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ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist within the county.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Briscoe County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code § 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environment Quality for (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

In accordance with Local Government Code § 352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

ADOPTED this 14th day of January, 2008 by a vote of 4 ayes and 1 nay, to be effective the 15th day of January, 2008.



With dry conditions and an abundance of grass wildfires can spring up quickly. Observe burn bans in your area.

Angie Mestas Announces Candidacy For Hall County Tax Assessor

I, Angie Watson Mestas, am seeking the position of Hall County Tax Assessor. I have been a lifetime resident of Hall County, entered elementary school here and graduated Memphis High in 1995. I worked at Hall County Hospital for three years as billing clerk for Medicare, Medicaid and insurance claims. Responsibilities included receiving payments, billing, training new employees, assisting with anything needed. I served for three years as Office Manager at Hall County Hospital District and am now employed as a clerk at Hall County Justice of the Peace office.

Girl Scouts Starting In Valley, Bring A Friend & Come Join Us For Some Fun

Girl Scouts invites you to an organizational meeting to be held on Thursday, Jan. 24th at 5:30 p.m. in the Valley School cafeteria.



Girl Scouts®

Girl Scouts is committed to helping all girls reach their full potential. Girls need a place and a time where they can experience new things in a positive, non-competitive atmosphere. Activities such as, learning to manage personal finances, learning about careers, telling stories, having fun with the arts, doing crafts, camping, etc. are some of the ways Girl Scouting instills the

Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Girl Scouting began with Juliette Low's assurance of having something for all girls. This goal of bringing Girl Scouting to all girls is just as relevant today. It is sometimes easy to forget that Girl Scouting is not only the largest organization for girls in this country, but also one of the largest volunteer forces in the world.

Adults, Please take this opportunity to be a part of making a difference in the lives of girls. Whatever your schedule permits, and whatever your "specialty" is, there is a way you can contribute to the girls.

For more information about Girl Scouts please contact Denise Bertrand, Membership Specialist-Five Star Council, at 1-800-687-8740.

What's Happening In The Valley Area This Week?

January 21

- * Quitaque Lions Club meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- * Turkey Extension Club meeting

January 24

- * Turkey Economic Development Board meeting @ 7 p.m.

It is FREE To Add Your Events To This Calendar

Deadline Is Noon Tuesdays

To Add Your Event Call: 806-455-1101 or
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Texas Wildfire Risk Can Be Reduced With Action Now

Dangerous. That's the word fire officials and rangeland management specialists use to describe the combination of heavy grass growth and dry conditions that exist now over much of Texas. Big rains in 2007 produced a lot of grass and other vegetation, which now amounts to dry tinder in much of the state.

"In the past year, most of Texas has been blessed with abundant rainfall. However, with abundant rainfall has come large amounts of grass growth," said Bob McCan of Victoria, president of the Texas Coalition of the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative.

"And because of the high fuel loads and the weather fluctuations, the serious situation is expected to remain through March, in spite of occasional moisture" said Dr. Wayne Hanselka, Texas Cooperative Extension range specialist in Corpus Christi. "An inch of rain will not last long with high winds and low humidity."

According to Kent Ferguson, state range management specialist for the Natural Resources Conservation Services in Temple, "Managing grass fuels is very important right now. Some things to be done include mowing road ditches, being careful with outdoor burning, being watchful of catalytic converters, plowing or blading fireguards, and using prescribed burning."

It may seem ironic or contradictory to people unfamiliar with prescribed fire as a land management tool, but properly planned and implemented prescribed burns can actually decrease wildfire danger by reducing fuel loads such as dry grass. However, it is important that prescribed burns be properly planned and carried out by those with knowledge and experience in the use of fire as a management tool, Hanselka said.

"A group of interested persons met recently to begin addressing the issue of fire safety and the proper use of prescribed burning," McCan said. "This alliance included private individuals, Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative, Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Ag Experiment Station, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Nature Conservancy and the Welder Wildlife Foundation. Our purpose is to make people aware of the good information that is available."

There are many techniques to provide fire protection as well as conduct a safe prescribed burn.

Dr. Butch Taylor, at a recent tour for the Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burn Association, offered this technique: "Ranchers and others wanting fire protection can install two parallel dozer lines, then burn between them under carefully chosen conditions. This creates a blackline. The distance between the lines can be about 100 feet for grass fuel, but should be at least 500 feet for volatile fuels or more sensitive areas. This not only provides a margin of safety from wildfire but allows a rancher to conduct a prescribed burn at the time and condition of their own choosing."

Applicable laws and other prescribed burn information can be found on the Texas Interagency Coordination Center Web site. Additional information about protecting against wildfires can be found through the Texas Forest Service.

Tax-Aide Program Provides Free Tax Preparation

AARP's free income tax preparation services for seniors and taxpayers with limited income will begin February 1, 2008 and continue through April 15, 2008 at the Swisher County Community Computer Lab, 321 SW 2nd Street in Tulia. It will be open every Thursday beginning February 7th by appointment only. Please call 995-2104 for appointment.

Support Group To Meet

There will be a support group meeting for the terminally ill and their families. The meeting will be held at the First National Bank in Quitaque on Monday, January 28 at 2 p.m. Anyone interested from Silverton, Flomot, Turkey or Quitaque is invited to attend.

Area Wide January Sales Tax Allocations

City	Current Sales Tax Rate	Net Tax Payment This Period	Comp. Tax Payment Prior Year	% Of Change	2008 Tax Payments To Date	2007 Tax Payments To Date	% Of Change
Quitaque	2.00%	\$2,546.23	\$2,088.36	21.92%	\$2,546.23	\$2,088.36	21.92%
Silverton	1.75%	\$2,805.71	\$2,619.99	7.08%	\$2,805.71	\$2,619.99	7.08%
Turkey	2.00%	\$1,866.35	\$1,813.64	2.90%	\$1,866.35	\$1,813.64	2.90%
Memphis	2.00%	\$14,319.00	\$21,682.34	-33.96%	\$14,319.00	\$21,682.34	-33.96%
Lakeview	1.00%	\$49.70	\$86.22	-42.35%	\$49.70	\$86.22	-42.35%
Estelline	1.25%	\$782.89	\$1,659.86	-52.83%	\$782.89	\$1,659.86	-52.83%
Matador	2.00%	\$3,173.85	\$5,220.80	-39.20%	\$3,173.85	\$5,220.80	-39.20%
Roaring Spgs	2.00%	\$1,006.58	\$2,331.32	-56.82%	\$1,006.58	\$2,331.32	-56.82%

This Table Compiled By The Valley Tribune From Information On The Texas Comptroller's Website
(* indicates a change in rate in the past 14 months.)

Comptroller Susan Combs Delivers First Local Sales Tax Allocations of 2008

Comptroller Susan Combs announced this week that the state collected \$1.83 billion in sales tax revenue in December, up 9.1 percent compared to December 2006. Motley and Hall counties showed a decrease overall, and Briscoe county was up from the same time last year.

Combs sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their first sales tax allocations of 2008 — \$448.3 million, up 7.3 percent compared to January 2007.

"Since the state's 2008 fiscal year began last September, sales tax collections are up 7.3 percent compared to the same point in fiscal 2007," Combs said. "While increases have moderated compared to those of the past two years, solid sales tax growth continues."

Comptroller Combs sent January sales tax allocations of \$303.2 million to Texas cities, up 7.4 percent compared to January 2007. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$26.8 million, up 5.7 percent compared to last January.

December state sales tax collections and January allocations to local governments represent sales that occurred in November.



Jana Merrell & Donnie Calvert

Merrell & Calvert To Wed In February Ceremony

Warren and Maria Merrell of Quitaque are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Jana Merrell, to Donnie Calvert.

The bride elect is a 2006 graduate of West Texas A&M University in Canyon and is currently employed at BSA as a registered nurse. Jana is the daughter of the late Jan White Merrell and the granddaughter of P.J. and Rose White of Wellington, Texas and Jake and Jo Mae Merrell of Quitaque, Texas.

Donnie is the son of George and Kay Calvert of Quitaque, Texas. Donnie is currently self-employed in the Amarillo area.

The couple plan to wed on February 23, 2008 at the First Baptist Church of Canyon, Texas.

Hall Co. Historical Commission

The Hall County Historical Commission met on January 7, with President Tommie Jo Cruse, presiding. The opening prayer was given by Jim Mills. The minutes were read by Mike Hughes and approved. Betty Farley mentioned that the iron is at the Valley school, waiting to be made into crosses for veterans graves.

For new business, Tommie Jo asked the members, if they would like to be the host for the April Turkey Jamboree. The members voted to do this.

Members present were Karen Crisman, Tommie Jo Cruse, Mike Hughes, Lera Kate Powell, Betty Farley, Dixie Barbee, & Judge Jack Martin.

Gov. Perry Calls for Texas Women's Hall of Fame Nominations

Gov. Rick Perry today called for nominations of outstanding women for the Texas Women's Hall of Fame. Coordinated by the Governor's Commission for Women, the Hall of Fame includes notable Texans such as First Lady Barbara Bush, astronaut Sally Ride and tennis great Zena Garrison.

"The Texas Women's Hall of Fame allows Texans to honor women whose accomplishments continue to make our state great," said Gov. Perry. "By celebrating these outstanding women we inspire young Texans to work hard to become great leaders."

This year's categories for the Texas Women's Hall of Fame are leadership, historic preservation, health, physical fitness, education and performing arts. An independent panel of judges will review the nominations and the Governor will induct the women the panel recommends into the 2008 Hall of Fame at an awards ceremony this fall.

Nominees must be native or current Texas residents, and their noted achievement must have significant ties to Texas. Also these women must have been involved in the noted achievement during the past twelve months.

The Texas Women's Hall of Fame honors more than 100 women. A complete list of honorees is available at www.governor.state.tx.us/women/halloffame. Nomination forms are available on the Governor's Internet site at www.governor.state.tx.us/women or by calling (800) 839-5323. Forms must be postmarked by March 3, 2008.

If there's a book you really want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it.

- Toni Morrison

Writing is a socially acceptable form of schizophrenia.

- E.L. Doctorow

The role of a writer is not to say what we all can say, but what we are unable to say.

- Anais Nin

You must stay drunk on writing so reality cannot destroy you.

- Ray Bradbury

Obituaries

Javier Salgado

Javier Salgado, 32, of Amarillo, Tx died January 12, 2008. Services were held Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at St Elizabeth Catholic Church in Turkey, Tx. Services provided by Chancellor Funeral Home.

Javier was born on January 7, 1976 in Guadalajara Jalisco Mexico. He was a forklift driver at Amarillo Cotton.

He is survived by his wife - Nacol Chaves of Amarillo; father - Antonio Salgado of Mexico; mother and step-father - Jose Valdez, Sr. and Antonia Celis of Turkey; daughters - Janet Salgado, Melissa Celis, Maranda Chavez, Madison Chavez; brothers - Ramon Salgado, Jose Valdez, Jr; sisters - Angela Salgado-Farley, Enedina Valdez-Ballesteros, Maria Valdez, 2 nieces and 1 nephew.

He was preceded in death by his brother Roberto Salgado.

TURKEY SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

Turkey Senior Citizens met Tuesday night with 14 present. Sheriff Earnest Neel was a guest and a home health nurse was present to do blood pressure checks. Tom Eudy said the prayer before the delicious pot luck dinner. After dinner, two tables of dominos were played.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 6:00pm. Blood pressure checks for anyone interested will start at 5:30 pm.

If you are a senior, we welcome you to come and enjoy the fun! food! and fellowship!

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Monday, January 21	Wednesday, January 23	Friday, January 25
Roast & Gravy Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Roll Dessert* Milk	Ham Butter Beans Spinich Roll/Dessert* Milk	Salmon Patties Oven Potatoes Black-Eyed Peas Roll Dessert* Milk

*Diabetic Desserts Available
 This Week's Menu Sponsored By:
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MONDAY JANUARY 21, 2008
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Tuesday, January 22, 2008
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Valley School Lunch Menu

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Monday, January 21

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Milk

Tuesday, January 22

Breakfast: Breakfast Hot Pocket, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Biscuits, Honey, Milk

Wednesday, January 23

Breakfast: Biscuits, Jelly, Sausage, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Soft Tacos, Salad, Chips & Hot Sauce, Apricots, Milk

Thursday, January 24

Breakfast: Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk
Lunch: BBQ on Bun, Pickles, Applesauce, Potato Chips, Milk

Friday, January 25

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Chili Cheese Dogs, Kosher Dills, Orange Slices, Milk



"Have a Great Day!"
 THE LUNCHROOM LADIES
 Menu Subject To Change



THE PATRIOT

Valley School News

Patriots Teams Take Two at Silverton

By Susan Ramsey

The Valley basketball teams traveled to Silverton last Friday night to take on the Silverton Owls in an important District 5-1A Division 2 clash.

The girls' game saw the Lady Owls keep it close for the first half. The teams went into the locker room with Valley holding a 28-24 lead. The Lady Patriots came out on fire in the third quarter and outscored Silverton by a 15-4 margin to stretch their lead to 43-28. The two teams then played even for the fourth quarter to make the final score Valley 53-Silverton 38.

Jasmin Ivory led all scorers with 19 points. Others scoring for Valley were Jordan Jenkins-9, Payton Price-7, Lacie Pointer and Savannah Smith with 6, Mary Kate Davidson-4, and Jacy Proctor with two.

The victory moves Valley to 3-0 in district and sets up an important showdown with Paducah, who is also undefeated in district play. Way to go, girls!

The boys' game saw the Patriots lead throughout the entire game and ultimately win by a 56-46 margin. Valley used a pressure defense to cause numerous Owl turnovers, and had a balanced scoring attack with seven players finding the scoring column.

Cole Brown and Roger Ramos led the way for Valley with 12 points each. Others scoring for Valley were Jacob Hancock-9, Armando Mendoza and Isaac Smith with 8, Ray Galvan-5, and Dalton Allen with two points.

This victory also moves the boys to 3-0 in district play and they will also play an undefeated Paducah team at home Tuesday night. Good job, guys!

I inadvertently left Jeffery Addison out of the article last week. Jeffery scored six points against Matador. My apologies to the Addisons.

Patriot Teams Split With Paducah

By Susan Ramsey

The Paducah Dragons came to Valley Tuesday night for a match-up that featured a battle of undefeated district opponents in both the girls and the boys games.

The girls game saw Valley use a 20 point second quarter to lead by a 30-19 margin at the half. Paducah would close the gap in the third quarter and moved to within five points of the Lady Patriots. However, Valley responded in a big way and held their ground to come out with a 52-46 win.

The Lady Patriots would play most of the game without their star senior post player, Jasmin Ivory, who was in foul trouble throughout the contest. The other Lady Patriots would respond in a big way, though, led by senior post player Savannah Smith. Savannah really stepped up with 18 points and nine rebounds to post one of her best games of the year. Others scoring for Valley were Jasmin Ivory-9, Lacie Pointer-8, Jordan Jenkins-5, Payton Price-4, Jacy Proctor-3, Leslie Payne and Mary Kate Davidson-2, and Mariela Mendoza with one point. The victory moves the Lady Patriots to 4-0 in district at the halfway point. Keep up the great work, girls!

The boys' contest saw the Patriots come out shooting cold from the field. They dug themselves into a hole, as Paducah led by a 17-4 count at the end of the first quarter. Valley played the Dragons relatively even after that, but could never quite close the gap, losing by a 67-52 count.

Cole Brown was the leading scorer for Valley with 15 points. Others scoring for Valley were Isaac Smith-9, Brady Ramsey & Armando Mendoza-6, Dalton Allen & Roger Ramos-5, Jacob Hancock-4, and Ray Galvan with two points.

The loss moves Valley to 9-4 on the season and 3-1 in district after the first half of district play.

Both teams will be taking on Hart this Friday night at home. There will be four games, starting at 4:00 with the J.V. girls.

3rd Six Weeks Honor Roll

1st Grade

All A's: Branson Cruse, Kelsey Flowers, Kara Luckett, Kaytlin Shipley, Ismael Valdes
A's & B's: Isaiiah Castillo, Iracema Mendoza, Rebecca Santos, Suzanna Santos

2nd Grade

All A's: Daxon Allen, Jace Bland, Kylie Brown, Jessie Browning
A's & B's: Jacob Jendall, Juan Villarreal

3rd Grade

All A's: Ryleigh Carson, Will Farley, Jolee Hill, Sydnee Meyer, Micah Willey, Savannah Young
A's & B's: Alyssa Mott, Jack Price, Janet Salgado

4th Grade

All A's: Kennadee Buchanan, Rachel Hancock, Jere Kendall, J.D. Schnitker
A's & B's: Francisca Alanis, Emily Barrett

5th Grade

All A's: Barrett Bland, Tyler Campbell, Walker Carson, Brandon Pointer, Haley Wheeler
A's & B's: Colton Bowman, Esmarelda Cruz, Nick Farino, Baylie Pointer, Blayne Young

6th Grade

All A's: Monica Alanis, Morgan Hawkins, Ketch Smith
A's & B's: Kaylee Addison, Jerrica Galvan, Jessie Messer, April Villarreal, Cory Williams

7th Grade

All A's: Brennan Allen, Kameron Buchanan, Sunny Helms, Abby Hill, Ben Seth Ramsey, Kodie Saul
A's & B's: Ian Farley, Colleen Hancock, Cody Heck, Jonna Perkins, Blake Pigg, Carson Proctor, Macy Valdez

8th Grade

All A's: Caitlyn Brown, Courtney Galvan, Kristen Jenkins, Madison Meyer, Alyssa Pointer, Jessie Price
A's & B's: Mary Elizabeth Bowman, Danielle Gwinn, Pablo Martinez, Chambray Smith, Kammi Warr

Freshmen

All A's: Landon Allen, Kelsey Kelley, Khaki Scrivner, Grant Wheeler
A's & B's: Natasha Perkins, Autumn Phillips

Sophomores

All A's: Gavin Luckett, Mariela Mendoza, Lacie Pointer, Payton Price, Jacy Proctor, Lauren Young

A's & B's: Jacob Hancock, Isa Ortiz, Johnathan Perkins, Isaac Smith, Courtney Thibodeaux, Alejandro Valdez, Sadie Valdez

Juniors

All A's: Dalton Allen, Chancy Campbell, Callie Helms, Jordan Jenkins, Cade Luckett, Laura Martinez, Leslie Payne, Brady Ramsey, Townli Ziegler

A's & B's: Dulce Chavez, Mitchell Farley, Alexandra Skinner, Justin Todd, Yessenia Valdes, Ana Keren Valdez

Seniors

All A's: Cole Brown, Mary Kate Davidson, Jasmin Ivory, Roger Ramos, Justin Rucker
A's & B's: John Carroll, Armando Mendoza, Bryce Reagan

 GRAMMAR IS THE LOGIC OF SPEECH, EVEN AS LOGIC IS THE GRAMMAR OF REASON.
 - RICHARD TRENCH

GO VALLEY!



Valley Varsity Boys



Jr Varsity Boys



Valley Varsity & Jr Varsity Girls

Valley Varsity & Jr Varsity Boys & Girls vs Hart
 Friday, January 18 @ 4 p.m., here

Valley JH Boys & Girls vs Silverton
 Monday, January 21 @ 5:30 p.m., here

Valley Varsity & Jr Varsity Boys & Girls vs Matador
 Tuesday, January 22 @ 4 p.m., here

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On The QT

By Patsy Herrington

Welcome to an exciting New Year! Although it started almost two weeks ago, I am still glad that (although fun) the hustle and bustle of Christmas is over, and we can settle down to a more relaxing pace. I am always making New Year resolutions that I don't always fulfill, but starting anew makes me realize that I need to get better organized, take better care of myself, and make more use of the time we have.

I worked in the Thrift shop this week, and I am amazed at the number of people who are cleaning out their closets. Made me think I need to get busy doing this too. Jill Johnson worked with me, and we stayed busy all day putting out new and exciting things!

We The Women met for lunch at the Methodist Church, and we had a record crowd of 28. Attending were Ann Chadwick, Jill Johnson, Elaine Harmon, Patsy Herrington, Carolyn Cohorn, Delene Tyler, Patsy Rucker, Dianne Brooks, Maxine Clark, Sherry McKay, Nancy Cordero, Henryetta Price, Reba Pierce, Christine Brummett, Jan Brummett, Margaret Edwards, Jack Johnson, Phil Barefield, Barbara Bogart, Arlene Hinkle, Lynette Barefield, Ann Irwin, Tammy Salinas, Mary Stratener, Misti Messer, Clara Ruth Davidson, and Terri Hart. What a grand time we had!

Barbara Bogart from Spur, represents caprock Telephone, and is a fabulous supporter of Quitaque and the surrounding area. She always attends our We The Women meetings and has enlightening ideas on how we can improve our community. She is a prime sustainer of rural economic development. She brought Nancy Cordero from the Department of Agriculture to our WW meeting. Nancy spoke well of our fabulous community (her words) and elaborated on means of assistance for new businesses in small towns, and other funding sources form TDA. Nancy represents 44 Texas counties.

Butch Hamilton says that Jerry and Pam Monk from Farwell landed at his place in their airplane on New Years and visited Jerry's folks, L.B. and Elizabeth Monk.

Butch and Dean Hamilton's daughter, and husband, Brandy and David Sanchez, visited them over Christmas.

Mary Stark Henry of Nacogdoches has been here the last few days taking care of her son, Scotty Stark, who is better, while Sandra visits her dad in Amarillo, who is seriously ill. Mary returned home Friday to her husband, Durward, who is recuperating from a knee transplant, but doing well.

Salt and Susan Jones have been here visiting his mother, Ann Chadwick and Buster. Salt and Susan live in Alberta, Canada and are missionaries with the Southern Baptist Mission Board. They've been on leave almost three months.

Sammie Johnson became very ill Thursday and Delos took her to Lockney where she saw Dr. Stinnett and spent the day in the hospital. She returned home that night and is doing better. Delos preaches part time at the Church of Christ here. He was pastor at Arlington, Texas Church of Christ before moving here. He and Sammie are wonderful people.

Quail hunters George Harvey, Sr. and son of Radford, VA, and Carlos Hart of Salem Virginia travelled 1,500 miles this week to hunt in the Quitaque area. They have been very excited for weeks, phoning weekly about this trip. They were good friends of Ross Herrington.

Vernon and Etwoile Hamilton of Ft. Worth were her recently visiting brother Butch and Dean Hamilton.

It is a pleasant and exciting sight to see 20 plus wind turbines going full force when go



Improving Balance At Any Age With Exercise

Newswise - As people age, balance sometimes gets shaky. Vision problems, loss of strength, side effects of medication or some medical conditions can result in unsteadiness in older adults.

But with practice, people of any age can improve balance, according to a report in the November issue of Mayo Clinic Health Letter.

The newsletter offers these suggestions to exercise the sense of balance:

Many types of physical activity: Walking or any exercise that gets a person's arms and legs moving in coordination improves balance. Exercise helps work the muscles and stimulate the nerve communication needed for balance and coordination.

Everyday balance exercises: Balancing on one foot and then the other is good practice. A good time to do this is while doing dishes or brushing teeth. A more advanced exercise is to walk heel-toe, heel-toe as if walking on a line.

Advanced balance training: A personal trainer or physical therapist may suggest more advanced balance exercises, which can incorporate a large, inflatable "stability" ball or a balance trainer, such as a half-ball attached to a flat base.

Palo Duro Basin Oil & Gas Report

by Tom Musser

Briscoe & Motley Counties: The five Bankers Petroleum wells that had status changes on the December 2007 Railroad Commission of Texas Oil and Gas Proration schedule have had been returned to their previous status on the January 2008 Proration schedule. The R.I. Montgomery lease well #1 is currently listed as 14(b)(2) denied. The M.J. Hamilton lease well #1; the D.M. Cogdell, Jr. Estate lease well #10-01, the Echols "2" lease well #1 and the M. Bursleson Ranch "60" lease well #1 are all currently listed as 14(b)(2) extension. The 14(b)(2) extension allows the wells to remain legally shut-in compliance with all RRC O&G statewide rules.

Floyd County: The Bankers Petroleum Inc Misener lease well #1 Wildcat field which has previously been listed as shut-in currently listed on the January 2008 Proration schedule as 14(b)(2) extension.

Floyd County: The Bankers Petroleum Jones lease well #1 Wildcat field has been assigned a lease number and has been placed on the January 2008 Proration schedule as 14(b)(2) extension. The Jones well #1 completion report RRC form W-2 was filed on November 7, 2007.

Floyd County: After the holiday break testing continues on the PetroGlobe Energy McIntosh lease well #176.

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- We averaged over 600 calls per year for service from citizens.
- We processed 636 people into the Hall County Jail.
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- Number of armed robberies - 1 (we caught him!)
- Provided on-the-job training for staff in all areas of responsibility.
- Updated emergency equipment such as light-bars, radar units, mobile video equipment and weapons.



What about 2007?

- We generated approximately \$66,980.00 in traffic fines, of which some \$39,400.00 went to the State, and \$27,580.00 went to the Hall County Treasury
- We collected over \$4,000.00 in fees for 348 civil papers that were served.
- We traveled 11,000 miles in transporting inmates to and from our jail.
- We served 89 Warrants for arrest.
- Sheriff and all personnel met all educational requirements for current TCLOSE Certification, attending more than the 40 hours of required courses for each two year period.
- Received qualification training in Suicide Terrorism, Cyber Crimes, Open Records Laws, Forensic Hypnosis, and Mapping Technology from Sheriff's Association.
- Worked with Texas Rangers in resolution of cases affecting Hall County citizens.
- Issued frequent warning concerning fraud and scams in the area, especially those affecting Seniors.

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Worship.....6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Meeting.....7:30 p.m.

WHEN FAITH CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS, THIS INCLUDES YOU

In a simpler age than the one in which we are now living, people used to help each other and their communities whenever they were needed. If the neighbors' house burned down, everyone pitched in with labor and materials to help them rebuild it, and provided food, clothing and blankets. If the town needed a place cleaned up to establish a park, the entire population went to work on it. Fortunately, this spirit of cooperation still prevails in some areas. Many a House of Worship must be maintained on a very limited budget; so if the one you attend calls for volunteers to paint the walls, pull the weeds in the parking lot or type the bulletin, raise your hand and lend it for whatever task you are able to perform. It is so little to ask in return for all the blessings you have received there from God's guidance and love.



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Plainview, Texas
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Mission.....4:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Meeting.....8:00 p.m.

River of God Fellowship
Silverton, Texas
SUNDAY
Worship & Praise.....10:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....9 a.m.

Juan Diego Catholic Center
Quitaque, Texas
Deacon Pedro Juarez
SUNDAY
Mass.....11:00 a.m.
MONDAY
Holy Hour.....6:00 p.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

Gospel Lighthouse Church
Silverton, Texas
Rev. Joyce Greer Cooper
SATURDAY
Worship.....10:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Flomot, Texas
SUNDAY
Worship.....10:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Turkey, Texas
Pastor: Melvin Clinton
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Singing.....5:00 p.m.
Training Union.....6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
MONDAY
Women's Missionary Society.....
4:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Meeting.....8:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Turkey, Texas
Minister: Stuart Smith
SUNDAY
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Evening Service.....7:00 p.m.

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Quitaque, Texas
Pastor: Willie J. Windom
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.

FAIRMONT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Fairmont, Texas
Pastor: Arnie Smith
SUNDAY
Worship.....11:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Quitaque, Texas
Minister: Delos Johnson
SUNDAY
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

Galvan's Resturant
Turkey, Texas

City of Turkey
Turkey, Texas

San Loretto Catholic Church
Silverton, Texas
Deacon Pedro Juarez
SUNDAY

Mass.....9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Holy Hour.....6:00 p.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH
Turkey, Texas
Deacon Pedro Juarez
SUNDAY

Mass.....12:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Holy Hour.....7:00 p.m.
Bible Study.....8:00 p.m.

IGLESIA BAUTISTA La TRINIDAD CHURCH
Quitaque, Texas
Pastor: Salvador Bernal
SUNDAY

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Quitaque, Texas
Pastor: Jeff Addison
SUNDAY

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30a.m.
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Mission Program.....5:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting.....6:00 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Turkey, Texas
Pastor: John Dorn
SUNDAY

Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Church School.....9:00a.m.
Evening Worship
1st & 3rd Sundays.....6:00 p.m.
MONDAY
(1st & 3rd)
United Methodist Women.....
4:00 p.m.



Texas AgriLife Extension Offering Online Courses For Small-Acreage Landowners

Owners of small farms and ranches will soon have access to Web-based help for managing their land.

Three online courses designed for agricultural novices will be offered by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, beginning Jan. 22, said Rebecca Parker, AgriLife Extension's Dallas-based regional director of programs in agriculture and natural science.

The courses were organized to meet the demand for information from the growing group of small-acreage landowners, said Parker, who cited the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2002 census of agriculture.

The number of Texas farms with 10 to 49 acres grew by 13 percent between 1997 and 2002, according to the census. By comparison, the number of farms with 2,000 acres or more remained about the same.

The new landowners are often city dwellers who buy rural property for retirement, an alternative source of income or a lifestyle change, Parker said. Unlike traditional farmers and ranchers, the landowners typically have jobs that provide primary sources of income.

"They don't have an ag background, and they don't know how to decide what to do with their land," Parker said. "There's a whole group that we're not getting to because they don't have time for face-to-face educational programs."

The course subjects were chosen based on the demand from landowners for information about those particular topics, Parker said.

The courses cost \$50 each. They are offered on the following dates:

Resource Inventory - Jan. 22 - Feb. 22; March 3 - March 31; April 21 - May 19; June 2 - June 30.

Beef Cattle Management - January 28 - March 7; March 24 - May 2.

Pasture Management - January 30 - February 29; March 12 - April 18.

Landowners should take the Resource Inventory course first, Parker said.

"It answers the question, 'I've got this land, now what do I do with it?'" she said. "We consider that the most important course."

For more information, visit the Small Acreage Landowner Webcourse Web site at <http://grovesite.com/TAMU/RI>. AgriLife Extension plans to expand the course offerings to include horse production and rainwater harvesting, Parker said.

Texas Cooperative Extension changed its name to Texas AgriLife Extension Service on Jan. 1. An agency of the Texas A&M University System, local AgriLife Extension programs provide practical information and educational outreach in the four areas of agriculture and natural resources, 4-H and youth development, family and consumer sciences and community economic development.



Dates Set For 2008 Texas AgriLife Extension Service Production Conferences

Helping farmers stay up on the latest trends in crop production, marketing, and management is the number one goal of High Plains crop production conferences. Sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, the Conferences will once again offer a bounty of useful production information for producers entering the 2008 growing season.

For those that haven't heard, Texas AgriLife Extension Service is the new name of Texas Cooperative Extension, which provides Texans in all 254 counties with non-biased, research-based education programs and services in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H and youth development, family and consumer sciences, and community economic development.

Also getting a new moniker is Texas AgriLife Research, formerly identified as the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, which annually conducts more than \$150 million in agriculture and life-sciences research.

This year's Extension conferences are scheduled at multiple locations throughout the area during the months of January and February to provide growers multiple opportunities to participate without having to travel too far from home.

By attending the conferences producers can also earn continuing education units (CEUs) necessary to maintain private and commercial applicator licenses.

A list of these meetings will be maintained over the course of the next several weeks to update producers on any late additions to the meeting calendar and also keep them apprised of all remaining conference dates and locations.

Foundation Establishes Center For Natural Resources

Kathleen Hartnett White, the former chair of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), will join the Texas Public Policy Foundation's staff later this month as the Director of its new Center on Natural Resources.

"The Foundation has long been a respected and authoritative voice on how to apply the concepts of free markets and limited government to public policy," Rollins said. "As the Legislature continues to grapple with how best to ensure an adequate water supply and improved air quality for Texas' future, a growing number of legislators have asked us to engage and research these questions."

"It is a rare opportunity when a state-level think tank can bring on board someone of Kathleen's caliber and experience," Rollins continued. "Her substantial policy knowledge will be a tremendous asset as we search for sound policy solutions to this series of intriguing yet perplexing challenges."

The Center's primary focus will be to illustrate why market mechanisms, performance based standards, property rights, and more rigorous scientific and risk-benefit analyses provide the most effective basis for environmental protection and are fundamental to sustaining the economic growth on which continual environmental improvement depends. Water policy will be one of the Center's core issues, while the Foundation's existing research on air quality, climate change, and energy will be transitioned over from its Center for Economic Freedom.

White was appointed to the Texas Water Development Board in 1999. Gov. Rick Perry appointed her as a TCEQ commissioner in October 2001, and designated her as its chair two years later. She did not seek re-appointment when her term expired last August.

White was Director of Private Lands and the Environment for the National Cattlemen's Association in Washington, D.C. She has served as director of the Ranching Heritage Association, and was a special assistant in the White House Office of the First Lady Nancy Reagan. She received her bachelor and master degrees from Stanford University. She also studied comparative religion at Princeton University and law at Texas Tech University.

White contributed the article, "The New Value of Water," to the Foundation's August 2004 report, "Choppy Waters: Understanding the Challenges to Texas Water Policy."

"I appreciate the positive impact that the Texas Public Policy Foundation has made on this state," White said. "I am extremely motivated to work with them to develop and advocate policies which harness the power and creativity of the free market to further improve our environmental quality. Win-win solutions are indeed possible."

The Center for Natural Resources will be the Foundation's sixth policy center to be staffed on a full-time basis. The Foundation's other policy centers are: Economic Freedom, Education Policy, Effective Justice, Fiscal Policy, and Health Care Policy.

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State's Agricultural Agencies Change Names, Renew Missions

Two state agricultural agencies that have served Texans for a combined 224 years are beginning 2008 with new names and renewed missions.

Texas AgriLife Research is the new name for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, which annually conducts more than \$150 million in agriculture and life sciences research in such areas as improving food and fiber production, enhancing human and animal health, and conserving water, soils, wildlife and other natural resources.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is the new name of Texas Cooperative Extension, which provides Texans in all 254 counties with objective, research-based education programs and services in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H and youth development, family and consumer sciences, and community economic development.

"We are making these changes to better communicate the life-sustaining and life-changing impacts that both AgriLife Research and AgriLife Extension deliver to the people of Texas and beyond," said Dr. Mark Hussey, director of AgriLife Research.

Both agencies remain members of The Texas A&M University System, with the same commitment to their partners, clients and mission.

"But we also want to tell our story to a larger audience and a changing state population, attract new resources and build new partnerships, while strengthening our existing ones," Hussey said. "In this way, we hope to better serve the people of this great state."

The name changes are part of a re-branding initiative launching this year after two years of study and planning. These efforts were led by former vice chancellor Dr. Elsa Murano, who was named president of Texas A&M University on Jan. 3.

"The re-branding efforts are centered on one foundational message: 'Agriculture is Life!'" Hussey said. "The central idea is that life itself is the core value that our agencies seek to sustain and enhance."

"People usually don't realize how much we all depend on agriculture and the life sciences. Discoveries and innovations in these fields directly impact the quality of the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the air we breathe, the water we drink, the homes we live in, and, more and more, even the fuels we pump into our vehicles."

"This is more than a name change, or even a new logo design," said Dr. Ed Smith, director of AgriLife Extension. "These new brands will impact not only our marketing materials and signage, but also the way we position and prioritize our programs and work with our federal, state and county partners to serve the state of Texas. It is vitally important to tell our story and that people connect our agencies to the tremendous impacts they have on the state."

One of the drivers of the re-branding initiative was a market study that showed that the work of the research and extension agencies was not widely known across the state of Texas.

"We hope to help people better understand the vital role that agriculture and life sciences still play in improving the prosperity of their lives," said Smith. "We believe that if they come to know us better, they will see that connection more clearly, even within a state population that is now 85 percent urbanized."

AgriLife Research, established in 1887, employs a team of 425 scientists on the campus of Texas A&M University and at 13 centers across the state. Research has made many innovative advances over the years, including development of the Texas 1015 onion and the TAM Mild Jalapeño pepper, which revolutionized the U.S. salsa industry.

Current major research includes the efficient use and conservation of water resources, the development of fruits and vegetables with higher levels of disease-fighting compounds, and the adaptation of crops and other agricultural products for making biofuels.

AgriLife Extension, established in 1915, provides Texans with continuing education programs and services. More than 900 professional educators team with some 90,000 volunteers to serve families, youth, communities and businesses throughout the state. Some 600,000 children annually participate in Extension's 4-H and youth development programs.

Sign-up Continues For Livestock & Crop Disaster Programs

Sign-up continues for both Livestock (LCP) and Crop Disaster (CDP) Programs. Producers interested in applying for either program should call for an appointment to the Hall County FSA Office at 806-259-3579. At this time there is no deadline for either of these programs. A deadline will be established at a later date.

LCP (2005-2007) provides benefits to livestock producers in designated disaster counties who suffered fee losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from natural disasters occurring between January 2, 2005 and February 28, 2007.

CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered losses to the 2005-2007 crops from natural disasters and related conditions. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006, or 2007 must choose only one year for which to receive benefits and may receive benefits for multiple crop losses if all were in the same crop year.

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By Laura Taylor

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- * A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
- * How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
- * Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
- * Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
- * Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job.
- * No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.
- * There are no new sins...the old ones just get more publicity.
- * There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 AM. It could be a right number.
- * Think about this...No one ever says "It's only a game" when his team is winning.
- * Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
- * The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
- * If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
- * Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
- * I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap.
- * Be careful reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.
- * The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.
- * Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos?
- * Money can't buy happiness — but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than in a Yugo.
- * After a certain age, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead.
- * It's a good day when you wake up above ground!

HHMMM.....

Classifieds Work!

Bid Notice

Hall County has a 1995 1/2 ton Ford Pickup for sale. Sealed bids should be delivered to the County Judge's office at Hall County Courthouse, Suite 4, Memphis, Texas 79245. Bids must be received before 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 11, 2008. Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject all bids.

Thank You

The family of Ernie Lee would like to thank our family and friends for the many acts of love shown to us at our time of loss.

To Ernie's classmates and their parents a special thank you for all you have done for us.

The visits, calls, food, flowers and cards mean more to us than words can express. A special thank you to our wonderful neighbors who have taken such good care of us during the worst time in our lives.

Ernie was loved by so many family and friends and is greatly missed by all.

Joey & Brenda Lee
Robert & Kilyn Lee
Jason Lee
O.J. & Ruth Lee

We want to say thank you to our friends and neighbors for the love and concern shown our family following the death of our loved one, Arloween Williams. Thanks for all of the prayers, the food, flowers, memorials, cards, calls and visits. We love and appreciate you.

God Bless You,
The Williams family
The Majors family



This Week In Texas History!

- Jan 20, 1925**
Mariam A. (Ma) Ferguson became the first women governor of Texas. She was defeated two years later, but was reelected governor in 1932.
- Jan 20, 1891**
James Stephen Hogg became the first native-born Texas governor (1891-95).
- Jan 21, 1942**
Singer-songwriter Mac Davis was born in Lubbock.
- Jan 21, 1879**
Gov. Oran M. Roberts inaugurated his pay-as-you-go policy.
- Jan 21, 1871**
The first public library in Texas opened in Galveston.
- Jan 22, 1883**
The "fifty-cent act" was repealed by the Texas Legislature. The act provided for the selling of Texas land at 50¢ per acre with the proceeds split equally between the permanent school fund and a fund to pay off the public debt.
- Jan 23, 1837**
Gen. Santa Anna left Washington D.C. for Vera Cruz. He left behind lodging and food debts totaling over \$2000 which the Republic of Texas was forced to pay.
- Jan 24, 1871**
Kiowa Indians killed Britt Johnson and his three partners in a fight at Salt Creek. Johnson's family had been killed earlier by the Indians in a raid on Elm Creek, Oct 13, 1864.
- Jan 25, 1839**
The Texas flag was approved by the Republic Congress for the second time. The first featured a gold star on a blue field, the second, a white star on a blue field.
- Jan 26, 1839**
The Texas Congress approved the Homestead Act which allowed settlers a set amount of land if they moved to the new republic. They also appropriated land for public schools in each county.

Nostalgia: A device that removes the ruts and potholes from memory lane.
- Doug Larson

Time is change, transformation, evolution.
- Isaac L. Peretz

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Prediabetes: A Wake-Up Call to Make Changes to Prevent Diabetes

Newswise — New data suggests that 54 million Americans may be on track to develop diabetes within the next 10 years. They have prediabetes, a condition where blood sugar is higher than normal but not high enough to be classified as type 2 diabetes. A special diabetes report in the November issue of Mayo Clinic Women's HealthSource covers prediabetes and what can be done to prevent it from becoming type 2 diabetes, a potentially debilitating and life-threatening disease.

Overlooking prediabetes is easy, because often there are no symptoms. And blood tests for prediabetes aren't given routinely. People age 45 and older who have never been tested for diabetes should discuss prediabetes screening with a physician. A blood glucose test will likely be recommended for people who have any of these risk factors:

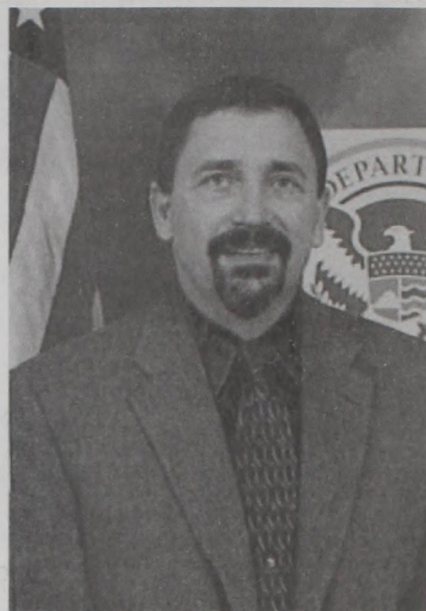
- A family history of diabetes
- A body mass index of 25 or higher
- Low levels of high-density lipoprotein (HDL or "good") cholesterol and high triglycerides, another blood fat
- High blood pressure
- A history of gestational diabetes (diabetes during pregnancy) or giving birth to a baby weighing more than 9 pounds
- Polycystic ovary syndrome
- An ethnicity that is disproportionately affected by diabetes, including African-American, American Indian, Hispanic-American/Latino and Asian-American/Pacific Islander.

For those who have prediabetes, making healthy lifestyle changes can significantly reduce the risk of developing diabetes. One large research study found that diet and exercise that resulted in a 5 percent to 7 percent weight loss could lower the risk of diabetes in high-risk individuals by 58 percent. For example, someone who weighs 200 pounds could potentially prevent diabetes by losing just 10 to 15 pounds

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 ~ THOMAS CARLYLE



WOW, WHAT A CATFISH! Margie Edwards, of Horner Lake-Motley County, caught this 32 lb & 29 inch long catfish in August 2007 at Horner Lake. This is a private lake in northern Motley County.



As Hall County Sheriff, I would strive to bring the citizens of this county a proactive department that would work with the community. I believe that my experience in Law Enforcement has given me the skills and ability to lead the Sheriff's Office in a new and positive direction.

I am committed to working with every law enforcement agency to best serve and protect our citizens throughout Hall County. I think the Sheriff's Office has an obligation not only to protect the public, but to give every call, case and investigation its utmost attention as well as insuring that the county jail operates in an efficient and secure manner.

I believe a County Official works for the people that have given that person the opportunity to represent the county. I look forward to the opportunity of working for the citizens of this County and would treat people with the respect and dignity they deserve.

I would appreciate your vote for Sheriff of Hall County in the election on March 4th, 2008.

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