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Briscoe County 4-H'ers place 3rd overall at Tri-State-Fair Livestock judging in Amarillo. L-R: Shawn Johnson, Brady Ramsey, Khaki Scrivner and a Tri-State Fair official.

Briscoe County Youths Top Livestock Judging At Tri-State Fair In Amarillo

Briscoe County 4-H'ers placed at the top in livestock judging at the Tri-State Fair held last Saturday, September 18 in Amarillo. Competing from Briscoe County were 2 4-H teams and one team from the Silverton FFA. Briscoe County 4-H team #1 consisted of True Burson, Nichole Schott and Tanner Schott. This team placed 5th overall out of the 20 competing teams. Briscoe County 4-H team #2 consisted of Khaki Scrivner, Brady Ramsey and Shawn Johnson. Their team placed 3rd overall out of the 20 competing 4-H teams. In addition Khaki placed 1st overall high individual and Brady placed 6th overall high individual in the 4-H teams.

Silverton FFA consisting of Ory Johnson, Tanner Young, Gid Mayfield, Drew Reed and Thor Patton placed 4th out of 15 FFA teams that competed in livestock judging. Drew also placed 9th overall high individual in the FFA teams.

The group was accompanied by Silverton Ag teacher and volunteer 4-H leader, Bryan Burson, who has devoted much of his free time helping these young agricultural leaders of our future.

Congratulations to all the participants on a job well done, your representation of Briscoe County was outstanding!

TxDOT Speaks To Silverton Chamber

By Lataine Dillard

"When folks think of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot)", says Gary Clinton, "they think of building highways. But what we really do is maintain the highways. This year we are having an "Awareness Campaign" to tell Texas people about TxDot."

Speaking to the chamber on Tuesday, September 9, Gary introduced Darwin Lankford, supervisor at the district office in Childress. Gary is the supervisor of the Briscoe County division. This district has 13 counties which covers 11,238 square miles. The population of this area is 41,225 with 5,403 lane miles. In Briscoe County, there are 326 lane miles, 14 on the highway bridges, and three off the highway bridges they maintain. The county area is 901 square miles with a population of 1663. One of bridges in our county is the one by the lake on Highway 207.

In Briscoe County, TxDot resurfaced roads at the cost of \$295,062 for 59,268 square yards; treated 58,121 linear feet of edges, \$18,108; repaired 1878 potholes, ("Yes," Gary said, "we do have to count the potholes!") for \$27,462 and sealed 3,375 linear feet of cracks for a cost of \$6,627.

Besides taking care of the highways in particular, TxDot mowed 1369 acres; sprayed herbicide on 692 acres and picked up litter on 2,638 acres at a cost of \$111,586. The litter part alone is over \$27,000. "That's why we like to see people "Adopt a Highway", said Gary. Following a storm, TxDot does ditch maintenance, reshaping the sides according to EPA guidelines. When they do this, they also try to sow native grasses there. They do the striping of roads and maintain signs. Last year they replaced or repaired 1139 signs which were vandalized at the cost of \$56,892. When they find out about a sign, they will have it replaced by the end of the day. "You can imagine how important the signs are to have them replaced as soon as possible," says Gary.

TxDot is now widening all the highways to 26 feet. There was 25 linear feet of safety rails replaced at the cost of \$139. There was more damage to more highway rails than the cost of those, but because of the people who damage them must pay for their repair or replacement, the cost is not so great in this area. The cost of patching material is \$1200 a load and TxDot has help out the city with some of it is they only need a small amount. TxDot employs 46 % of the state work force. Briscoe County has 10 people working and the district has 151. There are 6700 TxDot workers in the state.

The Childress District has a budget of \$12,723,860 a year. Briscoe County has \$510,000 of that amount. Darwin stated, "These guys have done an outstanding job with the money they get. If there is ever a need you can call the highway barn here, but if you get no answer, you can call 1-888-844-0243. Gary assured us that the landscape project is on track and may begin soon here in Silverton. Look for it to begin in December.

President John Burson thanked the men for coming. Then the Chamber paid the bills and adjourned. Others attending were Kyle Fuston, James Mayfield, Tina Nance, Kathy Kingery, Rick Hutsell and Lataine Dillard. The next meeting will be on the first Tuesday, October 5, 2004. Come and be a part of helping Silverton become the city in which to "Live the Dream"!!!

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CRP Sign-Up Will End Friday

The Conservation Reserve Program general sign-up will end Friday, September 24, 2004. Landowners or operators may submit offers for enrollment of acreage into the program. Hall County has a limited number of acres available to be enrolled.

Land that is currently enrolled in CRP and expires September 30, 2005 can be offered as well as land that is not currently enrolled in CRP.

Acreage that is enrolled in CRP that is scheduled to expire after September 30, 2005, is not eligible for this sign-up.

Accepted offers will become effective October 1, 2005 or October 1, 2006, at the producer's discretion.

Anyone interested in submitting an offer should contact the Hall County Farm Service Agency at 806-259-3579 for an appointment.

Come Join Us For Fajitas This Sunday!

Tri-County Meals will be having a fundraising dinner this Sunday, September 26 at the Silverton show barn. They will be serving fajitas beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The support that the communities of Turkey, Flomot, Quitaque and Silverton have already shown have been greatly appreciated and the monies raised will go toward a project that will benefit the homebound of all our communities.

We hope to see you at Silverton this Sunday.

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Over 200 Friends Help Conner Washington Celebrate

Saturday night September 18, 2004 family and friends gathered at the Childress Fair Park to celebrate the completion of Conner Washington's chemotherapy treatments. Conner was six years old when he was diagnosed with leukemia on May 14, 2001. Treatments were completed on September 13, 2004.

Hamburgers and homemade ice cream were served to over two hundred people. Among those attending were a Christian motorcycle group from Wichita Falls along with friends and family from the area.

While the food was served, Katie Washington, Ricki Whitfield, Nick Barber and Shawn Love entertained the kids with face painting and colorful hair styles. Tammy Wyatt directed the kids in playing games until dark. After dark came the fireworks.

Conner started planning an end of treatment party in June and saved fire works from the Fourth of July for his big party. Tim Kendall of Flomot added to Conner's plan for a great fire works display and oversaw the fireworks display. A special thanks to the City of Childress for permission to shoot the fireworks in the park.

Those attending from Quitaque were Jim and Clara Ruth Davidson, Glenda Johnson and Michael, Madison, Haden, and Sydney Meyer, children of Max and Suzie Meyer, and Conner's grandparents Buck and Ann Chadwick. Attending from Turkey were Billy and Pete Meyer, Billy and Betty Farley, and Ian and Will Farley, children of Wes Farley. From Flomot were Tim and Melissa Kendall, Jeri and Jacob, Travis and Linda Kendall and their guests Chancey and Conner Kendall children of Cory and Janet Kendall of Midland, and Conner's grandparents Seab and Dianne Washington.

Annual Chuckwagon Cookoff To Be Held In Clarendon

The tenth annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff will be held Saturday, September 25, 2004, in Clarendon on the grounds of the Saints' Roost Museum.

Fifteen wagons will compete for top prizes this year, and trade booths have been reserved for Kenneth Wyatt Galleries and several other Western and Native American exhibitors.

The gate opens at 7:00 a.m. with breakfast and lunch concessions provided by Boy Scout Troop 433. The tradeshow starts at 10 a.m., and museum tours will be available throughout the day.

Entertainment will begin at 11 a.m., and performances are scheduled all day, and a Gun & Knife Show will be held in conjunction with the event.

Admission to the all-day event is free. Tickets for the authentic Chuckwagon supper are \$10 each and can be purchased in advance at Henson's hardware store in Clarendon by calling 806/874-3517. Supper will be served at 5 p.m.

On Sunday morning, cowboy church will be held under the tent at the museum with preaching by Shannon Hall of Loco, Oklahoma.

Everyone Invited To Attend

Friends of Tri-County Meals would like to invite Quitaque and other area residents to a meeting that is being held at the First Baptist Church, Quitaque on Wednesday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Auditorium.

Anyone in the community who may be interested in knowing more about the Tri-County Meals program, or would like to volunteer, is invited to attend.

Community meetings were previously held in Silverton and Turkey.

This program will benefit the homebound senior citizens of Quitaque, Turkey, Silverton Flomot, and the out-lying areas.

Meal delivery should begin in the next few weeks.

Turkey Lions Club Broom Sale

Turkey Lions Club Broom Sale will be Thursday, September 30 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Main Street in Turkey.

If you would like to place an order or to get an order blank please call Marjorie Bell at 423-1086 or 423-1263. Please help the blind, for they are the ones who make all the items the Lions Club sells

Be sure to stop by and see what we have.

Valley Calendar of Events

September 23

- * Turkey Economic Development Board meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Valley Jr High vs Silverton, there @ 5 p.m.
- * Valley J.V. vs Silverton there @ 5 p.m.
- * Drivers License Office open at Briscoe County Courthouse 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

September 24

- * Valley Patriots vs Silverton here @ 7:30 p.m.
- * End of 1st Six Weeks at Valley School

September 27

- * Quitaque's Weight Watchers meeting @ 5:45 p.m.
- * Weigh-In @ 5:15 p.m.
- * Turkey Lions Club meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Quitaque Fire Department meeting
- * Beginning of 2nd Six Weeks at Valley School
- * Caprock Partners meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- * Briscoe County Historical Committee meeting @ 7 p.m.

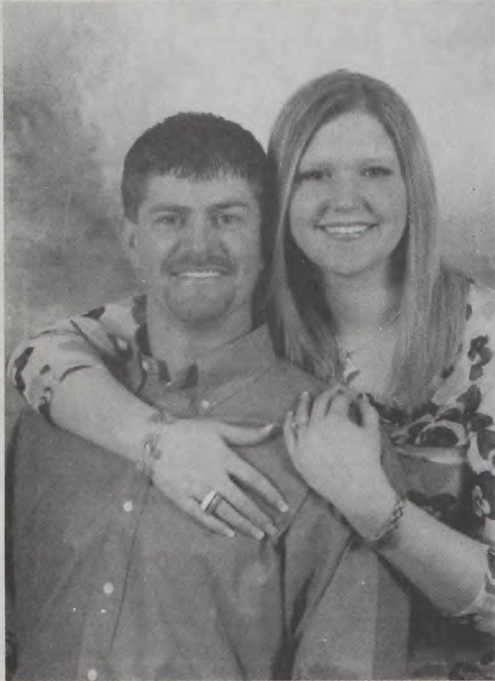
September 29

- * Tri-County Meals informational meeting at Quitaque First Baptist Church @ 7 p.m. Everyone Invited!

September 30

- * Turkey Lions Club Broom Sale Today, downtown Turkey 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Obituaries



Jason "Bubba" Powell & Nicole Gray

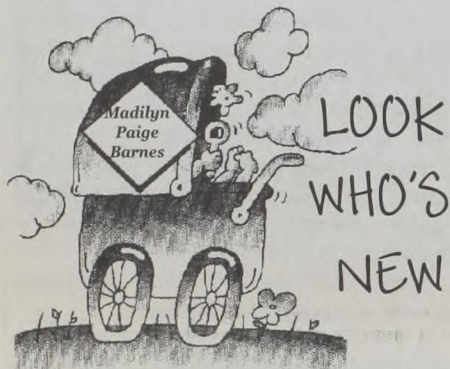
Jason "Bubba" Powell & Nicole Gray Announce Engagement

Rodney and Vicki Gray of Post are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Nicole Gray of Post, to Jason Powell of Post, son of Randy and Alana Powell of Quitaque.

A December 18, 2004 ceremony is planned.

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Post High School and is now attending South Plains college and plans to transfer to Texas Tech University where she will pursue a degree in mathematics. The groom-to-be is currently employed by Post Independent School District where he is teaching 7th grade mathematics.

The couple plans to reside in Post.



Madilyn Paige Barnes

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Barnes of Hawley are proud to announce the arrival of a baby daughter, Madilyn Paige, born Monday, September 13, 2004 at the Hendrick Hospital in Abilene. She weighed seven pounds, six ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long.

Welcoming the new arrival is her two and half year old sister, Zoe; grandparents, Bobby and Jeanne Williams of Matador and W.L. and Kathy Barnes of Clyde; great-grandmother, Mrs. Cleo Watson of Roaring Springs.

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Genelle Bourland Lowery

Genelle Bourland Lowery, 83, of Canyon died Thursday, September 16, 2004. Graveside services were held Monday, September 20 in Dreamland Cemetery. Memorial services were in the First Baptist Church in Canyon with the Rev. David Lowrie officiating.

Mrs. Lowery was born October 17, 1920 in Running water to Lem Standefer and Lola McGowan Standefer. She was a 1939 graduate of Flomot High School Her father was county Commissioner of Motley County Precinct 2 for four years in the late 1930's. she was a secretary at Randall county Courthouse before opening the Merle Norman Studio in Canyon. She was a special lady who was loved by her family, friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, John Bourland in 1964 and Les Lowery in 1999; two sisters, Hattie Henshaw and Ruth Anderson; a brother, Howard Standefer.

She is survived by a son, Ronald "Bull" bourland and wife, Nancy of Amarillo; daughters Judy Burkett and husband, Ben of Spring Branch, Marilyn Childers and husband, Jim of Canyon and Marilyn Like and husband, Phil of Dalhart; sister-in-law, Edna Ruth Bourland Green of Matador; and seven grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the First Baptist Church of canyon building fund or BSA Hospice in Amarillo.



Loretta V. Kohl

Loretta V. Koho, 84, died September 7, 2004.

Mrs Kohl was born October 21, 1919, in Matador, Texas, to John C. and Myrtle Mae (Carpenter) Sluder. On June 26, 1965, she married Robert T. Kohl in Cripple Creek, CO. She was a homemaker and enjoyed traveling and fishing, especially at Blue Mesa and Pueblo Reservoirs.

Mrs. Kohl is survived by four brothers, Joe (Elizabeth) Sluder, Fountain, CO, Kenneth (Dixie) Sluder, Canon City, CO, Don (Gwen) Sluder, Security, CO, and Hans (Patricia) Sluder, Lewiston, Idaho, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; one brother, J.C. Sluder and one sister, Estelle Dicks.

Graveside services were held September 13, at Lakeside Cemetery in Canon City, CO with the Rev. Bill Carson officiating.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- September 23**
Lisa Coker, Carrie Bell, Jessica Slankard, Cole Calvert, Bryce Reagan, Vance Chandler, Clay Washington, Dee Dee Galvan, Alyssa Mott
- September 24**
Marie Hurst, Billy N. Shannon, Faye Pointer
- September 25**
Jessica Wellman, Christine Walls, Lynette Barefield
- September 26**
Allison Lee Proctor, Bubba Turner
- September 27**
Zelda Leeper, Albert Castillo, Andy Reed
- September 28**
Jack Johnson, Ora Geissler, Polly Herrington
- September 29**
Mason Bachman, Christopher Price
- September 30**
Christa Hernandez, Odis Reagan, Kathy Farley, Kit Abram, Cindy Calvert, Katelynn Farley

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



- September 25**
Mr & Mrs Willie Scoggins
- September 28**
Mr & Mrs H.E. Martin
- September 29**
Mr & Mrs Jack Johnson
- September 30**
Mr & Mrs Ryan Smith

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Why cry for a soul set free.
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And not with your head bowed low,
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me ~ but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home,
When you are lonely and sick of heart,
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
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Author unknown

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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson
OVERHEARD

I taught the Primary Sunday school class for many years and found each week to be a challenge.

One Sunday was particularly so. A boy was acting up, being very disturbing to both me and his classmates.

Finally, I walked over to him, put my arm around his shoulders and whispered in his ear. He recoiled, looked at me fearfully, then sat up straight. He was a model student for the rest of the class.

What had I whispered to him? "If you don't be quite, I'LL KISS YOU!"

Attends Navy Reunion

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse enplaned from the Lubbock Airport to Hot Springs, Arkansas to attend the annual reunion of Veterans who served in the U.S. Navy Standard Landing Craft Unit 36 in Boat Pool Baker during World War II in which her late husband, Ray Cruse served. It was held at the Downtown Hotel and Spa.

They attended from throughout the United States from Thursday until Saturday, September 16-18. It was a time of entertainment and renewing friendships. Tommie returned home Sunday night.

Celebrates Birthday

Barbara and E.G. Reed were in Wichita Falls Saturday and Sunday, September 11-12 to celebrate the birthday of Barbara. Joining them there for the happy occasion of good meals and entertainment were their daughter, Mrs. Martha Yorston of Fort Worth, Frances and husband, Ike Ferguson of Holiday and Jacquelin and husband Andy Reed of Rotan.

Jack and Nada Starkey enjoyed the Maverick, Tolby and Ponderosa Camp Friends musical presentation Friday and Saturday held at the Sandy Beach at Green Belt Lake. Meeting them there for the good entertainment were her brother and families, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moon, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Moon and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Moon of Fritch.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers Saturday night were Bill and Patsy Rucker of Quitaque. Luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Sunday were daughter and husband, Donna and Stan Degan of Kalgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Anson, Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Moss, Mrs. LaRay Gilbert and Keith Gilbert.

Louis Shorter of Mansfield visited during the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter.

Chancey and Connor, children of Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall of Midland, visited from Friday until Sunday with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall and uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob. The families enjoyed the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo, Saturday.

Visiting Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes was son, Rickey Hughes and daughter, Kendal of Floydada.

Kelsey and Sarah, children of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay of Panhandle, visited the weekend with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay. They attended the Valley School Homecoming football game Friday night.

Mrs. Christi Milam and daughters, Emily and Haley of Petrolia visited Thursday until Saturday with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. Kathy and Mrs. Pennie Keltz of Roaring Springs were the featured vocalists at the funeral services of Mrs. Lucretia Edwards Campbell held at the United Methodist Church in Matador Friday afternoon. They were accompanied by Gerald Pipkin of Matador on the keyboard.

Derrick Cruse, student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse.

Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch met her parents, Nada and Jack Starkey in Amarillo, Tuesday where Nada had medical appointments.



Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

If you are the family cook, it is essential that you have a few 'ready in minutes' dishes for days when you're short on time. This week's 30-Minute Meal fills that bill. Grilled Chicken over Spinach combines a meat and vegetable to make a great main dish. Biscuit Bites are simple to make, and also good with soups and as a snack. Peachy Fruit Dip is dessert tonight, but is also good for breakfast or a side dish.

Grilled Chicken over Spinach

1 to 2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
1 garlic clove, minced
1 teaspoon dried thyme
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/4 teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (1 pound)

Sauteed Spinach:
1 green onion, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced

1 package (10 oz.) fresh spinach, torn
In a bowl, combine the first eight ingredients; mix well.

Spoon over chicken. Grill, uncovered over medium heat, for 7 minutes on each side or until juices run clear. In a large skillet, saute onion and garlic in oil for 1 minute. Stir in mushrooms; saute for 3-4 minutes until tender. Add spinach; saute 2 minutes until wilted. Transfer to a serving platter; top with chicken. Serves 4. Note: You may substitute canned mushrooms for the fresh ones. No need to saute.

Biscuit Bites

1 tube (12 oz.) refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon onion powder
Cut each biscuit into thirds; place on a greased baking sheet. Combine Parmesan cheese and onion powder; sprinkle over biscuits. Bake at 400° for 7-8 minutes or until golden brown. Serves 5.

Peachy Fruit Dip

1 can (15 1/2 oz.) sliced or halved peaches, drained
1/2 cup marshmallow creme
1 package (3 oz.) cream cheese, cubed
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Assorted fresh fruit for dipping, such as strawberries, grapes, cantaloupe, bananas, or apples

In a blender of food processor, combine the first four ingredients; cover and blend until smooth. Serve with fruit for dipping. Makes 1 1/2 cups.

Here's a fun breakfast food that adults and kids will both like. Try it this weekend.

PB & J Waffle Sandwiches

1 can (16.3 oz.) Pillsbury Grands refrigerated biscuits
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/4 cup grape jelly
1 tablespoon powdered sugar
1 cup fresh fruit, such as strawberries, peach slices, kiwi, or cantaloupe
Heat waffle maker according to manufacturer's directions. Separate dough into 8 biscuits and press or roll each into 4-inch round. Depending on size of waffle maker, place 2 to 4 rounds at a time on hot waffle maker. Bake 2 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 1 minute. Spread peanut butter on 4 of the hot waffles; spread jelly on remaining waffles. Place jelly-spread waffles jelly down, on peanut butter-spread waffles. Cut sandwiches in half. Place on individual plates. Sprinkle with powdered sugar; serve fruit along with waffle sandwiches. Serves 4.

Next week, I'll have one more 30-Minute Meal to add to your file. God Bless America!

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- circus segment
- TXism: "wel hen"
- horse's father
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- TX Foote wrote screenplay for "Of Mice and"
- Gray Co. seat
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- this TX Clayton was George H.'s ag secretary
- Burnet h.s. class (2 wds.)
- shovel "bileter end"
- TXism: "the tail"
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- TXism: "hard as dodging rice wedding"
- town SE of El Paso on hwy. 20
- TX Gilley's is on this road (2 wds.)
- TXism: "when he hemming, he's hawing"
- Rangers Central Div. foe (2 wds.)
- TXism: "bland beans without salt pork"
- ex-Cowboy "Neon Deion" (init.)
- TXism: "hotter than"
- "six" south of the border
- pickup wheel shaft
- TXism: "snake oil (con man)"
- female horse
- friendly
- this Kiowa chief jumped to his death in a TX prison
- TXism: "to the dogs"
- "Bum" Phillips
- blue jean man (init.)
- this TX Sharon was killed by Manson family
- TXism: "in the of luxury"
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The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. -Eleanor Roosevelt
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THE PATRIOT

Valley School News

Patriots Roll In Homecoming Game

The Valley Patriots used 142 yards and five touchdowns from Fidel Valdes to cruise to a 69-22 Homecoming win over the Follett Panthers last Friday. Alex Espinoza rushed for 148 yards and two touchdowns to continue the tailback tandem's offensive assault.

"There may be two better tailbacks in the state," Coach Bret Tyler said. "But I haven't seen them. It's a blessing to have them both on the same team."

Charlie Walden and Zack Ramsey led a defensive effort that held the Panthers to 118 total yards and -33 yards rushing. Walden recorded nine tackles while Ramsey had eight.

"The defensive key was to put a lot of pressure on their quarterback," Tyler said. "He's so quick and throws it well. But Alex and Charlie, along with Bryant and Kye did an excellent job of making him get rid of the ball before he wanted to."

Follett took the early lead, scoring first on a 21-yard touchdown pass. The extra point made it 8-0 with 8:26 left in the first quarter. Valley answered quickly scoring from 31 yards out on an Alex Espinoza run.

Valley scored again with 6:24 left in the first quarter, this time on a 35 yard Fidel Valdes run, to give the Patriots their first lead of the night. Follett reclaimed the lead on a five yard Tanner Woods run before Valdes rushed in from 31 yards out to give Valley the lead for good.

Albert Espinoza scored from 3 yards to end the first quarter and give Valley the 28-14 advantage. Valdes scored twice to start the second quarter, once from one yard and once from 36 yards to extend the lead to 41-14.

Fernando Regalado found the endzone from 16 yards out to push the lead to 49-14 before Follett scored their final touchdown. Valley scored twice more before the halftime, once on a Bryant Ortiz kickoff return and another on an Alex Espinoza 54 yard run to make the score 63-22.

The Patriots received the opening kickoff and quickly scored to end the game on the 45-point mercy rule. Valdes ran the final score in from 20 yards to end the game with 8:51 left in the third quarter.

"Offensively, we couldn't ask for anything more," Tyler said. "We have scored on 25 of 26 possessions this year. That is an excellent percentage. And you don't shut people out that often in sixman football. Our defense is playing great."

Alex Espinoza recorded six tackles while Bryant Ortiz tallied five. Regalado, Cody Barrett, and Valdes each had four tackles.

The Patriots will revisit their yearly battle with the Silverton Owls tomorrow night at 7:30. The Owls are 2-1 after beating Motley County and Amherst and losing to Wheeler.

Valley J.H. Cruises To 52-6 Win

The Junior High Patriots defeated Amherst last Thursday to move to 2-0 for the season. The Patriots turned in a strong performance on the offensive side of the ball to put 52 points on the board.

Jacob Hancock had another good game running the ball. Cesar Mendoza and Jose Galvan had some really good runs and blocked well at the fullback position. Brady Ramsey completed several passes to Dalton Allen to help spread the defense. Jeffery Addison capped the day off with a 43 yard interception return for a touchdown to end the game.

Valley J.H. will next be in action Thursday in Silverton.

Valley Homecoming Photos Are On Page 10

Go Big Blue Beat The Owls!

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ANSWERS: 1-Downpour; 2-backward glance; 3-Who's on first; 4-Tall tale; 5-Mother-in-law; 6-Four score; 7-Split personality; 8-Heads up; 9-All by myself

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* Dinosaurs probably lived to be between 75 to 300 years of age. Scientists figured this out from looking at the structure of their bones.

* Skunks can shoot their bad-smelling spray only about two yards, but you can smell it up to two and a half miles away.

* One way to tell the age of a fish is by looking at its scales. They have growth rings just like trees. These are called circuli. Clusters of them are called annuli. Each annuli show one year.

* The northern fur seal, rather than using a layer of fat to keep it warm, depends on its thick fur with some 300,000 hairs per square inch.

* Did you know porpoises could surf? They are frequently seen riding the bow wave of a ship. They make no swimming motions and can ride the wake for more than an hour. They can also turn on their side or flip completely around. Surf's up porpo!

* Fish swimming at depths of 15,000 feet (almost 3 miles down!) can withstand a pressure of 7,000 pounds per square inch. They are able to live in these crushing depths by pumping gas into their swim bladder.

* You may have heard someone say, "It's raining cats and dogs." There have been actual documented cases from all over the world of fish, frogs, dead birds, snakes, snails, beetles, worms and jellyfish raining down from the sky in great numbers, but no reports of showers of cats or dogs.

* The blue whale, the largest animal to have ever existed, is 96 feet long and weighs 125 tons. This is as much as 4 large dinosaurs (Brontosauri), 23 elephants, 230 cows or 1800 men.

* Some animals produce their own lights, called bioluminescence. The Brazilian railroad worm has a red light on its head and green lights down its side. All it needs to drive on the street is a turn signal.

* The fastest bird is the peregrine falcon. It can fly at a speed of 168-217 miles per hour.

* The largest egg laid by a living bird is that of the North African Ostrich. It is 6 to 8 inches in length and 4 to 6 inches in diameter. The smallest is that of the hummingbird. It is less than 0.39 inches in diameter.

* Whether an alligator is a male or female is determined by the temperature of the nest where the egg is hatched - 90 to 93 degrees will make it a male; 82 to 86 degrees will turn it into a female.

* Animals with some of the longest lives are the Marion's tortoise (152 years), the fin whale (116 years) and the deep-sea clam (100 years).

* An electric eel can produce a shock of 600 volts. That's enough to stun large animals - even knock a horse off its feet.

* Cows can sleep standing up.

* A Giant squid's eye can be as big as a basketball.

* Salamanders are known to come out of wood when it was burning inside a fireplace, this is because Salamanders hibernate in wood.

* Some frogs can pull their eyes into their throat and help push food down!

* An African adult elephant eats about six hundred pounds of food a day; that's four percent of the elephant's body weight!

* The smallest fish in the world are the pygmy goby and the Luzon goby, from the Philippines, which are only one-half-inch long when they are full grown.

* The 14-foot-long narwhal is a whale whose tooth can reach up to eight feet long!

* Chimpanzees use tools more than any other animal except man.

* Elephants purr like cats do, as a means of communication.

* The mandrill baboon has a red nose, blue cheeks, and an orange beard!

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Menu Subject To Change Monday, September 27

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Milk

Tuesday, September 28

Breakfast: Breakfast Hot Pockets, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuits, Honey, Milk

Wednesday, September 29

Breakfast: Waffles, Syrup, Sausage, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Chicken Strips, Gravy, Corn, Salad, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

Thursday, September 30

Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Apple Sauce, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Soft Tacos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Pinto Beans, Cookies, Milk

Friday, October 1

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizzas, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Pigs-In-A-Blanket, American Fries, Corn, Orange Slices, Milk

"The Patriots Rule!" THE LUNCHROOM LADIES

At times, although one is perfectly right, one's legs tremble; at other times, although one is completely in the wrong, birds sing in one's soul.

-Vasily V. Rozanov ***

A man who lives right, and is right, has more power in his silence than another has by his words.

-Phillips Brooks ***

New discoveries in science...will continue to create a thousand new frontiers for those who would still adventure.

-Herbert Hoover

Back-To-School Doesn't Have To Be A Pain In The Back

"When it comes to carrying a backpack, load it light and stand up straight, say experts in the department of orthopedic surgery at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) in Houston.

"If the backpack is not worn correctly, or it is not a well-designed bag, it goes against all logic that the bag will prevent stress on the back," says Dr. Stephen Esses, professor of orthopedic surgery at BCM.

If kids are tilted forward or hunching over to compensate for the weight in their bags, they are stressing the muscles in their back abnormally. If they are standing upright, the load is behind the spine and doesn't stress the back as much, Esses says.

To protect the back from the bag's heavy load, Esses suggests:

- * Keeping both arms through each strap, never slinging the bag over one shoulder.
- * Making sure the backpack is at or below the level of the shoulder blades so that the load is evenly distributed.
- * Tightening the backpack so that it is directly against the body.
- * Buying the lightest backpack.
- * Standing up straight and keeping good posture.

Carrying a backpack incorrectly can cause muscle injury when the bag causes stress on one side of the back, especially if carried only over one shoulder.

With sustained heavy weight, kids can potentially increase stresses on the lower back and this can lead to wear and tear on the discs in the lower back. The stress will cause pain in the lower back and possibly down the legs when the disc impinges on the nerves that go from the back down the leg.

"We encourage parents to try as much as possible to reduce the load amount in the backpack," says Esses, also an orthopedic surgeon at The Methodist Hospital in Houston. "There is a whole lot of useless junk that kids carry around. Parents should go through their kid's backpacks to make sure they aren't carrying around needless weight. They should only carry the essentials."

CALLING ALL KIDS!

Who says historic preservation is for adults only? Not the Texas Historical Commission! Starting with the September/October issue, a new feature in the agency's bi-monthly newsletter, The Medallion, will devote a full page to young readers called "History in the Making."

The new feature will include information and fun items related to Texas history. For example, did you know that the Rio Grande River originates in the San Juan Mountains in Colorado, or that the Lavaca River was named by French explorer La Salle who called it Riviere de Les Veches, or "Cow River" because of the buffalo in the area?

The page will also include a section focusing on student-related news and events, a question-and-answer section relating to Texas history, and opportunities for readers to become part of the page through interviews and feedback.

Nearly 900 teachers throughout Texas are now on The Medallion's mailing list, and this new feature can be used for classroom discussion and lesson planning.

If you'd like to get on the mailing list, or have questions or suggestions, email medallion@thc.state.tx.us.

SEEKING OLD FRIENDS

My name is Teila (Patterson) Aubuchon I am seeking old friends and anyone else that might like to make contact from High School, I was in the class of '81. I thought it might be interesting to touch base with people that I grew up with.

If you are interested in contacting me, my address is: Teila Aubuchon, 5850 Southmoor Drive, Abilene, TX 79606 or please call 325-691-9421.

"PATRIOT SPIRIT" VALLEY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



RANDY FARLEY

Randy Farley is a 16 year old Junior at Valley High School. Randy is the son of Dennis and Lisa Farley of Quitaque. As an active Patriot, Randy has excelled in many extracurricular activities. Randy has participated in Football, Track, golf and the FFA. Randy is currently the starting center for the undefeated Patriots.

Randy is currently serving as President of the Junior class. Randy is a regular name on the honor roll. Randy is a leader in our school and his academics are always priority number one. Randy is reliable and always does his best at all his endeavors. Randy was chosen for this recognition because of his truly cooperative and pleasant attitude. He is an "All Around Great Guy and we are very proud that he is a Patriot.

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VALLEY PATRIOTS



Valley Patriots vs Silverton Owls
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Last Week's Score
Valley - 69
Follett - 22



Valley Patriots
Varsity Football Schedule 2004

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sept. 24	*Silverton	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	*Hedley	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	*Kress	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	*Lazbuddie	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	*Groom	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	*Cotton Center	Home	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	*Happy	Away	7:30 p.m.

Scrimmages * District Games \$ Homecoming



Cheerleaders: Chelsea Wheeler, Paige Hughes, Macy Davidson, Molly Kate Davidson, Savannah Smith
Mascot: Enedina Valdez

Valley Patriots
Jr. Varsity Football Schedule 2004

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sept. 23	Silverton	Away	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Hedley	Home	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Kress	Away	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Kress	Home	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Crowell	Patton Spr.	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	Wheeler	Samnor wood	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	Happy	Home	6:30 p.m.



Head Coach: Bret Tyler
Asst. Coaches: Thomas Clay, Greg Ramsey

PATRIOT TEAM ROSTER

Name	No.	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Class
Jake Gass	1	5'5"	140	E/CB	Soph.
Matt Dozer	5	5'7"	150	E/LB	Soph.
Cody Barrett	9	5'10"	170	QB/LB	Jr.
Rhiane Gaddis	10	5'8"	145	FB/LB	Jr.
Cole Brown	11	5'7"	140	QB/S	Fr.
Bryce Regaen	21	5'10"	160	RB/E	Fr.
Fidel Valdez	20	5'9"	170	RB/LB	Sr.
Alex Espinoza	22	6'2"	175	RB/E	Jr.
Zack Ramsey	23	5'8"	165	E/LB	Sr.
Albert Espinoza	24	5'9"	190	FB/LB	Fr.
Justin Rucker	28	5'6"	140	RB/LB	Fr.
Fernando Regalado	32	5'8"	165	FB/LB	Jr.
Bryant Ortiz	33	6'2"	160	E/E	Soph.
Matt Whittington	35	5'8"	160	FB/LB	Sr.
Aramando Mendoza	40	5'7"	150	E/LB	Fr.
Roger Ramos	44	5'8"	185	FB/LB	Fr.
Kye Fuston	48	6'3"	165	E/E	Jr.
Randy Farley	50	5'10"	290	C/E	Jr.
Chance Maynard	52	5'7"	155	E/E	Jr.
Ruben Ramos	70	5'8"	230	E/E	Jr.
Daniel Alanis	80	5'9"	160	E/S	Sr.
Charlie Walden	81	6'1"	175	E/E	Jr.
Jimmy McGuire	83	5'11"	170	E/E	Jr.
James House	90	5'7"	160	E/E	Fr.
Danny Carnes	96	5'9"	170	C/E	Fr.
Fannin Gwynn	99	5'9"	180	C/E	Soph. Jr.

Valley Patriots
Jr. High Football Schedule 2004

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sept. 23	Silverton	Away	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Hedley	Home	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	Kress	Away	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	Lazbuddie	Home	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	Groom	Away	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	Cotton Center	Away	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 2	Happy	Home	5:00 p.m.

Coaches: Greg Ramsey and Stewart Smith

Superintendent: Jerry Smith
Principal: Jon Davidson
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Working Your Herd This Fall? Consider Important Cattle Health Issues!

Whether you're sorting calves for sale, moving the herd to fresh pasture, or deciding which cows to keep, working cattle in cooler weather makes sense. It's also a good time to address important herd health issues that can affect Texas' ability to trade and move cattle freely.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended funding for the cattle tuberculosis (TB) testing program until the end of 2004, so ranchers still can take advantage of a free TB test for their seed stock, or purebred cattle," commented Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry regulatory agency. "Increased TB surveillance must be accomplished, in order for Texas' TB-free status, downgraded two years ago, to be reinstated. TB-free status will enhance the marketability of Texas cattle, because breeding animals could move across state lines without TB testing requirements or restrictions."

Texas, New Mexico, California and Michigan are the only states not cattle TB-free. Each of these states is following a specially tailored plan to regain TB status, explained Dr. Hillman. "Texas must not be the only state that doesn't fulfill its disease surveillance obligation."

Dr. Hillman urged Texas producers to contact either the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242, or their private veterinary practitioner to arrange for a TB herd test. More than 550 Texas private veterinarians are certified to conduct TB herd tests and are reimbursed by the TAHC, through cooperative agreement funds from the USDA.

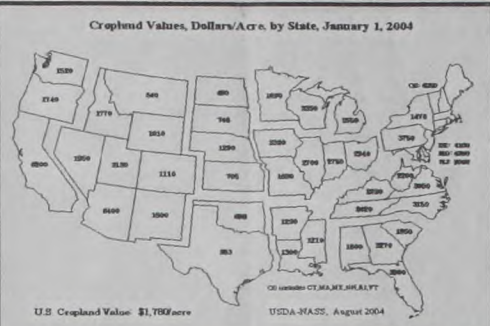
More than 750 of the state's 807 dairies have been tested for TB since last fall, and only one - in Hamilton County - has been found to be infected. This herd is being depopulated, with an indemnity paid by the USDA," commented Dr. Hillman. "The Texas cattle industry's plan also called for testing of 2,400 purebred, or beef breeding herds. As of early September, however, only about 300 herds have been tested, far short of the goal. Time and money are running short; please support the Texas cattle industry and get your herd tested while the costs can be offset with federal funds."

"Producers also may be able to arrange for a free herd test for cattle brucellosis, or 'Bangs,' if their cattle had potential exposure to the bacterial disease, or if the herd exhibits signs of the disease, such as abortions, weak calves or lowered milk production. Many times brucellosis infection is 'silent,' with few obvious signs of disease, so proactive measures are crucial to find infection," said Dr. Hillman. "In late August, a brucellosis-infected beef herd was detected in Leon County, the first in the state since late 2003. Was this Texas' final infected herd? Only time and continued disease surveillance at livestock markets, tests prior to private sale, slaughter surveillance and selective herd tests will give us that answer."

States may be classified "free" of brucellosis after 12 months without an infected herd and a USDA-mandated review. Texas and Wyoming are the only states without the free status.

"When you handle your cattle, inspect them carefully for unusual ticks, or for blistering around the animal's mouth, nose teats of hooves. Watch for cattle that stagger or fall," urged Dr. Hillman. "Seven ranches outside the permanent fever tick zone in Kinney and Zapata Counties have been found infested with the dangerous fever tick, capable of transmitting 'Texas Fever,' which can be deadly to cattle," said Dr. Hillman. "The TAHC and USDA Tick Force are tracing, inspecting, dipping or spraying cattle that were moved from the pastures prior to the detection of the ticks. All cattle inspected to date have been free of the fever tick."

(CONTINUED IN NEXT COLUMN - "Working Cows")



National Farm Safety & Health Week: PROTECT CHILDREN

Children who grow up on farms and ranches contribute to overall productivity. Family farms also contribute to children's development of responsibility, sense of accomplishment and work ethic.

"However, children who are expected to perform tasks that are inappropriate for their level of experience or physical and mental maturity may find themselves in dangerous situations that can result in injury or even death," said David Smith, Texas Cooperative Extension farm safety programs specialist.

According to a 2001 study by the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety, nearly 1.5 million young people age 20 and younger lived or worked on farms. More than 660,000 were employed but not living on farms.

More than 100 children younger than 20 die each year and more than 22,000 are injured from an agriculture-related injury, the study showed.

That's one reason the National Farm Safety and Health Week, Sept. 19-25, (<http://www.fs4jk.org>) is so important, Smith said.

This year, Farm Safety 4 Just Kids will focus on tractor safety. Farm machinery, including tractors, accounts for 36 percent of deaths in youth and is the leading source of fatalities, Smith said. Thirty percent of farm machinery-related deaths occur in children less than 5 years old.

"Other significant hazards are machinery other than tractors, drowning, animals and falls," he said.

Parents can take precautions to ensure that children are safe by: - Designating a safe play area that's away from agricultural work hazards.

- Assigning only age-appropriate tasks for children. - Enrolling children in a tractor and machinery certification course through vocational agriculture programs or Extension offices before they are allowed to drive a tractor.

To learn more about the center's guidelines for children's agricultural tasks, call (800) 662-6900 or visit <http://www.nagcat.org>.

"WORKING COWS"

Tick and maggot submission kits should be a 'staple' on every producer's shelf, noted Dr. Hillman. The kits may be obtained from the TAHC area offices, some private veterinary practitioners or the TAHC headquarters at 1-800-550-8242. Unusual ticks or maggots should be submitted for identification to the State-Federal Laboratory. There is no charge for this service.

This summer's vesicular stomatitis (VS) outbreak may be nearly over in Texas. Only three premises in Kerr County and one in Dimmit County, remain under quarantine because of the blistering disease that can affect a wide variety of livestock. "If your livestock exhibits lesions, blisters or sloughing skin in or around the mouth, nose, teats or hooves, don't pass it off as VS," warned Dr. Hillman. "Call your private veterinary practitioner or the TAHC, so laboratory tests can be run on a blood sample and snippet of skin from the affected animal. The blisters and lesions could be due to VS, the result of ingesting a toxic plant, or what we dread most, an introduction of foot-and-mouth disease."

Finally, Dr. Hillman urged producers to call the TAHC to report 'downer' cattle, so brain tissue samples may be collected and tested for BSE, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy. "Downer, or non-ambulatory cattle are no longer accepted at livestock markets or slaughter plants, as they are considered at 'high-risk' for the brain-wasting disease," he pointed out. "Call us, and we can assist with tissue collection from the animal. The USDA in June launched an intensive national BSE testing program, aiming to collect and test samples from more than 200,000 head of cattle by late December 2005, to determine if BSE is present in the U.S., and if so, at what level. As of early September, all of the 48,000 samples tested so far were negative. Of those, more than 2,600 have been from Texas-origin cattle."

"It can be frightening to look for disease," admitted Dr. Hillman. "But if we don't, disease can gain a foothold in Texas, and eradication will be extremely costly, and the industry's market share and reputation could be damaged. If you see something unusual, call your veterinarian, or call the TAHC. Don't wait till it's too late."

Cotton PGG News
By Shawn Wade
www.plainscotton.org
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Senate Includes 03/04 Crop Disaster Package In Homeland Security Spending Bill

With the quick addition of an emergency agricultural disaster assistance package to the 2005 Homeland Security appropriations bill, producers who lost crops in 2003 or 2004 have been offered a glimmer of hope that help is on the way.

Offered as an amendment by Senator Max Baucus (D-Montana), and co-sponsored by 15 other Senators from both sides of the aisle, the "Emergency Agricultural Disaster Assistance" provision would provide disaster assistance for crop, quality and livestock losses incurred in 2003-2004.

The 'emergency' designation allows the provision to move forward without the need for offsetting budget cuts. Estimates for the proposal indicate it would provide almost \$3 billion in emergency assistance to crop and livestock producers.

The proposal is based on the 2001 disaster program that provided relief to growers who suffered losses during the 2000 crop year. The amendment authorizes the Secretary to make assistance available in the same manner as provided under sections 806 and 815 of the Agriculture, rural Development, Food and drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2001.

The House passed its version of the Homeland Security appropriations bill before the August recess without a crop disaster component. Attaching the agricultural disaster assistance amendment to the Senate version means a final decision on the measure will be hammered out during the House/Senate Conference on the Homeland Security spending bill.

To get a better idea about what the amendment proposes, a look back at the 2000 disaster program provides the most clues.

Topping the list of good things about the proposal is that it authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to spend "such sums as are necessary" to carry out the program. This means payments would not have to be pro-rated. In fact, the only benefit limit that would be enforced is the usual \$80,000 per person payment limitation.

Eligibility for crop loss benefits will be based on whether or not a qualifying loss occurred on an eligible crop. Eligible losses will be those in excess of 35 percent of the higher of; the producer's Actual Production History (APH) yield; the 5-year NASS County average yield; or, the Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) approved yield.

Eligibility for livestock assistance will be initially determined by whether or not the producer's operation is in a county that received an emergency designation as a primary or contiguous disaster county after January 1, 2003.

Crop loss benefits would be determined by first calculating an amount of eligible loss. Once calculated, the eligible production amount would be multiplied by the established payment rate.

Payment rates for insured commodities would be calculated as 65 percent of the crop insurance price election. Uninsured crop would be paid at a lesser rate equaling 60 percent of the crop insurance price election. Payment rates for non-insurable crop would equal 65 percent of the 5-year NASS average price.

So far, no specific language has indicated if cottonseed assistance will be part of the final package.

In addition to physical losses, producers will also be able to apply for Quality Loss assistance in the manner offered during the 2000 Crop Loss Assistance program.

In that program producers were able to apply for quality losses that exceeded 20 percent of the normal value of the commodity. Benefits under this program were available to cotton producers on a bale-by-bale basis and were extremely beneficial to many growers who suffered marginal physical losses in 2000.

Resolution

This resolution by the Hall County Hospital Board of Directors was both adopted and passed on this the 13th day of September, 2004

Whereas: A final determination was made that the Hospital Building has become a liability to the taxpayers of Hall County.

Whereas: The equipment is obsolete and out of date.

Whereas: Maintenance and insurance cost without monetary profit is prohibitive.

Whereas: All local attempts to locate a business in the hospital facility have been exhausted.

Whereas: By a unanimous vote, a sale of the following property will be conducted by Shattuck and Associates on the furniture, fixtures, equipment, buildings and real estate. This property will be sold at an on site auction and will begin on November 18, 2004 at 9:00 A.M. at 1800 North Boykin Drive, Memphis, Texas. The hospital building including shop and all real estate will be offered first and then the equipment, furniture and fixtures will be sold.

Whereas: The advertising by the sale personnel will reach more potential buyers.

Whereas: Some equipment will be retained to finish furnishing the Stevenson Clinic which will be retained by the Hall County Hospital District for the purpose of recruiting medical personnel to Memphis.

Whereas: The sale proceeds will be applied to the bankruptcy dept.

Whereas: The real estate description is as follows; All that certain lot, tract, or parcel of land lying and being situated in Hall County, Texas, being 12.89 acres of land, a part of the Northeast one-fourth of the Southwest one-fourth of section 20, block 20, H&GN Ry. Co. Survey in hall County, Texas, and being all of the Northeast one-fourth of the Northwest one-fourth of Section 20, block 20, H&GN Ry. Co. Survey in Hall County, Texas, except that part thereof heretofore platted and dedicated as Elm Grove Addition to the Town of Memphis, Texas, as shown by the Map or plat of said addition, recorded in Vol. 54, Page 184, Deed Records of Hall County, Texas, except a tract of land 110 feet by 570 feet described in a deed from V.B Posey to Ben H. Moore and Fannie Moore dated August 10, 1950 recorded in Vol. 94, page 178 Deed Records of Hall County, Texas, containing 1.44 acres of land, more or less; and except a tract of land 110 feet by 225 feet described in deed from E.P. Thompson and Wille Thompson to Ben H. Moor and Fannie Moore by deed dated January 10, 1951, recorded in Vol. 94, Page 294, Deed Records of Hall County, Texas, containing 2.89 acres of land, more or less, and leaving 12.89 acres of land more or less, conveyed by this deed which said 12.89 acres or by metes and bounds described as Beginning at a point in the South-line of the Southwest one-fourth of the said Section 20, 750 feet West of the Southwest corner of the Northwest one-fourth of said Section 20, Block 20; THENCE West with the South line of the Northwest one-fourth of said Section 20, Block 20, a distance of 570 feet to a point for corner. THENCE South 985 feet to the Northwest corner of a tract of land deeded to Ben H. Moore and Fannie Moore by deed dated January 10, 1951, recorded in Vol. 94, Page 294, Deed Records of Hall County, Texas; THENCE East 570 feet along the North line of said Moore tract to the Northeast corner of same; THENCE North 985 feet to the place of beginning, containing 12.89 acres of land, more or less Vol. 191, Page 259

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Hall County Hospital District Board of Directors does authorize Shattuck and Associates to act on the behalf of the Hall County Hospital District in conducting the sale of the building, real estate, equipment, furniture and fixtures.

Zack Fisher(President Hall Co. Hospital District) Beverly Logsdon(Secretary Hall Co. Hospital District)

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TURKEY TALK

By Martha Bradshaw

Barry, Rebecca, Nathan, and Elaine Wheeler travelled to Lockney to watch Grant play football. Jarrett Valdez and Chism Shannon are also on the team. They are playing on a Floydada team called the Spartans.

Johnnie Buchanan of Garland, TX and her granddaughter Blair Hargrove, a student at TTU in Lubbock, visited with Mr. & Mrs. James Fuston and Mr & Mrs. Jon Davidson over the weekend. They all attended the Homecoming activities at Valley School on Friday night.

Frankie Bell had a stroke last Tuesday and is in the Plainview hospital.

Jan and Joy Turner spent a portion of this past weekend visiting with the Townsley's in Canyon. They all attended boys, Landon and Colby's football games Sunday afternoon in Amarillo.

G. P. and Betty Driskill went to Canyon to attend a birthday party for their great-grandson Nicholas Stacker. He was one year old. They were served cake and ice cream and watched him open gifts.

Betty and G.P. Driskill visited with their daughter Jeanne Coy and family at Hubbard, TX. They spent several days and on the way home they visited Betty's sister Joleta Johnson in Fort Worth.

Tom and Wilma Eudy took Billie Pierce to the doctor Friday. Billie Pierce will be moving to Vernon to be near her son.

Cleo Jordan enjoyed a visits and computer lesson from Craig and Marylyn Gilmore from Canyon.

Gladys Hanna spent four days in Lubbock visiting Colleen Stone. They went shopping and played games.

Billy and Margie Pinkerton met Tommy and his family in Post Sunday afternoon to celebrate Shauna's birthday. While in Post they visited Lavern Hamner and she said tell everyone hello.

Cheri Davis' mother, Josie Allen of Levelland visited Cheri and Joe Davis for several days. They took her home Monday.

Nadine Davis went to Childress Sunday to visit her aunt and uncle. B. J. Robinson is still in the hospital in Amarillo.

People are like stained glass windows-the true beauty can be seen only when there is light from within. The darker the night, the brighter the windows.

-Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

-Mark Twain

Learn to exhibit more patience than any other man you know.

-Harry J. Klingler

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EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

When Lewis and Clark made their epic journey across North America in 1805, they encountered far more prairie grassland (or "tallgrass prairie") than any other type of landscape. Today, just 200 years later, less than five percent of that prairie remains, due to the impacts of urban sprawl, rapid development and overgrazing by livestock—all of which were ushered in by the very westward expansion Lewis and Clark initiated. Hundreds of native species of plants and animals are on the brink of extinction today as a result.

North America's unique tallgrass prairies evolved over millennia. The wide variety of grass species that make up the ecosystem's foundation survived well along with modest rainfall and regular, naturally-caused fires. Sixty-five million free-roaming bison sustained themselves on the abundant grasses, in turn sustaining Native American tribes such as the Sioux.

Earlier this year, a coalition of non-profit groups under the banner of the Northern Plains Conservation Network (NPCN) released a report entitled: "Ocean of Grass: A Conservation Vision for the Northern Great Plains," documenting and describing the native biodiversity of the tallgrass prairies. The report sets forth a long-term proposal for conserving and restoring prairie habitat such that, by the year 2050, the region can support 20,000 wild bison, half a million acres of prairie dog towns, and stable populations of all grassland-dependent birds.

Congress helped spur the process along in 1996 by setting aside over 10,000 pristine prairie acres in Kansas' Flint Hills region as the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. The National Park Trust, a non-profit conservation organization, purchased the land in 1994 and today co-manages the property with the National Park Service. Visitors can take self-guided tours on various nature trails and participate in "living history" programs that demonstrate the ecological importance of maintaining tallgrass prairies.

Believing that the establishment of the Tall Grass Prairie Reserve is a good step but not enough to sustain dwindling wildlife populations, the NPCN is calling for the establishment of one million additional acres of tallgrass prairie across the Midwest. The group is hard at work identifying key areas where replanting and reintroducing native grass species could help create safe havens for a variety of wildlife species.

CONTACTS: Northern Plains Conservation Network, www.npcn.net; Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, www.nps.gov/tapri; National Park Trust, www.parktrust.org.

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Prairie Grasslands Of The United States



■ Short grass
■ Mixed grass
■ Tall grass

Dear EarthTalk:
Is it true that the prairie grasslands of the Midwest are North America's most endangered ecosystem?
—Charlie Anderson, Boston, MA

Turkey Roost Museum News



By Margie Pinkerton

It has really been nice to have so many visitors in the past few weeks. We have had several special openings for our visitors. Izell Proctor and her brothers and sisters have had a family reunion this past week in Turkey and Izell brought them all to visit the museum. We were very happy to have them. Also Judge Jacky Martin, his assistant, Pauline Johnsey and her husband, Omer, and Tom Heck, our deputy, came in to visit during the Turkey Hamburger cook-out. Judge Martin is going to see if he can help us to find an artist to do the murals that we have planned for the museum. The prison system has been helping cities to have murals painted on buildings both inside and out, so we are anxious to see if this is something that can be done for us.

The museum will be hosting the craft show for the Turkey Fall Festival which will be held on October 16, 2004. This is the third show for the museum and we invite everyone to visit the vendors at the museum and along the sidewalks.

I have been reading the old filings from the past newspapers and it was interesting to note that at one time Turkey had a trades day once a week and in 1928 there was a population of over a thousand and the city had a big celebration for the first passenger train. At that celebration there were thousands there to greet the train and a parade of bands downtown Turkey. Many of the visitors loaded on to the train and rode to Plainview and back. I'm wondering if there are those there in Turkey who remember this and may have rode the train. Tootsie Mullin told me of a time as a young girl that she and some friend ran to the depot on the spur of the moment and rode to Quitaque. She said one of the girls said "How are we going to get home?" and she told the "Oh there will be someone we can catch a ride with." That someone turned out to Tom Eudy.

The museum has a copy of the old filings and Charmaine Adamson has given the museum some copies of the early thirties Enterprise. These are very fragile and will not be left out for viewing. We are having a copy of the filings made and have also put it on disk.

The museum is planning to open two days a week beginning October 1st and Lacy Cruse is going to help us one day a week.

Hall County

Historical Commission

The Hall Co. Historical Commission met Sept. 14, with Tommie Jo Cruse, welcoming everyone.

Joan Lebow read the minutes from the last meeting, & they were approved. She also read the treasurer's report. For the old business, Tommie Jo mentioned that she had talked with James Fuston about getting these concrete work done on the Ozark Trail marker at Tampico. Hopefully the work can start soon. The members also talked about the Turkey Jamboree on Nov. 6. The members will be serving BBQ sandwiches, potato salad, homemade cookies. They will also be selling their fund raiser items that night. Joan Lebow told about the Christmas theme for the Christmas problem, Memphis will be holding for the Ozark Trail Christmas. It will be a Victorian Christmas.

Judge Martin mentioned he would like some murals painted in the courthouse. He will have to check first, to see if this will interfere with getting the courthouse restored. The next meeting will be Oct. 4. Members present were Karen Crisman, Tommie Jo Cruse, Joan & Cleatus Lebow, Mike Hughes, Jim & Billie Mills, Johnnie Gresham & Judge Martin. The commission has 2 new members, Marjorie Don Howard & Margie Pinkerton, curator of the Turkey museum.

Letters To The Editor



Valley Tribune,
I am sending a funeral announcement that might be of interest to some of your readers since she was born at Matador and Carpenter is mentioned. I formerly lived in your area, but now in Canon City, CO. Enjoy the fall there; it is always so beautiful!!
Bessie Bradford
Canon City, CO

Valley Tribune,
Please post my new address in the paper.
Johnnie Morrison
4509 Harvard Street
Amarillo, TX 79109
Thanks

NOTICE

Of Vote On Tax Rate

The Briscoe County Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of Briscoe County from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 2.9853% on September 30 at 6 p.m.

The Briscoe County Commissioners Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 30 at 6:15 p.m. in the Briscoe County Courtroom.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	2003-04 Proposed	2004-2005 Proposed	Change
Taxable Property Evaluation	76,625,187.00	83,703,180.00	Increase 7,077,993.00
Effective Tax Rate	\$0.6765	\$0.6599	Decrease (0.0166)
Tax Revenue @ Effective Tax Rate	518,369.00	552,357.00	Increase 33,988.00
Adopted/Proposed Tax Rate	\$0.7200	\$0.6796	Decrease 3.00%
Tax Revenue @ Adopted/Proposed Tax Rate	551,701.00	568,847.00	Increase 17,146.00
Indebtedness as of 9-30-04			
General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Jury Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Precinct 1	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Precinct 2	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Precinct 3	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Precinct 4	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Fund Balances			
Justice of the Peace - Pct 1 Adm	7,168.00	9,172.20	Increase 2,004.20
Justice of the Peace - Pct 2 Adm	1,320.00	1,903.68	Increase 583.68
Peace Officer Education	2,628.00	3,180.14	Increase 552.14
Court House Security	12,527.00	8,066.30	Decrease (4,460.70)
Records Management	10,539.00	8,713.84	Decrease (1,825.16)
General Fund (From Page 6)	364,974.97	317,361.75	Decrease (47,613.22)
Jury Fund (From Page 7)	92,693.15	82,947.75	Decrease (9,745.40)
Precinct 1 (From Page 8)	30,165.23	35,750.09	Increase 5,584.86
Precinct 2 (From Page 9)	61,216.19	70,646.61	Increase 9,430.42
Precinct 3 (From Page 1)	79,011.62	83,983.35	Increase 4,971.73
Precinct 4 (From Page 1)	64,954.82	70,146.61	Increase 5,191.79
Total Funds	727,197.97	691,872.31	Decrease (35,325.66)
County Judge			
Judges Salary (County)	18,282.50	18,282.50	No Change
Judges State Supp Salary	10,000.00	10,000.00	No Change
County and District Clerk			
Clerks Salary	20,623.00	20,623.00	No Change
Treasurer			
Treasurers Salary	18,048.00	18,048.00	No Change
Tax Assessor-Collector			
Tax Assessor-Collector Salary	18,048.00	18,048.00	No Change
County Attorney			
Attorney Salary	16,980.00	16,980.00	No Change
Attorney State Supp Salary	16,950.00	16,950.00	No Change
Justice of the Peace #1			
JP Salary	12,486.00	12,486.00	No Change
Justice of the Peace #2			
Salary	11,868.00	11,868.00	No Change
County Sheriff			
Sheriff Salary	25,980.00	25,980.00	No Change
Extension Service			
Total Budget	31,984.71	31,984.71	No Change
Courthouse Operation & Maint.			
Total Courthouse Op & Maint	45,327.81	65,327.81	Increase 20,000.00
Jury Fund			
Total Jury Fund	26,822.59	27,060.40	Increase 237.82
Precinct #1			
Commissioner Salary	9,800.00	9,800.00	No Change
Precinct #2			
Commissioner Salary	9,800.00	9,800.00	No Change
Precinct #3			
Commissioner Salary	9,800.00	9,800.00	No Change
Precinct #4			
Commissioner Salary	9,800.00	9,800.00	No Change

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THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM...

BY: LAURA TAYLOR

The following was sent to me by Donna Hamilton, and I thought it was well worth passing on to you. With all the important issues facing us now, it is important that we all make an effort to understand the issues, make an informed decision and vote our conscience in the November election. It's our lives, our country, our government and our choice, make it count.

Courage In Women Is Often Mistaken For Insanity

Do you ever wonder what to say to all those women who are considering not voting this year?

REMEMBER HOW WOMEN GOT TO VOTE.....

The women were innocent and defenseless. And by the end of the night, they were barely alive. Forty-prison guards wielding clubs and their warden's blessing went on a rampage against the 33 helpless women wrongly convicted of "obstructing sidewalk traffic." They beat Lucy Burn, chained her hands to the cell bars above her head and left her hanging for the night, bleeding and gasping for air. They hurled Dora Lewis into a dark cell, smashed her head against an iron bed and knocked her out cold. Her cellmate, Alice Cosu, thought Lewis was dead and suffered a heart attack.

Additional affidavits describe the guards grabbing, dragging, beating, choking, slamming, pinching, twisting and kicking the women. Thus unfolded the "Night of Terror" on Nov. 15, 1917, when the warden at the Occoquan Workhouse in Virginia ordered his guards to teach a lesson to the suffragists imprisoned there because they dared to picket Woodrow Wilson's White House for the right to vote. For weeks, the women's only water came from an open pail. Their food—all of it colorless slops—was infested with worms. When one of the leaders, Alice Paul, embarked on a hunger strike, they tied her to a chair, forced a tube down her throat and poured liquid into her until she vomited. She was tortured like this for weeks until word was smuggled out to the press.

So, refresh my memory. Some women won't vote this year because—why, exactly? We have carpool duties? We have to get to work? Our vote doesn't matter? It's raining?

HBO's new movie "Iron Jawed Angels" is a graphic depiction of the battle these women waged so that we could pull the curtain at the polling booth and have our say. There was a time when I knew these women well. I met them in college—not in my required American history courses, which barely mentioned them, but in women's history class. That's where I found the irrepressibly brave Alice Paul. Her large, brooding eyes seemed fixed on my own as she stared out from the page. "Remember!" she silently beckoned.

Remember, I thought I always would. I registered voters throughout college and law school, worked on congressional and presidential campaigns until I started writing for newspapers. When Geraldine Ferraro ran for vice president, I took my 9-year-old son to meet her. "My knees are shaking," he whispered after shaking her hand. "I'm never going to wash this hand again."

Frankly, voting often felt more like an obligation than a privilege. Sometimes, it was even inconvenient. My friend Wendy, who is my age and studied women's history, saw the HBO movie, too. When she stopped by my desk to talk about it, she looked angry. She was, with herself. "One thought kept coming back to me as I watched that movie," she said. "What would those women think of the way I use—or don't use—my right to vote? All of us take it for granted now, not just younger women, but those of us who did seek to learn." The right to vote, she said, had become valuable to her "all over again."

HBO will run the movie periodically before releasing it on video and DVD. I wish all history, social studies and government teachers would include the movie in their curriculum. I want it shown on Bunko night, too, and anywhere else women gather. I realize this isn't our usual idea of socializing, but we are not voting in the numbers that we should be, and I think a little shock therapy is in order.

It is jarring to watch Woodrow Wilson and his cronies try to persuade a psychiatrist to declare Alice Paul insane so that she could be permanently institutionalized. And it is inspiring to watch the doctor refuse. Alice Paul was strong, he said, and brave. That didn't make her crazy. The doctor admonished the men: "Courage in women is often mistaken for insanity."

— Author Unknown

Expert Gives Tips On Computer Security

There are five steps you can take today to keep from being a victim of cybercrime according to tips given by Dr. Eugene Spafford. Spafford, is a professor of computer sciences at Purdue University and one of the world's leading authorities on issues of security and cybercrime.

His security tips to the public are:

- 1. "Don't give out your personal information unless you know how it is being used, why it is needed, and how it is being stored. That includes Worldwide Web sites, contest forms, and warranty cards. Remember information is powerful so be careful who you give power to.
2. "Whenever you can, make decisions based on quality as well as price. Buying a car that goes off the road every 50 miles to save \$20 is not a good deal. Let's reward the vendors who do a better job of design.
3. "Tell your elected representatives that you are concerned about this area. Let them know you would like laws protecting your privacy. Let them know you would like more money spent on research regarding information security.
4. "Keep in mind that when something fails it is the result of a person and not a computer. The computers are easy to blame because they can't defend themselves.
5. "Learn how to safeguard your system and your information—that includes installing anti-virus software, using firewall, backing up your data, scanning for spyware, and installing patches."

If we could learn how to balance rest against effort, calmness against strain, quiet against turmoil, we would assure ourselves of joy in living and psychological health for life.

-Josephine Rathbone

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS Getting Registered for the First Time or Making Changes to Your Current Registration

Q: I'm not registered, but want to vote in November; how can I be sure that I'm registered in time to vote?

A: The deadline to register and be eligible to vote in the November 2, 2004 general election is October 4, 2004. This can be either the postmark date or the date the application is received in the office of the voter registrar. You may, of course, register at any time before that date to ensure that your registration is intact for voting in November. You can obtain a voter registration application from your voter registrar's office, libraries, most post offices, high schools.

* To request a postage-paid voter registration application: www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/reqvr.shtml

* For address/phone number of Voter Registrar: www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/votregduties.shtml

Q: If I send my registration by the deadline, when will I receive my voter certificate?

A: Your voter registration becomes effective 30 days after it is submitted and accepted, so you should receive your voter certificate within 30 days. Once received, be sure to read the information on the back of the certificate, sign by the X on the "front" of the card (the blue area) and keep your voter card in a safe place. This is what you will take with you to the polls to vote.

Q: I am registered to vote, but I moved this past year. Is there anything I need to do to make sure that I won't have a problem voting in November?

A: If you moved within the same county where you are currently registered, you must file the new address information in writing with your voter registrar OR you may submit the "in county" change online at: http://www.texasonline.state.tx.us/NASApp/sos/SOSACManager. The last day to make a change of address that will be effective for the November 2, 2004 election is October 4, 2004. If you miss this deadline, you may return to your old precinct to vote, but you will be required to complete a "statement of residence" confirming your new address in your new precinct.

* For address/phone number of Voter Registrar: www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/votregduties.shtml

A: If you moved to a new county, you must re-register in your new county of residence by October 4, 2004 to be eligible to vote in the November 2, 2004 election. If you miss this deadline, you may be eligible to vote a "limited" ballot. Contact the county clerk or elections administrator in your new county for information. You can also find information on this topic by going to: www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/pamphlets/specialearlyvoting.shtml

Q: I don't remember seeing my certificate lately. Is that a problem? Don't I just stay registered?

A: New certificates are mailed out every two years to the most recent address you gave to the voter registrar. If you do not recall receiving a new blue and white certificate in early 2004, it could mean that you have moved without updating, or there is some other problem with your registration. If the certificate was mailed to an old address, it was returned to the registrar, and you were placed on the "suspense list" in that county. This means you have a grace period that allows you to vote in the same county in your old precinct, but if you do not vote, your name will be removed from the rolls after two federal elections have passed since you were placed on the suspense list. If you did not receive your certificate because you moved to a new Texas county, you will need to re-register.

Q: I can't find my voter certificate/card. Will I be able to vote without it?

A: If you are a registered voter and you have lost or misplaced your voter certificate, you may vote without your certificate by providing some form of identification (such as a driver's license) and signing an affidavit at the polls. This is the procedure to follow if your voter registration is still current and your name appears on the voter rolls in your county of residence. You may also contact your county voter registrar to obtain a replacement certificate.

Q: How do I find out if I am registered to vote or if I am on the voter rolls in the county where I reside?

A: To inquire about the status of your voter registration, call the voter registrar's office in the county in which you reside. To find the number, go to: http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/votregduties.shtml and scroll to your county.

Q: Can anybody vote early in person, or only those people who are going to be out of town on election day? What are the dates for voting early in person?

A: Any registered voter may vote early by personal appearance (in person). Early voting by personal appearance for the November 2, 2004 election begins on October 18, 2004 and ends on October 29, 2004.

Q: Can anybody vote early by mail (also referred to as absentee voting)?

A: Only specific reasons entitle a person to vote early by mail (no longer called absentee voting). You may request a ballot if you:

- 1. will be away from your county on Election Day and during early voting;
2. are sick or disabled;
3. are 65 years of age or older on Election Day; or
4. are confined in jail.

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Texun Tawk

By Bill Sperry

Things That Are Among the Missing

Got to thinkin' about things that you used to see around the place and there's some things that you don't find anymore. My mother had an instrument called a colander. Now when I was a little one, it didn't look like it belonged in the kitchen. Since I'd seen the Wizard of Oz so many times I thought it was a hat for the tin man but I just couldn't remember him wearin' it so I was lost on it's function. Then when plum season came around, I saw what it did. Now it made sense.

Another item I haven't seen in a while is an ice pick, unless of course you're talking about a murder mystery. I've used an ice pick quite a bit making home made ice cream on the porch on Sunday. We had a hand crank job that held two gallon and you had to bear down to turn it, especially when it was about done. My job was to sit on the toe sack on top of it to hold it down while one of the bigger kids turned it. I was one of the real cool kids in school, one end anyway.

That crooked tool for adjusting brakes I guess has went the same way as buggy whips, just disappeared. Used to be you found one of those in every self-respecting mechanic's tool box. Do you still see those box end John Deere wrenches that were about three feet long? They weighed probably 6 or 8 pounds. One of my uncles hit the other with one of those once. Never did know what that was about. Did Stillson make all the pipe wrenches? Must have as that's all I've heard them called. Bye the way, it's not an adjustable wrench but a farmer's socket set or a Crescent.

Hadn't seen a set of rope pulley fence stretchers in a while. You could stretch that ole bob war so tight you could play a song on it. If it didn't "ping" it wasn't tight enough. If that stuff broke though, buddy, you'd better get your carcass out of the way or you'd be wearing a shiny new suit.

I don't know anything about harness and such but I think it was a single tree that we always had a couple of to hang hogs by the heels when we had a hog killing. I've not seen one of those in a coon's age. We had a single shot 22 my dad called a target that we use for hog killing. I've not seen a single shot in a while either. Can you still buy sugar cure?

I guess you're getting old when you can remember more of what's gone than you can figure out of what's here.

You are financially secure when you can afford anything you want and you don't want anything. -Art Buck

The work of science is to substitute facts for appearances and demonstrations for impressions. -John Ruskin



Last Week In Texas History!

- Sept 16, 1844**
The last of the Texas Mier Expedition prisoners were released from a Mexican prison.
- Sept 16, 1835**
Mexican Gen. Martin Perfecto de Còs made San Antonio his headquarters in the growing rebellion by the Texans.
- Sept 16, 1810**
Father Miguel Hidalgo began the first major move in the revolt against Spain by almost capturing Mexico City.
- Sept 17, 1942**
The Pantex Ordnance Plant produced its first bomb load.
- Sept 17, 1911**
The first airplane to fly from the east coast to the west coast, landed in Waco.
- Sept 17, 1879**
Andrew "Rube" Foster, the "father of Black baseball," was born in Calvert.
- Sept 17, 1842**
225 Texan Volunteers fought Mexican Gen. Adrian Woll at Salado Creek.
- Sept 18, 1964**
The Beatles played at the Dallas Auditorium.
- Sept 18, 1861**
Brig. Gen. Paul O. Hebert assumed command of all Texas Confederate troops.
- Sept 18, 1842**
Texas Ranger, John C. Hays with volunteer Matthew Caldwell and 225 Texans pushed Mexican Gen. Woll and his 1,200 men out of Salado Creek and toward Mexico. 100 Mexican soldiers were killed while no Texans were lost. The Texas were angry over Woll's capture of San Antonio a few days earlier.
- Sept 18, 1841**
Member of the Texas-Santa Fe Expedition ended a three week camp near Quitaque when the rescue party arrived with provisions and guides. Since they had first arrived at the confluence of the Quitaque and Los Lingos Creeks, the Texans had lost dozens of volunteer soldiers and merchants and 83 horses to Kiowa Indian raids. The expedition made camp at three other sites on Quitaque Creek before moving on to their eventual capture by Mexican soldiers at Santa Fe.
- Sept 18, 1841**
Sam Houston refused to sign the Texas-Yucatan Defense Treaty, the Republic Congress agreed to defend the Mexican state for \$8,000 per month!
- Sept 19, 1874**
Col. Ranald MacKenzie camped at the Freshwater Fork of the Brazos River in Kent County, here he organized the Southern Column and prepared them for battle. MacKenzie's Seminole Indian scouts told him they had found three Indian trails at the head of the Pease River northwest of present day Matador.
- Sept 19, 1854**
A hurricane struck Matagorda, demolishing all the houses and sinking several ships in the bay.
- Sept 19, 1819**
Jim Bowie used his knife for the first time in the bloody Vidalia Sandbar duel and the legend was born.
- Sept 20, 1910**
The first class at West Texas State Normal College was enrolled. Mamie Conner, the first child born in Randall County, was the first student enrolled. 227 students were enrolled after the first day.
- Sept 20, 1899**
A tornado struck Newlin, Loco, and Arlie. The "ill wind" caused considerable damage to farm houses and out buildings. Only minor injuries were reported.
- Sept 21, 1901**
The Childress post office was burglarized of \$609 in stamps, mail and \$252 in cash.
- Sept 21, 1884**
The city of Quanah was established in honor of the Kiowa Indian Chief Quanah Parker.
- Sept 21, 1882**
The Fort Worth and Denver City Railway ran out of funds as the tracks reached Wichita Falls.
- Sept 22, 1860**
Gov. Sam Houston spoke at a mass meeting of Union supporters in Austin. At the age of 60 and ill, Houston made what was said to be the finest speech of his career, but was misunderstood by the crowd.
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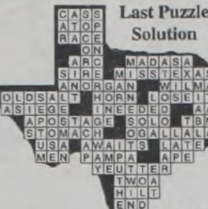
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By Clint Harmon

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By Clint Harmon

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