

# The Brackett News



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## Trustees to adopt tax rate Monday

The Brackett School Board of Trustees will vote on lowering its tax rate by four cents at a special meeting on Monday.

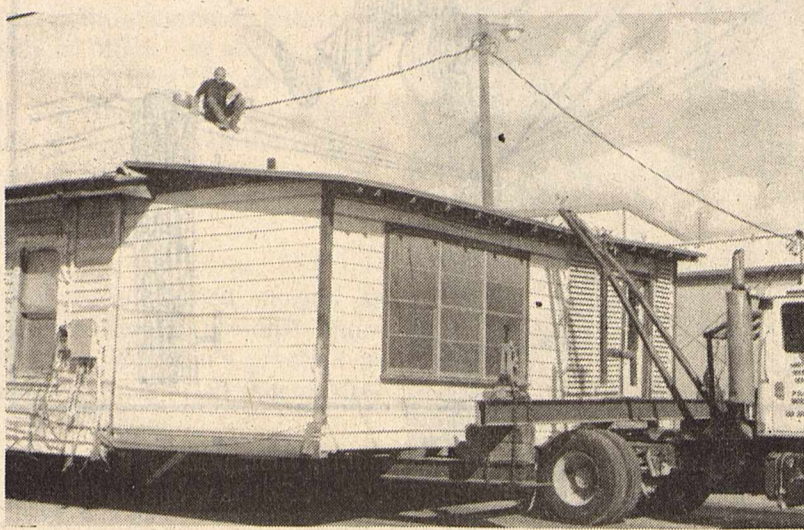
The trustees are expected to adopt a tax rate of 1.2119 per \$100 valuation, which is four cents less than last year's rate of \$1.2529.

The school board hosted a state-required public hearing on a proposed tax increase Monday because of the difference between the district's tax rate of \$1.2119 and its effective tax rate of \$1.0750.

The effective tax rate is computed by the Property Tax Division in Austin and is used to determine the tax rate necessary to produce local funds to financially support the district's budget.

"Most of our school moneys are from state funds which are not considered when computing the effective tax rate," Stephenson said. "It is unrealistic in Tier II matching funds, which is an equalization fund for the property poor districts of Texas."

The approved tax rate will produce \$1,008,182 in local funds and \$2,966,019 in total state funds, including \$587,141 in Tier II funding.



**This house was moved off of the Guidry property Friday, through downtown Brackettville. The property, located on the corner of Ann and Fulton, was purchased by the Brackett School District, which sold the house to Bill Bizzell for \$6,070.**

## Fort Clark Springs board adopts \$2.7 million budget

Residential assessments will increase at Fort Clark Springs as a part of the \$2.7 million budget approved Saturday by the Board of Directors.

The adopted budget for the upcoming fiscal year is projecting \$119,000 in revenue, according to Interim General Manager Genell Hobbs.

The residential assessments will increase from \$15 to \$20 effective Jan. 1. The increase is expected to generate \$34,000.

"We want this \$34,000 earmarked solely and completely for building maintenance and repair and for road work," board member Mary Mitchell said.

## Mitchell resigns as Fort Clark director

Mary Mitchell has resigned her position from the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors. She made the announcement at the beginning of Saturday's regular meeting.

"No action I have taken has been illegal nor against the best interests of the Fort and its members," Mitchell said after making the announcement.

"I am in no way ashamed of what I have supported while a member of this board. I am, however, tired of having my name and reputation dragged through the mud by people who seem to have as their ultimate goal getting their name in the local paper.

"Of late, this harrasment has affected the members of my family and has placed my continued employment in jeopardy. I can no longer tolerate this.

"I have been unscrupulously honest and never caved in to special interest groups or individuals. Perhaps that is my biggest sin. I only hope, for my sake as an association member, that I am replaced by someone of equal character.

"To those persons who profess to be experts, I challenge them to run for the board," she said. "I do not think that they have the nerve to put their names in contingency before the membership at large.

*"This harrasment has affected the members of my family and has placed my continued employment in jeopardy."*

*Mary Mitchell*

"To those of you who will now say, 'You supported me and others on the board,' I can only say you remained the silent majority too long to help me. Fairwell and good luck."

The Board of Directors will appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy until March, when Fort Clark Springs' members will elect a director to serve during the remaining two years of Mitchell's term.

"I hope the former employees and some members, who have been so vindictive and mean-spirited as to cause the resignation of one of the best board members this association has ever had, feel really good," Board President Mona Miller said after Mitchell made her intentions public.

"Mary and I haven't always agreed, but she's always been honest, hard working, intelligent, and completely devoted to this association.

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## Kinney, Val Verde counties form water planning group

Worried that San Antonio and other cities might look at Kinney and Val Verde counties for water to feed their sprawling growth has leaders here looking at a regional water district.

Kinney County commissioners unanimously authorized the county to participate in the formation of a water resource planning group Friday at a special meeting.

The Del Rio City Council and the Val Verde Commissioners Court have already approved similar plans to participate in the group.

The regional water planning group will be made up of representatives from each of the participating governmental entities in Kinney and Val Verde counties.

"The intent of the planning group is to use entities like the Texas Water Development Board and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Committee (TNRCC) to help guide us through the process of forming a regional water district, with separate water districts in each county, with the same initiative from a regional standpoint," Kinney County Judge Herb Senne said.

"That's the intent that's on the table right now."

In addition to Kinney County, Senne said the cities of Brackettville and Spofford, Fort Clark Municipal Utility District, and the West Nueces-Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District will be represented on the regional planning group.

Officials are moving to implement the new statewide water legislation passed earlier this year as Senate Bill 1 that requires local units of government to develop water management plans if they are

to have any say over the precious resource locally.

"In reality, counties of Texas that form water districts on their own accord will not be in position to have that mandated to them in the year 2001," Senne said.

"We're playing heads up, we're getting with the program knowing it's coming at us, and positioning ourselves so that we can manage aquifers on our own accord and within our own jurisdictional boundaries.

Senne said that if local officials took no action, a regional water district

"would be mandated by TNRCC, and they would be the group that appoints either individuals or designates those entities that form that governing body.

"It's to our advantage to go ahead and form a water district, knowing more about what our needs are than a state entity.

"It's to the benefit of the community," he said. "I think it's a good chance for folks to work together on an initiative that's for the benefit of a multi-county area."

## Hearing scheduled for proposed dump

Kinney County will host a public hearing concerning a proposed solid waste management facility.

The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Kinney County Civic Center at 10 a.m.

Adobe Eco-Systems has applied to the Texas Natural Re-

source Conservation Commission for a permit to authorize the proposed dump.

An administrative law judge from the State Office of Administrative Hearings will conduct the public hearing, which will be a legal proceeding similar to civil trials in state district court.

## One citizen attends county budget hearing

One Kinney County resident was in attendance at a Kinney County public hearing Friday concerning the county's proposed budget and tax rate.

"The county is in good hands," said Bill Morse, the only citizen in attendance at the public hearing.

The county will vote on the tax rate at a special meeting on Monday, following a public hearing at 11 a.m.

"The proposed budget has been on file in the clerk's office much longer than the (required) 10-day period," County Judge Herb

Senne said at last week's hearing.

"Numerous individuals from the public picked that proposed budget up and have reviewed it," he added.

The county's proposed tax rate is .7500 per \$100 valuation, which is down from last year's tax rate of .7634.

Individual tax rates include .6447 for general fund, down from the current rate of .6493; .0828 for interest and sinking, down from .0916; and .0225 for road and bridge, which remained the same.

"An increased tax valuation is how we're

able to function and stay below the tax rate from last year," Senne said.

The county's proposed budget totals \$1,660,353.08, an increase of 7.5 percent over the current budget of \$1,544,011.05, and includes pay raises for all county employees.

The proposed general fund is budgeted at \$1,258,781.05, which is up 7.9 percent from this year's fund total of \$1,166,156.43.

Also on Friday, the commissioners court hosted a public hearing on officers' salaries. The proposed budget allots 6 percent raises for all of the county's elected officials.

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## Fort Clark officials appoint new nominating committee

The Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors appointed representatives to the association's nominating committee, which is responsible for soliciting candidates to run for the Board of Directors, at Saturday's regular meeting.

The committee is made up of Walt Bauguess, Mike Holley, Pat Nelson, Ruben Soto and Mary Stephenson. Lou Sofaly and Bill Kelly were selected as alternates.

#### Financial Report

Fort Clark Springs has a year-to-date profit of \$74,671.10, according to the financial report presented by Treasurer Betty Gibbs.

General fund year-to-date revenues total \$2,171,937.99, while expenses total \$2,097,266.89.

Through Aug. 25, the motel has profited \$117,870.95; the R.V. Park, \$43,662.17; the golf course, \$19,581.20; and the Elderhostel Program, \$14,703.01.

Losses included: the restaurant, \$52,375.61; the golf course res-

taurant, \$18,951.87; adult recreation, \$62,545.88; swim park, \$20,950.12; youth recreation, \$17,116.23; facility rentals, \$10,159.76; and the par-3 golf course, \$6,605.07.

Members had questioned a mistake in the financial report presented at last month's meeting. Gibbs said the mistake was hers.

"I would like to apologize for the mistake that I made last month," Gibbs said. "It was my mistake and it was a reporting mistake; it was not an accounting mistake.

"Our accounting department is just fine," she said. "In my haste, I just copied the wrong figures."

The board approved the financial statement, and agreed to transfer funds to pay bills.

#### Rio Grande Marketing

Board President Mona Miller said there was no progress in the lawsuit with Rio Grande Marketing.

"Nothing has happened," she

said. "We told you over a year ago that this could possibly take five or 10 years. We're still in that process."

#### Auditor

The directors unanimously voted to continue using Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss as the auditor for the General Election. The Lubbock firm has served in that capacity for six years.

The board also approved an amendment to the by-laws concerning the type of ballots used for the election.

#### Amendment

The directors approved the second reading of an amendment to the Rules and Regulations concerning the use of Rendezvous Park.

#### Committee Appointments

The board voted to appoint Lou Sofaly to the architect committee and Harlon Wright to the planning committee.

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**The Brackett Tigers picked up their first win of the season last week with a 14-13 victory over the Nueces Canyon Panthers. The Tigers will host the Crystal City Javelinas tomorrow at 7:30. See related stories, Pages 5-6. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry**

## 15-year-old found guilty of auto theft

A Brackettville juvenile was found guilty of car theft and delinquent conduct last Wednesday by District Judge George M.

Thurmond. The 15-year-old was sentenced to the Texas Youth Commission until his 21st birthday.

## Letters to the Editor

### Officials should consider appointing Kelly to board

To the members of the Fort Clark Springs Association Board of Directors, concerning the appointment to the board:

In the last General Election, 1,159 members in good standing voted to elect Mr. Bill Kelly to

the Board of Directors. Mr. Kelly received only 21 votes less than Mr. Ben Pingnot. I am asking the Board of Directors to respect the votes of those members.

Roger Perez

### Good Government Group controlling matters at FCS

Now that the Good Government Group controls a majority of the Board of Directors - all but Mr. Frank Cheaney, a man of character and unshakable integrity - and is apparently speaking for the board - as they did in their letter to the editor last week - the membership of Fort Clark Springs Association might like to know who they are.

The Good Government Group is the "thought police." They are the folks who in another place and time, burned people at the stake. Do not dare to disagree with them, their vengeance has no limits.

We should all make a concerted effort to find out who they are and tell them we don't appreciate the damage they are doing.

You will find they operate from the shadows. They are skilled at starting vicious rumors and listening to only one side of the story.

They don't volunteer, they only complain and conspire. Some of them don't even consistently pay their assessments. They don't serve on any committees, there is no need, they can just call one of their puppets on the board for any little personal thing they need taken care of.

These people are a selfish, hypocritical, self-righteous bunch who are determined to keep Fort Clark a second class dysfunctional community where the tail wags the dog. They are succeeding.

Possibly the root cause of our stagnation as an association is a mentality which places accumulation of capital above the best interests of our future and the timely care and maintenance of the grounds.

Fort Clark's historic buildings are falling apart, trash and debris choke our beautiful creek, everywhere you look is neglect and deterioration. All because we won't spend any money.

Now we are told residential

assessments will increase to \$20 per month so we can buy paint and then have volunteers paint our buildings.

Folks, we have over half a million dollars in the bank. Why can't we spend some?

We are owed hundreds of thousands of dollars by deadbeat members. Why can't we collect it? We've proven we can make money. Let's do it. Why not?

At Saturday's Board meeting, our president assured us that the board was not micro-managing the fort.

Why is her car there every single day?

Why does a director have to explain brush and limb pickup procedures?

Why does a director have to collect money at a dance?

Why do our employees live in constant fear of losing their jobs if they don't do what a director says?

Why does a director need to interrogate the accounting department when one of his friends writes a bad check to the association?

Why did a director stalk employees?

Does the Board of Directors think we are stupid and blind?

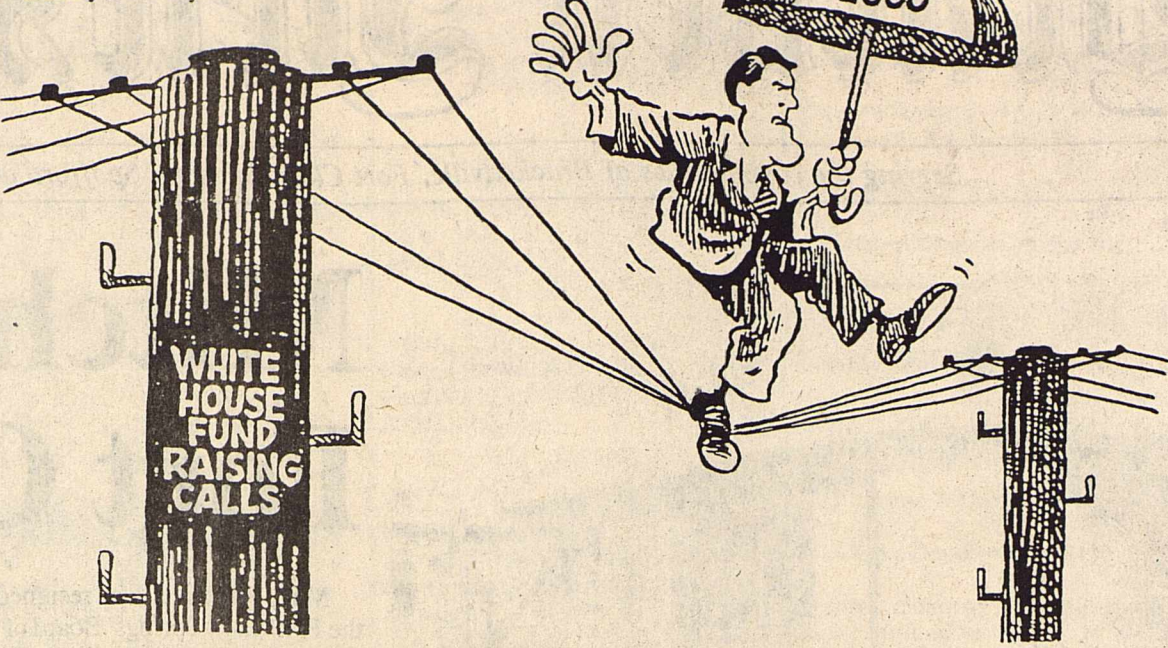
Please go back to high school civics and the fundamentals of management. Stop operating in secret.

Tell us in print what is going on and what influences your decisions. Prove that you are not the cronies of a special interest group and that you care about the future of Fort Clark. That is all we ask.

Government cannot work this way. A sound successful business has never worked this way. We do not want to force you into behaving in compliance with our By-laws or ultimately removing you, but we will.

Arvel L. "Art" Baker

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## Seminole Indians should be remembered for contributions

There is not a person, black, white, brown or red, who has higher respect for the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Association and the history and traditions that led to it.

It was a joy for me to attend and participate, in a minor way, in the celebration last week.

It is thrilling to me to see people from all corners of the United States gather to commemorate their ancestors. Words are inadequate to express my admiration for these people.

On the program was a professor from Prairie View University. His speech was outstanding.

He outlined simply and tersely the history of the Seminoles from their escape as slaves to attempts of federal troops to oust them from the Everglades through the amazing record of the Seminole Scouts and down to today. It was outstanding.

He was followed by two speakers who were verbose and pointless if they wanted to challenge the pride of the ancestors in these noted people.

Let me explain.

The total thrust of their messages was the ill treatment of these proud people from escaped slaves and continuing until today. This

Between Us  
By Joe Townsend



type of thinking stirs passions and perpetuates racism.

The real challenge is to leave a high sense of accomplishments by these of whom they should be justly proud.

When "white" people came to America, their progeny did not dwell on the harsh treatment these early settlers received. In fact, it takes considerable digging to find that some were criminals, released from prison if they would go to the New World.

Many were "indentured servants," this meant they were slaves to masters until their debt was paid.

Many Chinese and Japanese served literally as slaves until their masters had exacted all they could from them.

The point is, the past holds many undesirable and abhorrent actions. The present still holds many unseemly relationships.

It does not one bit of good to belabor the past or detrimental conditions of the present.

The fact is many have risen above all problems and made great contributions to their families and never can be heard blaming events that happened 150 years ago or bad conditions of the present.

The success or failure of any individual of any color depends solely upon the individual.

The Seminoles have so much to be proud of. The emphasis of the actions of the Scouts is enough to build high respect. Dwelling on the negative and the bad only brings misery and failure.

Emphasizing the positive and the good changes the entire outlook and accomplishments of the individual.

The rich traditions of the Seminoles deserves to be kept alive and vibrant until Jesus comes. This can only be if those who care exalt the accomplishments.

The knowledge and spread of the facts of the Seminole Indian Scouts will exalt the entire group and their descendants to all generations.

## Constitution: 210 years, still going strong

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

This week, our Constitution celebrates its 210th birthday. For two centuries it has guided this great nation, but it is also as new as today's headlines.

The Constitution lays out the fundamental ideas this nation is based on: our God-given rights, democracy and liberty. But as we celebrate the birthday of the Constitution, it is shocking to see how many folks do not know the basics of this important document.

In a poll by the National Constitution Center, only 5 percent could correctly answer 10 simple questions about the U.S. Constitution. For example, about half of the Americans polled did not know that the U.S. Constitution set up a federal government with three branches.

The questions that were asked weren't tricky, but still some Americans know amazingly little about this important document.

One of the most disturbing results of the Constitution Center's poll was the fact that only one in three people knew the first 10 amendments of the Constitution are called the Bill of Rights.

The right to free speech, the right to keep and bear arms, the right to be secure against unreasonable searches and seizures: these rights, and the others guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, are the most fundamental principles of our nation.

If the people don't understand these basic liberties, then the very freedom the Founding Fathers designed is in jeopardy.

It may be 210 years old, but the Constitution's plan of a limited government still rings true today. Unlike any other document in the world, the Constitution states exactly what the federal government can and cannot do. Everything else is left to be decided by the states and the people.

Whether it's working to get the IRS off your backs or working to reform education, this Congress must understand and respect its constitutional duty to ensure that the power remains with the people.

The concepts of liberty, freedom and a limited government are ideas some take for granted. But these ideas are envied and awed by people around the globe. So as we celebrate the 210th birthday of the Constitution let's work to ensure that every American understands and remembers its important guarantees of our rights.

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# Branton announces candidacy for justice

San Antonio attorney Jim Branton was in Brackettville last Thursday to formally announce his candidacy for associate justice of the Fourth Court of Appeals.

The candidate was joined by county and city officials and many friends and colleagues at Flores Súper Market.

"I am just beginning my campaign," Branton said. "The primary is in March. I am relying on my record of a professional lifetime in the court room and handling appeals."

The Fourth Judicial Court District consists of 32 counties in South Texas and the Hill Country of Texas, an area 400 miles long and 400 miles wide.

Branton was nominated by the Democratic Party in 1996 for the special election to fill the seat vacated by Justice Phil Hardberger. The election was canceled in the Supreme Court's ruling in the Governor v. Justice Hardberger decision. Gov. George W. Bush subsequently appointed Karen Angelini to fill the vacancy.

"While the unexpected termination of the elections midstream in the campaign was a severe dis-

appointment, I am excited that the people of the Fourth Judicial District will now get an opportunity to elect a judge to fill that position, and that I will be participating in the process," Branton said.

"I will make every effort to communicate to the citizens of this district the importance of this high judicial office," he added.

Branton began his law practice in San Antonio in 1965, following graduation from the University of Texas Law School and service as a judge advocate in the U.S. Air Force.

A board certified attorney in civil trial law and personal injury trial law, Branton's practice is statewide and in all federal districts in Texas.

In 1994, members of the Texas Bar elected Branton to serve as president of the State Bar of Texas.

"As the State Bar president, I represented all people. I didn't have any private agenda, and that's what it takes, I think, to be a good judge. That's one of the reasons I'm running to be an appellate judge on this very historically good court."



Kinney County Democratic Chair Mary Flores, left, welcomes Jim Branton, candidate for justice of the Fourth Court of Appeals, to Brackettville last week. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Briefs ...

### Internet connection provided for library

Southwestern Bell and John Martin of Delrio.com are providing an internet connection for the Kinney County Public Library. The use of the library's computer and access to the internet is free to the public. The library will host a free class on introduction to the internet today at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Sarah Terrazas at 563-2884.

### Friends of the Library seeks map advertisers

The Friends of the Library are currently selling advertising space for businesses or organizations on a map of Brackettville. The locally produced map lists the streets, alleys and highlights of the city. For more information, call Sarah Terrazas at the Kinney County Public Library at 563-2884.

### Historical Society resumes monthly meetings

The Fort Clark Historical Society will resume monthly meetings on Saturday in the Palisado building. Coffee and donuts will be served at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will start at 10. Larry Mendeke, curator, will bring everyone up to date on the restoration of the museum and plans has for the future.

**LAS MORAS MASONIC LODGE**  
meets the 2nd Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m.  
School of Instruction meets the  
1st, and 3rd Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m.  
Visiting Brothers are Welcome

# Case of Hepatitis confirmed at Brackett school district

There has been a confirmed case of Hepatitis A at Brackett ISD. I don't have much more to add to the information that has been sent home to all parents.

This is a virus that is closely akin to having a bad case of the flu. The other Hepatitis, B, apparently is much more severe.

We don't have Hepatitis B in our schools. We have had only one case of Hepatitis A.

Every child's parent has received information with a phone number for the Texas Public Health.

Linda Earwood, a Public Health nurse, has been very helpful to our school district. So, I hope that we are on the downhill side of this one.

### Technology Training

Our technology training sessions began for teachers this past Friday.

We are learning to use the internet so that application can be made to the learning process.

It's exciting to see some of the applications that are already being made from the internet.

### Tax Rate

Next Monday, we will complete the state requirements for setting

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**  
By Taylor Stephenson, BISD Superintendent

the tax rate.

The School Board proposes to lower the tax rate from \$1.2529 per \$100 of value to \$1.2119 per \$100 of value.

In my opinion, the board is maximizing use of local and state funds and is thinking about the future. They are also giving some tax relief by lowering school taxes.

### Six Weeks Ends

We're doing our best to be the best. This marks the end of the first six weeks.

Our students are being put through a more rigorous academic program than before.

### Student Activities

We feel that our student activity program is strong this year. The band has made tremendous progress under directors Hector Jimenez and Roxanne Gonzalez.

### Tigers Win

The Nueces Canyon football game ended up much different

from the earlier games with Sabinal and D'Hanis. We were victorious by a 14-13 margin.

I believe that the Tigers outplayed their opponents in the first two games, but their side of the scoreboard had the largest numbers.

It was nice to get in the win column. I know the team and their supporters believe that this team has great potential. We just need to keep our eyes on the goal.

This week, we play a fine Crystal City team. Early indications from Crystal City show that they will have lots of fans at the game.

I urge you to come out and support the Tigers. We can use your help. We plan to open additional ticket gates and stock up on more concession stand items. This will be a big game!

### Volleyball Victories

The volleyball team was a winner Saturday over D'Hanis and

defeated Natalia on Tuesday. Tomorrow, we play Comstock here at 4 p.m.

### Cross Country Meet

Our first cross-country meet ever was held Saturday morning at Fort Clark Springs.

The course was beautiful, and it was exciting to see young athletes running in this event. I'm proud of the coaches and the team members.

In closing, look for the good things in life. I believe you'll find them. Have a great week!

**THE BRACKETTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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## Kinney County Sheriff's Report

### Monday, September 15

9:52 a.m., Val Verde County Sheriff's Department officials reported three female illegal aliens between Pinto Creek and Sycamore Creek, just west of Brackettville. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess was dispatched to the scene but was unable to locate anyone.

9:28 p.m., A Spofford man requested the assistance of a deputy in reference to a domestic problem. Deputy Sheriff Adrian Pena was dispatched to the location, where the man and his wife had apparently gotten into an argument. Pena said, "No physical contact was made by either subject, but they were in no condition to remain in the same house." The man was asked to leave for the night.

### Tuesday, September 16

4:11 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that a woman had locked her baby inside her vehicle. Sheriff Burgess was dispatched to the scene and, with the assistance of Martin Kelso, unlocked the vehicle.

6:30 p.m., Luis Enrique Solis Jr., 21, and Rurico Rodriguez Jr., 17, both of Del Rio, were arrested

by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar for possession of marijuana less than two ounces, a Class B misdemeanor. Both were booked into the Kinney County Jail. Solis and Rodriguez were both released the next day after each posted a \$1,000 bail bond.

### Wednesday, September 17

5:04 p.m., Smith Security officials from Fort Clark Springs reported a fire at the York Ranch in Spofford. Members of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department were notified of the situation.

### Friday, September 19

12:44 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported two individuals in a bar ditch alongside U.S. Highway 90 near Pico's. Deputy Pena was dispatched to the scene but was unable to locate anyone.

12:11 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a man lying on the side of the highway, one mile west of Perdido Creek. Sheriff Burgess and Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter were dispatched to the scene. Fritter spoke to the individual, who said he was on his way to California.

10:56 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that there was someone yelling and screaming in

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### Mitchell resigns from FCS board

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 "I realize some of you people are probably happy. I think the vast majority of the association, and I know I am very sad," she added.  
 Director Betty Gibbs made the motion to accept Mitchell's resignation, effective Oct. 1. The motion was seconded by Frank Cheaney. Gibbs, Cheaney, Bob Burkepile and Santos Yereña all voted for the measure. Ben Pingnot was absent.  
 "Mary and I haven't always

agreed either, but I certainly appreciate how much work she has done and how honest she is," Gibbs said.  
 During the members' discussion portion of the meeting, Walt Bauguess asked Mitchell to reconsider her resignation. She declined.  
 "I know the board members receive verbal abuse, but I'm appalled to think that anyone would abuse a member that's not being paid to the point that her job is in jeopardy," Bauguess said.

### Directors appoint teen committee

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 Jennifer Ashabanner, Colby Crosby, Michael Meyer and Brent Smith were reappointed to the teen committee. The directors voted to fill the remaining vacancies with Nat Terrazas, Connie Castro and Tara Eckenrod. Amanda Petrosky was selected as an alternate.  
**Doe Harvest**  
 The board approved the

association's annual doe harvest, to reduce the deer population at the fort.  
 The controlled doe hunt is scheduled for Dec. 4-6 and Dec. 11-13.  
**Fort Clark Days**  
 The directors announced that plans were underway for Fort Clark Days, scheduled for Oct. 10-12.

# Officials agree to carry over vacation time

The Kinney County Commissioners Court voted Friday to carry over vacation time to the new fiscal year for all employees at a special meeting.

The commissioners discussed a ceiling for the number of vacation hours to be carried over in the future, but took no action. The court also discussed sick leave, and agreed to leave the county's sick leave pool policy in place.

#### Settlement

The court voted 3-1 to approve a resolution approving a settlement with Ohio Casualty Insurance and K-Bar Construction, with approval of the county judge to sign a release. County Judge Herb Senne and Commissioners Freddie Frerich and Joe Montalvo voted in favor of the action. Commissioner Paul O'Rourke opposed.

#### Additional Filing Fee

The court agreed to an additional filing fee for civil legal services for indigents. Senate Bill 1534, which became effective

Sept. 1, mandates that filing fees be collected by county clerks to be used for basic civil legal services for indigents under Supreme Court administration.

Counties may retain 5 percent of the collected filing fees in recognition of the costs incurred in the resulting collection, record keeping and remitting, only if the commissioners court adopts an order as specified in the bill.

"I see it as an opportunity to generate income for some of the services that we have been providing already anyway," Senne said. The commissioners court unanimously agreed to adopt the order.

#### Cafeteria Plan

The court postponed paying a \$450 administration fee for the county's cafeteria plan. Texas Benefit Planning is currently administering the plan free of charge to the county, but requested the fee for the upcoming year, due on Sept. 30.

The commissioners discussed the feasibility of administering the plan within the county.

#### Executive Session

The commissioners met in executive session for 30 minutes. Topics for discussion on the agenda included budget considerations, personnel, pending litigation and a voice communications system.

After reconvening in open session, the commissioners took no action.

#### Budget Amendments

The court approved budget amendments transferring \$1,188 from insurance deductibles to the Appraisal Board, \$629.28 from prisoner health care to equipment purchases for a washer and dryer at the jail, \$150 from sheriff's telephone to sheriff's postage, \$150 from organizational dues to legal publications, and \$45 from equipment purchased to justice of the peace's postage.

The commissioners also approved the payment of bills.

## Pete's Sake

Granpa Smithers has lived alone since he became a widower some years ago. He cooks his meals, cleans his house, washes his clothes, and manages very well indeed for an octogenarian.

But his daughter, Emily, calls every day to see how he is doing, and if he needs anything. Emily drives him to the doctor when needed, to the drug store for his prescriptions, to the super market or any other place he may need to go.

Every morning, at nine o'clock, Emily telephones. So last Thursday, when she made her usual call, she was disturbed that the telephone remained unanswered.

"Something must be wrong," she told her husband, Charles. "Pa always answers his phone by the fourth ring. He must be sick, or maybe he has fallen down and can't get up."

Emily and Charles rushed to their car and made a bee line for Granpa Smithers home.

They found him sitting by the fireplace, calmly whittling away at a red cedar stick.

"Pa, what's the matter? Why didn't you answer your 'phone'?" Emily asked.

"Huh?" Granpa asked, cupping his hand to his ear "What say?"

Emily leaned closer and talked louder, and Granpa finally under-

stood the question. "Why, I didn't hear the 'phone at-all," he said. Charles checked the telephone and found that it was in fine working order.

Granpa had been deaf in his right ear for years, but his hearing was keen on the other side nonetheless.

Emily was truly worried. "We got to get you to the doctor," she insisted. She called Doctor Clark, explaining the emergency, and he agreed to squeeze Granpa in for a short visit and quick examination.

They hurried to the physician's office. "Let's see what the trouble might be," the doctor said, and pointed one of those fancy flashlights doctors use to see down into such places into Granpa Smithers left ear.

"Why, here's the trouble!" he exclaimed. "There's something stuck in there!"

The doctor took a pair of delicate tweezers and probed for a minute.

"I've got it!" he exclaimed, and drew out an object.

"Why," the doctor said, "I believe this is a suppository! That's what was stuck in your ear!"

Granpa Smithers scratched his head.

"I be danged," he said. "I kin sure hear alright now. But where do you reckon my hearing aid went to?"

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1997 Property Tax Rates in Ft. Clark M.U.D.

This notice concerns 1997 property tax rates for Ft. Clark M.U.D. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 14,809.25
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 119,112.50
Last year's total taxes	\$ 133,921.75
Last year's tax base	\$ 26,112,733.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ .51286 /\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$ 133,921.75
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 31,065,854.00
(after subtracting value of new property)	
- This year's effective tax rate	\$ .43108 /\$100
<i>In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year.</i>	
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ . /\$100
- Effective tax rate	\$ . /\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$ 14,809.25
(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 31,065,854.00
- This year's effective operating rate	\$ .04767 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ .05148 /\$100
- This year's debt rate	\$ .38543 /\$100
- This year's rollback rate	\$ .43591 /\$100
<i>A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines.</i>	
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ . /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ . /\$100
<i>For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines.</i>	
+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$ . /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ . /\$100

Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
NONE	\$760,000.00

Schedule B 1997 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
(expand as needed)	\$55,000.00	\$64,737.50	\$ 0.00	\$119,737.50
Total required for 1997 debt service			\$ 119,737.50	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$ 0.00	
- Excess collections last year			\$ 0.00	
- Total to be paid from taxes in 1997			\$ 119,737.50	
- State aid for facilities			\$ 0.00	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 1997			\$ 0.00	
- Total Debt Levy			\$ 119,737.50	

Schedule C Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$\_\_\_\_\_ in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County, the county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

Schedule D State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The \_\_\_\_\_ County Auditor certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ County has spent \$\_\_\_\_\_ in the previous 12 months beginning \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. \_\_\_\_\_ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Schedule E Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

The \_\_\_\_\_ (name of leaving unit) discontinued the function \_\_\_\_\_ (name of discontinuing function) \_\_\_\_\_ (amount spent in the preceding 12 months) from \_\_\_\_\_ (beginning date) to \_\_\_\_\_ (ending date) on \_\_\_\_\_ (function). The \_\_\_\_\_ (name of receiving unit) receives the function \_\_\_\_\_ (name of receiving unit) operates this function in all or a majority of the \_\_\_\_\_ (name of taxing unit discontinuing the function) \_\_\_\_\_ (Second Year of Transfer: Modify schedule to show comparison of amount this year and preceding year by unit receiving the function).

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Fort Clark Municipal Utility District P.O. Box 1437 Brackettville, Texas 78832.

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 Date prepared: September 16, 1997

## Sororities

### Beta Epsilon Omicron votes to move meeting night to Monday

The Beta Epsilon Omicron met at the Adult Center last Thursday. The meeting was hosted by Pam Melancon.

Members present were Pam Melancon, Dee Curry, Opal Groce, Hazel Ivey, Marla Madrid, and Flo Stafford.

The opening ritual was led by President Pam Melancon.

The minutes were read and approved. New business was discussed concerning the sale of cook books, Fort Clark Days, and a bake sale.

It was voted to have the meetings on Monday nights instead of Thursday nights. Pam Melancon led the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned.

Curry presented the program using, "A Sprig of Herbal Heaven for her theme, and Pam Melancon served a delightful plate of brownies.

### Beta Sigma Phi chapter meets at Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark

Mabel Parham was hostess for the September meeting of the Beta Sigma Phi chapter of Laureate Epsilon Iota at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs on Sept. 15.

President Nakai Breen called the meeting to order. A "get well" card was signed by all members present to be sent to Oleta Townsend, who was hospitalized in the Uvalde Memorial Hospital.

Breen presented information on sales of the yearly Iosonity Cookbook.

A fruit-plate was served to Nakai Breen, Mabel Parham, Walela Gum, Betty Schlatterer, Hawkins Huey, Mildred Borden, Orlean Riley, and Lily Schwandner.

Lily Schwandner will be the October hostess.

## Tigerettes win district opener over Lady Mustangs on road

NATALIA - Brackett won its district opener Tuesday as the Tigerettes picked up a 15-5, 15-12 decision over the Natalia Lady Mustangs.

The win gave the Tigerettes a winning record for the first time this season. Brackett is 7-6 overall and 1-0 in league play. Natalia is 0-1 in district.

"The girls really played well," Brackett coach Dusty Brotherton said. "Everyone contributed. It was a good team effort."

The Tigerettes will face Comstock in non-conference volleyball action tomorrow at 5 p.m. On Tuesday, Brackett hosts Dilley at 7 p.m. It will be the district opener for the Lady Wolves.

Tina Meek paced the Tigerettes' offense against the Lady Mustangs. She had nine kills and two digs.

"Tina had a great game," Brotherton said. "She had some big hits at the net."

The Tigerettes were without starter Stephanie Terrazas, who was out with a cheerleading injury. Patty Lopez started for Terrazas and finished with three digs and two kills.

"Patty stepped in and had her best game of the year," Brotherton said.

Lindsey Brotherton finished the contest with 15 assists and five kills. Katy Hagler had three kills and Jennifer Ashabrunner pitched in two.

*"The girls really played well. Everyone contributed. It was a good team effort."*

**Dusty Brotherton**

Hagler also had five aces, two digs and a block. Ashabrunner served three aces and Hilda Aguirre had four digs and one ace.

Hagler finished the match with seven total points, Lopez scored five, Aguirre, Ashabrunner and Brotherton all had five, and Meek added two.

On Saturday, Brackett picked up a 15-8, 15-13 victory over the Sabinal Lady Yellowjackets.

Meek had 10 kills in the contest. Ashabrunner finished with six, Hagler had five, Brotherton chipped in three and Lopez had one.

Brotherton finished with 21 assists and Terrazas had two digs and a block. Aguirre and Meek each had one dig.

Hagler served three aces, and Aguirre, Brotherton and Meek all had one.

Hagler tallied 11 total point in the contest, Brotherton had six, Terrazas finished with five, Meek scored four, Aguirre had three, and Ashabrunner added one.

## Powerful ground game leads Tigers to win over Panthers

CAMP WOOD - Brackett overcame Nueces Canyon's 13-point third quarter rally Friday night as the Tigers picked up their first win of the season with a 14-13 victory over the Panthers.

Brackett is now 1-2 on the season. The loss drops Nueces Canyon to 2-1.

"It was a good win," Tigers coach Roy Rokovich said. "I think our kids played a real good football game. They worked real hard."

Brackett trailed 13-7 before Brent Smith broke loose for a 20-yard touchdown run with 6:14 left in the contest to tie the game. Jose Gonzalez booted the extra point to give the Tigers the lead.

Nueces Canyon scored all of its points within a 12-second span during the third quarter. Bill McCurdy intercepted a pass and raced 79 yards for a TD. Wade Tinsley's kick tied the game at 7-all at the 10:09 mark.

Brackett fumbled the ensuing

kickoff and Terrance Hildalgo picked up the pigskin and ran 15 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point kick was blocked as Nueces Canyon led 13-7 with 9:57 remaining in the third period.

"That's a part of football, you don't know how the ball is going to bounce," Rokovich said of the two third quarter TDs.

"McCurdy has tremendous speed. When he intercepts a pass in the open field, you're going to have a hard time catching that guy."

The Tigers jumped out to an early 7-0 lead at the 9:17 mark in the opening stanza as J. Wayne Ballew hit Demitreus Williams on an 11-yard scoring strike.

Brackett finished with 17 first downs and 310 yards on offense, including 257 yards on the ground. Ballew rushed 17 times for 145 yards. In the first half, he was 4 of 8 passing for 53 yards.

"I thought we did a good job offensively controlling the football

and making some big plays," Rokovich said. "I thought we threw the ball real well in the first half and we ran the ball well throughout the game."

Brackett was able to control the clock through the contest. The Tigerettes' offense maintained possession of the ball for 26:57, compared to 21:03 for the Panthers.

"Nueces Canyon has a real good football team and they have been scoring a lot of points," Rokovich said. "If you can control the ball and the clock, you're going to be able to win more than you lose."

The Tigers' defense held the Panthers to seven first downs and 110 yards. Nueces Canyon was held to 40 rushing yards on 24 attempts.

"Our defense really stepped up," Rokovich said. "They've been playing really well all year long. They did a good job. We got to the ball and we hit people."

### Tigers-Panthers game report

Tigers 14, Panthers 13		TEAM STATISTICS		INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	
		BRA	NC	RUSHING	
Brackett	7 0 0 7 - 14	FIRST DOWNS	17	7	Brackett - J. Wayne Ballew 17-145, Brent Smith 12-64, Demitreus Williams 18-44, Rene Luna 1-4.
Nueces Canyon	0 0 13 0 - 13	Rushing	14	5	Canyon - Lorenzo Ortiz 7-23, Sidney Shipman 10-12, David Martinez 1-3, Winston Wright 6-2.
<b>First Quarter</b>		Passing	3	2	
Brackett - Demitreus Williams 11 pass from J. Wayne Ballew (Jose Gonzalez kick), 9:17. Drive: 75 yards, 6 plays, 2:43. Key play: J. Wayne Ballew 43 run to Panthers' 15. Brackett 7, Nueces Canyon 0.		Penalty	0	0	
<b>Second Quarter</b>		THIRD DOWN EFF.	5-12	2-9	
Nueces Canyon - Bill McCurdy 79 interception return (Wade Tinsley kick), 10:09. Drive: 79 yards, 1 play, :14. Brackett 7, Nueces Canyon 7.		FOURTH DOWN EFF.	1-1	0-2	
<b>Third Quarter</b>		TOTAL NET YARDS	310	110	
Nueces Canyon - Terrance Hildalgo 15 fumble return (kick blocked), 9:57. Drive: 15 yards, 1 play, :12. Nueces Canyon 13, Brackett 7.		Total Plays	60	40	
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>		Avg Gain	5.2	2.8	
Brackett - Brent Smith 20 run (Jose Gonzalez kick), 6:14. Drive: 60 yards, 7 plays, 2:53. Key plays: Demitreus Williams 4 run on 3rd-and-2, personal foul moved Tigers to Panthers' 22. Brackett 14, Nueces Canyon 13.		NET YARDS RUSHING	257	40	
		Rushes	48	24	
		Avg per rush	5.4	1.7	
		NET YARDS PASSING	53	70	
		Completed-Att.	4-12	7-16	
		Yards-Pass Play	4.4	4.4	
		Sacks-Yards lost	0-0	2-27	
		Had intercepted	2	3	
		PUNTS-Avg.	5-29	5-44	
		TOTAL RETURN YARDS	24	170	
		Punt Returns	17	11	
		Kickoff returns	6	65	
		Interceptions	1	79	
		Fumble returns	0	15	
		PENALTIES-Yards	8-49	10-81	
		FUMBLES-Lost	4-2	3-0	
		TIME OF POSSESSION	26:57	21:03	

## Perez, Ramos take first at meet

By Samantha Perez  
Contributing Writer

Samantha Perez and Lionel Ramos both took first place honors Saturday at the Las Moras Invitational, Brackett's first-ever cross country meet.

Perez finished the 2-mile race in a time of 12:15, helping the Tigerettes to a first place finish overall. Brackett had 31 points.

Second place honors went to Comstock's Kelli Gobel, who finished the race in 13:01.

Sonya Correa took third place honors after running a 13:13 and Jania Finkenbinder was fourth with a time of 13:57. Fifth place went to Kelley Alexander of Leakey.

The rest of Brackett's team fell in 10th place by Queta Garza in 15:19, 13th place by Liz Aguirre in 15:48, Heather Martin finished 14th in 17:00, and April Crumley was 15th with a time of 17:43.

Due to injuries, the Tigers had an incomplete team. However, three individuals placed for Brackett.

Ramos won the boys' 3-mile race with a time of 17:50, second place went to James Burks in 18:53.

Sergia Esquivel of Knippa finished in third in 19:05.

Comstock's Ponchi Jimenez and Ramon Barragon claimed fourth and fifth places, respectively.

Brackett's third competitor, Isaac Gutierrez, came in seventh place with a time of 21:04.

Cross Country coach Julie Bruce said Saturday's event was a success.

"I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help with the meet," she said. "The meet turned out very well."

Brackett will compete Saturday at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

### Cross country is a rewarding sport

By William Morse  
Contributing Writer

Fort Clark Springs hosted the first-ever Las Moras Invitational cross country meet on Saturday. The event was held over a challenging course laid out by Brackett coach Julie Bruce, with event support from the BISD athletic staff, parents and volunteers.

The splendidly-managed meet provided excellent exposure to an interscholastic sport that may very well be the best initial confrontation for the young athlete/scholar with the personal attributes required for achieving life's objectives, namely: physical/mental self-discipline, perseverance, goal-setting and thoughtful preparation directed at accomplishment through co-operative effort.

### Commentary

Cross country is a race comprised of pure unleashed locomotive exertion over a 2 to 3 mile demanding natural terrain distance, thankfully devoid of interruption from "whistle-blowing" rules imposing officials, en route! The sport is initially demanding, but as the body and mind adapt, it becomes another excellent avenue to new frontiers of individual human endeavor.

I heartily recommend the cross-country racing program established by BISD.

Parents, get your boys and girls started in junior high and it will reward you and them appropriately!

## Briefs ...

### Sub-varsity football action on tap tonight

Brackett's junior varsity and junior high football teams will be in action tonight.

The J.V. Tigers, who are 2-0 on the season, will travel to Crystal City for a 7:00 contest.

The Cubs face Eagle Pass on the road with a 6:00 kickoff. The junior high team is 1-1 after defeating Nueces Canyon 12-8 last week.

### Tigerettes top Natalia

NATALIA - The junior varsity Tigerettes topped the Natalia Lady Mustangs 15-11, 16-14 Tuesday in district volleyball action.

Erika Garcia paced the Tigerettes, 10-7 overall, with six aces.

"Erika, LaToya Wright and Sam Payne all stepped up and played well," Brackett coach Julie Bruce said.

The freshmen Tigerettes improved to 3-5 after picking up a 15-4, 9-15, 15-4 decision over the Lady Mustangs.

"April Crumley, Vanessa Garcia and Melinda Villarreal all played well," Bruce said.

The junior varsity will face Comstock tomorrow in a 4 p.m. match.

The Tigerettes resume district play on Tuesday as they host Dilley. The freshmen kickoff the action at 5 p.m.

### Cubettes keep perfect record intact with win

DEL RIO - The Brackett Cubettes eighth grade team improved to 5-0 on the season Monday after defeating Del Rio 15-8, 15-13.

Brackett's seventh grade team, 2-3 overall, was also victorious, picking up a 15-10, 15-12 win over the Queens.

The Cubettes resume action Saturday as they compete in the Eagle Pass tournament.

On Monday, Brackett will host Comstock. Action begins at 5 p.m.



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## Of Vote On Tax Rate

The Brackett Independent School District conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase your property taxes by 12.72 percent on September 22, 1997, at 6:30 p.m.

The Brackett I.S.D. Board of Trustees is scheduled to vote on the tax rate at a public meeting to be held on September 29, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Office, 400 Ann Street.

# Brackett hosts Crystal City tomorrow



Defensive end Xavier Toms (50) and the Tigers will face a tough rushing team in Crystal City tomorrow night in non-district football action. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Brackett has one of the top rush defenses in South Texas, but the Tigers will have their hands full tomorrow night as they face the Crystal City Javelinas, who are ranked second in the area in rushing offense.

Crystal City brings an unblemished 3-0 record into tomorrow's non-district contest. The Javelinas are coming off of a 64-6 victory over the La Pryor Bulldogs.

"Crystal City has a good football team," Brackett coach Roy Rokovich said. "They have a really good offense and they are a solid defensive team."

"I would say they are the best football team that we've seen up to now. They are big, but I think we're going to get after them. It's going to be a good game."

The Javelinas are second in the area in scoring, averaging 47.3 points a game. Crystal

City has outscored its opponents 124-21.

"They score a lot of points," Rokovich said. "They control the ball a lot and they capitalize on mistakes. Good teams make their breaks, and they're a good football team."

Brackett is ranked fifth in the area in rushing defense, allowing an average of 58 yards on the ground per contest. Against the pass, the Tigers have allowed 126.3 yards a game.

"Our kids are playing real good defense right now, especially against the run," Rokovich said. "And I think our secondary is continuing to improve."

Rokovich said his team is looking forward to facing one of the top rushing teams in the area.

"It should be a real exciting challenge for us," he said. "Our kids are excited about it. We will have to be real disciplined on

defense because they run a lot of misdirection."

The Javelinas are led by quarterback Chris Camarillo. The senior has 483 yards in total offense, including 266 on the ground. In three games, he has completed 11 of 19 passes for 217 yards with three touchdowns and one interception.

"Camarillo is a good athlete," Rokovich said. "He is a shifty type of runner. He can also throw the ball. He has a great arm. He can take it deep."

Crystal City's ground attack is led by junior running back Ryan Garcia, who has rushed for 500 yards and six touchdowns on 57 carries.

"Garcia is a real straight-ahead runner," Rokovich said. "He has the ability to break things open. He is a hard runner."

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ACROSS	sticker	88 Casper's comment	3 Weaken	siren	76 Diet dishes
1 Pesto ingredient	52 Rich hillbillies?	89 "Gay"	4 Cola cooler	38 Italian resort	77 Out of killer
6 French dynast	58 Buttons or Skelton	90 The — Ridge Boys	5 Eschew the truth	39 Actress Hood of "Our Gang"	80 Air safety org.
11 "There oughta be —"	59 "Good for what — you"	91 Brainchildren	6 Wrinkle	41 Georgia city	83 Bottled spirit?
15 Sensed	60 Hitter Hank	92 Madness	7 Attention getter	42 "This weighs —"	84 Circus vehicle
19 Problem solvers?	61 Gin's relative	93 Robt. E. Lee's govt.	8 Mideast melange	43 Wealthy funnyman?	85 Circus sound
20 Endangered animal	62 Prefix meaning "equal"	94 Boggles	9 Compass pt.	44 Des Moines denizen	86 Ocho — Jamaica
21 Actor O'Shea	63 — Taft	100 Rock musician Ocasek	10 Sluggish	45 Helps in a heist	92 Vietnam's Le — Tho
22 Mighty mite	64 Kind of mattress	101 Astrigent	11 "Love — the Ruins" (1975 movie)	48 Fleur-de —	94 Poet Matthew
23 Moneyed musical star?	65 Big Apple borough	103 Sign of winter	12 "Mod Squad" character	49 Seafood selection	95 Half of D
25 — about (approximately)	67 Mail madness?	104 Loaded cave man?	13 Soothing plant	53 Eye color	96 Looked like
26 Press	69 Came to a close	109 Like	14 Pun, for one	54 Green land	98 Piano style
27 — "Rock" ("66 song)	70 Diego Rivera	111 Pat on the buns?	15 Imperfect	55 Scrub the socks	99 Spat
28 Frugal explorer?	71 Prosperous accordionist?	112 Williams of "Pete and Gladys" (old TV)	16 To be, in Tours	56 San —, Calif.	102 Vermont city
31 Boots out	72 Challenge a verdict	113 Prosperous accordionist?	17 Trademark design	61 Where the buoys are	104 Afrikaner
35 Hurl	73 "The Great —" (Pepper)	120 Wicked	18 Darnie division	63 History check?	105 Thomas — Edison
37 Sgt.'s subordinate	74 Self-smitten	121 Director Bunuel	19 Darnie film	64 Erroneous	106 Traveler's
38 Shut up	75 Youth org.	122 A la King?	24 Singer Eartha	65 In all respects	107 Actor — Julia
40 Peculiar	77 Mortgage, for one	123 Muse with a lyre	29 Remnant	66 Poetic pot	108 "Exodus" author
41 Kuala Lumpur's land	79 Salon solution	124 Novelist Ayn work	30 Linda of "The Big Valley"	68 Porker's palace	110 Dirt
46 Pallid	80 Baptism site	125 Or — (threat)	31 Dinsmore and Venner	69 "A Fish Called —"	114 Evergreen tree
47 — "That Jazz"	81 Male sheep	126 Resided	32 Well-off author?	70 "Death in Venice" author	115 Villainous Luthor
49 Milton character	82 — "My Party" ("63 hit)	127 Vacuum-tube gas	33 Language suffix	71 Out, of sorts?	116 Nev. neighbor
50 Elf	83 Well-paid comedienne?	DOWN	34 Canadian coin	72 Mountain-gear	117 Made tracks
51 Fraternity	87 Biblical priest	1 Block the way	35 "Damn Yankees"	73 Mr. Wonka	118 Skater Midori
		2 — Dhabhi		74 Bar staple	119 Negative prefix

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Bad Baggage	Cashier's Certified Counter	Houndstooth Personal Rain Sales	Spell Spot Traveler's
Bed Blank	Double		

HOCUS-FOCUS

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.  
1. Pole is missing. 2. Backs are missing. 3. Arm is moved. 4. String holder is missing. 5. Kite tail is missing. 6. Hair is different.

Your Horoscope by Natasha

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) It's a good week for rest and relaxation. Plan an enjoyable outing with family and friends. The next few weeks promise to be hectic, so take advantage of this quiet time.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Someone close to you is being a bit of a braggart. Focus on your goals and set about achieving them quietly. This weekend, catch up on your reading.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Be careful of rushing into early behind-the-scenes financial ventures. Consult with your significant other first, or you risk missing helpful insight into the situation.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) An early start this week helps you tremendously. Bigwigs on the job are impressed with your enthusiasm. Ultimately, you are rewarded financially.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Be wary of taking advice you didn't solicit. You are capable enough to make the correct decision. Others could be misleading you without even realizing it.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Plan to add new fixtures or a paint job to your home. It's a good week to join a club or group activity. You are charismatic and at the forefront.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Make a long-overdue phone call to a neglected friend. You're blessed with wonderful charm and insight that lifts your spirits tremendously.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Keep your temper at bay, especially in the early part of the week. Doing so helps you be more

productive. Those around you are impressed with how articulate you can be.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Take inventory at home, and make sure you are prepared for all potential emergencies. Take safety precautions, and be sure family members know what to do. A cultural pursuit is satisfying this weekend.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A minor confrontation could be in store on the home front. However, by week's end, all works out. Traveling for business purposes is not a good idea.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You'll be receiving a surprising invitation for a very exclusive affair soon. Be sure to clear up your schedule to attend this event. Finances are looking up.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You and a business partner could be at odds over an important decision. It's best to listen to new ideas. Put off any expansion endeavors.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Sept. 25	Johnny Castro	Sept. 29	Joe Hernandez
Sept. 26	Cora Proctor	Sept. 29	Linda Goodloe
Sept. 26	Sonny Harrison	Sept. 29	Brenda Clarke
Sept. 26	Amanda D. Frerich	Sept. 29	Georgia Mae Shields
Sept. 26	Kathy Bader	Sept. 30	Jessica Terrazas
Sept. 27	Virginia Williams	Sept. 30	Joe Galvan
Sept. 27	Doris Davis	Sept. 30	Laura Jane Wardlaw
Sept. 27	Yolanda Flores	Oct. 1	Maria Cervantes
Sept. 27	Jewel Robinson	Oct. 1	Grace Thornton
Sept. 28	Vidalia Sanchez	Oct. 1	Doris Foster
Sept. 28	Cecilia Lumbreras	Oct. 1	Else Sauer
Sept. 29	Candace Bader	Oct. 1	Joyce Fuentes
Sept. 29	Sally Robe	Oct. 1	David Seargeant



Frontier Baptist Church

Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

The greatest challenge and most important motivation for a Christian is to help others to find Christ as a personal Savior. When you consider that without Christ there is nothing after life here but a horrible eternity in Hell the challenge is overbearing. The call for Christians to be evangelistic and win people to Jesus comes from below. There is not a single person in Hell who would not plead as Dives the rich man did "Go tell them lest they come to this place of torment" Some people feel they can set the rules the way they want to. Because one "believes" in something does not make it so. Because one "thinks" or "feels" he'll escape Hell does not change the reality that without Jesus Christ as personal Savior Hell will be the eternal abode of the soul. No person deliberately plans to go to Hell, but when he endures the torments his message to the world is to avoid it.

The call comes from all about us to lead every person to know Jesus Christ. The constant barrage of murders, drive by shootings, robberies, rapes, burglaries, dope addicts, frauds, embezzlements, deviant life styles of the homosexual and lesbian to the many sins that confront us challenges every Christian to help every person to accept Christ and follow Him. The answer to each of the above is a personal acknowledgment and commitment to Jesus Christ.

Laws, psychologist, psychiatrists rationalization does not change the reality that without

Jesus Christ man is a servant of sin and Satan. The word comes from above that we do what we can to turn people to Christ. Jesus himself said, "I go to prepare a place for you." There is a prepared place in heaven for all who are the children of God. The purpose of creating man, who is in the image of God, is that God could have his own kind to have fellowship. The entire motivation of God is for man to put his faith in Christ and thus spend all eternity with God in heaven.

While the call to lead others to Christ comes from below, from above and about us, the determining factor is the call that comes within. Unless a person has a burden on his heart for those on the way to Hell, one will never do what he can to change the eternal destiny of souls. God does not expect every Christian to carry a big black Bible under his arm to stand on the street corner and loudly proclaim the truth. He does not expect that a Christian button-hole every stranger and try to correct him.

The Bible basically says "As you go preach". The message is to so live that all mankind can see Christ projected through our lives. He does expect to seek to lead people to Christ but the greatest lead is to live and act as Christ teaches in the Bible.

There will be another message from the Bible at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11:00. Come and be blessed.

Over 7,000 Texas women to join in movement of faith

PLANO, Texas - Over 7,100 women from Texas and the surrounding states have already registered for the 1997 Women of Faith Joyful Journey Conference which will be held at the Cornerstone Church located at 18755 Stone Oak Parkway in San Antonio, Texas. The conference will begin on Friday, October 24 from 7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m. and run through Saturday, October 25, from 9:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. Joining more than 154,600 women who have currently signed up for the 1997 Joyful Journey and the more than 30,000 women who attended the conferences in 1996, these women will be a part of a women's movement that is sweeping our country.

This weekend event for women, may possibly be one of the largest

women's event ever held in the city of San Antonio. With more than 300 conference registrations being accepted each day, the Cornerstone Church has already filled to capacity, but seats are still available in the overflow area for the San Antonio Joyful Journey.

The Texas conference will feature some of today's most dynamic, influential, and motivational women. Brought together for the first time ever, are nationally, recognized authors and speakers Patsy Clairmont, Barbara Johnson, Marilyn Meberg, Luci Swindoll, Sheila Walsh, and Thelma Wells who is a Texas native and resident. These outstanding women will merge their unique talents and backgrounds to give messages of inspiration and encouragement.

Obituary



E.E. "Andy" Anderson

E.E. "Andy" Anderson passed away September 16, 1997 at the age of 65. He is survived by his wife Avis, four daughters - Jerri Hollman, San Angelo, Terri McEntire, Dallas, Zina Townsend and Kelli Rivera both of Brownfield. His mother, Nellie Anderson and sister Kay Kelly both of Clovis, New Mexico and seven grandchildren. Mr. Anderson, a longtime resident of Fort Clark Springs had suffered a lengthy bout with cancer.

Mr. Anderson retired from the Haliburton Company and later operated his own business in Kerrville before moving to Fort Clark Springs. As Andy's illness became increasingly worse, he and Avis decided to sell their home at Fort Clark and move to Clovis, New Mexico, to be near family members. Andy will be missed by his many friends in this area.

Gateway Ministries  
Pastor Charolette Corey

Over the years many people have sought after the "Fountain of Youth". Books have been written and movies made about it. Cosmetics, vitamins, foods, health equipment, sports clothes, crystals, and "psychic" counselors have based their marketing appeal on restoring a person's youth.

In Psalm 103: 1-5 King David found the answer ancient days ago.

1) "Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and All that is within me, bless His holy Name." Let everything in your mind, will, and emotions (your soul) Bless God! Like setting your TV or camera in focus to receive the right picture, set your focus clearly on Jesus (whose name is Above all Names).

2) "Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all His Benefits.

3) "Who Forgiveth All thine iniquities" (sins of generations), "who Healeth all thy diseases". A lot of the diseases today are caused from sins passed down

from generation to generation. Jesus has already paid the price for it and given us healing. Just receive it in Jesus' name and agree

with God's word no matter what the case is.

4) "Who redeemeth thy life from destruction, who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies." Through Jesus Christ, my life and yours has been bought and we don't have to go to hell. We are crowned with his lovingkindness and mercy. His love is greater than you or I can imagine. He is Love!

5) "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." Do you find your mouth filled with the words of God, those words which bring life to your bones? This is The Key!! Fill your mouth with the good things of God and you will be "Renewed"! The spoken word of God has power over the physical world in more ways than mankind has yet thoroughly discovered. So how do you become "like new"?... By Setting your eyes on who God is, Speaking his word in faith, Believing.

Stand in Faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

St. John's Baptist Church

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Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments,

Like the dew of Hermon, and like the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore. Psalms 133.

Praise the Lord. Thy way, O God, is in the Sanctuary; who is as great a God as Our God? Psalms 77:13

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

Another very outstanding man of our area has gone to be with the Lord. Lonnie Green has made many fine contributions to this entire Brackettville - Del Rio area. When he was killed in a tragic automobile accident in Louisiana he was pastor of a church in Del Rio. Lonnie was a tremendously effective individual. He served on a number of Boards both in Brackettville and Del Rio. Lonnie served a hitch in the military and

for several years was a training instructor in Karate for the F.B.I agency. Lonnie was most effective in everything he committed to do. While deadly serious in his output to others he was a very likeable man. If anyone found any fault with Lonnie the reflection is on the critic. Lonnie will be missed very much by all who knew him. Surely Lonnie Green was an Unsung Hero.

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NOTICE

OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

Kinney County Commissioners Court conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase your property taxes by 12.10 percent on September 19, 1997 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Kinney County Courthouse, Brackettville, Texas.

Kinney County is scheduled to vote on the tax rate at a public meeting to be held on September 29, 1997 in the Kinney County Court House in Brackettville, Texas at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

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