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the Caprock Canyons"



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BRISCOE COUNTY

QUITAQUE, TX 79255

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1995

Calendar Of Events

October 26

Triple L Club
Jr. Hi 5 p.m. H
TAAS Exit Reading
Early Out School Day for Staff
Development 1:30 p.m.

October 26

Jr. H Spur H 5 p.m.

October 27

HS @ Spur 7:30 p.m.

October 28

Halloween Carnival @ Turkey

October 29

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Attend Church of Choice
Briscoe County 4-H Banquet

October 30

Beginning of Red Ribbon Week
@ Valley

October 31

Halloween

November 1

Par-professional Training In
Amarillo

November 2

Quitaque Senior Citizens

Valley School Board Holds Regular Meeting

The Turkey-Quitaque ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday, October 16, 1995 at 8 p.m. in the Valley School Cafeteria.

U. F. Coker Jr. was nominated as a candidate for the Tax appraisal Board of Director for Hall County.

The board of trustees reviewed and approved the Policy Update 49.

The group elected to allow an early-out school day on October 26th. Children will leave the school for home at 1:30 p.m.

On November 15th members of the board of trustees will be able to attend a Legal Seminar at Amarillo.

Board members in attendance were Brent Guest, Don House, Rusty Henson, Clinton Pigg and Gregg Ramsey. Superintendent Jerry Smith and Dana Chambliss, Business Manager were also at the meeting.

Early Voting Began Last Wednesday

Early voting began in Briscoe County Wednesday, 18, 1995 at 8:00 a.m.

If you need to vote early for the November 7 general election, you may do so by going to the office of County and District Clerk Bess McWilliams in the Briscoe County Courthouse between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays. The office will be closed from 12 noon until 1 p.m. for the lunch hour.

The general election ballot has 14 proposed amendments to the state constitution. Early voting closes at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31.

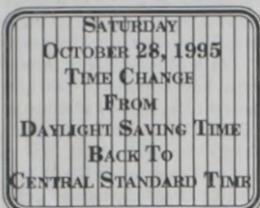
You do not have to present a reason for early voting.

UIL Re-alignment October 27

On October 27, 1995 the realignment numbers will be turned in from Valley School as well as other Texas schools. From these figures it will be determined what UIL classification Valley School will be in, example (Class 1A, etc).

November 1, Training In Amarillo For Valley

On November 1, 1995 teacher aides from Valley School will be traveling to Amarillo to the Education Center for par-professional training.



Week's Weather

DATE	PREC	LO	HI
Oct 18	---	47	85
Oct 19	---	49	87
Oct 20	---	34	70
Oct 21	---	36	72
Oct 22	---	43	86
Oct 23	---	43	91
Oct 24	---	30	62



Earl Patrick and Olin Patrick enjoy the Antique Tractor Show Saturday during the Caprock Canyon Trails Day.

Fall Foliage Fest Successful

Mother nature was kind to us as people milled around town to enjoy the Foliage Fest.

The flea market/craft sale was a beehive of activity as patrons purchased everything from Halloween cookies and pumpkins to craft items and Hermit crabs.

Maybell and John Francis and Janice Hill stepped into the country music breach caused by the recent illness of Jerry Chambliss. Toe tapping music and beautiful voices echoed up and down Main Street.

Most of the businesses on Main Street added a scarecrow to the assortment that We the Women provided for Scarecrow Lane. Several residents also entered into the spirit of the Fall Foliage fest with scarecrows in their yards. Comments were heard all day concerning how clean the town looked, how beautiful the decorations were, and how much spirit our community has.

Quitaque and Mother Nature gave their best. The Health Fair at the First National Bank was hosted by Sammie and Delos Johnson for the Quitaque Lions and by Ronda Alexander of the Briscoe County Extension Service. Lions Sweetheart, Janet Ross, was also a hostess.

The Health Fair was well-attended with 55 registered and 23 flu shots given.

Delos summed it up with "We had a good day!" There were more registered this year and more flu shots given. I think everyone was pleased.

The Antique Tractor Show was judged by "peoples choice" and each person who came by to look at the tractors was given a card to vote on his preference. The cards were then counted by Michelle Pointer and Sut Patrick to determine who received the most votes. J.M. (corky) Garner placed 1st, Jim Olson of Plainview placed 2nd and Clanney Suffield of Amarillo placed

Halloween Carnival Saturday Night

by Ann Coker

The Women's Auxiliary of the Turkey Fire Department will be sponsoring their annual Halloween Carnival this Saturday night, October 28th in the gym at the Bob Wills Center. The Carnival will begin at 6 p.m.

The Women's Auxiliary will provide a Hay Ride, a Fish Pond, a Bean Bag Toss and the Concession Stand.

The Spook House, which is always quite popular with young and old alike, will be done by the Fire boys.

The Booster Club is planning on an event, probably a Sponge or Football throw.

The Turkey Proud Committee will sponsor Bingo in the old cafeteria. They will begin playing at 7:30. Lots of good and exciting prizes will be awarded to the winners.

The Cake Walk, always a popular event, is being sponsored by the American Cancer Association and all profits will be donated to this very worthy organization.

The Ladies Auxiliary reported their Halloween Dance was quite a great success. They do appreciate all those who supported them with their presence.

Remember to come, eat, play and enjoy the Halloween Carnival this Saturday night, October 28th. There will be something for young and old.

No More Commodities Scheduled This Year

All Commodity Distributors have been notified that the commodity program funds have been held up in Congress. The Panhandle Community Services have been told by the Texas Department of Human Services staff that there will be no other commodities to be received this year.

The Texas Department of Human Services will notify the Panhandle Community Services should any change occur regarding this matter.

If you have any questions, please call 806/372-2531 and speak to Pualetta Flores who is Program Coordinator.

FSA To Elect New Members

All three communities in Briscoe County will elect new members this year to serve on the FSA County Committee. All eligible voters are encouraged to nominate candidates. Nomination petitions are available at the FSA office. These petitions must be returned to the Briscoe FSA office by October 30th.

The election will be conducted from November 24, 1995 to December 4, 1995. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters and must be returned to this office or post marked by December 4, 1995. Individuals from each LAA receiving the most votes will be the COC member, candidates receiving the second largest number of votes will be the 1st alternate, and the candidate receiving the third largest number of votes will be the 2nd alternate. The length of each Committee member's term will be decided by lot, by the current COC prior to the upcoming election.

The Tour of Homes sponsored by We the Women was very successful and the exhibit of antique and unusual glassware drew rave reviews from the tour groups. The exhibit was held at the Church of Christ and the fall decorations were the perfect backdrop for vase line glass, cobalt blue glass, depression glass, Italian blown glass and beautiful china and figurines.

The guests were served punch and cookies at the end of the tour. It was the nicest way to end the day.

The Bag O' Books sale at Caprock Public Library was a browsers delight. After looking through several tables and many boxes of books, one lady remarked that her eyes would give out before she finished looking. Although the crowds were smaller than expected, the weather was perfect and the Library had a successful day. Two out of three isn't bad.

The Senior Citizens were up bright and early to serve coffee and donuts for early arrivals and acted as a welcoming committee for all. A wonderful meal of stew, cornbread, and dessert was served at lunch.

The drawing for the silverware set and figurine set was held and Weldon Purcell won the silverware set and Buddy Price, the figurine set.

Tax Notices

"In The Mail"

1995 property tax notices have now been mailed out to all taxpayers owning property, both real and personal in Briscoe County according to Carlye Fleming, chief appraiser.

Payments are due January 31. Residents will be charged interest and penalties of 7 percent on unpaid balances beginning February 1, 1996. Penalties increase monthly beginning in March.

For taxpayers unable to pay in one payment, the appraisal district can accept partial payments. In this way, taxpayers can split their payments from October through January.

Penalties and interest on unpaid balances will still be assessed after January 31.

Tax rates over-all are about the same as last year and in some instances slightly lower. Both Briscoe County and the City of Quitaque have lowered their rate this year. 1995 total taxable values in all taxing entities increased slightly over the 1994 values. This was mainly due to a small increase in the utilities and vehicles categories.

Briscoe County appraisal District collects taxes for the following taxing entities: Briscoe County, Silverton I.S.D., City of Silverton, City of Quitaque and Mchenzie Water Authority.

4-H Banquet Upcoming

by Ronda Alexander

Sunday, October 29 beginning at 7:30 p.m., many Briscoe County 4-H'ers will be recognized for their accomplishments during the 1994-95 4-H year. Others who will be honored for their outstanding service to the Briscoe County 4-H program include Briscoe County 4-H leaders and supporters.

The annual banquet will be held at the Silverton School Cafeteria. 4-H families and special guests are reminded to contact the Extension Office by Thursday at 5:00 p.m. to let us know the number from their family who will be attending.

Special awards to be presented include: Gold Star Awards, "I Dare You" Awards and Silver Spur Awards, just to name a few. For more information about the Briscoe County 4-H achievement Banquet or the Briscoe County 4-H Program, please contact the Briscoe County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at 806/823-2131, ext. 11.

The great pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself too.

—Samuel Butler

THEN and NOW!

by Eunice McFall

Do you shop with your hometown merchants? Why or why not? These are questions that we really should give some serious thoughts! It seems each year that our small town America gets smaller in the business district. We do occasionally have some new businesses open up but we also have a few of the old business closing their doors. Is there anything that the ordinary person can do to help our small towns grow? If so what?

Ann Coker brought in some reasons for shopping at home.

1. The clerk doesn't look at you funny when you say you're from Quitaque or Turkey.
2. You don't have to fill up your car or pick-up twice in one day.
3. Your sales tax builds up the Turkey-Quitaque economy, not the big city's economy.
4. Four Words: No Snooty Mall Clerks!
5. It's more fun shopping with friends than being elbowed by rude shoppers in the malls.
6. You don't need a map to find your car in a parking lot.
7. When you get back to your car—it's there!
8. You drive all over the city looking for something you need and then find it at home.
9. If you are unable to carry your groceries home—the grocer will deliver them.
10. The main reason for shopping Hall or Briscoe Counties—your neighbors need the jobs.

Thirty or forty years ago everyone in the country came to town on Saturday night—to shop, to see a show or to just visit with all their friends and neighbors who are also in town. This seems to be a by-gone era as everyone tries to leave town on Saturday. Most of our small towns do not have any cars in town on Saturday evening where in those days you had to hunt for a parking place!

Many of the changes since 1955 have been good ones but I certainly think that we have lost a lot of the small town flavor by not continuing the tradition of "going to town on Saturday." The whole family looked forward to the event, in fact I think it was the high point of almost everyone's week. After working hard all week, it was very enjoyable to just stroll down the street and greet all your hardworking neighbors and friends. A treat that most of the young people who have grown up with television and cars to travel to the big city to see the shows or for dining out will never experience. I cannot help but feel that this has been one of the factors that has caused the closing of so many small businesses. That and the paper work that must accompany small business to survive.

How can we help retain the flavor of the small towns of yesterday? Mostly by supporting our local businesses in every way possible. Of course there is two sides to the coin—the businesses must be able to supply the needs of their customers. Personally I think our area businesses do the very best that they are able to with what they have to work with today. Please give some thought to that neighbor down the street that is also your business owner, and if you would like to see his business to remain open—give him your business.



Central
Standard Time
Returns Sunday,
October 29

Turkey News

Things Seen or Heard

by: Ann Coker

Donna Proctor visited in the home of her parents, Boyd and Iona Lane last week. Donna came down from Amarillo on Tuesday and stayed until Thursday. Iona stated they had lots of good visiting time together.

Del Ray House returned to her home from the Memphis Hospital. Mrs. House was hospitalized with a blood clot behind her knee. While she was in the hospital she received a visit from Mayfair Meacham, her sister who lives in Albuquerque.

Visiting with Les and Sue Hall last week-end were Les' parents. They live in Ft. Davis.

Ruth Adams reported that her mother, Mrs. Robison, is in the hospital at Methodist in Lubbock. Mrs. Robison had been living in a home in Floydada.

Also Ruth stated that her brother, Joe Lee Robison's wife is seriously ill in the hospital in Oklahoma. Joe Lee lives in Wagner, Oklahoma.

The Turkey Drive-In was closed last Monday. Linda Ferguson, owner was in Memphis with her mother, Zona Lane who was taken by ambulance to the Memphis Hospital.

While Sherrod and Nelda Arnold of Amarillo were in Dallas recently to attend the State Fair, they were in line to visit the booth that was operated by Scott and Jane Johnson from Hotel Turkey. They had a booth to further advertise their Sweet Potato Pancakes. Sherrod reported there was quite a long line to get to the booth, but when Scott looked up and saw Sherrod, he pitched him a bag of Sweet Potato Pancake mix. Someone in the crowd asked why did he receive special treatment. Scott replied, quite loudly, "Because he's from Turkey!"

Sherrod reported they did quite well with their booth.

Later we learned that Scott became quite ill and had to be hospitalized in Dallas. We all hope Scott is doing much better.

Last Sunday was Vera Guest's birthday. Mozelle Eudy called her sister on Sunday to wish her a Happy Birthday. Vera reported she had had a great birthday. Her son, Don and family had taken her out to dinner, and she had received many beautiful cards from her friends in Turkey. She was quite thrilled with all her cards and phone calls.

I received a phone call from Lyda (Whittington) Reep last Sunday. Lyda and family were Turkey residents many years ago.

While living here, Lyda and her husband adopted a girl, Carolyn. At the same time the Richard Rivers also adopted two of Carolyn's brothers and one of her sisters.

Carolyn had three girls and they are wanting to know something about their mother's family. If anyone knows where they can contact one of the Rivers children that was also adopted, Lyda wants you to contact her.

Lyda lives in the country near Hale Center. She said her neighbor, Winnie Gonca receives the Valley Tribune and they share it.

If anyone knows the location of these Rivers children, please call Lyda at 806-839-2860

I received a letter last week that I really enjoyed and appreciated. It was from Cheryl (Merrell) Cooper who now lives in Snyder. She stated her husband, Cliff is the pastor of a church there and her two children are now in the 3rd and 6th grade.

Cheryl stated that when she reads my column she remembers sitting in the basement at Valley High School in study hall. I'm grading papers and she is doing her homework and they're visiting. I doubt if either of us got much work done.

Cheryl said her schedule is quite busy being a housewife, mother, and pastor's wife, but she may begin some substitute teaching later this year.

I enjoyed hearing that she enjoyed reading about my kids too.

Cheryl enclosed a copy of a sheet of a magazine called "Taste of Home". In the magazine she found this quote, "There's an 'entree' located in the Texas Panhandle", reports Lee Hill-Nelson of Waco, "When cowboys spotted flocks of gobblers roosting around their camp, they dubbed my unique hometown Turkey." Lee is the daughter of the late Garland Hills of Turkey.

She does quite a lot of writing and we receive some of her notes once in a while.

Chlorene Melton who had been at her daughter's and son-in-law's, Jo Ann & Jack Mc Fall in Silverton was taken by ambulance to the Plainview Methodist Hospital Friday. She is reported to be making progress.

Hubert and Delores Price were recent visitors in Austin. They visited in the home of their daughter and family, Sherice and Kevin Bench and daughter.

We received a phone call from our grandson, Zach Hamilton, the other night. We bought \$10.00 worth of popcorn via phone. He is selling to make money for his Cub Scouts, but he didn't know what the money was to be used for. Josh was too busy playing computer to talk to me, but he did talk to Coker for a few minutes.

Linda is still staying quite busy with her youth group at the church. She said they enjoyed doing things and having things planned for them, but they don't want to do any of the work.

Brenda's volleyball team is now tied for first place with Utopia. If Utopia and Sabinal neither lose a game this week, they will have to play a play-off game next week.

Our son Kim and his daughter, Makenzie, had a lot of fun last week-end. Lisa spent two days in Houston doing some shopping and Kim and Makenzie spent lots of good time together. He said they spent lots of time outside gathering up acorns and putting them in piles.

This last entry can be blamed on Cheryl Cooper. She made the mistake of saying that she enjoyed reading about my kids!

Bonnie Hill enjoyed last Sunday with a buffet lunch and an afternoon of visiting, etc. Those present were Lynn Davis, Hunter and Sheridan and Carol Weatherly of Memphis; Joe David and Janis Payne of Plainview; Bob and Janis Russell and Charles Daniel. It was an "almost" family reunion.

It was good to see Johnny Fuston in town last week. Johnny was visiting with James and Denny Fuston.

Daniel Jenkins is home from the hospital. He was quite glad to be home and feeling much better. Olen and Margaret Lane of Midland were in town last week-end to attend Olen's class reunion. They also visited in the home of Rita and Tracy Guest and in the home of Zona Lane.



Gwen Lane and James Waller Announce Engagement

Bob and Wanda Lane of Lockney, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gwen, to James M. Waller of Temple, son of Jerry and Sue Waller of Groesbeck, Texas.

Miss Lane teaches at the Academy at Little River. The future bridegroom is employed as an engineer with C.S.I., Inc., in Temple, Texas.

The couple are to be married November 18, 1995 in Groesbeck at the First United Methodist Church. After a wedding trip to the Rockies, they will reside in Temple.

Miss Lane is the granddaughter of Mrs. Foy Lane of Turkey.



Proctor & Russell Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Russell IV of Van Horn announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Ann, to Justin Will Proctor, son of Alvin and Georgia Proctor of Tulia.

Miss Russell is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Russell III of Marfa. She is a 1989 graduate of Van Horn High School and attended Texas Tech and Tarleton State Universities.

Proctor, grandson of Izell Proctor of Turkey, is a 1991 graduate of Plainview High School and received a bachelor's degree in business administration/marketing from Tarleton State in May. He is a mud engineer for Baroid Drilling Fluids, Inc., a subsidiary of Dresser Industries in Houston.

The couple will be married December 16 at the First Baptist Church of Van Horn.

50th Year Reunion a Big Success

The 1945 graduating Class of Turkey High School met to observe their 50th year Saturday, October 21, 1995. There were a lot of tears, hugs and laughter, as some were here for the first time. This was the third reunion. Ruby (Stoud) Ericson won the prize for traveling the most miles. Juanette Case gave a quiz on their Senior year. The highlight of the day was a "welcome" given by Turkey's Mayor, George Colvin, on behalf of his late father, George Ray Colvin who coached these guys in football. Everyone of the men there, who were in the class, played football.

Those attending were: Nelvie (Parker) and G. W. Wood, Lubbock; Birt and Pat Lane, Plainview; Scott and Sue Clark, Plainview; Ruth (Fuston) and Eldon Lyles, Childress; Fay and Rose Parker, Vernon; Ida (Faulkner) and Bill Farley, Turkey; Olen and Margaret Lane, Midland; John Harold and Pat Shannon, Killeen; Ruby (Stroud) and Eric Ericson, Cherokee Village, Ark; Gracie (Bell) Spencer, Gallup, NM; Jack and Jeanette (Barnhill) Case, Matador; Billy and Patsy Lyles, Turkey; Oleta (Cunningham) and Louis Randall, Turkey; Billie Jean (Geissler) and B. J. Robison, Turkey. Visitors were Paulette Lipscomb, Amarillo; Sally Barnhill, La Jolla, CA; Beth Lyles, Lorene Setliff, Willie Majors, Buster and Gladys Hanna and Rita Guest all of Turkey.

The class voted to have another reunion in 1997.

Idleness is the beginning of all vices, the crown of all virtue.

—Franz Kafka

Turkey FCEC News

by Kristi Morgan, Reporter

The Turkey Family Community Education Club met on Monday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bob Wills Center. Two visitors and three new members were present with the group. Jonetta and Linda from the Plum Thicket shop in Silverton gave a very informative and enjoyable program on wreath-making with dried flowers and displayed several items that they sell in their shop. After the program a very delicious snack of sweet potato pancakes and muffins along with sausages was provided by Jane Johnson and Mary Jo Barnhill. Upcoming club events will be a bake sale on November 18th in front of the old Gem Theater. The club's next meeting will be on November 20, with Beverly Logsdon of Memphis giving a program on making angels.



MARKETS	
CORN	DEC. 3300
K.C. WHEAT	DEC. 5180
LIVE CATTLE	OCT. 6580
COTTON	DEC. 8350

Temperature extremes for the week were 91 for the high and 30 for the low. Total rainfall for the week was 0 inches. Total rainfall for the year to date has been 28.03 inches.

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•A Newspaper about Happenings at the Valley School, by students, teachers, and advisors. •



Briana Sperry

Student Council Historian
Briana Sperry, 16 is the daughter of Terry & Jackie Sperry of Quitaque. She has one brother, Will and two sisters, Celeste & Scarlet. A junior at Valley High this is Briana's first year with the Student Council. She was elected to the office of Historian. Among her favorites at school are World Geography and Basketball. Briana idolizes Ex-Tech Basketball player Sheryl Swoops and her sister Celeste, who she looks up to. If she could make one thing different about the world, she would like to change the way our government works.

District Cross Country Races

By: Coach Jeffcoat
The results of the races that were held on Oct. 23 are as follows:
Varsity Girls:
10th place Rosario Mendoza
Varsity Boys:
1st place P Jay Merrell
9th place Miguel Mendoza
Boys team placed 2nd as a team and will advance to regional on Nov. 4th in Lubbock.
Team Members:
P Jay Merrell
Miguel Mendoza
Fernando Pozos
Reuben Martinez
Archie Ortega
Kevin Carter
George Pigg

Jr High Pep Club News

by: *klm woods*
This year the cheerleaders & pep club have been working very hard. This week, October 26, we will be visited by some old spooks. Next week, Nov. 2, we will be visited by the Valley Munchkins. Our last pep rally will be on Nov. 9. This will be a tribute to the eighth graders.

Red Ribbon Week Essays

Rhonda Roger's eighth grade reading class, after doing research on drug and alcohol use and abuse, wrote the following articles. These articles were written in preparation for the upcoming Red Ribbon Week October 30 - November 30.

Please Remember Me

By: *Paige Nielsen*
Hi, my name is Jason and I am one of God's special children. I am 6 months old and I weigh 10 lbs. I was born 3 months early and weighed 2 lbs. I want to tell you my story. It's not a very nice one. My Mom wasn't very smart when she was pregnant with me. She liked to party and do drugs before and after she conceived me and she still did the same thing even though the doctor told her not to. He said she was putting me in danger and that I might not be normal or that I might even die. He said using crack and heroin, or any drug could cause me to be deformed, physically and adding alcohol would only make things worse. But my mom didn't listen. So when I was born, I was addicted to crack and had fetal alcohol syndrome. That meant I was having withdrawals and cravings. My brain and head was larger than normal babies. I had severe facial abnormalities and had no arms or legs, only stumps. My doctor said I would die, but (some how) I survived. I was on a breathing machine with lots of tubes hanging out of me. The nurses would come by and cry because they felt sorry for me.

I haven't left the hospital yet but my mom has. She took one look at me and screamed. I heard the nurses tell each other that when I get to go home, I will have special parents to care for me. I don't know what would be better to go home or to go to heaven. So that's the end of my story. If any of you mothers out there read this story, I hope you remember me and think about your babies. Please, don't let them go through the pain and suffering I'm going through. Don't use drugs, and don't drink alcohol during pregnancy. Maybe your child will have a better life than I will have.

Always,
Jason

Drug Free Is The Way To Be

By: *Mindy*
Some people do not realize how important being drug free really is. Did you know: 1 out of 6 teens who use alcohol or other drugs will become addicted. 65% of high school students have had experience with drugs other than alcohol by the time they graduate. Adolescents can become an alcoholic in 6-18 months. It takes an adult 5-15 years. Many young people do not choose between alcohol and marijuana--they use them simultaneously. All drugs are dangerous but cocaine is the most addictive of all illegal drugs, often leading to compulsive use. It is the only drug that laboratory animals will self-administer until they overdose and die. I'd like to challenge the youth of today to "Choose to be drug free." This is one thing that I will never be embarrassed to say, "I am drug free and plan to stay that way!"

School Menu

- Monday**
Pizza
French Fries
Pickles
Cookies/Fruit
- Tuesday**
Fried Chicken
Cream Gravy
Layered Salad
Biscuit
- Wednesday**
Hamburger Steak
Salad
Hot Rolls
- Thursday**
Beef Enchilada
Chips
Spanish Rice
Fruit Jello
- Friday**
Meat & Cheese Nachos
Chips
Refried Beans
Banana Pudding

Valley School

Red Ribbon Celebration

by *Rhonda Rogers*
This year, Red Ribbon Week at Valley School is set for October 30-November 3. The Red Ribbon Campaign has spread across the nation. It has been adopted by individuals and families...and the communities in which they live...as they adopt an attitude of intolerance for the use of drugs, and mobilize to eliminate the demand for unlawful drugs that many experts believe is the catalyst for violent crimes in this country. The Red Ribbon symbolizes the commitment of countless citizens fighting to reduce both the demand and supply of illegal drugs.

The theme for this year's Texas Campaign goes beyond the symbolism of the red ribbon and asks our families, friends, and neighbors to emphasize that people can "Choose To Be Drug Free."
According to a 1990 fact sheet from the American Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, one of every four American families blamed alcohol abuse or alcoholism for serious family problems, such as abuse and financial problems. Also in 1990, 10.5 million Americans showed signs of alcoholism or alcohol dependence. Experts estimate that by 1995, the number will have risen to 11.2 million. The Valley School is taking a stand to "Choose To Be Drug Free" by participating in many

activities throughout next week. Some of the activities are as follows:

- *Kindergarten through second grade will participate in the Red Ribbon Stuffed animal contest. Each student will dress his/her favorite stuffed animal in red along with having a drug-free slogan attached.
- *Third through fifth graders will enter a poster contest using the "Choose To Be Drug-Free" theme.
- *Special guest during Red Ribbon Week will be a member of the Texas Tech Red Raider Football Team. Date and time will be announced. The community is invited to attend this motivational program.
- *Wednesday will be Dress In Red Day.
- *Visits to all grades by Rhonda Rogers, counselor, to present programs on drug prevention and leading a drug-free life.
- *Red Ribbon Talent Show will be Friday at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria. Valley students will present talent. The communities are encouraged to attend this entertaining show.

There may be more beautiful times; but this one is ours.
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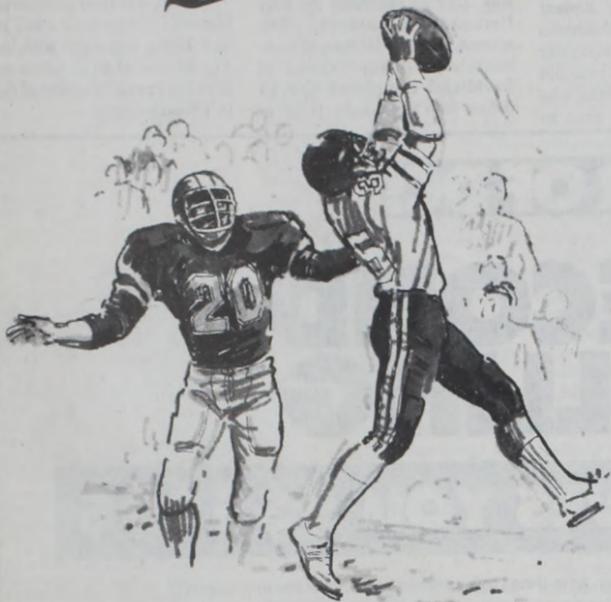
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Emergency Farm Loan Application Being Accepted

Application for emergency farm loans for losses caused by excessive rains, winds and tornadoes between June 2-8 are being accepted at the Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD) office located in Memphis, RECD County Supervisor John Perkins said today.

Hall County is one of four in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the physical loss.

Perkins said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000, 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 RECD emergency loan," Perkins said. Farmers participating in the PIK or 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 April 26, 1996 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Perkins said.

RECD 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.

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Rachel Monk Wins at Fair

Miss Rachel Monk of Ralls won a first place on her muffins in the Youth Department Breads, Junior Division at the South Plains Fair.

She entered seven rabbits and placed with five of them. A first on Senior Buck, first on Pre-Junior Buck, third on Pre-Junior doe, 5th on Senior Doe and 5th on Junior Doe.

Rachel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Monk. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Monk and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Purcell of Quitaque.

"Quitaque Quest" Deemed A Success Saturday

by Wilburn Leeper
"Quitaque Quest" mountain bike race was conducted last Saturday and by all accounts, was considered an enormous success. In all, 55 competitors registered and participated in almost every age classification and experience category. Many hotly contested races brought an air of excitement to the spectators and riders alike. The talent of the competitors thrilled those who watched as they rode down Eagles Point Trail at 30 miles per hour and only inches apart.

The Expert riders started the day of racing with eight participants and were followed at two minute intervals by the Sport riders and then the Beginners category. The Expert and Sport

riders competed within their age class and also for a winner-take-all \$50.00 purse. They set an almost unbelievable pace with the leader finishing the first 14 miles in one hour. Other riders were close behind. Chuck Spaug of Lubbock came in with the best time of 2:04:53. Damon Hughlett of Wolforth held the lead thru 18 miles but was forced to withdraw due to a flat tire. Bill Wyatt of Amarillo finished with the second best time in the Experts with 2:14:27.

The best finisher in the Sports category was Brandon Meniola of Lubbock with a time of 2:14:32, followed by Robert Stachuraski of Altus, Oklahoma in second place. The oldest rider in the event was a 57 year old Sport rider from El Paso who finished the 28 mile race in

3:43:40. Two women Sport riders competed in the event with a \$50 prize awarded to the winner. Both riders, Lizlie Castleberry of Clovis and Judy Austin of Lubbock, finished the 14 mile race with the exact time of 1:38:16 and shared the prize money.

The largest group of participants in the racing event was the Beginner category who rode one loop of 14 miles. The best over-all time for the Beginners was an outstanding 1:09:01 time turned in by Daniel Shepherd of Lubbock. The second best time was 1:12:42 recorded by Eloy Hernandez of Lubbock. Two women, Jessica Wilkes of Lubbock and Susan Neves of Levelland completed the 14 miles in the exact time of

3:18:53. Both won first place in their class.

The race course experienced by the riders at Caprock Canyons State Park was much more rugged than expected but was thoroughly enjoyed. Many expressed satisfaction with the course condition, (even the sandy creek bottoms), the race organization, and the efficient manner in which the volunteer workers carried out their responsibilities. Park personnel were applauded for their support and help during the race and in the preparation for the event.

It's nice to hear participants remark, "I'll be back next year and bring someone with me." The success of an event is measured in the satisfaction of those to whom we cater.

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-Psalm 23

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Worship 10:30 a.m.

The Valley Tribune
Levelland Festival
November 4 & 5
Persons ready to start Christmas shopping will find a variety of gift ideas at the Levelland Marigolds Arts & Crafts Festival set for November 4th and 5th. The festival will be held in the down Room and Women's Bazaar will be held in the South Plains College lounge at South College in Levelland. It will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 5th. The festival is their 20th Bazaar. There will be between 65 and 75 booths this year.
There is no admission to this show. Children's meals and snacks will be available by Marriott's sub area which is located in the hall from the Gymnasium to the Sundown Room. This area is a large area with tables and chairs for eating and relaxing.
For more information please call 806/894-6726, 806/895-1111 or 806/894-6440.

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FLOMOT NEWS by Earlyne Jameson OVERHEARD

A four year old boy recently attended a costume party dressed as Batman. Approaching a little girl in a cat costume, he confided: "Underneath this I am really Bruce Wayne."

"Puzzled, the little girl looked down at her own outfit. 'Underneath this, I am naked,' she said."

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

A luncheon in the home of Tommie and Ray Cruse Sunday, October 22, was a celebration of birthdays with all the trimmings for Tommie and daughter, Mrs. Darla Gwinn of Whiteflat.

Those attending the happy occasion were Ray Cruse, Darla's family, James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle, of Whiteflat; Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star, houseguest of Tommie and Ray Cruse; Mrs. Derinda Patton, Thor and Tory of Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bedwell, Mrs. Sherry Lane and sons of Plainview; Deidra and Larry Clifton, Monica and Skylar of Matador; Darrell Cruse, Leah, Keane and Derrick and Judy and Donnie Cruse and Roegan of Flomot. Mrs. Darrell Cruse, and Talon Cruse were on the sick list.

BAPTIST CHURCH TO HAVE SPECIAL SERVICES

The First Baptist Church of Flomot will have special services Sunday, October 29, at 11:00 a.m., "Great Day in the Morning," followed by a covered dish luncheon in the fellowship hall. Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m., the first organized meeting of Adults on Missions will be held at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bond of Tulsa, OK visited last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bond.

Jack and Nada Starkey are in Amarillo for her cardiac tests and treatment. They are staying with son and family Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey in Canyon.

Visiting during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter and attending the homecoming game in Matador were daughters Keri and Christi of Texas Tech, and Dwain Milan of Petersburg. Keri returned to Lubbock Saturday for Tech's homecoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Dunn of Dimmitt visited from Tuesday til Thursday with Mrs. A. D. Moseley. Her grandson Jim Davis, a law student at Tech, visited her Friday enroute to Amarillo.

Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd and Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn martin visited John and Joyce Speer in Floydada Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter attended the Panhandle Chapter of Singing Men of Texas Thursday in Amarillo. They were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Jones. The Hunters visited her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. John Speer Friday before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hambright of Floydada visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin Thursday. Weekend guests were their daughter and husband Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger. Marilee attended her MHS 1975 class reunion and Homecoming program in Matador Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Morris were in Afton Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vickery. Mr. Vickery suffered a stroke recently.

Mary Ellen Barton attended the Matador Homecoming and her 1940-41 class reunion Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee visited the weekend in Kerrville with their daughter Teresa and Robert McGraw, Kellan and Kacey.

Mrs. Clayton Pigg and sons Ben and Blake were in Lubbock Wednesday for Ben an optical appointment. They visited her daughter Krisse at Texas Tech before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers met Donna and Stanley Degan and Dane, of Kalgary in Crosbyton Friday night to attend the Crosbyton vs Post football game. Dane and his Crosbyton teammates won. Donna visited Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers. She had a booth at the weekend Running Water Draw Arts and Craft Show in Plainview. Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Leona Degan enjoyed attending the Show, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay and son Lane of Plainview visited the weekend with his family Mr. and

Mrs. Jerry Barclay and Ty. They attended the homecoming in Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cypert of Lockney visited her mother Mrs. C. W. Starkey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter were in Lubbock last Monday for Mr. Hunter a medical check-up. They had lunch with their daughter Mrs. Anita Hunter Carter.

Julie Clay, student of Methodist School of Nursing in Lubbock visited the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay.

Mrs. Twanna Starkey and children Tanya and Jackie moved this weekend to Quail, Texas. Her children will attend Wellington schools.

Mrs. Judy Heiskell of Dalhart visited from Friday until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gilbert. Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Welch of Amarillo visited the family Sunday. She is Mrs. Gilbert's sister.

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GOD'S LOVE LIGHTS THE FIRE IN THE COLORS OF AUTUMN

By light of the departing sun we find The heat of summer days is left behind, And frosty nights allow us to behold The leaves arrayed in flaming red and gold Before their brilliant colors turn to brown, And then, detached by wind come drifting down; Till every branch is stripped completely bare, And pungent smoke of bonfires fills the air. It's harvest time in every farmer's field, When crops that feed our nation with their yield Are gathered from the ground and off the vine, According to the heavenly design. Whatever House of Worship you attend, The lessons there will help you comprehend This season that the love of God has planned, When autumn's blazing colors paint the land



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INVITATION TO BID
The City of Turkey is now accepting bids for the following city equipment:

1977 Dodge ambulance, 1965 dump truck, 1973 GMC pickup, tar spreader and a street sweeper.

The following property is also being placed for bidding:

Lots 1-6 BLK 18 J&B
Lots 13,14 BLK 5 J&B
Lots 1-9 BLK 5 J&B
Lot 16 BLK 4 J&B

Bids will be opened November 9, 1995 at next Turkey City Council meeting.

The city reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 19 2tc

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Jacky Young, Ralls

WTU October Rate Reduction

Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) have issued an interim order allowing West Texas Utilities Company (WTU) to implement new, lower electric rates for its customers.

The issuing of the interim order comes after WTU and parties to the rate review agreed to the settlement to resolve all outstanding WTU regulatory issues.

Starting with October electric bills, a WTU residential customer taking basic service will see an approximate 7% decrease on a monthly electric bill, compared to the permanent rates in effect prior to October 1, 1994, when the interim 3.25% base rate reduction was implemented. This 7% decrease is based on an average usage of 1,000 kwh.

As part of the interim order issued by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Puct) ALJ's, WTU customers will also share in a one-time \$21 million refund, which will amount to approximately a \$50 credit on a monthly bill for residential customers taking basic service and using 1,000 kwh of energy. The refund will be spread over two months and reflected in October and November bills.

"We are pleased that the ALJ's agreed, after their review of the settlement, to allow the company to place the new electric rates in effect on an interim basis until the Commission can issue a final order," said Glenn Files, WTU chief executive officer and president.

"WTU entered the rate case with residential electric rates that ranked on average the fourth lowest of any investor-owned utility in Texas and because of the settlement our customers will enjoy rates that are even more competitive than before," Files added.

Prior to the rate case, WTU's commercial and industrial prices averaged 10% to 20% lower than the regional average.

"With even lower rates being implemented for commercial and industrial customers resulting from this settlement, we believe our communities will be in a better position than ever before to help West Texas grow and prosper," Files added. The settlement resolves the current proceeding involving deferred accounting treatment of the Oklaunion power plant; the current rate case; and the pending appeal of WTU's 1987 rate case; and issues relating to a fuel reconciliation, which involves a review of WTU's eligible fuel costs and how those charges are recovered in customer bills.

Specifically, the settlement results in an annual \$13.5 million retail base rate reduction, which includes \$5.9 million in reduced rates that took effect on Oct. 1, 1994, and an additional 2% reduction in rates due to a reduction in fuel factors.

The settlement also calls for a three-year freeze on base rates. WTU serves more than 180,000 electric customers in a 53,000 square mile area in 52 West Texas counties.

Yesteryear

Taken from *The Turkey Enterprise*, Thursday, October 28, 1948
Jake Honea Killed

Death struck suddenly Tuesday evening for Jake Honea, one of Briscoe County's best loved, most colorful and widely known citizens. He was killed instantly when his car, in which he was returning to his home at Silverton, from his farm at Quitaque, crashed into the rear of a pickup loaded with feed, driven by Elmer Vaughan, who was accompanied by his daughter. The Vaughans were badly shaken but not seriously injured.---

GNAVUS CLUB MET

The Gnavus Study Club met October 20, in the home of Mrs. Herbert Geisler.

The subject for the afternoon was "Foodstuff and Raw Material of South and Central America," with very interesting parts given by Mrs. Lewis Eudy and Mrs. George Setliff.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following members: Mrs. Gary Barnhill, Mrs. Harry Barnhill, Mrs. Lewis Eudy, Mrs.

David Guest, Mrs. Jim Guest, Mrs. Johnnie Houston, Mrs. Elmer Lacy, Mrs. Jake Lacy, Mrs. J. V. Mohon, Mrs. Tom Salem, Mrs. George Setliff, Mrs. George Stewart, Mrs. M. F. Achor, Mrs. Byron Young and the hostess Mrs. Herbert Geisler and one guest, Mrs. Reddell Irby.

Hostess for the November 3 meeting will be Mrs. David Guest. Leader, Mrs. Virgil Blackney with Mrs. John Lane and Mrs. Birt Degan taking parts on the program.---

YOUNG FOLKS HALLOWEEN PARTY AT METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Church was decorated very appropriately Tuesday night for the young people's Halloween party. As the group gathered their fortunes were told by Gypsy Jessie Coker.

Numerous games were played and refreshments, carrying out the Halloween theme, were served to the following guests:

Ann Powell, Barbara Blume, Anita Kay Green, Ella Rae Colvin, Jean Self, Peggy and June Geisler, Billy Fred Lacy, Tommy Russell, Kaherine Russell, Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Parmenter, Mrs. Jessie Coker, Mrs. M. T. Blume and Mrs. J. R. Russell.---

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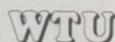
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