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Try Your Luck At Caprock Country "Poker"

Play a Poker Hand and win a prize worth more than \$100.00. Purchase at least \$10.00 cash in participating stores and draw a card...5 cards...equal to a poker hand. Good Hand...win a prize...didn't win or not enough cards...your name goes in a drawing for other prizes donated by local merchants. A list of all the participating merchants follows:

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Caprock Home Center, Merrell Food, Just Because, Thrift Shop, The End Result, Back to Basics, Valley Farm Store, Sportsman Cafe, Allsup's, Caprock Cafe, and Karols Country Korner.

Shop till you drop...then win a prize... what could be easier? Saturday, December 6 during Caprock Country Christmas...9:00 to 4:00 and then on to the Bank for Open House!

Pat Floyd Announces For Another Term

I, Pat Floyd, am announcing for another term of office for your Hall County Tax Assessor/Collector. I feel like I have improved the county office since I have been in the office. I have added state computers to each department, at no expense to the county.

The Tx DOT system allows registration and title work to be done faster by being able to call up previous records.

The Secretary of State system allows me to print all of the voter list for each election held in the county; plus adding new voters to the county list.

As you know I am a Hall County native and I have always tried to help everyone who comes in my office with their county business.

I am asking for your vote of confidence for another term in the office of Hall County Tax Assessor/Collector.

Quitaque's First National Bank To Hold Western Style Open House

On Saturday, December 6, 2003 the First National Bank, along with the homes of Bob and Jacquelyn Ham, Randy and Linda Stark, and Guy and Susan Young are going to be open for a Christmas visit with all their customers, friends, neighbors and acquaintances. This is an event that you really should attend and it will give everyone a chance to meet new people from around the area.

Hopefully it will be a nice evening where you can view the Christmas lights from the carriages as you ride along from bank to house to house.

Jimmy Burson will be performing his Christmas songs, western style, at the bank. There will be plenty of hors d'oeuvres, hot chocolate, desserts, coffee and hot cider.

This event will be a little unusual, so please do not park in the front parking lot of the bank. The carriages and wagons will be arriving and leaving from the front porch and will need to pull straight through the lot. The wagon rides are usually a very big thing for parents with small children and the kids want to ride over and over. Wagonmaster, Odis Reagan, as arranged to have the wagons here early so kids can ride uninterrupted from about 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Once the Open House starts children will need to unload with their parents to make room for other guests. The party starts at 5:00 p.m. and will go on until 8:00 or 9:00 p.m. depending on the crowd. There will be Free entertainment for the children. (Videos & snacks)

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The Original TEXAS
CROSSWORD

Turkey's Gem Theater To Present "Christmas with a Warm Country Heart"

On Saturday, December 13, 2003, the Gem Theater will present "Christmas With a Warm Country Heart" featuring the distinctive country piano of John Walker from Grand Prairie, Texas. John's inspiration to play piano came from Floyd Cramer and Floyd would be proud of John's accomplishments.

Members of the band are: Jack Grubel from Grandbury, Texas, on drums. Jack was the drummer for Boots Randolph, Chet Atkins and Floyd Cramer for 15 years. Cecil White from Lubbock, Texas will play lead guitar and sing. Cecil has performed in Branson for several years. Other band members are Michael Grace from Turkey, Texas on bass guitar, Michael keeps us all laughing and is an outstanding bass guitar player!

The MC's for the night will be Pat Seigler of Matador and Paul Harris from the Childress radio station 96.1.

The first half of the show will be the "Best of Warm Country Heart" and the second half will be "A Special Holiday Greeting". With a Special Guest, Kay Golden Wright on vocals.

You will enjoy the comfortable seating that has just been installed and the new bathrooms that are a result of the grant that was provided by the "Meadows Foundation". We are very appreciative of them and all the help they have provided.

This is one show you want to be sure and see, so make your plans now as it is expected to be a sell out.

Showtime will be at 7:00 p.m. and ticket prices will be \$8.00 in advance or at the door. Call 1-806-423-1420 for more information or for advance ticket purchase.

Don't Miss
Caprock
Country
Christmas
December 6th
In
Downtown
Quitaque

VALLEY WEATHER

DATE	HI	LO	PREC
NOV. 27	72	43
NOV. 28	53	26
NOV. 29	58	24
NOV. 30	68	37
DEC. 1	71	35
DEC. 2	60	36
DEC. 3	66	45

Arts & Crafts Galore At Caprock Country Christmas

Every space is packed and what an assortment of goodies! Now is the perfect time to purchase that Special Christmas Gift. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Catholic Center and the Community Center, there will Arts and Crafts Vendors Galore, there will also be informational booths at the Senior Citizens Center and the Ladies will be selling chances on a beautiful handmade quilt. So put on your shopping shoes and come on out to Caprock Country Christmas, Saturday, December 6

Grimland Is Candidate For Re-Election

Terry Grimland has authorized the Valley Tribune to announce that he is a candidate for re-election for Briscoe County Commissioner Pct. 1.

In making his announcement he made the following statement "I have enjoyed serving as Commissioner of Pct. 1 for the past seven years! Your vote and support will be appreciated." Grimland is a lifelong resident of Briscoe County and is self employed in the welding business.

Santa Will Be In Quitaque December 6th

Santa Claus is coming for Caprock Country Christmas! He will arrive by fire truck at the Senior Citizens Center in Quitaque about 9 a.m. and will visit with the children while they eat homemade cinnamon rolls, milk, orange juice and coffee. Breakfast will be \$2 per person.

Photos will be available for purchase and maybe picked up in the afternoon. Get a head start on your gift giving and have a photo made with Santa for your favorite grandparent.

Santa will be visiting on Saturday, December 6 from 9-11 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

Valley Calendar of Events

December 4

* Highway 70 Association meeting @ 7 p.m.

* Valley Basketball: V.G. play in Floydada Tournament (Dec. 4-6)

Valley Basketball: JVG play in Clarendon JV Tournament (Dec. 4-6)

December 5

* Quitaque Senior Citizens meeting @ 5:00 p.m.

December 6

* Turkey Jamboree @ 7:00 p.m.

* Caprock Country Christmas in Quitaque

* Caprock Canyons State Park: Caprock Country Christmas-Decorating With Native Plants (call for times)

December 8

* Valley School Board meeting

* Quitaque City Council meeting @ 5:00 p.m.

* Quitaque Fire Department meeting

* Turkey Lions Club meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

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

* Briscoe Co. Commissioners Court @ 10:00 a.m.

* Hall Co. Commissioners Court @ 10:00 a.m.

* Motley Co. Commissioners Court @ 10:00 a.m.

* Valley Basketball: JHG, JHB vs Patton Springs here @ 5:00 p.m.

December 9

* We The Women meeting @ 12 noon

* Valley Basketball: VG, VB vs Plainview Christian here @ 6:30 p.m.

December 10

* Quitaque EMT meeting

December 11

* Turkey City Council meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

* Valley Basketball: VG, VB play in Spur Tournament (Dec 11-13)

Christmas Lighting Contest Judging, Dec 10

The Judging for the Christmas Lighting Contest will be on Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 P.M. Please have your lights turned on and all your decorations completed. The Judges will drive through town, street by street, and make their assessments. The yards will be designated the following day when pictures will be taken. Only a week away!

Candy Contest Entries To Be Judged

Entries in the candy making contest must be at the Senior Citizens Center before 12:30, Saturday, December 6 in order to be judged. There is a \$2.00 entry fee and prizes will be awarded. You still have time to drag out those cook books or find that special recipe that only you can make. A list of the winners will be posted at the First National Bank and Prizes will be distributed at 4:00 p.m.



Hall Co. Judge Jack Martin welcomes newly appointed Hall County Sheriff Ernest Neel.

Neel Recently Appointed Hall County Sheriff After McGuire Resigns

Sheriff Ernest Neel assumed duty as Hall County Sheriff on Saturday, November 15. He was recently appointed by the Hall County Commissioners Court to fill the unexpired term of Robert McGuire, former sheriff. McGuire resigned last month to take the position as Chief of Police in Paducah.

Neel is the son of former Hall County Sheriff Elmer Neel. He has 28 years experience in law enforcement serving with the Highway Patrol and the military police. He has recently been employed with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, T.L. Roach Unit in Childress.



Newly appointed Hall Co. Chief Deputy Tom Hicks, is a resident of Turkey

Newly Appointed Hall Co. Chief Deputy Looks Forward To Working In Close Nit Community

Tom Hicks was recently appointed Chief Deputy of Hall County. On the night of November 26 he was called out to Highway 70 south of Turkey for an 18 wheeler blocking the entire roadway.

"I had no clue what or who to call but when I arrived Sheriff Jeff Fuston of Briscoe County was there and had already begun to close the road and divert traffic around the truck and trailer," Hicks said.

He was also in need of assistance with lights and traffic control so he called for the Turkey Fire Department and they came right out to assist, no questions asked except for 'what they needed to do to assist in the matter.'

"There were also people from the area (I don't know their names), but they brought out trucks and a tractor and were able to assist in moving the truck and trailer from the roadway and they also assisted in getting the driver and his family back on the their way," Hicks continued.

He even requested TX-DOT and Douglas Campbell came all the way from Matador to look at the situation and he too soon had help on the way.

"I just wanted to say how much I appreciated all the people who assisted that night because I would have been lost without them!! I am looking forward to working in Hall County and with the fine folks who live here. That night showed me how much of a "CLOSE NIT COMMUNITY" this is!"

Send Us Your Favorite Christmas Recipe

We would like you to submit your favorite holiday recipe or a special holiday memory. Please send it to us at The Valley Tribune by December 12. mail to P.O. Box 478, Quitaque or e-mail to vtaylor@caprock-spur.com

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

Did you just not get enough to eat at Thanksgiving? Well here's some food for thought. Enjoy it's all fat free!
* Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.
* A day without sunshine is like, night.
* On the other hand, you have different fingers.
* I just got lost in thought, It was unfamiliar territory.
* Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
* I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.
* You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted, then used against you.
* Honk if you love peace and quiet.
* Despite the cost of living, have you noticed how it remains so popular?
* Nothing is fool-proof to a sufficiently talented fool.
* Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
* He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
* Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
* Early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese
* I almost had a psychic girlfriend but she left me before we met
* I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol
* If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
* The only substitute for good manners is fast reflexes.
* When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane, going the wrong way.
* If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
* A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
* Experience is something you don't get until just after you don't get until just after you need it.
* He who hesitates is probably right.
* Never do card tricks for the group you play poker with.
* No one is listening until you make a mistake.
* Success always occurs in private, and failure in full view.
* The severity of your itch is inversely proportional to the ability to reach it.
* To succeed in politics, it is often necessary to rise above your principles.
* You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.
* The problem with the gene pool is that there is no life guard.
* Monday is an awful way to spend 1/7th of your life.
* A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
* If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.
* Change is inevitable...except from vending machines.
* Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow.
* If you think nobody cares about you, try missing a couple of payments.
* Get a new car for your spouse—it'll be a great trade!
* Drugs may lead to nowhere, but at least it's the scenic route.
* Everybody repeat after me.... "We are all individuals."
* Death to all fanatics!
* Love may be blind, but marriage is a real eye-opener.
* Hell hath no fury like the lawyer of a woman scorned.
* Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.
* Borrow money from pessimists—they don't expect it back.
* A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
HMMM.....

Obituaries

Rebecca Rogers

Rebecca Rogers 61, of Petersburg died Friday, November 28, 2003. Services were Sunday, November 30, at the First Baptist Church in Petersburg, officiated by Rev. Tom Griffen. Burial was in the Petersburg Cemetery under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home in Plainview.

Mrs. Rogers was born May 10, 1942 in Turkey, Texas. She married Keith Rogers on April 8, 1960, in Turkey. She worked for the Petersburg School District for over 35 years as a business manager. She was a volunteer for My Father's House and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Those surviving her include her husband, Keith Rogers, a daughter, Jayne Rogers of Petersburg; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Wayne Thornton of Lubbock, and Brian and Nancy Rogers of Eastland; a daughter-in-law, Debbie Thornton; nine grandchildren, Neely Rogers, Robby King, LaTasha Rogers, Misty Thorton Conger, Sara King, Cagney Rogers, Marci Mulkey, Cheyenne Thornton, and Zachary Mulkey; and a special family friend, Cinnamon Niemen. Memorials may be sent to My Father's House.

Jimmie Calvin McKay

Jimmie Calvin McKay, 80, of Kermit, passed away Monday, November 10, 2003 at Kermit Healthcare center. He was born on December 8, 1922, in Turkey, Texas to the late Delbert Walter and Lily Ethel (Rutherford) McKay. He was a resident of Kermit for 57 years.

A member of the Trinity Christian Church, he was owner and manager of the Radio Shack in Kermit, which he opened in 1972. Jimmie married Billie Jo (Murf) McKay on February 6, 1949.

He served in the U.S. Army from June 19, 1944 to July 1, 1946 as a Tech 4. He received decorations and citations for Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Campaign with 3 Bronze Stars, a Good Conduct Medal, 3 Overseas Service Bars and a Victory Ribbon.

He is survived by his wife, Billie Jo of Kermit; two daughters; Katherine McManus of Granite Shoals and Wendy Jones of Lewisville; three sons, Ronald McKay of Wink, James McKay of Carlsbad, N.M. and William McKay of Nashville, Tennessee; two sisters, Ruby woods of Quitaque, and Alline Hicks of Kermit; three brothers, Lee McKay of Kermit, Boyd McKay of Martin, Tennessee and Howard McKay of Kermit; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held Thursday, November 13, 2003 at Trinity Christina church with Bill Newbury officiating. Interment followed at Kermit Cemetery.

Look Who's New

Clyde and Renee' Dudley are very happy to announce the arrival of a new grandson, Conner James Dudley. Born to Eric and Heather Dudley on November 19, 2003 in Denver, Colorado. He weighed 8 lbs 6 1/2 oz. and was 20 1/2" long. Conner has 4 big brothers, Everett, Evan, Grant, and Austin Dudley.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- December 4
Todd Washington, Bryant Ortiz, Desiree Casillas, Kaylor Morgan, Shelly Abram, Ann Gonce, William Wade Farley, Izell Proctor
- December 5
Lori Kleibrink, Linda Adamson, Anita Ramey, Gene Fuston, Maison Fuston
- December 6
Julia Morrison, Kacy Stevens
- December 7
Caitlyn Brown, Ronnie Eudy, Shelby Saul, Ballard Saul
- December 8
Jordan Billegas
- December 9
Sandi Fuston
- December 10
Brandon Stark, Stuart Smith
- December 11
William Thomas Beavers, Brent Guest, Patrick Landry



- December 4
Mr & Mrs Wes Shivers
Mr & Mrs Gerald Carnes
- December 6
Mr & Mrs Chris Abram
Mr & Mrs H.W. House
- December 7
Mr & Mrs Burl Pierce
- December 11
Mr & Mrs James Lynn Kimbell

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December 4, 2003
FLOM
Listening to his 8 year old dog howl by his side, the thing the dog doesn't know...
The First Free
November
In spite of cold fronted County was not recorded 2003. The thermometer even further Monday temperature of 17 degrees. November 26 with a low...
Temperatures have...
ers who did not use...
fields. Wheat land is...
Motley County National...
total rainfall for November...
Simpson, Northfield - 0.3...
ton, Whiteflat - 0.65; and...
The birthday of James...
November 22 in his home...
large "50" candle and...
received gifts and cards...
fee and iced tea.
Those attending the...
Danielle were Charles "C...
Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, B...
Cruse of Flomot.
Mr. and Mrs. Tim Ke...
Clyde with her grandmo...
Visiting last Monday...
Roberts and James Whit...
daughter and husband...
Visiting during the h...
Donnie Rogers were Mrs...
Jimmy McDaniel and Set...
of Lubbock; Todd Washi...
Kylor of Crosbyton; Nata...
of Los Lunas, NM; Mr...
Holiday visitors of M...
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Texas A&M in Canyon. T...
dor in the home of her n...
were Charla and Bennie...
of Lubbock and Kathle...
Wyoming.
Holiday visitors of M...
Kleibrink, Karlee and Ky...
ner, Kelsey and Sarah o...
Ryleigh and Parker of T...
of Flomot and Mrs. Pat...
Anita Hunter of Lubbo...
appendectomy at Coven...
Mary Ellen "Dude" B...
luncheon in Matador of J...
guest in the home of Di...
Thanksgiving dinner.
Mrs. Lucretia Dockery...
and Neil Guest of Turkey...
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnol...
Holiday guests of M...
Calvert of Warrenton, Vir...
Haley of Petroliia; Mr. a...
Mrs. Judy Stark, Mrs. Ge...
of Flomot.
Mr. and Mrs. James G...
Mrs. Sarah Hurt, Annie...
of Matador and Mr. and...
giving Day luncheon at...
Thanksgiving Day gue...
Mrs. Joey Lee and Mrs...
Lee of Amarillo; Mrs. Ter...
Ernie Lee of Turkey; R...
Plainview.
Holiday guests of M...
Madison Franks and Ca...
Carson of Flomot. They...
Washington. Chase left...
Carolina and Cara will j...
made for her.
Visiting during the ho...
Glen Calvert were Mrs. G...
Guests of Mr. and Mrs...
and Mrs. Cory Kendall...
March of Quitaque and...
Flomot.
Mr. and Mrs. Shawn W...
Thanksgiving Day with...
children visited the week...
Mrs. Linda Williams.
Mrs. Judy Stark visite...
and Mrs. Lee Stark, Mr. a...
Her husband, Lynn Stark...
after hauling module cott...
Weekend visitors of M...
Lynn Davis and Michael...
lor, Robin and Wyatt of C...
Thanksgiving Day gues...
Todd Washington, Clay, C...
and Dianne Washington...
Dianne Washington sp...
Jo Scott of Roaring Spring...
cheon for her mother an...
Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn...
with her sister, Mrs. Wan...
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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Listening to his 8 year old son practicing the trumpet, while the dog howled by his side, the father said, "Son, why don't you play something the dog doesn't know."

The First Freezing Temperature Arrived November 23 In Motley County

In spite of cold fronts, the first freezing temperature in Motley County was not recorded until early Sunday morning, November 23, 2003. The thermometer dipped to 23 degrees. The mercury dropped even further Monday morning, November 24 with official low temperature of 17 degrees. Motley County experienced first freeze in 2002, November 26 with a low temperature of 19 degrees.

Temperatures have rebounded reaching the low to mid 60s, so farmers who did not use defoliants are ready to strip low yielding cotton fields. Wheat land is needing rain.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers recorded the total rainfall for November: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs - 0.60; Betty Simpson, Northfield - 0.52; Kelly Meyer, Matador - 0.29; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat - 0.65; and Tommie Cruse, Flomot - 0.72 inches.

Birthdays Celebrated

The birthday of James Gwinn was celebrated Saturday night, November 22 in his home. He was presented a decorated cake with a large "50" candle and amusing inscription, "Too Old To Count." He received gifts and cards. His wife, Dana served sandwiches, cake, coffee and iced tea.

Those attending the enjoyable party beside his children, Fannin and Danielle were Charles "Chig" Gwinn, Bill and Josie Raetz of Matador; Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, Brenda and Darrell Cruse and Judy and Donnie Cruse of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited last weekend in Clyde with her grandmother, Mrs. Ollie Gray.

Visiting last Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were Elsie Roberts and James Whiton of Lubbock. Visiting them Friday were daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger.

Visiting during the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers were Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Calgary; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McDaniel and Seth, Ronnie Rogers, Richard Rogers and Gerald of Lubbock; Todd Washington and sons of Childress; Dane Degan and Kyler of Crosbyton; Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Lindale; Jerry Rogers of Los Lomas, NM; Mr. and Mrs. Cory McKay and son of Vernon.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse were Leah Cruse of Lubbock, Keane Cruse of Turkey and Derrick Cruse, student at West Texas A&M in Canyon. They were guests Thanksgiving Day in Matador in the home of her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason. Other guests were Charla and Bennie Marricle of Snyder, Mrs. Shahala Hoelacher of Lubbock and Kathleen and Mark Wason and Dalton of Casper, Wyoming.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Karlee and Kyler of Clifton; Larry and Angelia Clay, Tanner, Kelsey and Sarah of Panhandle; Tina and Pat Carson, Walker, Ryleigh and Parker of Turkey; Mr. and Mrs. Neal Edwards and Cayden of Flomot and Mrs. Pat Rice of Crosbyton.

Anita Hunter of Lubbock, former Flomot resident, has emergency appendectomy at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was a guest at a Thanksgiving family luncheon in Matador of Judy and Butch Renfro. That night she was a guest in the home of Dixie and Bundy Hal Campbell for a family Thanksgiving dinner.

Mrs. Lucretia Dockery and daughter, Brittany of Vernon and Kayla and Neil Guest of Turkey visited during the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Warrenton, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Dwan Milam, Emily and Haley of Petrolia; Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Sehon and Brian of Ropesville; Mrs. Judy Stark, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin joined Aly Gwinn, Mrs. Sarah Hurt, Annie and Emily of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raetz of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holcomb of Floydada for a Thanksgiving Day luncheon at the Gwinn home in Matador.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were Mr. and Mrs. Joey Lee and Mrs. Margie Row of Clarendon; Robert and Jason Lee of Amarillo; Mrs. Teresa Lee, Kellan and Kacee, Thomas Heck and Ernie Lee of Turkey; Roger Lee of Flomot and Shonda Davey of Plainview.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were Cory, Amy and Madison Franks and Cary Franks of Lubbock and Cara and Chase Carson of Flomot. They were guests Thanksgiving Day of Bill and Erma Washington. Chase left Saturday for the U.S. Marine Base in North Carolina and Cara will join him there when living arrangements are made for her.

Visiting during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert were Mrs. Gwen Mandrell, Shae and Peyton of Lubbock.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall Thanksgiving Day were Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor of Midland, Richard March of Quitaque and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Williams, Pecos and Kelby visited in Plainview Thanksgiving Day with her sister, Mrs. Sue Looney. Mr. Williams and children visited the weekend in Sulpher, Oklahoma with his mother, Mrs. Linda Williams.

Mrs. Judy Stark visited in White Deer Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stark, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Craig and Mrs. Lanell Painter. Her husband, Lynn Stark returned home Sunday night from Arkansas after hauling module cotton for the Cruse brothers since September.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael of Fritch and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Stalling, Taylor, Robin and Wyatt of Canyon.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Mrs. Edith Washington were Stacie and Todd Washington, Clay, Cam, Conner and Katie of Childress and Seab and Dianne Washington of Flomot.

Dianne Washington spent Friday, November 28 with her mother Jo Scott of Roaring Springs. Dianne prepared a special birthday luncheon for her mother and spent the afternoon with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited Thanksgiving Day in Lockney with her sister, Mrs. Wanda Lane and Her houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Waller, Drew and Leah of Belville.



Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

There are probably still Thanksgiving leftovers in your refrigerator, but with only three weeks until Christmas, it's time to think about baking some goodies to fill those cookie trays for eating and giving. Chocolate-Covered Cherry Cookies look and taste fancy, but are really easy to make, and Fruit & Nut Cookies are made into rolls to slice and bake as needed. Try one, or both, as a scrumptious new addition to your Christmas favorites.

CHOCOLATE-COVERED CHERRY COOKIES

Cookies:

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg yolk
- 1-1/2 cups flour
- 1/4 cup baking cocoa

Filling:

- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 tablespoon brandy or 1/2 teaspoon brandy extract
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 36 maraschino cherries, drained on paper towels

Topping:

- 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 teaspoon Crisco oil

Preheat oven to 375°F. In large bowl, combine sugar, 1/4 cup butter, vanilla and egg yolk. Beat until light and fluffy. Add flour and cocoa; beat until well mixed. Shape rounded teaspoonfuls of dough into 1-inch balls; place 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. With thumb, make indentation in center of each cookie. Bake at 375° for 7-9 minutes or until set. Immediately remove from cookie sheets; cool on wire racks. In medium bowl, combine all filling ingredients except cherries; beat until smooth. Spoon about 1/2 teaspoon filling into each cookie. Press cherry into filling. For topping, melt chocolate chips and oil in small saucepan or microwave. Drizzle melted chocolate over cherry on each cookie. Let stand until chocolate is set. Makes 3 dz.

FRUIT & NUT COOKIES

1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
1/4 cup shortening
1-1/4 cups packed brown sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
4 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple, drained
1/2 cup chopped dates
1/2 cup chopped red candied cherries
1/2 cup chopped green candied cherries
1/2 cup flaked coconut
1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
In a large mixing bowl, cream the butter, shortening, and brown sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Combine flour, baking powder and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture. Stir in remaining ingredients. Shape into three 10-inch rolls; wrap each in plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 2 hours until firm. When ready to bake, heat oven to 375°. Unwrap rolls and cut into 1/4 inch slices. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake 8-10 minutes until golden brown. Remove to wire racks to cool. Makes about 7 dozen.

With all that comes with the Christmas season, and the decorating, wrapping, baking, shopping and parties that are part of it-try to remember the reason for the season. If at all possible, help someone less fortunate and don't forget anyone you know who is fighting for our country. Next week, I'll have some more ideas to make your Christmas sweeter.

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- TX perennial
- TXism: "blister" (handle)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- TXism: "lick as a watermelon"
- divine
- Alamo's Travis: "I shall never surrender - retreat"
- TX Quaid was "Doc" in film "Wyatt ..."
- evidence used in some TX cases
- TX Larry King's "Confessions of a White ..."
- Cowboy Cundiff kick (2 wds.)
- TX Glinger (init.)
- in Pecos Co.?
- "The Treasure of ... Gap"
- where some TXns ski
- accessory for the Aggie Color Guard
- TXism: "scarce ... a coffin"
- TX Nanci Griffith tune: "Something Fine"
- TX Supreme Court is a court of last ...
- TXism: "scared me plumb ... death"
- TXism: "that against my grain"
- TXism: "got a bun in the ..." (pregnant)
- Carl Sandberg: "Texas ... valor and swagger"
- window attachments
- TX "Babe" Didrikson (init.)
- TXism: "it belongs to ... and the bank"
- cowboy rope
- "at your ... convenience"
- boot bottom
- Angelo
- TX pest: fire ...
- international distress signal
- TXism: "he ... his prime"
- Cowboy Ryan Young pos. (abbr.)
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- period of high radio listening (2 wds.)
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- TXism: "cute as a bug's ..."
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- new law school grad's situation? (2 wds.)
- "Seven ..."
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- " ... Cantina" in song "El Paso"
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- Kandall Co. seat
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- car cooler (abbr.)
- cattle fatteners
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Silverton's Bits & Spurs

By Latine Dillard

Happy 95th Birthday to Mrs. Elsie Cornett!! What a precious lady!! I asked what she contributed to her living such a long life. "I've had a wonderful life, a wonderful husband and three wonderful children," she said. Her daughter Brenda hosted her a special party on Sunday afternoon, November 30 at the Pioneer Room of City Bank. Elsie told Brenda that probably no one would come. "Don't worry about that," Brenda told Elsie. And beginning at 2:00 until 4:00 people just kept coming to wish Elsie well.

Patricia McJimsey had her family home for Thanksgiving. Then she and Harvey did an unbelievable thing!! They got up at 4:00 A.M. and went shopping on Friday!! The big shopping day!! They had a great day, Patricia said and there were many, people shopping!! Everyone was offering great specials. I might like to go one of these days, but I'm not sure. Total sales reported by Fox news was 7.2 billion dollars for Friday. For 2002, the total spent for Christmas was over 2 billion dollars!! Whoa!! The worst thing I can think of happening was the lady who got trampled at one of the stores. On second thought, maybe I will not go on Friday next year, at least until the afternoon!!! Someone told me they looked for something in Amarillo and did not find it. Then they went to Alco in Tulia and found what they wanted at the same price!!!

John and Maebelle Francis went to Plainview for the shopping thing, but they said they did not stay very long. Fred Strange said his granddaughter Jessica worked at Wal Mart in Canyon. That morning people were lined up to get in at 6:00 am!!! Loretta said they went shopping on Saturday and everything was already gone!!!

The brother of Ed Norris, Elwin Norris, a former missionary to Africa spoke to First Baptist folks on Sunday. This kicked off the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missionaries held each year. Elwin and his wife Dorothy were accompanied by Elwin's sister, Ruby and her husband, Kenneth Lee.

Pray for Beverly Darling's family. Her brother Rick Mayer has been very ill and then her dad had a heart attack also.

Valeria Weaver is another lady who is up in years and very well. She will be 86 on January 4, and does not take any medicine!! And another lady, who like Elsie Cornett, who is a sharp as a tack!! She joined her daughter Tina, Wayne and Holly Nance at her son Max and Sheryl Weaver's for Thanksgiving. Valeria's daughter Ann came from Shamrock, but daughter Carla Alexander could not come until later. She brought with her, daughter Sherry from Houston and her husband. They just returned from Scotland where her husband is a chemical engineer with Amoco.

Valeria's sister in law, Johnnie Weaver of Quitaque went to Dallas with her daughter Sherry and husband Gary Cook for Thanksgiving to visit son Johnnie Roy and family who live there.

Shirley and Duane Reynolds went to see "Ma Ma" Bernice Reynolds at Shamrock Care Inn on Thanksgiving. Bernice is feeling pretty well and they all enjoyed spending the day with her.

Rex and Theta Holt spent Thanksgiving in Lubbock with daughter Ken and her husband Doug. Other guests were Margie Turner of Lockney and Sammie, Rita Turner and Kenna Turner of Lubbock and also a friend from Odessa. But there is more! Mr. and Mrs. Peak of Lubbock, Chad and Kellye Turner of Phoenix, Arizona and Dee and Neal Turner were there to join in the Thanksgiving festivities.

Fred and Wanda Strange went to daughter Darla and husband Eddie Wood's home at Timbercreek, S.W. in Amarillo for the holidays. Everyone was there except Ronnie and Amy. They flew to Houston to be with Dusty who is going to school there.

The John Francis Family were all together in Lubbock for Thanksgiving. Both daughters Lesa and Lori live there now, since Lori moved from Levelland. A few others joined them for the meal and then the men folk spent the afternoon at Lori's new home watching ball games and the ladies stayed at Lori's to visit and nap.

Christine King took off for La Vernia, Texas to spend several days with her brother, Glenn Beal. They had a great time and then on Thanksgiving, they joined Christine's niece in Sutherland Spring, Texas for dinner. Christine said it was colder there than here!! Well, so much for South Texas!!

Bud and Glenda Couch went to Port Lavaca, Texas to visit son Darrell, Kara, Steven, Casey and Hayley for Thanksgiving. They took their beautiful fifth wheel so did not have to pack and unpack. They planned to stop and visit with Rena Schott in Stephenville on the way down. We'll hear all about that trip next week.

Have you seen all the beautiful Christmas decorations already up? It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!! It has been over two months ago that I went into Wal Mart looking for crab grass killer and found they moved it too put in Christmas decorations!! Don't forget to keep CHRIST in CHRISTmas. After all, why do we have Christmas??? Remember,

God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him!!! Have a great week!!!

Briscoe County Commissioners Meet In Regular November Session

On November 10th, 2003 the Briscoe County Commissioner's Court met in regular session at the courthouse in Silverton, Texas. Members present were County Judge Wayne Nance, Commissioners, Terry Grimland, Larry Comer, Gary Weak, and County Clerk, Bena Hester. Not present was Commissioner, Danny Maynard.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by a 3-0 vote. In the regular business session a Resolution #14-03 on the Emergency Management Plan was approved along with a Joint Resolution #15-03 with the cities of Quitaque and Silverton on Emergency Management.

Also a motion to cast votes for the following candidates for the Briscoe County Appraisal District was made and approved. Terry Grimland - 1000 votes, Wayne Nance - 1000 votes, Roland Hamilton - 157 votes, and Rusty Henson - 157 votes. A motion to sign an agreement between Briscoe County and the Office of the Attorney General for the collection of child support passed.

The Court attended to regular monthly business before adjourning.

Turkey Senior Citizens News

by Oleta Randell

Turkey Senior Citizens had 23 members and one visitor, Aleda Ross of Flomot. J.D. Nance led the prayer for the food after the blood pressure checks were made by Margie Pinkerton & Don Turner. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all. After the meal table games were played.

The next meeting will be on December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Come before 6 to get your blood pressure checks. Come on out and enjoy the fun! food! & fellowship!

Hall County Gives Send Off Party to Former Sheriff Robert McGuire & Chief Deputy Steve Farley

On Thursday morning, November 13, the elected officials and employees of Hall County; and the Appraisal District gave a fair-well party for Sheriff Robert McGuire and Chief Deputy Steve Farley. The party was held in the office of Pat Floyd, Hall County Tax A/C.

Several different breakfast dishes an assortment of desserts with coffee and hot spiced punch. The occasion had money trees for both of the lawmen. The men will be missed as they both had served the county for several years.

"TEXUN TAWK"

Observations On Life From A Fellow Texan
By Bill Sperry

I Don't Know Why I Did It, I Just Did It

Did you ever look back at some of the things you got yourself into and wonder why the heck you did it? The Good Lord knows what a liar I am as I've told him several times, "If you get me out of this, I won't be doing it again. Later on, you're back at it again."

I learned how to fly, don't know why, I just did it. On my sixth lesson, the instructor told me to let him out and to go make three landings. Perhaps I was scaring him so bad that he thought if I was going to kill somebody; I might as well be by myself. On takeoff, that thing just jumped in the air without that other two hundred pounds in there. That's when you think, what the heck am I doing here? This ain't nothing like a John Deere. Lord, if you get me back, I promise I won't be tempting you again. I lied like a dog because I was so proud of getting back on the ground. Not once, but three times! Next came the cross-country, by my self! Does anyone know how different a thunderstorm looks from the air and not on the ground? That day I found out what severe turbulence really means. That other seat never looked so empty. If I could have gotten all those up and down draft straightened out, I'd been home a lot earlier. Well, I cut a deal with the Good Lord and he took over the other seat and got me home. I welched on that deal also as I was back at it the next week.

After getting my license, I was looking for some free flying. Another pilot ask me to go with him down country to pick up the body of a guy that had drown, been in the lake several days. Shoot, he was taking a new Cherokee Six and I wanted to fly that baby! Off we went and all went fine until on the way back, I guess the seal gave out on the box the body was in, possibly due to the pressure changes. About thirty or forty miles out we started asking approach to give us a straight in for the runway. I was sick as a pet cat when we finally got there.

I went to sleep flying early one morning and when I woke up, that airplane was headed down hill. Adrenaline will really wake you up and I looked like a tree full of young owls the rest of the trip back.

I learned to fly an ultra-light and since there is no room for an instructor on it, all instruction is on the ground. Those things are very unstable and want upside down bad. Well, I cut another deal with the Big Boss and stayed good to my word that time. I never flew one of those again.

I got in a parachute in Puerto Vallarta with a boat pulling it. Takeoff was no problem but sitting up there, hanging from a large bed sheet isn't my idea of fun. I guess the Lord decided that all these deals needed to have some consequence so when I landed on that beach I really stacked it up. Since he bailed me out, I figured that, the next day, I'd go over a waterfall. If anyone could go over feet first, I'd go over head first. I found out why they were going feet first as there was a submerged rock in that pool that I kissed on the way back up. That fat lip everyone found quite attractive for the next few days.

Down on the Texas coast I hit a car while I was clipping along on a motorcycle. After the dust settled, the driver was gracious enough to let me get off the hood of his car and then went on his merry way.

Someone ask me why I did some of these things and I told them that I didn't want to get old and not have any stories to tell my grandchildren. I never thought that I might not make it to see my grandchildren. I'm glad I'm older and don't have to do those things anymore.

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By Clint Harmon



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THE PATRIOT

Valley School News

Patriots Fall In Overtime Classic

In a game more reminiscent of a heavyweight boxing match, the Valley Patriots and the Fort Davis Indians traded blows for four quarters and an overtime. The Indians landed the final punch as the knocked Valley from the State Quarterfinals in a 60-54 thriller.

Alex Espinoza was one of three Valley runners to top 100 yards as the Patriots amassed 422 yards rushing and 567 total yards. Espinoza finished with 155 yards and two touchdowns, while Fidel Valdes ran for 121 yards and Clif Yeary finished his high school career with 102.

"The game was exciting and very close," Coach Tyler said. "It wasn't the way we wanted to go out, but these guys had a great run this year and for the Seniors, for four years."

Chase Maynard, Cody Barrett, and Douglas Payne combined for 145 passing yards while Anthony Ortiz had 5 catches for 145 yards and 2 touchdowns. Clif Yeary and Frankie Rodriguez also scored for the Patriots as he played in their final game. Valdes scored twice and had an interception.

Charlie Walden once again led the defense with 16 tackles. Adam Ortiz recorded 10 tackles while Clif Yeary and Fidel Valdes each had nine.

"I just couldn't be more proud of our team and our Seniors," Tyler said. "They have been such a good group. Clif, Adam, and Anthony get so much of the talk in the paper, and deservedly so, but we couldn't do it without Rodney, Douglas, Juan, Chase, Kellan, and Frankie. They are really going to be missed."

Valley 4-H News

Valley 4-H Club Reporter, Khaki Scrivner

The Valley 4-H Club met on November 10th in the school cafeteria. We turned in food show entries and we discussed old business such as unfilled forms and new business such as who might want to go to Amarillo for a tour of the Olive Garden, Village Bakery, and go to the Amarillo Zoo. Other new business included who might want to go to county camp and different sessions and prices for the camp. We also discussed the place and time for the food show.

Khaki Scrivner brought the program, and it was presented by Ruth Ann Scrivner. Mrs. Scrivner explained how to use the Valley School's word processors, they are called Danas. She also showed 4-Her's how to beam letters and notes. Khaki also provided refreshments.

Carson Proctor brought the recreational game. In the game 4-Her's were divided into two teams. In front of each team was a pan of ice containing marbles and a chair behind the pan. One person at a time from each team would run and sit in the chair, then barefooted reach into the pan of ice with their toes and try to get a marble out. The team whose players finish first win.

Following the 4-Her's meeting the adult group leaders had a conference.

If any one wants to join a 4-H Club nearest you they will be welcomed any time. The Valley 4-H club hopes that everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving!!!

You are cordially invited to attend an **OPEN HOUSE** Wednesday December 10, 2003 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the **TURKEY BRANCH MEMPHIS STATE BANK** Refreshments will be served!

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Valley Cagers Win Season Opener

With 45 minutes of practice under their belt and one senior starter missing, the Valley Patriots took to the floor Tuesday night and won their season opener against the Ralls Jackrabbits.

Anthony Ortiz scored 18 points to lead the team to a 60-56 win in Ralls. Zack Ramsey pitched in 12 points while Kevin Ortiz finished with eight.

"It wasn't a bad opening game," Coach Clay said. "They were tired and their touch wasn't there, but that will come. They got a win and that's important."

The Valley JV boys fell 35-48 to the Ralls JV. Ruben Ramos lead the team with 16 points in a game that was close until the very end. Alex Espinoza and Fernando Regalado each finished with six points, while Cody Barrett finished with five.

The Valley JV plays against Clarendon today at the Clarendon JV Tournament, while the Varsity plays against Smyer in the Floydada Tournament.

Turkey-Quitaque School Board Meets In Regular Session

The Turkey-Quitaque CISD Board of Trustees met in regular session, Monday, November 10, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at Valley School. Members present were Max Meyer, Rusty Hill, Curtis Scrivner, Susan Young and Belinda Barrett. Members absent were Lisa Campbell and Rex Fuston. A quorum was established and President Dusty Hill called the meeting to order.

Regular monthly business of the Board was taken care of then Donna Pigg presented the financial report.

Next under the item of old business, the Eagle Academy of Lubbock, a virtual charter school was addressed. The Board agreed to remove from the table the decision on the effects of the expansion of this academy. Superintendent Jerry Smith presented the Board with a detailed history and legislative decision on virtual schools. He explained that he wrote a letter to the Texas Education Agency Division of Charter Schools, giving the potential financial negative effect these virtual charter schools will have on public schools. He explained that the survey and letter were all that was needed and the Board didn't have to vote on this item.

The Board then approved the Student Attendance Committee made up of: Michelle Pointer, Susan Ramsey, Mary Pigg, Tina Carson, Stuart Smith and JoAnn Reagan. It also approved the Textbook Committee who consists of: Tins Carson, Robert Herrington, Kathy Taylor and Sarah Hinojosa.

Principal Jon Davidson presented a hearing on the District's A.E.I.S. report. This report is a very detailed comparison of our local district results to state results and other schools similar in size and ethnic makeup. Data from TAKS test standards, attendance rate, dropout rate, graduation rate, student information, staff information and budgeted operating expenditure information are used for the comparisons.

The Board considered the candidates for the Hall County Appraisal District Board. The Board unanimously cast by resolution all 710 Turkey-Quitaque ISD entitled votes for Curtis Scrivner.

The sale of two old buses was discussed and bids were considered. Max Meyer moved and Curtis Scrivner moved to approve the bids from Buster Chadwick Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Jerry Smith gave an update on the gymnasium repairs. He reported, with the exception of a few items, the repairs are complete. He also informed the Board Trident insurance Company paid for the replacement of the gym floor. There being no further business the Board adjourned.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Menu Subject To Change

Monday, December 8

Breakfast: American Toast, Syrup, Sausage, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Pizza, Salad, French Fries, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, December 9

Breakfast: Blueberry Muffins, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Baked Potatoes & Cheese, Broccoli & Cheese, Strawberries, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

Wednesday, December 10

Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Cheese Nachos & Meat, Salad, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, December 11

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Steak Fingers, Gravy, Corn on the Cob, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Milk

Friday, December 12

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, OJ/Milk

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FARM & RANCH NEWS

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by excessive rain, flash flooding, hail, high winds and lightning are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Memphis, Larry J. Goetze said today.

Hall County is one of the 243 counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the excessive rain, flash flooding, hail, high winds and lightning.

Mr. Goetze said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Mr. Goetze said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until July 6, 2004, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Mr. Goetze said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Memphis is open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Producers Are Required To Sign Contracts Annually

Producers wanting to receive advance direct payments in December under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) must sign their 2004 DCP contracts before the end of the year, according to the head of the Hall County Farm Service Agency.

"The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 introduced the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, which requires producers to sign a new contract every year," said Billy Foster, executive director of the Hall County FSA. "This is a change from the old Production Flexibility Contracts, which were good for seven years."

The Direct and Counter-cyclical Program offers eligible farmers and ranchers direct cash payments based on acres and yields established for each farm. Producers can elect to receive their direct payments as a lump sum in October or as two partial payments—an advance payment of up to 50 percent of the total and a final payment for the remainder.

When electing to receive two partial payments, Foster said, "the producer also selects the month in which to receive the advance payment—that's where timing is critical," he said.

"Producers who, for tax or other purposes, want to receive an advance payment this month, have to sign their 2004 DCP contracts in the next few weeks so the advance direct payments can be issued by December 31," he said.

Regardless of which month a producer selects for the advance direct payment, final payments are made in October, following the end of the fiscal year.

The Direct and Counter-cyclical Program is designed to help stabilize U.S. agriculture by providing payments to eligible producers who enroll their farms each fiscal year during the life of the current farm bill.

Both direct payments and counter-cyclical payments are calculated using base acres and payment yields established for each individual farm. Direct payment rates are constant. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary with the average price of program commodities each marketing year. When crop values are high, counter-cyclical payments are zero.

Producers wanting more income in 2003 are encouraged to call the Hall County Farm Service Agency office to book an appointment.

For more information regarding DCP and other FSA programs, contact the Hall County FSA office at 806-259-3579 or visit the USDA Web sites at <http://www.usda.gov>.

Hall County Designated As Disaster Area

On November 4, 2003, the Secretary of Agriculture designated Hall County as a natural disaster area. This action is based on damages and losses caused by excessive rain, hail, high winds and lightning that occurred on June 22, 2003.

This designation makes farm operators in both Hall and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

Emergency loan applications will be taken through July 6, 2004, for production losses interested farmers should contact this office for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for this program

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Biosecurity practices don't have to be cumbersome, confusing or expensive, according to the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. In fact, a small tub, a gallon of bleach or disinfectant, and a brush will go a long way toward protecting your livestock from "outside" disease. Your premise needs to be a "safe" area-and biosecurity practices are the barriers you can use to keep disease out!

1. Give "germs" the boot!

You wouldn't think of eating off the floor at the local coffee shop, livestock market...feed store or grocery. But, if you walk around these places in your work boots, then head home and work with your animals, you may be tracking "germs" on the soles of your shoes to your pasture, animal bedding or any livestock feed you step in.

Don't take unwanted "guests" to your animals. Either keep a pair of boots or shoes to wear only on your own premise, or clean and disinfect your footwear before heading out to check on livestock.

Commercial disinfectants are readily available, or you can mix three parts bleach to two parts water in a small, flat tub. A quick scrub of your boots with a long-handled brush will remove manure, mud or debris, and the bleach or disinfectant will kill viruses, germs and parasites.

Where have your hands been? Handling animals at the livestock market? In Great Britain, foot-and-mouth virus was spread at the livestock auction by buyers inspecting the mouths of hundreds of sheep.

2. Don't haul home disease

Car, truck or trailer tires can harbor "germs," too. At the livestock market, you've probably driven through manure, mud or muck. Taking a few minutes to spray disinfectant over your tires can kill the "germs" you've picked up in the parking lots, on dirt roads or in a friend's pasture. If you've been hauling livestock in your trailer, a quick trip through the car wash is advisable before returning home.

3. Bucket brigades & tool trades

Borrowing equipment or tools from a neighbor? Carrying buckets, shovels or wheelbarrows to use at the local fair or exhibit? You can bet you've picked up "germs" at the event. Don't bring these items home until you've washed off the "crud" and sprayed the equipment with disinfectant.

Clean and disinfect borrowed items before returning them!

4. Trash & Garbage: "Bag it!"

Control refuse on your premise. Don't haul home trash or garbage from your office, store or another site, unless it's bagged in plastic and sealed.

Never bring home meat scraps to feed livestock. Besides being illegal to feed pigs meat scraps, it's also a dangerous practice, as viruses and bacteria can be alive in undercooked meat scraps.

5. Tourist OR terrorist?

Be aware of who is on your property! Strangers lurking near your fence line, could be innocent tourists admiring the scenery and your stock...or they could have sinister intentions. Ask questions—or call the local law enforcement officials. These days, it pays to be alert—and justifiably suspicious!

6. Padlock your perimeter.

Lock your gates! Keep feed sacks and veterinary supplies in a secure location. Don't tempt someone to tamper with feed, supplements or medicines.

Taking animals to a show or fair? Don't take chances with feed supplies and equipment at the show grounds. With the increased threat of agricultural terrorism, security is extremely important, particularly where unknown persons have access to livestock or poultry.

7. Give "germs" space!

Keep newly introduced animals isolated for at least two weeks.

Newly acquired animals should be isolated for at least two weeks, to ensure you don't introduce disease to your main herd or flock. Although it's not required, unless you import animals from out of state, you might consider having your private practitioner inspect animals prior to, or shortly after, making a purchase.

As an added precaution, consider keeping show animals segregated for two weeks after they've been to a fair or exhibit. If someone has introduced a disease at an event, you'll be protecting your main herd or flock.

8. Report signs of disease immediately!

Don't wait to report unusual signs of disease to your private practitioner or the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC)! TAHC or U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinarians will work with you and your private veterinary practitioner at no charge to take samples for diagnostic testing.

Early reporting is crucial to the health and safety of YOUR herd or flock and to the entire livestock and poultry industry!

The TAHC operates a 24-hour, toll-free hotline, with veterinarians on call to assess the situation and dispatch a foreign animal disease diagnostician, if the situation warrants. Call 1-800-550-8242 and follow the recorded instructions, please.

Why be Concerned?

* A foreign animal disease outbreak could stop Texas' interstate and international livestock and poultry trade "dead in its tracks."

* Early reporting is the most important step in eradicating a disease outbreak! Don't be afraid of crying "wolf!"

* There is no charge for TAHC or USDA veterinarians to work with you and your private veterinary practitioner to conduct a disease investigation.

* Don't take shortcuts! Livestock health regulations were developed to protect herds and flocks!

Signs of disease that should be reported immediately:

1. Sudden, unexplained death loss in the herd or flock
2. Severe illness affecting a high percentage of animals
3. Blisters around an animal's mouth, nose, teats or hooves.
4. Unusual ticks or maggots.
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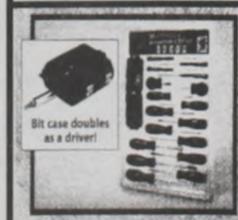
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Public Notice

Notice Of Drinking Water, Nitrate Violation
The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the City of Turkey Water System that the drinking water being supplies to customers has exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for NITRATE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has established the MCL for NITRATE at 10 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in our community for NITRATE indicates a level of 18.30 mg/L.

Infants below the age of 6 months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and if untreated, could die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. If your child is under the age of six months, the child must be given an alternative water supply for any consumption. Boiling the affected water is not an effective treatment for nitrate removal.

Most consumers do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

Bottled water is available at City Hall located at 602 Lyles St. at no cost to pregnant women, nursing mothers, and infants up to 6 months of age.

We are working to correct the problem by checking different water sources.

Please share this information with all other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice.

For further information contact Jerry Landry, P.O. Box 415, Turkey, TX 79261 or call (806) 423-1033.
Public Water System ID # 096003.



Last Week In Texas History!

Nov. 26, 1864
The first Battle of Adobe Walls ended near present day Borger when Indians withdrew. It was one of the largest Indian battles on the Great Plains.

Nov. 26, 1835
James Bowie and 100 Texans intercepted a Mexican pack train on its way to San Antonio. The train was thought to carry silver, but only carried grass and forage for the Mexican horses and mules. As result the battle has become known as the "Grass Fight".

Nov. 27, 1528
Cabeza de Vaca's shipwrecked group came ashore near Galveston Island.

Nov. 28, 1938
Bob Wills and The Texas Playboys recorded "Spanish Two Step" which later became "The San Antonio Rose."

Nov. 29, 1862
Gen. John McCruder assumed command of the Confederate District of Texas with headquarters in Houston.

Nov. 30, 1837
Erastus "Deaf" Smith died. Smith was the chief scout for Gen. Sam Houston during the "Runaway Scrape" and the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836.

He was also an army scout during the Battles of Concepcion and San Antonio in 1835. Deaf Smith County was named in his honor.

Nov. 30, 1544
Fray Juan de Padilla was murdered by Indians at a site north of present day Amarillo near the Canadian River. He was with the Spanish explorer Coronado and became the first Christian martyr in America.

Dec. 1, 1992
The 420 residents of Quitaque became part of the first "wireless" telephone system in the United States.

Dec. 2, 1850
Daredevil Cubby Watson and his wife performed aerial stunts over Quanah.

Dec. 3, 1859
John S. "Rip" Ford was appointed major-in-charge over all Texas forces on the Rio Grande.

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200 acres of land in Section Fifty-one (51), Block No. Three (3), more commonly known as the Herman Tracy Estate, situated in Briscoe County, Texas, approximately 4 1/2 miles Southeast of the Town of Quitaque, Texas.

Sealed bids will be accepted no later than 10:00 a.m., January 6, 2004 in the office of

William P. Smith
P.O. Box 119
Briscoe County Courthouse
Silverton, Texas 79257

No bids under the appraised value of \$167 per acre will be accepted. The bids will be opened promptly at 10:00 a.m. January 6, 2004 and the property will be sold to the highest bidder, for cash only.

Further inquiries may be directed to William P. Smith at (806) 823-2569.

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Bringing Christmas Shopping To Quitaque Monday, December 8th.
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Delivery:
Deliver documents to:
Name: Maria Cruz
Title: City Administrator
Address: P.O. Box 427
City, State, Zip: Quitaque, Texas 79255

Deadline for submission is 2 p.m. on December 8, 2003.

The entity accepting bids is not responsible for lost or late delivery of proposals. Proposals delivered after the above date/time will be returned unopened. Such proposals will be opened and considered during the City Council meeting scheduled for December on Monday December 8th.

Submission of Credentials:
Responses must be submitted in writing and signed by an authorized person of the firm making the submission for the 6 copies of documents to be submitted.

Documents are to be submitted in a sealed envelope and labeled on the outside of the envelope as "Design Build Qualifications"

Required Information:

- A. Statement of Interest
- B. AIA Document 305 Contractor Qualification Statement
- C. Firm Profiling: Age of Firm, Type of Firm, Firm History, Firm size, Areas of Speciality, Telephone and Fax Numbers, Website/e-mail address
- D. Firms' experience and past performance on Design Build and municipal projects (Submit three examples)
- E. Experience and qualifications of Key Personnel
- F. An indication that the Firm has the capability to deliver the desired services in a timely fashion
- G. References
- H. Proof of Professional Insurance

Evaluation:
Evaluation of credentials will be based on the following:

- * Past experience and performance on Design Build projects (30%)
 - * Experience of key personnel (30%)
 - * References (30%)
 - * Professional Insurance (10%)
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Pinkey has bouquets, balloon bouquets, potted plants, and Christmas Poinsettias on hand for all your floral needs.

Coming soon are more gift items, candles and special arrangements for birthdays, anniversaries weddings or funerals.

She also offers wire service for out of town orders.

Pinkey's Flowers & Gifts recently opened in downtown Turkey in their newly remodeled building.

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NEXT OF KIN By Clint Harmon

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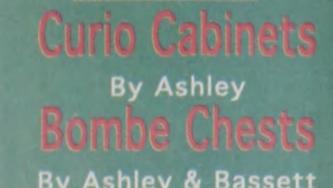
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A Look Into The Past

Letters of A West Texas Pioneer Girl

Letters written by Dora Merrell Stroup
From the age of 7 to 17
Late 1800's - early 1900's

More about the location of the country. It has changed so much in these past years. There was a creek south and west of the house which is called Turkey Creek. It got that name because there were so many wild turkeys that liked to roost there. There was a large cottonwood tree where they came to sleep. Men from Plainview and Hale Center used to come to our home and after dark they would go up to the turkey roost to shoot turkeys.

Another dry creek west and north of us is called Hackberry. It got that name from the hackberry trees on the banks. It was a mess of hackberry trees. Another dry creek was called Horse Hollow. It got its name by a man camping there to winter his horses. His name was Baker. They called it that to have a way to distinguish it from other creeks. I do not know how Palo Duro Canyon got its name.

Los Linguish is another creek named by the Indians. The story goes that a white group of people came in and made camp on Los Linguish. There the Indians murdered them all including children. They say the name Los Linguish means valley of tears. Like Rachel weeping for her children. I don't know whether this is true or not. But one thing I do know is that a battle was fought on Los Linguish. I know by the firearms. Knives and such as that have been found up in my own pasture. I also know that some children found three skeletons, three saddles and bridles, and such ornaments that Indians always had.

East of the home I have ridden about. Also two of my brothers and a nephew were trailing a wolf. They trailed him up to rocky mountain. There the wolf went in a small cave. They were digging after the wolf when they dug into an Indian grave. The skeleton was sitting upright with his guns standing up on each side of him. His gun powder horn, bow and arrow, saddle, bridle, and several other articles were buried with him. No one but an Indian would be buried that way.

There were also houses built in the banks some way. People say the Indians lived there. I have always thought it might have been Mexicans. Anyway, some of them still had the tops on when we moved there. We used to play in them. One had a fireplace that we used to roast eggs and potatoes on.

The only house near us was the Lazy F Ranch. It was four miles down the river. Only menfolk lived there. The F Ranch first made headquarters two miles down the creek from us in three big dugouts. That was their headquarters until Goodnight and Moore decided to build the headquarters farther down the creek.

This was at the same time Lee Dire decided to build the house we bought. It was a summer home for his family that lived in Kansas City. The lumber for both houses was hauled by four mule teams from Fort Worth. The ranch house was a pretty house all that time. There were no other houses closer than Plainview and Della Plain. I think there were a few people near where Silverton is now.

Anyway it was a lonesome life

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