Highway 90 in Kinney County.

In the last week, four men were arrested by DPS officers and booked into the Kinney County Jail after being charged for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

The drug trafficking problem is along the border, not on the state's highways. The placement of additional DPS troopers on our highways is nothing more than a publicity stunt from our elected officials to show that they are concerned.

Is this the governor's answer for solving the state's drug trafficking problem on the border - making arrest of less than two ounces at a time?

DPS is not the answer

In early July, President Clinton's drug czar, retired Gen. Barry McCaffrey, met with Maverick County ranchers who said they were being terrorized by drug traffickers along the U.S.-Mexico border.

A week later, U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm was in Eagle Pass. He then met with Governor George W. Bush and the Department of Public Safety officials.

On July 19, at a press conference in Austin, the governor reported "a larger presence of DPS agents in Maverick County ... because problems are getting worse and ranchers are feeling intimidated along the border."

The additional DPS forces have been visible in Brackettville, spe-

Sheriff's Report

The Kinney County Sheriff's Department is currently housing 28 prisoners at the County Jail, including 20 federal prisoners and eight county prisoners.

Wednesday, August 14
8:20 p.m., Yolanda Garcia, 42, of San Marcos, was arrested by Trooper Gonzalez for DWI, first offense. She was booked into the Kinney County Jail and magisterated by Judge Tommy Seargeant. She was released on Aug. 15, at 6 a.m., after posting \$750 bail.

Friday, August 16
7:30 p.m., Ignacio Arreozola, 32, of Raywood, was arrested by Trooper Cano for DWI, first offense.

Arreozola was booked into the Kinney County Jail and magisterated by Judge Seargeant. He was released on Aug. 17, at 1:50 p.m., after posting \$750 bail.

Monday, Aug. 19
1:40 a.m., Michelle Marrs, 31, of Seabrook, was arrested by Trooper Slubar for DWI, second offense. She was booked into the Kinney County Jail and magisterated by Judge Alvin Hall. She was released at 8:50 that morning after posting \$750 bail.

Tuesday, Aug. 20
7:05 p.m., Jesus Lopez, 36, of Del Rio, was arrested by Trooper Cano for DWI, first offense. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail.

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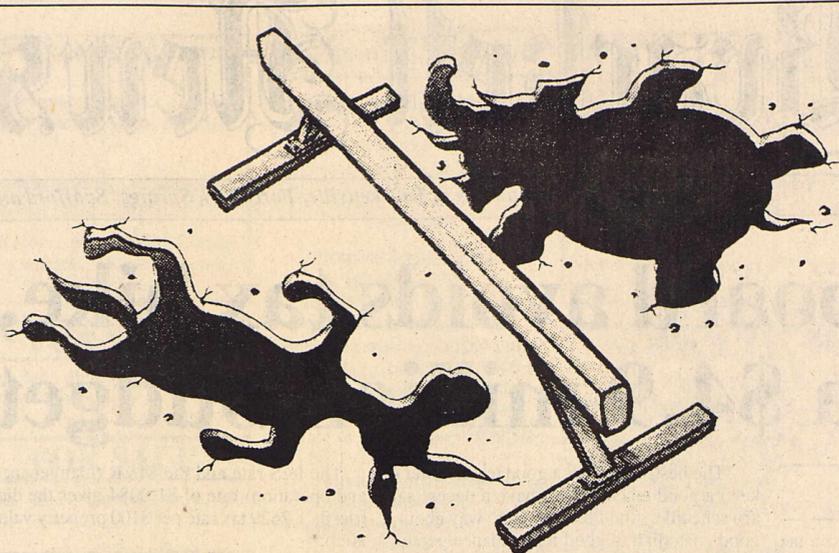
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WEST AMERICA HYPERICUM'S BRANCH

Virginia's decision to elect Warner has lasting effects on entire nation

I seldom listen to a "press conference" or congressional "committee" hearing, but when I do, I not only feel I've wasted my time, but turn away in total disgust.

The only people more totally disgusting than some news hounds asking inane questions are some congressmen asking questions before TV cameras.

It would save a lot of time and hogwash if congressional committees were not given a stage presence seen by TV audiences.

I recently watched the Senate committee investigating the bombing in Saudi Arabia.

I've never seen a congressman or Senator make as complete a donkey of himself as John Warner of Virginia. He treated the military men as though he was the royal King and they were complete nincompoops.

At one point he said, "I read in the paper ----- Have you checked

Between Us
by Joe Townsend



this out?"

The one being questioned said, "We don't pay any attention to newspaper reports, we're too busy doing our jobs."

To this Warner said, "That was a week ago; I can't believe you haven't checked it out."

His manner was caustic and overbearing. It didn't bother the General at the witness table. He simply stated they could not investigate everything in newspapers.

Sure enough, a few days later, the fact was established that as is too often true the news item was wrong.

In the first place, Congress is not commissioned by the constitution to be an investigative

branch. The reason they do not do a better job is they are seeking to exert power not prescribed to them. The Judiciary is charged with all investigations. Congress has long since assumed the right to dictate every facet of life, for society and for individuals.

John Warner could not care less what anyone thinks outside his bailiwick and the people of Virginia have shown their lack of intelligent voting by returning him to office. It certainly was not because he proved himself an intelligent representative of the State of Virginia and the U.S.A.

The people of Virginia deserve what they get, they elected him. The tragedy is all America pays too.

Recent drought effects everyone

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman, 23rd District

The broken record keeps on playing. We've all read the reports and talked with our neighbors about the ongoing drought and thirst for rain in Texas. Despite the bleak forecasts, Texans are banding together to fight this disaster in a way that only Texans can.

We all know that summer in south and west Texas means days that are hotter than blue blazes and nights that aren't much better. But what none of us could have been prepared for is that this year's sizzling summer would be an encore to a record dry year in Texas. Texans have once again been asked to hang tough, but even tough Texans can only take so much.

The facts and figures on the low levels of the rivers and springs are astonishing. Too often discussions talk about salamanders or other species being the victims of the drought. It is people who are the true victims and the true heroes in this story.

Everyone is being hit hard. Farmers and ranchers losing crops and livestock. Consumers are paying more at the grocery store. Tourists and new businesses are turning away. Families are losing lawns. I know this is not news to you, but the news is how communities are banding together.

Everyone is doing their part. Communities are sharing conservation ideas such as watering in the early morning and evening or using low-flow shower heads. Schools, businesses and government are doing their jobs using less water. Everyone has had to put their thinking caps on to come up with innovative solutions to get through this problem.

Congress has been creative in crafting disaster relief provisions to benefit those hardest hit by the drought. For example, the Livestock Feed Program (LFP) and the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program have been extended to help mitigate drought losses to agricultural producers. Currently, counties are being evaluated to determine whether conditions merit further extension of these two programs.

In the wake of some communities' issuance of voluntary conservation plans, many local citizens are coming up with practical steps that could conserve water. For example, people are being urged to fix water leaks and water their lawn in the early morning or evening. Other more innovative solutions include landscaping tips such as mulching flowerbeds.

It is not easy, but through creative solutions and cooperation we'll make it through. Keep up the fight, do what you can and pray for rain.

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Texas ranchers are under siege

Texans who live along the U.S. border with Mexico have good reason to feel that the federal government is not doing its job in enforcing the law and countering drug activity. They want to know why their tax dollars are not providing protection for all law abiding Americans.

They want to know why, if the government can spend billions of dollars and dispatch American troops around the world to guarantee peace and stability, it can't maintain the integrity of its own border.

It seems to me our first duty ought to be to protect American citizens from the threat of violence from hostile foreign elements, which this very day are operating with impunity on American soil.

As a result, American ranchers in South Texas around Eagle Pass are being terrorized in broad daylight by heavily armed gangs of Mexican drug traffickers. In desperation, some ranchers have begun selling out to the highest bidders - who happen to be fronting for those same drug traffickers.

The drug traffickers are winning this war and buying up the spoils. Now they will have unimpeded access to the interior of our country, all the better to continue their insufferable degradation of our society.

Between Oct. 1, 1995, and April 1, 1996, the Border Patrol at Eagle Pass seized 41,382 pounds of marijuana, compared with 33,291 pounds in the entire preceding year and 15,763 pounds the year before that. Last year, in El Paso, Laredo and McAllen alone, a billion dollars worth of drugs were seized.

One of my many concerns is that the resources Congress already has devoted to fighting drug trafficking and other border law enforcement challenges are not being put to their intended use.

Current policy emphasizes treatment programs for addiction, after the fact, rather than interdiction and law enforcement. As a result, drug use is up sharply.

The administration is asking that Congress earmark more resources for the border, and I agree that they are needed. But we first need to put the resources already available to better use. We need to get back to law enforcement basics.

Last year, in El Paso, Laredo and McAllen alone, a billion dollars worth of drugs were seized.

Eighty years ago, there were 250 Drug Enforcement Administration agents in El Paso. Today, there are 32. Over the past two years, Congress has increased funding for DEA programs significantly beyond what the administration requested. Yet, as of a month ago, the DEA still had 161 fewer agents in the field than are authorized; the FBI and DEA still have not hired the agents and support staff provided in 1995.

A House appropriations bill completed July 24, calls for devoting more than \$7.1 billion for drug enforcement initiatives to jumpstart the "war on drugs." This includes a \$167 million increase for the DEA, with \$56 million specifically to counter drug trafficking on the Southwest border.

The federal government has a clear duty to bolster its law enforcement efforts to combat drug smuggling and other criminal activities along the entire length of the U.S.-Mexico border.

If this amount of chemical weaponry were coming into our country, we would consider it an act of war. Drugs that attack our young people are chemical weapons and we must declare war.



Miss Meghan Harder the American Red Cross representative with Mr. Tino Guzman, Rotary Program Chairman for August.

Brackettville Rotary Club

Mr. Tino Guzman, program chairman for August, presented American Red Cross representative Miss Meghan Harder as speaker for the August 15th meeting. She works in the Del Rio Red Cross chapter which covers this area.

Miss Harder explained that the Red Cross is a humanitarian group led by volunteers. Elizabeth Dole, wife of presidential candidate Bob Dole, is head of the organization. It was established by Claire Barton in 1881 when Miss Barton recognized the need for an organization to give relief to suffering people. Today it has over 30,000 paid staff and 1.5 million volunteers.

The national organization is headed by a board of governors, and at the local level boards of similar structure govern activities.

These local boards determine the types of programs suitable for the region they cover. Community education regarding health and safety issues is offered. One of their goals is to inform people of factors that can prevent injuries. Last year 60,000 emergencies and disasters were attended to by the Red Cross. Such things as hurricanes, earth quakes, and fires are their concern.

One area where they are very active is in assisting military families. When a family emergency necessitates contacting a member of the military, the Red Cross (which is an international organi-

zation) can contact a chapter where that person is stationed, and it can notify the individual being sought. It can also provide funding and grants for transportation in emergencies.

Among the educational classes is first aid. For instance, they will provide an instructor for a CPR course when requested. When questioned about possibly holding one in Brackettville, Miss Harder said they would be pleased to offer that service. The course involves 8 hours of instruction which can be given in one or two days. Classes are limited to 10 people per class, and entails a charge of \$25.00 for the book.

The Red Cross is in charge of blood product and tissue services. They also provide educational programs on disease transmission such as on Aids and HIV.

In the case of disasters, they provide shelter, food, transportation, tend to health and safety, administer CPR and first aid. They also make referrals to appropriate social services.

The Del Rio chapter is located on the military base where a military case worker and four volunteers are located. You may contact the Red Cross there when you have need for assistance.

We thank Miss Harder for coming to speak to us and thank Tino Guzman for arranging this program.

Trustees approve budget

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"Dixie has done an exceptional job analyzing and working extra hours, making sure that every detail is taken care of in this budget," he said. "It's been a real pleasure working with her."

"It was a team effort all the way. She deserves a big pat on the back from anybody that sees her because I think she saved the district a lot of money."

Bader said the trustees were pleased with the budget they were presented.

"A lot of thought, a lot of work and a lot of dedication went into the preparation of the budget this year, so when it was presented to the board, we had a finished product to look at," Bader said.

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School Board President Jimmy Bader

was simplified for us. We knew what the budget contained. Really, for the first time, we got to see the budget in its entirety and we were able to understand what it meant and what it was there for."

Bader commended Stephenson and Brown for their work.

"They have both done a terrific job. One of the things now that

they are excited about is they have a budget that they constructed entirely, knowing exactly where the moneys are, and therefore next year should be a simple process of plugging in figures.

"I think the board appreciated that, and for that reason the board accepted what was there and took quick action on it," he added.

County commissioners OK telephone contract

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"The money will go into the commissary account and we can use it for prisoner work. If we have a shortage, like we do now, you could even buy food with it, anything that would benefit prison care."

The jail currently has two prisoner phones, one in each wing. Secure technology will install two new phones in each of the wings.

"The prisoners can call collect on those phones or they can buy a telephone card through commissary," Burgess said.

"They get the money from friends or family who come in here on visitor's day. They will give the money to the jailors and the jailors will put it in a checking account."

With the new contract, Secure Technology will provide a computer to the department at no cost to the county.

"The company is going to give us a \$17,000 com-

puter minus \$3,000," Burgess said. "The \$14,000 is paid by the company. They will take that \$3,000 out of our commission until it's paid for. It will cost the county nothing."

Burgess said the new computer will minimize paperwork and cut down on expenses.

"It's a booking computer," he said. "We will be able to log a prisoner in on the computer, do the proper jail paperwork, and take a picture of him, which will be put on his record. When we're through putting information into the computer, it will give us a printout."

"It will be an imaging-type computer that takes its own pictures. It will take up to 47 pictures and then you have to download it into the computer."

"You can take it out to a crime scene, take up to 47 pictures, come back and download it, and get your pictures off of it. It will do away with polaroid film for us, and it is very expensive."

Hill, Army unit computerizes combat equipment

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"The training is very long and hard, but worth it to get the training that we needed. There is a lot of software connected with this system and it takes quite some time to learn to operate it properly. I am very fortunate to be a part of this new training and helping to put us steps ahead of the competition."

In the emerging battlefield of

the 21st Century, recon scouts will glide behind enemy lines with laptop computers and lightweight video cameras in their backpacks, giving commanders extremely accurate and timely information.

"This system will completely change the way the Army operates on the battlefield," Hill said. "It will allow us to pinpoint the enemy's location with greater accuracy."

"We will be able to communi-

cate with the command sections and others on the network. We can transfer messages and receive them a lot faster, eliminating a lot of extra time and paperwork."

While many of us view advances in technology with an eye of skepticism, Hill and his fellow "Force XXI" soldiers are fine tuning a level of technology that will literally change the face of how we do business on the battlefield of the not too distant tomorrow.

Officials search for Mrs. Brackettville

SAN ANTONIO - Mrs. Texas International officials are looking for the next Mrs. Brackettville.

The woman selected will receive her crown and banner, and will have the opportunity to represent Brackettville at the 1997 Mrs. Texas International Pageant in San Antonio, Feb. 13-16, in the spectacular Zaragosa Theater at Fiesta Texas.

Married women between the ages of 24 and 54 who have been married for a minimum of two years and have resided in the Brackettville area for at least six months qualify to enter.

The Mrs. Texas International Pageant is an official preliminary of the prestigious Mrs. International Pageant which honors women for their commitment to marriage and family, professional excellence and community service.

"Fifty percent of the score is given in the interview category," said State Director Shonnie Bray. "Twenty-five percent is awarded in the physical fitness category and 25 percent is awarded in the

Mrs. Texas International officials are looking for the next Mrs. Brackettville.

evening gown category."

There is no swimsuit or talent competition and no previous experience is required. In addition to competing in the state finals, selected city representatives will be invited to participate in several community service oriented projects, including the Anthony Robbins Foundation Thanksgiving Basket Brigade, Easter Seal Telethon, The Senior Lifetime Achievement Awards, and Mrs. Texas International's Youth Celebration and Scholarship Program.

Last year, Mrs. Texas representatives contributed over 3,000 documented hours of community service to civic and non-profit organizations and events statewide. To receive an application, call (210) 590-6877, or write to Bray Creative Service, 5410 Vista Court, San Antonio, Texas, 78247.

Births

It's a boy!

Webb Wright Ashley was born June 25, to Leisha and Tony Ashley.

Webb Wright weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 21 1/2 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Hadley and Tulisha Wardlaw of Brackettville. Maternal great-grandmothers are Virginia Webb Shahan and Matty Gwen Wardlaw of Brackettville.

Paternal grandparents are Marc and Joyce Ashley of May, Texas. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Ashley of San Angelo.

For Pete's sake

"Would you say that Hagan drinks quite a bit?"

"I'm not sure. He says he drinks just to steady himself."

"Yeah? Well, last night he got so steady he couldn't move!"

"You won't catch me getting hitched," maintained a confirmed bachelor, "until I find a girl just like the girl that married dear old granddad."

"Forget it," chided a friend, "they just don't make girls like that any more."

"The heck you say," chuckled the bachelor. "Granddad married this one a week ago Tuesday!"

"You're not in very good shape," a local doctor told his middle-aged patient. "The best thing for you to do is give up drinking and smoking, get up early every morning, and go to bed early each night."

"Doc," the patient replied, "I just don't deserve the best. What's second best?"

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Briefs ...

Commissioners meet

The Kinney County Commissioners Court met at a special meeting Tuesday but no action was taken.

"We really couldn't take any action on anything because our county attorney (Tully Shahan) isn't here," County Judge Tommy Seargeant said. "He is out of town."

Items on the agenda included revising the current budget, discussing the landfill at Spofford, considering the Winter Garden proposal by the Middle Rio Grande Housing Finance Corporation, considering a \$50,000 loan from the First State Bank, review the Pinto Creek crossing and possible action on further construction, discuss county hours of operation, and discussing personnel and pending litigation.

Band Boosters to meet

The Brackett Band Booster Club will hold its first meeting of the new school year on Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the band hall.

Ash graduates

Corey Lee Ash graduated from Angelo State University of San Angelo, Friday, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology.

Ash will be making his home in San Angelo. He will immediately begin work in the Master's Degree program in Elementary/Secondary Education.

Corey is the elder son of Rev. Gil and Anne Ash.

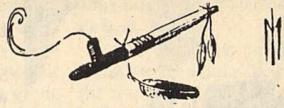
Lodge presents award

The Las Moras Masonic Lodge will hold a public open meeting at Stator Hall on Friday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m. to present Sara Terrazas with the Community Builders Award for the outstanding accomplishments she has achieved while serving as the Kinney County Librarian.

The Community Builders Award is the highest award that a Masonic Lodge can bestow upon someone outside its membership, to recognize with deep appreciation unselfish efforts to build a better world for all.

Smoke From Nakai

By Nakai Breen



This sunrise I will talk about the people of Tibet. The Tibetians are grouped like Tribes. It is so amazing to know about their culture which is something so closely related to our Native American ways. I have had the privilege to have met some of them and even their monks that come from the Heavenly Snows which are the Himalayan Mountains. They have sand paintings just like the Hopi and these paintings are used for healings and religion purposes.

When away from home they always carry a pole with strips of material of many colors and let it wave high above to scare anything negative, just like our warriors. They carry what was called a coop stick and use a lot of fringe to scare anything negative.

Their main food staple in the ancient days was Yak meat boiled with Yurok butter. They ate a lot of grain such as rice and their

main drink was made out of the Barley flour and it is drunk as a tea. It's very thick and black and they use salt and Yak butter. Some of this mixture they would knead as dough and then they would eat it and down it with the tea.

The Tibetians love to sow a lot of edible seeds and love to eat a lot of vegetables which they steam more so than fry. The pig arrived in Tibet around 7000 B.C. and that is when pork meat came into existence. It was considered white meat among others such as fish and fowl. The reason for eating such meats was and is because pigs ate only acorns and nuts and any type of grain. Everything that the Tibet peasant eats come strickly from sea, forest or field. Nothing comes from a can. So until next time.

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Tigers scrimmage Leakey tonight



Tigers coach Chuck Hall holds a tackling dummy as Jorge Rodriguez works on blocking technique. Brackett will host Leakey in a controlled scrimmage tonight at 6. Photo by J.J. Guidry

After two weeks of practice, Brackett head football coach Roy Rokovich will get his first look at the Tigers in their first competitive situation of the season tonight as they scrimmage Leakey at 6 p.m. at Tiger Stadium.

"We're looking forward to it," Rokovich said. "I think it's going to be a great scrimmage. We're hoping to get some good work out of it."

"Leakey wanted to go 30 plays, but if we can stretch some more plays out of them, we're going to try. They have some quality kids, but they don't have as many kids as we have."

Eagles coach Scott Moody said he had 26 players out for football this season.

"I think it's going to be a good test for us," Moody said of tonight's scrimmage. "I anticipate Brackett being a whole lot stronger because I know Coach Rokovich is doing a good job over there. I think they are going to be pretty good."

Moody is in his first year as Leakey's head coach. The Eagles, who were 2-7 last season, are running a multiple-I on offense and a 4-3 defense.

"We're learning a new system here," he said. "I just want to see how we react to competition."



All-Southwest Texas running back Moses Hernandez finds some running room as Brackett offensive coordinator Gary Grubbs, right, looks on. Photo by J.J. Guidry

So does Rokovich, who added that the kids are ready for some opposition other than their teammates.

"Our kids have been hitting themselves for a while," he said. "When you go live against another team, you get to see things a lot faster."

"In the scrimmage, they're going to be going 100 percent and we're going to be going 100 percent, so we will be able to judge a little better where we are at and how far we have gone."

Rokovich said J. Wayne Ballew will start at quarterback

tonight. He was the Tigers' back-up signal caller last season.

"I think J. Wayne has done a great job. I'm real interested to see how he does under fire. I did get to see him play some last year and he did a real good job."

"He has some experience and I know he can do the job, but I want to see just how special he's going to be."

Rokovich will also evaluate Brackett's new defensive scheme. They are operating out of a split-six this season.

"Defensively, I'm real interested to see how we look. We have a lot of kids back on defense, some good veterans in the secondary and at linebacker, so I'm just excited to look at the overall picture at how things are going to be."

The Tigers will face a big challenge up front - Eagles junior lineman Rusty Salazar, who is 6-foot-5 and weighs 270 pounds.

"Rusty is still learning our technique," Moody said. "But he's real aggressive and he'll do what we ask him to do."

BISD Cafeteria Menu

Parents Welcome To Join Their Children At Breakfast Or Lunch

There are 10 school days in the month of August. Elementary @ \$1.10 - \$11.00. Middle and High School @ \$1.25 - \$12.50. Milk served with all meals. Salad Bar everyday. B line everyday.

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Friday, August 23
Sweet Roll
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Monday, August 26
Crunchy French Toast
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Tuesday, August 27
Glazed Pumpkin Coffee Cake
Fruit or Fruit Juice

Wednesday, August 28
Banana Nut Muffins
Fruit or Fruit Juice

Thursday, August 29
Tiger Toast
Fruit or Fruit Juice

Lunch Menu

Friday, August 23
Macaroni w/ Cheese & Ham
Seasoned Broccoli & Roll
Diced Peaches

Monday, August 26
Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce
Cheese cup
Seasoned Vegetables
Roll & Fruit Mix

Tuesday, August 27
Mexican Beefaroni
Seasoned Corn
Cornbread & Fruit

Wednesday, August 28
Hamburger
Burger Salad
Oven Fries
Sweet Potato Cake

Thursday, August 29
School Made Burritos
Spanish rice & Pinto Beans
Fruit

Brackett cheerleaders bring home honors

The Brackett High School varsity cheerleaders won the Herkie T.E.A.M. Award at the

National Cheerleaders Association summer camp at Baylor University in Waco.

The National Cheerleaders Association selects one winner at each of the 1,000 camps it ad-

ministers around the world each summer.

The Herkie T.E.A.M. Award, named after NCA founder L.R. Herkimer, is awarded to squads who exemplify the qualities NCA was founded for. These qualities are leadership, values and teamwork. These qualities are not only shown within the squad itself, but in leadership and support of other squads who attend the camp.

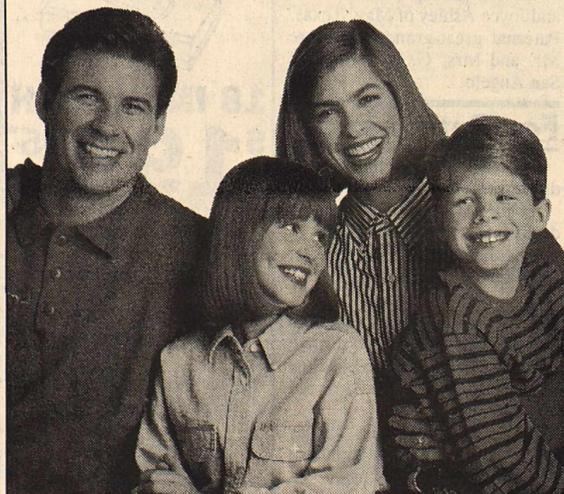
Cherrise Ward and Patty Lopez were nominated to try out for the NCA All American Squad. The entire cheer squad was nominated as one of the top three cheer squads at camp and competed on the final day for top squad honors.

The squad came home with a coveted NCA spirit stick, which is awarded daily to several squads who exert energy, spirit and enthusiasm throughout the day. On the final day, a few squads are recognized and are allowed to take the spirit stick home. The Brackett cheerleaders received a spirit stick every day while at camp.



The Brackett High School varsity cheerleaders brought home numerous awards from the NCA summer camp at Baylor. Members of the squad are, standing, from left: Zandra Negrete, Patty Lopez, Amanda Petrosky, Cherrise Ward, Chica Garza, Laura Lee Ballew and Jessica De Leon. Kneeling: Jennifer Ashabranner and Gracie Terrazas.

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Tigerettes fall short

CARRIZO SPRINGS - Brackett opened its volleyball season Tuesday with a double-header on the road. The Tigerettes dropped two close matches to Carrizo Springs and Crystal City.

Brackett opened action against Carrizo Springs. The Tigerettes won the first game, but the Lady Wildcats came back to claim the win, 8-15, 15-8, 15-5.

Jennifer Ashabranner and Reccia Jobe paced Brackett with four kills apiece while Sandra Hernandez had eight assists.

Ashabranner and Amanda Meek each recorded a block.

Windy Goodloe picked up seven digs, Hernandez had six, Ashabranner had five, Patty Lopez picked up four and Meek had three.

Jobe and Goodloe had five aces apiece, Hilda Aguirre served three, Meek had two and Zandra Negrete added one.

In the second game of the

double-header, Brackett fell to Crystal City, 15-5, 15-8.

Tina Meek had two kills in the match, while Ashabranner, Hernandez and Goodloe all had one.

Katy Hagler picked up seven digs, Goodloe had four and Lopez added three.

Hagler served three aces, Ashabranner had two and Jobe added one.

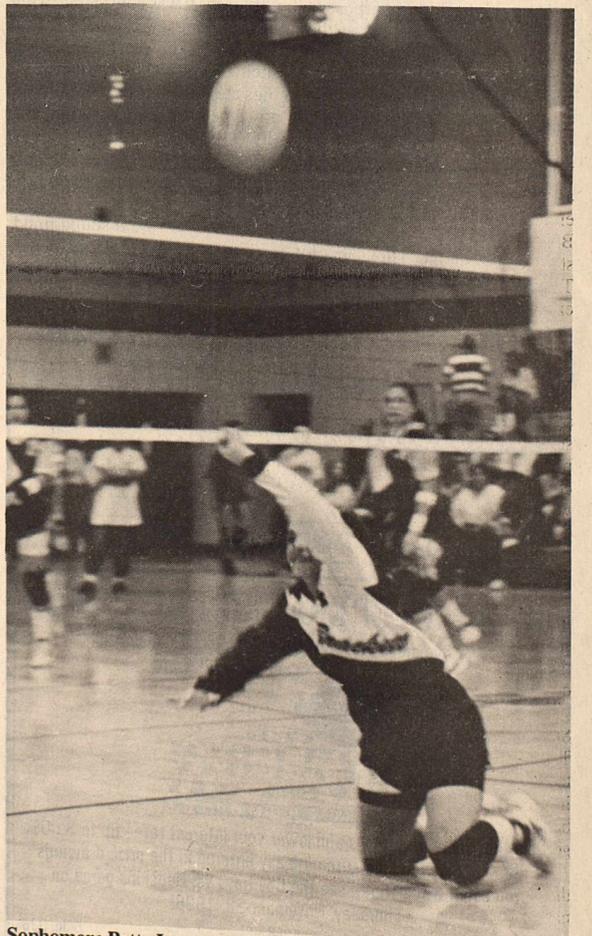
The Tigerettes will resume action this weekend at the Del Rio tournament.

Brackett will compete in Pool B play with Carrizo Springs, Crystal City and Del Rio 2.

Pool A consists of Del Rio 1, Uvalde, La Pryor and Eagle Pass.

On Friday, the Tigerettes will face Del Rio at 4 p.m., Carrizo Springs at 6:15 and Crystal City at 7:45.

Play begins Saturday at 9 a.m. The championship match is set for 5:45.



Sophomore Patty Lopez dives to save a ball against Carrizo Springs on Tuesday. Photo by J.J. Guidry

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From Your Local Game Warden

Dove season starts soon

This is a week for reminders. First of all, a Hunter Education Course is being planned for about the second week in September. When the dates and times are set, we will let everyone know.

Dove season starts Sept. 1, north of Highway 90 in Kinney County. South of Highway 90, the special Whitewing season is on Sept. 7-8 and 14-15, with the regular season starting on Sept. 20. Hunting times and bag limits are different for the whitewing season and the regular season. Know before you go.

Hunting and fishing licenses, stamps, etc., will be available again this year in Brackettville at PICO and Super S stores. There may be other places in the future and we will let you know.

The new licenses will be somewhat different this year as discussed in previous columns. Take the time to familiarize yourself with the new license and take care when using and filling them out.

Another requirement is that if you are leasing your property to hunters, then you must buy a Hunting Lease License from the Department. Place a copy of this license in each hunting camp or have one at the field if leased for dove hunting if there is no camp or cabin used by the hunters.

If you lease your property to

The busy hunting seasons are almost here and there have been many changes in the laws.

an individual for hunting with the agreement that he will sublease or take care of the hunting on your property, please be sure you know who you are dealing with.

There are several very reputable persons in the business here in Kinney County. But there is one person from Beaumont who has contacted and made deals with a few local ranchers and they seem to be having some problems. This is currently being investigated to see if there is some fraud involved.

If you believe that you may have some bad dealings with this person, or if you have any questions, please let me know. Again, this does not involve any local persons in this type of business.

The busy hunting seasons are almost here and there have been many changes in the laws. If you ever have any questions about what you are required to have or which license you need or what the law is on any situation, please do not hesitate to contact me. Know before you go.

Accent the fall landscape with vegetables and herbs

Now is an excellent time to evaluate the home landscape and begin to make preparations for fall plantings.

Have you ever thought about vegetables and herbs as landscape plants? They are being used more and more in imaginative ways to add beauty, interest and utility to our landscapes.

Mid-summer and early fall offer us a good "second season" for growing these types of plants if gardeners can motivate themselves to provide a little extra care during the long, hot days of late summer that we experience in this area.

Hanging baskets of parsley, mint, thyme, rosemary and tomatoes can all be started now. Plants of these may be available at local nurseries, but with a little extra effort they can be grown from seed.

Each of these plants has a drooping growth habit which makes it especially appropriate for hanging container use.

An even larger variety of herbs and vegetables may be grown in the more traditional containers such as clay pots and wooden tubs. Tomatoes, peppers, lettuce, eggplants, carrots and radishes are just a few of the many vegetables that can do very well in containers as opposed to growing them in a garden plot.

I have seen a porch or patio look very attractive with a variety of containers scattered around with various vegetables growing in them.

County Agent News

by Alan L. McWilliams



Two important points to consider in growing container plants are the media (soil) and the container selection.

Most vegetables require excellent drainage, so it is necessary to select a container with a hole in the bottom. Plain Clay pottery is attractive and versatile, as are many of the cedar and redwood tubs.

Small containers dry out too quickly, and sometimes require daily or twice-daily irrigation. A minimum size for practical containers is 10 to 12 inches, with 16 to 18 inches being more appropriate for larger plants such as tomatoes or eggplants.

The media also must drain well for most plants to thrive and yet hold an adequate amount of water.

Some gardeners prefer mixes without soil using peat moss and vermiculite. Others like the added support of micronutrients found in the mixes, such as 1/3 garden loam soil, 1/3 peat moss and 1/3 sharp sand.

There are many different media that you can use successfully. The most important factor is for the gardener to learn how to manage the media that is selected, since water and fertilizer requirements vary considerably among them.

Garden Checklist for August

Caladiums need plenty of water at this time of the year if you want them to remain lush and active until the fall weather arrives. Fertilize with 21-0-0 at a rate of 1/3 to 1/2 pound per 100 feet of bed area and water thoroughly.

Prune out dead or diseased wood from trees and shrubs. Hold off on major pruning from now until mid-winter. Severe pruning will only stimulate growth prior to a killing frost.

It is time to divide spring-flowing perennials such as iris, Shasta daisy, cannas, day lilies, violets and ajuga.

Plant bluebonnets and other spring wildflowers. They must germinate in late summer or early fall, develop a root system, and be ready to grow in the spring as soon as the weather warms up. Plant seeds in well drained soil, 1/2 inch deep, and water thoroughly.

A late summer pruning of roses can be beneficial. Prune out dead canes and any weak, brushy-type of growth. Cut back tall, vigorous bushes to about 30 inches. After pruning, apply a complete fertilizer and water thoroughly.

Water landscape plants and the lawn in the early morning hours instead of the middle of the day.

Evaporation is extremely high with temperatures above 100 degrees.

You may notice leaves on your trees (generally newly planted trees) browning or drying out around the edges and tips. This is caused by the high daytime temperatures and the tree's inability to keep moisture to the leaves from irrigation applied to it.

This is usually not a life-threatening condition to the tree and should ease as soon as we have a break in these late-summer temperatures. Continue watering like you have been doing and be sure you are getting the water at least 6 to 8 inches down.

4-H News

It is time to enroll and reenroll for the new 4-H year. As a reminder, you are not considered to be enrolled in 4-H if we do not have a current enrollment sheet on you in this office.

There will be an organizational meeting for all current and prospective 4-H members on Tuesday in the courtroom at the Kinney County Courthouse at 7 p.m.

We will also have a parents meeting and 4-H and Youth Committee meeting at this time.

If you have any questions or need more information, contact the Kinney County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at 563-2442.

Extension programs conducted in Kinney County serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Drought to be with Texas producers for some time

LUBBOCK - Compared with the rest of the state, semi-arid north west Texas has been a tropical paradise recently with a steady dose of fairly consistent rainfall.

A state meteorologist warns that agriculture producers in the region must remain vigilant, however, because the drought isn't over; it's just easing temporarily, the Associated Press reported.

"They certainly haven't been rains of the magnitude to make a dent in the overall drought," George Bomar, a meteorologist with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, told a group of producers, agribusinessmen and others last week at the third in a series of drought assistance meetings around the state.

A scientific scale, the Palmer Drought Severity Index, shows the Texas High

Plains region is suffering through a moderate drought, while the rest of the state is either in the throes of "severe" or "extreme" drought. State research indicates the drought has cost Texans about \$6.5 billion so far.

Producers and others who depend on the massive Texas farm economy should be aware of various government programs aimed at them, state Rep. Bob Turner, D-Voss, said.

"One thing that concerns me is that when we get a little shower, people think the war's all over," said Turner, who recalled that he used to share bath water with his brothers while growing up during the 1950's drought. "I grant you, it helps when you're under that cloud, but the (drought) seems to be a trend."

Approximately 150 people in the au-

dience Wednesday at Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center here heard advice from state and federal officials about taking advantage of existing relief opportunities.

The U.S. Farm Service Agency, which has offices statewide, currently offers nine different programs that could assist producers in need, from non-insured crop disaster assistance to farm operating loans.

But the parade of speakers, which included state Sen. John T. Montford, D-Lubbock, and state house representatives from throughout the region, didn't offer Paducah rancher Doyle Parnell any new information.

"I was hoping they might get around to something in terms of financing this coming year if this (drought) continues,"

said Parnell, who also farms on his plot about halfway between Lubbock and Wichita Falls. "If we have trouble getting financing, I don't know what's going to happen to our rural communities."

Parnell said he was aware of the current federal loans available, but he said a short or medium-term loan doesn't help a producer who might be facing busted crops and thinned herds for the rest of this decade.

Other federal agencies offering drought relief programs are the Rural Development Office, Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Commerce and local natural resources conservationists.

Countries declared disaster areas by the U.S. Department of Agriculture are open to emergency loans and Small Business Administration loans for non-farm

agribusiness ventures. U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has declared about half the state as agriculture disaster areas.

Regular federal cash payments to producers under the new national farm policy begin in September and should alleviate some burdens.

Texas wheat, cotton, corn and sorghum producers are expected to receive about \$373 million in cumulative payments, said John Fuston, an FSA district director based in the Panhandle city of Hereford.

Mickey Black, representing the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service, admitted that the drought is more powerful than the government agencies mobilized to fight its effects.

"It's bigger than all of us put together," he said.

EDUCATION

A lot of work has been done, but there's a lot of work ahead

We're back at it! The education of Brackett's young that is! We're in the game to try to insure a better future for each and everyone of the children that attend Brackett ISD by providing an outstanding education for each child. That's right, that's our purpose for existing.

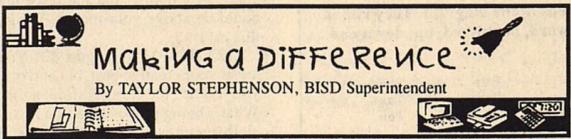
In being able to achieve our mission, it takes all that each of us can do to get it done. This week, I want to talk about the responsibilities that we have to make sure that our goal of providing a brighter future for each of our children is achieved. Ready? Here we go!

First of all, a Board of Education has to establish policies and guidelines for the new school year.

The Board also hires a Superintendent who does work with the staff in establishing budget priorities and in trying to hire the best qualified staff available.

It's a team process between the Superintendent and the Board. The superintendent then proceeds to work with the staff to try to implement the policies of the board and to achieve instructional goals of the professional staff.

Principals and their staff work through their buildings, maintenance, cleaning, supplies and work with school counselors in establishing schedules of classes and of students who are in each



class.

Teachers begin the preparation for each class that they will teach, getting the room ready, and all the thousands of details that go along with teaching. Each step along the way is achieved through lots of planning and hard work.

The Board adopts a budget and a tax rate to support the school for the school year. This is done after careful analysis by the staff in trying to interpret educational needs into dollar figures that will take care of the children for the year.

The plan must include contingency plans for emergencies, like lots of kids showing up at one grade level that would necessitate the hiring of additional staff.

Parents move into action, getting their kids mentally ready to go to school to achieve another milestone into the long march toward independence, self sufficiency, and toward a life after the sheltered nest.

It takes lots of work and money to get them ready. What supplies do they need? How about clothes? What will the kids be wearing?

What can we afford? How can I get my child ready to mix socially with other children as well as to follow rules established by the school community?

Then come the kids, teens, and young folks of the community. They're here experiencing the school lunch program, wondering what do they do at lunch time, wondering what the teacher's expectations are in each class, looking for books in the library, and trying to establish new peer groups. It's a process where one class connects to the other.

Sometimes we as educators forget it, but we must remember that the entire school day and school activities are there to give our children a brighter future. What goes on in one class, what goes on in the library, in the lunchroom, and on the school grounds, all has an effect on this final goal.

How about the community? It has been said that it takes an entire community to raise a child. Parents aren't there every minute of the day.

The community can encourage, can watch for danger and trouble,

and can help provide opportunity for the young people of Kinney County. We can support their student activities. We can pat the kids on the back, and take an interest in who they are and what their goals are. Oh, yes, the community is extremely important.

Our civic clubs are there all year to support the children and to help them reach their goals. The community churches are there for religious education and to support families.

Everything is connected. If the children of Kinney County are to achieve their goals, we must all be there supporting and encouraging these kids.

Board members, faculty, parents, students, and community, must all work together to get the job done. The job is a better future for Kinney County's children, I think we're there, we'll work every day to make sure that we are.

My goal this week is to remind all, including myself, that we are here for one reason only and that's to provide a better education for Kinney County children. We can do it only through cooperation and working together, keeping our eyes on the goal as we work toward it. I think we've made a grand start. We've had a magnificent week. Keep up the good work!

Plowdown rebate procedures detailed

ABILENE - The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation has issued the details of the purpose, rules and procedures that cotton producers in the 33-county South Texas/Winter Garden Zone will need to follow in order to qualify for rebates under its previously announced Early Plowdown Compensation Plan.

Each county within the zone has an established mandatory plowdown date, set by the Texas Department of Agriculture, by which time cotton stalks must be plowed up and destroyed. Plowdown compensation will be \$2.50 per acre for each week

that grower beats the 1996 mandatory plowdown date with the following stipulations:

- Total compensation may not exceed \$7.50 per acre.
- Grower must have paid total assessment and any penalties incurred prior to plowdown.
- Plowdown must meet state regulatory (TDA) requirements.
- Compensation will not be paid until end of calendar year.
- Any regrowth prior to Jan. 1, 1997 requiring treatment will jeopardize compensation.
- Cotton acres classified as "failed" on which no assessment was due on.

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Prevent food-bourne bacterial infections by through cooking, handling of meat

Each year during the Fourth of July holidays, warnings about recreational and traffic safety, fire prevention and other tips on avoiding tragedy serve to remind Texans that carelessness can cause needless damage, injuries and death. Some such warnings have been repeated for so long that they have become parts of the holiday's traditions.

But the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) warning against one deadly bacterium, which can contaminate improperly cooked or mishandled hamburger, is relatively new this decade.

According to TDH epidemiologists, the bacterium *Escherichia coli* (E. coli 0157:H7) first gained national attention

in 1993, when a large outbreak of food-borne illness on the West Coast resulted in several deaths. Since then, several other outbreaks and numerous sporadic cases of the infection have been reported throughout the U.S., including Texas.

The infection often is severe, particularly among the very young, the elderly and people with weakened immune systems. Symptoms can include acute bloody diarrhea, severe cramps and no fever. Some patients, particularly children, have developed a complication called HUS (hemolytic uremic syndrome), which can lead to kidney failure, seizures, blindness, neurological disorders and death.

Dr. Kate Hendricks, director of the

TDH Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division, said that E. coli 0157:H7 is a particularly dangerous strain of E. coli bacteria that are found commonly in the intestines of livestock. It can contaminate beef during processing, or raw milk from infected cows, but the organism can be destroyed with proper cooking (or in milk by pasteurization) and clean kitchen practices.

Hendricks said that while E. coli contamination can occur in even large cuts of meat, such as roasts or steaks, such contamination usually remains on the surface of the meat, and is usually destroyed at the outset of cooking. Therefore internally pink roasts and rare steaks gener-

ally do not pose as great a risk of contamination by E. coli as is found in pink or rare hamburger. Hendricks explained, "With hamburger and other ground meats, the bacteria may be mixed throughout the meat when it is ground. And the only way to ensure against infectious E. coli in such meat is by thorough cooking and sanitary handling."

She added that cooks should not only cook hamburgers thoroughly, and others cuts well enough to kill surface bacteria, they also should avoid re-contaminating cooked meat or cross-contamination of other foods by thoroughly washing hands, utensils, counter tops and other surfaces between steps of food

preparation. Hendricks suggested the following tips to help prevent E. coli infection:

- Ground meat, especially hamburger, should be cooked until the inside is gray or brown, with clear juices and an inside that is hot to the touch.

- Once meat is cooked, use clean utensils to handle it.
- Never ingest unpasteurized milk or raw dairy products.

- When caring for patients with diarrhea, be sure to promptly wash hands, linens and other items which become contaminated, and try to keep infected children, especially toddlers, away from other children or family members.

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33 Take the cake?
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71 Guys
72 Sticky problem?
73 Perform again
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Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're finding it difficult to resist being extravagant, especially with credit cards so handy. Thus, you could overspend this week in the pursuit of pleasure. Family discussions are favored over the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Work interests are favored early in the week, despite the fact that a co-worker is crabby and out of sorts. Guard against being overly indulgent toward midweek. Otherwise, you'll wear yourself out and won't enjoy your weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a favorable week for new starts. However, when dealing with those in authority, be sure to exercise tact and diplomacy. A private discussion over the weekend leads to new relationship insights.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some take in a lecture or seminar on a favorite subject early in the week. In general, activities of a group nature are favored. An unusual purchase is tempting, but the price tag could be above your means. Weigh this carefully.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You are at your creative best, but at work, you could let things slide a bit. What's being proposed to you financially requires you to be more careful in your scrutiny. It sounds great, but could be a scam in the long run.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're not connecting with that special someone, and that could mean it's time now for a heart-to-heart chat. You've been avoiding this, but it's time to be honest. In business, keep your eyes open.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A humanitarian cause has captured your imagination and you go all out for this as is characteristic of you. Others are swept along with your enthusiasm. As a result, you end the week feeling satisfied at the good you've done.

SCORPIO (October 23 to



November 21) It's silly for you to overreact so to what you believe is a slight by a close friend. At work, it's best to stick to a behind-the-scenes approach rather than being so overt. You achieve success ultimately through further study.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friend comes to you with a rather unusual business prospect early in the week. Later, couples are engrossed in fascinating conversations, rekindling the spark in the relationships. Be careful when spending money this weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A friend asks you to join a club that has been intriguing you. While out and about, be careful in your use of credit. Talks on the business front yield some helpful information for the future.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You find yourself brimming with energy and initiative early in the week, but you could overlook important details on the job. Someone close to you is being overly sensitive and needs your understanding this weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Travel done this week will prove to be quite enjoyable, whether for business or pleasure. However, guard against an unfortunate tendency to exaggerate while out socializing. Be sure of your facts before you open your mouth.

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Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hat is raised. 2. Skyline is missing. 3. Stethoscope is added. 4. Curtain is different. 5. Diplomas are lowered. 6. Cabinet is missing.

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Gateway Ministries

Pastor Charolette Corey

AUGUST IS AN EXCELLENT TIME TO BE FARMERS!! That is because ANY time is an excellent time to plant seed in the kingdom of God. The people of the Jewish nation were the first to be blessed by prosperity through God's "seeding" principle. As believer's we have carried down the same principle. All of the believer's money belongs to God, but He allows us to keep 90% and only requires us to give back to him 10% to put into the "store house" or where ever it is that you are "spiritually fed." Anything given beyond the 10% is not the tithe, but is called an offering. This offering or "seed" whether it be in the form of money, land, items, time, etc., is what stands before the Father's throne as a memorial (wall) getting His attention until such time as He returns a blessing to us 100 fold.

"Live to Give" and "Give to Live." Our Father in Heaven is our Provider, (Jehovah Jirah means God our Provider), and we know he supplies all our needs according to His riches in glory. Jesus "Lived to Give" even to the point of dying on the cross for our sins, so that those who "believe in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

Our Father is Sovereign and worthy of all our respect and praise. One way to respect and praise Him is to seek out where His kingdom is being established and become a part of bringing it into fruition.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Ask your Heavenly Father where He wants you to "plant your seed." Plant it in good soil and He will cause it to become multiplied back to you."

Of course, our motivation is simply the joy of giving. We

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First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

Two weeks ago yesterday, I stood under the night sky at the Prude Ranch near Ft. Davis. Far away from the bright city lights (or light pollution as astronomers call it), I was awe-struck by the vast canopy of stars over my head stretching from one end of the earth to the other. And I felt very small and very blessed.

Unfortunately, it is very infrequent that I pause to contemplate the intricately complex creation in which we live. Seldom do I notice the minute detail of the perfectly ordered system in which every part is interconnected with nothing being left out or to chance. When I do pause, it brings me to my knees before our God who created our marvelous wonder-filled world.

You see, I believe that creation must be an arduous task-- even for God! I don't see God waving a magic wand and voila! the Milky Way, and so on. Rather I see God carefully hanging each individual star in the sky at just the right place for it, much the way we hang treasured ornaments on our Christmas tree; I see God planting each flower and herb in the Rain Forest to promote the best conservation of soil and water and air, and so on right down to growing each strand of hair on our heads one by one.

An arduous task indeed but a labor of love above all. Power alone could not have created this universe; it took love matched by love. And that's why I'm on my knees. If it's been a while since you've been there, I invite you to go out and take a look at the stars. If you look with your soul as well as your eyes, you might just catch a glimpse of the constellation of God's face beaming down at you--and you will know how blessed you are.

Church Directory



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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.

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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)

Obituaries

Clara J. Bonner

Clara J. Bonner died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 1996, at her home in Brackettville at the age of 71.

She was born March 6, 1925. She resided on the Frerich ranch, southwest of Brackettville.

She is survived by her sons, Sid Bonner and wife Jacklynn of Mertz, Robert Bonner and wife Becky of Zambia, Africa, and Vance Bonner and wife Maxine of Brackettville; daughter, Gaylene Frerich and husband Raymond of Brackettville; daughter-in-law Vicki Bonner of Campwood; sisters, Lois Bell and husband Tom of Hondo, Dorothy Hatley and husband Presley of Rocksprings, Pat Bain and husband Richard of Andrews, and Linda Sorenson and husband Troy of Cranfills Gap; brothers, Robert Ratliff and wife Della of Belton, and Freddie Ratliff and wife Pat of Anderson; grandchildren, J.C. Bonner, Kristi McCarter, Wayne and Vic Bonner, Mark, Mitch and Dee Ann Frerich, K.J. and Dana

Bonner, Angela Horn, and Krissy, Stacy and Amanda Bonner; great grandchildren, Travis and Stephanie Bonner, Kaitlynn McCarter, Brianne Horn and Madison Frerich; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Keros J. Bonner, Aug. 12, 1983; son, K.K. Bonner, Oct. 7, 1980; and grandson, K.K. Bonner Jr., Jan. 4, 1987.

Services were held Friday August 16, 1996 at 2 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Leakey with Minister Ray Melton officiating.

Interment followed at the Leakey Floral Cemetery in Leakey.

Serving as pallbearers were J. C. Bonner, Wayne Bonner, Vic Bonner, Mark Frerich, Mitch Frerich, K.J. Bonner and Travis Bonner.

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



Roberta F. Pena

Roberta Flores Pena died Monday, August 5, 1996, in Del Rio. She was born March 27, 1910 in Brackettville where she resided all her life. She was the daughter of the late Concepcion and Adelaida Flores of Brackettville.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Atanacio M. Pena, a son, 1st Sgt. Earnest F. Pena, and a daughter-in-law, Alicia Torres Pena.

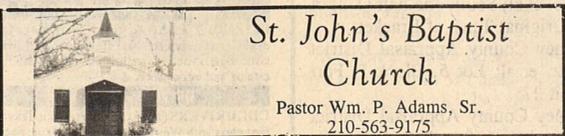
She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law Pedro Richard and Maria Elena Pena of Brackettville; daughters and sons-in-law, Ruby and Col. Ynez Rangel of Lithonia, Ga., Odilia and Alejandro Gomez of Del Rio; grandchildren, Mari P. Rodriguez of Del Rio, Suvia P. Hagye of Harriman, Tenn., Terri P. Besa of Alamo, Texas, Earnest David Pena of West Columbia, Texas, Reggie Pena of Bay City, Texas,

Richard Pena of Houston, Texas, Becky P. Moore of Del Rio, Martha P. Hooten of Brackettville, Cindy R. Reeves of Marietta, Ga., Carol R. Ivey of Good Hope, Ga., Alex Gomez of Del Rio and 22 great-grandchildren; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Pena of Brackettville, Mrs. Ramona Flores of Brackettville and Mrs. Francisca Flores of Killeen and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Friday, August 9th at 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Father Cashin officiated.

Burial followed at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Don's Funeral Chapels, 307 Plaza Avenue of Del Rio.



St. John's Baptist Church

Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.
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God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us, Selah.

That thy way be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; Let all the people praise thee. Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

Let the people praise thee, O God; Let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. Psalms 67.

Come feast with us. The table is set. Praise God. 3 nights left. August 22, 23 and 24, Revival Services. 7p.m. at St. John Baptist's Church, 116 W. Crockett St.

Albert Coronado

may be gone from our presence but he is always in our hearts and minds. On August 25, 1996, we wish to take the day and celebrate his twenty-second birthday with a mass at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church at 10:30 a.m. It would please us very much for all his family and friends to be with us for this mass celebration.

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I want to give you some advice. LAUGH! Do it out loud and often! You see laughter is good for you, which ironically, may be too bad. Perhaps if it raised our cholesterol level or had too many calories we might do it more often.

I have an idea that if laughter were forbidden, then people would be doing it all the time. We seem to have a penchant for what is bad for us as opposed to what is good for us. But think of what it would be like if laughter were not legal. They would have to have laugh police. If they caught you laughing, they would write a ticket. Stand-up comics would become Stand-up convicts. Sit-coms would become Sit-cons. Children's programming would have to be watched very carefully. After all, we wouldn't want anyone pushing humor on young, innocent minds, would we? I can hear it now, "What are you kids doing in there?" "Oh we are drinking beer and smoking ciga-

rettes." "Well that's okay, but remember, no laughing!"

Considering how good laughter is for you, and how legal it is, I guess we ought to be thankful that it is as popular as it is.

POP QUIZ! Which of these is the funniest?

A. "Never lend your car to anyone to whom you have given birth." (Erma Bombeck)

B. "Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family ... in another city." (George Burns)

C. "From birth to age 18, a girl needs good parents, from 18 to 35 she needs good looks, from 35 to 55 she needs a good personality, and from 55 on she needs cash." (Sophie Tucker)

D. All of the Above.

Go ahead and laugh, out loud, and often! Laughter is legal, it's biblical, and it's good for you. "A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones" (Proverbs 17:22).

Frontier Baptist Church

Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Happiness is a quest. We all spend a great deal of time and effort seeking happiness. The Bible tells us how to be happy. "Happy is the man whose God is the Lord." Happiness is a condition of the soul. It is not determined by wealth, health, society or any physical manifestation. It is totally dependent on the relationship with God.

If God is the Lord of life, this speaks volumes. He is the Lord of creation. Nature seems to produce a happy lot. The singing of the birds, the pound of the surf, the ripple of a stream, the serenity of new fallen snow, all bespeak a happy season.

If the Lord is God to an individual he realizes he is created of God in God's own image. This calls to man to know he is important. A person who believes his ancestors hanged by their tails in the trees can't have a high image of himself.

God is not only creator of man, He is the Lord of redemption. The horrible specter of eternal Hell for the unbelievers should drive him to turn to the Lord as God. God sent His son Jesus to die on the cross for the eternal redemption of all who turn to Him as Lord. The beauty of the Knowledge of an eternity with God in heaven should drive every person to Jesus Christ as Lord. God is the Lord of protection. How God has interfered in situations to protect His own is legendary.

He often protects us from silly desires and dreams. God is the Lord of provision. He certainly helps and blesses His own financially. He gives physical help and strength. God's people are distinguished by their faith in Him which brings happiness. In a world of unbelief; in the face of mockery; in the face of the impossible, those who have their faith in God can know happiness. In a world of sin, those whose God is the Lord can know happiness by their striving for purity. In a world of hate; in a world where love is scarce, those whose God is the Lord can know happiness in Him.

There's peace of heart and mind in the midst of turbulence and turmoil for those whose God is the Lord.

This happiness is declared in the privileges enjoyed as His children. The pursuit they are following brings thrill in the pursuit. The promises they believe brings thrill to living; The prospects to which they look forward. What greater prospects than the Knowledge of all the joys of heaven for an eternity. Happiness is a condition of the soul. Any attempt to find it elsewhere is doomed to failure. Since it is a condition of the soul, the Lord must be God of the soul.

There will be another message from the Word of God awaiting all who desire the blessing at Frontier Baptist Church, Sunday at 11:00a.m. Come and see!

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

There's a really nice lady here who was born here and has spent her life here. She is a good wife and a great mother. She has loved and cared for her children through thick and thin. Her husband would have been lost without her. She is a friendly person and has no enemies. Everyone who knows her likes her and thinks highly of her. Surely Beverly Schafer is an Unsung Hero.

Thank You

Everyone who assisted with the cake walk benefit for Wallace Dimery. A special thanks to the Cruz family and friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Herndon, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Owens and James and Dorothy Haga.

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Answers to Super Crossword

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No. 904
Estate of Georgia Lee
Thompson
Deceased
In the County Court of
Kinney County, Texas

Notice To Creditors

All persons having claims against the Estate of Georgia Lee Thompson, deceased, being Cause No. 904 in the County Court of Kinney County, Texas, are required to present such claims to Richard Schafer, Independent Executor of such estate, who was issued Letters Testamentary on August 14, 1996, by mailing the same to "Richard Schafer, Independent Executor, P.O. Box 84, Brackettville, Texas 78832."

Respectfully submitted,
Doran, Gulley & Etzel
By: Haywood Gulley
P.O. Box 420248
Del Rio, Texas 78842
State Bar ID#08617000
Attorneys For Estate

FOR SALE

Boer goat stud service. Copper Top, full blood ABGA registered. \$60 call 563-2077 evenings.

Bridge Anyone

By
NORMA GOULD



FORT CLARK SPRINGS - The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met Tuesday, Aug. 13, with three tables playing the Howell movement.

Joyce Bell and Bob Barnett won first place. There was a tie for second place between Ben and Rozetta Pingenot, and Mona Miller and Dena Scott.

Arnie and Gertie Trautwein were welcomed back.

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Cute 2 bdrm. home in town with carport, large fenced yard, corner lot. Just \$26,000 & owner will finance!

1,882 acre game ranch offering beautiful lodge, other houses, 3 wells, high fencing, hwy front. Game managed for whitetail, sika, aoudad, fallo, axis.

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Special Education Instructional Aide

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Location

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Brackettville, Tx. 78832

Application Procedures:

Applicants will be accepted until Tuesday, August 27, 1996 at noon.

Applications are available at the Brackett ISD Central Office or may be requested by contacting:

**Taylor Stephenson,
Superintendent
Brackett Independent School
District
P.O. Box 586 - 400 Ann Street
Brackettville, Texas 78832
(210) 563 - 2491**

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Brackett News is now accepting applications thru August 30th. for Salespersons. Must be self motivated, people person with good communication skills and own vehicle. Come by the Brackett News office for an application.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

\$10/Month
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CLASSES

Concealed Handgun Class, Sat. Aug. 31, 8 a.m. \$75.00 call 563-9384 for details.

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FOR SALE

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FOR SALE

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GARAGE SALE

Unit 31 Pompey St. Fort Clark Springs. Sat. Aug. 24th, 8am-12 noon

FOR SALE

Like new cherrywood dining table (w/leaf) seats 8. Has 5 chairs and 1 captains chair \$1100. also 2 solid oak end tables and 1 coffee table \$150. each. Must be sold and P/U prior to Tues. 8/27/96. Owner moved out of state. Items in Floresville-140 mi. Local: Love 563-9543

FOR SALE

3 houses, 1 store building, good location. For more information call 563-2961 after 6 p.m. call 563-2077.

Position Available

Full-Time Cafeteria Worker

Qualifications:

Food Service Experience
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Location:

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Brackettville, Tx. 78832

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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

YARD SALE

Sat. Aug. 24, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Unit 15, Lot 164, F.C.S. Collectible bears, silver jewelry, scanner, color printer, lots more.

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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.

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. Feltner, 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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