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The Hall County Courthouse is in the process of obtaining funds for a Texas Historical Commission grant for restoration of the historic courthouse.

Hall County Receives Emergency Planning Grant For Courthouse Restoration Project

Hall County Judge and Commissioners' Court were notified today that the County has been selected to receive an Emergency Planning Grant of up to \$291,374 from the Texas Historical Commission. Judge Jack Martin and Commissioners Milton Beasley, Terry Lindsey, Buddy Logsdon, and James Fuston can see that all of their work over the past six months has finally borne fruit. Work toward restoration of the Courthouse was commenced in 1999 by former Judge Kenneth Dale and his court.

This Grant is part of the fifth round of the Texas Courthouse Preservation Grant Program. The announcement was made this afternoon in Austin, after two days of meetings by the Texas Historical Commission. They reviewed submissions prepared by 124 Texas counties with Historic Courthouses needing restoration funding.

The above Grant will pay two thirds of the cost of restoration design, drawings and specifications for the restoration of the historic Hall County Courthouse. The one third balance will be paid directly by Hall County. After documents are complete they must be approved by the Texas Historical Commission. Two years from now Hall County will be eligible to receive a Restoration Grant from the Texas Historical Commission to have the Courthouse restored.

The Hall County Courthouse was designed by the Page Brothers, Architects of Austin, Texas. Occupied on March 21, 1924, the building is designed in the Texas Renaissance style. The exterior of the red brick building is distinguished by its fluted Corinthian columns and decorative stonework, the interior by a grand third floor courtroom with arched ceiling.

Bonds in the amount of \$150,000 were approved in 1922 for construction of the Courthouse. Total restoration costs are now estimated to be about \$7 million in 2008 dollars. Of this amount, the Texas Historical Commission will be contributing 85 percent, Hall County contributing 15 percent. This high level of contribution by the State is far greater than anything ever contributed by higher governments to Counties for this kind of project before. The estimated cost of this restoration has more than doubled because of inflation since the first Grant Request was filed.

Eight years ago Judge Dale selected Arthur Weinman, Architects as the preservation architects for this project. Their Preservation Master Plan for the Courthouse was approved by the Texas Historical Commission in 2000. Last fall his firm assisted Commissioner's Court with restoration of the four entries to the building, damaged in prior years by ice and salt so as to be a hazard to entry.

Lynn Alexander, Michale Grace & Cora Trent To Be Featured At Jamboree, This Saturday Night

The February Jamboree will be Saturday, February 2nd at the beautiful Gem Theatre in downtown Turkey, Texas, where there is free parking and free admission and that cannot be beat!

Prior to the show there will be a brisket sandwich dinner with all the trimmings and dessert and it will benefit the Valley High Junior Class. The meal will be \$5 and serving begins at 6 p.m.

The night's entertainment begins with a returning Lynn Alexander from Lubbock, who has pleased the audience on other appearances. His is a blend of old and new country. He will be followed by Turkey's own Michael Grace, who will really please the audience with his songs and comedy. Former Flomot resident Cora Gunn-Trent will conclude the competition with her blend of country, pop and religious music.

There will be as always, a Talent Show Case open to all that would like to sing or play for an audience.

The highlight of the night is when the "Best Band in West Texas" takes the stage and for anyone who has not heard or seen the Turkey Gems, they are in for a treat! Eight of the finest individual musicians blend together and form a great band with a variety of music, vocals, instrumentals and all moved along by Dewayne and Melody Pettiet. The Pettiet's are great as emcees as well as musicians. They are all sure to please and make you smile.

This month as always there will be a \$100 winning performer. The cash prize was donated by Billy Ray Hardcastle of Meridian, Texas and new Turkey resident, Ted Crom. Imogene Molloy of Memphis has donated the \$25 door prize. There will also be prizes given out between acts ranging from handicrafts to electronics. They Jamboree committee wishes to thank all that donate both money and the time to make the shows possible.

I wish to repeat that these shows are all family oriented and there is never anything said or done that would be offensive to anyone at any age. You can bring friend, your children, grandchildren and anyone else and you can be reassured that they will not be disappointed.

See ya there & bring a friend or two!



Hall County Courthouse, circa - 1940's.

Sheriff Neel Issues Warning

The Hall County Sheriff's Department has received two different complaints within the past year about firearms being discharged at a habitation. This is very dangerous and lives could be lost if this practice persists. The Texas Penal Code states that if a person discharges a firearm at a habitation the charge is Deadly Conduct and is a third degree felony punishable to not more than 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.00.

It is also a violation to discharge a firearm on or across a public road which is punishable with a fine up to \$500.00 plus court cost.

I have now placed infrared cameras at strategic places around the county to help in identifying persons committing these offenses.

The Sheriff Department along with area Game Wardens will be very diligent in locating individuals violating these laws and arrests will be made.

Cheryl Cox Appointed To Briscoe County Child Protective Service Board

On Monday, January 14, 2008 the Briscoe County Commissioners Court met in regular session. Present for the meeting were County Judge Wayne Nance, Commissioners, Terry Grimland-Pct 1, Dale Smith-Pct 2, Larry Comer-Pct 3, John Burson-Pct 4, Deputy County Clerk Nancy Price, Sheriff Gene Smith and County Treasurer Mary Jo Brannon. After attending to regular monthly court business the following items were addressed:

* Emily Garcia, Silverton 4-H'er gave a presentation of her trip to the 4-H National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

* A motion passed to appoint Cheryl Cox to the County's Children Protective Service Board.

* David Britten with West Texas Equipment met with the court to discuss purchasing equipment for Precinct #2. No action was taken on this matter at this time.

* A motion passed to table the purchase of additional radios by the Sheriff's department.

* A motion passed to approve a county wide burn ban for 90 days. Voting for: Commissioners Smith, Burson and Grimland and Judge Nance. Voting against: Commissioner Comer.

* A motion passed to approve the bonds of Tax Assessor/Collector, Betty Stevens.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Hall County Commissioners Court Ban Spotighting In County, Then Un-Ban It Until Next Month Sending Mixed Messages

The Hall County Commissioners court met in regular session on Monday, January 14, 2008. Present for the meeting were County Judge Jack Martin, Commissioners Milton Beasley-Pct 1, Terry Lindsey-Pct 2, Buddy Logsdon-Pct 3, James Fuston-Pct 4, and County Clerk Raye Bailey. After attending to regular monthly court business the following items were addressed:

* A motion passed to delay the reviewing and updating of the Hall County Personnel Handbook until the next scheduled meeting.

* A motion passed on a Resolution amending the Texas Community Development Block Grant program between Hall County and the Office of Rural Community Affairs. This Resolution pertains to the re-routing of water line replacement within the County in the Brice-Lealey WSC service area onto County Road #8, from State Highways 256 to County Road H, County Road H from Country Road #8 to County Road #9 and County Road #9 from County Road H to County Road I.

* Karen Crisman with the Hall County Historical Commission was present to give an update and presented an application for State Archeological Landmark for the Hall County Courthouse. A motion passed to approve the Resolution regarding the application.

* A motion passed to rerun an ad for bids on the sale of a 1995 Ford Pickup. People who have already submitted bids can pick them up and resubmit them.

* A motion passed to ban spotighting at night for hunting purposes in Hall County.

* A motion passed to table banning spotighting until the County attorney reports back to the Court next month.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Jack Stone

Jack Stone In Concert At First Baptist Church February 10

Jack Stone will be in concert at First Baptist Church in Quitaque on February 10 at 6 pm.

Jack Stone grew up in West Texas as a preacher's kid. He began his singing career in 1994. Jack has had several appearances on Primetime Christian Broadcasting in Midland, Texas. He has six recorded projects and has written a couple of the songs on those projects. In March of 2007, Jack was able to release his first single nationwide entitled, "Jesus is Enough" written by the award nominated writer, Russ Murphy. This single went to number 16 on the Christian Country Music Charts in August.

The concert is free, there will be a love offering taken to help support Jack Stone's ministry.

What's Happening In The Valley Area This Week?

February 1

* Turkey Jamboree @ 7 p.m. Supper @ 6 p.m.

February 4

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

February 5

* Quitaque Masonic Lodge meeting @ 7 p.m.

* Turkey Volunteer Fire Department meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

* Do Gooders Club meeting

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ON THE QT

By Patsy Herrington

The first thing the new group of qual hunters from Virginia remarked on was how nice the town looked with the new streets and sidewalks and street light. They are staying out at Dale Smith's place. Some of the seven, Chuck Adams, Ray Lowry and others used to hunt with Ross Herrington. Last Thursday night they took us all out to dinner including Delores and Hubert Price from Turkey.

It was so good to see Johnny Morrison, Murry Wayne and Judy Morrison, and Joe Morrison the other night, all down for Bailey Eddleman's funeral to be held last Wednesday. I taught Joe Morrison and Murry Wayne and Judy's children piano for many years. He went to State in piano!

On Saturday, January 19, there was a surprise birthday for Snow Chandler Grundy held at Mid Tule Village at Tulia. She was 90 and played the piano for everyone. There to enjoy the festivities were Inetha Blankenship, Delores Pigg, Delene Tyler, Udean Crow, Debbie Cagle, Ruby Mae Woods, Jill Johnson, Jon Earl and Jaden Pigg and others.

Born on Tuesday January 22 to John David and Tonya Harmon, Lubbock was a son, Brannon Harmon, weighing 4 lbs and 15 ozs. He is the grandson of Elaine and Rex Harmon and the great-grandson of Jessie and Odis Reagan. Elaine and Odis immediately went to Lubbock, and the others followed later.

Bennie Brown and Bro. Jeff Addison recently took their guitars to Lockney Rest home and entertained them one afternoon last week. Bennie Brown is a master guitar player, who plays regularly at the Turkey Jamboree among other places. Bro. Jeff is also good.

The FFA Gala was Saturday night, January 26 with rib-eye steaks and buffet, wonderful fellowship, games and food.

The United Methodist Women met Thursday, January 24 at the United Methodist Church for a monthly meeting. Among other things, they discussed upcoming projects.

Odis and Jessie Reagan took Elaine Harmon and me on a tour of Caprock Canyons Saturday and showed where he used to go on horseback with two others to cut wood when he was seventeen years old. They would work all day, and then go back and pick it up and haul it out with a wagon the next day. He went out there many a time on horseback, and pointed to Eagle Point where he and others used to cross. One guy almost slid to his death on horseback there where it was so high and treacherous. Odis is quite a historian, and knows that area better than anyone I've known. The red canyons were magnificent, and I enjoyed the tour immensely.

Leo and Ophelia Ortiz went to Onasso, OK last week to be with their daughter Tina Clark who had surgery. Everything is going to be okay and they returned home the first of this week.

Ruby Mae Woods brother, Boyd McKay, of Martin, TN passed away January 26. He had been sick some time. She went to Tennessee to see him last summer.

Buster and Ann Chadwick have made several trips recently out of town to doctors. Buck saw an eye doctor in Lubbock and Dr. Graves in Plainview, and received good reports on both.

On, how the wind did blow for a day or two, but we had a perfectly ideal weekend! And we have always the distant hills of the Caprock - sometimes sunless and sober, but always so pretty - always so beautiful. Never would I tire of them! This truly is "The Queen City of the Valley"!

Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.

- Adlai Stevenson

If we don not make common cause to save the good old ship of the Union on this voyage, nobody will have a chance to pilot her on another voyage.

- Abraham Lincoln

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Obituaries



Elias Ralph Carter

Elias Ralph Carter of Lubbock departed this life on January 28, 2008 at the age of 94 years. Celebration of Life Services were held Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at the Quaker Avenue Church of Christ in Lubbock, with Ellmore Johnson and Tommy Langford officiating. Closing Services were held at the Quitaque Church of Christ. Interment followed at Resthaven Cemetery in Quitaque.

He was born on December 8, 1913 to William Jesse and Thornton Jane Carter in Atoka, Oklahoma. On August 22, 1934, Mr. Carter married Hattie Lois Broxson in Matador, Texas. Together, they moved from Quitaque, Texas to Lubbock in 1997. Mr. Carter was a farmer in the Gasoline/Quitaque area for over 60 years. He also drove a school bus for 30 years. In addition, he was a song leader and elder in the Quitaque Church of Christ, where he was a devoted member. For the past 10 years, he worshipped at Quaker Avenue Church of Christ in Lubbock. He loved to play basketball, horseshoes, dominoes, and was very serious about his "forty-two".

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 73 years; one daughter, Rena Mozelle Carter Hedrick and husband Larry of Canyon; one son, Melvin Ralph (Mel) Carter and wife Donna of Lubbock; and grandchildren, Scott Hedrick of Socorro, NM, Todd Hedrick of Dallas, Layne Hedrick and wife Kendra of Austin, Melanie Carter of Nashville, TN, and Melissa Carter of Nashville, TN.

Memorials may be made to the Berean Children's Home, Inc. at Box 1009, Brookhaven, Mississippi 39602 or to the Christian Relief Fund at 1501 SW 58th Avenue, Amarillo, TX 79110.

Evelyn Pope Barron

Funeral services for Evelyn Pope Barron, 77, of Stephenville, former Flomot resident, were held Saturday, January 26, 2008 at the First Baptist Church in Stephenville. Burial was in the Erath Gardens of Memory Cemetery.

Evelyn passed away Thursday, January 24, 2008 at her residence. She was born in Flomot in 1930. Her parents were George and Lessie Pope. She graduated from Flomot High School in 1947.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Barron.

Survivors include sons and daughters in law, Gary and Jacqueline Barron and Brad and Sue Barron; daughters and sons in law, Kay Carroll, and Daina and Joe Brown all of Stephenville; a brother and sister in law, Nelvin and Betty Pope of Lubbock.

Vickie L. Pierce

Graveside Services for Vickie L. Pierce, 53, of Matador were held Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at the Roaring Springs Cemetery, with Rev. Matt Crawford and Michael G. Crowley, Sr., officiating. Interment was under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mrs. Pierce passed away in Lubbock Saturday January 26, 2008 after a lengthy illness.

She was born on July 26, 1954 to Vernon and Lillian Craig Kruger in Mexia, Texas. Vickie graduated from Post High School and married Larry Pierce on January 17, 1976 at Post. She has been a resident of Motley County since 1976 moving from Roaring Springs to Matador 3 years ago. Mrs. Pierce was the owner/operator of Vickie's Floral and County Crafts in Roaring Springs since 1994. Vickie moved her shop from Roaring Springs to Matador a number years ago calling it Matador Floral Designs by Vickie. She was a very talented florist and crafter. She was a member of the Nazarene Church of Post.

She is survived by: Her Husband: Larry of Matador; 1 Son: Britt of Matador; 1 Daughter: Christie Fisk and husband Robert of Matador; Her Mother: Lillian Kruger of Hamilton; 1 Brother: Mike Kruger of Hamilton; 4 Grandsons: Brendan, Dereck, Aidan, Colter.

Each man must for himself alone decide what is right and what is wrong, which course is patriotic and which isn't. You cannot shirk this and be a man.

- Thomas Tusser

True patriotism hates injustice in its own land more than anywhere else.

- Clarence Darrow

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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

How could any modern politician improve on this pearl from President Calvin Coolidge, "Collecting more taxes than is absolutely necessary is legalized robbery." While seeking to redistribute other people's wealth, Coolidge instructs: "Don't expect to build up the weak by pulling down the strong."

Mrs. Beverly Vinson fell outside her home Saturday morning and her son, Roger Vinson accompanied her to the Cogdell Clinic in Lockney. She escaped broken bones, but suffered bruises and is having difficulty with maneuverability.

Kathy and Clois Shorter accompanied her mother, Mrs. Geneva Martin to Lubbock Monday where she is undergoing biopsies.

Mrs. Joy Lacy of Amarillo, former Flomot resident, has visited with friends in Flomot and with her mother, Mrs. Adams, a resident at the Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador.

Mrs. Waydette Clay was on the sick list with influenza the past week. She has recovered just fine.

Visiting the weekend with Wilburn Martin were his grandchildren, Cole Martin of Portales, NM and Lindsay Martin of Amarillo.

Tylee, Trent and Trevor Barclay of Matador visited the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and Johnie Starkey were Mrs. Lola Mary Long and son, Clifton of Winnewood, OK, Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, OK, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cypert of Lockney, Mrs. Phylis Gladson of Austin, L.T. Starkey of Ralls, and Mrs. Jometa McClain and Cleve of Hart.

Mrs. Pete Meyer of Turkey and Mrs. Janice Hughes attended a baby shower Saturday morning given for Mrs. Roger (Tiffany) Hughes in the home of Mrs. Shana Guthrie of Floydada. Tiffany is Janice's daughter-in-law.

Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were Cory, Amy, Hudson and Madison Franks of Lubbock, Cary Franks of Idalou, Tim and Dena Washington of Roaring Springs, Caleb, Mickey and Kenzie Clary of Matador, Clint Cowart of Post, Mrs. Erma Washington and Cara Franks of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo Tuesday and Wednesday attending to business. They visited Bessie and Clifton Reid and en route home visited in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey and family.

Christi, Emily and Haley Milam of Petersburg visited Saturday with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter and her grandmother, Mrs. Geneva Martin.

Ruth and Orville Lee were in Amarillo and Lubbock during the week for Orville medical cardiac treatment.

Congressman Mac Thornberry Reacts To President's State Of The Union Speech

Washington, DC - Congressman Mac Thornberry today provided the following comments in response to President George W. Bush's final State of the Union address:

On Keeping Congress Moving

"The President is obviously determined to try to make progress on key issues up until the end of his term. I hope that the Congressional leadership will do the same and not sit back to wait on the election results in November."

On National Security and Intelligence

"In national security, we cannot play politics. Congress should fully fund our troops, and it should make the Protect America Act, which gives us information about terrorists overseas, permanent law."

On The Economy

"On the economy, Washington should not play games. Passing a bill to help ease the cost of living will help folks in the short term. But more important to the health of the economy is to make lower taxes permanent so people can count on it and to increase the supply of energy by producing more energy here at home."

On Wasteful Spending

"I appreciate the President's tough stand on earmarks. Taxpayer-funded monuments to Members of Congress, and other abuses of that nature, should be stopped."

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The Republican and Democratic Primaries are just around the corner. If you are a senior citizen, student, active military, nursing home resident or planning on being out of town for an extended period, you might want to vote by mail. Registered voters in Texas are eligible to vote by mail if:

(a) the voter expects to be absent from the county of the voter's residence on election day and during the regular hours for conducting early voting at the early voting polling place (Ballot must be mailed to an address outside of the county.)

Early voting by personal appearance begins February 19, 2008 and ends February 29, 2008.

(b) if the voter has a sickness or physical condition that prevents the voter from appearing at the polling place on election day;

(c) if the voter is over 65 years of age or older on election day;

(d) at the time the voter's early voting ballot application is submitted, the voter is confined in jail

To be entitled to vote an absentee ballot by mail, a person who is eligible for early voting must make an application for an early voting ballot to be voted by mail as provided by the law. The first day to apply for a ballot by mail is **January 4, 2008** and the last day to apply is **February 26, 2008**. Be sure to allow enough time for the mail service to run both directions. An application may be obtained from the office of the Briscoe County Clerk or you may download an application from the Secretary of State website at www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms

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(Un) el votante espera estar ausente del condado de la residencia de votante en el d a de las elecciones y durante las horas regulares para realizar votando temprano en el centro electoral electoral temprano (la Votaci n debe ser enviada a una direcci n fuera del condado). Votando temprano por aspecto empieza el 19 de febrero de 2008 y termina el 29 de febrero de 2008. (B) si el votante tiene una enfermedad o el estado fisico que previene al votante de aparecer en el centro electoral en el d a de las elecciones; (C) si el votante es m.Es de 65 aeos de la edad o m.E viejo en el d a de las elecciones; (D) en el tiempo la aplicaci n temprano electoral de la votaci n de votante es sometido, el votante es limitado en la c.Ercel

Para tener derecho para votar un voto por correo por el correo, una persona que tiene derecho a para votar temprano debe solicitar una votaci n temprano electoral ser votada por el correo como proporcionado por la ley. El primer d a para solicitar una votaci n por el correo es el 4 de enero de 2008 y el ultimo d a para aplicar es el 26 de febrero de 2008. EstO seguro permitir suficiente tiempo para el servicio del correo para correr ambas direcciones. Una aplicaci n puede ser obtenida de la oficina del Empleado de Condado de Briscoe o usted puede descargar una aplicaci n del sitio web de Ministro en www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms

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ACROSS

- TXism: "got a 100-idea"
- UT has a "Winnie the po" party every spring
- vera
- truckers' radio
- long fluffy scarf
- TXism: "he's wound tighter than an eight-day clock"
- pottery oven
- TXism: "busier than a fry cook in a truck stop"
- "You might be a if..."
- TXism: "I'll be a monkey's"
- UT's Ricky Williams was state's last winner
- TX Larry Hagman dreamed of this Barbara
- works bread dough
- Fort Worth's Kimbell, e.g.
- "get" (dispose of)
- TX Keyes of "Gone With the Wind" (init.)
- in Jack Co. on FM 175
- TXism: "loud enough to the dead"
- Fort Worth bakery: "Baird's"
- TXism: "bend" (talk a lot)
- "hurry" (rushed)
- TX Buddy Holly tune: "On"

DOWN

- TXism: "observant"
- patriotic song: "This Country"
- ex-Oiler Del Greco and TX handyman Carrell
- TXism: "the is on the other foot"
- U.S. tech. org. (abbr.)
- TX birth town of singer George Jones
- TX-born Robert Fulghum's "All I Really Need" in Kindergarten"
- TX sportscaster Nadel (init.)
- dir. to Marshall from Houston
- strolling
- sea eagle
- TX-born Benton directed "Kramer"
- "the test"
- TX Strail label: "Nashville"
- TXism: "old as sin"
- rolltops
- across Adams of "Racquet" with TX Lynda Day George
- Mr. Marcus (init.)
- overseas alliance (abbr.)
- "do as I do"
- "Mrs." south of the border
- fund
- ex-congressman de la Garza
- temple or church
- TX-born actor Tommy Jones
- Wade's dad: "Bum" Phillips
- TX Dexter's "Pistol Packin'"
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Monday, February 4

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Lunch: Hamburger Steak & Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Biscuits, Honey, Milk

Tuesday, February 5

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

Lunch: Polish Sausage, Mac & Cheese, Corn on Cob, Apricots, Biscuits, Milk

Wednesday, February 6

Breakfast: Breakfast on a Stick, Syrup, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Taco Soup, Cheese Toast, Salad, Orange Slices, Milk

Thursday, February 7

Breakfast: Pop Tarts, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Baked Chicken, Ranch Potatoes, Peaches, Biscuits, Milk

Friday, February 8

Breakfast: Breakfast Hot Pocket, OJ/Milk

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Valley School News

GO VALLEY PATRIOTS

Valley Wins Two at Patton Springs

By Susan Ramsey

The Valley basketball teams traveled to Patton Springs last Friday and came home with two important district wins.

In the girls game, Jasmin Ivory scored 26 points to lead Valley to a 55-44 win. Savannah Smith also had a great game with ten points, including two crucial three-pointers. Others scoring for Valley were Mariela Mendoza-6, Mary Kate Davidson-4, Jordan Jenkins-4, Jacy Proctor-2, Lacie Pointer-2, and Leslie Payne-1 point.

The boys game was never close, as Valley raced to a 52 to 11 halftime lead en route to a 90-23 final. Ray Galvan led the way with 18 points. Brady Ramsey and Jacob Hancock were next with 14 points each. Justin Rucker and Cole Brown had 11 points, and Armando Mendoza and Dalton Allen each had 10 points.

The victories ensure playoff berths for both teams, as the girls are 6-0 and the boys are 5-1 in district play. Way to go!

Patriots Cage the Owls

By Susan Ramsey

The Silverton Owls and Owlettes came to town Tuesday night in hopes of stealing a couple of district basketball wins, but left disappointed.

The Lady Patriots overcame a slow start to come away with a 47-39 win. Jasmin Ivory led the way with 15 points and ten rebounds. Payton Price and Savannah Smith were next with 8 and 7 points, respectively. Others scoring were Jordan Jenkins-4, Lacie Pointer-4, Leslie Payne-3, Mary Kate Davidson-3, and Jacy Proctor with 3 points. The victory moves Valley to 7-0 in district and sets up a showdown with Paducah for the district title Friday night.

The boys game was also close for awhile, with the Patriots pulling away late for a 56-42 win. Jacob Hancock and Ray Galvan led the way with 11 points each. Cole Brown added 10 points and Dalton Allen, Brady Ramsey, Armando Mendoza, and Roger Ramos each had 6 points. The victory moves Valley to 6 and 1 in district play. With a win, the Patriots can pull even with Paducah Friday night. Everyone be sure and make the trip to Paducah Friday and support the teams in their quest for a district title. There will be four games, starting at 4:00. GO BLUE!

J.V. Teams Win Valley Tournament

By Susan Ramsey

Both the girls and boys J.V. basketball teams came out victorious last Saturday in the annual Valley J.V. Tournament.

The girls team first defeated Kress to propel them into the championship game. The score of the Kress game was Valley 49, Kress-7. Valley had eight girls find the scoring column, led by Courtney Thibodeaux with nine points. Others scoring for the Patriots were Sadie Valdez-8, Autumn Phillips-8, Kelsey Kelly-8, Khaki Scrivner-7, Courtney Selby-4, Ana Karen Valdez-3, and Sandybel Alanis-2. The championship game saw Valley taking on the always tough Panhandle Lady Panthers. This game was a thriller and ended with Autumn Phillips hitting a shot with two seconds on the clock to give the Lady Patriots the victory by a 37-35 score. Autumn ended up with 8 points, with those last two probably being the biggest two of her young career. Others scoring for Valley were Kelsey Kelly-10, Courtney Thibodeaux-8, Sadie Valdez-6, and Khaki Scrivner with 5 points.

The J.V. boys also defeated Kress in the first round by a 40-34 score. Josh Garcia led the way with 14 points, including two 3-pointers. Jose Galvan also had a good game with 12 points. Others scoring for Valley were Landon Allen with 8 points and Jeffery Addison with 6 points.

The championship game saw the Patriots blow out Lorenzo by a 52-26 score. Jeffery Addison led the way with 13 points. Grant Wheeler and Jose Galvan also had a good game with 12 points a piece. Others scoring for Valley were Josh Garcia-7, Armando Santos-2, John Perkins-2, and Jarrett Valdez with 2.

Great job J.V. teams!

Flu Vaccine, Personal Precautions Offer Protection

With flu classified as widespread in the state for the last two weeks, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) officials are reminding people to take precautions to reduce the risk of getting and spreading the viral illness.

According to health officials, getting a flu vaccination is one of the best ways to prevent getting and spreading the illness. Vaccination is recommended for people ages 6 months and older. Flu vaccines are available in shot and nasal spray forms. Only healthy people ages 2 through 49 years who are not pregnant may receive the spray form.

DSHS health officials offer the following additional precautions:

- Wash your hands frequently with either soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
- Cover your coughs and sneezes;
- Stay home if you're sick.

The Texas flu season typically runs October through March. The flu vaccine, which takes about two weeks to become fully effective, can be given at any time during this period. People wanting the flu vaccine should call their health care provider, local public health department, 2-1-1 or check online at www.211Texas.org <<http://www.211Texas.org>> about availability.

Flu is not a reportable condition in Texas, but DSHS relies on reports from a surveillance network to classify flu activity in the state. The widespread classification applies when there are increases in flu-like illnesses and recent laboratory-confirmed flu cases in at least half of the state's regions.

Valley Varsity & Jr Varsity Boys & Girls vs Paducah
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Valley VJH Tournament
Saturday, February 2 @ TBA., here

Valley Jr High Boys & Girls vs Paducah
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Valley Varsity & Jr Varsity Girls

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Swisher Memorial Hospital District Announces The Beginning Of The Swisher Memorial Hospital Foundation

January 2008 marks the beginning of great things to come for Swisher Memorial Hospital District, Swisher County, and the surrounding areas as the announcement of Swisher Memorial Hospital Foundation becomes official. The foundation opens doors to new possibilities for the hospital district that will help provide for a variety of services to be improved and new services to be created that can assist with meeting the ever changing needs of the residents within the area.

Foundations are organizations whose goal is to raise needed money for the hospital and whose work in the community is felt but not always understood nor widely known.

That's both frustrating and challenging, because foundations are more crucial than ever for today's hospitals, said William McGinly, president and chief executive officer of the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy.

Hospital foundations started to multiply in the 1960s when government funding for health care began to shrink—a problem that continues today, reports the American Hospital Association.

Meanwhile, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 43 million Americans have no medical insurance at all, yet they sometimes get sick and need care. And the costs of information technology, medical equipment, medicines, supplies, and salaries and benefits for health care workers continue to go up.

Currently, about 60 percent of hospitals lose money caring for patients, even as demand for medical care goes up. Hospital foundations are stepping up to help.

Hospital foundations are usually separate from the hospital itself, but their missions and goals complement the work of their hospitals and the needs of their communities, McGinly said.

They raise money a number of ways, including: Annual giving campaigns: yearly requests for donations from past and new supporters; Special events: signature events—black-tie dinners, art auctions, golf tournaments; Capital campaigns including efforts to raise money for specific, big-ticket goals, such as a renovations and expansions or buying medical equipment; donations that are arranged in advance, as part of a will or trust; Endowments, Memorial gifts, and one-time gifts from donors.

Donors can give cash, stock, bonds, or even a piece of property. This is a wonderful way to keep the memory of a loved one alive in our community. Some choose to donate their services, supplies or skills instead.

Of course, foundations love major donations, but \$5 and \$25 donations are welcomed, too.

Most donations to hospital foundations come from individuals, not corporations, a fact that usually surprises people, McGinly said. "People donate for a hundred and one reasons," he said. "Usually, the organization has touched them in some way, pulled at their heartstrings. They believe in the mission of the organization; they have confidence in it." With a donation to their hospital's foundation, "people see a chance to transform something in their own community," he said. "They know they can make a difference."

According to Debbie King, Interim Executive Director of Swisher Memorial Hospital Foundation, the first project that is being sponsored through the foundation is a fund raising drive which will support the construction of a new assisted living facility. This facility will serve residents of the area by offering care based on individual personal needs in a homelike environment.

"This type of care helps to reduce trips to the emergency room for issues that ultimately can be handled at home with just a little assistance or guidance throughout the day. Having the backing of the hospital district is a great plus to this type of facility. Anytime you offer services that are geared toward an older population having access to medical care is crucial. In a city the size of Tulia, regardless of location this access is present. I am very excited about this project and many others that may become a reality through the help of the hospital foundation, said King.

If there is anyone how would like to learn more about the Swisher Memorial Hospital Foundation or would like to contribute to the foundation please feel free to contact Debbie King, Interim Executive Director SMHF or Jim Koulovasos, Chief Executive Officer of Swisher Memorial Hospital District at (806)995-3581.

They that can give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

—Benjamin Franklin

The basis of our political system is the right of the people to make and to alter their constitutions of government.

—George Washington

"PATRIOT SPIRIT" VALLEY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

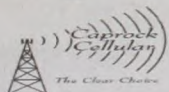


Cade Luckett

Cade Luckett is a 17 year old Junior at Valley High School. Cade is the son of Bill and Kendra Luckett of Matador. As an active Patriot, Cade has excelled in many school activities. Cade is a very active member of the Valley FFA. Cade has been a Valley FFA and Greenbelt District Officer and is the current Vice President of the Area I FFA Association. Cade was a member of the varsity Patriot Football team. Cade is a member of the National Honor Society and a consistent name on the "A" Honor Roll. Cade's academics efforts have always been priority.

Cade is a leader and as busy as any student at Valley High School. Cade was chosen for this recognition because of his outstanding work ethic and willingness to work hard to succeed. He is an "All Around Great Guy" and we are extremely proud that he is a Patriot.

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TURKEY-QUITAQUE ISD					
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE					
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS					
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2007					
Item	10	50		Total	
Control	General	Capital	Other	Governmental	
Codes	Fund	Projects	Funds	Funds	
REVENUES:					
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 580,979	\$ 19,696	\$ 49,518	\$ 650,193
5800	State Program Revenues	1,693,184	-	135,106	1,828,290
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	-	269,704	269,704
5020	Total Revenues	2,274,163	19,696	454,328	2,748,187
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011	Instruction	1,160,749	-	310,763	1,471,512
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	25,376	-	-	25,376
0015	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	7,962	-	-	7,962
0023	School Leadership	78,640	-	-	78,640
0021	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	26,350	-	-	26,350
0023	Health Services	3,788	-	-	3,788
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	102,016	-	-	102,016
0035	Food Services	-	-	160,058	160,058
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	108,942	-	-	108,942
0041	General Administration	174,555	-	-	174,555
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	282,186	-	-	282,186
0053	Data Processing Services	46,038	-	-	46,038
Capital Outlay:					
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	70,799	-	-	70,799
Intergovernmental:					
6003	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	39,306	-	-	39,306
6090	Total Expenditures	2,066,907	-	470,821	2,537,728
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	207,256	19,696	(16,493)	210,459
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7915	Transfers In	-	-	33,568	33,568
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(33,568)	-	-	(33,568)
7050	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(33,568)	-	33,568	-
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	173,688	19,696	17,075	210,459
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,069,303	374,287	-	1,443,590
3900	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,242,991	\$ 393,983	\$ 17,075	\$ 1,654,049

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Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Weather permitting; most of the day will be hands-on field demonstrations and firing techniques with a few classroom presentations in the morning. Presentation topics will include Prescribed Burning and Vegetative Responses, Implementing Burn Plans to Maximize Wildlife Benefit, and Planning a Prescribed Burn. The workshop will end at approximately 4 p.m.

Space is limited to 50 people, so please preregister by February 19, 2008. You can register by calling Diana Mayo or Kory Perlichek, Matador WMA at 806-492-3405. Cost of the workshop is \$15 per person, which includes refreshment and lunch. Participant can earn Continuing Education Units (CEU's) by attending the workshop.

Caprock SWCD Now Taking Orders For Spring Trees

Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District is currently taking orders for windbreak and larger trees. Tree seedlings will be offered from Texas Forest Service, but hardwood trees are limited in varieties and wildlife packets are not available this year.

Container grown shade, ornamental, and fruit trees are also available for order. Caprock SWCD also sells drip supplies for optimum care of your trees.

A minimum order is required on the seedlings orders. There is no minimum on the larger trees. The earlier you order, the better chance you have of getting the varieties you want. Many of the trees will be sold out in a short time.

Caprock SWCD does not guarantee any trees ordered. Any and all orders are final. A deposit of half of the total order is required at the time the order is placed.

For more information, call (806) 823-2431, Extension 101 or go by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office in Silverton located at 410 Lone Star.

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

What A Difference A Year Makes; Efforts To Craft New 2007 Farm Bill Entering Final Stage

Now that Congress has returned to Washington, the next stage of the farm bill development process is also on the verge of getting started as the House and Senate Agriculture Committees begin the process of "confereing" the two different versions of the 2007 farm bill passed by those bodies.

Looking back at how we arrived at the last leg of the 2007 Farm Bill's marathon development process shows that at this time last year the Bush Administration was just about to unveil its' vision of future farm policy.

A year later the finish line is finally in sight as House and Senate Agriculture Committee leaders press forward to complete the legislation and send it to President Bush's desk before a current funding extension expires in mid-March.

Despite not having many of their specific ideas incorporated into the bills that were passed in House of Representatives and United States Senate, the Administration has continued to voice its concern and work to make changes in certain areas of the developing legislation.

As Congress moves forward with the process of working out differences between the House and Senate bills, the Bush Administration is still pushing for significantly stricter program payment eligibility provisions.

Also high on the Administration's list of things it wants to see changed are the "pay-for" provisions that will provide additional money to fund important new programs benefiting specialty crops, conservation and nutrition programs.

The Administration's position on these issues has been voiced repeatedly since Congress adjourned just before Christmas and includes an ongoing threat of a Presidential veto if these items are not fully addressed in the conference report.

Outside of Washington the message emanating from agriculture organizations is that the Administration needs to think carefully before vetoing the reconciled version of the 2007 Farm Bill. When complete, the final bill will have passed both Houses of Congress and include many significant reforms in program eligibility and payment limitations as well as making historic new investments in other areas.

On the Senate side of the equation Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin (D-IA), and Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad (D-ND) have both noted the importance of continuing to have a dialogue with the Administration on these issues in hopes of developing a bill that everyone can support.

Conrad, who was in Lubbock, Texas, January 25 participating in the 1st Annual Meeting of the Southwest Council of Agribusiness, said earlier this week that Administration officials are "very inflexible" in their demands when compromise is needed. He added that the Senate Finance Committee was looking at alternative revenue proposals that he hoped would ultimately prove acceptable to the Administration.

The farm Bill was an obvious source of discussion during the January 24 confirmation hearing for Agriculture Secretary nominee Edward Schafer of North Dakota as well.

Schafer is a former two-term governor of North Dakota and could be confirmed as secretary as early as next week.

If confirmed, Schafer will become head of the Agriculture Department in the midst of contentious negotiations on the \$286 billion bill passed by both the House and Senate last year. Schafer also said that he hoped he could help "narrow the differences" on the Farm Bill.

"I know the President wants to sign a new farm bill this year," said Schafer, who offered to work with Congress to resolve the impasse over tax increases and tighter subsidy rules for the farm bill.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson (D-MN), who has met on several occasions with Administration representatives to discuss their concerns, says that an Administration veto would do nothing but set the stage for U.S. farm policy to revert back to the underlying permanent law embodied in the Agriculture Act of 1949.

During a January 22 conference call with reporters, Peterson said, "If the House-Senate conference committee reconciles the House and Senate bills by March 15, we would send the farm bill to the White House and the president would sign it or we would go to permanent law. It would be as simple as that."

Peterson also noted that, "All three of us - the House, the Senate and the Administration want to get this done." He summed up the situation by saying, "The White House says it wants a bill 'sooner rather than later. But it has not been willing to move on these key issues."

At the end of the day, the final product of the conference committee will in large part determine whether or not the Administration will soften its position and sign this very important legislation.

Cashing in On High Crop Prices May Be Limited by Water Availability

Before they plant fence row to fence row to take advantage of high commodity prices, producers need to develop realistic expectations of their irrigation capacity, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Leon New, AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist, told producers at the High Plains Irrigation Conference held recently in Amarillo that there is only a certain amount of water available for commodity crops.

"We may want to plant all the wheat and corn we can and maybe some soybeans and cotton," New said. "One of the limiting factors may not be money, as in the past, but water."

There are a number of tools available that will help producers identify how much water they have available and when to apply it to address peak water-use periods, he said.

"You need to know your seasonal irrigation capacity and then you're going to make a decision on where your water is going," New said.

The Texas High Plains Evapotranspiration Network of weather stations can help producers determine how much water a crop needs throughout the growing season, as well as how much is being derived from rainfall, he said.

Corn may need 20 inches or more water from June to August. A 5.5 gallons-per-minute-per-acre well can only produce 17.5 inches running full-time during that period, so producers will need some stored water in the 6-inch soil profile, New said.

"We want to do more with less, but just how much can you do?" he asked. "You don't want to plant corn with only four gallons per minute per acre available from your well. You are better off with sorghum."

Sorghum requires 12 to 12.5 inches of moisture from mid-July to the end of August, and a four gallon-per-minute-per-acre well can produce somewhere between 9.5-10 inches, New said. That risk can be made up with a full soil-moisture profile.

Also, grain sorghum will do without moisture longer than corn before it starts stressing.

Cotton is another option where water is limited, he said. A three gallon-per-minute-per-acre well can support the production of three to four bales per acre of cotton.

"Every crop-water-use chart indicates we don't have the water to meet the demand throughout the growing season," New said. "What we try to meet is the demand during peak parts of the season."

"On most crops, you are betting on some free moisture in the form of rainfall, but you don't want a wreck."

Utilizing tools such as soil moisture probes and the weather station network, he advised, wait as long as possible, but be prepared to put on water to fill the 6-inch soil profile for this year's crop.

"You know as well as I know, every year is different," New said. "Wait as long as you can. If you can only put on an inch a week, it takes six weeks to fill the soil profile. So keep that in mind when planning water for critical water-use stages."

"If you have to quit watering on one of these stages, it will hurt you at harvest," he said.

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This Week In Texas History!

Feb 3, 1959
Rock and roll legend Charles H. "Buddy" Holly of Lubbock died in a plane crash near Mason City, Iowa.

Feb 3, 1841
The Republic Congress authorizes frontier militia units to protect Texas settlers from Indians.

Feb 4, 1860
Texas Rangers stopped Mexican bandits from crossing the Rio Grande River into Texas. They chased the bandits into Mexico, and in the middle of a fire-fight gave out a "Texas yell" which later became the "Rebel yell" in the Civil War.

Feb 5, 1956
The Panhandle-South Plains blizzard ended. A state record snowfall of 33 inches was set at Hale Center. 20 deaths were reported and thousands of cattle were killed.

Feb 5, 1863
Texas Gov. Frances R. Lubbock said that Texas had furnished over 68,500 men to the Confederate effort.

Feb 6, 1866
Delegates to the Reconstruction Constitution Convention open the session in Austin.

Feb 6, 1864
The Confederate Congress prohibited the exporting of cotton without the permission of Jefferson Davis. This was an effort to gain control of the independent Texas state government and Texans who were angry at the Confederate decision.

Feb 6, 1854
The Texas Legislature ordered land be set aside in the state for the formation of Indian reservations.

Feb 7, 1861
The Texas Legislature passed a bill allowing counties on the state's frontier to establish companies of "minute men" to fight either Indians or Yankees.

Feb 8, 1924
The electric chair was used in Texas for the first time when five African-Americans were executed at Huntsville.

Feb 8, 1870
The 12th Legislature began. It was known as the "Carpetbagger Session" with several laws approved that paved the way for Texas to rejoin the Union. 11 African-American representatives and two African-American senators were among the members.

Feb 9, 1923
Gov. Pat Neff signed legislation creating Texas Tech.

Feb 9, 1861
Gov. Sam Houston ordered elections held to ratify the Secession Ordinance.

Feb 9, 1836
Advance scouts of Gen. Santa Anna arrive at the Rio Grande River. The main body of the Mexican Army was two days behind the scouts.

Things That Make You Go Hmmmm...

By Laura Taylor

Pet Rules...

To be posted VERY LOW on the refrigerator door - nose height.

Dear Dogs and/or Cats,
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* The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

* I cannot buy anything bigger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

* For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years -- canine or feline attendance is not required.

* The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough!

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 2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. (That's why they call it 'fur'iture.)
 3. I like my pets a lot better than I like most people.
 4. To you, it's an animal. To me, he/she is an adopted son/daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly.

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2. Don't ask for money all the time.
3. Are easier to train.
4. Normally come when called.
5. Never ask to drive the car.
6. Don't hang out with drug-using friends.
7. Don't smoke or drink.
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Gov. Perry Issues Disaster Proclamation Due to Threat of Wildfires

AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry today issued a state disaster proclamation for 152 counties in response to the threat posed by wildfires rapidly spreading in areas across the state. Burn bans are already in place in these Texas counties. This disaster proclamation allows affected counties to be eligible for state assistance.

"I urge Texans to exercise extreme caution as conditions remain favorable for the development of wildfires across the state," said Gov. Perry. "Vigilance and good judgment are key to ensuring Texans' families, homes and places of work remain safe."

Counties certified in the disaster proclamation are: Andrews, Archer, Armstrong, Atascosa, Bandera, Baylor, Bell, Bexar, Bosque, Brewster, **Briscoe**, Brooks, Brown, Carson, Castro, Childress, Clay, Cochran, Coke, Collingsworth, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Crane, Crockett, Crosby, Culberson, Deaf Smith, Delta, Denton, Dickens, Dimmit, Eastland, Ector, Edwards, Ellis, Erath, Fannin, Fisher, Foard, Frio, Garza, Gray, Grayson, Guadalupe, Hale, **Hall**, Hamilton, Hansford, Hardeman, Haskell, Hays, Hemphill, Hidalgo, Hill, Hockley, Hood, Howard, Hudspeth, Hunt, Hutchinson, Irion, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Johnson, Jones, Karnes, Kaufman, Kendall, Kent, Kerr, Kimble, King, Kinney, Kleberg, Knox, LaSalle, Lamar, Lamb, Lampasas, Liberty, Limestone, Lipscomb, Live Oak, Llano, Loving, Lynn, Martin, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, McLennan, Medina, Menard, Midland, Milam, Mills, Mitchell, Montague, **Motley**, Navarro, Nolan, Nueces, Oldham, Palo Pinto, Parker, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Presidio, Rains, Randall, Reagan, Real, Refugio, Robertson, Rockwall, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Somervell, Starr, Stephens, Sterling, Stonewall, Sutton, Swisher, Tarrant, Taylor, Terry, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Travis, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Van Zandt, Waller, Ward, Washington, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Willacy, Wilson, Winkler, Wise, Young and Zavala.

High winds and lack of precipitation have dried grass and other vegetation across the state, posing significant fire danger. In addition, a major cold front is expected to enter the state this evening with sustained winds of 30 to 50 miles per hour in some areas.

To address the potential threat, seven Texas Military Forces utility helicopters have been activated and are stationed in Austin, San Antonio and Dallas/ Fort Worth (DFW), and one CH-47 helicopter is currently on standby in DFW area. The Texas Department of Transportation is providing fuel for Volunteer Fire Department personnel and assisting in suppressing the fires. The Public Utility Commission of Texas is restoring power. The State Operations Center remains at the highest level of activation to monitor the situation. The Governor's Division of Emergency Management is coordinating state support for local officials.

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