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Valley lines up against Hedley last Friday for a 53-0 win.

Patriots Cage The Owls

By Susan Ramsey

Valley traveled to Hedley Friday night and took another step towards a District Championship. The Patriots raced to a 30-0 first quarter lead enroute to a 53-0 halftime victory.

The Patriots had six different players find the end zone on the night. Valley's first score came on a 21 yard Justin Rucker run. The next possession saw Cole Brown find Isaac Smith behind everyone for a 33 yard touchdown strike. Roger Ramos found the end zone next for Valley on a 20 yard run. Jeffery Addison scored twice on runs of 44 and 36 yards. Grant Wheeler and Dalton Allen also each had one touchdown to round out the scoring for the Patriots.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Patriots pitched a shutout with 16 different players logging in tackles. Roger Ramos led the way with eight tackles, while Cole Brown was right behind him with seven. Armando Mendoza, Brady Ramsey, Justin Rucker, and Dalton Allen helped out with six tackles a piece.

Valley will take on Paducah at home this Friday night in the final district game of the season. A win will lock up a district title and send the Patriots to the playoffs once again. Let's fill the stands Friday night and cheer our boys on to victory! GO BLUE!

Filing Deadline For 2008 March Primary Elections

The first day to file for a place on the ballot for the March Primary is December 3, 2007. Deadline for filing is January 2, 2008. In Briscoe, Hall and Motley Counties the following positions are up for re-election: Sheriff, Tax-Assessor/Collector, County Attorney, Commissioners for Precinct 1 & 3.

Last day to register to vote in the March Primary is February 4, 2008.

What's Happening In The Valley Area This Week?

November 8

- * Matador City Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- * Turkey City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Matador Masonic Lodge meeting
- * Valley Patriots JV vs Paducah, there @ 6:30 p.m.
- * Valley Jr High vs Paducah, there @ 5 p.m.

November 9

- * Valley Patriots vs Paducah, here @ 7:30 p.m.
- * End of 2nd Six Weeks at Valley School

November 12

- * Beginning of 3rd Six Weeks at Valley School
- * Motley County Commissioners Court meeting @ 9:30 a.m.
- * Briscoe County Commissioners Court meeting @ 10 a.m.
- * Hall County Commissioners Court meeting @ 10 a.m.
- * Valley Board of Trustees meeting
- * Quitaque City Council meeting
- * Quitaque Volunteer Fire Department meeting @ 7 p.m.

November 13

- * Hall County Hospital Board meeting @ 2 p.m.
- * We The Women meeting @ 12 noon
- * Wilverton Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Quitaque Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- * Turkey Senior Citizens meeting @ 6 p.m. B/P Checks @ 5:30 p.m.

November 14

- * Report Cards-Valley School
- It Is FREE To Add Your Events To This Calendar**
Deadline Is Noon Tuesdays
To Add Your Event Call: 806-455-1101 or
email:vtaylor@caprock-spur.com

Shannons Delight Turkey Jamboree Audience

By R.J. Kalafus

This past Saturday the Gem Theatre hosted another capacity crowd and all who attended left well fed and left talking about the talent present for the night. The Jamboree had visitors from as far away as Wichita Falls and Lubbock.

The night started off with the pride of Northfield, The Shannons - Atlanta, Aspen, Laredo, Cimmarron and making his first public appearance, Stockton. Their set consisted of great fiddling and string work by the talented family. They played a mix of Bob Wills and traditional waltzes. Their rendition of the West Texas Anthem "Faded Love" was one of the best ever heard. The youngest Shannon, Stockton took the stage and played "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and received a great round of applause. They ended the show with a favorite "Ashokan Farewell".

Childress native, Linda Gooch had the audience travel back through music of the generations starting off with the 40's hit "Sentimental Journey". She continued on her journey to the present with such hits as "Satin Sheets", "Thanks A Lot", "Walking After Midnight" and "Sweet Dreams". As always she was appreciated by the audience.

Last to appear was the award winning sound of the band, Surrendered, who recently were awarded the honors as the best gospel band in competition in Branson, Missouri. The gospel music sound was great with a really good sound and some great self composed music and their version of "Amazing Grace" done to the tune of "The House of the Rising Sun". Brent Knox of the band introduced "Angel on the Highway" dedicated to bikers around the world and Karen Stokes introduced "Time to Ride The Gospel Train", which is the tune that won them the title of the best band in gospel. They closed out their portion of the show with a novelty song "Devil Shut Yo Mouth". They are worth seeing again if you see them in concert.

During the Talent Showcase, there was a great version of the "Great Speckled Bird" which was done to perfection by Memphis' Ruby Graham and she was loudly applauded for her effort.

Next it was time for the best band in West Texas, The Turkey Gems, to end the show and Jimmy Adams has the crowd tappin' and clappin' to his fiddle work on "Soldiers Joy". His fiddling is always a crowd pleaser. Glen Waters sang an old Rex Allen song "Tear Drops In My Heart". Then Lucy Dean Record dedicated a song to the Frances' on their anniversary "When You and I Were Young Maggie". Bennie Brown soloed on "The Bells of St Mary" and "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" was great. The band as always was great.

A special thanks to John and Maybell Francis for filling in for the ailing Dewayne and Melody Pettiet.

By audience ballot the Shannons were awarded the \$100 cash prize, which had been donated by Billy Ray Hardcastle and the Motley Mill & Cube Co. The \$25 door prize was donated by the CapRock Telephone Cooperative and we thank them all for the donations. In addition there 45 other prizes drawn for during the intermission ranging from electronics to home baked goods and crafts. We thank all that contributed.

The next Jamboree will be Saturday, December 1 as always it will be held at the historic Gem Theatre in beautiful downtown Turkey, Texas.



The Dance Team consist of Kennadee Buchanan, Haley Wheeler, Dixie Williams, Alexis Rodriguez, Lindsay Stewart, and Igansio Ascencio along with instructor Sherry Fogerson and two Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders.

Local Dance Team Will Perform At Dallas Cowboys Half-Time Show December 16

Ms. Sherry Fogerson took her Dance Team to the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders competition on Oct 27, 2007 at Texas Stadium in Irving Texas.

This contest featured private dance academies, school groups and city teams ranging from age 6 through high school. Over 1,000 participants representing Texas and Louisiana were there for the opportunity to show the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders just what they were made of and to hopefully snag a prize or two.

The awards included impressive trophies and some invitations to perform in the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders' Christmas Halftime on Dec. 16, 2007. While the shining trophies were clearly in view for all to see throughout the competition, and every team hoped for at least one, it's the chance to perform in front of 65,000 fans during a game at Texas Stadium that's exhilarating for such young performers.

Ms. Sherry's Dance Team won 1st place in the 4-6 grade competition! They will get to go back to Texas Stadium and perform at the halftime game on Dec. 16. The Cowboys will play the Philadelphia Eagles.

The Dance Team consist of Kennadee Buchanan—daughter of Bryan and Shadi Buchanan, Haley Wheeler—daughter of Brian and Mona Wheeler—both girls from Turkey Texas. Dixie Williams—daughter of Matt and Jeananne Williams, Alexis Rodriguez—daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Rodriguez, Lindsay Stewart—daughter of Kevin and Victory Stewart, and Igansio Ascencio—son of Irma Cuevas—all from Lockney Texas.

LAST CHANCE!

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SOFT TACO SUPPER!

Come eat at the soft taco supper this Friday, November 9 before the game. Each plate will have 3 soft tacos, beans, salad, chips, homemade hot sauce, tea and dessert. The meal will be served from 5:30 - 7:00pm in the Valley School cafeteria. All proceeds will help the Valley Family, Career and Community Leaders of America pay for their contest entry fees and travel. Come out and support the Patriots! Eat first and stay and watch the last game of district play between the Patriots and the Paducah Dragons.

Do Gooders' Club Has Welcome Mat Ready For Fall Bazaar, November 17

The Welcome Mat is ready to be spread for the Do Gooders' Club Annual Bazaar to be held Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Center in Flomot.

The special guest is author, H. Joaquin Jackson, a retired Texas Ranger, for a book signing of "One Ranger". The book is a historical and interesting story about the life of a Ranger.

A large variety of arts and crafts, clothing, flea market items, baked goods, leather works, paintings and jewelry will be available to the public. It will be a good pre-Christmas shopping center.

A concession stand will sell taco soup, sandwiches, brownies, coffee, iced tea and soft drinks.

Booths are available for \$10. Please contact Mrs. Kathy Shorter-806-469-5271 or Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert-806-469-5212. Members of the club are selling chances for \$1 or six for \$5 on floral designed Bazaar quilt. The name of the winner will draw the day of the Bazaar and does not have to be present.

All profits from the Bazaar and chances sold will be us improvements at the Flomot Community Center.

ON THE QT

By Patsy Herrington

The cool, gorgeous days of autumn with their dazzling foliage casts spells on us all! Sometimes we don't have to look much farther than our own block or yard. It's my favorite time of the year.

Billy Jean and Weldon Griffin have had their son, Rusty, and wife Debbie visiting them from Ponder, Texas. I remember Rusty as a short little guy that I taught piano lessons to. I almost didn't recognize him as he is quite tall and muscular, but still has that nice twinkle in his eye.

Stachia Chadwick Washington, daughter Katie and a friend were here last weekend from Childress visiting Buck and Ann Chadwick. Stachia is Buck's daughter and Katie, his granddaughter, who is a charming, beautiful girl-so grown up.

Lex Herrington and son Everett were here Saturday with other Cub Scouts and leaders on a hiking adventure at Caprock Canyons State Park. They brought their lunch and spent the day. Later in the evening they visited with Patsy Herrington.

PAWA Trade Days at Quitaque in the old Paymaster gin last week was a huge success! I was really impressed at the quality and great variety of items sold. There was musical entertainment, food, puppies, crafts, antiques, and a little of everything. Area merchants had such a good day that they'd like to have it every month.

First Baptist Church, Quitaque, is hosting an evangelical revival team, the Andersons, Sunday thru Wednesday of this week.

Lots of work and labor is going into building the new water tower in town. It is reported to be 140 ft. tall when finished. It already looks huge.

Halloween has come and gone. Many a cute ghost and goblin appeared at my house. Ruth Proctor always dresses up like a witch, and she and Wade decorate their house and yard to the hilt, and it is so cute. She makes popcorn balls. Ruth has always been a "barrel of fun".

Quail season is upon us. My son-in-law, Bud Welborn-Lisa's husband, whom many around here know, is coming to hunt along with several of his buddies. They always get so excited for weeks in advance, anticipating the trip!

The Post Enduro Association is in Quitaque and are hosting an event called Stick Ladder Grand Prix. The president is David Cadd. This is held at Dee Whittington's ranch east of Quitaque. Approximately 200 entries and close to 500 people are there. It is a big family deal with husbands, wives, and kids in motor homes. There are cyclists from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado, Texas, and a few from Wyoming. This circuit has donated over \$40,000 to Special Olympics and other charities due to these races. Different promoters put on different races. The circuit is responsible for scoring points for riders. There are thirteen races per year. Anyone can join who is interested just go to www.npgpc.net. High Plains Grande Prix Circuit owns the circuit. The big nights are Saturday and Sunday with live music by Louis and Lisa Lips and the Stick Ladder Band. There will be food for sale by Todd Marnell, from Tulia, who does a lot of catering there. Besides the band, Buffalo Bingo is played. There is a great family atmosphere. All try hard for a trophy. In March Caprock Canyons Enduro will be here and anticipates 400-450 riders plus support groups.

Friendship is a union of spirits, a marriage of hearts, and the bond there of virtue.

It is better to weep with wise men than to laugh with fools. ~ Spanish Proverb

The Valley Tribune, The Hall Co. Historical Commission thanks all of the donors in Hall County for their generous contributions to pay the \$7,000 fee to update and resubmit the application for the Texas Historical Commission grant to restore our beautiful, old, historic courthouse. It is obvious that the citizens of Hall County do NOT want to lose this courthouse; we want it restored.

Some of the donations were coins; other donations ranged in amounts from small to quite large. However, every single donation represents a voter in Hall County who cares about our historic county seat of government.

Memphis has already lost so many of our historic buildings: the Methodist Church, the 1st Baptist Church, the Carnegie Library, the train depot, and the city hall and fire station. People have rallied together and made the statement that we do not want another building to fall into such disrepair that it cannot be restored.

People have approached us and said they would have made a donation if they had been contacted. We raised the money and quit asking for donations.

It was not our intent to pad our own Historical Commission's bank account. We had a mission and with the help of the citizens, it was reached in less than one week. That says so much about every single citizen and business in Hall County. We all have pride in our community.

Thank you! The Hall County Historical Commission

The Valley Tribune,

Enjoy your newspaper each week! I have enclosed my check for another year of enjoyable and informative news. What a wonderful view of the wind energy turbines on the Caprock horizon. Appreciate your coverage on oil and gas reports. Also the uranium mining. Attended Caprock Canyons opening of the new Visitors Center. Our guide and driver of our van was so nice and friendly. Sorry I missed the buffalo burgers. Look forward to next year.

Flora Phillips, Memphis, TX

Vince and Laura,

Thanks for serving the Valley area so faithfully. I appreciate your help in printing the info on events in the area. You do a superb job and I just wanted to tell you. It's also helpful to be able to e-mail you info. May God bless you as you continue to serve.

Dee Seitz, Turkey, TX

Laura Taylor, Editor,

I am enclosing a check for one year subscription to The Valley Tribune. Also-I enjoy Patsy Herrington's column On The QT. She is a very talented person and is great writing Quitaque news.

Thanks, June Ross Hale

WHAT A GREAT IDEA!

When you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please include the following:


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To like and dislike the same things, this is what makes a solid friendship. ~ Sallust

True friends...face in the same direction, toward common projects, interests, goals. ~ C.S. Lewis

Better fare hard with good men than feast with bad. ~ Thomas Fuller

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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Here in America, we should present our colors honorably. Our nations history is founded on independence and freedom. From the onset, the principle of one' worth is based on American spirit and patriotic character. Let us not allow our citizenship to be ill founded. The existence of our freedom is still admirable and remains the envy of the entire world. Fly your colors and honor veterans November 11. God Bless America!

Reminder of Club Meeting

This is a reminder of the Do Gooder's Club meeting to be held Tuesday, November 13 at the Community Center in Flomot at 2:30 p.m. Final preparations will be made for the club's Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 17.

October Weather Cooperated With Motley County Cotton and Feed Farmers

A good cotton crop and baled hay and wheat yield for Motley County farmers in 2007 is excellent news after the 2006 disaster crops. The weather cooperated giving producers generally hot weather and rain when needed. The application of defoliants and harvesting of cotton has been gaining momentum in October.

Warm days and cooler nights dominated the month with winds of 46 m.p.h. reported October 17. On October 20, Motley County broke the heat record that afternoon with a 92 degree temperature! Cotton does not need rain, but winter wheat and grass fields need moisture. Cattle remain in good condition.

The Motley County National Weather Service volunteers report the total rainfall for October 2007: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 0.06; Ronnie Bailey, Matador 0.00; Betty Simpson, Northfield-0.00; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat 0.10; and Clois Shorter, Flomot 0.15 inches.

Attend 59th Class Reunion

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert attended her 59th Turkey High School senior graduation class reunion Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Senior Citizens Room in the Bob Wills Center in Turkey. They enjoyed a buffet luncheon with lots of visiting and renewing of memories.

Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Bullin of Levelland; Mr. and Mrs. Alton Lane of Alto, NM, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ham of Quitaque; Hilda Huffine Lawrence and daughter, Brenda Strahan of Dripping Springs; Margie McKay Purcell of Albuquerque, NM, Grace Boatman Wooten and Travis Lyles of Lubbock, Ray Corgill of Tulsa, OK, and Linda Lane Ferguson of Turkey. One visitor, Bob Coker of Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay visited last weekend in Borger with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton. They enjoyed the All Star football game of 5th and 6th grade students in which Lane played. They were in Borger again this weekend and Ashton and his 3rd and 4th grade teammates played in an All Star football game.

Visiting the weekend with Mrs. Beverly Vinson and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Vinson and attending the fire department barbecue supper in Matador Saturday night and the Matador Methodist Church Harvest Festival Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Dana Vinson, Allison and Elise of Lubbock.

Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and daughter, Peyton and Travis Lyles of Lubbock visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Nada and Jack Starkey were in Amarillo last Sunday and Monday for Nada medical tests. They returned to Amarillo this Monday to get the results of her medical biopsies. Visiting the Sunday was Lewis Rigdon of Amarillo. He also visited Donnie Rogers.

Mrs. Christi Milam and daughters, Emily and Haley of Petersburg and Mrs. Keri Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville visited Friday night and Saturday with their parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter.

Visiting the weekend with Wilburn Martin was daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger. Visiting Sunday was his granddaughter, Lindsay Martin of Amarillo.

Be slow to fall into friendship; but when thou art in, continue firm and constant.

- Socrates



Palo Duro Basin Oil & Gas Report

By Tom Musser
Motley County: The drilling operations of the horizontal section of the Bankers Petroleum Cogdell "64" lease well #1 was finished last week, and this well is awaiting completion work.

Turkey Women's Bible Study

What huge events have happened in your life in the last 5-10 years? Deaths, marriages, job changes, children leaving home? Have you had Someone to cling to and hang onto their ever Word?

The Beth Moore Bible study of Daniel is for each of us who have experience life. Life happens. It changes us—for the good or bad depending on our choices. The book of Daniel shows God in control, absolutely sovereign, never shaken, and nothing can detour His plan for the ages and for us today. In the study of Daniel, God will reveal Himself and His Son Jesus powerfully, majestically, and personally.

This Bible study has a different format. It is driven by the weekly video sessions which are followed by five home study lessons. Class will consist of an hour of the video and an hour of discussion of the past weeks home study.

Bring a friend and come join us for an exciting time in the book of Daniel. Class will start with the first video on Monday evening November 12 at 6:00 pm in the First Baptist Church in Turkey. This facility is wheelchair accessible. Also on November 12 from 12-2 the class will also be offered for those desiring a daytime study and will have the same format.

Dee Seitz will facilitate the class and can be reached at 806-423-1014. Books will be available at the first class.

TURKEY SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

Turkey Senior Citizens met Tuesday night with 13 members. Bob Warner said the prayer before the delicious pot luck dinner. After dinner, a table of Spinner and Mexican Train were played.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 6:00pm. Blood pressure checks start at 5:30 pm for anyone interested. If you are a senior, we welcome you to come and enjoy the fun! food! and fellowship!

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ACROSS

- TXism: "no brag, just ___"
- state of Spurs' Jazz opponent
- TX Buddy Holly hit: "___ On"
- "Gig" or "Hook" end
- Amarillo hosts ___ State Fair
- TXism: "poke in the eye with a sharp stick"
- TX Orbison & Willis did it for a career in Robertson Co. on hwy. 14
- TXism: "nail ___ to the barn door"
- TX Carol Burnett won 1st Emmy on the Garry ___ Show
- TXism: "___ a tack" (smart)
- Howe's h.s. rating
- TXism: "a real go-___" (energetic)
- Amarillo is ___ capital of the world
- Rangers NY foe
- Dallas mil. hosp.
- JFK's funeral had a ___ horse
- Cowboys followers
- Ebanos ferry is hand-pulled
- what TXns do best
- star of Ace Reid's cartoons (2 wds.)
- TX nurses provide this (abbr.)
- TX Socorro de Sur: oldest ___ in U.S.
- TXism: "beats anything ___ saw"
- TX hardwood tree
- camping shelter
- TX ZZ Top's ___ Hombres"
- Galveston hosts Dickens' "Week ___ Strand"
- LPGA event: "Nabisco ___ Shore"
- cowboy bolo (2 wds.)
- Stars' league (abbr.)
- in '28, TX voted against him (init.)

DOWN

- TXism: "the ___ was flying" (flying)
- TXism: "as welcome as a skunk ___ picnic"
- Cascade ___ are near Boerne
- "Texas, our Texas! All hail ___"
- this state Apiary Service tracks killer bees (abbr.)
- TXism: "___ hoof" (hog)
- boot width
- Aggie letters
- TXism: "a good man not ___" (mean)
- TXism: "on a ___ slinging drunk"
- winner of Rangers 7th inning scoreboard race (2 wds.)
- San Antonio-based Diamond ___
- Miss Texas ex-director: ___ Magness
- TXism: "feel like ___ chewed up and spit out"
- TX DPS licenses of DWIs pencil end
- "The Raven" (init.)
- TXism: "no flies on ___" (good looking)
- Ken Norton, Jr.'s dad broke this boxer's jaw in '73
- "get ___ of it"
- Cinco de Mayo celebrates the victory at ___
- ex-Ranger Petralli
- "at least we have ___ other"
- Feria, TX
- sixth sense
- TX Bob Wills hit: "Faded ___"
- rare deer type at San Antonio Zoo: ___ David's
- TXism: "took a likin' ___"
- rip or tear
- home state of TX outlaw Sam Bass
- hammer partners
- TXism: "chew ___ fat" (talk)

Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up.
 - Jesse Jackson

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Domestic Violence Expert Looks At Dating Violence Among High School, College Students

Newswise — A startling number of high school and college students - both female and male - are being battered, sexually abused or stalked by their dates, according to a Kansas State University professor.

"Approximately 30 percent of college students have been in relationships that involve physical aggression. Even more have been in relationships that are emotionally abusive," said Sandra Stith, director of the marriage and family therapy program at K-State and a nationally recognized expert in domestic violence.

Likewise, approximately 25 percent of high school students who are in relationships are subjected to abuse, according to Stith.

Why? Research points to many complex triggers, said Stith, who also is a pioneer in couples treatment for domestic violence.

Stress and the inability to control anger are common ones. Another is the intensity of the relationship. Stith said studies show that the more serious the liaison, the more likely it is to be violent.

Too many students think they don't deserve better treatment, she said. Some think hitting and abusive language are acceptable. "It is never OK to be emotionally abusive or physically violent," Stith said. "We need to send a clear message that abuse in any form is not normal, not acceptable and not OK."

Research clearly indicates that both male and female students are victims of physical and emotional abuse. "We cannot minimize violence against women," she said. "Male violence is more likely to cause serious injury and death."

However, just like female victims, male victims often accept blame for the abuse, saying things like "it's my fault because I am not listening to her," Stith said.

She said abuse in young relationships takes other forms: attempting to control the partner's behavior, extreme jealousy, constant belittling and trying to frighten a partner with activities such as driving recklessly.

Stith lists several red flags that indicate abuse or potential violence:
 * Does your partner make you feel bad about yourself? "Insults and humiliation, forms of emotional abuse, lead to a feeling of worthlessness," Stith said. An example is the boyfriend or girlfriend who continually says, "Without me you are nothing."
 * Does your partner try to control your life? Do you think he won't let you go out with your friend because he loves you so much and doesn't want to lose you? Wrong, Stith said. Being overly controlling is a form of abuse and can quickly escalate to violence.
 * Is your partner binge drinking? Research links binge drinking with violence.
 * Is your partner involved in heavy alcohol or drug use? "We used to think that violence and substance abuse were two separate phenomena. However, increasingly we are finding that in many couples violence and substance abuse are strongly linked," Stith said.

It is important, Stith said, to ask this question: "Do I feel better or worse about myself when I am in this relationship?" A healthy relationship makes you feel proud of yourself, she said. It makes you feel that "you are a beautiful person."

Stith's advice to those who face dating violence: Get help or get out. Stith is director of Kansas State University's marriage and family therapy program and a nationally recognized expert in domestic violence.

"Admittedly, it is hard to get out of a relationship alone ... and students shouldn't have to," Stith said. "Studies indicate that many victims want help but don't know where to turn."

For students who believe a friend may be abused, Stith urges them to speak up. Silence adds to the problem, she said.

Ask about the black eye, the bruised arms, the constant tears, Stith said. Say "I'm worried about you," Or tell a teacher, parent or counselor.

"You want peace of mind. You want to know that you did all you could," Stith said.

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THE PATRIOT

Valley School News

Valley School Lunch Menu

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Monday, November 12

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Lasagne, Salad, Pears, Garlic Bread, Milk

Tuesday, November 13

Breakfast: Breakfast Hot Pocket, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheese Toast, Peaches, Hot Rolls, Milk

Wednesday, November 14

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

Lunch: Hamburger Steak, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuits, Milk

Thursday, November 15

Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Jelly, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Frito Chili Pie, Koshier Dills, Apricots, Milk

Friday, November 16

Breakfast: Donuts, OJ/Milk

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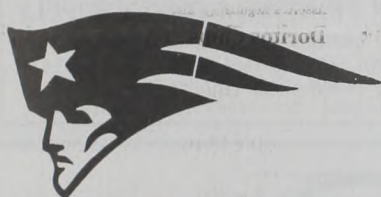
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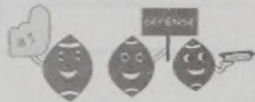
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Valley Patriot Varsity Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Nov 9	*Paducah	Home	7:30

* District Games
 * Homecoming Game

Valley Patriot JV Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Nov 8	Paducah	Away	6:30

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Things That Make You Go Hmmm...

By Laura Taylor

This is a hoot sad, because it is TRUE but a hoot!!!!
By the time you read through this YOU WILL UNDERSTAND "TENJOOBERRYMUDS"...

TENJOOBERRYMUDS

In order to continue getting-by in America (our home land), we all need to learn the NEW English language! Just practice by reading the following conversation until you are able to understand the term "TENJOOBERRYMUDS". With a little patience, you'll be able to fit right in. Now, here goes...

The following is a telephone exchange between maybe you as a hotel guest and call room-service somewhere in the good old U S A today.....

Room Service: "Morrin. Roon sirbees."
 Guest: "Sorry, I thought I dialed room-service."
 Room Service: " Rye . Roon sirbees...morrin! Joo wish to odor sunteen???"
 Guest: "Uh.... Yes, I'd like to order bacon and eggs."
 Room Service: "Ow July den?"
 Guest: ".....What? ?"
 Room Service: "Ow July den!?!... pryed, boyud, poochd?"
 Guest: "Oh, the eggs! How do I like them? Sorry.. scrambled, please."
 Room Service: "Ow July dee baykem? Crease?"
 Guest: "Crisp will be fine."
 Room Service: "Hokay. An Sahn toes?"
 Guest: "What?"
 Room Service: "An toes. July Sahn toes?"
 Guest: "I.. don't think so."
 RoomService: "No? Judo wan sahn toes???"
 Guest: "I feel really bad about this, but I don't know what 'judo wan sahn toes' means."
 Room Service: "Toes! Toes!...Why Joo don Juan toes? Ow bow English moppin we bodder?"
 Guest: "Oh, English muffin!!! I've got it! You were saying 'toast'... Fine...Yes, an English muffin will be fine."
 RoomService: "We bodder?"
 Guest: "No, just put the bodder on the side."
 RoomService: "Wad!?"
 Guest: "I mean butter... just put the butter on the side."
 RoomService: "Copy?"
 Guest: "Excuse me?"
 Room Service: "Copy...tea..meel?"
 Guest: "Yes. Coffee, please... and that's everything."
 RoomService: "One Minnie. Scramah egg, crease baykem, English moppin, we bodder on sigh and copy ... rye??"
 Guest: "Whatever you say."
 RoomService: "Tenjooberry muds."
 Guest: "You're welcome"
 Remember I said "By the time you read through this YOU WILL UNDERSTAND 'TENJOOBERRYMUDS' ".....and you do, don't you?

HHMMM.....

A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots have withered. carve your name on hearts, not on marble.

~ Charles H. Spurgeon

Another Reason To Enjoy Dark Chocolate?

Newswise — A small, tantalizing new study shows that dark chocolate may help reduce hypertension.

The November issue of Mayo Clinic Health Letter highlights a recent German study that found eating a small amount of dark chocolate every day reduces the top (systolic) blood pressure number by almost 3 millimeters of mercury (mm Hg) and the bottom (diastolic) blood pressure number by about 2 mm Hg.

Dark chocolate is a good source of flavonoids — an antioxidant that's thought to improve the function of blood vessels.

The study, published in the July 4, 2007, issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, included 44 adults with high blood pressure. Participants were assigned to eat 6 grams (30 calories) of either dark or white chocolate every day for 18 weeks. The white chocolate group saw no change in blood pressure.

While the study adds to the growing body of knowledge on chocolate and potential health benefits, Mayo Clinic doctors say there's not enough evidence to recommend eating dark chocolate as a treatment for hypertension.

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Across Texas Plains The Winds Of Change Are Blowing

Abilene, TX – November 12- 15th, 2007 – Texas Renewables '07, a renewable energy conference is shaping up to be a significant event for Abilene and Midwest Texas businesses. In fact it has gained momentum in recent weeks with the most notable change being the addition of Texas Secretary of State, Phil Wilson who is scheduled to speak during Wednesday's award luncheon. Texas Renewables' 07 is a 23 year tradition sponsored by Texas Renewable Energy Industries Association. The conference continues a mission that has focused solely on policy developments and business activity in the renewable energy field throughout its existence. The program will focus on ways to make renewable energy technologies, including wind, solar electric and thermal, biomass electric, ethanol, biodiesel, geothermal heat pumps and geothermal electric, and renewable hydrogen, the fastest growing sources of new energy for Texas. The workshop on Monday given by the German American Chamber of Commerce and six German companies makes Texas Renewables' 07 a truly international event in the Abilene Civic Center.

Burgeoning growth and new incentives bring green collar career opportunities and inspire new businesses. People are becoming increasingly interested in renewable energy options and their benefits for offices, homes, and our environment. The conference talks and workshops will address the impact renewables can have, the incentives, prospects for the growth and its impact on industry. State Representative Wayne Christian, Texas House of Representatives, District 9 and State Representative Mark Strama, Texas House of Representatives, District 50, will be speaking at the General Session scheduled for the morning on Wednesday, November 14.

Todd Staples, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture is the keynote speaker for Tuesday's luncheon where the impact and future of rural Texas agriculture will be discussed. Also speaking in reference to Texas agriculture at the Renewables' 07 conference will be Read Smith, a Washington state farmer who also is co-chair of the national 25x '25 Alliance. Smith will detail the results of a new University of Tennessee study that shows Texas would lead all states in producing renewable energy under a goal of getting 25 percent of the country's energy from renewable energy by 2025. Texas also would be among the top benefactors of such a goal in terms of new jobs and additional revenues for the state's farmers and ranchers. "Texas has the potential to produce more renewable energy than any other state," said Travis Brown, renewable energy program manager with the state Office of Rural Community Affairs and co-chair of the Texas 25x '25 Alliance. "Getting twenty-five percent of our energy from renewable sources will mean thousands of new jobs across rural Texas and new revenues for the state's farmers and ranchers."

Wednesday General Session's closing Keynote will be given by Buddy Garcia, Chairman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the conference closing keynote, Michael Osborne, Austin Energy and Chair, TREIA Vision 2020 Committee will discuss grants, patents, research and development. Along with the daily General Sessions there will be 14 break out sessions. For schedule details and early registration go to www.treia.org. On sight registration is also available. The Texas Renewable Energy Industries Association (TREIA) is a non-profit trade organization promoting development of renewable resources and their wise use. Texas Renewables' 07 is hosted by: West Texas Wind Energy Consortium and Texas State Technical College, Sweetwater.

National Donor Sabbath This Sunday

This Sunday, November 11 the Lions Eye Bank of District 2-T1 and Lifegift Organ Donation Center will be distributing information about organ and tissue donation at local houses of worship. This is in conjunction with National Donor Sabbath. Right now there are nearly 100,000 people on the national transplant waiting list, more than 8,600 of these individuals are from this region. Every year, 46,000 people need a cornea transplant to restore their site. The number of individuals in need of an organ or tissue transplant continues to grow while the number of people who register to be a donor is not growing as fast. This means that 18 people will die each day waiting for a transplant.

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TDA Market Recap November 5, 2007

AUSTIN - (November 5, 2007) For the week ending November 3, 2007, the average cash feeder steer price declined from a week earlier with rising feed grain prices adding to the lower markets normally seen this time of year. Price trends at individual auction markets were reported steady to \$8 per hundredweight lower, but with some feeders as much as \$5 higher. Fed cattle prices were also lower under pressure from declining beef values and tight packer margins. Cash corn prices ended the week higher as rising crude oil prices increased the demand for renewable fuels and the commodities used to produce them. Cash wheat and grain sorghum prices were lower, and cotton was unchanged from a week ago. As for futures markets, corn and finished cattle futures closed the week higher, while feeder cattle, cotton and wheat ended the week lower. Cool, dry weather persisted last week with no rainfall observed statewide. Small grain planting continued where there was adequate moisture, but was delayed elsewhere as growers waited for rain. Winter wheat seeding was 83 percent complete, slightly behind the normal 87 percent. Corn harvest is nearing completion with good yields reported on the Northern High Plains. Pastures were in mostly good to fair condition. Soil moisture was rated adequate to short in most areas.

----- Week Ending -----			
Cash Markets:	11/03/07	10/27/07	11/04/06
Feeder Steers(\$/cwt)	106.07	110.96	112.35
Fed Cattle(\$/cwt)	92.43	92.93	89.10
Slaughter Lambs(\$/cwt)	98.75	101.00	106.50
Slaughter Goats(\$/cwt)	106.00	104.00	104.25
Cotton(¢/lb)	61.25	61.25	47.75
Grain Sorghum(\$/bu)	5.94	6.12	5.89
Wheat(\$/bu)	7.31	7.52	4.86
Corn(\$/bu)	3.86	3.70	3.63
Oranges (\$/carton)	11.78	11.80	11.92
Futures Markets:			
Feeder Cattle(\$/cwt)	108.35	109.05	
Finished Cattle(\$/cwt)	94.70	94.38	
Cotton(¢/lb)	64.31	64.63	
Wheat(\$/bu)	8.06	8.28	
Corn(\$/bu)	3.77	3.72	

The cash prices above are market averages for locations covered by the TDA Market News program and do not reflect any particular sale at any specific location. Feeder cattle prices are for 500-600 pound medium and large #1 steers. Futures prices are quoted for the nearest month contract on the last trading day of the week.

Briscoe County NRCS Announces EQIP Assistance Now Available

Applications for the 2008 EQIP program in Texas are currently being accepted at the local NRCS office. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) recently announced that financial assistance will be available in Texas to conserve natural resources and address environmental concerns on private lands. These funds are part of conservation provisions contained in the 2002 Farm Bill and authorized by the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Eligible farmers and ranchers may apply for these funds as cost-share assistance.

Each county will be provided a base allocation and an Ogallala conservation allocation. Local Work Groups (LWGs) have established resource concerns, eligible conservation treatment practices, and developed the ranking criteria and screening processes. This is government at its best where local landowners and operators establish local conservation priorities at the grassroots level.

The PDG and LWG made the following recommendations for the Briscoe County EQIP Program:

- * The top concern to be addressed with "Ogallala conservation funds" will be water quantity.
- * The first priority practice that will be funded is irrigation pipelines.
- * The second priority practice that will be funded is drip and new sprinkler systems.
- * Sprinkler Upgrades will be considered third priority.
- * The top concerns to be addressed with "base allocation funds" will be:
 1. Plant Health
 2. Soil Erosion
 3. Water Quality
- * The first priority practice that will be funded to address these concerns will be brush management and irrigation pipeline.
- * The second priority practice that will be funded is pasture planting, terraces and/or waterways.
- * All other eligible practices will be considered low.

The EQIP sign up for the current funding period will remain open until November 16, 2007. Interested producers need to make an appointment with the local NRCS as soon as possible. To make an appointment or for more information, contact the Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District or NRCS at 823-2431 ext. 3.

Hall County NRCS Taking Application For EQIP Funding

The deadline for the 2008 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) is rapidly approaching. The deadline to apply is Friday, November 16, 2007. Anyone that is an agricultural producer can fill out an application.

EQIP promotes agricultural production and environmental quality. Through EQIP, farmers and ranchers receive financial and technical assistance to help install conservation practices and to implement management systems that promote conservation.

This year after the Hall County Public and Local Work Group meeting it was decided that the resource concerns were as follows: Plant Health and Vigor, Erosion Control, and Water Quantity.

The High priority is Plant Health and Vigor. This will be done with Grazing Distribution, Brush Management, and Prescribed Burning. Under Grazing Distribution there are such practices as: Water Development, and Crossfences. Under Brush Control, invasive brush species can be treated by mechanical or chemical methods. The following are brush species that can be treated in Hall County: Redberry Juniper, Eastern Red Cedar, Salt Cedar, Mesquite, Sand Sage, Yucca, Cactus and Shin Oak.

The Medium Priority is Erosion Control. The following are practices that will help with soil erosion; Range Seeding, Pasture Planting, Terraces, Diversions, Grassed Waterways, Underground Outlets, and Critical Area Planting, and Grade Stabilization Structure.

The Low Priority is Water Quantity. This will be done by improving Irrigation Efficiency. The following are practices for cost-share: Conversion of inefficient center pivots to a more efficient system; Replacement of center pivots that are 20 years or older; New sprinkler pivot replacing surface, side roll, water drive, solid set, hand move, or big gun irrigation systems; and Micro-Irrigation.

Landowners, who are not agricultural producers and are interested in improving wildlife habitats, can apply for the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP).

For more information, call the NRCS office in Memphis at 806-259-2233 Ext. 3.

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By **Shawn Wade**

News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Senate Farm Bill Debate Taking Shape; Divergent Politics To Pose Real Challenge

Having spent a lot of time over the last month in Washington, DC, Plains Cotton Growers Executive Vice President Steve Verett knows the challenges facing agriculture during next week's farm bill debate in the Senate.

As he prepares to head back to Washington early next week, Verett says it is time to encourage each and every member of the Senate to support the hard work done by the Senate Agriculture Committee and ask them to support passage of the Food and Energy Security Act of 2007 when it comes to the floor.

Following its relatively smooth trip through the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, the Senate farm bill represents another important step in the process to develop U.S. agriculture policy that will be in effect through 2012.

The final, and most challenging part of the process in the Senate is now at hand and, according to Verett, it will be a vastly different landscape than what producers have seen traversed so far by their representatives in Washington.

"Compared to the restrained and respectful discourse that has allowed the process to move forward so far," explains Verett, "The Senate floor debate could easily be far less friendly and seem considerably less structured simply due to the manner in which the Senate conducts business."

Having been characterized as a potential "free-for-all" by Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin, the Senate debate could take quite some time based on Senate rules and expectations that a sizeable number of amendments will be offered along the way.

Among the hot button issues expected to make an appearance during the debate is a controversial "AgJobs" amendment that would draw the politically divisive immigration reform issue into the realm of the farm bill debate.

Also expected are numerous efforts to try and alter the significant pay limit reforms that were hammered out by the Senate Agriculture Committee, make additional cuts in the federal crop insurance program over and above what was agreed to by the Committee and make additional changes to the proposed Average Crop revenue option that was included in the final bill.

The immigration and pay limit amendments may well take center stage as high profile issues during the debate, but equally important will be fending off the less publicized amendments that could undermine the bill's ability to continue the highly popular and fiscally responsible safety net provisions that are the foundation of the 2002 farm bill.

Add in the possibility that the Senate may also need to set aside time to consider other pending items of business and it is not hard to imagine that the farm bill debate could take as long as 2 weeks to complete.

According to statements from Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, the goal will certainly be to get the bill done in one week's time, but even he has been compelled to leave the door open for a longer timetable.

Overcoming the challenges that lie ahead, says Verett, will take a concerted effort that should logically include a broad range of interests, including commodity, conservation and food and nutrition groups, who each have a lot to gain in the bill's current form.

"Leaders from both sides of the aisle have worked hard toward a common goal and within a very restricted budget allocation," explains Verett. "Despite these challenges they were able to find common ground, add to the safety net options available to growers and still make substantial changes in many areas such as pay limit reform, adding support for the fruits and vegetables, beefing up conservation spending and committing additional funds to food and nutrition programs nationwide."

Understanding that the Senate bill is the necessary "next step" in the process, Verett says Plains Cotton Growers will be working hard to support the bill that came out of the Senate and to prevent it from being undermined in any way.

"We are working closely with the National Cotton Council and others to secure passage of the Senate bill and to defeat the addition of amendments that would be harmful to cotton producers and the cotton industry as a whole," concludes Verett.

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What To Champion?

Getting into the later years of existence you have to wonder just what in the wide, wide, world of sports was the Good Lord thinking when he landed me on this planet? Having not created a cure for anything or having helped a multitude of people you have to wonder. Pop used to say that he was put here just to round out the number but that seems a pale answer. Not to wax philosophical (couldn't anyway, just not that deep) but exactly what is the meaning of all this hurry and scurry, you know, the age old question, what is the meaning of life?

The 'ole t.v. and me are good buddies and you see lots of needs on there. In fact you get inundated with things and you don't know come here from sic 'um, what should you try to make a difference in?

I tried for a while teaching reading down at the library for a while. It first amazed me how many people either didn't know how to read or had trouble with it. I tried to equate it to driving to a town and all the signs being written in another language. I guess we just take some things so much for granted that we forget what it would be like. Well, I did that for a while but it just didn't fill the bill so to speak. Lots of times the person you'd be teaching wouldn't show and you came away disappointed. You had to remind yourself that you were there for them and not the other way around. Maybe I wasn't that good of a teacher either or the student might have shown up more often.

I drifted away from that and got to watching the 'ole buddy, the t.v. again and you see all those poor kids in different states of being without and so you tell yourself, "Shoot, I could send a few dollars and not miss it that much." The next thing you know, you get reams of paper telling you about other needs and you see the little you're sending is just that, too little, so you drift away again.

Now I don't want the Good Lord to thump me on the head for this but I've tried to do some things in the church and I came out of that miserable as I'm a mumbler and a grumbler and the movers and shakers in church seem to have scads of patience and mine is about as short as a snake's inseam. I drift away again. Seems the only thing I do well is drift away.

Now to tie this all together, the wife about four years ago brought home a little Pomeranian named Alfie. I never was one to really get excited about a dog but this eight pound rascal caught me unaware and now I have a buddy that goes everywhere with me. The wife wanted me to take her to the pound the other day and Alfie and I took her. There was all flavors of hounds, mutts, mean ones, good ones, short ones, and tall ones. I knew after a certain time that if they aren't adopted out thenI asked the lady there what the adoption rate for them was and she told me in an excited voice how this pound had a good adoption rate, "Shoot, it's over twenty five percent!" That meant that of every four dogs out there, only one gets saved. I bit my tongue and didn't say what I was thinking. If the pound was in business it would fail with those numbers. I came home with my face so long it would've taken ten dollars to shave me. Maybe there is something I could do. I'm not that short from retiring so maybe.....

Be on the watch in the next few years for a big, grayhaired guy with a large pack of dogs following him trying to settle in your neighborhood. I just have to find a place that will sell me dog food at a good price.



This Week In Texas History!

Nov 4, 1909 Baptist deacon, Dr. J.E. Nunn began publication of the Amarillo Daily News.

Nov 4, 1837 The Texas Congress allocated \$280,000 to construct six ships for the Texas Navy.

Nov 4, 1835 The "Consultation" selected Branch T. Archer as the first president of an official Texas government during their San Felipe meeting.

Nov 4, 1800 Edwin Waller was born in Virginia. He arrived in Texas in 1831, and represented the settlers of Brazoria at the 1836 convention. He was also one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

Nov 5, 1863 Union soldiers entered Brownsville which was left burning by retreating Confederate troops under Gen. Hamilton Bee.

Nov 5, 1863 Gov. Francis Lubbock (1861-63) resigned and joined the Confederate Army.

Nov 5, 1833 Steven F. Austin met with Santa Anna over the possible separation of Texas from Coahuila.

Nov 5, 1794 James G. Swisher, born in Tennessee, came to Texas in 1833 and joined the Texas Army that marched on Gonzales from San Antonio in 1835. He was a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence. Swisher County was named in his honor.

Nov 6, 1967 A fire destroyed the Palace Theatre in Quanah.

Nov 6, 1902 A bear was killed near Happy in Randall County.

Nov 6, 1891 The Daughters of the Republic of Texas was founded in Houston.

Nov 6, 1835 After two days of heated debate, the "Consultation" voted 33-15 against a declaration of independence from Mexico. Most delegates wished to remain a Mexican state and voiced their support for the Mexican Federal Constitution of 1824.

Nov 6, 1528 Cabeza de Vaca was shipwrecked on Galveston Island.

Nov 7, 1996 Archaeologists announced they had discovered the skeleton of a member of the La Salle expedition in the wreckage of La Salle's ship the Belle in the Gulf of Mexico near Port Lavaca.

Nov 7, 1876 Texas Rangers arrested Johnny Ringo and George Glidden to end the bloody "Hoodoo War" in Mason County.

Nov 7, 1812 The Gutierrez-Magee expedition captured La Bahia (Goliad).

Nov 8, 1874 Lt. Frank Baldwin and his soldiers attacked a Comanche Indian village on the north branch of McClellan Creek, the troops rescued two sisters of a German family that had been held captive by the Indians.

Nov 8, 1860 Although his name was not on the ballot in Texas, Abraham Lincoln was elected President of the United States. Lincoln's election was one of the primary reasons that Texas later seceded from the Union.

Nov 8, 1842 The ill fated Mier Expedition left San Antonio to put on a "show of force" on the Mexican border.

Nov 9, 1881 The Texas state capitol burned in Austin.

Nov 10, 1937 Two Hall County law enforcement officers were shot and wounded during a raid on a bootlegger's house.

Nov 10, 1859 Texas Rangers captured the Mexican bandit Juan Cortina's top lieutenant near Brownsville and hung him. The Rangers then attacked Cortina's stronghold, but were driven back.

Nov 10, 1845 The first Mormons to settle in Texas crossed the Red River and into the state near Preston in Gray County.

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The Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show is scheduled for Nov. 27-29. Exhibits will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 27-28, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 29. A \$2 admission fee will be charged for the first time this year, with all proceeds going to benefit area FFA organizations.

Registration for the farm management symposium will begin at 8 a.m., said Leon Church, Extension agricultural agent in Potter County and moderator for the event.

The program will start at 8:30 a.m. with Dr. Brent Bean, Extension agronomist in Amarillo, speaking on weed issues and potential options for no-till or minimum-till wheat and sorghum production.

Other topics will be:

— Chemical modes of action, Jack Lyon, retail account manager for DuPont.

— Future of the bioenergy industry in the Texas High Plains, Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension agricultural economist, Amarillo.

— Pesticide laws and regulations, Levon Harmon, Texas Department of Agriculture.

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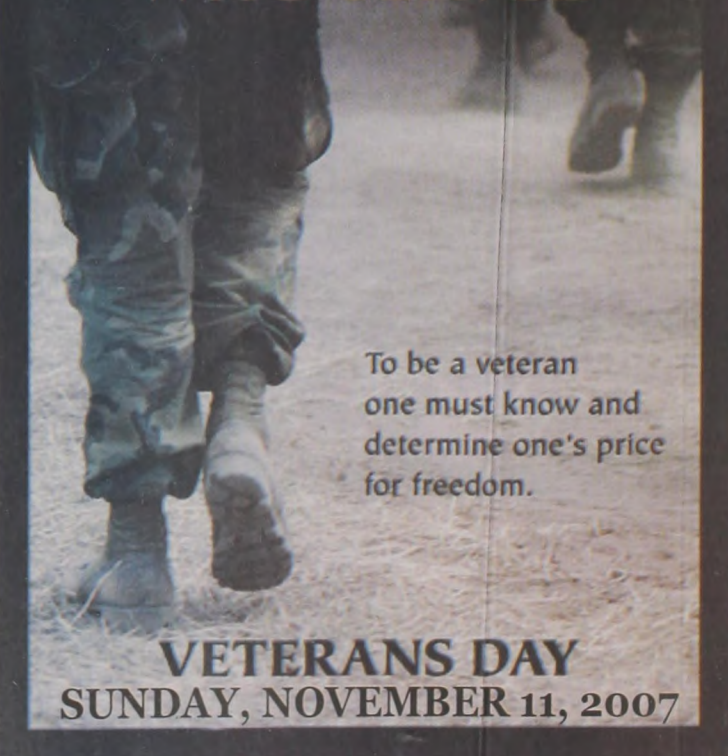
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