# The Brackett Hews.

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# County Joins Water Dist.

Kinney Co. Joins Water District

Citizens packed in Commissioners' Court Monday, Feb. 13 with one major concern in mind - their water rights may be in jeopardy.

The Edwards Underground Water bill, soon to be reviewed by state legislature, has our name on it.

Uvalde and Medina Counties voted overwhelmingly to withdraw from the Edwards Underground Water posted 73 hours prior to meeting-no District, yet their name remains on the bill.

This bill, if passed, would give the to regulate the water in that district, ceptible to taxation. These taxes official capacities. would be paid to the water district formed in and by San Antonio.

realistic options; one, to form our own water district; two, to join with the existing water district of Edwards & Real counties and three, to just wait and see what happens. Since a walkie talkie may be available another bill, also pending legislative through his office. If not, the county action suggests prohibiting counties from forming their own water districts, that ground has already been covered, so to speak.

Standing alone and having no existing water district, leaves Kinney Co. at the mercy of the legislation.

Edwards and Real counties have already said that they would allow us to join them, hoping that safety in numbers may apply. Said counties also have no tax basis.

realized the importance of this issue, yet not having time to review the language of the Edwards/Real Underground Water District (since he had been out of town) felt that lightening the work load of ambufurther study of the District may be lance personnel. beneficial. Although he does not condone it, the commissioners, at a later date, may rescind the motion to join the District if complications should arise.

Having these facts before them, the commissioners motioned and passed unanimously to join the Edwards/ District. Water

#### **Depository Contract Awarded**

A bid from the First State Bank of Brackettville was opened, reviewed and accepted as County depository, no other bids were submitted.

#### County Water Bill **Divided Three Ways**

A three way split of the water bill between the Catholic, Masonic and County cemetery was discussed and passed. All cemeteries operate off the same meter, thus making it Nick H. Fohn, of the Dept. of impossible to determine exactly Health, Region 6, out of Uvalde,

City Council

which entity owes what. Commissioners had motioned to install a separate meter for the County at a previous meeting. Yet to date, this has not been done.

#### **Open Meeting Law Discussed**

It was discussed that the open meeting law and deadline for regular and special meetings agenda be

#### Constable Requests Equipment

right to the Tax Water Commission Constable Juarez requested a vehicle, walkie talkie radio and other law meaning our water may be sus- enforcement equipment for use in

Request for the vehicle was denied although Commissioners suggested Commissioners were left with three the use of the County Road Dept. truck when needed for official business on area ranches.

Commissioners' also suggested that Juarez ask Sheriff Norman Hooten if would look into purchasing one.

#### **Spofford Cemetery County Owned**

It was clarified by County Clerk, Dolores Raney, that the Spofford cemetery was County owned and therefore, should be county

#### **Ambulance Personnel**

District Attorney, Tully Shahan, The budget was adjusted to hire three attendants at \$100 per month plus \$20 per run, in place of one team leader at \$300 per month plus \$20 per run. This passed, in hopes of

#### **Partition Approved**

County Justice of the Peace, Alvin Hall, requested a \$600 budget amendment for a fire exit door in the J.P. OFFICE. Amendment was approved.

#### **Emergency Amendment**

Auditor's requested an emergency amendment of \$1,375 to pay the cost of the 1987-88 audit of the Tax office to Schuler for services rendered. \$975 was to be paid for the audit from October through December 1988, when the office was held by Sheriff Hooten, in addition to \$400 for the annual audit.

> State Mandates Septic Tank Ordinance

informed Commissioners that a minimum state mandatory septic tank ordinance had been passed and would go into effect Sept. 1. At that time, it would become a function of the Dept. of Health.

This ordinance to regulate septic systems will help prevent and maintain systems that might malfunction due to sewage leaking above ground or by sewage leakage below ground into the water supply.

Options available to Commissioners were to appoint a county employee to be trained and certified by the Health Dept. or to let the State send out their own inspector.

A county employee would regulate fees charged according to licensing and inspection cost, while a State inspector would charge fees according to State standards.

An advantage to training one of our own citizens, would be the availability of the individual on local job

Commissioner Bill Bizzell motioned we adopt the State standard and consider hiring a local employee, setting the fee at \$75 per installation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Mary Slubar and passed unanimously by all members the

#### **Supplies Purchase Authorization**

Motion to authorize Judge, auditor, clerk and treasurer to purchase necessary supplies out of budgeted was

#### **Community Council**

Judge Tommy Seargeant asked for the commissioners endorsement in support of Community Council headquarters remaining in Uvalde, as opposed to the movement of headquarters to Crystal City. The motion was passed.

#### Guidelines for Salvage; Surplus Sales

Guidelines for salvage and surplus were set by D.A. Tully Shahan, stating, "Next time we have a salvage sale we need to get paid right then, next time get a sheet of paper that all bids are final."

"We shouldn't have co-mingled funds. It was all done in good faith," (referring to the county & clinic surplus sale). Shahan went on to add, "If the Clinic or anyone else is going to have a sale, we need it separate from ours." All commissioners were enlightened and in

# Water Rate Increase

The regular meeting of the City Council was held February 14, 1989, at the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Vito La Gioia and a quorum was established. Visitors present were Sandy Herman. City Utility Supervisor, Gus-Ramirez, and Chief of Police, Johnny Fritter. The minutes from special and regular meetings were approved as were City and utility department financial and operational

reports. Several items of new business were on the agenda. To help control the abuse of utilities, the Brackettville Housing Authority, at their expense, will install meters in 33 residential units. Upon completion, the City of Brackettville will own the system. The contract for this will be sent to City Attorney, Ralph Brown for his approval.

Water customers outside the city limits will be subject to a 15 percent increase in their water rates. The new fee is \$6.50 for the first 3000 gallons of water used which is an increase of \$.90. Each additional 1000 gallons is \$.85 which is an increase of \$.10.

The City Council passed a resolution to allow their portion of unused budgeted monies to be used by the Kinney County Appraisal District for the purchase of computer

disks. A proclamation was passed to support Southwestern Bell Telephone to upgrade the telephone system.

Two ordinances were amended to correct a street name and change the wording from service fee to operational cost. Friday will be the last day the City of Brackettville will accept applications for cashier/clerk. The City is also accepting bids for a new computer system to be installed

in City Hall. It was approved the regular meeting of the City Council be changed from Tuesday, March 14, to Monday, March 13, to enable Mayor La Gioia to attend the Community Council meeting in Uvalde.

The meeting was adjourned

#### 4-H Members

# Place in S.A.

San Antonio Livestock Show Results

On Feb. 11, the following 4-H members exhibited 30 market lambs at the San Antonio Livestock Show: Kimberley Ahrens, Stephanie Ahrens, Justin Coates, Richard Esser, Walt Esser, Tammy Frerich, Jennifer Shahan, Wil Shahan, Jared Shahan and Sheri White. The following placed their lambs to be sold in the premium sale on Friday,

TAMMY FRERICH 10th place heavy finewool 18th place heavy finewool

STEPHANIE AHRENS 1st place light heavy finewool cross

5th place light heavy finewool cross 14th place light heavy medium wool

6th place light heavy finewool cross 20th place medium heavy finewool

RICHARD ESSER 17th place medium heavy finewool

**WIL SHAHAN** 21st place heavy finewool cross

KIMBERLEY AHRENS 10th place heavy medium wool

Others attending with the 4-Hers were Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Ahrens, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Coates, Mr. &Mrs. Carl Esser, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Frerich, Mr. & Mrs. Tully Shahan and Mr. & Mrs. Russ White.



Kinney Co. commissioners court met with all members present. From left to right; Judge Tommy Seargent,

District Attorney, Tully Shahan, County Clerk, Dolores Raney, Commissioner pct. 1, Joe Garza,

Commissioner pct. 2, Rose Mary Slubar, Commissioner pct. 3, Ruben Fuentez and Bill Bizzell, Com-

#### Johnson City offers

# A Few Kind Words

On a recent trip to Johnson City to pick up newspaper equipment, Jewel Robinson and Jerry Adams stopped to have dinner at Charlie's Restaurant. After taking their order, the waitress inquired if there would be anything else. To this Jerry replied, "just a few kind words". The delicious catfish dinners were served and again the waitress asked if and said, "what's this?". The

there would be anything else. Again Jerry replied, "just a few kind

words" About ten minutes passed before the waitress returned with a small howl and placed it on the table close to Jerry's place. With a puzzled expression Jerry looked into the small bowl containing strips of paper

waitress replied, "just a few kind words". Sure enough, "kind words", "kind words", and "kind words" were written on each and every strip of paper.

If you are ever in Johnson City and are in need of good food and a few kind words, just stop at Charlie's Restaurant and ask for Dora.



Birdie Ward



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The Brackett News welcomes advertizing manager, Birdie Ward -Doeren.

Birdie was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma, She served as a registered nurse in the Army and the Air Force.

M.A.S.H. unit in Vietnam for which she received the Army Commendation Medal. She switched to the Air Force, and she worked with the NASA Space program, where she was involved with "O-gravity" testing of equipment, which made it possible for women to go into space. When off duty, she learned to fly private aircraft and later taught others to do the same.

Medical problems forced her separation from the service, so she attended St. Mary's University in San Antonio, where Birdie majored in business administration. Birdie earned her Texas real estate license in 1979 and had her own office in San

Antonio In 1985, Birdie and her husband, Kenneth, came to Kinney County and fell in love with Ft. Clark Springs. They plan to retire here and spend most of their time on the Fort.

Rosa Pena

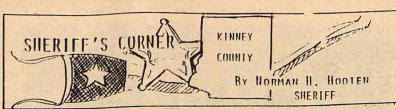
# The Brackett News Welcomes employees

The Brackett News welcomes new employee, Rosa Isela Pena. She is a 1986 graduate from Brackett High School. Her junior year, she placed 1st in typing in regional competition. Then again in her senior year, she placed 1st in regional competition, but this time in shorthand. She attended St. Edwards University in Austin for one semester.

Rosa is married to Eduardo Pena, a in regional competition."

1988 graduate of Brackett High. She also has a seven-month-old daughter named Yasmin Soraida. Rosa attributes her excellence in

typing and shorthand to her High Schol typing teacher, Mrs. Kathy Adams. Rosa stated, "During high school, I had a wonderful typing and shorthand teacher, Mrs. Kathy Adams. With her help, I placed 1st



Felony charges of Unlawful Carrying a Weapon on Licensed Premises have been filed against a 53 year old local man, as a result of his having allegedly pulled a pistol and threatening a local tavern owner after he was refused service of more beer early Sunday morning, Feb. 12. Ruben Reyes Manzano, a Mexican National with Temporary Resident status in the U.S. under the amnesty program was arrested at 1:21 a.m. Sunday morning by Chief of Police, Johnny Fritter and Deputy Sheriff, David Luna, as he walked along James Street near the Methodist Church. Upon searching the suspect, a .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol was discovered in his waistband underneath his shirt. The arrest was made without serious incident, though the suspect became abusive and combative after being transported to the county jail. He was also charged with Public Intoxication and was magistrated before Justice of the Peace, Alvin Hall on Mon., Feb. 13. Judge Hall found Reyes guilty of Public Intoxication and fined him \$58.50 including costs of court. He set bond in the 3rd Degree Felony charges at \$5,000. Reyes remains in jail in lieu of that bond at the time of this writing. Reyes, if convicted, could possibly be faced with deportation proceedings filed by Immigration & Naturalization Service officials since he is a Mexican National on Temporary Resident

status in this country.
We have selected a 1987 Dodge Diplomat patrol car available from the Department of Public Safety at a cost of \$5,000 to replace the 1985 Ford patrol car assigned to Chief Deputy, David Luna, since it bit the dust a couple of weeks ago with major engine problems. I guess we can't gripe too much since it had almost 140,000 miles on it. We purchased the '85 Ford as a used police car in 1986 with 65,000 miles on it and it gave reasonable service

until the past few months after it passed the 100,000 mile post. Since then, it has cost considerable to keep it running the way an emergency police vehicle should. The '87 Dodge was previously a Highway Patrol car and has over 82,000 miles on it already. After I advised the purchase of the used DPS car. Hopefully, it will hold up until we can obtain a new patrol car next year, if approved by Commissioners Court. The 1985 Ford patrol car I use was purchased new in 1985 and has 70,000 miles on it. If a new car is approved for purchase during the next fiscal year, we will most likely keep my current '85 Ford as long as is physically and financially possible, but any emergency police vehicle with over 65,000 miles on it is in the red zone, as far as future use is concerned. Vehicles in use as family cars and pleasure cars can often reach the 200,000 mile mark and still get by, but police work puts extra strain on a vehicle and we must have reliable vehicles that won't break down when you need them most.

We have received several reports of dogs being poisoned around town lately, and I strongly advise residents to use caution in letting your young children play in your yards unattended. Poison is not selective in it's victims and, as it is usually disbursed in small pieces of meat such as vienna sausages, a young child might pick up a piece of poisoned meat and eat it without the parent or caretaker being aware of it, the results would be fatal.

The poisoning of dogs at this time of year is not uncommon and occurs in varying degrees every year about this time coinciding with the kidding and lambing season of goats and sheep. Admittably, we have a serious dog problem in our community and have had for several years. It is a problem that needs to be addressed with affirmative action and I have tried unsuccessfully for nearly ten

Noconoa Breen, 8 year veteran of the

U.S. Coast Guard is enjoying a two

week furlough with his parents, Bud

and Nakai Breen, before being

Noconoa has just finished 5 years of

Breaker. He is married and has 3

The newly redecorated Ft. Clark

Spring Adult Center was the setting

for an Open House, Sunday, Feb. 12,

from 2 - 4 p.m. Hosted by the

"Jonsie", Nickie Shattuck, Ray

Marge Geeze, Art Norris, Wilma

Lewis, Earl Love, Mary Adams and

Tino and Rosemary Cervantes were

off to Houston this past weekend,

(which is not news) but Tino's

birthday was February 13 and his

friends in Houston were giving him a

big Birthday Party. Happy Birthday

Tino, from your friends in Brackett-

Recreation Director, Sondra Meils.

Punch and cookies were served.

Hunter,

Harland

Recreation Board members:

reassigned to Kodiak, Alaska.

service on a Polar Ice

## Felony Charges Filed

years now to convince local officials of this need if we are to avoid the very real possibility of tragic outbreak of rabies someday. Loose dogs also pose a serious threat to health, safety, and property, other than rabies or preying on livestock. In the large percentage of reported dog bite cases, in which we are able to locate and identify the dog responsible for biting someone, the dogs are unclaimed and we hear the statement "that dog is not mine, he just came here and stayed and I don't know who he belongs to."

This is a community problem and I strongly urge both the city and county fathers to take this problem under consideration before tragedy strikes. By implementing a strict lease and license law and enforcing it with a trained animal warden, we could soon solve our serious dog problem. We could build and maintain a dog pound and capture all loose dogs, holding them 72 hours. If they are claimed, the owner would have to pay a pre-set fee for licensing and/or rabies vaccination before he could take the animal. All animals not claimed within 72 hours, (or whatever time limit set by the powers that be) would then be humanely destroyed. In this way concerned and responsible dog owners would take care to restrain their dogs and all the unclaimed, stray dogs would soon be eliminated and we would have a safer, healthier community. I'm sure a better plan could be worked out to control stray dogs, but at least this gives you something to think about. 'If we don't take some type of affirmative action, and soon, concerning the stray dog problem we will continue to experience the serious problems and dangers associated with them, including poisoning, destroyed and damaged property, and the real possibility of a tragic rabies outbreak. Think about it!

That's all!!

## Ladies Luncheon

Five generations shared a lovely lunch on Valentine's Day in the home of Bobbie and Richard Schofer, here in Brackettville

The Schofer's guests included Bobbie's mother, Essie ("Big Mama'') Coker from Brackettville, Bobbie's daughter, Dorothy Hester from Austin, Dorothy's daughter & son-in-law, Robin and Don Custard with sons, Bryan and Kevin Custard from Norcoss, Georgia.

All those present enjoyed the delicious meal and good fellowship.

We almost missed out on the Knights of Columbus Annual "Fish Fry", held on Wednesday, February Due to the overwhelming response, they were sold out by 6:30 p.m., serving over 250 plates.

Thanks to the effort of all the volunteers who made these two

affairs successful. The Episcopal Church held their Annual "Pancake Supper", Tuesday, February 7, from 5-7PM., and as always, they were delicious. Bo Hatch remarked that they had served well over 150 people, making it another successful pancake supper.

Thank You

In behalf of the family of Juanita Martinez who passed away Jan. 12, 1989. Also Jesus Martinez who passed away Jan. 19, 1989. They would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kind words to the family also the pallbearers.

#### STAFF

Thanks

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Breen, returns home for visit after 5 awards.

Bud & Nakai Breen's son, Noconoa 1/2 years, loaded with outstanding

## **Breen Awarded**

Noconoa Breen, son of Bud and Nakai Breen, is visiting his family on

a two-week leave of duty. Noconoa Breen, a 1st class pay officer, joined the U.S. Marines at the age of seventeen. During his career, he has received eleven awards. Among them, the first Coast Guard Good Conduct medal, the Coast Guard Unit Commendation and the Coast GuardMeritorious Unit Commendation Award.

The Coast Guard refers to Noconoa as professional, outstanding in initiative, performance, devotion and diligency.

Noconoa arrived here from the Polar Ice Breaker, out of North Carolina, and will be leaving for Kodiak, Alaska, after his visit in Brackettville.

Noconoa is married and has three children, ages 4, 3 and 2.

## Tribute is overdue

BY Joe Townsend

A tribute is overdue to our City Mayor. The radical improvement in city operations is certainly apparent. The atmosphere at City Hall and the treatment of patrons has vastly improved. People are receiving utilities where they had been told

they could not have them. Workers are working and accomplishing things. It is not an easy thing to be

mayor of a small town. Vito La

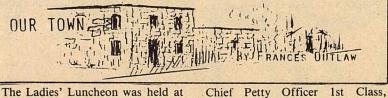
trade, just to help the city truly get moving. He has stood steadfast, strong and business-like to help Brackettville become what it can and should be. Each of us should tell Vito how much we appreciate the



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The Ladies' Luncheon was held at Las Moras Inn, Wednesday, February 8. The theme this month was "Valentines", hearts, flowers and kisses (candy). The ladies enjoyed the special guest "Fifi", a hand-made mannequin, composed of various articles furnished by the hostesses. Many photos were taken of Fifi. We welcomed visitors from as far away as Canada and as close as

The hostesses this month were: Eleanor Herron, Barbara Miller, Betty Mathison, Phyllis Herron, Ann Deschemaker, Ruth Wilks, Phyllis O'Rourke, Jean Petaja, Carol Benfield, Helen Peck, Darlene Horning, and Eileen Voracek. The ladies were entertained by Lady Mirthalou Hornahonker, (Marjorie Love) depicting her experience while in Hollywood, Calif., singing "Oh to be a Movie Star".

The door prizes were won by Oleta Townsend, May Ann Dodson, and Odette Mills. There were more than 100 ladies attending. A delicious buffet was served by the Las Moras staff and enjoyed by all. Bridge and various card games followed the Luncheon.

A Reception was held Sunday, February 12 at the Firehouse Art Center, 120 E. Garfield in Del Rio from 2-4PM., Honoring our own Bud Breen, and Del Rio artists Jerry Stone and David Graf, Bud had many of his original oils on display during the reception and they will remain until February 23. Refreshments of wine, cheese, punch and cookies were served.

Penny Nixon, Ft. Clark Springs Public Relations Director, on Wednesday, February 8, spoke to over a hundred Rotarian of the New Braunfels Rotary Club. Penny spoke of her experience as a team member of the first all female Professional Rotary exchange group to Mexico. Penny was joined by Rotarian team leader Jane Rommell of Kerrville and team member, Bo Wigin of San Antonio. As a result of her speaking engagement, Penny received inquiry by a group of ten couples interested in Ft. Clark Spring golf package. Penny also represented Ft. Clark Springs, Alamo Village, and the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce at the West Texas Days at the San Antonio Stock Show, Sunday, February 12. Each year the different regions of Texas are invited to set up a display booth for one day at the Stockshow

A Valentine dance was held Saturday, February 11, at the Town Hall. Music was provided by Rob Carter, a one man band from San Antonio. Gordon and Jean Petaja were chosen "Sweetheart Couple of Ft. Clark Springs" and presented with tickets for a Candlelight Dinner for two at Las Moras Inn. A great time was had by all.

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# Something New is Cookin'

It's amazing what a difference just a couple of people can make. Mike and Sue Freels are making that difference at the Las Moras Inn, the restaurant in the original Officers' Club at Ft. Clark Springs in Brackettville.

"We're just doing what we love making tasty, hot meals for nice people!" Sue said.

The Freels came to Ft. Clark Springs from Temple, Texas, where Sue was the food and beverage manager of the Holiday Inn, and Mike worked as a lab technician for Scott and White Hospital. Previously, he managed "Mother's Spaghetti Factory" on the Baylor University campus in Waco. They met at a yard sale of a mutual friend in Temple.

They're thrilled with the history of the frontier cavalry post, but it was the future that brought them to Ft. Clark Springs.

"We've been married five months," Sue said with a smile. "Why did we choose Ft. Clark Springs? Because many couples have the opportunity to work together. To me, it's very pleasing. I look up at him, and it makes my heart warm," she said. "And second, because we fell in love with the place the first time we saw it. It's strikingly different. It's just a little paradise."

"I like the old, past things that were way before my time," Mike said. He's currently reading, "The Lonely

Sentinel," about Ft. Clark, and "Kinney County: 125 years of Growth," to find out more about the area. "It makes you wonder who all has been wandering around here," Mike said of the remodled Las Moras kitchen and upstairs banquet facility that has served military legends such as George S. Patton and Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright.

The Freels have earned great reviews from local diners since they took command of the Las Moras Inn a month ago. "we are really enthusiastic about the salad bar!" Mrs. Marjorie Moore said. "We love the fresh fruit salad, the cottage cheese and raw vegetables. She has a nice variety, and it's very attractively served." The salad bar also offers hearty homemade soup for just \$4.00 a meal. It's included with the steak dinners and seafood specialties on the Las Moras menu. Delicious dinner specials, like shrimp Newburg served on Valentine's Day, frequently surprise evening customers.

Lunchtime, from 11 a.m. to 2 we wanted to work together. Not p.m., features heaping lunch specials like Swiss Steak, sliced brisket, stuffed bell peppers and fried chicken, for \$3.50, Monday through Friday. Dinner is served from 5 to 9 p.m., with extended hours until 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. Cocktails, wine and beer are also available after 5 p.m. in Las Moras Inn.

"Everyone's been very nice and friendly to us," Mike said. "It makes us feel good to be here."

The following are a few of the Freels' often requested recipes:

Pineapple-Raisin Waldorf Salad celery mayonnaise

pineapple, diced, drained

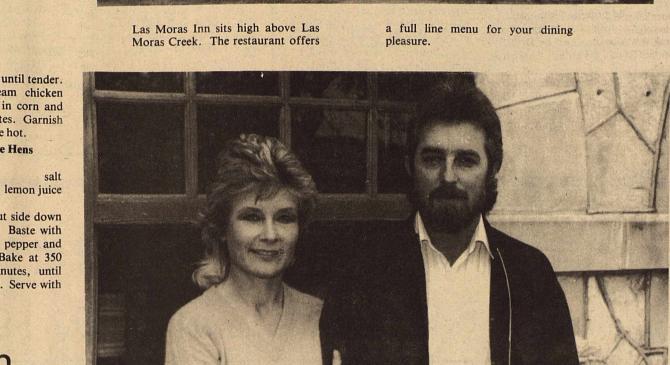
Core and dice apples. Plump raisins in hot water. Drain well. Combine diced celery, apples, raisins and mayonnaise. Add pineapple and chill until served. Sprinkle with chopped walnuts or pecans. Corn Soup

butter 1 T. small onion, chopped 1 pkg. frozen corn 1/2 chopped bell pepper pinch hot pepper flakes 1/2 C. half-and-half 1 C. chicken broth

Melt butter, saute onion until tender. Add bell pepper, cream chicken broth, seasonings. Stir in corn and simmer for 15 - 20 minutes. Garnish with celery tops and serve hot.

**Rock Cornish Game Hens** 

Cut hens in half. Lay cut side down on greased cookie sheet. Baste with butter, sprinkle salt and pepper and lemon juice on hens. Bake at 350 degrees of 20 - 25 minutes, until golden brown and tender. Serve with wild rice.



Restaurant managers, Sue & Mike Freels, love making tasty hot meals

for nice people.



Where the Spanish were looking for gold, the mountain men were individuals who trapped for fur to make hats.

Beaver hats were the rage in London where Beau Brummel started the fashion. Beaver pelts became as good as gold and almost worth its weight in silver, causing a thousand men to court death in the unknown.

The Beaver can build his house and survive seven months of ice and snow. He digs holes in the river banks and lives where the water never freezes.

In the high country, the beaver cuts the aspen trees to make its dams. Down on the flats, they use cottonwood and willow. They are easily trapped.

Besides the organized fur companies there were many free trappers and traders. These were the true mountain men, men such as Joseph Meek, Jim Bridger, Kit Carson and Lucian Maxwell. These were the men who built the roads for wagons and railroads. They became explorers,

and Indian fighters. They built houses and planted corn and hundreds died unknown.

The mountain men trapped from Canada to Chihuahua, and from the head waters of the Missouri to the Pacific Coast.

Taos, New Mexico was then the most northern of the Mexican settlements. It was the heart of the best beaver region and was a favorite place for the mountain men. Here they could buy bread, coffee and sugar and meet women. They could mix with other people before

returning to the mountains. There were poachers in Taos who bribed the alcalde to close his eyes. Finally, Governor Narbonna issued trapping licenses to the American trappers, providing they would take a certain amount of Mexicans along and teach them the trade.

When the next governor took office, he refused permission to trap to the Americans and took their furs. Taos never became the great meeting place as Green River had been.

# Spanish Gold

These gatherings were the first contact between the two civilizations. They preferred the Indian women

for companions because the "white women want too much fafarrow", meaning jewelry, clothes, etc., and they "couldn't make moccasins".

Some married Mexican women so when their roaming days were over, (when the price of beaver pelts hit bottom) they could settle down to family life.

Further north, at Bents Fort, was another meeting place where a could trade for supplies. trappers carried a long rifle, a pistol, a 14 inch knife, a half dozen traps, a buffalo robe and a Navajo blanket. He carried a little coffee and tobacco, which he mixed with red willow to make it last longer.

The best of the mountain men were from Kentucky, Virginia, and Tennessee, usually of a Scotch-Irish breed. His like will never be seen again. The mountain men only existed until hats made of beaver went out of style and there was no



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Mike and Sue Freels (Restuarant Managers)

# Brackettville B.I.S.D. School Menu

Thursday 16, Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Fruit

Milk

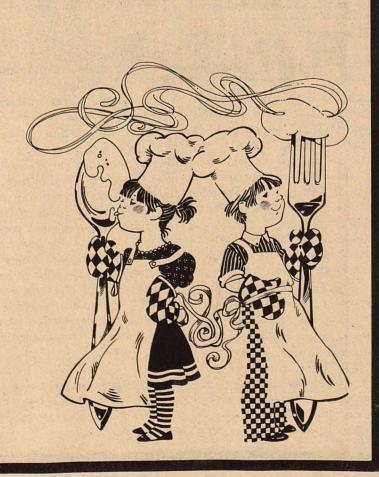
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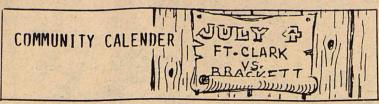
Friday 17, Macaroni & Cheese Peas & Carrots Fruit Hot Roll

Monday 20, Cheeseburger Chips Hamb Salad Fruit Milk

Tuesday 21, Pizza Garden Salad Green Beans Fruit

Milk Wednesday 22, Corndog Mixed Veg. Fruit Spice Bar Milk





#### Horticulture clinic

A horticulture clinic will be held Feb. 24, at the Triple J.D. Ranch near Bandera, according to Bandera County Extension Agent John Allen. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. and is sponsored by the Bandera County Extension Horticulture Committee

and the Triple J.D. Ranch. The clinic will emphasize management of high density apples, including pruning and other production practices. Management of pecans also will be discussed.

Dr. Loy Shreve of Uvalde, Extension horticulturist, will discuss the planting and care of apple trees and will give a demonstration of grafting and pruning techniques. Insects and diseases of apples and pecans will be discussed by Dr. J.W.

Stewart of Uvalde, Extension entomologist. Further information may be received by contacting John Allen,

Bandera County Extension Agent,

telephone 512/796-7755.

# CARE Reflects concerns

CARE reflects the concerns of many Kinney County citizens worried about the future of the County and of generations to come. Many Kinney County folks watched KSAT Channel 12's Hollis Grizzard reporting on "The Fear in Karnes County" on the 10:00 P.M. NEWS LAST WEEK. The five day Special Report was an eye opener. To think that Kinney County could become a troubled county like Karnes County is terrifying to say the least.

As a public service, CARE will be showing a video of all five reports every hour on the hour from 9:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 23 at City Hall. All interested citizens are urged to attend. Your hearts will go out to the frightened people of Karnes County.

# Church

# **Directory**

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#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M. BIBLE STUDY (SUN) 6:30 P.M. BIBLE STUDY (WED) 7:00 P.M.

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# The Brackett Hews. July 30, 1904

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FOR CONGRESS. THE NEWS is authorized to announce Jno. 11 Garner for re-election to Congress from this district, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

THE NEWS is authorized to announce M P. Malone for re-election to the office o County Judge.

THE NEWS is authorized to announce E. A. Jones for the office of County Judge.

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County and District Clerk. THE NEWS is authorized to announce O. F. Seargeant for re-election to the office of County and District Cierk.

Ira Shely as a candidate for the office of

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

THE NEWS is authorize to announce 11. Nutt as a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace Proinct No. 1.

THE NEWS is authorized to announce H. Falcott for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1.

Corsicana, Tex., July 25 .-Gabriel F. Caselle, formerly of San Antonio, but a student in Cincinnati for the past six years, is in this city as a guest of Prof. E. T. Croft. Caselle is called by his Cincinnati admirers, the second Jean De Rezke, and his magnificent tenor voice was heard at the Navarro club this evening where he sang for a few friends. His visit here is strictly a social one but the local musicians are endeavoring to induce him to give a few recitals in this part of the State.—Express.

Mr. Caselle is an old Brackett boy and is well remembered here. He served his apprenticeship at the anvil in the shop of our fellow townsman Wm. Kitseli. Success to you Gabe.

July 23, says: The Republican impusly chosen, J. A. Gillett having resided here for four- of San Antonio,

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the Fifteenth District was called chosen chairman of the executo order this evening by Judge tive committee, and J. R. Sanof Guadalupe and J.S. Morin of mously chosen." Kinney were put in nomination for Congress. On call of the roll Morin recived flfty-two and Dr. Moore forty votes. Morin's nominations was then made district attorney of the sixty- garden spot is being grubbed pects. The delegates were a completed.

Congressional Convention for of Marfa was unanimously Luhy, district chairman, and ford secretary. The Ninety-J.M.Spann of Frio was elected ninth Representative convention chairman, and Harry Moore of also met here. J. F. McKen-Velasco, secretary. Dr. Moore zie of Pecos City was unani-

~~~~~ A representative of the NEWS visited Mr. Sweeney's beautiful property this week. Mr. Swee unanimoue. C. C. Pierce of ney is making extensive im-Webb was chosen chairman of provements. The gasoline the executive committee and Dr. engine is on the ground, pipes Moore Presidetial elector. Mr. are being laid in every direc- THE GROVE SISTERS Morin, the nominee, was recently tion, the tank is finished, the first Judicia! District. The Re- fruit trees will be planted and publicans claim to have the dis other improvements made trict thoroughly organized and This will be one of the most propose to make a big fight and desirable places in town when are enthusiastic over their pros- the various improvements are

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fine looking body of men and were hospitably entertained by citizens of Laredo.

23, says: "The Democratic conpatrick of Marfa, recently a nominated B. C. Thomas of Alpine, the present incumbent, for district judge. The nomination was seconded by J. C. Griner of Del Rio, and Judge Thomas was unanimously nouncement of O. F. Seargeant more runs. chosen. J. M. Price of Del for re-election to the office of Rio nominated George M. County and District Clerk. Mr.

Miss Lucy Windus, the former teacher of the Spofford school is preparing for exhibition at St. Louis, a bit of work 16 Slumber Song A special to the San Antonio of one of her pupils, Master 17 Sebastopol, three guitars Express from Alpine dated July Zuehl, a son of our worthy friend O.W. Zuehl of Spofford. vention for the Sixty-third Three beautiful maps is the base ball was played on the Judicial District was held here work referred to, the execution field at the Post Tuesday aftertoday. Walter Gillis of Del of which reflects the greatest noon between I and M troop of Rio was made temporary and credit on both pupil and teacher the 1st Cavalry, resulting in a permanent chairman, and W. J. and we know that "agent" score of 1 to 6 in favor of troop Niggle secretary. H. H. Kil- Zuehl is proud of the young I. I troop scored one run in branch. Miss Windus will be the early part of the game and candidate for district judge, pleased to show this marvelous up to about the 6th inning it work to anyone wishing to see was a very pretty game of ball. it. The age of Master Zuehl M troop scored one run about is fourteen years.

In this issue appears the an-

teen years. His first official duty was that of deputy sheriff, which he filled for two years. He was then elected County and District Clerk and for ten succuessive years has filled the office honestly and faithfully. This being the voice of the people, stands as an excellent record and if re-elected he will continue to give the office the same careful attention. ······

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banjo, guitar

8 Mary and Marie, song 9 Fancy Dances, violin 2 guitars

10 Guitar solo

11 Song 12 Banjo Duet

13 When 'tis moonlight, mandolin, banjo, Guitar.

14 Camp of Glory March, banjo mandolin, piano

15 La Serenade, violin, piano

A very interesting game of the 6th inning but seemed to be weak the remainder of the

Jim Clamp shipped out two A Special to the San Antonio Thurmond of Del Rio for dis. Seargeant is one of the best cars of horses this week which Express from Laredo dated trict attorney and he was unan known men in Kinney county, he had sold to Nath Underwood

game, and I troop scored five



The big news at Ft. Clark Springs Country Club is the upcoming Club Championship Tournament, to be held on the weekends of Feb. 24 & 25 and Mar. 4 & 5. There will be a Championship Flight in both men and women's divisions. The schedule also calls for First and Second Flights in both divisions. A Super Seniors division is open for golfers 65 and over. Trophies will be awarded for low gross and low net winners in each

division. The entry fee is \$10. The news from the Pink Tees is that the Ladies are busy getting ready for their Annual Spring Invitational Golf Tournament, "The Spring Fling", to be held Mar. 28, 1989. The Ft. Clark Springs Ladies Golf Association is well represented with 67 members and the following officers';

President Jan Chism Vice-President ----Chick Cruse Secretary Treasurer --- Mary Lee Trollinger

Tri-City Committee Chairwoman ---- Marty Isenberg Co-chairwoman ---- Luella Johnson

**Invitational Committee** Chairwoman Chick Cruse Co-chairwoman ----Jan Chism Co-chairwoman ----Pat Barnett

The Ladies Golf Association hosted a tournament for The American Cancer Society in December. Many of the area merchants donated prizes. A field of 44 players enjoyed a

Mexican dinner and a keg of beer. Trophies were awarded to the top

Ft. Clark Springs Ladies Golf Association members who have recently earned awards are: Helen Miller Hole in one on Hole No. 2 Jan Chism Broke 80 (77) Broke 90 (87) Betty Mathison

Carol Benfield Eagle on Hole No. 4 Broke 100 Jean Petaia Connie Gillen Broke 100 **Betty Slatterer** Broke 100 Neva Pierce Birdie on Hole No. 15

Gordon Lundquist Vice-Pres. Ward Pomeroy Secretary Red Udy Treasurer Jim Stafford Committeemen Charley Descheemaker

8, the Men's Golf Club had the

following wimmers: A tie for first

Third place was won by Dave Sharp

The P.B.G.A. had an election

meeting the last week in JAN. WITH

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS

Herron and Bob Miller.

and Ralph Viestenz.

President

The Annual P.G.B.A. Members Golf Tournament will be held on Mar. 20, 1989. This year, plans are being made to hold another popular cross-country tournament. The next meeting will be held on

February 22. Members wishing to join the Hole-In-One Club should contact

From the Men's Tee: On Wed., Feb

Championship

**Tournament** 

P.M. Moore

Gordon Matheson

The Friday Mixed Couples League had a large turnout with 24 couples entered. A Scramble Tournament place between the teams of Lee was held with the following winners: Herron and Roy Dyer, and Don First place went to Lee and Eleanor Herron with a net score of 46. They

will host the next Friday Tourney. Second place was won by Bob Miller who paired with Pat Nelson for a score of 47.

A tie for third place between Chuck Titus and Vicki Nichols, and Charley and Ann Descheemaker. It was won by Charley and Ann with a playoff on the score card. Both teams had

Did you know that on some golf courses when the Pin is on the back of the green, the Tee markers are forward on the Tee box! A neat way of keeping the yardage on the score card, accurate and at the same time allowing the golfer to plan an approach shot with the knowledge that the flag is in the back, middle or front of the green before leaving the



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# The Key to growing Pecan trees

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Tree planting time is at hand -January and early February are the best times - and here are a few guidelines.

To begin, select a tree 4 to 8 feet tall as soon as nurseries get supplies. Plant as soon as possible, using care not to let roots dry out or freeze.

Dig the hole only as large as the

tree's root system. If the hole is too deep, the tree will settle and this can cause poor growth or death.

The taproot should sit in the bottom of the hole. If the hole cannot be as deep as the length of the roots, cut back the taproot to fit the hole.

Pack original soil around roots as tightly as possible. Packing the soil in 2 to 3 inch layers is better than watering to pack the soil. Use adjacent soil to complete filling the hole, not light soil, sand or potting soil. The tree can drown in rainy weather if light fill soil is used on clay

Plant the tree at the same depth it grew in the nursery row. Look at the colors to determine the soil line: the bark is gray and the root is dark

Cut off the top half of the tree at planting to balance the stem and roots and to force growth close to the

Wrap the lower 18 inches of the trunk with aluminum foil to prevent side shoots, sun scald and rabbit damage. On large plantings, use a mixture of white latex paint and

water (one part paint to three parts

Build a basin around the tree to hold water and give each tree five gallons of water immediately after planting. Make sure trees do not go longer than 14 days without water.

These are some basic steps in planting pecan trees that can lead the way in getting them into production in a few years.

Educational information provided by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serves people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.



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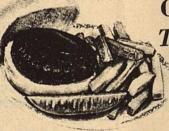
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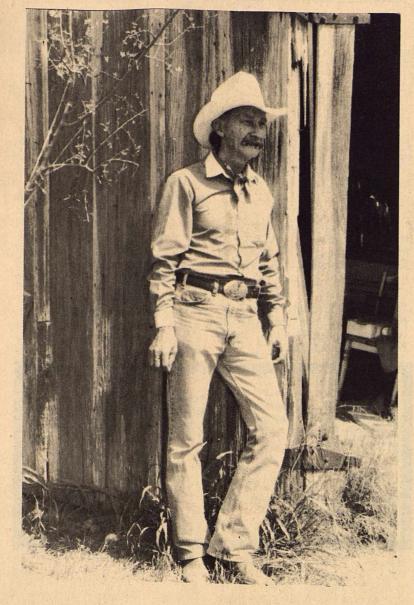
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# Art on Display

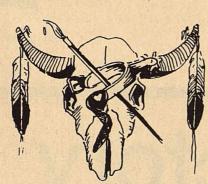
Sixty people, including three from Germany, attended a reception held Sunday afternoon to officially open the latest exhibit at the Firehouse Art Center located at 120 East Garfield in

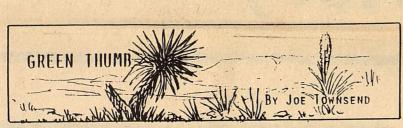
On display are sixteen paintings by Brackett's own Bud Breen. Along with them are twenty-two additional pieces by Del Rio artists, Jerry Stone and Daniel Graf.

For over twenty-five years Bud Breen has been painting pictures that capture the beauty of the open country he loves so well.

This display can be viewed from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until Feb. 23, 1989.

At that time, Bud's unsold work will be returned to the Breen Gallery in the Leona Ranch Building here in Brackettville.





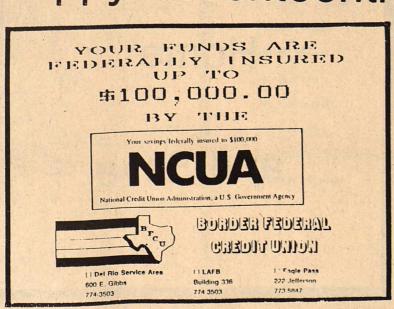
lulu. It is difficult however, to catalog the many benefits from the cold weather. Many fruit trees will have a better opportunity to produce fruit. Peaches and apples particularly demand hours below 45° to produce. The more hours, the The cold was truly a God-send. Our better chances of fruit. Roses have entire spring and summer should be hardly gone dormant and now the better

The dying kick of winter has been a cold weather will put them to sleep for a little rest before they bloom. Perhaps the greatest benefit is the killing of insects. The past few years have hardly had enough cold to kill many bugs. The extended hours below freezing will help in this area. because of it.



Looks may change just a little or Do you know who has a Birthday on February twenty?

# Happy Seventeenth





# Three in one

Kinney County, Brackettville and Ft. Clark Springs have matured measurably. More and more folks are thinking of the three as a composit. The days of sharp division between the three are gone. It was ridiculous that they ever existed. The time was when many people in Brackettville resented Ft. Clark

Springs. Likewise, many in Ft. Clark Springs resented Brackettville. Many times the County Commissioners Court has acted as though there were no Brackettville. These three entities are so interdependent, there should always be a good relationship.

The businesses, the churches, the lodges and the school certainly benefit by Ft. Clark Springs being where it is. The people of Ft. Clark Springs certainly benefit by the businesses, churches, school, police entities.

protection, fire protection and medical facilities provided by the city and county.

The county, through the

Commissioners Court, certainly could not have the funds for their, sometimes lavish spending, were it not for taxes paid by the people of Brackettville and Ft. Clark Springs: There are always some dissidents wherever you go. This county, this town and Ft. Clark Springs however, are signally blessed with some of the finest people in the world, and these so outnumber the dissidents it makes

The time is about here when Kinney County, Brackettville and Ft. Clark Springs will be thought of as one outstanding composit, rather than three separate and competing

for fine living.

SMOKE FROM NAK NAKAI BREEN

# "tree of life"

This sunrise I will talk about the tree and what it stands for among the

It has been said among the ancient ones that the tree, (any tree) represents life. It also is conceived in Mother Earth's womb. It starts from a seed. Little by little it starts to develop.

Eventually, Mother Earth will burst, giving birth to a little bud. Within weeks it will put out two leaves. In a month, those two leaves will put out two branches. The branches will put out more leaves. During the winter that tree will become majestic.

Man will then use the tree for shelter, fuel, food, tools, and shade. The tree is called by the Indian, the "tree of life". This is so because every snow it sheds its leaves to go to sleep for the winter. It springs up again in the spring.

Many years later, when the tree dies, it will be without leaves and the bark starts to drop. The tree might be all withered, but still within, until a heavy snow or strong wind knocks

Go out where there are some trees. Study them and you will see yourself as one of them: from a seed, to a lad, to middle age, to an elder, and yet one stands so proud to be part of Our Creators creation.

The Iroquois Confederacy has urged all Indians, or Indian groups, to plant a tree of peace. I have done so. I planted a pinon pine with a ceremony on our Sacred Grounds. The ceremony was in honor of all our

Ahoe, Nakai

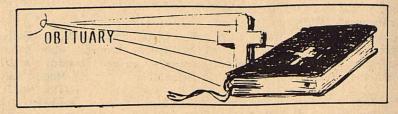
LIBRARY NOTES



The Kinney County Library has a new selection of videocassettes. Here's a look at what is available: After the Fox American Flyers **Best of Times Brothers Grimm** Atocha: Quest for Treasure

Armed Forces Workout Dr. Strange Love Sands of Iwa Jima Time After Time Hard Day's Night Nightingale Man, Woman and Child Network Agatha Christies's Partners in Crime Baryshnikov Bob the Quail Heart Like a Wheel Salvador Johnny Tremain Barbar Comes to America Year of Living Dangerously Cat From Outer Space It's Your First Kiss Charlie Brown One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest Wind in the Willows

Looking forward to seeing you soon.



CHRISTINA ALVARADO AVILA

Christina Alvarado Avila, 72 of Brackettville passed away Feb. 9, 1989, in her home.

A rosary service was held Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Rushing-Ester-Knowles Funeral Chapel. A Funeral Mass was held by Father David Zumaya at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church on Monday, Feb.

12. Burial rites were at the Kinney County Cemetery. Christina was born Nov. 29, 1916, in

Austin, Texas. Survivors are 5 brothers: Andres Avila of San Antonio, Gilbert Avila of Minnesota, Henry Avila of Del Rio and Juan Avila & Atacio Avila, both living in Brackettville. Miss Avila also leaves numerous nieces

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