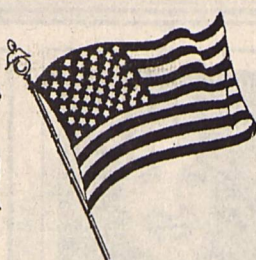


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Virginia Shahan, right, owner of Alamo Village, congratulates Russell Everett from Vision Quest in Uvalde after he won first place in the 38th Annual Labor Day Horse Races on Monday at the famed movie set. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## School district proposes raising tax rate by 3 cents

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

In an effort to maximize its rate for the next three years, the Brackett School Board is proposing a 3 cent hike in the tax rate.

The trustees voted 6-1 Tuesday to raise the district's tax rate from 1.2119 to 1.2419 per \$100 valuation during a special meeting. A public hearing on the tax rate is set for Friday, Sept. 18, at 5:30.

Under the proposal, taxes on the average home in Kinney County would increase by \$14.09, or 12.5 percent.

For school district's around the state, this year's tax rate establishes a cap on the amount of state funding a district can receive for the following two years.

"The cap applies to Tier II, which is an equalization fund in Texas," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "The equalization fund in our district is about one cent for each two cents of state help. That's a significant amount of money. In our district, we receive approximately \$600,000 in Tier II funds every year."

Trustee Tim Ward said, "It's a scheme on the part of the state to force local school districts to raise taxes. We have to recognize it for what it is, and it's a trap."

Rose Mary Slubar, the only School Board member who voted against the hike, said it was "a bad time to increase the tax rate."

"People are going to be real upset about higher taxes," she said. "We're building \$1.6 million school. Not only that, but last year they came in and redid all of the property

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Trustee Tim Ward

valuations, which raised everybody's taxes tremendously."

Stephenson said the proposed rate would allow the district to utilize a greater amount of state funds during the next three years. But he added that the tax rate could be lowered if additional funding wasn't needed in the future.

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### Briefs ...

#### County to rebid Pinto Creek bridge project

County officials will rebid the project to construct a bridge crossing Pinto Creek in southwestern Kinney County.

"We had a bid for the Pinto Creek bridge," Precinct 1 Commissioner Freddie Frerich said. "We advertised that we would meet with any interested contractors and go out to the site with the engineer. However, it was flooding at the time and nobody could get out there. The contractors didn't get their bids in, so we need to rebid it."

At a special meeting last week, the Commissioners Court voted to accept bids through Tuesday. The bids will be opened at 11 a.m. on Thursday.

"We only have three people interested in bidding on it at this time," Frerich added.

#### Bizzell Construction purchases BISD buses

The Brackett School Board of Trustees accepted two bids from Bizzell Construction for the purchase of two buses during a special meeting last week.

The School Board received three bids for each of the two buses.

Bizzell Construction had the high bids of \$921 for a 1975 International school bus and \$466 for a 1967 International school bus.

## Commissioners to consider grievances

### Treasurer, tax assessor-collector seek the same salary as auditor

The Kinney County Commissioners Court will have to consider paying the county treasurer and the county tax assessor-collector the same salary as the county auditor during Monday morning's 10:00 budget hearing.

Janis Floyd, the county treasurer, and Martha Pena-Hooten, the tax assessor-collector, appeared before the county's salary grievance committee Tuesday with their request for salaries equal to that of the county auditor, Cordelia Barlow.

The committee approved Floyd's request 8-1 and Pena-Hooten's request 6-3. If the requests would have been approved unanimously, no action would have been required by the Commissioners Court.

"The Commissioners Court will have to consider it," County Attorney Tully Shahan said. "That doesn't propel the Commissioners Court to do anything."

Floyd has worked for the county for 10 years. She was elected treasurer in 1995.

Pena-Hooten has been with the county for 15 years. She was appointed tax assessor-collector in 1990 and was then elected to the

position two years later.

The auditor's current salary is \$18,488.10, while the treasurer and the tax assessor-collector are paid \$16,978.14. Under the proposed budget, the auditor is expected to receive a salary of \$20,280, which is up 9.7 percent. The proposal calls for a 5 percent pay hike for the treasurer and the tax assessor-collector, upping their salaries to \$17,827.04.

Floyd and Pena-Hooten said they both deserve to receive equal pay as the auditor.

"I would like for the (Commissioners Court) to take into consideration what I do in my office as compared to what she does in her office," Floyd said. "Yes, she's just as busy as I am, but she's not more busy."

"We're not begrudging her," Pena-Hooten added. "She is doing her job. But we don't feel that it is fair to us."

The two elected officials said they did not get an opportunity to discuss their budgets with the Commissioners Court.

"We never got called in to Commissioners Court to discuss our budgets," Floyd said. "I re-

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The Brackett High School cheerleaders for this year are, standing, from left: Susannah Davis, Duquesa Hunt, April Crumley and Mandy Petrosky (head cheerleader). Kneeling: Jessica DeLeon and Gracie Terrazas. Sitting: Laura Lee Ballew, Helen Flores (mascot) and Carissa De Los Santos. The squad attended a four-day camp at Baylor University last month. The group learned new cheers, chants and pep-rally ideas at the camp, which was sponsored by the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA). Davis and Petrosky were nominated to try out for NCA All-American Cheerleader. The squad earned the spirit stick award and was named most improved varsity squad. Flores, who is in her first year as mascot, was nominated to try out for the NCA All-American Mascot Squad and earned a mascot spirit stick award. Photo Special to The Brackett News

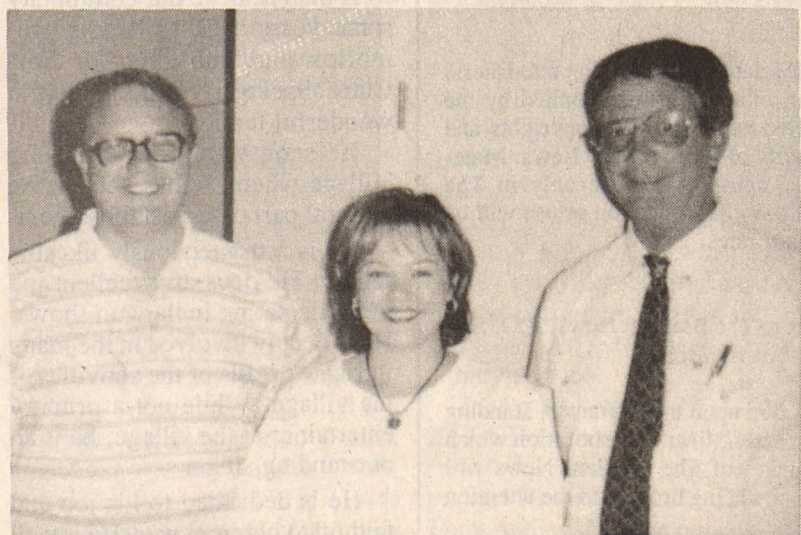
## Sharp change can sometimes cause anxiety

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club met at the Fort Clark Golf Club last Thursday, which was the second and last week away from the Las Moras Restaurant -- an unexpected change for the local Rotarians.

Change can add a little spice to life, but a sharp change, such as from drought to flooding condition, can cause anxiety.

Change requires an adjustment, and if the outcome is completely unknown, it can cause fear. Such was the experience of Roxanna Gonzales, the first speaker at the luncheon.



Willie Clements (from left) and Roxanna Gonzales are welcomed to last week's Rotary Club meeting by Taylor Stephenson, program chairman. Photo by Eric McMaster

Gonzales teaches music in the Brackettville schools and lives in Del Rio. Her home is located on the periphery of the South Main area, which was severely hit by the flood caused by Tropical Storm Charley.

As the storm became worse the night of Aug. 23, Gonzales awakened from sleep in her upstairs bedroom to hear her mother calling.

Her mother wanted to know if she was able to sleep. The heavy rain and thunder were disturbing. The daughter replied that she could and went back to sleep. Some time later, her mother called again. Water was coming in downstairs.

Gonzales ran to her mother as the water rose. Soon, it was up to her calves. The two women sought safety upstairs.

Alarmed and feeling helpless, Gonzales called a friend. He came immediately, but was delayed in reaching them since he had to park several blocks away and walk.

In the meantime, the electricity went off and the women were

left in darkness. They peered out of the windows as screams pierced the rumbling sound of rain and rushing water. Fire trucks with shrill sirens came to try to rescue those whose homes were swept away in the torrent.

The women saw someone struggling to push one man in a wheelchair while swift currents swept debris around them. When the black night finally ended, they talked to friends and found out who among them were dead or missing. One man had lost his wife. A woman had opened her front door to be swept out to her death.

The following day, helicopters circled to locate those who sat on rooftops.

Gonzales found water had risen up to the dashboard of her car. The downstairs of her home was filled with contaminated mud and water. She was left shaken but grateful to be alive. The memory of the desperate screams in the dark night still haunt her.

The second speaker, Willie Clements, is head of the Alterna-

tive School program in Brackettville, a project created for students who have dropped out or cannot function in a normal classroom atmosphere.

Clements, his wife and seven children formally lived in Del Rio.

Clements is also the branch president of the Latter Day Saints. He is responsible for the spiritual life and welfare of the temple.

He immediately offered help and organized the men and the youth to help flood victims. They went from house to house checking on people and helping them to shelter.

Salt Lake City sent food and clothing for those in need. The American Red Cross and all sorts of resources poured into Del Rio.

The mud and water were full of disease and free tetanus shots were given people. They were helped to shelter. Some of those who were missing were located. Clean water was provided.

Both Gonzales and Clements spoke of the wonderful feeling of cooperation. Each person was eager to help in any way.

### INSIDE

#### Joe Townsend

I have been through a number of serious floods, beginning when a teenager and continuing through the years. Opinion/Page 2

#### Taylor Stephenson

Were you there to see the big show Friday night? We played Sabinal and won big time. Kudos to the coaches and team. Lifestyles/Page 4

#### Chuck Hall

My travels this past weekend took me to Pearsall. I was visiting my good buddy, Ted. We were having some R&R&I&I. Lifestyles/Page 4

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CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR  
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Some pointed questions

The fact that there are 19.1 million Texans, at last count, makes it a little difficult for me to talk to all of you and find out what's on your mind. So I hope you will take the time to clip our annual survey, fill it out and mail it back to me with your opinions. I appreciate The Brackett News' generosity in publishing this questionnaire for me each year.

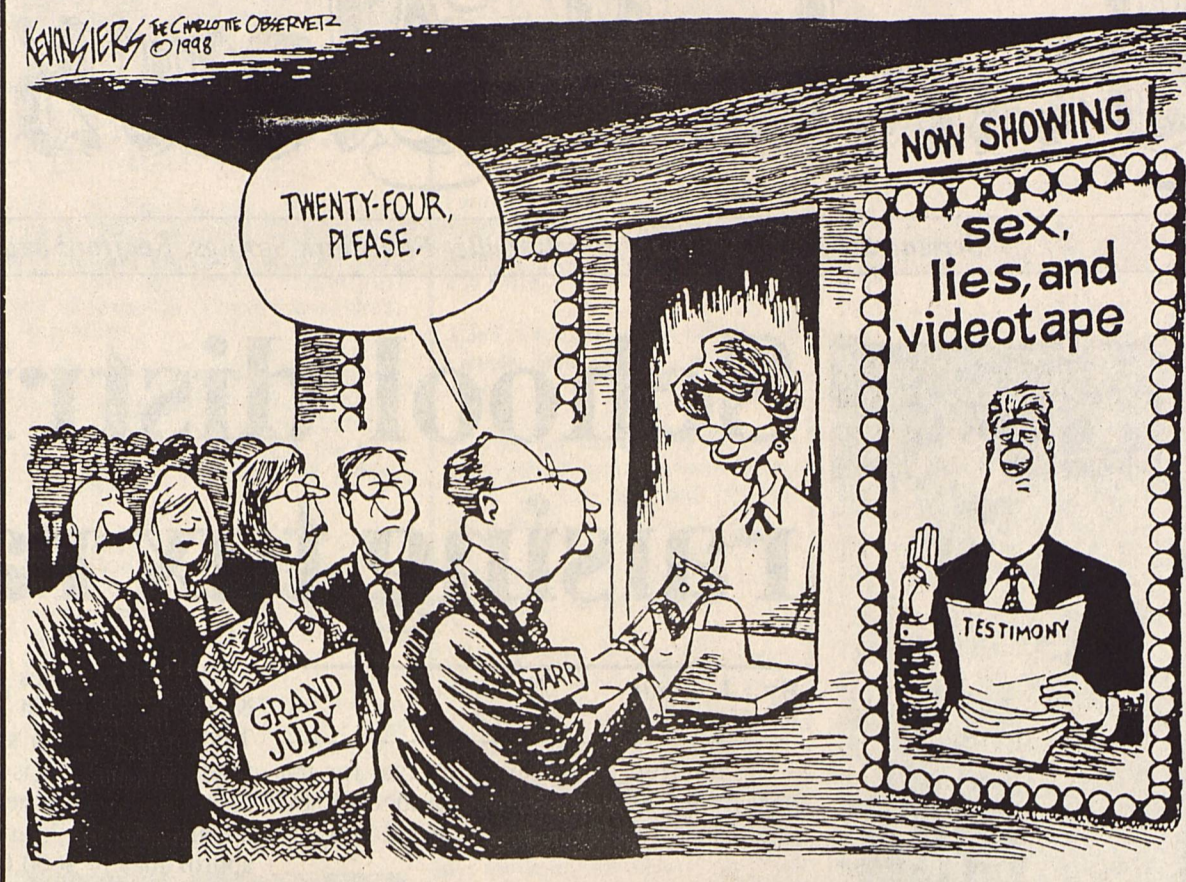
Last year's results proved once again that Texans offer some of the best insights into our country's most difficult issues. I always look forward to reading your responses.

QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1) This summer's drought has taken a dreadful toll on Texas, particularly the agricultural sector of our state economy. Much of my work this summer has focused on getting federal assistance to those who desperately need it. Are you satisfied that both federal and state agencies have worked together as efficiently as possible to get drought relief to Texas?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ What would you have done differently? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) The federal government will have a budget surplus this year. Do you believe these funds should be used to cut taxes? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ To reduce the national debt? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ To increase government spending? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 3) What would your priorities be for cutting taxes? Would you do away with the marriage penalty that imposes higher taxes on married people with two incomes than it imposes on single people in the same circumstances? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Would you raise the levels of income at which tax bills go up, that is, the point at which taxpayers would fall into increasingly higher tax brackets? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Would you reduce the rate of the capital gains tax? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 4) Congress has produced a balanced budget and cut federal spending sharply in many areas. But much work remains to be done. In what areas do you believe federal spending could be cut even more? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Do you think public schools should be allowed to offer same-sex classrooms (or even entire schools) to students whose parents believe they would benefit from them? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 6) Do you think the U.S. troops in Bosnia should remain there indefinitely, as the President has proposed? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 7) Congress soon will consider a wide-ranging trade bill that would give the President "fast-track" authority to negotiate with other countries to extend the North American Free Trade Agreement to Central and South America. Do you support expanding NAFTA? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 8) The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) estimates the illegal alien population to be 5 million, compared to 3.9 million 1992. In 1996 more than 916,000 aliens were admitted as permanent residents. Do you think current levels of immigration should be maintained? \_\_\_ Made more generous? \_\_\_ Less generous? \_\_\_ What further steps do you think the INS should take to prevent the entry of illegal aliens, and to detect and deport those who are here? \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Should the federal government establish and enforce content standards for electronic information providers such as the Internet? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Do you support the ability of state and local governments to raise revenues by taxing transactions made over the Internet? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 10) Congress is considering deregulation of the electricity industry. There would be transitional costs borne by each electricity consumer. Do you believe you would benefit from electricity deregulation? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

\*Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your responses to me at 283 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20510. I look forward to hearing from you.



Christian community rushes to aide Del Rio flood victims

Times of trauma and tragedy reveal many things. I have been through a number of serious floods, beginning when a teenager and continuing through the years. However, I have never seen the outpouring response there has been in the Del Rio flood recently.

Almost before the rain stopped, many agencies and people flocked to the distressed city to try to help.

The Air Force, the Army and the National Guard provided helicopters, trucks and personnel in quantity. People by the numbers, began immediately to fan out and search for survivors and the dead. It's only by God's grace there were not many more fatalities.

Then came the monstrous surge of assistance on every front. No water for 34,000 people presented a horrendous problem. Bottled water was donated by the thousands and delivered by private companies like Ozarka and Culligan, among others.

H.E.B. provided large tank trucks among other units. These filled in Brackettville and Fort Clark and plied back and forth as people lined up by the hundreds for water at no cost to them.

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



The local washeteria did a land office business with people coming from Del Rio.

One interesting reaction was the action of the Christian community through church organizations.

The Catholic Church, in addition to help by individual churches, sent two large trucks of supplies from the archdiocese of San Antonio. The Mormon organization sent two large trucks of supplies from their warehouse in Salt Lake City.

The Salvation Army started serving meals almost immediately. The Seventh Day Adventist brought in a unit to serve meals to all comers. Southern Baptists maintain several units across the U.S. and Hawaii, packed and ready to move at a moments notice.

The first rescue unit at Hurricane Bonnie was the Southern

Baptist unit. The one dispatched to Del Rio served 2,000 to 3,000 meals a day. One of the most significant factors was the tremendous number of people from the churches who gave so much time and effort.

Secular and denominational lines meant nothing. The compelling motivation was need and a desire to help.

Surely God must have smiled to see so many of his children so deeply concerned and dedicated to serve.

In time of distress, there is no more fruitful place to turn than to the churches filled with caring and concerned Christians. Those who think Christ and his church are unimportant need but to take off their sin stained glasses and see the reality of the true meaning of faith in Jesus Christ. It was amply manifested in the flood in Del Rio.

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We can save Social Security

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

In just over 10 years, the first of the literally millions of "baby boomers" - Americans born between 1946 and 1964 -- will begin to retire. The current Social Security system just can't handle this avalanche of new retirees.

Many of these baby boomers have saved well over the years and plan for Social Security to only supplement their current nest egg. But some baby boomers will depend more on the Social Security system in retirement than others. They are counting on Social Security being there to support them. After all, they have a right to draw back the money they have contributed to the system for so many years.

With such a short time left, there is a lot of concern about the state of the Social Security program. If we don't act soon to preserve the system it will mean there will be no Social Security for our children and grandchildren when they reach retirement age. We cannot afford to let that happen.

This is not a problem that just crept up on us. Social Security has been on this course for years. It has been obvious to many that if the Social Security system was not reformed, there would be serious problems when future generations began to retire.

This Congress is stepping up to the plate to save the Social Security system from falling apart. We have some experience in this area. Just a couple of years ago we faced the same crisis with the Medicare system. We focused our efforts, worked hard on a plan and saved Medicare from bankruptcy. And we did it without raising taxes. We can do the same thing with Social Security.

We've already got a great start. We did such a good job of balancing the budget and cutting spending that we actually have a budget surplus. If we stay disciplined, over the next eleven years the federal government will bring in more than it spends. And that's no small amount of money. The Congressional Budget Office projects the surplus to be 1.6 trillion dollars over the next eleven years.

That \$1.6 trillion is more than enough to preserve Social Security. Not only will that amount take care of Social Security, but it also means that your tax burden can and should be lowered. After all, that \$1.6 trillion is your money. Lower, fairer taxes for you and your family will strengthen the economy, and a strong economy helps keep Social Security strong, too.

Some said it could not be done. They said Social Security could not be saved without raising taxes. But it can be done. We have shown how. We can preserve Social Security and provide tax relief for hardworking Americans.

This Congress continues to study additional ways to keep Social security strong and healthy. It is our responsibility to make sure the Social Security system is there for future generations.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

A man came to our community some years back to handle promotion and publicity for Fort Clark Springs. He is part of a wonderful family.

He soon wound up at Alamo Village where he has become an integral part of the establishment.

He is a tremendously likeable fellow. He does an excellent job in participating in the gun shows. He is deeply involved in the many intricate details of the activities of the village. While not a primary entertainer at the village, he is an outstanding singer.

He is dedicated to his job and faithful to his employer. He is well liked by all who know him. Surely, Mike Bolin is an Unsung Hero.



## Obituaries

### Charles Gording Downing Sr.

Charles Gordon Downing Sr. died Tuesday, Sept. 8, 1998, at Fort Duncan Medical Center in Eagle Pass, Texas. He was born April 29, 1920, in Emsworth, Pennsylvania to Marlowe and Mildred Downing.

As a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps during World War II, he was stationed at Eagle Pass, where he met and married Frances Geraldine (Jean) Pollay on Sept. 11, 1943. After serving in New Guinea, the Philippines, Okinawa and Japan, he returned to Eagle Pass.

During his working days, he managed the Hotel Eagle, owned and operated the Pack-Saddle Grocery and served as manager of the Water Works System, City of Eagle Pass.

A self-educated historian, Downing collected antique guns and military history books. He became extremely knowledgeable about forts and cavalry history of the Southwest and spoke to civic groups and Elderhostels about area history.

After retiring, he moved to Fort Clark Springs, where he was a docent for the museum. He and his wife lived on the parade ground in a home designated a historic landmark.

Downing served on the board of the Texas State Historical As-

sociation and as president of the South Texas Genealogical Society. He was an endowed member of Eagle Pass Masonic Lodge No. 626; Las Moras Lodge No. 444; Del Rio Chapter No. 204, Order of the Eastern Star, Fort Sam Houston Chapter No. 17, National Sojourners, Inc; and Heroes of '76. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Eagle Pass.

He will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor, his love of American history, his ability to talk to anyone about anything, his conservative politics (a republican with a little "r"), his unbending moral code, and his strong opinions.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; daughter, Barbara and her husband James N. Higdon; son, Charles Gordon Downing Jr. and his wife Barbara; and six grandchildren, Travis and Andrew Higdon, Marlowe, Charles and Sabina Downing, and Clint Chapman.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. today at the First United Methodist Church in Eagle Pass. Interment will follow at the Masonic Cemetery with military honors.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church or a charity of one's choice.

### Rosicler Gonzales Shields

Rosicler Gonzales Shields, 34, of San Angelo died Saturday, Aug. 29, 1998, in a local hospital.

Shields was born May 3, 1964, in Camp Wood. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Shields of San Angelo; a daughter, Christina Shields of San Angelo; her father, Leandro Gonzales of Dallas; her mother,

Jovita Munoz of Sonora; a brother, Manuel Gonzales of San Angelo; three sisters, Mary Ann Sanchez and Mari Romo, both of San Angelo, and Theresa Munoz of Sonora; and several nieces and nephews.

Vigil service was held at the Robert Massie Funeral Chapel. Funeral service was held on Sept. 1, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Rev. Terry Brenon officiating. Burial followed at Calvary Cemetery.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report

### Tuesday, Sept. 1

11:52 a.m., Uvalde Police Department officials reported a one-vehicle rollover west of Highway 55 on F.M. 334, one mile inside the county line. No injuries were reported. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar was dispatched to the scene.

12:55 p.m., Pedro Tiempo, 24, Juan Antonio Ortega, 17, and Victor Javier Ortega, 23, all illegal aliens living in San Antonio, were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Warren Outlaw and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. All three men were booked into the Kinney County Jail. Juan and Javier Ortega were both turned over to INS officials on Sept. 4. Tiempo is still being held.

9:46 p.m., A family requested an ambulance at their apartment on Riordam Alley. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism and Kinney County EMS personnel were dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, the individual refused medical attention.

10:26 p.m., A Brackettville woman came into the Sheriff's Office to report that her husband came home drunk and started to fight with her at their residence on E. Rose Alley. She said he bit her, spit at her, and tossed her around. Deputy Chism located the individual and transported him to his parents house.

10:58 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported a large group of kids gathered at the cemetery. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

### Wednesday, Sept. 2

6:21 a.m., Border Patrol officials reported that a railroad tie was sticking up about a foot and a half on Highway 90, east of Brackettville close to the Cline checkpoint. Union Pacific Police officials were notified of the situation.

8:24 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs woman reported a truck speeding west on Highway 90. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie was notified of the situation.

### Thursday, Sept. 3

4:30 p.m., A Brackettville man said that someone was harassing

his daughters. He said the person made his daughters cry.

5:15 p.m., Trooper Wylie reported that an 18-wheeler needed assistance. The company which owned the truck was contacted, and officials there were going to contact a wrecker service from Uvalde.

### Friday, Sept. 4

11:10 a.m., Miguel Flores, 21, of Austin was arrested by an INS officer on an outstanding warrant out of Travis County for driving with a suspended license. Flores was booked in the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

3:40 p.m., An anonymous person from the school campus called 911 to report that a child was hit by a car at the 400 block of Ann Street. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess was dispatched to the scene. Officials said it was "a dry run."

4:10 p.m., A motorist reported that a black sports car with New Jersey license plates was driving recklessly on Highway 90, approximately 10 miles west of Brackettville. Attempts to contact DPS officials were unsuccessful.

### Saturday, Sept. 5

7:12 p.m., An employee at Pico's reported that someone had left the store without paying for gasoline. The delivery van had a company name on it. Trooper Wylie was dispatched to the scene, but he could not locate the vehicle. The manager at Pico's later contacted the owner of the vehicle who said that he would take care of the problem.

7:25 p.m., Robert Joseph Garcia, 20, of Brackettville was arrested for public intoxication by Deputy Chism. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Garcia was released on Tuesday. He was credited with time served and sentenced to two days of community service.

7:28 p.m., Juan F. Del Toro, 27, of Brenham, Texas, was arrested for driving with a suspended license by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Del Toro was released the same day on a \$1,000 bail bond.



The Brackett Middle School cheerleaders participated in a two-day UCA camp held at Brackett ISD. Cheerleaders for this year are, standing, from left: Stacey Castilla, Diana Moore (UCA representative) and Emily Petrosky. Kneeling: Beth Ballew and Ashley Smith. Sitting: Davina Luna and Vanessa Castillo. Photo Special to The Brackett News

## School district proposes tax hike

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"If the School Board doesn't maximize the rate in the year when the cap is set and then they have needs in those two years that follow, it would end up with local taxpayers paying about three times the tax load they would otherwise have to pay," he said.

"At one point in time, the tax rate in Kinney County was \$1.32. Two or three years ago, it was \$1.25 and we've dropped it to \$1.21. So I think they have a history of trying to establish the lowest possible tax rate, but yet maximizing state funds. That's what this vote was about tonight."

Trustee Jim McDaniel said the

School Board needed to keep the district's fund balance at a reasonable level.

"Nobody wants to see taxes go up," he said. "During the last few years, we built an alternative out of the cash fund, tennis courts out of the cash fund, and a new high school out of the cash fund. If the funds get too low, you have to limit your options. The next time you need to build something, the money won't be there. You need to keep a semi-decent fund balance."

School Board President Lloyd Lee Davis said the district has saved taxpayers dollars by using its fund balance.

"The middle school and cafete-

ria project was a little less than a \$1 million bond. You can see in our budget, it amounts to a little over \$190,000 payments a year, for 15 years. That \$900,000 bond comes out to a total of \$2.8 million. That's \$1.8 million in interest."

Trustee Steve LaMascus expressed concern about the effect the tax hike would have on the agriculture community following the recent flooding.

"This is a bad time," he said. "We just had half of the ranchers in the county lose a bunch of stock and fences. In the county itself, the dollar base has been hit hard. I guarantee you, I pay a whole lot less taxes than a rancher would."

## Briefs ...

### Assistance is available for local flood victims

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is encouraging local citizens who suffered damages from the flood to apply for disaster assistance.

"Even if you have registered with the Red Cross, you still need to call FEMA," said Bob Hinkle, a community relations official with the federal agency.

For disaster assistance, flood victims should call FEMA at (800) 642-9029.

### Baptist church to host blood drive Thursday

The First Baptist Church of Brackettville and the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center will host a Blood Drive on Thursday, Sept. 17, in the Fellowship Hall from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Anyone between 17 and 72 years of age who weighs at least 110 pounds and is in good physical health may donate.

All blood donors will receive a free cholesterol test and mini-physical consisting of blood pressure, iron level, pulse and temperature check.

South Texas Blood and Tissue Center asks all donors to present some form of identification before beginning the donation process.

For more information, contact Carol Salladay at (830) 563-2612.

### Texas Badland Days' parade seeks entries

UVALDE, Texas -- The Texas Badland Days Festival is fast approaching. The festival will begin on Saturday, Oct. 17, with a pancake breakfast. Then at 10 a.m. the parade will proceed through downtown Uvalde.

Anyone interested in participating in the parade can pick up an application at the Uvalde Convention and Visitors Bureau, located 300 E. Main in Uvalde.

The deadline for all parade entries is Oct. 1. For more information, call (830) 278-4115.



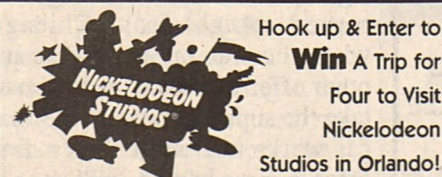
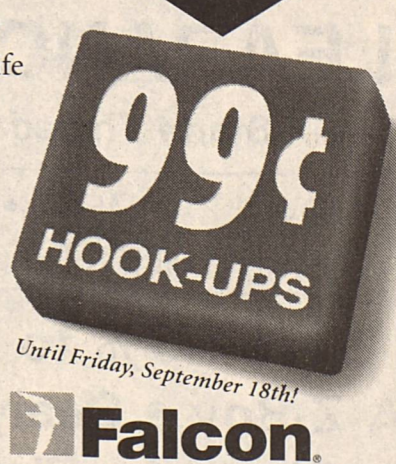
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**But, I could be wrong!**

By: Chuck Hall



**Who ever heard of Brackettville?**

My travels this past weekend took me to Pearsall. I was visiting my good buddy, Ted. We were having some R&R&I&I. (Don't ask!)

At a local hardware store, we ran into another old rodeo friend. He was with the former saddle bronc champion of the world. We were introduced.

After shaking hands he surprised me: "Chuck Hall? From Brackettville? I've heard of you."

Probably not. If anything, he might have heard of my kids.

And let me assure you right from the start I am not telling this as a boast. Not for me anyway. But I am proud that he knew Brackettville.

I remember Happy Shahan telling me: "Wherever you go, what ever you do, tell people you're from Brackettville. Don't tell 'em you're from near Del Rio, or 120 miles from San Antonio, tell 'em you're from Brackettville!"

Brackettville is known by more folks that you think. But, I could be wrong!



**Mary M. Hernandez** recently received her diploma for successfully completing a program of fitness and nutrition. Congratulations, and also Happy Birthday. Love from Mama and Nobby.

**Football season kicks off with a big show, a big win**

Were you there to see the big show Friday night? We played Sabinal and won big time.

The football team was spirited, in shape, and knew what it was doing. We played hard the entire game. Kudos to the coaches and team.

Also doing a fine job were the Brackett Tiger Band and the cheerleaders.

The crowd was a big one. The smell of burgers cooking capped a perfect evening. Good going, Tigers.

**Tigerettes Work Hard**

The volleyball girls worked hard against Sabinal. The first game looked like there was no doubt that a victory was at hand. The second game and third game went to Sabinal.

This is a fun team to watch. They are working hard to win. I believe they will do just that.

**School Board**

Our regular board meeting

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

for September will be on Monday at 6:30 p.m. The public hearing on tax increases is at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 18.

**Labor Day**

I hope your Labor Day holiday was a good one. For those whom we honor, the labor force, we couldn't do it without you.

I wish a livable wage and someone to tell you that you do make a difference in your job. Sometimes those compliments come from customers, sometimes from your supervisor, but everyone needs a pat on the back.

I hope that each of you who work to support your family get

that moment of appreciation along with a buck or two extra in your paycheck this year.

**Back to School**

Del Rio started back to school the day after Labor Day. There are still huge problems ahead for the kids, parents and staff at Del Rio. We send our best to you. You have done so well amidst the worst possible problems.

**Busy Week**

This week, the football team plays at D'Hanis, while the volleyball teams play at Uvalde, Eagle Pass and Utopia.

We're working hard to be the best at Brackett ISD. Your help and support make this a goal that is attainable. Have a great week!

**Genealogical society installs new officers**

UVALDE -- The Southwest Texas Genealogical Society installed its officers Saturday.

Officers installed for 1998-2000 were Clarence Bell of San Antonio, president; Marilyn Davenport of Uvalde, first vice president in charge of programs; Faye Allen of Cline, second vice president in charge of membership; Pat McKelvy of Brackettville, treasurer; Sharon Easley of Sabinal, recording secretary; Nell Evins of Uvalde, corresponding secretary; Freida Rogers of Montel, parliamentarian; and Betty Sparks of Cline, editor of Branches & Acorns.

Texas Ranger Brooks Long was the guest speaker. His program was about history of Texas Rangers.

Members attending from Brackettville were McKelvy, Sandra Herman and Woodie Hornberg.

Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he graduated 12th from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lt. of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, where Lt. French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882, the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries, which he faithfully maintained for the next 30 years.

**Friday, Sept. 10, 1886**

Felt all right this morning except for a blister left by the plaster. Went down to Dr. Laubach's and gave him a full account of my trouble. He gave me a prescription but would take no pay for it. Then went down to Detzer's but he was out. Went up to get trousers and was told to return in an hour as they were not finished. Went back to the store and gave Detzer an idea of what I wanted. He promised to write a description and I am to look it over this evening. Then it will be sent to a manufacturer to make a diagram and for prices. Got prescription filled and find that it is for kidney or bladder treatment. Have long felt that perhaps that attack in '82 just before the yellow fever left my kidneys weak, and now must be careful to get entirely over this trouble. Had to wait a short time at the tailor's for my pants. Returned home for a while and then went up to Mecca Hoagland's to see her about a picnic tomorrow. Sat for a while and then went to the factory and walked up with Father. In the afternoon wrote letters to Ogle, Fiebeger, Ed Todd, Miss Houston, Capt. Vance and Geary. Mailed the letter to Hewitt this morning. After writing letters went over with Mother and the girls to see Mrs. McDonald and her little girl who have just returned from Petoskey. Mrs. McDonald is not as pleasant as she used to be. Think perhaps she feels somewhat above us as she is soon to move up into the West End. Esther is a very pretty child but unfortunately she is becoming spoilt. On the whole I am rather glad that they intend to move away as the former exceedingly friendly relations will not be renewed. Went down to Detzer's and saw the letter he wrote about the case and find it quite satisfactory. Mailed letters and returning home met Father. In the evening Sue, Mattie & I went out to call on Gusta & Henry Stapleford, meeting his sister Mrs. Thompson and Clem there, and had a right pleasant time. George returned tonight from Chicago where he was informed that another offer was to be made him to take the superintendency of some car works in Detroit. It is a fine offer, but we hope he will not accept as it will take Sue and the baby away from home.

**Saturday, Sept. 11, 1886**

Mrs. McDonald came over this

morning and was more affable than yesterday while Esther was pleasanter also. Perhaps they were feeling tired from their trip yesterday. Drove Mother down town and then via the factory drove Mother and Mattie out to a place near Hoagland's farm for a picnic. Sue & baby came out in a carriage with Mecca Hoagland, John Hill and his little girl. The ride was a very pleasant one, the day being cool and comfortable. We waited a short time near the Orphan's Home for the folks from Grandmother's, and then went on to select a picnic place, finding a beautiful spot on the bank of the river. Here we were soon joined by several from Grandmother's and Mr & Mrs. John Shoaff and family, and soon had an excellent lunch with hot coffee. After it was over brought Aunt Eliza, Sue & baby back and got Lula to take out. Tried to get Father & Henry to go back with us but they were too busy to get away. Will & Emma Fleming came out in the afternoon. They have been married since '83 and have just returned from a trip East. Was very glad to see them again and to notice the improvement in Emma's health. Spent the afternoon playing cards and chatting. Had supper and a good one too. Then sat on the bank, singing and watching the moonlight on the water. My back ached and bothered me a good deal in the afternoon but passed away before supper. Stepped on a thorn just before starting home and after getting back went to Dr. Laubach's to have him extract the piece. But he examined it with a knife and could find nothing. My overcoat came this evening and makes quite a fine looking one.

**Sunday, Sept. 12, 1886**

Foot was slightly swollen today and the cord was somewhat stiff. So did not go out all day although the weather was cool and pleasant. Received an O.B. notifying me of correctness of returns as Q.M. at Brown, & a letter from Hatfield showing a larger balance to my credit than I thought, and an advertising circular. The Army Register brought word of the death of Col. Hunt which places Col. Lyster at the top of the list and insures his promotion in October, I think. Geary has gone home on leave and my letter will have to be forwarded. Ives is ordered to Leavenworth for duty with the rifle competition. Read the papers and part of Blaine's and Grant's book today. Thank goodness, George has fully decided to remain with the railroad and Sue and the baby will stay here a while longer.

**Monday, Sept. 13, 1886**

After breakfast went down town to attend to some errands,

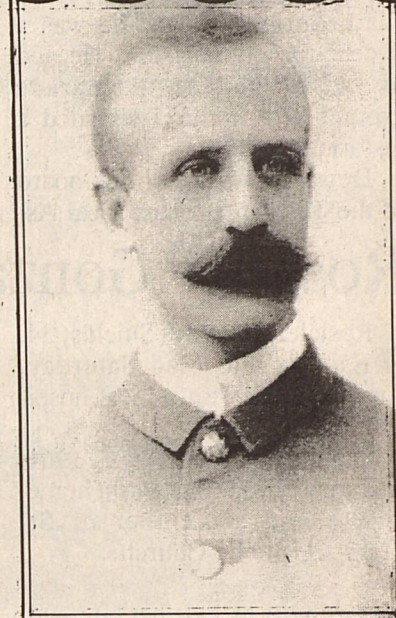
paying Mr. Fowles for the overcoat. Met Lizzie Hoagland in a buggy near the Masonic Temple and rode around a while with her. A little before ten o'clock we returned to the Temple, fell into line and were fortunate in securing excellent seats for the opera on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Then rode down by the bank to see Henry and out to Grandmother's where engaged to take Aunt Eliza to the opera on Wednesday and will spend the night out there. Brought the buggy over for Henry who brought me up home. After dinner wrote to Hatfield. Then went down town with Sue to do some shopping and over to a furniture factory to see about the cost of a bedroom set, but could get no satisfaction. We met Mecca Hoagland, Emma Fleming & John Hill in their buggy and were invited to go up for a game of tennis, but my foot was too stiff to run on. Intended to go down to the factory to come up with Father, but had time only to shave and dress before supper. Spent the evening at home reading until about 8 o'clock when Mr. White, Lula's fiance', came to the house. He was very affable and genial. Had sense enough to retire from the room to allow him & Lula to be alone for a while. The invitations for their wedding came today and are entirely satisfactory. Some wedding presents came also from Aunt Callie Grey, the first that she has received.

**Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1886**

Went down to the Aveline House and sat for a while with Mr. White chatting. Then took him to see our church and to call on Mr. Moffatt to arrange about the ceremony but did not find him at home. Then brought him up to the house where he remained for dinner. In the afternoon took him, Lula and Mattie out for a long ride to New Haven and back by another road. The roads were a little dusty, but otherwise the ride was very enjoyable. Mr. White or John as per agreement made this evening, was at the house for tea and spent the evening. Took him down again to Mr. Moffatt's after supper but were unsuccessful again. Henry came over in the evening and we went out to make a party call on Mrs. Hugh Bond but did not get in. Then went to see Emma Fleming and Mecca Hoagland and were having a very pleasant call when young Hough came in. He is exceedingly fresh and conceited and soon disgusted us with his talk; so that we left. Received a letter today from Foltz asking for a contribution of \$1 for a class picture to be put up in the Mess Hall at West Point.

**Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1886**

Went down to the hotel again this morning but found John had



**FOOTSTEPS ECHO**

The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French

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gone out. Bought a postal note to send to Foltz and stopped at the bank to see Henry a moment. John did not come to the house until after I got back and then we worked until noon directing his list of invitations. After dinner took him down to see Mr. Moffatt and succeeded in making the appointment all right. Returned to the house and completed directing the invitations. Have his list already to send out and Lula's can be attended to later on. Shaved and prepared for the opera and after bidding John good bye as he returns to Pittsburgh tonight. Rode out in the buggy with Bertha to Grandmother's where took supper. Later on Aunt Eliza and I came over to the Masonic Temple to hear Emma Abbott sing in Linda di Chamouni. The Temple has been completed since my last visit and makes an exceedingly beautiful and well arranged opera house. The music was very fine. Abbott has a somewhat thin voice but under splended control and knows how to make the most of it. The other principal members have fine voices and the chorus was good. Enjoyed the music a great deal but cannot say so much for Abbott's acting. The troupe cut the piece a good deal which was rather provoking. Got back before eleven o'clock and spent a short time talking over the affair. Henry and I are to sleep together, like we used to do when we were boys.

**Thursday, Sept. 16, 1886**

Took breakfast with Grandmother and sat for a short time afterwards. Then rode over to town with Aunt Eliza and Aunt Mary going up to Hoagland's a while. Stopped to see Detzer a moment on the way home. Worked until dinner directing invitations and a while after dinner until Mrs. McDonald and Esther came over. They stayed quite a time, but after their departure directed some more invitations. Bathed and shaved before supper. In the evening Lula, Sue, Mattie, George and I went to hear Emma Abbott in Paul and Virginia. A hard rain came up just in time to make it disagreeable walking. Did not enjoy this opera as much as last evening. The music was not as good and the acting was poorer. It was a longer play. Saw quite a number of acquaintances whom have not seen before.

**BISD Cafeteria Menu**

**Breakfast Menu**

Friday, Sept. 11  
Scrambled Eggs  
Hash Browns  
Toast & Jelly  
Fruit or Juice

Monday, Sept. 14  
Glazed Donuts  
Fruit or Juice

Tuesday, Sept. 15  
Breakfast Sandwich  
Fruit or Juice

Wednesday, Sept. 16  
Blueberry Muffins  
Fruit or Juice

Thursday, Sept. 17  
Ham & Cheese Melt  
Fruit or Juice

**Lunch Menu**

Friday, Sept. 11  
Baked Chicken, Fresh Baked Roll  
Whipped Potatoes, Gravy  
Seasoned Vegetable

Monday, Sept. 14  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fruit  
Oven Fries, Pickle Slices

Tuesday, Sept. 15  
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce  
Garlic Bread  
Seasoned Vegetable, Fruit

Wednesday, Sept. 16  
Chalupas, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad

Thursday, Sept. 17  
Hamburger, Oven Fries  
Burger Salad, Fruit

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 The Ladies of Ft. Clark Springs Ass.  
 Tony Frerich Kinney County Wool and Mohair  
 Wes Robinson Leona Ranch  
 Freddie Frerich Stop N Shop

Week No. 2	Last week: 9-1 Overall: 9-1	Last week: 7-3 Overall: 7-3	Last week: 7-3 Overall: 7-3	Last week: 9-1 Overall: 9-1	Last week: 7-3 Overall: 7-3	Last week: 9-1 Overall: 9-1
Brackett at D'Hanis	Brackett	Brackett	Brackett	Brackett	Brackett	Brackett
Sabinal at La Pryor	Sabinal	LaPryor	Sabinal	Sabinal	Sabinal	LaPryor
Jourdanton at LaVernia	LaVernia	Jourdantn	Jourdantn	LaVernia	LaVernia	LaVernia
Charlotte at Leakey	Leakey	Leakey	Leakey	Charlotte	Leakey	Leakey
Uvalde at Hondo	Uvalde	Uvalde	Uvalde	Uvalde	Hondo	Hondo
Texas at UCLA	UCLA	Texas	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	Texas
Louisiana Tech at A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M
Texas Tech at North Texas	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech
Dallas at Denver	Dallas	Dallas	Denver	Dallas	Denver	Dallas
San Francisco at Washington	Skins	49ers	49ers	49ers	49ers	49ers

## Tigers open year with 34-0 victory over Yellowjackets

### Brackett travels to D'Hanis Saturday for 7:30 game

By J.J. Guidry  
Sports Editor

The Brackett Tigers racked up 461 yards in total offense as they opened their season with a 34-0 victory Friday over longtime rival Sabinal.

"We always like to start the season with a win," Brackett coach David Yeager said. "It was a big game for our kids and our program. They took a step forward and played really well. We had great discipline, enthusiasm and encouragement."

"We have lots of areas we can still improve on, but it's better to be 1-0 than 0-1," he added.

Wes Baker paced Brackett's attack against Sabinal. The senior fullback rushed for 200 yards and one touchdown, a 63-yard jaunt. He also had TD receptions of 59 and 29 yards, respectively.

Junior quarterback Zach Davis completed 2 of 5 passes for 88 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions.

Fullback Brandon Moore rushed for 87 yards on eight carries, Brent Smith had 82 yards on 16 attempts, and Damian Toms picked up 25 yards on four totes.

### Tigers-Yellowjackets game report

**Tigers 34, Yellowjackets 0**  
 Sabinal .....0 0 0 0 - 0  
 Brackett .....13 15 0 6 - 34

**First Quarter**  
 Brackett - Brent Smith 5 run (Jacob Mann kick), 3:14. Drive: 85 yards, 9 plays, 4:32. Key plays: Brandon Moore 18 run, Wes Baker 17 run. Brackett 7, Sabinal 0.

Brackett - Wes Baker 59 pass from Zach Davis (pass failed), 1:03. Drive: 59 yards, 1 play, :15. Key play: Cory Williams recovered a Sabinal fumble to give the Tigers possession at their own 41. Brackett 13, Sabinal 0.

**Second Quarter**  
 Brackett - Wes Baker 63 run (Brent Smith run), 10:53. Drive: 63 yards, 1 play, :15. Brackett 21, Sabinal 0.

Brackett - Wes Baker 29 pass from Zach Davis (Jacob Mann kick), 1:18. Drive: 62 yards, 2 plays, :45. Key play: Wes Baker 33 run. Brackett 28, Sabinal 0.

**Fourth Quarter**  
 Brackett - Brent Smith 1 run (run failed), 1:04. Drive: 1 yard, 1 play, :19. Key play: Jacob Puda intercepted a Sabinal pass and returned it 39 yards to the Yellowjackets 1-yard line. Brackett 34, Sabinal 0.

**TEAM STATISTICS**

	SAB	BRA
FIRST DOWNS.....	9	19
Rushing.....	8	17
Passing.....	1	2
Penalty.....	0	0
THIRD DOWN EFF.....	3-12	3-7
FOURTH DOWN EFF.....	1-3	0-2
TOTAL NET YARDS.....	132	461
Total Plays.....	48	50
Avg Gain.....	2.8	9.2
NET YARDS RUSHING.....	79	373
Rushes.....	29	45
Avg per rush.....	2.7	8.3
NET YARDS PASSING.....	53	88
Completed-Att.....	5-19	2-5
Yards-Pass Play.....	2.8	17.6
Sacks-Yards lost.....	2-14	1-3
Had intercepted.....	2	0
PUNTS-Avg.....	6-45	2-31
TOTAL RETURN YARDS.....	70	54
Punt Returns.....	7	0
Kickoff returns.....	63	11
Interceptions.....	0	39
Fumbles.....	0	4
PENALTIES-Yards.....	3-20	9-75
FUMBLES-Lost.....	6-2	8-2
TIME OF POSSESSION.....	19:49	28:11

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**RUSHING**  
 Sabinal - Brandon Langdon 15-63, Patrick Meyer 13-12, Mando Alejandro 1-4.  
 Brackett - Wes Baker 13-200, Brandon Moore 8-87, Brent Smith 16-82, Damian Toms 4-25, Zach Davis 4-(21).

**PASSING**  
 Sabinal - Patrick Meyer 5-19-2 53.  
 Brackett - Zach Davis 2-5-0 88.

**RECEIVING**  
 Sabinal - Matt Clark 2-41, Tony Alejandro 1-6, Jeremy McQuown 1-5, Brandon Langdon 1-1.  
 Brackett - Wes Baker 2-88.

**PUNT RETURNS**  
 Sabinal - Matt Clark 1-7.  
 Brackett - None.

**KICKOFF RETURNS**  
 Sabinal - Matt Clark 6-63.  
 Brackett - Brandon Moore 1-11.

**INTERCEPTIONS**  
 Sabinal - None.  
 Brackett - Jacob Puda 1-39, Matthew Smallwood 1-0.

**MISSED FIELD GOALS**  
 Sabinal - None.  
 Brackett - None.

"I was very pleased with the way our offensive line came off the football and generated the holes, and our backs ran hard," Yeager said. "I was really pleased with our offensive production."

The Tigers will be looking for their second win Saturday as they travel to D'Hanis for a 7:30 game. The Cowboys lost to Center Point, 42-7, last week. "We know going to D'Hanis it

will be a good football game," Yeager said. "We know they're going to be tough. Even though they got beat 42-7, they're not that bad a football team. They're going to be ready for us."

## OUTDOORS

# What to do when a wounded animal ends up on someone else's property

This week, I want to bring up a subject that I have written about before but bears repeating this time of year. It does not often get addressed and is sometimes misunderstood by many hunters.

Over the past several years, there have been instances in Kinney County where hunters have crossed fences or property lines and have gone on another person's property to retrieve a wounded dove or deer. There are two different laws that apply to these situations.

First, there is a law that says a hunter should make a reasonable effort to retrieve the animal or bird that he kills and keep the edible portions in an edible condition. It is a Class C misdemeanor offense (waste of game) to violate this law.

But what happens if the deer or bird that was shot ends up across the fence on a neighboring property?

There is a law that says a person commits an offense if he enters or remains on property without the effective consent of the owner and he had notice that the entry was forbidden or received notice to depart but failed to do so.

**A Little On The Wildlife Side**  
 By Henry Lutz  
 Kinney County Game Warden

Notice is defined as: oral or written communication by owner of property or his agent, fencing or other enclosure designed to exclude intruders or to contain livestock, visible signs posted on the property indicating entry is forbidden, or visible presence on the property of a crop for human consumption.

It is a Class B misdemeanor offense (worse crime than a Class C) to violate this law. It is a Class A misdemeanor (worse than a Class C or B) to trespass while carrying a deadly weapon.

So what is a hunter to do? Does he cross the fence and retrieve the game or leave it lay because it fell on someone else's property and the hunter claims he does not know who the neighboring landowner is or how to contact him?

Incidentally, that is the most often used excuse when the trespassers are caught.

Again, it is a worse crime to

trespass than to waste game. But if the situation is handled properly, then no one breaks the law and everyone is happy.

The correct answer is to let the animal or bird lay and do not cross the fence or enter someone else's property without their permission.

The hunter is required to make a reasonable effort to contact the neighboring landowner for permission to enter the property and retrieve his game. The landowner might even wish to accompany the hunter to make the retrieval.

If the hunter does not know who the landowner is, he should call someone to find out, including the Sheriff's Department or the Game Warden. They cannot give the hunter permission to go on the property, but can assist in locating the landowner.

The hunter (or landowner, if the hunter and landowner are one and the same) should make an effort to know who his or her neigh-

bors are before the hunting season starts, not after game is lying on the ground across the fence.

Another possibility, for the hunter who is leasing the land, is to contact the person who they leased the land from and let them contact the neighboring landowner.

Finally, if a reasonable effort is made to locate the neighboring landowner or the neighboring landowner says "no" to the hunter's request to retrieve the game, then the hunter has no choice but to leave it lay, in which case there probably would not be a violation committed on the part of the hunter if he truly made a reasonable effort.

I would like to appeal to the landowners or other persons who lease to hunters, whether it is dove or deer hunting, to please tell their hunters (post this article in the hunting cabin, give copies to their hunters, or put it in writing in the lease contract if one is signed) not to cross fences to retrieve their game, or for any other reason for that matter. It sure does make for better relations between neighboring landowners if these rules are followed.

## Briefs ...

**J.V. Tigers win season opener over Sabinal**  
 SABINAL -- Quarterback Jesse Hidalgo rushed for over 100 yards and three touchdowns to help the Brackett Tigers to a 24-6 victory over the Sabinal Yellowjackets last Thursday in the season opener for both junior varsity football teams.

"Our kids played really well," Tigers coach Jimmy Thomas said. "Our aggressiveness was a tremendous asset. We had people flying to the football and delivering a pop when they got there. Our offensive line came off the ball and allowed us to gain over 300 yards rushing."

Brackett put two points on the scoreboard early in the first quarter on a safety as Sabinal snapped the football over the punter's head. Hidalgo then scored on runs of 51 and 22 yards, respectively, to give the Tigers a 16-0 advantage.

The Yellowjackets connected for a 19-yard TD pass just before halftime, but the Tigers put the game away in the third period. Hidalgo crossed the goal line from 44 yards out, and Raymond Hidalgo ran in the conversion.

"We are excited about the discipline and positive attitudes these men exhibited, and are excited about their season," Thomas added.

The Tigers are open today, but they resume action next Thursday at 6 p.m. as they face Nueces Canyon's junior varsity in Camp Wood.

**Cubettes open junior high volleyball season**  
 EAGLE PASS -- The Brackett Cubettes opened their volleyball season last Thursday on the road against Eagle Pass Junior High.

The eighth grade team dropped a 15-6, 9-15, 15-8 decision. Mayra Aguirre had three service points in the first game for Brackett, while April Martinez pitched in seven in the second game. During the final game, Martinez scored four and Aguirre had three.

The seventh graders lost 15-10, 15-1. Ashley Smith paced the Cubettes with six points in the first game. Celeste Hill served the lone point in the second game.

Brackett resumes action on Monday as the Cubettes face Eagle Pass Memorial on the road. The action begins at 5 p.m.

**McKelvy claims first in ladies' golf action**

Pat McKelvy won a "tee to green" game Tuesday during Ladies Golf League action at Fort Clark Springs. McKelvy posted a score of 44.5, while Betty Lee finished second with a 47.5.

Mary Stephenson had a chip in on the 12th hole and Arlys Simpson had one on Hole No. 3.

**Simpsons win during Couples League play**

In Couples Golf League action last Thursday, Arlys and Jack Simpson won a two-person scramble at Fort Clark Springs. The Simpsons finished with a two-under target score.

Clemmy and Pat McKelvy took second with a one-under target score. Tying for third place with a one-over target score were Bob and Joyce Williamson and Bob and Jane Young.

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# Plan school lunches with food safety in mind

Big-eared mouse or small-headed monster? Fable heroine or cartoon star? These decisions are often the big ones that children make when choosing a new lunch box for school.

But what's packed inside rather than what's painted on the outside is the critical decision, especially when it comes to food safety, the Texas Department of Health (TDH) advises.

"People really need to plan children's school lunches with an eye to what will be safe to eat after being out in a lunch box for four or more hours," said Ione Wenzel of TDH's Retail Foods Division.

"Foods need to be either nonperishable, or they need to be kept properly cold or hot," she said. "Peanut butter and jelly is one sandwich that is safe because it does not need to be refrigerated."

Wenzel advises people to read labels carefully.

"If the product says it needs to be kept refrigerated, do so. Keep these foods cold, even in a lunch box."

Lunch meat, poultry and eggs also need to stay cold. Meat sandwiches may be made the night before and kept refrigerated or frozen.

Processed and prepackaged food items that do not need to be refrigerated can go safely to school unopened until lunch time.

"Whole fruits are wonderful," Wenzel said. "Cut up fruit, however, needs to be refrigerated."

Other foods such as bread, crackers, vegetables, cookies, canned meats, shelf-stable cheeses, packaged pudding and canned fruits and juices also work well

in lunches.

Small freezer gel packs, available in most supermarkets and kitchen supply stores, can be tucked into lunch boxes early in the morning to keep the cold items safe the few hours until lunch. The gel packs will not keep perishables all day, however, Wenzel said.

"Lunch leftovers should be thrown away and not taken home to eat later," she said.

Some nonperishable snacks such as granola, raisins, whole fruit, chips, cookies or packaged puddings can be packed separately for after-school snacking.

Mayonnaise can be used in lunch box foods, as long as it is commercially prepared and not homemade.

"Mayonnaise has a bad reputation," Wenzel said. "But mayonnaise is very

acidic and can actually slow the growth of bacteria. Commercially-prepared mayonnaise is safer than that made at home because the commercial variety contains pasteurized eggs while homemade mayonnaise recipes call for raw eggs.

Insulated lunch boxes do help keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot, but they still require a frozen gel pack or insulated bottle for hot items. Fill the insulated bottle with boiling water, let stand for a few minutes, empty, and then fill with hot food. Keep the bottle closed until lunch time.

Plastic boxes and brown paper bags will work for carrying lunches, but the paper bags tend to get soggy as the gel packs thaw and plastic boxes will retain moisture. Use extra paper or plastic bags to create a double layer to help solve the

problem.

"But whatever type of lunch box is used, it should be kept in a cool place in the classroom, out of direct sunlight and away from heat," Wenzel said. "Parents may be surprised to know just how quickly cold food gets warm."

Wenzel suggests that people experiment at home, testing a sandwich with a product thermometer.

"Put the thermometer next to lunch meat between two slices of bread and see what temperature it registers after a few hours. To be safe, cold food should stay at 41 degrees."

Wenzel said a good product thermometer, which can usually be found with the kitchen utensils at the supermarket or retail store, will register a temperature from 0 to 212 degrees.

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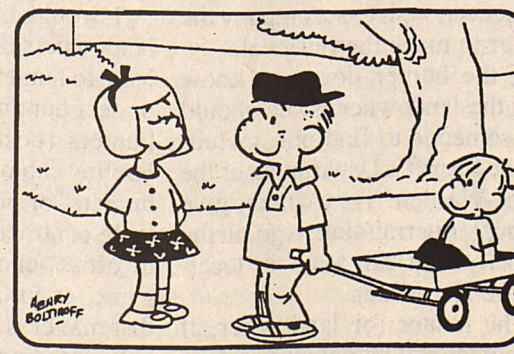
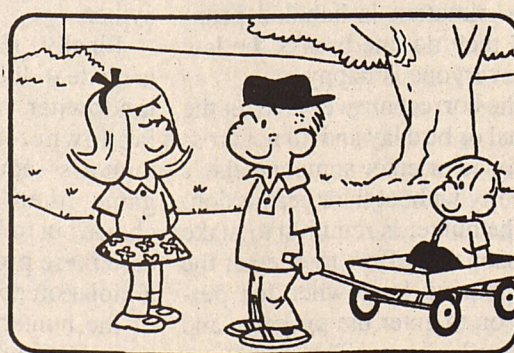
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**Your Horoscope by Natasha**

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)**

This a good week for reaching agreements with others. Couples feel especially close to each other and you see eye-to-eye on important mutual concerns.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)**  
You may be able to add more to your savings than you thought possible. Talks with those in high places is favored this week. Connections prove helpful to you on the business front.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)**  
The exchange of romantic sentiments is favored now. You'll be hearing from someone at a distance. A friend gives you some helpful advice. Socialize with family over the weekend.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)**  
There's much going on of a behind-the-scenes nature this week and all of it is positive. You're laying plans now for an important career move. You receive support from others.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)**  
You'll enjoy the talks with others you have and the warm reception you receive. The exchange of ideas you have stimulates your own thinking. You envision new goals for yourself this week-end.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)**  
You may find something you like at a garage sale. A private talk bodes well for your financial interests. Common sense and practicality are your allies over the weekend.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)**  
Grace, charm, and facility of expression aid you in all you do. You'll certainly be making a good impression on those you contact. Things go your way!

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)**  
It seems it's a better time to shop for home furnishings



than for personal finery. You'll have an important talk that could lead to extra money for you. A weekend of simply doing nothing is well-deserved!

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)**  
Know whom you're dealing with if shopping by mail. Rapport with a child is excellent. Make sure you save part of this week for fun and amusements. Romance is a plus.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)**  
You could be socializing with someone from wok this week. Make sure you follow through on a promise to a family member. It's a good time for home decisions.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)**  
You could overdo it a bit when it comes to entertaining now, but in affectionate matters, things go very well for you. Enjoy these favorable vibrations!

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)**  
You could misplace something of value at home. You'll have good insights about a career matter. Someone on the job may have a romantic interest in you. It's best to ignore this.

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# Every person can have peace, power, plenty through faith in Jesus Christ

By Rev. Joe Townsend  
Frontier Baptist Church

There are three basic blessings every person needs. They are peace, power and plenty. Now and forever.

The triune God is able and ready to bestow these. This triune God is known as the Trinity. He in no sense is a godhead, meaning three different gods. The very first verse of Genesis in the original language shows he is a plural God (three) being one.

The blessings of God are reserved for those who by faith in Christ believe on him, love him, and obey him.

There is no peace in knowing God as creator and judge. What a difference in knowing him as our heavenly "father."

He gives peace in the midst of trials, trouble and trauma. God has never promised a life free from strain and stress. He only promises to be with us and give us peace in the face of problems and cares.

Christ left a will when he said, "My peace I give unto you." It is the peace that filled Christ when he was in the world. Criticized, berated, scourged, crucified. He was not disturbed. This peace he offers us.

He has promised us power. He sent the Holy Spirit (he and the Holy Ghost are one and the same) to dwell in the heart of every person who puts his faith in Christ. He says "shall be in you."

This gives power to conquer sin, to overcome temptation, in the midst of adversity, and power to live victoriously. With the Holy Spirit dwelling within, the Christian becomes invincible. The Bible says "your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you."

This is the power which made Jesus say, "Things that I do will you do and greater."

By faith in Jesus Christ, one is spiritually rich. Concerning the future, we have a home in heaven. There is only one heaven, that is where God is and Jesus Christ is at his right

hand. This is a place of peace, rest, of security and permanence.

If one has a need for comfort, for encouragement, for physical help, for material needs, for assurance; these needs all find answers through Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. Any trust in anyone to bring blessings from God is an affront to Jesus Christ and an exercise of futility.

The love for Jesus Christ and God, the Father, is the ingredient that makes the difference. Jesus said in the Bible, "He that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him."

Every person can have peace, power and plenty but only through faith in Jesus Christ. He said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh to the Father but by me."

There will be another message from the Bible as people gather to worship at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11. Come and see.

## Readings from the Bible

By Rev. William P. Adams Sr.  
St. John Missionary Church

"As we have, therefore, opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10)

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit, and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that

were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." (Acts 10:38)

"And all things, what ever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." (Matthew 21:22)

Praise God!  
The prayer lines at St. John Missionary Church are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling 563-3032 or 563-9228.

A free concert featuring Mike Schuster and Mark Harrington performing contemporary Christian music will be held at Happy Shahan Memorial Park on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Free ice cream will be provided by First United Methodist Church.

The W.W.J.D. Performers will be performing at the Flipside Youth Cafe on Friday in Del Rio at 8 p.m. The cafe is located at 1010 Avenue F and is associated with Del Rio New Life Christian Center. Youth are welcome to attend, free of charge.

## Every believer is a 'W.I.P.'

By Pastor Charolette Corey  
Gateway Ministries

Every believer is a "W.I.P.," that is a work in progress.

You have seen the signs posted outside of work sites or along roads listing "Work In Progress."

At the time, it may have felt inconvenient to deal with the situation because your expectations were demanding an immediate perfected product. Eventually, the job is finished (some jobs take longer than others) and you rejoice to be able to use the finished product (hopefully!).

Sometimes, men fail at perfecting a project, but God never fails in his. You are his "pet project." Whereas sometimes men turn out a product in worse condition than it started, God never fails because he is love and

love never faileth. (1 John 4:16, 1 Corinthians 13:8)

While waiting on the finished product, simply set your heart and "not be weary in well doing: for in due season you shall reap, if you faint not." (Galatians 6:9)

Run with patience the race set before you (Hebrews 12:1) Look to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith (Hebrews 12:2) "who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Take heart all you W.I.P.'s and be "confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Philemon 1:6)

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

## It's difficult to say goodbye

By Rev. Sheree Harris  
First United Methodist Church

Last Sunday, I announced to my congregation that I and my family will move Tuesday to San Antonio, where my husband and I have been appointed as pastors at Colonial Hills United Methodist Church.

This appointment is a wonderful opportunity for us, however, it is difficult to say goodbye.

We have been blessed in so many ways during our three years in Brackettville. We have worked, rejoiced, grieved, and played with you. We have made friends and we have loved this community.

As Paul said in his first letter to the Thessalonians, we say to you, "We always thank God for you all, and mention you in our prayers continually. We call to mind before our God, how your

faith has shown itself in action, your love in labor, and your hope of our Lord Jesus Christ in fortitude."

We are grateful to have been among you. We are leaving, but God is not. We know that God will continue to bless this community and all who dwell therein. There are good things in Brackettville's future, and for that we give God thanks and praise.

Shortly after we move to Colonial Hills, a new Methodist pastor will arrive in Brackettville. I pray that you will embrace him even as you did me. I know that he will hold you in his heart.

I shall miss you and I shall hold you in my prayers. God's grace and peace be yours.

## Christ has truth to share with us

Submitted by  
St. Mary Magdalene Church

"Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name." (Psalm 86:11)

One of the great privileges of our Christian experience is to have the teachings of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels for our enlightenment and enrichment.

Though we cannot step back into the time when Jesus cast his shadow on earth, we can, through the miracle of his word and the ministry of the Holy Spirit, know his sojourn here.

May we who know him as our Savior and Lord also know him as our teacher. What incredible truths he has to share with us!

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## Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who attended my 101st Birthday Mass and everyone who sent me birthday cards. May God bless every one of you.  
Thank you!  
Petra Terrazas

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# Commissioners to consider salary grievances Monday

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quested, through the county judge and two of the commissioners to be called in, but I never was called in."

Pena-Hooten said, "All of the other officials did get called in except for Janis and I. The county commissioners have had budget workshops since June and they've continued through September. They had about 44 scheduled meetings."

The two officials did meet with the Commissioners Court in executive session during a special meeting last week prior to filing their grievance.

"We did ask them why we weren't called in," Pena-Hooten said. "Their answer was 'You're never in your office.' We were never notified to be present to discuss our budgets. We've never been called. They could have left a message if we weren't there."

County Judge Tommy Seargeant said the Commissioners Court took into consideration that the two elected officials didn't have mandatory office hours when determining raises.

"The court considered that (the auditor) is here every day, all day in her office, and sometimes (Floyd and Pena-Hooten) are not," he said. "I have no control over (when they work)."

Pena-Hooten said she asked the commissioners to observe the day-to-day activities of her office.

"Their comment was it wasn't their job to do that," she said.

"They weren't interested in the operation of our offices. I don't know if it was personal. We just feel that they're not being fair. They really don't know what business is being conducted in each office."

Shahan said the auditor is appointed by the district judge and serves the Commissioners Court.

"That office is an independent office to serve for the Commissioners Court and to do the auditing to preserve a balance of your financial powers," he said. "The position is paid for by the Commissioners Court, which sets the salary."

When the county had its first auditor, the position had the same salary as the treasurer and the tax assessor-collector.

"In 1994, the Commissioners Court gave the county auditor a \$1,000 travel allowance," Floyd said. "They found out later they shouldn't do that, so they put it into her salary. Ever since then, she gets a raise when the employees get a raise, which you can't do legally."

Texas state law says that once the salary for the county auditor has been set, it may not be changed until the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Five of the nine members on the grievance committee are appointed by statute, including Floyd and Pena-Hooten. Other elected officials include Shahan, Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess, and County and District Clerk Dora Sandoval.

"Martha and Janis are on this committee, and they're appointed to be on this committee by law," Shahan said. "There is nothing in the statutes that I can find that prohibits them from serving in their capacity."

"To me, it's an obvious conflict. I called the Attorney General's Office and they said there is nothing in the law that should prohibit them from serving on the committee. They have a right to serve and they have a right to vote," he added.

The four remaining positions on the committee are appointed by the Commissioners Court every January from the previous grand jury. Currently serving in that capacity are Jimmy Bader, Harrell Floyd, Hector Jimenez and Don Sims.

Bader, a former president of the Brackett School Board, recommended that the county adopt a salary schedule and job descriptions.

"At school, we used to have this same problem every year with teachers," he said. "We spent considerable money doing a salary schedule money. The school certainly tried to stick with it when moneys were available. It took all the pressure off of the board. When someone was hired, they knew what to expect to be paid."

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS** - The County of Kinney is now accepting bids for the construction of a bridge crossing Pinto Creek in southwestern Kinney County until 10:30 AM on Monday, September 15, 1998, at the office of the County Judge in the County Courthouse, City of Brackettville. Bids may be delivered to the office of the County Judge or mailed to the attention of the County Judge, P.O. Box 348, Brackettville, Texas 78832. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 17, 1998; in the County Commissioner's Courtroom in the County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas. The project involves the construction of a bridge using 4-60' long X 9' wide railroad flat cars supported by 12" casing pipe columns on each end and concrete columns and a beam in the center. Plans and specifications may be picked up or requested from the office of Charles Rothe and Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineer, 1705 Avenue K, Hondo, Texas (Telephone - 830-426-3005). A \$25.00 deposit is required for each set of plans and specifications.

**Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase**

The Brackett Independent School District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1997 by 8.96 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on September 18, at 5:30 p.m.

**FOR** the proposal: Lloyd Lee Davis, Gloria Garcia, Tim Ward, Sara Terrazas, Jim McDaniel, and Steve LaMascus.

**AGAINST** the proposal: Rose Mary Slubar.

**PRESENT** and not voting: None.

**ABSENT:** None.

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$24,319	\$25,229
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$15,000	\$15,000
Average taxable value	\$9,319	\$10,229
Tax rate	1.2119	1.2419
Tax	\$112.94	\$127.03

Under this proposal, taxes on the average home would increase by \$14.09 or 12.5 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$2.79 per \$100 of taxable value or 2.5 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 1998-1999 KINNEY COUNTY BUDGET AND NOTICE OF INCREASE OF OFFICERS' SALARIES**

Pursuant to section 111.007 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Kinney County, Texas gives notice that they will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 1998-1999 Budget. The Proposed Budget is on file at the County Clerk's Office for public inspection. The Budget Hearing will be on Monday, September 14, 1998 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the County Courtroom in the Kinney County Courthouse, Brackettville, Texas. The commissioners invite the public to attend and participate in the Hearing as it will consider the proposed Budget on said date.

Pursuant to section 152.013 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Kinney County, Texas publishes the proposed salaries, expenses, or allowances of each County official (elected) and the amount of the proposed increases. They are as follows:

OFFICIAL	CURRENT SALARY	PROPOSED SALARY
County Judge	26,552.40	28,000.00
County Attorney	24,744.85	25,982.09
County Clerk	24,744.85	25,982.09
Tax Assessor/Collector	16,978.14	17,827.04
County Treasurer	16,978.14	17,827.04
Justice of the Peace	19,086.36	20,040.67
County Sheriff	25,923.10	27,219.25
Constable	3,879.60	4,151.17
Commissioner Pct. 1	9,025.77	9,477.06
Commissioner Pct. 2	9,025.77	9,477.06
Commissioner Pct. 3	9,025.77	9,477.06
Commissioner Pct. 4	9,025.77	9,477.06

The increases as proposed will be discussed at our regular Budget Hearing that is set for Monday, September 14, 1998, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the County Courtroom in the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas. The Commissioners invite the public to attend and participate when the Public Officials' salaries, expenses, and allowances will be discussed and set on said date.