

Voice of the Caprock Canyons

The Valley Tribune

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Park worker leads Park buffalo to pens where they will be loaded into trucks and shipped to various other parks across the state. (Photo by Eunice McFall)

Getting Ready For New Plains Buffalo Herd

The first corner-post was set Tuesday at Caprock Canyons State Park for the enclosure which will soon be the new home for the JA buffalo herd.

Approximately 330 acres will be fenced as a buffalo pasture, and there will also be holding pens, corrals and a system for cross fencing.

The buffalo pasture will be located to the right as you enter the park, and will be approximately the same acreage where the 14 head were previously located. Ten of these buffalo were moved to the San Angelo Park, one went to Abilene Park, one to Fort Griffin State Park and two went to the L. B. J. State Park.

Park and Wildlife officials felt that due to the pure bloodline of the JA herd that no other buffalo should remain at Caprock Canyons. It is believed that this herd has the most pure bloodline of any buffalo in North America, and great precautions will be taken in future years to preserve it.

A very strong set of fences and enclosures are now under construction. Drill-stem pipe will be used for fencing, and the posts will be ten feet high and will be anchored in concrete five feet in the ground. Cable will be installed every six inches up and down the posts, and there will be approximately 43 miles of the 9/16 inch cable used in the entire operation.

The mission of the State Park will take an expanded new focus in the days ahead. Heretofore it has focused almost entirely on recreation, but it will now have an expanded vision and appeal. It will become known throughout the state and nation as the park which has the Foundation Bison Herd for the State of Texas.

Hall County Picnic Begins In Turkey

The Hall County Picnic Association officers and directors met August 14 to finalize plans for this year's celebration.

The activities will begin on Thursday, September 18th in Turkey at 11 a.m. with a hamburger cookout. The meal will include a hamburger, beans and a drink for \$4.00.

Caprock Canyons State Park is expected to attract many more thousands of visitors each year as publicity is given to this new addition and the public realizes the value of this diminishing species.

The long range plans are for some of the off-spring from the foundation herd to be moved to other state parks throughout Texas.

Make-A-Wish Treasure Trail Ride Upcoming

September 26th and 27th, Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains will be having their first annual Treasure Trail Ride at Caprock State Park in Quitaque, Texas. On Friday the 26th, MAW of the Texas Plains will be serving a chuck wagon BBQ, camp fire fiddlin', western singing and poetry for \$10.00 per person for anyone that cares to attend.

The trail ride will be on Saturday for \$75.00 per person which will include breakfast at 8 a.m., trail ride, clues for treasure, poker hands, awards and supper. Your \$75.00 donation includes all park fees except the \$2.00 you must pay to the park. Anyone interested in participating in this event please call the Make-A-Wish office to make your reservation at 800-242-7167 by September 15th. Mastercard/Visa, check and cash will be accepted.

Purpose of the foundation is granting wishes to children under 18 with a life-threatening illness which indicates the child may not survive the 18th birthday. The Amarillo Chapter, located at 2324 Lakeview, Amarillo, has granted 441 wishes since 1984.

At present they are working on 36 wishes to be granted in the near future. The top 55 counties of the Panhandle are included.

Ray Price
At
Turkey, Texas
October 25, 1997

In this manner the animals can be protected from a common disaster, and the pure bloodline can also be preserved and expanded for future generations.

Some big plans are being made for Caprock Canyons State Park. At a recent meeting between local citizens and Texas Parks and Wildlife officials from Austin and Waco, it was pointed out that high on the list of priorities from a local standpoint would be a visitor's center, the establishment of good interpretive exhibits, and an observation platform to provide visitors an opportunity to view the buffalo in their new location.

County Wide
Garage Sale
In Briscoe County
September 6 & 7

Quitaque Chamber Discuss Fall Foliage Fest, October 18

The Quitaque Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday afternoon in their regular monthly meeting to discuss the Fall Foliage Fest which will be October 18, 1997. This year the Fest will feature "A Day in the Country," with plenty of country activities for everyone to enjoy.

There are some new activities being planned as well as the "tried and true." So start thinking of designing a special scarecrow, creating a pumpkin carving or eating those fancy pumpkin desserts.

For the kids there will be a bike parade and a bike race; and for everyone, a Health Fair. During the next few weeks, there will be a weekly update focusing on a special activity. Watch for it!

New Library Hours

Caprock Public Library has extended its hours. The Library will now be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and on Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Library will be closed from 12 noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.

Girls Found Safe After Search at State Park

Sunday afternoon at 5:30 two fifteen year old girls from Skellytown went hiking from Honey Flat Camp Ground on the Canyon Rim Trail in Caprock Canyons State Park.

When the girls, Tasha Hasler and Bonnie Lee Harris had not returned by 7:30 the parents asked a park employee, Tracy Ferguson for help in locating the girls.

Later Arnold Castillo and other park employees joined in the search. As it became dark and they had not found the girls, the Quitaque EMTs and fire department were called. They immediately responded to the call for help as well as Briscoe County Sheriff Max Whitworth and campers in the park. One camper used his jeep to travel the rough terrain in search of the girls.

The girls stayed on the hiking trails in the park. Having fallen once in the dark one young lady lost her glasses and could not find them in the darkness. Later searchers found the glasses and described them to the parents. They confirmed that they were probably their daughter's glasses.

This gave the searchers heart as they felt they were on the right trail.

Quitaque EMTs, Maria Cruse, Rod Hinkle and Clyde

Dudley found the two girls patiently waiting, unharmed except for some scrapes when they had fallen, on a shelf at the north end of the Canyon Loop Trail about 11:10 p.m. It was 12:25 a.m. before they were able to return the girls to their family because of the rough terrain in the area.

The girls had traveled approximately seven miles

from the Honey Flat Camp Ground when they were found safe and sound.

Asked if they would like to go hiking again and both girls readily agreed that they would. They stated that they were preparing to spend the night on the shelf when they were rescued.

Caprock Jamboree Will Be Saturday

The Caprock Jamboree will put on another big show Saturday, September 6th at the Briscoe County Showbarn.

Entertainers from across the area will be performing country, western, and gospel songs. Among those who will perform are the *Fabulous Five of Canyon*; *Singing Women of Texas*; Monte Fowler of Lubbock and the *Country Sounds*. Show time is 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Mesquite grilled hamburgers will be served at 6 p.m. by the Briscoe Soil and Water Conservation District.

THEN & NOW!

by Eunice McFall

Reprint from James Roberts' *Drifting Sands* column in the *Andrews County News*

"It may be exaggerated in places, but we recently ran across an interesting 'Bill of No Rights' which provides some food for thought about our society. The 'bill' raps the thinking by some that 'rights' mean an obligation by your government to provide us with a life of luxury regardless of our own efforts. The original author is unknown."

--James Roberts

We the sensible of the United States, in an attempt to help everyone get along, restore some semblance of justice, avoid any more riots, keep our nation safe, promote positive behavior and secure the blessings of a debt-free liberty to ourselves and our great-great-grandchildren, hereby try one more time to ordain and establish some common sense guidelines for the terminally whiny, guilt-ridden delusional, and other liberal, commie, pinko bedwetters. We hold these truths to be self evident, that a whole lot of people were confused by the Bill of Rights and were so dim that they require a Bill of No Rights:

Article I — You do not have the right to a new car, big screen color TV or any other form of wealth. More power to you if you can legally acquire them but no one is guaranteeing anything.

Article II — You do not have the right to never be offended. This country is based on freedom, and that means freedom for everyone — not just you! You must leave the room, turn the channel, express a different opinion, etc., but the world is full of idiots and probably always will be.

Article III — You do not have the right to be free from harm. If you stick a screwdriver in your eye, learn to be more careful. Do not expect the tool manufacturer to make you and all of your relatives independently wealthy.

Article IV — You do not have the right to free food and housing. Americans are the most charitable people to be found and will gladly help anyone in need, but we are quickly growing weary of subsidizing generation after generation of professional couch potatoes who achieve nothing more than the creation of another generation of couch potatoes.

Article V — You do not have the right to free health care. That would be nice, but from the looks of public housing, we're just not interested in public health care.

Article VI — You do not have the right to physically harm other people. If you kidnap, rape, intentionally maim or kill someone, don't be surprised if the rest of us get together to kill you.

Article VII — You do not have the right to the possessions of others. If you rob, cheat, or coerce away the goods and services of other citizens don't be surprised if the rest of us get together and lock you away in a place where you still won't have the right to a big-screen TV or a life of leisure.

Article VIII — You do not have the right to demand that our children risk lives in foreign wars to soothe your aching conscience. We hate oppressive governments and won't lift a finger to stop you from going to fight if you'd like. However, we do not enjoy parenting the entire world and do not want to spend so much of our time battling each and every little tyrant with a military uniform and a funny hat.

Article IX — You do not have the right to a job. All of us sure want you to have one and will gladly help out in hard times, but we expect you to take advantage of the opportunities in education and vocational training laid before you to make yourself useful.

Article X — You do not have the right to happiness. Being an American means that you have the right to pursue happiness — which, by the way, is a lot easier if you are unencumbered by an overabundance of idiotic laws created by those around you who are confused by the Bill of Rights.



Johnnie Burson Burson To Receive Cowboy Award

On Thursday, September 4, 1997 Johnnie Burson of Silverton will receive the Tom Blasingame Working Cowboy Award at the American Cowboy Culture Award Show at the Civic Center in Lubbock, Texas. This is in conjunction with the National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration which is being held in Lubbock from September 4 through September 7.

The award is presented to the individual who best personifies the image and spirit of the working cowboy today. It is named for the first recipient of the award, Tom Blasingame, a JA Ranch cowboy who worked on the ranch until his death at the age of 92.

The awards program and show starts at 8 p.m. and features many national and regional celebrities involved in promoting and perpetuating cowboy activities and ranch life.

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- September 4**
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- September 9**
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Don Price
- September 11**
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Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fuston

Top-A-Nilla

- To make Nilla Cheesecake, spread cream cheese on a Reduced Fat Chocolate Nilla Wafer; top with cherry pie filling, strawberry half or blueberries.
- For a PB & Chocolate, spread peanut butter on Reduced Fat Chocolate Nilla Wafer; top with chocolate chips.
- Make a PB & Raisins Nilla by spreading creamy peanut butter and topping with raisins.

Happy Birthday

- September 4**
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- September 5**
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- September 6**
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Turkey Residents Warned Of Nitrate In Water-Advised To Protect Infants

The Texas Natural Resource Commission has tested Turkey water samples, and found that Nitrate/Nitrite is 13.40 mg. This is a high enough level to cause concern among parents of very young infants.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) sets drinking water standards and has determined that nitrate poses an acute health concern at certain levels of exposure. Nitrate is used in fertilizer and is found in sewage and wastes from human and/or farm animals and generally get into drinking water from those activities. Excessive levels of nitrate in drinking water have caused serious illness and sometimes death in infants under six months of age. The serious illness in infants is caused because nitrate is converted to Nitrite in the body. Nitrite interferes with the oxygen carrying capacity of the child's blood. This is an acute disease in that symptoms can develop rapidly in infants. In most cases, health deteriorates over a period of days.

Symptoms include shortness breath and blueness of the skin. Clearly expert medical advice should be sought immediately if these symptoms occur.

Letters have been sent out to notify Turkey residents of the results of the nitrate test, to encourage parents and other responsible parties to provide infants with an alternate source of drinking water. Local and State health authorities are the best source for information concerning alternate sources of drinking water for infants.

TNRCC has set the drinking water standard at 10 parts per million (ppm) for nitrate to protect against the risk of these adverse effects. It has also set a drinking water standard for nitrite at 1 ppm. To allow for the fact that the toxicity of nitrate and nitrite are additive, TNRCC has also established a standard for the sum of nitrate and nitrite at 10 ppm. Drinking water that meets the TNRCC standard is associated with little to none of this risk and is considered safe with respect to nitrate.

Ground Meat Color No Longer Useful As Safety Check

by Melanie Maxcey
Grandma's secret recipe meat loaf has been in the oven for an hour and a half, at 300 degrees Fahrenheit. Garlic, onion and tomato waft through the kitchen. Mmm, looks done. It should be ready for the table -- but is it safe enough to eat? Maybe not. The United States Department of Agriculture recently announced that color is no longer a factor when determining if ground meats have been cooked long enough to be eaten safely.

New evidence shows that harmful bacteria like E.coli can remain active in ground meat -- even after it appears to be well done. At other times, meat may prematurely brown. Hamburger, and all other ground meats like venison, chicken and turkey, must reach a temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit in order to be safe. The USDA recommends that a meat thermometer be used to ensure proper temperature.

"A meat thermometer is the most reliable way to reduce the risk of foodborne illness," said Thomas J. Billy, administrator for the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), said. "The color of meat is no longer considered a reliable indicator of ground beef safety."

"Nobody should want their kids eating pink ground meat of any kind. Children need to know a black and white answer about what is safe and what is not," Acuff said.

Acuff has completed several research projects wherein he tried to measure the temperature of a hamburger patty with a digital thermometer.

"It's an extremely difficult thing to do. We spent weeks and months trying to standardize our procedure," he said. "For the vast majority of cases, brown meat is safe meat."

According to Dr. Peggy Van Laanen, associate professor and Extension nutrition specialist at Texas A&M, ground meats are more exposed to bacteria than whole cuts of meat.

Grinding the meat exposes a large amount of the meat's surface area to potential bacterial contamination from various sources in the processing plant.

"Therefore, there is more of a risk of having bacteria spread throughout the whole product rather than an intact cut of meat that may only have bacteria on the surface," Van Laanen said.

Van Laanen said the public may be unsure about using meat thermometers.

"Many consumers have not had the opportunity or have not taken the opportunity to use meat thermometers to check the internal temperature of the foods that they cook," she said. "We still recommend that consumers cook meats thoroughly until they are brown, particularly hamburger, and that if a meat thermometer is an option, that's a good way to go."

TIPS FOR THERMOMETER USE:

1. Use an "instant-read" thermometer to check patty temperatures. They are designed to be used toward the end of cooking time and register a temperature in about 15 seconds.
2. Check the stem of the instant-read thermometer for indentation that shows how deep it must penetrate the meat to get an accurate reading. Most digital thermometers will read the temperature in a small area of the tip. Dial tips must penetrate about two inches of the food.
3. The thermometer should penetrate the thickest part of the food.
4. If a meat patty is not thick enough to check from the top, insert the thermometer in sideways.
5. To check the thermometer calibration, place the stem in a cup of boiling water. If correct, it will read 212 degrees Fahrenheit. Most thermometers have a calibration nut under the dial that can be adjusted.
6. Wash the thermometer after each use.



If you use too much fabric softener, undiluted, in the wash, greasy stains may appear on the fabrics. Treat these with a paste of water and detergent or with a prewash stain remover.

Hall County Picnic Plans Announced

The Hall County Picnic Association officers and directors met August 14 at the Lighthouse Electric Building to finalize plans for this year's celebration.

Activities will begin on Thursday, September 18, 1997 with the hamburger cook out in Turkey at 11 a.m.

On Friday, the 19th Memphis will have their hamburger cook-out on the southeast corner of the square starting at 11 a.m.

Saturday activities will begin at 6:30 a.m. with the Chamber of Commerce Cowboy Breakfast in front of the Senior Citizens Center at 124 S. 5th.

Registration is to be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the northwest corner of the Square.

Among the activities during the day are a turtle race, Arts & Crafts market, food booths, tours of the Historic Presbyterian Building, tours of the Hall County Heritage Hall, a Chili Cook-off and a street dance with the Restless Native Band from Childress playing.

The Parade will begin at 3 p.m. Local merchants will be decorating their windows for the day. The annual barbeque will be on the Square at 6 p.m. The barbeque and all the trimmings will be catered by George Gafford and the Line Shack Restaurant of Memphis.

Sunday activities will be attendance at local churches and a Jack Pot Team Roping at 1 p.m. sponsored by the Hall County 4-H. The Memphis County Club will be having an 18 hole Hall County Picnic Scramble beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Tri-County Peanut Field Day Tuesday

The annual Tri-County Peanut Field Day will be held on Tuesday, September 9. The field day is sponsored by the Agriculture committees in Motley, Hall and Briscoe Counties, in conjunction with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. There will be three (3) hours of CEU's offered to anyone needing recertification hours for private, noncommercial or commercial applicators license.

The field Day will start at 8:30 on Tuesday, September 9th at the Valley Peanut Growers in Turkey. After registration and introduction of sponsors and special guests they will visit the weather station and then travel to various peanut result demonstrations being conducted in the area.

Please RSVP by Friday, September 5th if you plan to attend. For further information contact you local County Agent.

Andrew Jackson was the first president born in a log cabin. Earlier presidents had come from well-to-do families.

FUTURE OPENINGS

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Family Land Heritage Applications Due

The Texas Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for the 1997 Family Land Heritage Program through September 15. The program recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous production by the same family for at least 100 years. More than 3,000 farms and ranches have qualified since the recognition program began in 1974.

Announcing the availability of applications, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry called these farm and ranch families the legacy of Texas agriculture.

"The history each of these families bring to the Family Land Heritage Program is an integral part of the solid foundation that helped build Texas agriculture into what it is today--the state's second largest industry," Perry said. "And these honorees will continue to strengthen Texas agriculture through their commitment to hard work and their love of the land."

Program applications are available through county judges as well as from TDA. Applications are also available on the department's website (<http://www.agr.state.tx.us>). Deadline for applications to be submitted to TDA is September 15.

Those farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during a January 1998 ceremony in Austin.

Applications also may be obtained by writing to Debbie Ellis, the Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711; or by calling Ellis at (512) 463-7653.

Life After Loss

A free four week seminar about Life After Loss will be held at the Crown of Texas Hospice at 1000 S. Jefferson in Amarillo on September 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

These sessions are for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. (No children under 16 years old are allowed to attend.) For the full benefit of the program plan to attend all four sessions. No one will be admitted after Session 2.

Please RSVP by September 5 at the American Cancer Society at 806/353-4306.

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Quannah Host Fall Festival
Classic cars, antique tractors and farm equipment, food and game booths, arts and crafts, decorate your home, gifts to that Christmas shopping, cool nights of winter, quilts to warm you up, just around the corner, art, pot cook-off featuring ribs, beans and brisket, live entertainment, educational displays, tours of the history museum, a silent auction, always unpredictable bingo, train rides, and a dance.
Sound like a day full of fun? Then bring your friends and come to the annual Fall Festival, Saturday, September 13, 1997 in Quannah, Texas.
For additional information call the Chamber office at 663-2222.

Give your noodles a bit of zing by stirring in two teasps poppy seeds.

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Classic cars, antique tractors and farm equipment, food and game booths, arts and crafts to decorate your home, gifts to start that Christmas shopping early, quilts to warm you up on those cool nights of winter that are just around the corner, art, jack-pot cook-off featuring the best ribs, beans and brisket around, live entertainment, educational displays, tours of the historical museum, a silent auction, the always unpredictable cow patty bingo, train rides, and a street dance.

Sound like a day full of excitement? Then bring some friends and come to the 14th annual Fall Festival, Saturday, September 13, 1997 in Quannah, Texas.

For additional information call the Chamber office at 940/663-2222.



Give your noodles a bit of a lift by stirring in two teaspoons poppy seeds.

Hayden's Party At Quitaque

by Great-Great Aunt Dollie Irby
Last Thursday I was invited to one of the most delightful parties I have been privileged to attend in a very long time. The guests were ages all the way from toddlers through a seventy-eight year old grandfather. After all the guests had their Birthday Hat Favors on properly and sang the birthday song, Hayden blew out the candles, cut the cake and served the guests. The birthday boy was Hayden Meyer, son of Suzie and Max Meyer of Quitaque.

One beautiful little three-year old came up to me, looked me straight in the eyes and ate the frosting off my cake with her fingers, and then went on her merry way. I did not consider this bad manners. My thoughts were "who could betray such trust and innocence?"

Next came the really fun part. All the little guests helped Hayden open the gifts they had brought. There were several young mothers and fathers on hand to help with everything from serving the guests, taking pictures, wipe tears and helping to resolve a few push and pull contests over some of the new toys.

If and when you are invited to a child's party, you must go. The experience will refresh your faith in the future when you mingle with all these beautiful little people and their parents.

TURKEY TALK

THINGS SEEN OR HEARD

by Ann Coker

Arlie Williams drove to Levelland last Friday and picked up her daughter, Bridgette Johnson. They traveled on to their cabin on the Llano River. There had been a big flood on the Llano recently and had flooded the Williams' cabin. The Williams spent the Labor Day Week-end laboring on cleaning up. Also there to help were the Terry Doc Williams of Abilene and the Harvey Williams of Clarendon.

Traveling to Midland for the week-end were Rita and Tracy Guest to visit in the home of Olen and Margaret Lane and their daughter Lee Ann Lane. The Turkey Lanes

On The QT

Guests over the Labor Day Week-end at the home of Julius and Polly Early were their daughter and family, Glenna and Jimmy Hatley and children, Jeremy and Shanna of Amarillo.

They attended church with the Earlys Sunday morning and a fifth Sunday picnic in the City Park Sunday evening with the Methodist churches from both Quitaque and Turkey.

Robert and Kim Patrick and children of Knox City visited in Quitaque from Saturday until Monday afternoon with Robert's father and uncle, Roy Patrick and Earl Patrick.

Ruby King left Friday for Lake Stamford for an extended stay. She was joined by her sister Imogene Bedwell of Lamesa, her brother, Lawrence Bedwell of Plainview and a grandson, Troy Hawkins of Mesquite.

Weldon and B. J. Griffin spent the holiday week-end in Red River, New Mexico. They reported a good time fishing, relaxing and sight seeing. A nice cool trip. It even rained while they were there.

Rod Carpenter and his son, Luke of Farwell visited Rod's parents, Ronnie and Jackie Carpenter over the Labor Day holiday.

Deloy and Kay Myers along with their daughter and family, Robin, Randy and Rayann Race of Lockney visited with the Leroy Hamilton family in Lubbock Methodist Hospital after Leroy's heart attack and the following surgery.

returned home Monday and Tracy to Lubbock to attend Tech and Rita to Turkey.

Bettie Schneider of Amarillo visited her mother, Virginia Degan last week-end.

Visiting with Julius and Polly Early last week-end was their daughter and family, Glenna and Jimmy Hatley and children, Jeremy and Shanna, all from Amarillo.

Rodney Williams of Matorador and his crew arrived at our house early Saturday morning. They put on a new roof for us. No more leaks!

Visiting with Gene and Fredia Fuston over the week-end was their daughter, Kasey and her friend, Dallas Stephens, both are students at Tech. Mr. Stephens was raised in Denver City.

Didn't the Valley Cheerleaders do a great job of selling the ads, etc for the 1997 Football Book. Ours was delivered last week and we have thoroughly enjoyed it.

The Class A honor roll listed several players from Valley. They are: Lineman Rowan Hernandez; Quarterback Chris Price and J. R. Reyna, Running Back.

Listed on the Honor Roll Defense were: Linebacker Nathan Wheeler and Defensive Back Chris Price.

Spending Labor Day in Ringling, Oklahoma with Kay and Bobby Clay were Estelle and Tink Lane. Also in Ringling were Dr. Jon and Debbie Maxwell and girls from Idabel, Oklahoma; Kenneth and Linda Lane of Houston and Frank and Cindy Lane of Turkey.

Keith and Bettie Green enjoyed the week-end in Ruidosa. Also the Criss Morrison family of Lubbock, Murry Morrisons of Quitaque, the Doug Setliff family and Anita Kay from El Paso joined the Greens.

I drove to my old home town, McLean, last Wednesday. I had lunch with a friend, Loyce Sherrod, at a restaurant. I also enjoyed visiting with cousins, Sam and his son, Thacker Haynes, and enjoyed a visit with a friend Monta Jean Smitherman.

Of course I always drive by our old home place and noticed there had been a road sign put on the road. The road has been named Bogan, my maiden name. I made a picture of it to send to my grandchildren and tell them it was named after me!

Reddell Irby's Cousins Visit

The following cousins of Reddell Irby visited in Turkey last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: Betty (Gilmore) and Grady Porter of Greenwood, Arkansas; Glen and Juanita Duncan of Dublin, Texas; Harry and Frances Gilmore of Richardson, Texas and friends, Clifton and Helen Shumate of Arlington, Texas.

The Shumates are the parents of Corporal Mike Shumate who is the policeman that reports Crime Stoppers and Traffic Warnings on Amarillo television and radio.

They were all very impressed with the warm hospitality they received from Gary and Suzie and the delicious sweet potato pancake breakfast during their stay at Hotel Turkey.

Also all the delicious meals they ate with Alan and Sylvia and their relaxed and fun way of serving the meals.

They all had to take home some of the pancake mix, Sylvia's sweet potato bread and Helms' cantalope.

Some visited Caprock Canyons and photographed the signs marking the three roads leading into Turkey.

Introducing Solid Foods Is A Matter Of Timing

Timing is the key, for both parents and infants, when introducing solid foods.

"Pick a time when there are few distractions and both you and the baby are relaxed," said Dr. Janice Stuff, a nutritionist at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center. "It's best to begin feeding them while they are sitting on your lap. They will feel more secure and more willing to accept the food."

The ideal time to introduce solid foods to infants is between ages 4 and 6 months. Introduce single-ingredient foods first, beginning with one-half teaspoon to a teaspoon at a time to make sure the baby does not have a reaction.

"Start off with baby rice cereal, add breast milk or formula so it's not much thicker than milk," said Stuff, an assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "It's best to follow cereal with vegetables, fruits, and meats."

A tornado that occurs over a lake or ocean is called a waterspout.

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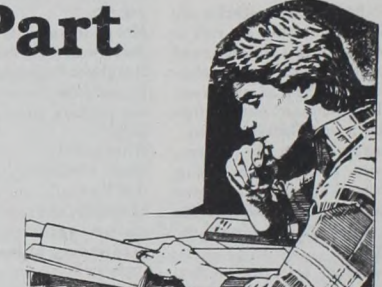
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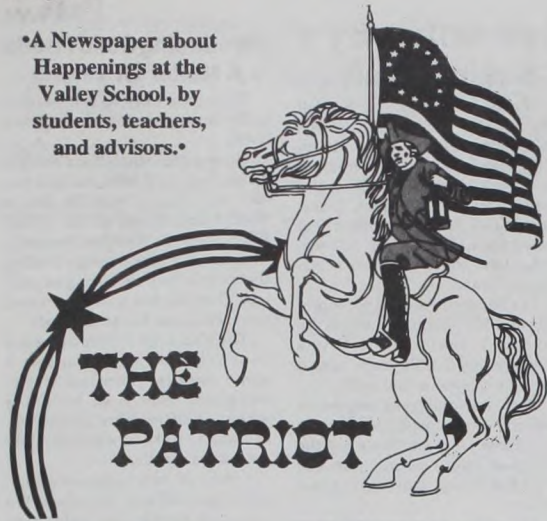
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Fall registration packets for the exit level TAAS and TEAMS tests are available at the Valley School. Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and who wish to register to retake the exit level TAAS test, and all individuals who wish to take the TEAMS test, may pick up a registration packet.

The test registration form must be completed and returned to Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 5 p.m., September 26, 1997. Question concerning the spring exit level test should be directed to the Texas Education Agency, Student Assessment Division, (512) 463-9536 or Rhonda Rogers-Farner at the Valley School.

Check Out These Recipes

Snack Time Can Be Fun Time

provided by Calley Payne, CEA-FCS

When kids come home from a long day at school, they're often ready for a snack. But treats don't always have to be cookies and milk. Parents can make eating healthy fun -- all it takes is a little imagination and preparation.

It is important to involve your children in all aspects of food and snack plans, including making lists, shopping and preparation, said Dr. Dymple Cooksey, a professor and Texas Agricultural Extension Service nutrition specialist.

"Kids will be more likely to eat fruit salad or other healthy snacks if they took part in preparing them. If your children are too young to prepare a snack by themselves, make snack preparation an evening pastime," she said.

Fresh fruits and vegetables are beneficial because they are rich in many nutrients that children need to support growth and development. Serving them as snacks can also make up for the missed servings in regular meals, Cooksey added.

Including kids in the preparation is easy. It may involve cutting up fresh fruits and making a yogurt dip or making homemade pizza that will be ready to bake for lunch the next day.

Preparation also can be fun. Cutting foods into fun shapes like triangles, circles makes the food more appetizing. Also, after cutting up fruits and vegetables, let kids store them in plastic bags or colored plastic wrap. Place snacks in the front of the fridge so they are easily accessible to kids.

Cooksey said encouraging children to eat fruits and vegetables now means kids are off to a good start.

School Menu

Monday	Chicken Nuggets	Peas
	Macaroni & Cheese	Fruit
	Hot Rolls	Milk
Tuesday	Corn Dogs	Corn
	French Fries	Milk
	Chocolate Cake	
Wednesday	Meat & Cheese Tacos	Salad
	Beans	Fruit
	Milk	
Thursday	Chicken Ravioli	Potatoes
	Mixed Vegetables	Hot Rolls
	Honey	Milk
Friday	Hamburgers	Lettuce
	Tomatoes	Pickles
	Chips	Fruit
	Milk	

FLOMOT NEWS

OVERHEARD
Days are like suitcases. By careful arrangement some people can pack more into them than others can.

ATTEND REUNIONS
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross, Aleda Elaine and friend Susana Mendoza joined Tom's brother James Ross of Dallas, and sister Mrs. Elizabeth Anestad of El Paso in Mangum, OK Friday for the Brinkman Alumni Homecoming. Aleda Elaine was a featured performer at the banquet Saturday night. Tom is the Brinkman Historian, and was appointed to accumulate data for a future publication of a historical book.

Sunday they attended the 63rd Baker, Ross, Taylor family reunion at Mule Creek, historical marker site of Pease River Battlefield. Aleda presented entertainment.

WEATHER REPORT
Mrs. Tommie Cruse, NWSV of Flomot, officially reports 8.14 inches of rain for the month of August. This brings total rainfall for the first eight months of 1997 to 30.64 inches!

Mrs. Kathryn Martin, southwest of Whiteflat, has recorded 27.30 inches of rain since April 1. However, the sappy crops are looking wilted from the intense heat, and a cooling rain would be welcomed.

FISH FRY
The Baptist Church in Flomot hosted a Fish Fry supper following the Sunday night devotional August 31. Fish was furnished and cooked by L. E. and Clois Shorter, who caught them at Lake Texhoma. Other church members brought salads, beans, and freezer ice cream. More than 50 attended, from Motley, Hall and Floyd county.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Morris and Lane of Breckenridge visited last weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Morris. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris and daughters, and in Matador with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Green and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse accompanied daughter Leah to Canyon Wednesday, where she has enrolled at West Texas A&M University.

1997 4-H Bake Show

by Calley Payne, CEA-FCS
The product entry for this year's bake show is a standard size loaf of yeast bread made from a "scratch" recipe. The purpose of the 4-H Bake Show is to promote one of the Panhandle's major agricultural products -- Wheat.

Bake workshops were conducted following the September Junior 4-H Club meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Workshop participants learned about different methods of baking bread.

Entries for the county bake show must be turned in to the county Extension office by 4:45 p.m. on Monday, September 8. Contestants should place their loaf on a disposable plate and slip the plate into a zipper-type plastic bag. A label with the contestant's name, county, and the product name should be placed on the bottom of the plate. The winner of the county bake show will be notified on September 9. The winner will advance to the district bake show at the Tri-State Fair.

Bread baked in a bread machine will not be accepted. You do not have to attend the bake workshops to enter the county bake show.

Please call the Briscoe County Extension Service at 806/823-2131 if you have questions.

sity for the fall semester. Her roommate is Brandi Jameson of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Floydada Saturday with Mrs. Bessie Martin. They visited in Borger Monday with daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cooper.

Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock visited the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers, and brother Donnie Rogers.

Kristi and Bradley Fisher, Shawn, Stetson and Shane of Chillicothe visited Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. Leona Degán.

Viola Stinson and Mary Ellen Barton attended the Matador Cowboy Reunion in Roaring Springs Saturday morning. They visited in Floydada Sunday with Mrs. Mollie Burleson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter, daughter Cindy and husband Chad Calvert of Lubbock enjoyed the Best Music of the 60's at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock Friday night. Visiting them Sunday and Monday were daughter Christi and Dwan Milam of Petersburg.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert during the Labor Day holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell, Dustin, Shae and Peyton of Lubbock.

Briscoe County Senior 4-H Club Meeting

by Calley Payne, CEA-FCS
The Briscoe County Senior 4-H Club will be meeting on Monday, September 8, 1997 at the Roadside Park, Highway 86 between Silverton and Quitaque at 7:30 p.m. Anyone that is 14 - 19 years old as of January 1, 1998 is eligible for the 4-H Club.

Local Subscription Due In Sept. \$17 per Year

- Jack Barnhill
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- Domingo Castillo
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- Clyde Dudley
- Lewis Eudy
- Thomas R. Fuston
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- Vernell Nance
- Greg Ramsey
- Dessie M. Robertson
- Earl Robison
- Jimmy Ross
- Billy Neal Shannon
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- Janice Timmons
- Dean Turner
- TxDot
- Peggy Woods

Buddy Holly Collection To Open September 5

An exhibit featuring a small portion of the City of Lubbock's collection of Buddy Holly Memorabilia, concentrating on his music, stage and career will open at the Depot Restaurant (1801 Avenue G) Friday, September 5, 1997.

The exhibit, which is presented by the City of Lubbock Division of Culture and Leisure Services, will run through Sunday, September 7, 1997.

Hours of exhibition are: Friday, September 5 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, September 6 from Noon to 8 p.m. and Sunday, September 7 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The exhibit features 25 items from the City of Lubbock's collection of 156 articles. This is the largest public collection of Buddy Holly memorabilia in North America.

The Buddy Holly collection is open to the public, free of charge. 1997 Limited Edition Buddy Holly Memorabilia posters will be available for purchase.

Subscriptions Due In Sept. Non-Local \$20.00 per Year

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 Sept 4-Vega there 5:30
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 Oct 2-Motley Co.* there 5:30
 Oct 9-Happy* here 5:30
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A&M Center To Host Watermelon Field Tour

by Joe Bryant
New varieties of watermelons, being grown on the High Plains for the first time, will be featured at a watermelon field tour from 10 a.m. until noon Friday (September 5) at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center north of the Lubbock airport.

A special invitation is made for all current and future watermelon growers and agribusinesses serving that crop, as well as Master Gardeners and county extension agents, to attend the tour, said Dr. Roland Roberts, professor and vegetable specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The center is on FM 1294, just east of Interstate 27 at the Shallowater exit (Exit 11).

"Watermelon consumption is rising, and there is a lot more interest in seedless (triploid) watermelon," Roberts said. "But the culture of the seedless melon is more demanding." Some 10,000 acres of watermelons are grown on the Texas High and Rolling Plains, he estimated.

He said the tour will feature the newest varieties offered by the major seed companies. "We have three replicates of 17 seedless varieties and numbered entries, plus 17 hybrid (seeded) varieties and numbered entries planted in a checkerboard pattern, alternating hybrids with triploids," Roberts said. An additional 17 hybrids are growing in observation plots.

This is the first time these new varieties have been grown on the High Plains, the Extension Service horticulturist said. The tour will give people an opportunity to see how these melons grow in our climate, he said.

It also will give growers an opportunity to see how the plants respond to the irrigation and mulching system being used at the A&M center. "We have drip irrigation lines buried eight inches under black plastic mulch," Roberts said. "This provides very precise irrigation, soil moisture control, weed control and soil warming. All fertilizer and supplemental water were applied through the drip irrigation line."

Yesteryear

Taken from The Quitaque Post Thursday, September 3, 1936

Twenty Candidates Working Out for Football Squad

Quitaque High School's 1936 football season is officially underway.

Twenty prospective Panthers reported for opening grid practice sessions Monday under Coach Roy Morris, while several others are expected next week.

Returning from last year's squad, however, are Bill Cutbirth and Joe Taylor, tackles, Walter Taylor, Edward Grundy, Tom Persons, Virgil Hollis at quarter, J. D. McCutcheon, Harold Bogan and R. E. Self.

Bob Young, half back on the '35 squad, is expected to report next week to swell the experienced list.

First year candidates for the team include Wren Vinyard, Quentin Henderson, Charles Walden, Bob Grundy, Weldon Starkey, Sterling Herrington, Howard Castleberry and Edwin Drake. 44

Briscoe County To Give Radio Program Sept. 11

Briscoe County will go on the air! According to information issued by Finley R. White, Briscoe County will present a thirty minute radio program every tenth week for a period of a year over Radio Station KFYO, Lubbock.

The first of this series of broadcasts will be presented Friday, September 11th, from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Talent from the county will be used exclusively, White stated.

The programs will be under the supervision of Miss Geneva Meadows, Home Demonstration Agent and Mr. White, County Agent. 44

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mullins of Turkey announce the arrival of a baby girl born Saturday, August 29th. The young lady is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jago of this city. 44

There are 21 dealers of second hand chewing gum in the United States. 44

Miss Imogene Bedwell, who spent the week at Floydada, returned home Sunday. 44

Mrs. Jack Broxson and Ouida Sue are visiting Mrs. Broxson's brother at Floydada this week. 44

Wayne Whittington was taken to the Plainview Sanitarium for an appendix operation Sunday night. 44

Immunization Clinics For September

Immunization Clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for August. Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (haemophilus influenzae type b).

The Texas Department of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income, size, and the ability to pay.

Immunization will be available at the Silverton School on September 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Immunization will be available in Memphis at the Bronze Room On Square on September 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Immunization will be available at Tulia at the Texas Department of Health Office at 219 S.E. 2nd Street on September 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; on September 17 from 8:30 to 5 p.m. and on September 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Immunization will be available in Clarendon on September 16 at the Texas Department of Health Clinic at the Medical Center on Highway 70 North from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Boric Acid As A Pest Control

by Pammy Millican, CEA-Ag

There's a simple solution to killing insects and it may already be on a shelf in your home. Boric acid has been used for hundreds of years as a medication and a cleansing agent and many people have discovered its pesticide application.

Extension urban entomologist Dr. Roger Gold says it works especially well on cockroaches because they are fastidious creatures. If they walk through boric acid, they will ingest it as they clean their feet. It's not a fast-acting poison. Gold says it can take four to seven days for the toxicity to build up enough to be lethal.

He says some people mix boric acid with sugar, honey or cookie dough to make it more attractive to the pests. But it may also make it appealing to children and animals, so it could become a poisonous recipe.

Insects Are Now On the Internet

by Pammy Millican CEA-Ag

Everything from spiders to caterpillars can be found on Texas A&M University's entomology Web site. Extension entomologist and Web master Dr. John Jackman says the site answers the three most frequently asked questions in entomology: What is it? What does it do? and What can I do about it?

Farmers can log on to determine if it's a boll weevil or an armyworm chewing on their cotton plants. And weekend gardeners can move the mouse to learn what's bugging their begonias. The pages are broken into categories so you can narrow your search and get the information faster.

You can identify pests and learn how to control them. And if you still have questions, there's a list of experts to call. Jackman says the site receives tens of thousands of hits each month and is considered one of the best entomology Web sites.

There is no need to do any housework at all. After the first four years the dirt doesn't get any worse. —Quentin Crisp

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