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Former Resident Dines With President And First Lady

This article was taken from the Lamesa Press Reporter (Note: Imogene Bethel was born and raised in Quitaque, she is the sister of Ruby King, aunt to Joyce Price and great-aunt to Danny Mayfield.)

When Don, Lynda, and Imogene Bethel made plans for a trip to the east coast, Lynda jotted a note to her friend Laura to let her know when they'd be in town.

"I know you're extremely busy," she wrote, "but I'd love to see you." The next thing we knew, the three had been invited to dinner at the White House, along with Don and Lynda's son Danner and his wife Tracy, who work in Washington, D.C.

Lynda's friend Laura, you see, is First Lady Laura Bush. The five Bethels would be joining the President of the United States and the First Lady for dinner in their private residence within the White House.

Laura and Lynda became acquainted during their high school days in Midland, explains Lynda, and are two women in a large group of friends who still keep in touch.

Through mutual friends and occasional visits, the two have remained in contact through the years and events since their high school days.

Naturally, they were all delighted, says Lynda, when her request for time with Laura resulted in an invitation to dinner.

For Don's mother, Imogene Bethel, the visit to Washington, D.C. suddenly took on an even greater significance. She had already been looking forward to her very first visit to the nation's capital. She was eager to see grandson Danner, who works as a member of the Presidents' scheduling team, and his wife Tracy, looking forward to seeing the sights and visiting the national monuments.

Now, however, she was about to embark on the dizzying experience of having dinner with the President. It was enough to give even this 83 year old family matriarch and seasoned social veteran a wave of flustered excitement.

The three left Midland on the morning of September 27 and flew to New York's LaGuardia airport, says Imogene, where they were met by Danner.

They drove to his house to rest and change for dinner before picking up Tracy at work and heading for their 7 p.m. dinner date at the White House.

Upon arrival they were required to pass through a number of security checkpoints in order to gain entry to the White House grounds. Finally they passed through security gates and were permitted to enter the grounds and drive right up to the White House. This, apparently is a somewhat special and unusual privilege.

After completion a tour of the Presidential residence by First Lady Laura Bush, says Imogene, Laura excused herself to get "Bushy" - Laura's long-time nick-name for her husband - to join them for dinner.

"We chatted for a bit," Imogene says, "and the President said 'Well, let's eat.'" The dining room, reveals Imogene, was "just a regular family dining room that we'd find in someone's home."

Joining hands around the table, the leader of the free world called upon Don to provide the dinner prayer. It was a moment that will forever warm Imogene's heart.

Dinner conversation, light and casual, didn't touch on government affairs. "We talked like you'd talk around any dinner table," explains Imogene.

"So, what's been going on?" Don says he casually asked his host. "Oh, not a whole lot," came the President's reply. "I did ask the President," Don admits, "what Andrew Card whispered to him when he was with the children that day." Those awful words, the President told Don, were "Mr President, America is under attack."

Despite their high-level government positions, the Bushes want to remain "as normal as possible," Lynda says. Now, as when he was governor, the President makes time for respite from the affairs of state. Dinner time is family time, explains Imogene. The world and its problems are briefly left outside the door, and for a time, the President is just a man having dinner with his wife and friends.

After dinner, the Bethels got a personal tour of the West Wing, including the cabinet meeting room and the Oval office, with the President as tour guide. Imogene was overwhelmed by the Oval Office. "Oh, that desk-that's the prettiest thing. That impressed me more than anything."

She was humbled, she says, to think about how many Presidents sat at that desk. She was awed by the realization that many decisions regarding America's history had been made there; that our future would be decided there. "I felt the greatness of our country was right there in those rooms."

The President also took them to the Rose Garden, she says, pointing out where he stands to conduct briefings and the path he walks across the lawn to climb aboard his helicopter. "He walked us all the way back to the gate," Imogene says, "and saw us get in the car."

"I came home with a deeper feeling of patriotism," she admits. She found a greater respect, she says, for all the men who, with our nation's President, bear such great responsibility.

Stock Show Entry Night

It is that time of year again! Time to be thinking of the Major Stock Shows. The major stock show sign up night is Thursday November 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Briscoe County Courthouse. Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo and Briscoe County Stock Shows will be entered that evening. There will be an update on construction at both San Antonio and Houston. There will also be several changes in hotel rooms at Houston. If you are unable to attend on this date, please contact Brandon McGinty at 806-823-2131 in the Extension Office to make other arrangements. It will be up to you to make these arrangements. We are looking forward to another great year at the Stock Shows!

Remember To VOTE On Tuesday, November 6 Your Vote Counts!

Hall County Hospital Files For Critical Access Status

Hall County Hospital, operated by the Hall County Hospital District, is soon to file for status as a Critical Access Hospital. The hospital has faced severe financial issues for several years. Citizens may recall a "Save the Hospital" campaign several years ago in the late 1980's. This change in status will permit Hall County Hospital to receive greater payment from Medicare for services provided to Medicare recipients.

In order to obtain Critical Access Hospital status, Hall County Hospital must file a lengthy application with the Texas Department of Health through the Center for Rural Health Initiatives. After the application is filed, the Texas Department of Health will survey the hospital for compliance with Medicare regulations. If the hospital passes the survey with an acceptable Plan of correction to any minor issues identified, it will be eligible for the new status.

Critical Access Hospitals are limited to a total of 25 beds in service. Of the 25, only 15 can be traditional acute care or general hospital beds. The other can be "swing bed" or nursing home type beds for shorter stays of that type. A Critical Access Hospital can offer all of the services offered by a general hospital, but has an additional requirement of having an average length of stay in the acute care beds of 96 hours or less for all patients during a year. Although any one patient may exceed the 96 hours, the average for all patients must remain less than 96 hours.

Why is this done? According to Hall County Hospital officials, it is done for the additional money it will generate for Hall County Hospital. General hospitals are paid on a per case basis. Critical Access Hospitals are paid on a cost basis. The Critical Access Hospital status assures Hall County Hospital that its costs of caring for medicare patients are fully covered by the Medicare program. The DRG payment that has been in effect since 1984 has no such assurances.

Hall County Hospital has been serving the citizens of Memphis, Turkey, Estelline, and Hall County for many years. The nearest other hospitals are in Wellington and Childress. These two hospitals are similar in size and service offerings. In order to access emergency or urgent health care without Hall County Hospital in place would require a trip to facilities 30 to 90 minutes away. As the population of Hall County ages, these trips become increasingly difficult. Hall County Hospital officials believe the citizens of Hall County, other nearby communities, and travelers on Highway 287 deserve better access to health care than would be available without its presence.

Citizens are encouraged to come to the Town Hall meeting being held in the Memphis High School Auditorium on November 6 at 6:30 p.m. to learn about Critical Access Hospital status and ask questions, voice concerns, and participate in the future of their local public hospital.

Local Law Enforcement Prepares For Bioterrorism Possibility

As a result of the recent reports of anthrax infections in Boca Raton FL, New York, and Washington, D.C., we have seen a heightened level of public concern about anthrax infections throughout the country. While there is no current evidence of anthrax being used as a weapon of bioterrorism in West Texas, and indeed no evidence of bioterrorism in our area of the state, it is appropriate that we establish standards of communication to address bioterrorism threats. This from Nicolas Curry M.D., M.P.H., Regional Director for the Texas Department of Health in Lubbock.

According to Ted Kingery, County Judge for Briscoe County and Local Health Authority, local law enforcement agencies have been instructed on procedure if such an event should occur.

Bioterrorism is a criminal activity and as such, the primary responder is law enforcement. If there is suspicion that an item contains anthrax or anthrax has been released in the environment, local law enforcement and the closest FBI office will be notified. A hazardous materials investigator or other officer will be sent to investigate the report, retrieve the suspected item and transport it back to the Lubbock City Health Department laboratory for testing.

If a person receives a suspicious letter or package they should consider destroying it before opening it. Unopened items of mail are less likely to pose a threat. Handle the item as little as possible. The content may be destroyed by thoroughly soaking the item in a household bleach solution of 1 part bleach to ten parts water. The item may also be destroyed by burning. All individuals who have touched it should wash their hands with soap and water.

If a person opens a letter or package that either contains a powdery substance or an anthrax threat they should not panic. They should not shake or empty the package or otherwise continue to handle it. The letter or package should be placed in a sealable plastic bag or some other container. The individual(s) should leave the room and close the door(s). The individual(s) should wash their hands with soap and water, wash the doorknob with soap and water and then call the law enforcement authorities to report the incident. They should remove their clothing and seal the items in a plastic bag. Individual(s) should then shower, as soon as possible, using soap and water and dress in clean clothing. They should prepare a list of all the individuals who came in contact with the letter or package ready for the law enforcement representatives.

This is not meant to scare individuals, it is meant to prepare you for the unlikely possibility that it could occur in our region and we must be prepared.

Calendar of events

- November 1 - Valley J. H. vs Samnorwood, here @ 5 p.m.
- November 2 - Valley vs Samnorwood, there @ 7 p.m.
- November 3 - Quitaque Senior Citizens
- November 3 - Turkey Musical Jamboree
- November 3 - Caprock Canyon State Park - Waterfowl of the Panhandle @ 6 p.m.
- November 5 - Quitaque Lions Club
- November 6 - Quitaque Masonic Lodge
- November 6 - Quitaque Chamber of Commerce
- November 8 - Do-Goodres'
- November 8 - Turkey Fire Department
- November 9 - Turkey City Council
- November 9 - Matador Masonic Lodge
- November 9 - 2nd Six Weeks Ends

Museum Postpones Fund Raiser

The Turkey Roost Museum Friends have decided to postpone the 2001 Christmas in November fund raiser until next year. The economic situation at this time is difficult for everyone in our communities from farmers to businesses and everyone in between. If you had made plans to help with this project, please remember us next year.

According to Margie Pinkerton, "We have received two fifty dollar donations from Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Nance and Dick Young. We appreciate these gifts very much and are planning to purchase gifts to give as door prizes at the Thanksgiving Community Dinner with this money. Our concert was a big success and we are hoping to have another one in June. As soon as the repairs are made on Clema's Building we hope to begin work on our museum project."

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Glenn Fuhrmann & Tammy Clay

Tammy Clay & Glen Fuhrmann To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Clay of Ringling, Oklahoma would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Tammy Lynette Clay to Glenn Ray Fuhrmann of Lindsay, Texas.

Tammy is the granddaughter of Tink and Estelle Lane of Turkey, Texas. She is a graduate of Ringling High School in Ringling, Oklahoma. She received her Bachelor's degree from Southeastern Oklahoma State University and her Master's degree from Texas A&M University at Commerce. Tammy is currently employed by Gainesville Independent School District.

Glenn is the son of Billy and Marge Fuhrmann of Lindsay, Texas and the grandson of Teresa Vogel of Muenster, Texas. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas and is presently completing his Master's degree. Glenn is currently employed by Gainesville Independent School District.

The wedding is scheduled for January 26, 2002. The couple plans to reside in Lindsay, Texas.

LETTERS to the Editor

To The Editor:

I wanted to write to inform the readers of the Valley Tribune of the opportunity we have coming up in the November 6 election. There are several propositions up for vote in this election, but possibly none more important for those of us living near, using, and appreciating a state park than Proposition 8.

Proposition 8 would authorize the largest bond issue in Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) history, up to \$100 million over the next six years for repairs and improvements at state parks, wildlife management areas and fish hatcheries across the state. This \$100 million would be used for 3 things specifically. First, it would provide \$15 million to address the remaining critical repair backlog identified by TPW in the 1990's. Next, it would provide \$8 to 10 million per year for preventative maintenance to ensure that these sites don't fall behind again. And lastly, it would fund a few new projects focused on urban youth outreach.

Proposition 8 includes \$850 million in general bond obligation bonding authority for 13 state agencies that will benefit from the passage of this bond. Here is how the ballot will read: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$850 million in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for construction and repair projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

As a concerned citizen and as president of Caprock Partners foundation, the non-profit support group of Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway, I want to encourage you to get out and vote on November 6 and vote YES for Proposition 8.

Sincerely,
William P. Smith, President
Caprock Partners Foundation



The melody of The Star Spangled Banner was originally known as Anacreon In Heaven.

Happy Birthday

- November 1**
Cody Varnell, Randa McBee, Larry Henderson
- November 2**
Larry Don Price, Charlie Barnett
- November 3**
Karlee Kleibrink, Jake Hancock, Susana Irby, Norlin Mora, Ben Seth Ramsey
- November 4**
Matthew Farley, Edith Washington,
- November 5**
Dale Smith, Nadine Price, Burl Pierce
- November 6**
Peggy Brannon
- November 7**
Wes Shivers, Landon Allen, Rex Yearly, Lyn Payne, Joyce Guest, Cathy Fierro, Claudia Hawkins
- November 8**
Rich Fuston, Kim Bankston, Severino Ortiz, Ike Ferguson, Art Green
- November 9**
Max Meyer, Susie House, Monty Jo Beavers, Matt Barrett, Monty Beavers, John Pigg, Heather Blount

Happy Anniversary

- November 1**
Mr & Mrs L B Monk
- November 8**
Mr & Mrs David Landry
Mr & Mrs James Brunson

Melanie Carter Honored By NCAA

Melanie Carter, granddaughter of Mrs. Ralph Carter and one of Valley's Basketball Camp coaches last year was recently honored by the NCAA. Asophomore at Abilene Christian University and a former Monterey standout, she has been named an honorable mention pre-season All-American by Division II bulletin, a monthly newsletter devoted to NCAA Division II women's basketball. The honor marks the second major pre-season award in 10 days for Carter, a center. Recently she was named the Lone Star Conference South Division Preseason Player of the Year.

Carter is coming off a dominating freshman campaign in which she recorded 12 double doubles and notched double digit scoring in all 28 of the Wildcats' games. She set the ACU freshman rebounding record with 266, and was named to the all-LSC South division's first team, Freshman of the Year and Daktronics-Co-SIDA first team all-south central region.

OBITUARIES

Douglas Brent Hensley

Douglas Brent Hensley of Irving, TX, born September 24, 1960 in Amarillo, went to be with his Lord and Savior on October 24, 2001.

He graduated from Nimitz High School in Irving in 1979. He married on Christmas Day 1980. He was a devoted father and enjoyed time with family and friends.

Douglas is survived by his wife, Rhonda; children, Tiffany, Ashley, Whitney and Cody; mother, Chicquetah (Gafford) Hensley of Lewisville; twin sister, Dana Reed of Palmer, Alaska; sister Tanya Howard of Plano; and brother Donnell Hensley of Irving.

Doug is preceded in death by his father, Howard Hensley and grandparents, George and Judy Gafford of Turkey. Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey.

Turkey Senior Citizens News

By Oleta Randell

The next meeting will be November 6th at 6 p.m.. So everyone come on out and enjoy the fun, food and fellowship!

Strangers are just friends waiting to happen.
—Anonymous

"GOOD GAL" AWARD

Anita Hunter-Carter of Lubbock would like to nominate Ann Chadwick, Ruth Hooks and Ofelia Ortiz for the "Good Gal Award". Last Saturday Anita found herself in a bigger job than she had anticipated, trying to load a chest of drawers into the back of a pick-up truck. These three ladies quickly crossed Jago Street to the rescue. Ann provided muscle power, Ofelia helped to tie it securely in place, and Ruth provided competent supervision! These "Good Gals" represent the friendly, helpful spirit that still thrives in Quitaque!

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FLOMOT NEWS

by Earlyne Jameson
OVERHEARD

There are 67 synonyms for the word "nonsense" and we hear them more often around an election time, however we should exercise our right to vote. It does count!

Home From Extended Tour

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin returned home Thursday, October 25 from a 14 day tour of Tennessee, Alabama, North Carolina, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Virginia.

In Memphis, Tenn. they toured the museum and Mud Island where they saw all of the tributaries that make up the Mississippi River. When in Alabama they toured Ivy Green, the birth place of Helen Keller in Tusculumbai and had an educational tour of the Space Center in Huntsville.

They continued to Asheville, North Carolina to the Biltmore Estate, the largest house in the nation that is self contained without the support of taxes. They had lunch at the Dairy Barn on this estate. In Greensboro they had tours of the city, University of North Carolina and the Replacement LTD warehouse where china, crystal, silverware and etc. are renewed to its original condition.

Highlight of the tourist attractions in Virginia included the state capital in Richmond. They were impressed with the dome under the roof that cannot be seen on the outside of the building. The dome was colorfully decorated with gold tobacco leaves and other art work as in a Greek Temple. They enjoyed supper on a Paddle Boat cruising down Jones River. In Williamsburg they toured Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson and attended the SPEAKING DRAMA OF CREATION at Natural Bridge.

En route home, they toured home of Stonewall Jackson, Military Institute Chapel and Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Tenn. In Russellville, Arkansas they had lunch in refurbished railroad cars and in Oklahoma City toured the National Memorial and state capital where they are building a dome. They enjoyed the beautiful autumn scenic attractions all along the tourist route.

Birthday Celebrated

Stanley Degan of Kalgary was honored on his birthday by his wife, Donna, Friday night in their home with a seafood supper, decorated cake and all the trimmings.

Family members attending the celebration were children and families, Shawa and Jeff Abernathy of Abilene, Shae and Jimmy McDaniel of Lubbock, Dane, Crystal and Kyler Degan of Crosbyton; his mother, Mrs. Leona Degan, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers of Flomot.

Baptist Luncheon

A luncheon was held at the First Baptist Church in Flomot following Sunday morning church services. A "Care Package" filled with necessities and goodies was given to Angelia and Larry Clay, Tanner, Kelsey and Sarah for their trip to Houston this week where Angelia will have medical tests and a check up on her progress of treatment at the M.D. Anderson Hospital.

Those attending were pastor and wife, Kathy and Nathan Mulder of South Plains, Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay, Alma and Everett Shorter, Mrs. Geneva Martin, Kathy and Clois Shorter, Shawn, Christi, Kelvey and Pecos Williams of Flomot; Christi, Dwain and Emily Milam of Petersburg and Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville.

Coy and Connie Franks visited in Bastrop from Sunday, October 14-17 with son and wife, Cory and Amy Franks. Coy returned home Wednesday and Connie remained to visit until Sunday, October 21 when Coy returned to visit and accompany her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited in Clyde during the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray.

Cobey and Janell Turner of Lubbock visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey accompanied his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey to Olton, Sunday to attend the 90th birthday of her sister, Mrs. Bill (Nadene) Weaver.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert, Glen Calvert and Dustin Reed were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster, Mrs. Gwen Mandrell, Shay and Peyton of Lubbock, Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas and Ashton, student at Texas Tech in Lubbock visited Saturday and the families attended the Lyles family reunion in Turkey.

Mary Ellen Barton and Mrs. Waydette Clay were in Lubbock, Thursday attending to business and Mary Ellen an auditory medical appointment.

Visiting overnight Sunday with Kathy and Clois Shorter were daughter and son, Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville and granddaughter, Emily Milam of Petersburg. Emily dressed as a pretty little ballerina and Brian a pirate had fun at a Pre Halloween Trick or Treat Sunday night.

Tom Ross attended the graveside rites of Levi W. Wilkinson held at East mound Cemetery in Matador Saturday afternoon.

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Cooks Corner

By Virginia Salsbury

Have you got some fall chores to do? Do the leaves need raking? Do you need to cut and stack firewood? Have you started your Thanksgiving planning? If you have some or all of these things to do, just get out your trusty Crock-Pot, put the ingredients in it, and while you are busy all day your dinner is getting ready for you Enjoy!

CRANBERRY PORK ROAST
3 pound pork loin roast
1-16 oz. can jellied cranberry sauce
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup cranberry juice
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
2 tablespoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons cold water
Salt to taste

Place pork roast in Crock Pot. In a bowl, mash cranberry sauce, stir in sugar, cranberry juice, mustard and cloves. Pour over roast. Cover and cook on LOW for 6-8 hours or until meat is tender. Remove roast and keep warm. Skim fat from juices measure 2 cups, adding water if necessary. Pour into a saucepan and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Combine cornstarch and cold water, stir until gravy. Cook and stir until thickened. Season with salt. Serve with the sliced pork roast. Gravy is also delicious over mashed potatoes.

CHICKEN MUSHROOM STEW
6 boneless skinless chicken breast halves, about 1 1/2 pounds
2 tablespoons cooking oil
8 oz. mushrooms, fresh or canned
1 large onion, diced
3 cups diced zucchini
1 cup diced bell pepper
4 garlic cloves, minced
3 tomatoes, diced
1 can (6 oz.) tomato paste
3/4 cup water
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon EACH dried thyme, oregano, marjoram and basil

Cut chicken into 1 in. cubes, brown in oil in skillet. Put into Crock Pot. In the same skillet, saute the mushrooms, onion, zucchini, bell pepper and garlic until crisp-tender. Put into Crock Pot with the chicken. Add tomatoes, tomato paste, water and seasonings. Cover and cook on LOW for 4 hours until the vegetables are tender. Makes 6 servings.

Stay alert, get prepared and be ready for whatever happens.
GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Texas IT Academy Recruits Students

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced her Texas IT Academy is accepting applications and recruiting candidates interested in high-tech careers, for its January 2002 classes.

The Texas IT Academy is a public-private partnership created by Comptroller Rylander in 2000 as a pilot project to meet the growing need of state agencies for high tech workers. In its first year, the program attracted nearly 1,000 applicants.

"One of our biggest challenges is to make sure we have enough highly trained workers to fill the state's high tech positions," Comptroller Rylander said. "The Texas IT Academy helps ensure that need is met by acting as the state's 'farm system' for supplying quality workers to fill those openings."

Texas IT Academy students range from recent college graduates to professionals seeking career changes. Upon completion of the course, participants are required to work for the State of Texas for at least two years in exchange for the training, during which they are paid a stipend. Students will be matched with a specific agency prior to training.

Applications must be received no later than Monday, November 12 for priority consideration. The 12 to 14 week training course will begin in January 2002.

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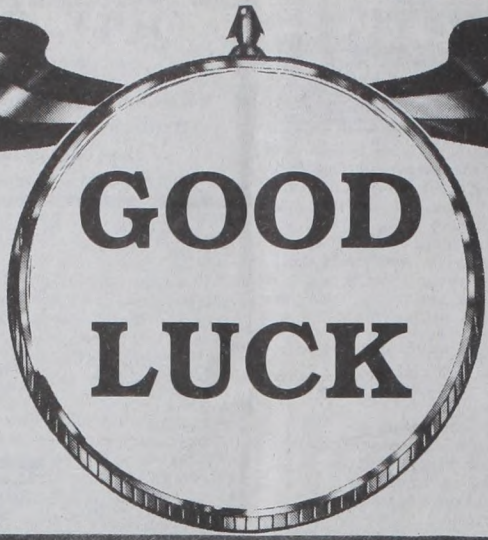
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NEWS OF AND ABOUT VALLEY SCHOOL

Valley School Gets 5 Stars In Texas Monthly Article

In an article that came out in the November issue of Texas Monthly, Valley School was given a five star rating by JFTK. JFTK, Just for the Kids, is a nonprofit group which recently became a partner, along with the University of Texas and the Education Commission of the States, in the UT based National Center for Educational Accountability Study. They have produced the most accurate and most comprehensive ranking of Texas schools ever produced—a massive data crunch involving some four million students in kindergarten through twelfth grade at nearly 5,400 schools in more than one thousand school districts. They used data from the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test (TAAS).

The current Texas school rating system, the one that everyone knows, is based on the percentage of students in a school who pass the TAAS with a grade of 70. Schools with the highest percentage of passing students are designated "exemplary"; schools with the lowest percentage are said to be "low performing".

These new ratings go well beyond that simple standard in two important ways. First, they judge students based on the more rigorous measure of TAAS proficiency, which is roughly equivalent to a grade of 85. The idea is that passing is no longer good enough. Students who achieve proficiency are really learning as opposed to just scraping by. Second, schools are compared not with every other school in the state but only with those whose student bodies are similar to or worse off than theirs, socioeconomically speaking.

With these ideas in mind, this rating system determines a school's "opportunity gap" the difference between its TAAS proficiency and the average TAAS proficiency of the top schools that have similar or more disadvantaged students. A positive opportunity gap means your school is among the best of its kind. A gap of between 0 and -5 is extremely good.

The opportunity gap is the basis for their star system. A five star school is in the top 20 percent of schools in its socioeconomic group.

Valley was rated by this group as 5 Star with a gap of -3, which is a very proud achievement for our students and teachers!



Wes Henson "Player of the Week".

Wes Henson Named "Player Of The Week" By Amarillo Globe-News

Wes Henson, an offensive end/defensive end for the Valley Patriots was named "Player of the Week" by the Amarillo Globe-News this week. The article went on to say:

In an eye-opening 66-29 win at Happy, the 6-foot-4, 200-pound senior had three big plays in the first half that kept the Patriots in the game, and provided momentum for a dominating 38-0 second-half run. Henson made a one handed catch for 11 yards and a touchdown, returned a fumble 70 yards for a touchdown, and at the end of the first half caught a last second pass in traffic and escaped for a 60 yard TD reception. Defensively, he had nine tackles.

Comments: "All three were really miraculous plays and were just a huge, huge lift for us," Valley coach Bret Tyler said. "The game might have been out of reach for us at halftime if not for those plays. The first TD was a one handed grab in the back of the end zone. The fumble return came when we were behind 13-6 and Happy was about to score. So that was a two touchdown swing. The other touchdown we were behind 29-20. It was a 'Hail Mary' kind of thing. It was designed to go to the other end, but he was covered." Congratulations to Wes on this honor!

You are here to enrich the world and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand.
—Woodrow Wilson

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Lunch
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Wednesday, November 7
Breakfast
Cereal, Toast, Jelly, OJ & Milk
Lunch
Frito Pie, Cheese, Corn on the Cob, Cookies, Milk

Thursday, November 8
Breakfast
French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Applesauce, OJ & Milk
Lunch
Polish Sausage, Macaroni & Cheese, Pickles, Banana Pudding, Milk

Friday, November 9
Breakfast
Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, OJ & Milk
Lunch
Pizza, French fries, Salad, Brownies, Milk

Valley Wins BIG Over Happy

The Valley Patriots ran their season record to 7-1 with a 66-29 win over the Happy Cowboys Friday night. The victory moved the team's district record to 2-1 in the tight battle for a playoff spot.

Wes Henson had a dream game as he scored three first half touchdowns to keep the Patriots in the game. Henson scored first on a one-handed grab in the back of the endzone for an 11 yard score. He returned a fumble 69 yards in the second quarter and caught a 60 yard bomb from Justin Wilks before the half ended.

Wilks also hooked up with Justin Lucero on a 23 yard touchdown pass. At the half, the Cowboys led 29-28. "We didn't have a very good first half," Coach Tyler said. "Wes kept us in the game and I told the kids that at halftime."

The Patriots allowed 144 passing yards, 93 rushing yards, and 9 first downs by the Cowboys in the first half. Those numbers were cut to 56 passing yards, 9 rushing yards, and 2 first downs in the second half, as the Patriots scored 38 unanswered second half points.

"Everyone wants to know what we did at halftime," Tyler said. "There wasn't the chomping most people expected. We just made a few adjustments to our defense and said we were going to play smash-mouth offense. The boys just picked it up. I think that's a sign of a really good team."

Robert Mendoza came to life in the second half as he scored three touchdowns and put enormous pressure on the Happy offense. "Robert was the man in the second half," Tyler said. "Of course, he's been like that all year. But they couldn't get off a good pass because of his pressure."

Derrick Cruse had another good game as he rushed for 137 yards and two touchdowns and threw for two touchdowns. Lucero scored twice and Wilks threw for 103 yards and 2 touchdowns.

As a team, the Patriots finished with 284 rushing yards and 149 passing yards. Cruse led the defensive effort with 14 tackles. Cliff Yeary finished the game with 11 tackles, Mendoza with 10, Lucero with 9, and Wilks with 8. Once again Tyler Messer led the Special Teams effort.

"Well, we had a terrible first half, and a great second half," Tyler said. "Fortunately, our great half was much better than our terrible one."

Patriots 3-0 On Thursday

The Valley Patriots pulled off a rare 3 win Thursday as they got victories from the Junior High and from two Junior Varsity teams.

The Junior High team started the triple-header off as they defeated Happy 40-12. The Patriots trailed an opponent for the first time as Happy took a 6-0 lead in the first quarter.

"We fumbled so much this game," Coach Ramsey said. "A lot of that was the fact that Alex hasn't played in more than a month."

Alex Espinosa, Kevin Ortiz, Hector Cruz, Fernando Regalado, Charlie Walden, and Cody Barrett all contributed to the scoreboard as the Patriots remained undefeated for the season.

In the second game of the night, the JV got touchdowns from Juan Mendoza and Albert Espinosa in a defensive battle with Happy. The Patriots shut out the Cowboys to win 12-0.

"Great defense," Coach Clay said. "Juan Mendoza, Albert Espinosa, and Cody Varnell were great on defense."

Mendoza scored early in the first quarter to give the team the 6-0 lead, and Espinosa scored on a 75 yard run in the fourth for the final score of the game.

In the night's marquee game, the rest of the JV defeated the Varsity team from Spade 40-28. Fidel Valdes rushed for over 200 yards and scored three touchdowns but it was a 45 yard sprint by Kellen Roberts that put the Patriots ahead to stay late in the game.

"This was an impressive win by our team," Clay said. "We stepped up a level in the competition and we performed. Fidel was impressive."

Valdes, Roberts, Douglas Payne and Adam Ortiz led the defensive effort for the Patriots who played ten minute quarters for the first time in their careers.

"They were tired. We didn't have any subs and they played longer than they had before," Clay said. "We can't say enough about Adam. Every week he performs at a very high level. He's been great this year." Douglas Payne and Robert Valdes also scored touchdowns for the Patriots.

This week the Junior High will host Samnorwood, who handed the JH Patriots their only loss last year. There is no JV game.

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2001 Mr. & Miss Flame were the senior candidates, Justin Lucero and Lydia Valdez.



The Valley Booster Club proudly supports homecoming. Pictured are Brenda Yeary, Brenda Cruse and Deidra Clifton helping after the pep rally.



Photo taken by Dustin Reed
Juan Mendoza signs the "Big Hit" award after the Homecoming game.



Photo taken by Dustin Reed
Douglas Payne is awarded the "Big Hit" award after the Homecoming game.



Photo taken by Dustin Reed
Derrick Cruse signs the "Big Hit" award after the Homecoming game.



Cliff Yeary was presented the Varsity "Big Hit" award for his performance during the Groom game.



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ISSUE UPDATE

with **Mac Thornberry**

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Strength of America Lies in the Hearts of Its People

September 11, 2001, was a day we will all long remember.

We'll remember where we were and what we did. I'll remember dropping off the kids at school on the way to a breakfast meeting with the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon, and hearing something about the World Trade Center as I was leaving - about half an hour before a plane slammed into the other side of the building. I'll remember being evacuated from my office on Capitol Hill shortly after 10 a.m. as reports came in that another hijacked plane was headed toward the Capitol, and I'll remember the relief I felt several hours later when my family was together at our house in the Washington suburbs.

We'll all remember those people trapped in the hijacked airplanes and in the World Trade Center and what it must have been like for them. We'll think about the policemen, firemen, and rescue workers - some of whom died trying to help others.

But most of all, we'll remember it as a day when we were jolted out of our complacency - when it was vividly demonstrated that it is still a dangerous world, with those that hate the United States and all we stand for and that every American at home, work, or play is a potential target. The attacks of September 11 are merely a sample of the kinds of threats we will face in the future as our Nation will be challenged by more threats, from more real and potential adversaries, using a greater variety of methods of attack than ever before.

We should be very clear about it: The United States - our people, our buildings, our values and all that we stand for - has been attacked. We must defend ourselves - even if there is not an easy-to-find enemy; even if it means a long, drawn-out struggle; even if it means that the war does not fit into our traditional ideas of warfare. A few cruise missiles or air strikes in the desert will not be enough. We have to be in it for the long haul.

Although it may be hard to imagine, it could have been even worse. Several studies and commissions have predicted that it is only a matter of time before some group attempts an attack on our homeland using chemical, biological, or nuclear weapons. We should not assume that this attack is the worst we will face.

Our primary efforts now will be dealing with the direct aftermath of the attacks and being very cautious about assuming that they are over. We will have to keep our guard up.

But we will have to take action in three other critical areas:

1. We must beef up our intelligence efforts - with more resources, fewer restrictions, and much greater emphasis. Intelligence is our first and best line of defense.

2. We must reorganize federal agencies to better deal with this more complicated security environment. We still operate under the basic security structure developed just after World War II. Today more than 40 agencies have some responsibility for homeland security. It will take

more than incremental changes. Bold steps - even if it means stepping on bureaucratic toes - are needed.

3. We must reform our military - everything from its personnel policies, to its acquisition processes, to its professional education. It will take more than tanks and aircraft carriers to provide our security in the future. Our military must be able to deal with a broader array of threats. Business as usual will not be good enough to do the job.

Despite the difficulties, I am absolutely certain that we are up to the challenge. As enemies have found in the past, America can seem distracted and divided. But faced with a challenge, we always rise to the occasion and do whatever is necessary to prevail.

What the terrorists will never understand is that the strength of America is the hearts of our people. They may attack our buildings; they may attack innocent civilians. But they can never harm the thing that makes us great - it's inside us.

I will remember that on the night of September 11, 2001, church services were held across the country - from Clarendon, Texas to Washington, D.C. - as people prayed for those affected by the tragedy and for strength and courage to face what lies ahead.

I believe that God will continue to bestow His blessings on this favored land, and each day I will thank Him for the opportunity to be an American.

Within the first few months I discovered that being a president is like riding a tiger. A man has to keep riding or be swallowed.

—Harry Truman

Life is like a play; it's not the length, but the excellence of the acting that matters.

—Seneca

Tragedy Unites Americans Around Flag

by Patrick Brady

The September 11 terrorist attack on the United States is testament that, tragically, it often takes tragedy to bring out the patriotism of the American people.

In times of peace and prosperity the elite snicker, even scoff, at patriotism. For most of us it is present, but dormant. But in times of national heartbreak, disaster and chaos, patriotism is rampant and the people turn to patriotic symbols, especially to Old Glory, for comfort.

In this uniquely horrific time we find more people buying and flying our flag than at any time since Desert Storm. The Congress, along with millions nationwide, urges us to show our colors at home, at work and in every public place. Why? Because no other symbol unifies, comforts and inspires us quite like the red, white and blue of the Star-Spangled Banner. And there is no other symbol that more brilliantly shows our resolve to crush those who would dare to attack us.

There will be many symbolic acts in the future, memorials will be built and vigils will be held for years to come. Symbolically, Congress called on Americans to fly their flags for 30 days to "provide a physical tribute in memory of those we lost" on Sept. 11. But we can and should do more.

Protecting the flag from desecration could, more than anything else, memorialize forever those who have suffered at the hands of those who hate America. In their honor we should return to the people the right to protect Old Glory, we should pass the flag amendment. There could be no better time. The Amendment has passed the House and enjoys the support of 80 percent of the people, perhaps more now.

Burning our flag is the most visible sign of hatred of America. And because of a mistake by our Supreme Court, flag burners are allowed to do that. We should take that away from them. In honor of those who have suffered at the hands of those who hate us, it is time to say to flag burners that we despise your hatred, we will not allow you to freely desecrate the symbol of all that is decent in the world, the symbol of our unity and of the goodness of those who were massacred.

All Americans should fly their flag as a sign of unity and resolve, not just now but always. Let's give back to all Americans a flag, as it is today, un sullied by politics and partisan bickering. Let's call on our state and federal representatives to pass the flag protection amendment as a symbol of our compassion for those who have suffered in this disaster, and as a statement of our resolve to show no mercy to those who hate us and would destroy our freedom.

Maj. Gen. Patrick Brady, U.S. Army, retired, is the chairman of the Indianapolis based Citizens Flag Alliance. The CFA is a broad based national coalition of 142 organizations committed to seeking passage of a constitutional amendment which would return to the American people the right to protect their flag. Gen. Brady was awarded the Medal of Honor for his service in the Vietnam War, during which time he rescued over 5,000 casualties of war.



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- UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Quitaque, Texas
Pastor: Julius Early
Weekly Scheduled Meetings
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Church School.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Quitaque, Texas
Minister: Delos Johnson
Weekly Scheduled Meetings
SUNDAY
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
Flomot, Texas
Pastor: Nathan Mulden
Weekly Scheduled Meetings
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Traiuting.....5:00 p.m.
Worship.....6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Meeting.....7:30 p.m.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
Quitaque, Texas
Pastor: Lance Cypert
Weekly Scheduled Meetings
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Missions Program.....5:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting.....6:00 p.m.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Flomot
SUNDAY
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
- IGLESIA BAUTISTA**
La TRINIDAD CHURCH
Pastor Salvador Bernal
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Church.....11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

LET'S GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THE BLESSINGS THAT WE HAVE

I don't appreciate our health
Until it's here no more.
And anything we've known as wealth
We manage to ignore.
We take advantage of our friends
With selfishness and greed.
But then we try to make amends
If ever we're in need.
And when it comes to loved ones dear
Whom we've relied upon,
We often hurt them while they're here.
Then grieve when they are gone.
So let's be thankful for the things
The Lord saw fit to give.
The blessings that His goodness brings
As long as we shall live.

— Gloria Nowak

- Caprock Home Center**
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- Karol's Kountry Korner**
Quitaque, TX
- Valley Peanut Growers**
Turkey, TX
- First National Bank**
Quitaque, TX
- The Valley Tribune**
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- Turkey Automotive**
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Taylor Jo Lange Little Miss Tulia 2002.
Taylor Jo Lange ~ Little Miss Tulia 2002

Taylor Jo Lange was crowned Little Miss Tulia at their annual Pageant held October 27 at the Tulia High School. Taylor is the 4 year old daughter of proud parents Cade and Samantha Lange of Tulia. Granddaughter of Scotty Stark of Quitaque, Vicki Lindsey of Turkey, great-granddaughter of Mary Stark of Nacogoches and Harold and Mary Ham of Turkey.

Hall And Briscoe Counties Qualify For 2002 Tax Credits

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander released a list of 224 counties where businesses can apply for hundreds of millions of dollars in state tax breaks next year.

"Each year I review the economic health of each county and I am pleased to announce this important, new list of counties eligible for these tax breaks," Comptroller Rylander said.

The franchise tax credits for economic development were enacted in 1999 by the 76th Legislature and include a research credit, a job creation credit and an investment credit.

"All three tax credits are real and businesses large and small will benefit," Comptroller Rylander said. "The total dollar amount of the tax breaks will depend on how many businesses take advantage of this tremendous tax credit program."

The Strategic Investment Area (SIA) is a collection of counties and sub-county areas where job creation, investment and research activities by businesses can earn franchise tax credits. The SIA is determined each September by the Comptroller's Office, and the determination is effective for business activity in the following calendar year.

Comptroller Rylander determined that of the state's 254 total counties, 224 fall wholly or partially in the state SIA for calendar year 2002.

Of those counties, 102 qualify for full purpose SIA designation based on their relative unemployment rate and per capita income. Hall County falls into this category. This designation will permit firms engaged in manufacturing, warehousing, wholesale distribution, computer services or research to apply for job creation and investment credits, as well as the research credit bonus.

Another group of 117 counties qualifies only for the limited purpose SIA designation based on their population. Corporations engaged in agricultural processing in these counties can apply for the job creation and investment credits. Briscoe County qualifies for limited purpose designation.

Businesses should be eager to take advantage of this generous tax credit plan which will create good paying jobs for hardworking Texans," Comptroller Rylander said.



Madison Meyer and Caitlyn Brown say "God Bless the U.S.A."

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Fan Mail For The Troops

Individuals and families all across the nation—in schools and churches, with campus groups, youth organizations, veterans groups and auxiliaries, and many other kinds of groups are already writing fan mail to our troops at home and abroad for the Christmas 2001 Military Mail campaign.

"From the bottom of our hearts we would like to thank you for thinking of us during the Holidays..." wrote one U.S. Marine unit.

Mail from all over the nation is sent to Friends of Our Troops headquarters, where it is thoroughly mixed. It is then made up into well over 1,000 packages of mail to be sent out, ranging in size from just a handful for small units up to several thousand for an entire base or one of the Navy's large ships. "This helps to get an appropriate amount of fan mail to all those places," said G.B. Wiser, executive director for Friends of Our Troops.

As the continuation of the Vietnam Mail Call program established in 1965, there have now been 35 years of service to and support of our military folks.

A visual overview of how the campaign functions has been posted in the on-line photo album, <http://www.troopfanmail.net/album.htm>. In addition, there are special schools, colleges, churches, veterans groups, youth groups, Catholic and military pages.

To learn how to help boost morale by writing fan mail for U.S. troops all across the U.S. and around the world, send your name and address to Friends of Our Troops, P.O. Box 65408, Fayetteville, NC 28306. (And mention where you read about this campaign) Thank you!

Floydada Rehab & Care Center Gets The Highest Of Marks

In August of this year, Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center received a deficiency free survey as it relates to patient care and overall services from the Texas Department of human Services. Each year this State Agency conducts a survey of every Texas nursing center to determine its level of compliance with State and Federal Regulations.

Last week, the Federal Government's Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS) conducted a look behind survey as a result of the Center's earlier deficiency free survey. Following four days of intensive scrutiny concluding on October 18, 2001, CMS also confirmed the States earlier findings.

Carol A. Tschop Chairman and President of Senior Health Properties-Texas, Inc. said, "this is an outstanding achievement". Tschop went on to say that "the percentage of nursing homes in the State that are not cited on their survey is relatively small, but to have these findings upheld by another survey at the Federal level is quite extraordinary". Dawn Chaney, Regional manager for Transition Health Services said, "We thank the City of Floydada and Floyd County for their support and pride in our center and its employees".

Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center is a 48 bed Medicare and Medicaid Certified Center with a 16 bed Special Needs Unit for the care and treatment of individuals suffering from Alzheimer's disease and dementia related disorders.

Please join us in recognizing the administration and staff at Floydada for a remarkable achievement.



Little goblins and spooks from Valley School were in town Tuesday morning trick or treating local businesses in Quitaque.

Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

Over the century, our state has shifted from primarily rural to primarily urban, and our sons and daughters are flocking to the big cities for higher incomes, better jobs and greater opportunities. But to keep agriculture alive—and to keep Texas alive—there must be options for our young people beyond Dallas, San Antonio, Houston or Austin.

But rural towns continue to be up against tough challenges to stay viable and forward-moving. Gorman, DeLeon and Dublin faced losing 122 jobs among their communities unless a private rail line used to transport peanuts to the three towns was repaired. In San Patricio County, a manufacturer wanted to expand, but it lacked the necessary water and sewer line installations. And another company, headquartered in Brenham, wanted to expand its operations to Presidio, but Presidio simply did not have the necessary infrastructure.

While these towns all faced similar obstacles, they all persevered thanks to a program called the Texas Capital Fund, which is now administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The fund is part of a federal Community Development Block Grant program that provides, through a competitive grant process, about \$12.5 million each year to Texas cities with populations under 50,000 and counties with less than 200,000 residents.

Under TDA, we're working to spread the word, simplify the grant process and make it easier for small communities to apply.

TDA will be accepting Texas Capital Fund applications until Dec. 3 for the next round of grant awards. For more information about the Texas Capital Fund call (877) 428-7848.

The sound of tireless voices is the price we pay for the right to hear the music of our own opinions.

—Adlai Stevenson

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 HE'S A ROLLER,
 HE'S A 50 YEAR OLDER!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
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JoAnn Reagan inspires Patriotism during her speech at the homecoming rally.



2001 Cheer Squad Beau was Gary Chavez, escorted by Santana Alanis.

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By Clint Harmon

ATTENTION HALL COUNTY CITIZENS

HALL COUNTY HOSPITAL REQUESTS THE

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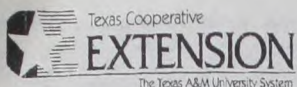
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MEMPHIS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

The Hospital Administrator and members of the Board will explain and discuss the pending application by Hall County Hospital to become a **Critical Access Hospital**.

Other topics dealing with hospital operations and challenges may also be addressed. Bring your questions, comments, and opinions and be heard.



By: Brandon McGinty, CEA-Ag, Briscoe County

Beet Armyworms: What Do They Really Want?

South Texas producers face their share of crop pests. The beet armyworm is currently on their "least-wanted list". USDA scientists are following the pest's tracks, looking at clues to help control them. One important new clue is that beet armyworms grow bigger when they eat pigweed than when they eat cotton plants. The findings suggest pigweed might have an effective role in diverting some of the armyworms from cotton. Researchers tested beet armyworms to determine how quickly larvae consumed five different host plants. They wanted to know the impact of the feeding on the insect's fertility and life cycle. It is believed that an abundance of pigweed will decrease damaging outbreaks of armyworms in cotton. The pests will move to its preferred host of pigweed and stay away from cotton.

Pesticide Storage And Facility Security

Recent national events have caused a heightened awareness of inspecting and evaluating pesticide security programs. Dr. Don Rennie, Texas Cooperative Extension agricultural and environmental safety specialist, said federal and state regulatory officials are asking agricultural pesticide users to review and update their security programs.

"Each of us is asked to conduct a thorough inspection of our pesticide and pesticide equipments' storage facilities to locate and eliminate any weak areas," Rennie said. "Any inspection should be aimed at removing the risk of unauthorized entry into pesticide storage facilities. In addition, and most important, is the prevention of pesticide removal by unauthorized persons."

Rennie recommends a few tips, based on advice from federal and state experts.

- * Store pesticides in a separate location, preferably in a locked storage building dedicated for just that purpose. Separate pesticides by use and when practical, store application equipment separately, under lock and key.

- * Always lock pesticide storage cabinets, closets, rooms and buildings. Locks should be case hardened, tamper-resistant and in top working order. Use cable seal locks to secure individual storage containers.

- * Keep perimeter fences six to eight feet tall, with appropriate signs posted and dusk to dawn security lighting supplies. Limit access to appropriate personnel, and tightly control access keys. Thoroughly scrutinize any unauthorized personnel.

- * Maintain thorough stock records and perform frequent inventories. Also, establish contact with local law enforcement and fire authorities.

- * Security also involves being alert to unusual or suspicious actions," he said. "Indications that something is amiss may include unusual behavior by a purchaser or individual."

By: Cory Payne, CEA-FCS, Briscoe County



Fall Foliage Health Fair Big Success!

A Health Fair sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension (TCE)- Briscoe and Hall Counties, TCE-Briscoe County Family & Consumer Science committee, and the Turkey Extension Club was held in conjunction with Fall Foliage on October 20 at the First National Bank in Quitaque.

The Health Fair saved the participants almost \$4500 considering the costs of these services at a doctor's office or hospital.

Fourteen vendors provided services and information for participants. The Texas Department of Health, gave 40 flu vaccines and 9 pneumonia vaccines. Covenant Home Health did 17 blood sugar and blood pressure checks, and Swisher Home Health did 60. W. J. Mangold Memorial hospital did 44 cholesterol screenings, and the Lions Eye Bank of District 2T1 did 31 glaucoma screenings. Coffee Memorial Blood Center also had a successful day with 17 blood donors. Another great service that was provided were mammograms. The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center provided 9 mammograms at the Health Fair. All of the vendors brought great information and free gifts for all those who attended. A big thanks to them!

A big thanks also goes to Randy Stark who allowed us to use the bank, provided tables and chairs, and helped us set up and clean up. Thanks also to Briscoe County Extension's Family & Consumer Science Committee and the Turkey Extension Club for providing refreshments, planning, setting up, cleaning up, and being there! Everyone's hard work helped make the 2001 Fall Foliage Health Fair a big success!

Traps Still Needed In Fields During Harvest

Cotton harvest is under way in much of the High Plains and Rolling Plains, and some growers may believe the boll weevil traps around their fields are no longer needed.

In some cases growers have been removing the traps that surround their fields, possibly because they believe the traps interfere with their harvesting equipment or because their fields have been harvested.

"Because the traps are very effective in eliminating boll weevils, especially as the weevil populations are reduced to low levels, leaving functional traps in the vicinity of cotton fields helps the eradication program eliminate weevils more quickly and at a lower cost to growers," said Charles Allen, program director.

If the traps are interfering with harvest, growers should contact their field unit supervisors to determine a new placement for the traps, Allen said. The supervisors will work with growers to move the traps so they don't interfere with operations.

Traps that have been taken down should be replaced as soon as possible after the fields have been harvested, he said. Foundation personnel will be happy to assist with replacing the traps.

Growers may contact their field unit supervisors or their district office for more information.

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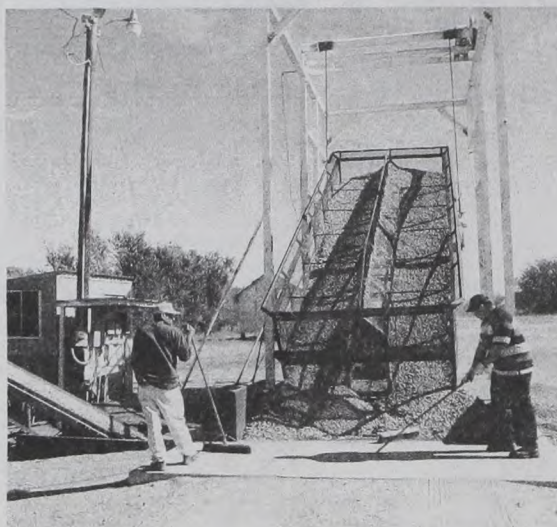
Cotton News

By Shawn Wade

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.



The peanut harvest is 50% complete in the Valley region.



Valley Peanut Growers has been busy as this years crop is brought in.

Remember To Re-Enroll In 4-H

We have updated our files and mailing lists according to the enrollment cards we have received since August. If you or someone you know would like to join 4-H or if you are not getting the newsletter anymore, please come to the Extension office and fill out an enrollment form. 4-H has zero-based enrollment for accountability purposes and the requirement for keeping the mailing list updated. This means that we start new every 4-H year, reenrolling previous members and volunteers and enrolling new members and volunteers.

Don't Forget To Re-Register Your Brand

Brand re-registration is under way in Texas and will continue through February 28, 2002.

It is illegal to use a brand without first recording it, and re-recording is required every 10 years by Texas law. Brands that are not re-recorded by February 28, 2002, will become available for other persons to use.

A brand can be registered by more than one person in each county, if it will be used in a different place on the animal. Some ranchers prefer to register their brands in all locations to prevent others from using them.

Brands must be registered with the county clerk in every county where you intend to use them, therefore, if you run cattle in four counties, you must register your brands with each of those county clerks. Each county charges a small registration fee, ranging from \$8 to \$17.

For more information, contact your county clerk's office.

Waterfowl Of The Panhandle

Caprock Canyon State Park will be hosting an evening interpretive program Saturday, November 3 at 6 p.m. on "Waterfowl of the Panhandle".

Did you know that the Panhandle is a winter haven for ducks and geese? Join a professional biologist during their evening program to learn more about waterfowl that take refuge in the Panhandle, what they eat while they are here, and how to identify them.

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—Haim Ginott

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\$12,500	\$5,500	\$13,500	\$7,950	\$16,950	\$15,900
2001 Ford Super Crew PU	'96 Chevrolet Ext Cab Z71	2000 Chevrolet Ext Cab sportside	'99 Dodge Quad Cab Dooley PU Diesel	'98 Chevrolet 3/4 ton Ex Cab	'95 Chevrolet Ext Cab Pickup
\$20,500	\$13,800	\$16,500	\$22,500	\$9950	\$7950
'91 Chevrolet 3/4 ton 4X4 PU	'77 Ford Regular Cab PU	'84 Buick LeSabre 4 dr.	'98 Dodge Caravan	'99 Chevrolet Suburban LT	'97 Chevrolet Suburban
\$5500	\$1250	\$1250	\$7500	\$16,500	\$10,500
'94 Chevrolet Suburban	'99 Pontiac Sunfire 4 dr.	'96 Olds 98 Elite 58K miles	'98 Chevrolet Camaro V6 Auto 36K	'96 Olds 88 4 dr.	'99 Chevrolet Lumina 4 dr.
\$8950	\$7750	\$8990	\$11,500	\$7950	\$7500
'94 Olds Delta 88 4 dr.	97 Ford Taurus	'99 Olds Silhouette Mini Van	2001 Chevrolet 15 passenger van 6K	2000 Pontiac Gran Prix 29K	2000 Olds Alero 2 dr. 22K
\$5800	\$4950	\$15,900	\$19,000	\$13,500	\$11,500
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VALLEY PATRIOT FOOTBALL

Valley 66,
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2001 Valley Varsity Football Schedule

Sept. 7	Wellman-Union	H	7:30
Sept. 14	Wilson	A	7:30
Sept. 21	Ft. Elliot	A	7:30
Sept. 28	Cotton Center	H	7:30
Oct. 5	Miami	A	7:30
Oct. 12	*Groom	A	7:00
Oct. 19	*Hedley	H	7:00
Oct. 26	*Happy	A	7:00
Nov. 2	*Samnorwood	A	7:00
Nov. 9	*Silverton	H	7:00

* District Games
\$ Homecoming

2001 Valley J.V. Football Schedule

Sept. 6	Happy	A	6:30
Sept. 13	Chillicothe	H	6:30
Sept. 20	Silverton	H	6:30
Sept. 27	Cotton Center	A	6:30
Oct. 4	Miami	H	6:30
Oct. 11	Amarillo Trinity	A	6:30
Oct. 18	Hedley	A	6:30
Oct. 25	Happy	H	5:15
Oct. 25	Spade	H	6:30
Nov. 1	OPEN		
Nov. 8	Silverton	A	6:30

2001 Valley Jr. High Football Schedule

Sept. 6	Happy	A	5:00
Sept. 13	Chillicothe	H	5:00
Sept. 20	Cotton Center	A	5:00
Oct. 4	Miami	H	5:00
Oct. 12	Groom	H	5:00
Oct. 18	Hedley	A	5:00
Oct. 25	Happy	H	4:00
Nov. 1	Samnorwood	H	5:00
Nov. 8	Silverton	A	5:00

Superintendent:

Jerry Smith

Principal:

Jon Davidson

Head Coach:

Bret Tyler

Asst. Coaches:

Greg Ramsey, Thomas Clay & Troy Fry



THE 2001 VALLEY PATRIOTS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

VALLEY vs SAMNORWOOD ~ THERE ~ NOV. 2,- 7:00 P.M.



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Maslot:

Scarlett Sperry

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Wes Henson	6-4	195	Sr.	CB-DE
Danny Hinojosa	5-8	150	Sr.	RB-CB
Justin Lucero	5-11	190	Sr.	DE-WR
Gary Chavez	5-8	190	Sr.	RB-CB
Christopher Taylor	6-2	160	Sr.	G-DE
Derrick Cruse	6-0	170	Jr.	RB-S
Manuel Chavez	5-9	170	Jr.	RB-S
J.C. Pigg	5-8	170	Jr.	C-DE
Justin Wilkes	5-10	160	Jr.	QB-S
Chase Maynard	5-8	145	So.	QB-S
Tyler Messer	5-8	165	So.	RB-LB
Robert Mendoza	5-7	170	So.	RB-LB
Jose Mora	5-8	155	So.	DE-CB
Rodney Fuston	5-8	185	So.	C-DE
Ramiro Ramos	5-9	215	So.	OL-DE
Frankie Rodriguez	5-7	140	So.	OL-DE
Keller Roberts	5-8	150	So.	RB-CB
Adam Ortiz	5-9	160	So.	QB-CB
Anthony Ortiz	6-0	165	So.	OL-DE
Juan Reigado	5-8	150	So.	OL-CB
Cliff Yeary	5-9	180	So.	RB-LB

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Team	Dist.	Seas.	PF	PA
Groom	3-0	8-0	446	57
Happy	2-1	5-2	326	258
Silverton	2-1	7-1	346	112
Valley	2-1	7-1	374	174
Hedley	0-3	2-6	214	371
Samnorwood	0-3	1-7	173	397

Friday's Games

Silverton 60, Hedley 12, Groom 52, Samnorwood 7, Valley 66, Happy 29

This Week

Happy at Silverton 7 p.m.; Hedley at Groom 7 p.m.; Valley at Samnorwood 7 p.m.

Valley 66, Happy 29

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Scoring Summary

V — Wes Henson 11 pass from Derrick Cruse (pass failed)
H — Darren Irtbeck 43 pass from Jeremy Givens (pass good)
V — 15 fumble recovery (Justin Wilkes kick)
H — Tyler Hargrave 4 run (kick failed)
H — Nick Holtbrook 35 pass from Givens (Jack Sims kick)
V — Lucero 22 pass from Justin Wilkes (kick failed)
H — Colby Davis 111 pass from Givens (Sims kick)
V — Henson 59 pass from Wilkes (Lucero kick)
V — Robert Mendoza 32 run (pass good)
V — Mendoza 10 run (kick failed)
V — Lucero 25 pass from Cruse (pass failed)
V — Cruse 2 run (pass failed)
V — Cruse 4 run (pass failed)
V — Mendoza 9 run (pass good)

Team Stats

	Val	Happy
1st Downs	15	11
Rushing	258	89
Passing	122	231
Total	380	320
Comp att-int	7-13-1	13-27-0
Punts-avg	n/a	n/a
Fumbles-lost	n/a	n/a
Penalties-yds	n/a	n/a



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