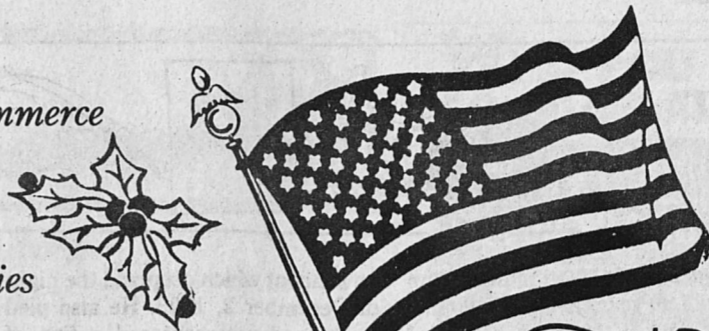




Kinney County Chamber Of Commerce  
 Christmas Mixer  
 Tonight 7:30  
 Las Moras Cavalry Room  
 Hosted By Calhoun Properties



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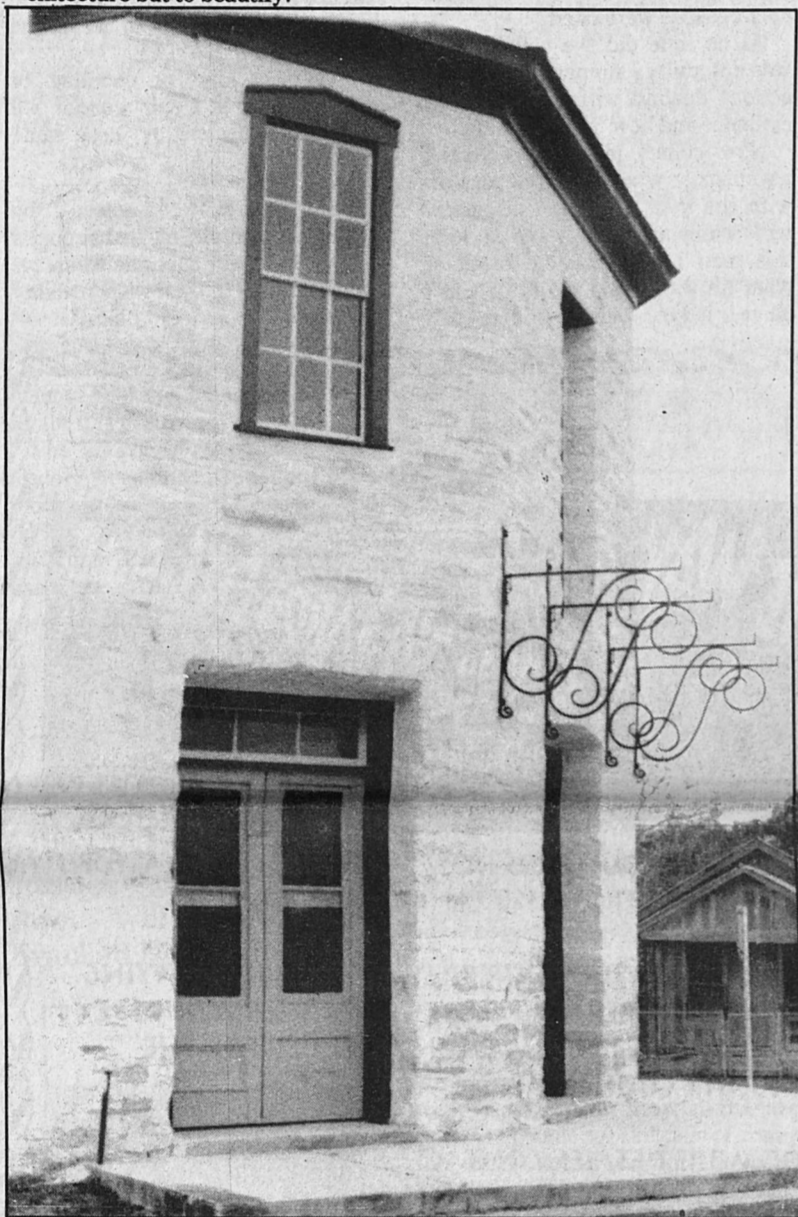
Brackettville, Fort Clark, Spofford, and Kinney County, Texas

December 9, 1993

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

## Kinney County Historical Commission Sponsors Benefit To Complete Restoration To Filippone Building For Museum

The Kinney County Historical Commission has taken the lead in yet another community project to not only preserve local history and architecture but to beautify.



The Filippone Building is the subject and the goal is to restore the structure and establish the Kinney County Museum.

Commission Chairman B. Peter Pohl is in the process of doing the paper work to apply for a Texas Historical Marker for the building. Briefly, in the mid-1800s, the Italian Filippone Family moved to Brackettville and opened a general store to supply goods to nearby Fort Clark and Kinney County. The store was housed in the lower floor of the uniquely designed rock building and they lived in quarters on the top floor.

A number of years after the business closed, and after one or more subsequent owners, the building became the property of the City of Brackettville. Several years ago, restoration was begun, funded by a gift from the Moody Foundation and other contributions with the stipulation that the building be used as a meeting place and as a museum.

With those funds and some city funds, much of the exterior of the building was restored but the money available was insufficient to complete the restoration and work has been delayed.

Recently the City has transferred ownership of the building to Kinney County with the same restrictions on use of the building; however, there is enough flexibility that the county has been able to lease the small north room to Middle Rio Grande Development Council to use for the Brackettville JTPA office. MRGDC is helping financially to bring that part of the structure into ADA compliance.



The first activity is an 1880s Barbecue, Auction, and Dance at the Kinney County Civic Center Saturday, December 11, 1993, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Now you have the opportunity to join in the project and enjoy good food...good bargains at the auction and just in time for Christmas shopping...good music (Southern Exposure)...good dancing...and the end results of the Kinney County Museum! It's all in one package - don't miss it!

**Kinney County Civic Center**  
**Saturday, December 11, 1993**

7:00 p.m. Barbecue    8:00 p.m. Auction    9:00 p.m. Dance

## Brackettville Post Office Will Be Open From 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Next Two Saturdays December 11 And December 18



## Santa Has Been Kidnapped

Christmas just won't be the same without Santa Claus, and it seems that's the state Brackettville is in. Santa made an early appearance; in fact, he spent a couple of days sitting on the vintage fire truck at City Hall. He looked so contented and happy to be there; imagination says he was fulfilling a life-long desire to ride a fire truck.

Then, alas, Saturday Santa was gone. He didn't even have a chance to say, "Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christ-

mas" one last time before he departed. But, then he hadn't planned to leave so abruptly. In fact, he was kidnapped!

The City of Brackettville, all the kids by virtue of age, and all us kids at heart, would certainly appreciate it if whoever took Santa would please return him immediately.

Pranks can be excusable, even acceptable, but come on, stealing Santa Claus - is there a crime lower???

## Commissioners Award Paving Contracts

The Kinney County Commissioners Court met in special session at 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 6, 1993. Present were Judge Tim Ward and Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Plunker Sheedy, and Cordelia Mendeke.

Bids were received from Cummings Construction and Bobby Hall for paving city streets and the parking lot of the Aging Services property.

Cummings Construction, a Midland firm, presented the lowest bid which was \$3.95 per yard.

The court approved awarding a contract to Cummings for street paving not to exceed \$13,308. Payment will come from grant funds.

A separate contract was approved for paving approximately 1000 yards of the Kinney County Aging Services parking lot with payment from the county capital improvement funds.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

## Session Set For Regional Addressing

Concerning 9-1-1

The Middle Rio Grande Development Council 9-1-1 Planning Staff and representatives of United Aerial Mapping of San Antonio will be holding an open question & answer session concerning the 9-1-1 Regional Addressing Project.

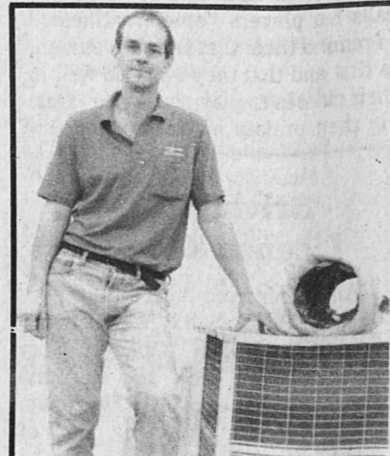
Topics to be discussed include basemap features, graphic & database formats, GIS support, methodology of addressing and related topics.

"We expect this meeting to shed some light on the overall project, and we request input from our local governments, public utilities, conservation districts, postal service,

citizens, private industry, emergency services, and other related services," said M. Forrest Anderson, 9-1-1 Specialist. This project has the capability and a long term goal of establishing city block style addresses for rural residents thus reducing response time of emergency units in locating the individual(s) in need.

This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Motel, 920 E. Main St., Uvalde, Texas at 10:00 a.m. on December 16, 1993.

Please R.S.V.P. to attend only by calling the Middle Rio Grande Development Council Central Office in Carrizo Springs at 210-876-3533.



## New Business Opened By Hood

Chamber of Commerce member Dee Hood took a brief break from working on an air-conditioner unit to visit with Chamber President Larry Sofaly Friday. He operates the Brackettville Air Conditioning and Heating service from his Parts Plus location.

He is licensed and has thirteen years experience. He has the expertise to take care of home and business units and also RVs.

His telephone number is 563-2544. He will continue to operate the full service garage and parts store. The air conditioning is an additional service.



**Howard Wakefield**  
**District Deputy For**  
**Masonic Lodge**

On Saturday, December 4, 1993, Howard Wakefield was named Masonic District 43 Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas. His responsibilities will include visiting the Masonic lodges of District 43, dispensing instructions from the Grand Worshipful Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and representing the Grand Master at other times as requested.

The appointment was made at the closing session of the 158th Grand Lodge. His wife, Nadine, accompanied him to Grand Lodge.

Wakefield has a distinguished Masonic background which includes being raised a Master in Columbus, Mississippi in 1963. He transferred his membership to Uvalde in 1964, and then to Dimmitt Lodge in 1986.

He served as Worshipful Master of the Dimmitt Lodge in 1987 and then as secretary until he and Nadine moved to Fort Clark Springs in 1990. At that time he transferred his membership to Las Moras Lodge #444.

District 43 is composed of Las Moras Lodge (Brackettville), Val Verde Lodge (Del Rio), Uvalde Lodge, Eagle Pass Lodge, Dimmitt Lodge (Carrizo Springs), and Zavala Lodge (Crystal City).

## "Lion of the Year" Sofaly

Thursday evening, December 2, 1993, the Brackettville Lions Club met at Las Moras Inn with a number of special features composing the program as pictured below.



District Governor Mike Rourke, left, was keynote speaker. Brackett President Lion Walt Bauguess, right, responded by leading a procession of local Lions in presenting financial support to the Governor for the District's service program and making the Brackettville Lions a 100% club.



Highlight of the evening was the announcement that Lion Lou Sofaly was chosen "Lion of the Year." Lion Peter Pohl, right, presented the symbolic bronze-colored ceramic lion to Sofaly. Lion Sid Sponholtz has made the lions for the presentation for the past several years.



Thursday evening was "Lions Guest" night and Lou Sofaly, second from right, along with being named "Lion of the Year" proudly introduced his family, at left, his daughter-in-law, Linda Sofaly, his son, Lion Larry Sofaly, and at right his wife, Evelyn. They were wearing these smiles even before the announcement of Lion Lou's award.

# Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



A 26-year old Mexican National (a resident alien) was arrested at the Border Patrol checkpoint east of Brackettville on Hwy. 90 Tuesday afternoon, December 7, 1993, and charged with Aggravated Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, a 1st degree felony offense, after Border Patrol agents at the checkpoint investigated suspicious looking fenders on the rear side panels of a 1984 Ford pickup driven by the suspect. Upon further investigation of the truck by the alert agents, a total of 94 pounds of the illegal weed was discovered hidden in secret compartments in the fender wells of the vehicle.

Sergio Rosales Hernandez (who gave investigating officers several names - aliases - and addresses) is believed to be a current resident of Fresno, Texas, was arrested at the scene by Drug Agents of the Amistad Area Narcotics Task Force after the initial arrest of the suspect by U.S. Border Patrol agents. Hernandez was charged under federal statutes and transported to Val Verde County Jail in Del Rio, Texas, where he is being held at the time of this writing pending a bond hearing before a federal magistrate.

If convicted of the 1st degree felony charges pending against him

Hernandez could face a maximum penalty of 99 years and a \$50,000.00 fine, of course, in these days and times of ever increasing permissiveness in the courts, it is not anticipated that the maximum penalty will be imposed if a conviction is obtained in this case. The minimum penalty that can be imposed under the applicable statutes in this case is 5 years, and of course, we have to consider possible probation.

Locally, James Logan Clarkson, 38, of Brackettville went to County Court on Tuesday, December 7th, to answer charges of Driving While Licensed Suspended filed against him on December 2, 1993. On a plea of guilty of which he elected to lay out in jail with credit for time served at a rate of \$50.00 per day. Another charge of Public Intoxication on which he was convicted in Justice Court and fined a total of \$85.00 has already been resolved with credit for jail time served. Clarkson will have served out his fines by December 11, 1993, and is scheduled to be released on that day.

Another Brackettville resident, Benjamin Tovar, 35, also appeared in County Court Tuesday to answer Class A Misdemeanor charges of Resisting Arrest filed on him after

an incident which occurred the night of December 2, 1993. He also pled guilty and was assessed a fine of \$850.00 and court costs of \$130.50 for a total of \$980.50 which he will serve out in jail at the \$50.00 per day rate. However, Tovar is also charged with Felony DWI and Felony Assault on a Peace Officer also filed on him resulting from the same incident. These cases will be presented to the Kinney County Grand Jury at their next meeting. In the interim he will remain in jail in lieu of bonds totaling \$5,000.00. He also has pending against him misdemeanor charges of No Driver's License, a Justice Court case. If indicted on the two felony charges, Tovar will face trials in those cases at a later date.

We have also been kept busy investigating numerous cases of domestic disturbances in Brackettville and one rural county case of criminal trespass and allowing domestic livestock to roam free. The latter case is still under investigation at the time of this writing and though no charges have yet been filed in this case we anticipate doing so in the near future.

That's All!

### LETTER TO EDITOR

A challenge to return to Constitutional "Government of the People, by the People, for the People..." Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, copies readily available from U.S. Government Book Store, Gulf Freeway, Houston.

"We, the Sovereign People of Brackettville, Kinney County, and the outlying states and nation (Old Mexico) do swear to uphold the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the bylaws, rules and regulations of Brackettville, Kinney County, and the State of Texas; thereby, relieving the local, state, and federal law enforcing agencies of some of their load; freeing them to enforce laws against murder, rape, extortion, fraud, and so on..."

James, Inspired Writer, in his letter (epistle) wrote, "In many ways we (servants of God) offend all (everyone); if any man (woman, boy, girl) the same is a perfect one and able also to bridle the whole body..." Look it up and put it into daily practice; you'll be glad you did.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Darwin H. Plummer

### LETTER TO EDITOR

Share Joy Of Holidays  
Without Excessive Loud Music

With the upcoming holiday season, we all have more opportunities for expressing concern and consideration for our friends and neighbors.

Many will gather to enjoy the festive activities at the Civic Center. However, when music is provided for dancing or listening pleasure, please consider the residents and ensure the volume of the music is not disturbing to the neighborhood.

In addition to reducing the volume of the music perhaps the band, disc jockey, speakers and/or amplifiers could be placed in the west end of the building away from private residences.

Let's be good neighbors. Enjoy the activities at the Civic Center; yet allow nearby residents the privilege of enjoying their holidays without being overwhelmed by loud music.

Happy Holidays,  
/s/ Ann Wuertz

### Democratic Scene In Kinney County

At press time, the following had filed for positions on the Democratic Party Primary Ballot - election March 8, 1994.

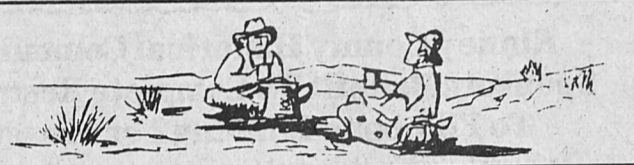
County Judge **Tommy Seargeant**  
County Treasurer **Maria Elena Pena**  
County Treasurer **Mary V. Flores**  
Dist/Co. Clerk **Dora Elia Sandoval**  
Justice of Peace **Leonardo Luna**  
Deadline for filing January 3, 6 pm  
Place for filing 507 N. Ann

To vote in the March 8 election, a voter registration must be completed by February 6. Also, last day to change voting precinct.



### Between Us

By Joe Townsend.



Common sense and criminal prosecution continue to take a beating.

A man is convicted by a jury of his peers of a vicious and brutal murder. A court more interested in catering to criminals than to their punishment reversed the verdict.

The prosecution had among other things taken a blood sample with a "faulty warrant." It's legal to take the blood but you must be careful to

see the paper work is in order. Other such reasons were cited.

At no time did the court say he was not guilty - simply lacking were actions dealing with details of the evidence and how it was obtained.

Now comes into the picture a psychiatrist who had three sessions with the man and some discussion with family and friends and declares this man is not capable of doing what he was found guilty of and a naive judge believes him and

reduces bond so the man can go free and even allows him to leave the state.

With this kind of coddling of murderers, it is small wonder we have more murders by these same thugs.

The crimes committed by criminals on parole, on probation, on early release will continue as courts and judges fail in their responsibility to victims and pamper criminals.

### Public Apology To Sheriff's Department

The Board of Commissioners and the Executive Director for the Brackettville Housing Authority would like to make a public apology to Sheriff Hooten for comments that were made against him and his department in the City Council Meeting Minutes of November 17 and printed in the paper November 24.

As it turned out, the tenant complaint was never called in to the Sheriff's Department.

We would like to thank Sheriff Hooten and Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter for coming to our Board Meeting Tuesday, December 7, 1993, and discussing the situation.

Sheriff Hooten and his department are doing a very good job, and we do apologize for the misunderstanding situation that occurred.

### Big Mama Sez!

There's so much pride that comes from solving your own problems.



PLEASE REMEMBER that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.

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MEMBER 1993

The Brackett News welcomes letters to the Editor. The Editor reserves the right to edit all letters submitted for length and context.

Letters will be edited to avoid the use of profanity or libelous statements pertaining to the rights of citizens.

Letters published and columnist's viewpoints do not necessarily reflect the beliefs of this newspaper.

All letters must be signed and include an address and phone number.  
Thank You!

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### Education And Athletics

By Judith Zaffirini  
State Senator, District 21

"Sports constantly makes demands on the participant for top performance, and they develop integrity, self-reliance, and initiative," noted U.S. Supreme Court Justice Byron White, former all-star football player. "They teach you a lot about working in groups, without being fully submerged in the group."

Top performance for Texas students includes scholastic achievement and physical fitness. This column will focus on how the self-reliance and initiative developed through student sports programs can enhance classroom learning.

Coach Walter Kramer of Edward White Middle School in San Antonio's Northeast ISD believes that values learned through competitive sports can improve students' performance in class and at home. He calls his players "student-athletes" to remind them that they are students first and that they must do well in their classes to play on Eagle teams. He then praises his team members

as much for their grades and positive attitudes as for their athletic abilities.

The need for praise is why students "sometimes head for athletics and away from academics," reports Kramer, referring to the appeal of a cheering crowd. "Nobody cheers when you make an 'A' in class.

The Eagles' motto is "give 300%; 100% at home, 100% in class, 100% on the court." By involving parents and other teachers in team activities, Coach Kramer ensures that his student-athletes have the support they need to do their best at everything. He also praises other extracurricular activities such as band and drama which promote school spirit and teamwork.

This impressive student-athlete program is consistent with the University Interscholastic League's goal of "educational excellence through competition" and with the "no pass, no play" rule implemented in 1984.

The rule requires students to maintain a 70% average in every class to participate in extracurricular activities. Those who fail a class will be excluded from school-sponsored activities, including band, orchestra, sports, drama and 4-H, for six weeks, a typical grading period.

Some argue that the rule, while often effective, is too punitive. Sitting out for six weeks could mean, for example, that a student misses an entire season or loses membership on a team. The resulting demoralization could impact academic performance negatively, the reverse of the desired effect.

During the last session some legislators attempted to shorten the waiting period to two or three weeks but failed. Our consensus was, however, that whatever the waiting

period, the "no pass, no play" rule sends students the right message that good grades are a prerequisite for participation in extracurricular activities.

As a mother of an 11-year-old student-athlete, I am amazed at the values, attitudes and benefits associated with sound sports programs. What's more, I am delighted by the wholesome family activities related to spectator sports at various levels.

Outstanding student-athletes sometimes are motivated by sports-related scholarships and-or careers. The most impressive high school athletes often win collegiate athletic scholarships, and some college athletes later play as professionals.

In November's issue of *Fiscal Notes* Comptroller John Sharp reports that Texas reaps revenues and recognition from expanding professional sports programs. He estimates that our professional athletes earn an average of \$635,000 per year and are supported by approximately 6.5 million fans who spent more than \$6 billion last year. "Franchise values and related sales tax revenues run up the score for the state's economy," Sharp noted.

Texas is home to eight major league teams: the Texas Rangers and Houston Astros, baseball; San Antonio Spurs, Dallas Mavericks and Houston Rockets, basketball; Dallas Cowboys and Houston Oilers, football; and the newly acquired Dallas Stars hockey team. Additionally, Texas hosts 151 rodeos and 11 golf tournaments annually. Dallas may host the 1994 World Cup, the international 52-team soccer championship.

"Winning isn't everything," said Vince Lombardi. "Wanting to win is."

### Driving Tests License Renewal

An officer from the Texas Department of Public Safety will be at the County Courtroom, Kinney County Court House, each 1st and 3rd Thursday and each 5th Thursday, during the normal working hours of county offices.

The officer will be available to give driving tests, or to renew drivers licenses.

Library Notes



By Cynthia Lockwood

Library Hours 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Closed Tuesday

Happy Holidays! If that doesn't get you in the holiday spirit then come by the library and see our beautifully decorated Christmas tree. I would like to thank Earlene Thurber for her donation of the glorious 7-foot Scottish pine and twinkling tree lights, and thanks also to Jari Thompson for helping me decorate the tree. It was a dirty job, but somebody had to do it. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Yes, we now have a FAX machine and it is ready for public use. At the present time, we are running a test cost of \$2.00 for the first page and \$1.00 per page there after for outgoing fax, and \$1.00 per page for incoming fax. Give our fax a try. At the library, we always get the "fax straight."

New books are something that we are never in short supply of. Come by and check out some of these new titles: The Texas Biographical Dictionary; Camera Maintenance & Repair by Thomas Tomosoy; Grieving: A Love Story by Ruth Pollack; Living With Killer Bees: The Story Of The Africanized Bee Invasion by Greg Flakes; Jonathan Livingston Seagull by Richard Bach; He Was Her Man by Sarah Shankman, and J.K. Lasser's Year-Round Tax Strategies, 1994. In order to better answer some of your reference questions, we also have The New York Public Library Desk Reference, Book Of Chronologies, and Book Of How And Where To Look It Up.

Many thanks to everyone who donated books and magazines to the library this past week.

The library will be closed Wednesday, December 22nd from noon until 5:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday, December 23 and 24 for Christmas Holidays. Merry Christmas everyone!

Genealogists and historians, the library now has our very own microfiche microfilm reader/printer. This coin-operated printer is reconditioned and is ready for your use. As always, we invite you to visit the friendliest little library in Kinney County.

Kinney County Library Staff & Volunteers

Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD



At the November 30th meeting of the Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club, 6 1/2 tables played the Mitchell Movement.

Tina Bauguess and Rozetta Pingnot won first place in the N/S direction. Lamont and Marie McCandless won second place with Fred Clayton and Betty Inman coming in third.

Dr. Ed Prue and Nancy O'Brien won first place in the E/W direction. Ben Pingnot and Norma Gould won second place with Ruth Wilks and Madge Batchelor winning third.

December 14 will be the Club's Christmas Party.

Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend



There is a young lady in high school who was born here as were her parents.

She is an exceptional student. She is outstanding as an athlete. She is morally a fine individual.

She is a good daughter and one to be proud of. She is friendly and outgoing. To know her is to like her. Surely Denise Frerich is an "Unsung Hero."

Have a Good Day

Janice

Thank You

On behalf of the Garza Family, we want to express our heartfelt thanks to all the people for the calls of comfort, cards, donations, flowers, food and prayers at the death of Juan Garza, Jr.

Thank you and God bless. The Garza Family

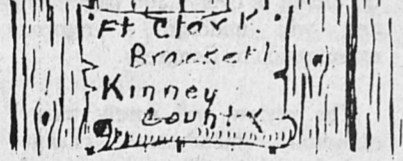
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The first person to come by The Brackett News and correctly identify this picture will receive a Brackett News cap!



No Winner Look Again

Community Calendar



AA: Mondays, 8 p.m., Slaton Hall, 109 W. James St.
AI-Anon: CAN HELP. Call 563-9205 for time & location of meetings.
Alter Society: 1st Monday, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall.
Bass Club: Last Thursday, 7 p.m.
BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., School Board Room.
Beta Sigma Phi
R of J Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 2nd & 4th Monday, 7 p.m.
Preceptor Theta Sigma (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
Laureate Iota Epsilon (all year) 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
Book Club Thursdays, 9:30, Golf Club
Chamber of Commerce: 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Cavalry Room.
City Council: 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House.
Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 Noon, Laughlin AFB. Reservations required.
FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Service Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.
Drivers License: 1st, 3rd, & Last Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 12 Noon; 1 - 3 p.m., Court House.
Duplicate Bridge: Tuesday, 7 p.m., Shafter Hall.
FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday 11 a.m., Meeting 1st Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio.
FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 10 a.m., Shafter Hall.
FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m., Board Room.
FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Shafter Hall.
FCS Museum/Sutler's Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 p.m.
FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservations at Adult Center.
FCS VFW Post #8380 & Auxiliary: 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m. Pot Luck, 7:00 p.m. meetings, Service Club.
FCS Bingo: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Shafter Hall.
FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Sabre Room.
Friends of Library: No regular schedule. Call library for information.
KC Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.
KC Kickers: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Service Club.
Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 Noon, Parish Hall.
Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
Masonic Lodge #444: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St.
Order of Eastern Star #204: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell St., Del Rio.
Shriners: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 Noon, Las Moras Restaurant.
Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, Noon, Slaton Hall. Please make reservations.
Creative Writing Group: Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Golf Club Snack Bar.

Around the Fort



Ceramic Shop Hours

Sat: Noon to 5:00 p.m. Mon. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Sun. 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Ladies Exercise

Activity Center. Monday, 10 a.m. Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Friday 10 a.m.

Arts & Crafts Class

Every Monday Afternoon 1 - 4 p.m. Call Adult Center, 563-2024, for information.

Adult Center Thursday Night Movie 7:00 p.m.

Memorial Tree Planting For Fort Clark

A \$25.00 donation may be in memory of a friend or family member...or any person is welcome to make a donation to help with the development and beautification of Fort Clark Springs.

Form with fields for NAME, ADDRESS, IN HONOR OF, IN MEMORY OF, ACKNOWLEDGE DONATION TO, ADDRESS, TYPE TREE (OAK) (PECAN) AMOUNT DONATED, Send donation to Fort Clark Springs, P.O. Box 345 Brackettville TX 78832

Voice Christmas Concert Sunday, December 12, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall



From The Manager's Office

Members: If you missed the Christmas Party/Prime Rib Dinner Saturday, December 4, you missed the best GALA of the year. General Manager Pete Cook and Restaurant Manager Tammy Melton, along with a group of member volunteers put their best foot forward for all who came.

Les Roper provided the best dancing and singing music in town. Mae Roper served as "Hostess" while Pete and Georgia Cook visited with many of the more than 100 members who attended. Sorry you missed it but put it on your "must go" calendar for next year!

A special recognition to Bill Sampson and Rick Hutton for their fast action in rescuing Treg Mitchell from his burning vehicle. The response from the E.M.S. Unit administering assistance and delivering Treg to Val Verde Hospital should be recognized also. To all of the above, we owe you a tremendous Thank You and Job Well Done!

Dont forget to attend the "Voices Christmas Program" at Town Hall, Sunday, December 12, 1993, 7 p.m.

Do you like to dance? Do you want to learn the latest "country" steps for couples and line dancing? - then Members, sign up at the Adult Center. Ray and Jo Entrikin will be the instructors and classes will be held in the evening. Class starting date will be announced.

Have you been watching all the home Christmas lights and decorations popping up all over the Fort? If you think you have the "greatest" display, call the Adult Center and have your home entered into the annual Home Christmas Decoration Contest. Judging will take place on Monday, December 20th.

Theta Sigma Makes Donation To Texas State Service Project

At their regular meeting on Monday night, December 6, at the home of Dee Curry, Theta Sigma members voted to contribute to the Beta Sigma Phi Texas State Service Project. Again this year the majority of the chapters in Texas voted for the Children's Dialysis Division of Baylor College of Medicine to be their state service project.

The children needing this equipment and the specially trained personnel to operate it at the Texas Children's Hospital in Houston is growing each year. The dialysis procedures being helped by these funds and the great help from the Houston B.S.P. volunteer workers have been a true success story.

The Texas State Convention for 1994 will be held in Dallas June 2-5 at the Fairmont Hotel.

There will be a highway clean-up Saturday morning, December 11, with all three local Beta Sigma Phi chapters participating.

Dee Curry presented a most interesting program from the quote "The measure of choosing well is whether you like and find good in what you have chosen." All members joined in the discussion.

Pat McKelvy won the door prize. Refreshments were served to Leslie Houk, Marty Isenberg, Luella Gilliland, Nancy Frerich, Jan Chism, Clara McCord, Pat McKelvy, Dee Gaston, Dee Curry, and a guest, Chick Cruse.

Just For The Fun Of It

Where were you born: Guelph, Ontario, Canada. When is your birthday: December 5. What is your favorite food: A good steak. What is your favorite movie: Lonesome Dove. What is your favorite book: Mysteries. What are your hobbies: Golf, travel. How do your friends describe you: Outgoing. Describe yourself: Outgoing. How long have you lived in Kinney County: 8 years. If you could go anywhere, where would you go: Scotland. If you could change Brackettville (Kinney County) how would you change it: I think it is nice as it is. What would you like to be if you could change your life: I like my life as it is.



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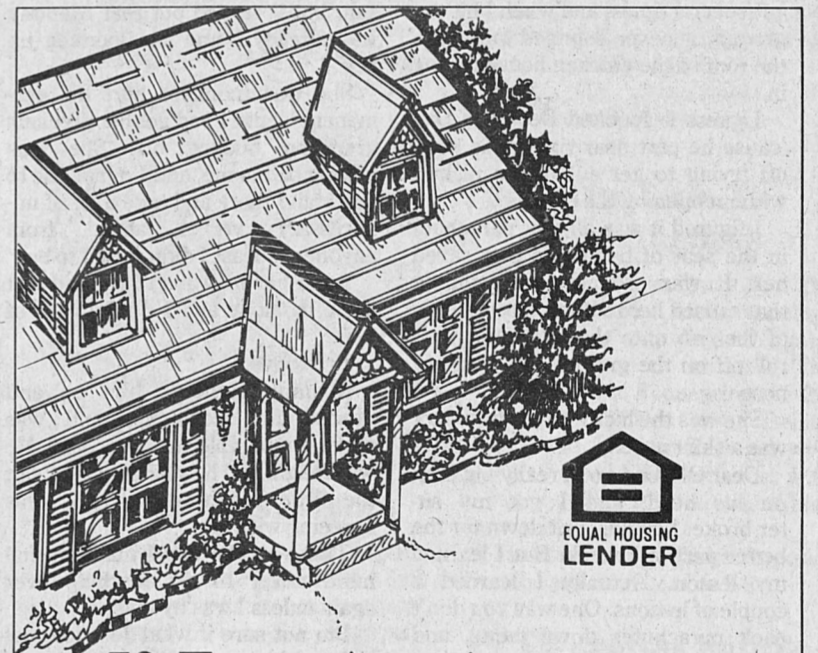
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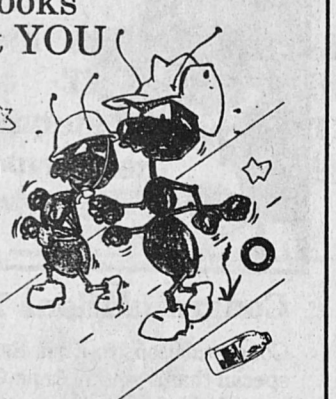
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Making A Difference

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, Curriculum Director

Thoughts About Teaching

For the past three weeks I have been teaching band in grades 6 through 12. Because BISD's band director resigned, Superintendent Mills asked me to fill in until the new year when a replacement could be hired.

and Hall as being particularly helpful. Stoney Burks has been very supportive as has Don Sims. The teachers helped me to reflect on my own teaching.

Above all, the kids have been superb! They're fun. They react to good teaching. They also react when I can only think of one way to tell them.

When I give up on kids, it's time to find a new way to make a living. I feel that my job was to teach music to the children.

When you get right down to it, the kids are about the same as they were when I left the classroom in 1970 to become a school administrator.

To those music students in grades 4 through 12, I say in behalf of Lynn, Hector and me...it's been fun. We're betting on you.

Brackett Campus

By BRIAN HOOKER BHS Student Reporter

Tiger Action In Nueces Tournament

Tigers Fall To Bulldogs Friday, December 3, the Tigers first met LaPryor Bulldogs at the Nueces Canyon Tournament.

The Tigers led the whole game but somehow let the fourth quarter get away from them.

High scorers were Rueben Terrazas and Ramon DeLeon with 9 points each. Then it was Jesse Terrazas with 7, Wil Shahan with 5.

This loss to LaPryor brought the season record to 1-3.

Tigers Crunch Cowboys

In the second game of the Nueces Canyon Tournament, the Tigers crushed the D'Hanis Cowboys.

The Tigers dominated every aspect of the game and pulled it off to defeat the Cowboys 46-32.

The high point in this game was none other than senior Jesse Terrazas with 18.

Kelly Henrich and Moses Hernandez each had 4 points.

This win brought the Tiger record to 2-3 and on the rise in the tournament.

Tigers Go To Wire With Rocksprings

The Tigers' third and final game of the tournament, playing for 3rd or 4th place, was against Rocksprings.

The game was a breeze for the Tigers in the first 3 quarters, the 4th quarter arrived and Rocksprings caught up, it was going to be wire.

In this game, the high pointer was a familiar name, Jesse Terrazas, with 15 points.

This loss to the Angoras brought the Tiger record to 2-4.

Tournament Stats

The Tigers were matched against the LaPryor Bulldogs, D'Hanis Cowboys, and the Rocksprings Angoras in the Nueces Canyon Tournament.

The over-all high Tiger scorer for the tourney was Jesse Terrazas with 40 points.

Moses Hernandez had 16, Wil Shahan had 14, Kelly Henrich had 6, Patrick Melancon had 5.

The Tigers had a 1-2 record in the tournament and scored 133 points. This brought their season record to 2-4 and a total of 300 points scored.

Angoras Best Tigers

Tuesday, December 7, the Tigers traveled to Rocksprings to face the team that had barely beaten them just 2 days before, the Angoras.

The Tigers had a new high point man this week, it was Wil Shahan with 12.

This loss brought the Tiger record to 2-5 and 340 points for the season.

JV Tigers Defeat JV Angoras

Tuesday, December 7, the JV Tigers traveled to Rocksprings to play only their second game of the year.

The high pointer was Brian Hooker with 15. Next it was Michael Benacci with 12, Sean Burks with 10.

This victory brought the JV Tiger record to 1-1.

Tigerettes Compete In Nueces Tourney

Tigerettes Dominate Lady Bulldogs

In the Nueces Canyon Tournament, the Tigerettes played their first game against the Lady Bulldogs from LaPryor.

Jennifer Terrazas was the high point with 15. Next it was Denice Frerich, Lolly Hernandez, and Sandra Hernandez with 8 points.

This win brought the Tigerette record up to 2-2 for the year.

Tigerettes Stomped By Lady Panthers

In the second game of the tournament, the Tigerettes faced the "home" team, the Lady Panthers from Nueces Canyon.

High point was Ida Aguilar with 9. Jennifer Terrazas had 7, Lindy LaMasius and Sandra Hernandez each had 5.

This loss brought the Tigerette record to 2-3 for the year.

Tigerettes Fall To Lady Angoras

In the Tigerettes third and final game of the tournament, they were pitted against the Lady Angoras of Rocksprings.

The high point for the tournament was Jennifer Terrazas with 30 points.

This loss brought the Tigerette record to 2-4, identical to the Tigers.

Tigerettes Total For Tourney

The Tigerettes went 1-2 in the tournament, defeating LaPryor and falling to Nueces Canyon and Rocksprings.

High point for the tournament was Jennifer Terrazas with 30 points. Next it was Ida Aguilar and Lolly Hernandez with 21 points.

After the tournament, the Tigerettes have a 2-4 record.

Tigerettes Lose To Lady Angoras

Tuesday, December 7, the Tigerettes traveled to Rocksprings to take on the Lady Angoras again.

The high points were Denice Frerich and Jennifer Terrazas with 8.

This loss to the Lady Angoras takes the season record to 2-5.

JV Tigerettes Fall To JV Lady Angoras

Tuesday, December 7, the Junior Varsity Tigerettes fell to Rocksprings in their second game of the year.

High point was Isabel Aguirre with 6.

This loss takes the JV Tigerettes to a record of 0-2.

Both the Tigers and the Tigerettes will compete in the SWTJC Tournament this week end.

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13 Monday

12:00pm PTO MEETING

5:00pm JHGBB COMSTOCK H

5:00pm JHBBB COMSTOCK H

6:30pm REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

3RD GRADE SNOW VILLAGE

14 Tuesday

5:00pm VBBB NUECES CANYON H

5:00pm JHBBB COMSTOCK H

5:00pm VBBB NUECES CANYON H

15 Wednesday

12:00pm PTO MEETING

NO TTAS

16 Thursday

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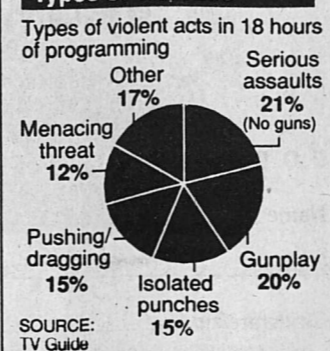
TV Guide counted 1,846 acts of violence during one 18-hour period of TV programming on 10 different channels.

Cartoons most violent

Violent acts in 18 hours of programming by program type

Bar chart showing TV show violence: Cartoons (47), TV show promos (265), Movies (221), Toy commercials (188), Music videos (123), Movie promos (121), TV dramas (69), News (62), Reality shows (58), Sitcoms (52), Soap operas (34).

Types of violence



# Fishing Report



**AMISTAD:** Water clear, 5 feet low; black bass are excellent to 11 pounds on yellow spinners, slabs, and worms at various depths; white bass are good in the schools on various baits; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to good to 5 pounds on cheese bait in 10-100 feet of water.

**BRAUNIG:** Water murky, normal level; few fishermen out due to weather; catfish are fair to 9 pounds on night crawlers.

**CALAVERAS:** Water murky, 69 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 6 pounds from boats and the bank on plastic worms; catfish are good to 4 pounds on shad and shrimp; redfish are good to 17 pounds on crawfish and perch; corvina are slow to 14½ pounds on Rat-L-Traps.

**CHOKE:** Water clear, 64 degrees, 3 feet low; bass fishing good to 10 pounds on spinners and plastic worms in 3-10 feet of water along the outer edge of grass beds near Calliham Point; white bass are good to limits on jigs; crappie are good on jigs near the highway 99 bridge; catfish are good in 15-25 feet of water near the river on cheese bait.



**COLETA CREEK:** Water clear, 63 degrees at the dam; black bass are fair to 7 pounds on crank baits; catfish are fair to 15 pounds in deep water.



**FALCON:** Water clear, 62 degrees, 13½ feet low; black bass are good to 8 pounds on jig and pigs, worms and crank baits in 8-17 feet of water; striped are good to 17 pounds on the upper end of the lake on Knocker Spoons in 25-32 feet of water; white bass are excellent on Road Runners and tiny grubs in the schools; crappie are slow; catfish are excellent to 6 pounds on rod and reel.

**MEDINA:** Water clear, 59 degrees, 12 feet low; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on jig and pigs and Power Worms in 18 feet of water; white bass are good to 2 pounds on Road Runners and Tiny Traps; catfish are slow.

## More Than 200 Districts Join Suit

As of late November, 233 school districts, representing all areas of the state and spanning the spectrum of school district size and wealth, had adopted resolutions to join in a lawsuit challenging that the state is not making "suitable provision" for the support and maintenance of Texas public schools.

The 233 school districts represent a total student enrollment of more than 1 million students, range in wealth from \$38,493 to \$5,130,417 per pupil, vary in size from 78 students to 137,686 students enrolled, and come from all 20 regions of the state.

The suitable provision challenge, which is being financed primarily by Texas Association of School Board (TASB) Legal Assistance Fund, was filed on October 1 by David Thompson of Bracewell & Patterson. Thompson initially filed the petition on behalf of 58 school districts asking to intervene in the Edgewood v. Meno Lawsuit. He is expected to amend the petition in December to add additional districts to the challenge.

Thompson presented the school districts' argument before State District Judge Scott McCown in the Edgewood v. Meno trial, which concluded on October 18 in Austin. McCown said he hoped to rule on the constitutionality of the state's new school funding law, SB 7, before the Christmas holidays but gave no indication as to how he would rule on the "suitable" challenge.

Brackett ISD was one of the 58 school districts included in the October 1 filing. There are 1100 + public school districts in Texas.

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- Dec. 10 Ray Smith
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