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Thursday, April 29, 2004



These former Texas Playboys were part of the 33rd Annual Bob Wills Day Parade. They provided an enjoyable afternoon's worth of Western Swing music for the large crowd in attendance this year.

Temporary Ban On All Watercrafts At Lake Mackenzie Due To Low Water Level

On April 13 the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority decided at their regular meeting that due to the low water level of the lake the following should take effect immediately.

Until further notice a temporary ban has been issued on:

- * Water Skiing
- * Personal Watercraft (Jet Skis)
- * Any activities involving people being towed by motorboats or personal watercrafts (Jet Skis)

These activities will be allowed to resume once the water level in the lake has recovered, according to Emmett Tomlin, Park Superintendent.

Remember The Highway 70 Garage Sales This Saturday from Turkey to Spur!

Valley Calendar of Events

May 1

- * Highway 70 "70 Miles of Garage Sales Today from Turkey to Spur
- * Turkey Jamboree @ 7 p.m. Meal begins @ 6 p.m.
- * Silvertown's Gospel Light-house Singing @ 7 p.m. (Free)
- * Silvertown's Clothes Closet open today
- * "Powered Parachutes" today at Silvertown

May 3

- * Quitaque Lions Club meeting
- * Quitaque's Weight Watchers meeting @ 5:45 p.m. Weigh-In @ 5:15 p.m.

May 4

- * Quitaque Masonic Lodge meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Quitaque Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 6:15 p.m.
- * Turkey Senior Citizens meeting @ 6 p.m.
- * Turkey fire Department meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- * Do Gooders Club meeting
- * Silvertown Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 7 p.m.

May 5

- * Panhandle Community Services will be in Silvertown, Quitaque & Turkey today

May 6

- * Highway 70 Association meeting @ 7 p.m.

TxDOT Taking Measures To Reduce Cost

The Texas Department of Transportation has implemented a plan to reduce operating cost, a mandate from the state. Starting April 26, 2004 TxDOT's Childress District Maintenance Sections will begin working 4-10 hour days. All maintenance and maintenance support offices will work 4-10 hour days with offices being closed one day a week. Telephones will be forwarded to the District office in Childress or the Maintenance Supervisor in your county.

The maintenance offices in Childress, Wheeler, Donley, Motley and Know Counties will be closed each Monday. Collingsworth, Briscoe, Hall, Hardeman, Cottle, Foard, Dickens and King will be closed each Friday.

Anyone with questions about this or any other TxDOT issue may contact Barbara Seal, Public Information Officer at 940-937-7145.

Highway 70 Garage Sale This Saturday

The Highway 70 Garage Sale, which includes Turkey, Flomot, Matador, Roaring Springs, Afton, Dickens and Spur will be Saturday, May 1st.

The Turkey Roost Museum will be open and having a garage sale of items that have been donated to raise money for the museum. Relay For Life will continue their garage sale and the little store across from the Methodist Church will be open. Also the Library book sale will be going on and the Bob Wills Museum and Gift Shop will open at 10 a.m.

We hope everyone will get out and support our local businesses and those individuals participating in the Highway 70 Garage Sale this Saturday.

Briscoe & Hall Counties To Pay \$30,000 Each In Tulia Drug Bust Settlement

Details were announced recently by representatives of the Texas Association of Counties in regard to their 17-county \$560,000 settlement. A representative from the Sims, Hubbert and Wilson Law firm in Lubbock explained recently, to the Childress County Commissioners, that 45 people were allegedly mistreated by Tom Coleman, undercover agent for Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force, of which Briscoe & Hall were members.

According to the Childress Index settlement amounts for the cities and counties involved were:

- * City of Amarillo - \$5,000,000
- * Cities of Borger, Canyon and Pampa; Counties of Collingsworth, Childress, Ochiltree, and Potter - \$50,000 each.
- * Armstrong, Gray, Hemphill Counties - \$5,000 each.
- * Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Hall, Hartley, Hutchinson, Hansford, Lipscomb, Moore, Oldham, Roberts, Sherman, and Wheeler Counties - \$30,000 each.
- * Randall County - \$25,000.

Texas Association of Counties negotiated on behalf of the 17 counties that are members of TAC's risk management team.

Briscoe County Commissioners Court

On April 12 the Briscoe County Commissioners Court met in regular session. In attendance were County Judge Wayne Nance, Commissioners Terry Grimland-Pct 1, Danny Maynard-Pct 2, Larry Comer-Pct 3, Gary Weaks-Pct 4 and County Clerk Bena Hester.

The Court attended to regular monthly County business along with the following items.

* The County agreed to enter into an agreement with CIRA, County Information Resources Association and OCA, Office of Court Administration to provide broadband connectivity from the Courthouse computers to the Internet. This passed with a 4-0 vote.

* Danny Johnson from Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative visited with the Court about upcoming DSL and Wireless Internet services that they would be offering in the near future. No action was taken at this time on this matter.

* The Court unanimously adopted Resolution #02-04, which opposes the Governor's proposal to restructure local government revenues.

* The Court passes a motion to allow the City of Silvertown to construct a Solid Waste Management Facility on County property consisting of Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 14, City of Silvertown.

* The Court approved 4-0 to approve the needed repairs on the jailhouse and to apply for a \$500 grant from RC&D to help defray the cost.

* The Court accepted the resignation of Cory Edwards, CEA-FCS Agent.

* Commissioners unanimously approved Private Work Contracts #04-004 for Clifton Stodghill and #04-005 for Marvin Carlisle, both located in Precinct #4.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Plans Being Made For Valley 'Relay For Life'

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is just around the corner. This "celebration of life" brings Silvertown, Quitaque, Turkey and Flomot together in a unified effort to fight cancer.

Former and current cancer patients, their families, businesses, civic organization, and the public are invited to take part in this exciting team event. Relay For Life takes place June 4th and 5th at the Valley School.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's version of an athletic relay, but with a new twist. Relay For Life is a family-oriented event where participants enjoy the camaraderie of a team and also raise funds to support the activities of the American Cancer Society. Participants take their turn walking or running as they take part in other fun activities and enjoy local entertainment.

The funds raised enable us to continue our investment in the fight against cancer through research, education, advocacy, and services to patients. Due to the generosity of many of our local businesses, the money raised by participants goes directly to the American Cancer Society's life-saving programs.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service.



2004 Bob Wills Day Queen & her court. L-R: Payton Price-Bob Wills Princess; Lacie Pointer-First runner-up; Jordan Jenkins-Bob Wills Queen

Quitaque City Council Accepts Atmos Energy Ordinance

Quitaque City Council met in regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 12, 2004, in City Hall, Quitaque.

Mayor Hamilton called the meeting to order, with council members Phil Barefield, Arold Castillo, Randy Stark, Janice Henson, Water Superintendent Walter Skinner and City Manager Maria Merrell present.

* Council was informed of Darrell Tyler's request for water from the line designated for school use. This request will be researched by the City Manager.

* EMS reported 4 runs since the last meeting. It was also noted that all the new radios have been distributed and are being used by fire and EMS departments.

* Fire Department reported a few unreported controlled burns. The Forestry Service has been contacted about obtaining a 5-ton truck to replace the tanker truck.

* It was reported that the auditor had lost all the files, but was replacing them, so no audit was available for review.

* Atmos Energy presented an Ordinance to the City, pertaining to the City's gas rates. The Council adopted the ordinance as presented.

* Roof bids for the community center from Locklear Roofing and Parsley's Sheet Metal and Roofing Co., Inc were reviewed. The Council agreed to table the motion to roof the community center and fire hall for now, until more funding is available.

* Arlene Hinkle was appointed as city election judge.

* The Council voted to support use of the new community center for Tri-County Meals' base of operations.

* The Council was informed of street repairs which are still ongoing, and expressed their appreciation to Commissioner Grimland and to L.B. Monk for all their help with the street project.

After attending to regular monthly business the meeting adjourned.

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From left to right: Chase Maynard- 4th High Individual, Katherine Pigg - 1st High Indiv., Maddie Ramsey - 5th High Indiv., Macy Davidson, Molly Davidson, Alicia Roys and Dr. Ann Baker of Tarleton State University.

Valley FFA Judging Team Wins State Contest

Members of the Valley FFA Dairy Products Judging Team placed 1st at the State FFA Judging Contest last Thursday, April 22nd at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. Members of the team including Katherine Pigg, Chase Maynard, Maddie Ramsey, Macy Davidson, Molly Davidson, and Alicia Roys posted a team score of 580 defeating the second place team from Lavernia who posted a team score of 570. 49 teams and 187 individuals from the 10 Area FFA Associations participated in the State Judging Contest. Valley's Katherine Pigg was 1st High Individual of the State Contest posting a perfect 200 score. Chase Maynard and Maddie Ramsey were 4th and 5th High Individuals of the contest, each with an individual score of 190. "The perfect 200 individual score of Katherine's is extremely rare and has not happened in any State Contest in recent years" said Robert Herrington Valley Ag. Science Instructor and Coach of the team.

This team qualified for the State Judging contest by winning the Greenbelt District and Area I contest held at Texas Tech University on April 17th. Valley was second overall at Texas Tech behind Klondike from Area II. This Valley team has been very successful this year winning 1st at the Tarleton Contest and State Contest, 2nd at Clarendon, Texas Tech and Snyder and 4th at the WTAMU contest. The Valley Team will participate at the National FFA Judging Contest in October at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

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THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM...
BY: LAURA TAYLOR

Some things are just not meant to go together. But, sometimes there is nothing you can do about it. Just know that it will most likely cause trouble if it contains one of the following oxymorons. And remember, this trouble will be in direct proportion to the number of people watching or the amount of time you have to complete the given task. Also be aware that several oxymorons can attack you at once, if it is a really bad day!

Example: I am so sorry Mrs. Taylor, we **Clearly Misunderstood** your instructions. According to the **Assistant Supervisor** your **Limited Lifetime Guarantee** on your **Standard Options** is a **Definite Maybe**. We can fix it **Almost Exactly** with **Genuine Imitation** parts and it will be the **Same Difference**. As I stood there trying to **Act Naturally**, I let out a **Silent Scream!**

Here are a few more for you.

- * Exact estimate
- * Microsoft Works
- * Passive aggression
- * Jumbo shrimp
- * Peace force
- * Uninvited Guest
- * Temporary tax increase
- * Military intelligence
- * Dry lake
- * Pretty ugly
- * Found missing
- * Partial cease-fire
- * Diet ice cream
- * Working vacation
- * New Tradition
- * Resident alien
- * Safe sex
- * Airline food
- * Government organization
- * Sanitary landfill
- * Legally drunk
- * Small crowd
- * Childproof

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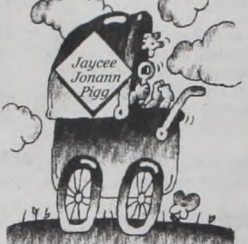
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Sturgess Honored With Bridal Shower

A bridal shower for Miss Elaine Sturgess, bride-elect of Nathan Wheeler, was held on Saturday, April 17th in the beautiful home of Mrs. Brent Campbell. Many friends and family attended. Special guests were the bride's mother Valerie Sturgess of Tulsa and her grandmother Nita Tipps of Ruidoso, NM also the groom's mother Rebecca Wheeler, his grandmother Janice Wheeler and his great-grandmother Dot Arnold, all of Turkey.

A beautiful array of gifts were displayed throughout the house. The guests enjoyed a wonderful afternoon getting acquainted with Miss Sturgess.

Hostesses for the occasion included: Amanda Curry, Lisa Campbell, Danna Hancock, Lana Burson, Laura Davidson, Wilda Fuston, Mary Fierro, Vicki Lindsey, Sandy Fuston, Margie Pinkerton, Brenda Cruise, Brenda Yearly, Maria Merrell, Carol Ramsey, Donna Pigg, Nancy Price, Ruth Proctor and Kathy Taylor.



Look Who's New! Jaycee Jonann Pigg

Jaden Breann Pigg would like to announce the birth of her little sister, Jaycee Jonann Pigg.

Jaycee arrived on March 22, 2004 at 9:50 a.m. in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, TX. She weighed 8 lbs and 11 ozs and was 21 inches long.

Proud parents are Jon E. and Julie Pigg of Quitaque. Grandparents are Mike Pigg of Silverton, Barbara Scroggins of Amarillo, and Gary and Barbara Brown of Friona. Great-grandparents are Louise Chandler and Delores Pigg of Quitaque along with Ruth Brown of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Amber Stark Honored At HSU

Abilene, TX - April 27, 2004 - Quitaque resident Amber Stark was recently honored at Hardin-Simmons University's Department of Literature and Languages annual awards ceremony. The department is part of the Cynthia Ann Parker College of Liberal Arts. Stark was inducted into the Beta Sigma chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, a national Spanish honor society.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- April 30**
Prof Patrick, Louise Chandler, Suzie Meyer, Suzie Meyer, Zachary John Burson
May 1
Jenifer Zanardi, Joe Kirk Smith, Dorcas Gaddis, Susan Young, Clyde Dudley
May 2
Travis Carnes, Sam Proctor
May 3
Barbara Cagle, Jennifer Carnes, Amber Farley, Joan Pigg
May 4
Karla Butler, Savannah Smith, Monica Ortiz, Brady Ramsey
May 5
Velda Ross, Jan Brummett, Diana Landry
May 6
Ruby Mae Woods, Sylvia Ortiz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- April 30**
Mr & Mrs Stanley Price
May 1
Mr & Mrs Bob Hinkle
May 2
Mr & Mrs Juan Mendoza
May 4
Mr & Mrs Cade Lange
May 5
Mr & Mrs Garrett Mills
Mr & Mrs Richard Frazier

Obituaries

Lawrence Bailey Hill

Lawrence Bailey Hill, 89, of Silverton, TX passed away Wednesday, April 21, 2004 in Plainview, TX. Services were held Friday, April 23, 2004 at the Methodist Church in Silverton. Brother Rance Young officiated. Burial followed at the Silverton Cemetery. Services by Myers-Long Funeral Home.

Mr. Hill was born April 28, 1914 in Silverton to Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Hill. He was married to Lanell Hamilton June 4, 1939 in Abilene. He was saved when he was 12 years old and lived all his life for the Lord. The first part of his life he belonged to the Methodist Church and later on in life he changed over to the Assembly of God Church.

Mr. Hill is survived by his wife, Lanell; a daughter, Sylvia Hill of Silverton; a son, Ralph Hill of Silverton; one grandson, Denny Hill of Lubbock and two great-grandchildren, Audry Hill and Hailey Stafford both of Lubbock.

New Arrival
Tony and Kris Court of Norfolk, VA are the proud new parents of a baby boy born on Sunday, April 18 at University Medical Center in Plainview, TX. Anthony Allen Court, Jr., known as T.J., arrived at 11:48 p.m. weighing in at 6 pounds 9 1/2 ounces and measured 19 inches long. Grandparents are Sue Tiffin of Plainview, TX and Clay and Kathy Court of Clarkston, WA. Great-grandparents are Glen Dale and LaVerne Tiffin of Flomot.

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Sleeping With The Angels
An angel's face stares up at me from a newspaper. His smile is proof of the baby he once was but not quite grown out of just yet. A happy child he must have been, with eyes that sparkled and a face that glowed. Now he rests in Jesus' fold. How his parents must have cried on that Spring night. They must have thought that this world is cold and not right to take away such an innocent soul. The Father above must have whispered in the little one's ear. 'It's time to come home to sleep in the bed that I have made for you here in Heaven.' The little boy did not protest, but went to sleep with the angels instead.
Dawn DeShoo
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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson
OVERHEARD

Old Mrs. Watkins awoke one morning to find that the river had flooded. Water covered the entire first floor of her house. Looking out her window, she saw that the water was still rising.

Two men passing by on a rowboat shouted up an invitation to row her to safety with them. "No thank you," Mrs. Watkins replied. "The Lord will provide." The men shrugged and rowed on.

By evening, the water forced Mrs. Watkins to climb on top of the roof for safety. She spotted a man in a motorboat, who offered to pick her up. "Don't trouble yourself," she told him. "The Lord will provide."

Pretty soon, Mrs. Watkins had to seek refuge atop the chimney. When a Red Cross cutter came by on patrol, she waved it on shouting, "The Lord will provide." So the boat left, the water rose and the old woman drowned.

Dripping wet and thoroughly annoyed, she came through the pearly gates and demanded to speak to God.

"What happened?" she cried. "For crying out loud, lady," God said, "I sent three boats!"

In Hospital

Mrs. Edith Washington is a patient in the Mangold Hospital in Lockney where she was conveyed Tuesday, April 20. She suffered a light heart attack and is under treatment for pneumonia. With her are her sons, and families, Bill D. and Erma Washington and Seab and Dianne Washington.

Mrs. C.W. Starkey, 99 years old, has been a patient at the Mangold Hospital in Lockney since Sunday, April 11 with broken ribs following an accident in her home. She is listed in a weakened condition. With her this week have been her sons, Johnnie Starkey, Jack Starkey and wife, Nada of Flomot and daughter, Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood, Oklahoma.

Places in Gymnastic Meet

Danielle Gwinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, placed 2nd in the Trampoline flight and 7th in the Tumbling Flight in Division 2 at the Gymnastic Meet held April 17 at the Civic Center in Lubbock. Attending the meet with Danielle was her mother, Darla, grandmother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot and cousin, Leah Cruse of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse were guests of son, Derrick Cruse at the West Texas A&M University Agricultural Banquet held Saturday night in Canyon at the Dr. Hazel Kelly Wilson Banquet Hall. Derrick, a freshman student at West Texas A&M, was awarded an Agricultural Scholarship.

Howard and B. Rogers were in Plainview, Friday for B. to have cast removed from hand following corporal tunnel syndrome surgery. Guests in their home Sunday were daughter and husband, Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Kalgary, who brought a prepared lunch, grandson, Dane Degan and sons, Kyler and Kason of Crosbyton.

Visiting from Friday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Jacksonville. Visiting them Sunday were Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton of Borger.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter accompanied Mrs. Alma Shorter to Lubbock Wednesday to attend the graveside services of Alma's aunt, Mrs. Myrtle McNeal, 91, of Lubbock held at the Resthaven Memorial Cemetery.

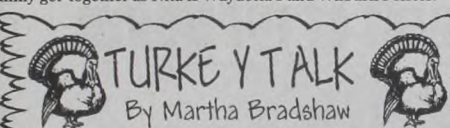
Mrs. Eugenia Barton and Mrs. Dixie Campbell of Matador and Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton enjoyed the Bob Wills parade and musical program Saturday in Turkey.

Kacee McGraw of Turkey visited the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee and enjoyed the Bob Wills celebration in Turkey, Saturday. They visited in Clarendon, Sunday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joey Lee and Ernie Lee. They attended the annual Germania Insurance meeting.

Tom and Aleda Ross visited overnight Monday in Lubbock with daughter and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley. Tom had a medical check up on his heart pacemaker Tuesday and received a good report.

Brian Sehon of Ropesville and Emily and Haley Milam of Petrolia visited the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mrs. Waydette Clay visited from Thursday until Saturday in Granbury with Nita and Ervin Merritt. They enjoyed the professional performance of "God Bless Texas" Friday night at the Granbury Live Theatre. It was a happy family get-together as Nita is Waydette's and Wilburn's sister.



At the Honors Banquet Monday night, David Greene received a certificate for academic excellence. David is the son of Janet and Richard Greene of Turkey. He is the grandson of Bob and Geneva Schiffman of Pampa, Texas. Both parents and grandparents say "WELL DONE DAVID GREENE - KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK."

Guests of Gladys Hanna during the Bob Wills week-end was Johnny and Kay White of Vernon, Billy and Sue Edwards of Cooksville, Texas and Trisha and Billy Hanna of Vernon, Texas.

Dick & Joyce Young of El zay, Ga. & Gladys Hanna visited their sister, Colleen Stone in Lubbock, Tuesday.

Guests of Nadine Davis during the Bob Wills week-end was Curtis, Ardice & Calvin Morgan of Childress. Willis Morgan & Friend from Detroit, Texas and Jim & Gail Phillips of Childress.

Don't forget the Jamboree This Sat.

Mildren Edwards, Tishomingo, OK; Jo Williams, Lacey's Springs, AL; Jeni Wahl, Nacona TX; Olean Strickland, El Dorado, TX; Jhonetta Lawrence, Robert Lee, TX and Oleta Randell wer in Childress Tuesday "Antiquing" They also enjoyed lunch at Fat Jack's.

Walter Lyons of Mesquite, TX was houseguest of Louis and Oleta Randell from Thursday till Sunday. Walter is a former Bob Wills Texas Playboy.

GOOD GUY AWARD

Jan Turner and Elwayne Self have dropped what they were doing and worked so hard for the Turkey Roost Museum. Others have put in lots of hours but these guys need special kudos! ~Margie Pinkerton

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Happy Mothers Day!



Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

It's always good to have a meal idea that can be prepared-even dessert- in 30 minutes or less, but when days are especially busy, it's a necessity. For the next few weeks, I'll have some tasty but fast menus for you to try. If you don't cook the whole menu, try a dish or two with what you already planned to cook. Enjoy!

Oven-Fried Catfish

- 1 cup crushed cornflakes
- ¼ teaspoon celery salt
- ¼ teaspoon onion powder
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 6 catfish fillets (6 oz. each)
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted

In a shallow bowl, combine the cornflakes, celery salt, onion powder, paprika and pepper. Brush the fish fillets with butter; coat with crumb mixture. Place in a greased 13x9x2 inch baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 25 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Serves 6.

Orange Broccoli

- 2 pounds fresh broccoli florets
 - 5 tablespoons butter, cubed
 - ¼ cup orange juice
 - 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - 1/3 cup slivered almonds
- Place 1 inch of water in a saucepan; add broccoli. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 5-8 minutes or until crisp-tender. Drain and keep warm. In the same pan, combine the butter, orange juice, orange peel and salt; heat until butter is melted. Return the broccoli to the saucepan; toss to coat with sauce. Transfer to serving bowl; sprinkle with almonds.

Praline Snackers

- 24 graham cracker squares
- ½ cup butter, cubed
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- ¼ cup Hershey's chocolate syrup

Arrange graham crackers in a single layer in a foil-lined 15x10x1 inch baking pan. In a saucepan, bring butter and brown sugar to a boil; cook and stir just until sugar is dissolved. Remove from the heat; add vanilla. Pour evenly over graham crackers; sprinkle with nuts. Bake at 350° for 5 minutes. Sprinkle with marshmallows; bake 3-5 minutes longer or until top is bubbly and marshmallows are lightly browned. Drizzle with chocolate syrup. Cool for 10 minutes. Break into squares. Makes 2 dozen.

If Mexican food is what you're hungry for, try this menu.

Quick Taco Platter

- 2 pounds ground beef
 - 2 cans (15 ounces each) tomato sauce
 - 2 envelopes OR 2 tablespoons taco seasoning mix
 - Tortilla chips or Fritos
 - Shredded lettuce, chopped
 - tomato, chopped
 - onion and shredded cheddar cheese
- In a skillet, cook the beef until browned; drain. Stir in tomato sauce and taco seasoning. Simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Cover a serving platter with chips; top with lettuce, Layer with beef mixture, tomato, onion and cheese. Serves 6.

Mexican Rice

- 1-1/2 cups water
 - 1 cup salsa
 - 2 chicken bouillon cubes
 - 2 cups Minute Rice
- In a saucepan over medium heat, bring water, salsa and bouillon to a boil. Stir in rice; remove from heat. Cover and let stand 6-7 minutes until liquid is absorbed. Fluff with a fork. Serves 6.

Chocolate Icebox Cookies

- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips, melted
 - 4 cups cornflakes, crushed
 - ½ cup chopped dates
 - ½ cup chopped pecans
- Mix all ingredients in large bowl. Drop by tablespoonfuls onto waxed paper. Chill 15 minutes. Makes 4 dozen.

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- TXism: "two peas in a..." on TV
- TXism: "ridin' horse" (arrogant)
- Hereford is "town without a tooth..."
- TXism: "that gets my dander..."
- TX Charley Pride's "Then Who..."?
- ex-Ranger slugger: Ruben Sierra
- TXism: "build the coop before you buy the chickens"
- ex-Ranger Geno
- TXism: "a lick of sense"
- green stroke at TX's Byron Nelson
- where Astros bat the best slugger
- TX screenwriter of "Hook" & "Dracula"
- in San Antonio: Ernie... Street
- get ready to drill again
- in Anderson Co. on 294
- shortened "howdy"
- TXism: "... bottom of a well"
- in San Antonio: Adams St.
- TXism: "it'll take a faith healer to..."
- Boerne's titles cave "is too pretty..."
- Arlington citizens paid... sales tax for ballpark
- lake near Burnet
- TX Carolyn Jones was Mrticia...
- TXism: "ridin' horse" (arrogant)
- Named, TX is named for this Pres. Arthur (init.)
- TX pitching legend Nolan
- TXism: "best I ever wrapped..." around"
- TXism: "... hog had wings he'd be an eagle"
- TXism: "... it in the bud"
- Irving-based phone co.
- TXism: "drunk... skunk"
- source of money for TX politicians
- TX Department... Services
- "... of Texas" (where the stars shine big & bright)
- TXism: "that won't float" (won't work)
- big TX hat
- holders of TX Blue Bell product
- TXism: "... hog had wings he'd be an eagle"
- TXism: "... it in the bud"
- Irving-based phone co.
- TXism: "best I ever wrapped..." around"
- TXism for "learn"
- TXism: "chompin' the bit"
- husband of TX Dale Evans (init.)
- near Candelaria, highest TX waterfall
- slogan: "Foot Wuth, Yew"
- "Lady Bird": Claudia...
- Taylor Johnson
- UT has handwritten songs by this artist
- TXism: "bland as beans without salt..."
- TXism: "I'm... to do it" (can't wait)
- this TX Storm was "My Little Margie"
- this Robb married Lynda Bird (init.)
- Sam Houston... forces at San Jacinto
- DFW arrival guess pertaining to the heart's main artery
- TX baseball glove company
- Odessa AM station
- Dallas JFK museum: "The... Floor"
- TXism: "wouldn't know him from..."
- San Antonio shoe
- Gov. ... Campbell
- to pretend
- choo train
- to color hair
- TXism: "boot scootin'..."
- TXism: "its like ugly on..."
- TX Joan Crawford: Lucille... Seur

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Valley School News

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Menu Subject To Change
Monday, May 3
Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Beef Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Salad, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday, May 4
Breakfast: Pop Tarts, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Fried Okra, Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk
Wednesday, May 5
Breakfast: Donuts, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Sloppy Joes, Pickles, Corn-on-the-Cob, Apple Sauce, Milk
Thursday, May 6
Breakfast: Cereal, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Chips, Cookies, Milk
Friday, May 7
Breakfast: Breakfast Hot Pockets, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Koshier Dills, Orange Slices, Milk
THE LUNCHROOM LADIES



Cathy Bernal and Anna Rosa Pozos placed 6th in the recent State FCCLA Leadership Conference, Chapter Showcase.



Enedine Valdes will represent the Valley School as a State FCCLA officer.



Anna Karen Mendoza and Maricruz Pozos competed in Focus on Children, Junior Division.

Briscoe County 4-H To Have Trap Shoot Saturday

Briscoe County 4-H will sponsor a Trap Shoot beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 2004, at the Gary Martin Ranch, 10 miles West of Silverton. On Hwy 86 turn north on County Road 1, then turn into cattle guard on east side of the road.

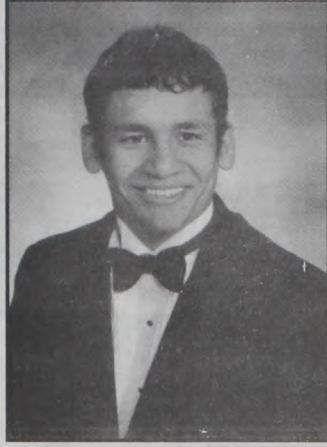
Games to be played will be Annie Oakley, BushWacker, Buddy Shoot, and other fun games. The "shoot" will be limited to standard field loads, 1-1/8 ounce shot not larger than 7-1/2 and not to exceed 1,300 feet per second.

Money raised at the Trap Shoot is reserved for the sole purpose of building a new shooting facility for the 4-H members and their families.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this shoot or the 4-H shooting sports program, please contact Shawn Barbour, 806-847-7297 or Dusty Martin at 806-671-4858 or 806-823-2558.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Name: Douglas Wade Payne
Age: 19
Birthdate: 01-27-1985
Place of Birth: Lockney, TX
Parents Name: Larry Payne & Dee Dee Payne
My Pet Peeve: Snitches
My Role Model: My mother
My Best Characteristic: My smile
Favorite Pastime: Sports in high school
Favorite Style of Dress: Casual
Favorite Food: Chicken fried steak
Favorite Movie: Radio
My Favorite Sport: Basketball
Favorite Subject: Theatre Arts
Hobbies: Sports & hanging with friends.
If I could travel anywhere, I would go... To Mexico
The best advice I ever received was... Never say never
The worst advice I ever received was... Just do it
My worst habit is... Speeding
I'm thankful for... Such good friends and family.
If I could change something, it would be... To win state in football.
I always fall for... Girls with long legs.
My greatest fear is... Losing my family
Someday I want to... Graduate from college
My most valued possession... My car
After Graduation I plan to... Attend West Texas A&M



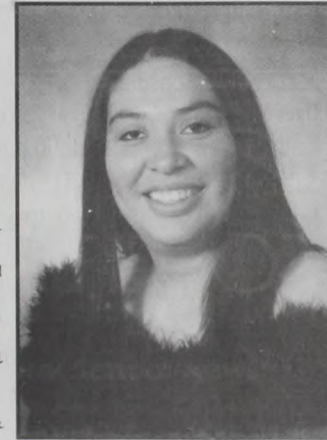
SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Name: Katherine Christine Pigg
Age: 17
Birthdate: 06-07-86
Place of Birth: Lockney, TX
Parents Name: Royce & Mary Pigg
My Pet Peeve: Hummers & smackers
My Role Model: My mom
My Best Characteristic: My eyes or hair
Favorite Pastime: Playing 3 on 2 in athletics
Favorite Style of Dress: Casual
Favorite Food: Spaghetti, preferably my mother's
Favorite Movie: Old School
My Favorite Sport: Basketball (c'mon!)
Favorite Subject: English with Mrs. Pointer
Hobbies: Sports & hanging out with friends
If I could travel anywhere, I would go... To Paris, France
The best advice I ever received was... If you have any doubt think it over.
The worst advice I ever received was... Everybody does it.
My worst habit is... Being late
I'm thankful for... My family & friends
If I could change something, it would be... Beating Happy in play-offs
I always fall for... Eyes
My greatest fear is... Losing my mother
Someday I want to... Figure out the human brain
My most valued possession... My brain
After Graduation I plan to... Attend South Plains College

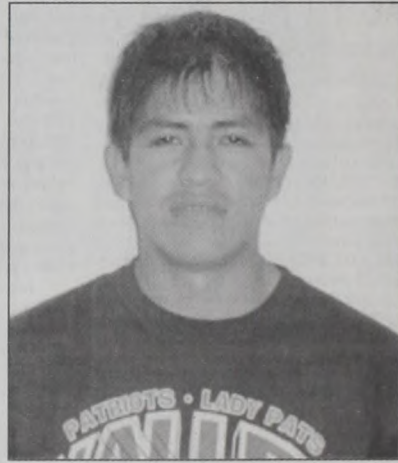


SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Name: Natasha Ramos
Age: 17
Birthdate: 07-05-1986
Place of Birth: Uvalde, TX
Parents Name: Ramiro & Maria Ramos
My Pet Peeve: Smacking while chewing
My Role Model: My mom
My Best Characteristic: My lips & smile
Favorite Pastime: Chillin' with homies
Favorite Style of Dress: Casual
Favorite Food: Noodles
Favorite Movie: Thin Line Between Love & Hate
My Favorite Sport: Basketball
Favorite Subject: Math
Hobbies: Playing basketball, watching T.V. & chillin'
If I could travel anywhere, I would go... To Jamaica
The best advice I ever received was... You can do anything you want if you put your head into it.
The worst advice I ever received was... They won't find out
My worst habit is... Cussing & talking about people
I'm thankful for... Family
If I could change something, it would be... Feeding all the hungry
I always fall for... Stupid jokes
My greatest fear is... Dying & losing everybody you love
Someday I want to... Become a millionaire
My most valued possession... My daughter
After Graduation I plan to... Go to college and make something of myself.



"PATRIOT SPIRIT" VALLEY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Juan Mendoza

Juan Mendoza is a 17 year old Junior at Valley High School. Juan is the son of Armando and Hortensia Mendoza of Turkey. As an active Patriot, Juan has excelled in many extracurricular activities. Juan has participated in Football, Basketball, Track and Cross Country.

Juan's academic efforts are a priority. Juan has been on the A or A&B Honor Roll every semester he has been in high school. Juan is a member of the Valley High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. Juan is a leader in our school and a positive role model. Juan was chosen for this recognition because of his truly cooperative and pleasant attitude. He is an "All Around Great Guy and we are very proud that he is a Patriot.

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Lupe Mendoza and Monica Hernandez competed in the Senior Division of National Programs in Action competition at the recent FCCLA State Leadership conference.



Zena Mora, Ascencion Pozos and Maria Pozos participated in the Senior Division Chapter Service Project in Houston.

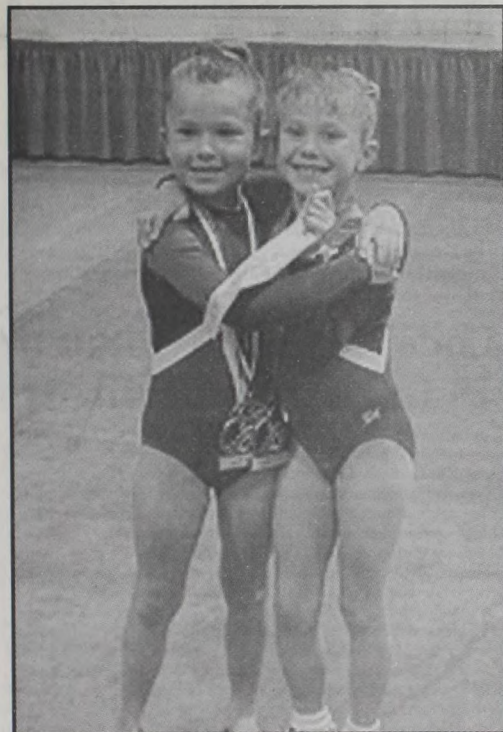
State FCCLA Leadership Conference

The Valley Family, Career and Community Leaders of America members recently competed at the State STAR Event contests and attended the State FCCLA Leadership Conference in Houston April 14-17. Valley School had four teams representing Valley in the contests - Focus on children, Junior division: Ana Karen Mendoza and Maricruz Pozos; National Programs in Action, Senior: Lupe Mendoza and Monica Hernandez; Chapter Service Project, Senior: Maria Mora, Zena Mora, and Ascencion Pozos; and chapter showcase, Senior: Cathy Bernal and Anna Rosa Pozos. The teams had one day to attend an orientation meeting over their contest and to set up their displays. They competed either Thursday or Friday.

At the awards ceremony, the Valley chapter Showcase team of Cathy and Anna Rosa won 6th place out of 30 entrants. They competed against schools from 6-man to 5A size.

Enedina Valdez represented Valley as a state officer candidate. She was questioned and interviewed over a period of 7 hours on Thursday night. At the general session on Friday evening, Enedina was announced as the 2004-05 state Vice President of Recreation. It will be her duty to generate enthusiasm from all the Texas delegates at the National Leadership meeting in July this summer and during the year next year.

The Valley members had the opportunity to tour the Alamo, the San Jacinto Monument, the Battleship Texas, and the San Antonio Zoo during the trip. They wish to thank everyone who supported them in the Pizza Hut fund-raiser as they raised funds for this trip.



Kennadee Buchanan & Haley Wheeler proudly display their metals won at the 2004 Southwest & the 2004 State Gymnastics Meet.

2004 Southwest Championships & 2004 State Gymnastics Meet!

Kennadee Buchanan and Haley Wheeler attended the State gymnastics meet on Saturday, April 24, 2004 at Levelland Texas. Haley Wheeler was 1st in Tumbling and 2nd in Trampoline. Kennadee Buchanan got 1st in Trampoline, 2nd in Tumbling and was 1st Overall in Trampoline and 2nd Overall in Tumbling. These girls are coached by Sherry Fogerson in Floydada. Haley and Kennadee attended meets in Muleshoe, Midland, Lubbock and Levelland this year. Kennadee is the daughter of Bryan and Shadi Buchanan of Turkey. Kennadee is the granddaughter of Ronald and Ginger Mullin of Turkey and Mike and Jeanie Buchanan of Plainview. Haley is the daughter of Brian and Mona Wheeler of Turkey. Haley is the granddaughter of Billy and Janice Wheeler of Turkey and BOTH of the girls are granddaughter and great-granddaughter of Farris and Novella Martin of Turkey.

Three Patriots Advance In Track

Douglas Payne led three Valley Patriots to the Regional Track Meet as he advanced in two events for this weekends competition. Rodney Fuston advanced for the second year and Chase Maynard qualified for the first time.

Payne finished third in the High Jump and fourth in the 110 High Hurdles. Fuston finished fourth in the Shot Put with a throw of 43'6" and Maynard finished fourth in the Triple Jump with a jump of 40'4".

Fuston and Maynard will compete Friday morning, as will Payne in the hurdles. Payne will High Jump Saturday morning.

Several athletes finished just short of qualifying allowing the Patriots to accumulate enough points to finish sixth at the Area Meet. Jorge Alanis finished fifth in the 3200 meter run, while Charlie Walden finished sixth in the 200 meter dash.

Clif Yeary and Ramiro Ramos each picked up points by finishing sixth in the 300 Hurdles and Shot Put.

All three relays scored points as the 400 meter relay and the 800 meter relay each finished sixth. Yeary, Cody Barrett, Alex Espinoza, and Fidel Valdez ran on the Sprint Relay, while Yeary, Walden, Espinoza, and Valdez ran on the 800 relay.

The 1600 meter relay provided plenty of excitement in the meet's final event. Daniel Alanis, Valdez, Walden, and Jorge Alanis finished were in a battle with Nazareth and Groom for the final qualifying spot. Jorge Alanis held off a furious charge by Groom but was unable to catch Nazareth as the Patriots finished fifth.

Way To Go Patriots!



2004-2005 Valley High School Cheerleaders Right to Left: Paige Hughes—Co-Head, Senior, Mary Kate Davidson—Freshman, Chelsea Wheeler—Co-Head-Senior, Savannah Smith—Freshman, Enedina Valdez—Mascot—Senior, Macy Davidson—Soph., and Molly Davidson—Soph. Sponsor: Shadi Buchanan



2004-2005 Valley Jr. High Cheerleaders Front Row: Lauren Young, Seventh Grade and Sadie Valdez, Seventh Grade and Mariela Mendoza—Seventh Grade. Back Row: Chancy Campbell, Eighth Grade—Jordan Jenkins—Head—Eighth Grade, Jacy Proctor—Seventh Grade Sponsor: JoAnn Reagan

Valley Cheerleaders Will Be Selling Casseroles!

The Valley High School Cheerleaders will be selling Casseroles to Go May 1 thru May 13. There will be regular casseroles, weight watcher, low carb and desserts! They will be delivered frozen! If interested in buying, please call Chelsea Wheeler 806-423-1461, Paige Hughes 806-455-1164 or Shadi Buchanan 806-423-1432. Proceeds will go towards camp cost!

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City	Current Sales Tax Rate	Net Tax Payment This Period	Comp. Tax Payment Prior Year	% Of Change	2004 Tax Payments To Date	2003 Tax Payments To Date	% Of Change
Quitaque	2.00%	\$2,193.18	\$1,523.84	43.92%	\$11,595.01	\$7,958.15	45.69%
Silverton	1.00%	\$875.25	\$1,024.58	-14.57%	\$4,864.71	\$5,777.04	-15.79%
Turkey	2.00%	\$1,518.84	\$1,300.03	16.83%	\$8,399.47	\$7,564.26	11.04%
Memphis	2.00%	\$15,926.54	\$16,301.35	-2.29%	\$70,257.62	\$67,126.46	4.66%
Lakeview	1.00%	\$150.92	\$204.32	-26.13%	\$828.16	\$828.16	12.55%
Estelline	1.00%	\$126.09	\$972.02	5.56%	\$4,417.94	\$4,417.94	-0.47%
Matador	2.00%	\$3,194.30	\$1,055.36	202.67%	\$16,303.36	\$8,068.93	102.05%
Roaring Spgs	2.00%	\$1,225.87	\$2,249.86	-45.51%	\$11,050.68	\$10,973.14	0.70%

State Sales Tax Collections Soar 17.2 Percent in March

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said the state received \$1.18 billion in sales tax revenue in March, a 17.2 percent increase compared with March 2003.

"This tremendous jump is a direct result of my recommendation to the legislature to have a tax amnesty plan to bring dollars into our state coffers," Strayhorn said.

Early returns from "Project: Pay Up," a tax amnesty period from March 11-31, helped boost sales tax revenue. The final results of "Project: Pay Up" are still being tallied. During the amnesty period authorized by the 78th Legislature, businesses owing delinquent taxes had an opportunity to pay their tax debt without facing penalties and interest normally assessed against delinquent taxpayers.

Strayhorn sent \$295.1 million in April sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, an 11.4 percent increase compared to April 2003. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are up 8.2 percent as the Texas economy continues to gain momentum.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent April sales tax allocations of \$199.1 million to Texas cities, up 11.2 percent compared with April 2003. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 8.7 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$16.7 million, up 7.3 percent compared with one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 6.7 percent higher than last year.

Hall County Commissioners Court Local Attorneys Recognized At Annual Luncheon

Hall County Commissioners Court met in regular session on April 12. In attendance were Judge Jack Martin, commissioners Milton Beasley-Pct #1, Terry Lindsey-Pct #2, Buddy Logsdon - Pct #3, and James Fuston - Pct #4.

After attending to regular monthly business the Court attended to the following business.

* Greg Green with Panhandle Regional Planning commission met with the Court to discuss County road mapping and HB1117. Mr Green stated in his report that PRPC personnel is available to assist counties in mapping roads, and will assist with TxDOT reconciliation in determining county road mileage. The Court unanimously agreed to obtain the help of PRPC on maps of the county roads, road mileage and HB1117 requirements. Mr Green will present an interlocking agreement with Hall County and PRPC for services at the May 10 Commissioners Court meeting.

* Judge Martin requested that Commissioners give reports at the next meeting, May 10, on the county road signs that need to be reset or replaced. No action was taken on this request.

* The bid accepted by Memphis Independent School District on a two acre tract in Estelline sold at bid for \$3,655.99 was approved for sale by the Court.

* A resignation letter from Cory Edwards, Family Consumer science Agent, was presented to the Court by Judge Martin. The court agreed to accept her resignation.

* The court passed a resolution to express the Commissioners' Court's firm and absolute opposition to Governor Perry's proposals that would radically cut back in services that taxpayers have requested.

* Memphis Mayor Joe Davis appeared before the Court to request participation by the county in publication of the "High Plains Traveler" newsletter produced monthly by Seth Davidson of Miami. Mr. Davis stated that members of the board of Memphis Economic Development Corporation have been approached for a monetary contribution toward publishing the newsletter, and requested that the county share the cost of publication of \$500 per county per month. No action was taken.

* Gene Bruce and Billy D. Bowman appeared before the court to discuss repaired needing to be made to County Road 21, nine miles West of Estelline, and South from SH 86. Mr. Bruce requested repairs to three miles of road leading to his property, in accordance with the Texas Road & Bridge Act. Mr. Bowman spoke regarding the use of dirt from the property of Glen Bowman for repairs. No action was taken.

* Commissioners discussed the need for a worker's compensation safety school to help curb worker's compensation costs. Judge Martin was instructed to make arrangements with Texas Association of counties for a school.

* The Court approved the purchase of a filing cabinet for placement in the County Judge's reception office.

Information was given to the Court by Judge Martin regarding a Sheriff's deed to Lot 9, Blk 3, Davenport Addition to the town of Lakeview, Hall County, Texas. The Court agreed to authorized to advertise for bids for sale of the property.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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USDA Sets Date For Soybean Request For Referendum

The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced that it will offer soybean producers the opportunity to request a referendum on the Soybean Promotion and Research Order as authorized under the soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act.

The request for referendum will be conducted at USDA's County Farm Service Agency offices. To be eligible to participate, producers must certify and provide documentation that shows that they produced soybeans and paid an assessment on the soybeans during the period of January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003. Only those producers who desire a referendum on the order will participate.

Beginning May 3, 2004, and continuing through May 28, 2004, producers may obtain a form to request a referendum from County FSA offices either in person or by sending a request by mail or facsimile. Forms may also be obtained from: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/impl/rp-soy.htm>. Individual producers and other producer entities may request a referendum at the County FSA office where their administrative farm records are maintained. For the producer not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to request a referendum will be provided at the County FSA office where the producer owns or rents land. Mail in requests must be postmarked by May 28, 2004, and received in the county FSA office by June 7, 2004. All other requests made by facsimile or in person, must be received in the county FSA office by May 28, 2004.

USDA will conduct a referendum on the order if at least 10 percent of the 663,880 soybean producers request a referendum, provided that no more than one-fifth be producers from one State.

The request for referendum is mandated by the act. The act requires that the Secretary of Agriculture conduct a request for referendum every five years after the initial referendum, which was conducted in 1994.

USDA monitors activities of the United Soybean Board. The mandatory program is financed by an assessment of one-half of 1 percent of the net market value of the soybeans.

Notice of the soybean request for referendum will be published in the March 25, 2004, Federal Register.



Tommie Jo Cruse and her mother Dona Browning accept a plaque of recognition from Ann Veneman Agriculture Commissioner.

Dona's Place Honored By State Of Texas

DONA'S PLACE located in Hall County, six miles southeast of Turkey, was honored this year as a historic family farm by the State of Texas. This farm has been in the same family for 100 years.

In 1903, H. E. Mullin purchased 640 acres in Hall County from the Continental Land and Cattle Company. He allowed the use of some of this land to build a Farm to Market road. H. E. also raised cotton, milo and cattle on the land. He married Arena Ann Auburg.

H. E. was active in civic affairs and the development of area churches. H. E. and Arena celebrated 66 years of marriage before H. E.'s death in 1965. Arena lived until 1968. The couple had ten children - William, Guy, Leo, H. E. Jr., Dona, Jesse, Totsy, Nona, Mary and Buster.

Upon the passing of Arena, daughter Dona B. Mullin Browning, acquired 111 acres of the family property. Cotton was raised on the land. Dona and her husband Jesse had two children - Tommie Jo and Edgar Jesse. Dona has always been active in church work, PTA and helped establish a city park for citizens of Turkey.

In 1990, Tommie Jo Browning Cruse acquired the family land from her mother. Cotton continued to be raised on the land. She and her husband Elmer Ray and had five children - Donnie Ray Cruse, Darrell Joe Cruse, Darla Gwyn Cruse, Deidra Kim Cruse and Derinda Sue Cruse.

Elmer Ray served in the Navy during World War II. He received ribbons during his service in the Pacific and participated in the invasion of Okinawa.

Acres in original parcel: 640; Original acres held today: 111; Crops or livestock raised: 1903 - Cotton, milo and cattle; 2003 - Cotton.



Briscoe Co. Jr. Team #1 wins first in District competition. L to R: Nichole Schott, Brady Ramsey, True Burson and Shawn Johnson

Local Youth Awarded 1st In District Contest

Briscoe County 4-H was represented by 3 teams at WTAMU's Livestock Judging Contest. This was the District competition, which consisted of 144 individual livestock competitors. Briscoe County Jr. team #1, consisting of Shawn Johnson, Brady Ramsey, Nichole Schott and True Burson acquired a total of 1099 points during the competition. This score placed them 1st overall in District 1.

Briscoe County Jr. team #2, consisted of Khaki Scrivner, Tanner Schott and Ryder Carpenter. This team represented Briscoe County very well in the field of 26 teams in competition.

Individual point scores were as follows: True Burson with a total of 377 points, which placed him 4th high individual overall. Khaki Scrivner with 375 points was awarded 5th high individual overall. Shawn Johnson placed 1st high individual in Swine. True Burson placed 8th high individual in Swine. True, Nichole, Brady and Shawn were also awarded 1st overall in Swine as a team.

A senior team also represented Briscoe County 4-H, Thor Patton, dusty Burson and Zack Burson. These contestants had a total of 1,546 points. This placed them 9th overall in District contest.

Judging Contest encourages students to make independent decisions and help them to prepare and compile their thoughts, allowing them to give reasons for their decisions that they have made. These contest are preparing our young people with their assessment, decision-making and judgment skills. All of which will prepare them for their future. These types of programs are an excellent tool for the future of our young people.

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Stephen F. Austin left the Texas convention at San Felipe for Mexico City where he urged the approval of self-government and a repeal of the April 6, 1830, Mexican Decree.

Apr. 22, 1540
Francisco Vasquez de Coronado left Culiacan (Mexico City) on his two-year exploration of the Southwest.

Apr. 23, 1841
The last boundary marker between the Republic of Texas and the United States was set.

Apr. 23, 1541
One year and a day after leaving Mexico City (Culiacan), Coronado left Santa Fe in search of the Lost Cities of Gold. His search would lead him to the Texas Panhandle and Palo Duro Canyon.

Apr. 24, 1925
Singer Roy Orbison was born in Vernon.

Apr. 24, 1846
Mexican soldiers crossed the Rio Grande River and started the Mexican war.

Apr. 25, 1875
Sgt. John Ward of the 24th U.S. Infantry Indian Scouts earned the Congressional Medal of Honor when he and two companions charged a force of 30 Comanche Indians while on patrol at the Pecos River.

Apr. 25, 1831
James Bowie married Maria di Veramendi in San Antonio.

Apr. 26, 1933
Actress and comedian Carol Burnett was born in San Antonio Texas.

Apr. 26, 1881
The Fort Worth and Denver City Railway Company and the Denver and New Orleans Railway signed a contract to build a railroad track between Galveston and Denver.

Apr. 27, 1997
Members of the "Republic of Texas" kidnapped two people in the Davis Mountains in retaliation of the arrest of one of their members. This act started a siege with the state law enforcement officers that lasted until May 3.

Apr. 27, 1791
Samuel Morse, inventor of the telegraph, was born in Charleston, Mass. Morse offered his invention to the Republic of Texas but because the offer was never accepted, he took it back!

Apr. 28, 1842
Mexican authorities released the Texans captured during the Santa Fe Expedition.

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The Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all technicalities.

Wayne Nance
County Judge

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The City of Quitaque is accepting Design-Build qualifications for services, for the purpose of constructing a new community center. Qualifications for services will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. May 7th. For more information call Maria Merrell at Quitaque City Hall 806-455-1456. Qualifications for services should be sent to:

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All creditors having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2004.

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By Bill Sporry

Bridges

I tend to equate relationships to be like bridges, some long and lasting, some just temporary.

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Some bridges are put in place, knowing they will be temporary at best, to be used and then let time take them away with lack of use or a disastrous event caused by improper care or in many cases, none at all. Each of us would like to think we don't have temporary bridges but we all build them. Some are anxious for the bridge to stand while the other wills the structure to fall just as soon as the reason for its existence ceases. Some are built for temporary amusement or as an ego boost, never to stand the rigors of time, or the passions of life. Some get burned by design and others by haste. Only the ones built with time and care will be there when you are to cross that last river.

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The sale has been supported by many area citizens and also by visitors who were here for the Bob Wills celebration. At the present time over 400 books have been sold. However, there is still a good supply and donations are still being made. If you wish to donate books, please bring them to the library or call Gail Hanna at 806-423-1033 for pick up.

Money from the sale will be used for paint and blinds. Come in; pick out a stack of books, and pay only fifty cents an inch. A summer's reading can be purchased for very little, and it will greatly benefit your library.

The library is open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will also be open this coming Saturday for the Highway 70 Garage Sale.

Turkey Roost Museum News

By Margie Pinkerton

Residents of Turkey could actually call it "Bob Wills Week" due to all the coming and goings in Turkey prior to Bob Wills Day. Jam sessions all over town, one of which is right down town and people dancing to music off and on all day long. Just about anywhere you are in Turkey, you can hear the music. Campers and people everywhere.

The museum had lots of visitors! It was a wonderful week and we appreciate all those who came to visit the museum and so many nice donations to our project.

We had lots of visitors from Oklahoma, visitors from Missouri, California, Arkansas, Georgia, New Mexico, Colorado, Mississippi, and all across Texas. There were several visitors from Canada and we had one guest who was visiting in the USA from Slovenia, Europe.

Visitors who grew up in Turkey have been so excited to see the school section and see that the trophies now have such a beautiful home.

One of the visitors told a story, that in 1959 he played tennis against a boy from Turkey in a tournament at Lubbock. He told that the Turkey boy beat him soundly. This Turkey boy may have been David Blume.

As the museum was getting ready to close up Saturday evening some of the last visitors were two couples from London, England. They flew to the USA and rented a car and drove to Turkey to be here for Bob Wills Day. They were great fans of Bob Wills and his music.

Some reports were that we didn't have as big a crowd as usual, but we had a large wonderful crowd of nice friendly folks who were enjoying a beautiful day in Turkey, TX.



Willie Scoggins, City employee has worked through Experince Works since his retirement.

Willie Scoggins

Recognition of Experience Works, Inc. Title V Employee By Sherry Cromartie, contributing writer

To Willie Scoggins, who came to Briscoe County sometime around 1936, his hometown is a very special town and a wonderful place to live and work. Quitaque, Texas is a very small community, sitting on the edge of Caprock State Park, at State Highways 86 and 207 leading to the top of Caprock "mountains" overlooking the canyons. The panoramic view offers beautiful and spectacular scenes to its local citizens and visiting neighbors.

"I wouldn't live anywhere else. I love this town," he said. Scoggins said he was living in Arkansas until he was about 12 years old, when he came to Texas with his family. According to his story, they were looking for work as farm hands. He helped his daddy for many years, working in the cotton fields, doing heavy chores, or whatever had to be done on the farm where they lived. He later married Mary Dell Scoggins, who also had moved from Arkansas about the same time. Together, they raised five children. The Scoggins' are proud of their children, and they are also grandparents to 20 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

While raising a young, and growing family, Scoggins worked for the Memphis Cotton Compress Company in Turkey, Texas. His work ended at the compress after being there for over 39 years. He felt that he was still a very able-bodied worker, and was seeking new employment. He learned of new opportunities being offered to older people through the services of Experience Works, Inc., formerly known as the Green Thumb mature workers program.

Mr. Scoggins started work under the Green Thumb program in April, 1991. He went to work as a helper with the water and street department. His work routine changed drastically from what it had been when he worked at the compress. Working as an assistant to the City Water Superintendent has been a pleasant and rewarding job to Scoggins, and he is very proud to be associated with the City of Quitaque in that capacity. He continually trains for many types of work-related job assignments, helping to maintain the city water works, city properties and public streets.

"Willie is a very hard worker, and I'm glad to have him helping me here on the job," said Walter Skinner, Water Superintendent for the City of Quitaque. "He's really got good recall of the city waterlines. He's quick to remember earlier work that has been done in other years. He can help us on certain projects, and tells us where to dig, or where not to dig. He helps keep me in line, and together, we just keep things going." Skinner said.

Scoggins says he has worked most of his life. In fact, he explains, work is his life, and he enjoys taking care of his job duties with the city.

Since spring is greening up the town, local people will often see him on the mowing tractor. Also, in the near future, there will be new roadwork being assigned, and he will be working alongside Superintendent Skinner, helping to set out line markers according to a work map designed for use by the city.

Supt. Skinner said, "Willie can do anything that comes up." He follows his instructions well. He is either measuring a new water line for the new addition, or he's running the weed-eater. On-the-job training means that he is driving one of the tractors or trucks, using a shredder, spraying the city park, or spraying along the roads for weed control. He also helps install new water lines, repairs line breaks, checks the sewer system daily, and gets out the clogs in the sewer using a jet machine. Skinner, as his work supervisor, says Willie learns quickly and does his jobs well.

In the near future, the highway portion that runs through the town will be undergoing some major road repair work stated Skinner. The work to be done will be in cooperation with the Texas Highway Department and its work crews.

"When we start to redo the main street through town, that will call for extra work to be done, to replace some of the downtown water lines, and we'll be taking out old piping. Willie's memories of locations of the old water lines and his work skills will be needed," Skinner said.

Because of his long work history, and being the responsible person he is, Willie expects to do his very best, according to Maria Merrell, City Manager. He's a very hard worker and very dependable.

City Manager Merrell and Supt. Skinner, believe and support their friend's statement: "I like to work, I was raised to work, and I intend to stay at it for a long time."

Fiddlers Contest A Big Success

More than 700 people attending this year's Fiddle Contest held during Bob Wills Day. The results from the Fiddle Contest are as follows:

Winners 12 & under:
1st place - Cimarron Shannon, 11, Northfield, TX
2nd Place-Kelsey Timmons, 12, Guthrie, TX
3rd Place-Laredo Shannon, 9, Northfield, TX
4th Place-Garrett Thompson, 11, Paducah, TX

Winners 13-21:
1st Place-Justin Williams, 16, Kress, TX
2nd Place-Lindsay Tidings, 20, Boise, ID
3rd Place-Chase Foster, 13, Italy, KS
4th Place-Molly Gardner, 21, Vigo Park, TX

Winners 22-54
1st Place-Reggie Wrinkle, 43, Abilene, TX
2nd Place-Shane Keys, 34, Midland, TX
3rd Place-Cory Williams, 25, Lorenzo, TX
4th Place-Ron Jones, 52, Denver, CO

Winners 55 & over:
1st Place Weldon Turpin, 73, Lubbock, TX
2nd Place Jim Wrinkle, 67, Vidor, TX
3rd Place-Bobby McCall, 65, Silverton, TX
4th Place-John Rhodes, 78, Hogeaman, NM

Grand Champion Round:

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Silvertown's Bits & Spurs

By Lataine Dillard

Love and prayers go to Bailey Hill's family in his passing last week. Also to other families who lost loved ones recently

It was a joy to see the family of Wayne and Nancy Hamilton at FBC on Sunday. They wanted to come back home to where they were raised. Our love and prayers go out to them in the passing of their parents.

The Johnnie Burson's had Judy's daughter, Kathy Welch from Kress, here to visit. They all had a good time together.

Roy Mack and Lois Walker were married 58 years in April. Congratulations!!!

Out at Riethmayer Hill is the most beautiful Wisteria. It is well worth driving the four and a half miles west of town. It is on the north side of the highway.

The Panhandle Singing Women of Texas, Panhandle Chapter sang at FBC in Perryton Sunday night. Walter Bean drove, Bobbye and Lataine Dillard. They enjoyed seeing their friends and relatives, Jennifer, Walt and Greg Garrison. Walter taught Walt in Sunday School and Bobbye taught Walt and Jennifer in School!!

We were glad to hear that one of our townfolk's at least got part of her purse contents back after it was stolen. She was loading things in her vehicle and her purse was in the basket. Someone just lifted it out! Be sure and put your purse away first and then unload your cart. Because of the surveillance camera at Wal-Mart in Plainview, the thief was on camera and caught. Hurray for Wal-Mart!!

The Power Parachutes are coming Saturday, May 1!

Come on out and see those wonderful "Daring Young Men in their Flying Machines"!!! They will be at Lake Mackenzie at the shelter on Saturday, May 1, at 2:30 p.m.. Everyone is invited to come and see!! Rock Salt will start serving breakfast burritos at 5 am!!! Come on out and buy your wife breakfast anytime after 5 am!!! Each one of you who can come, please call Treena Burson at 823-2020 and ask what you can bring in the way of homemade ice cream, cookies or brownies. for your family and to share with someone else! We will all enjoy a wonderful day and make new friends!!! The kids will too!!! Let's go!!

Silvertown Chamber Meeting

There will be a regular meeting of the Silvertown Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, May 4 at 7 p.m. at the Pioneer Room of City Bank. Everyone is cordially invited!!

On Wednesday, April 21, about 400 service men and women, (I saw three gals) stopped in Silvertown to have lunch on the town!! They had gone to Clovis for maneuvers and stopped here for gas on the way. They remarked that the people who saw and greeted them that day, were so nice, that they would come back through here on their return to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Wheels started turning and plans were made to feed these folks! The wonderful, loyal, thankful folks of Silvertown really showed their colors as they brought boxes and boxes of sandwiches, 29 freezers of ice cream, cookies, drinks, peanuts, brownies and more to feed these wonderful folks on that day.

"I have been in the service for 13 years", said one serviceman, "and no town has ever done something like this for us." "When I came back from Desert Storm," said Serviceman Boardman, "we had a reception in Wisconsin, but it was not at the city I was from. They did not treat me as if I belonged. You folks make me feel like I'm welcome." May people from here gave hugs and kind words to the service folk also, along with telling them they would be remembered in prayer. Boardman said he knew his wife was praying for him, especially when a bomb landed close to him and he was not hurt. He did not know that others were praying for him.

One man, Dusty Bollinger, said he lived in Silvertown when he was five. The one from Olney said his folks were in Ft. Worth, so they did not get to see him. The man from Midland attended Crestview Baptist Church where Jerry Hunter and Casey Bean attend!! Small world again!!

Cousin's Reunion

What fun to have a reunion!! On Saturday, April 10, Lottie Boyce Garrison and Violet Thomas (Zeigler) gathered at Tulia for a Boyce-Seay Cousin's Reunion. Harve and Marie Boyce came from Lubbock, Rex and Theta Holt came from Silvertown. Harold Wayne Boyce and his new bride, Gina came from El Paso. Opal Keith came from Lubbock, Alvie Boyce and Johnnie came and also J.D. Ellis and Mattie Lou from Colorado. J.D. is the patriarch of the family now at age and Roy and George Reed attended. Everyone had a wonderful time. Grandparents of these were Riley and Virginia Loretta Hamilton Seay. There were 12 siblings in their family and 10 of them lived to be grown. Lottie was in Lubbock for a family get-together at her brother Harve and Marie Boyce's home on Easter Sunday.

Thank You

THANK YOU!!

To our friends in Turkey and surrounding areas, we wish to thank you for your loving concern, gifts, food, visits, calls, cards and especially for your prayers during Rick's surgery.

May God bless you all,
Rick, Sandy, Rich and Randy Fuston

If you're going to do something wrong, at least enjoy it.
~ Leo Rosten

Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it.

~ Samuel Johnson

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