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The 32nd Annual Bob Wills Day Special Stamp Cancellation. In person during Post Office Hours Friday, April 25 or Mail-In's, April 25-May 25, 2003. Cancellation's will only be done on 1st Class Postage!

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED
 A Salute To Local Veterans



Lewis Everett Shorter
 Lewis Everett Shorter was inducted into the Army on September 14, 1942 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was sent to Camp Hulen near Palacios, Texas for training. After completion of Basic Training, he was schooled as a fuse setter on a 90MM anti-aircraft gun. He was assigned to Battery D, 168th AAA Gun Battalion. Upon completion of advanced training at Camp Cooke, California, he shipped out from San Francisco to Sydney, Australia aboard the troop ship "USS West Point". He was assigned to duty in the Southwest Pacific Theater, seeing action in New Guinea, Admiralty Islands and participated in the invasion of Leyte, Philippine Islands. After 24 months of combat duty, he was honorably discharged on January 2, 1946.



Earl R. Meadows
 Earl R. Meadows served in the Armed Forces as a Seaman 1st Class during World War II. After completing basic Training Earl served in the S.W Pacific Campaign on the USS Sub chaser 999. When this ship was lost at Okinawa he was then assigned to the USS Landing Craft 441. Earl was one of five Meadows brothers, sons of Mr and Mrs. W.O. Meadows from the Parnell Community, Hall County who served their country in different places: Fred E. Meadows - Army Artillery, India & Burma J.E. Meadows - Army Corp. of Engineers, Alaska, France and Germany Carol Meadows - 32nd Army Infantry Division, 3 invasions in the Altutians, Marshall & Philippine Islands Homer Meadows - Army Air Corp., England.

Hall-Childress SWCD To Initiate An EQIP Resource Needs Assessment

"As a result of the 2002 Farm Bill the Hall-Childress Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) with headquarters in Memphis has been given the charge to lead the way in developing programs and initiatives to improve soil and water resources at the local level," said Curtis Scrivner, chairman of the SWCD. "The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) authorizes a locally driven process, coordinated by conservation districts, to guide and set local priority resource concerns and program direction. It provides tremendous opportunities for local people to become involved in assessing local resource needs," Scrivner added. EQIP is the USDA cost-share program to assist farmers and ranchers address their resource-based concerns and problems. According to Scrivner, the process deals with developing a list of concerns for the long and short range EQIP planning and development. To enact the EQIP on the local level, the Hall-Childress SWCD, in partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), will conduct a program development group meeting with its conservation partners and interested persons or organizations on April 29, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the 1st Bank and Trust Bronze Room. The Bronze Room is located at 509 W. Main, Memphis, Texas. For additional information call 806-259-2233. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a local conservation needs assessment, and make program recommendations on what problems the SWCD in conjunction with the Local Work Group should address in future years. Local recommendations will then flow to the Local Work Group where the district's technical issues, resource priority area and program policies will be reviewed and integrated into the state, regional and national program. "We are really excited about the opportunities the new EQIP offers because Congress is seeking our leadership to assist our community in carrying out a cooperative, locally drive, incentive based conservation program that wisely invests public resources to protect local natural resources," Scrivner said.

Turkey Jamboree Saturday, May 3 Public Invited To Comment On Mule Deer Permit Proposal

The next Turkey Jamboree will be Saturday, May 3 at the Bob Wills Community Center Gym beginning at 7 p.m. Entertainers will be Monty Fowler from Lubbock, Gary Moore from Vigo, and Bennie Brown from Quitaque. We will also have the Talent Showcase and the Turkey Gems. The Turkey Relay For Life team will be in charge of the supper, serving Mexican Stack, drinks, and dessert. The Turkey Extension Club will donate the \$50 to the entertainer or the band of the month. This is determined by votes of the audience. The Jamboree is FREE and the entertainment is GREAT! Hope to see you there.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will hold a public hearing to take public comments on a proposed wildlife regulation change that would expand the Managed Lands Deer (MLD) permit program for white-tailed deer to include mule deer. The hearing will be held in Turkey, Texas on Tuesday, April 29 at the Senior Citizens Room located at City Hall. The hearing will begin at 7 p.m. The MLD permit program is incentive-based and habitat-driven and is designed to facilitate deer herd management goals of landowners and land managers by having a more flexible season. The public is invited to attend this hearing and provide comment. Questions about the meeting or the proposed wildlife regulation change can be directed to TPWD staff at the Wildlife District office in Canyon at 806-655-3782. Individuals who cannot attend local public hearings can send their comments on the proposed regulation change to Robert Macdonald, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX, 78744; phone (512) 389-4775; email robert.macdonald@tpwd.state.tx.us. If approved by the TPW Commission, the proposed program will take effect September 1, 2003.

Valley Calendar Of Events

- April 24**
 - * Turkey Economic Board meeting
 - * Drivers License Office at Briscoe Co. Courthouse @ 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 - * Bob Wills Celebration Kicks Off this evening!
- April 25**
 - * Bob Wills Celebration continues in Turkey!
- April 26**
 - * Caprock Canyon State Park - *Birding 101* @ 9 a.m.
 - * Caprock Canyon State Park - *Bats of Clarity Tunnel* @ 7 p.m.
- April 28**
 - * Quitaque Fire Department meeting
 - * Turkey Lions Club meeting @ 7 p.m.
- April 29**
 - * Valley TAKS Test 3-8 & 11 Grades Math
- April 30**
 - * Valley TAKS 3rd Grade-Reading; 4-8th Grade-Reading; 10th Grade-Math
- May 1**
 - * Valley TAKS 5th Grade-Science, 9th Grade-Math; 8-11th Grade-Social Studies

Valley Weather Forecast for Next 9 Days

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| Sun Apr 27 | 86°/59° | 0% |
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| Tue Apr 29 | 81°/55° | 30% |
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Kristie Leal, a junior general studies major at West Texas A&M University, receives the WTAMU Student Employee of the Year award from University President Russell Long during a special ceremony April 11, 2003 on campus.

Quitaque Product Named WTAMU Student Employee Of The Year

Kristie Leal, a junior general studies major from Quitaque, has been named Student Employee of the Year at West Texas A&M University.

Leal, the daughter of Jr. and Lillie Leal, is a 2000 graduate of Valley High School. She works for the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics at West Texas A&M, having joined the department in a clerical capacity upon entering WTAMU as a freshman in 2000. She still performs clerical and general business duties within the department, but last year she was given the additional responsibilities as coordinator of the Junior Buffs Club.

The Junior Buffs Club is a fan support group for WTAMU athletics and is designed for kids 5-12.

In his nomination letter, Michael McBroom, assistant athletic director, wrote: "I have continually been impressed with her professionalism, her confidence, her enthusiasm and her reliability. If she doesn't think something is right or could be done better, she'll take the initiative and come up with something better...she is by far and away one of the finest employees I have ever had the privilege to work with, student or not."

Leal received two plaques—one each for her home and office—and a \$100 gift certificate for the University Bookstore.

Leal's name and her letter of nomination have been forwarded to a regional Student Employee of the Year competition.

TURKEY TALK

The Fuston family all got together at the Senior Citizens room in Turkey. There was a very good turn out, with lots of visiting, picture taking and a lot of good food. Most of the families were represented.

Those attending were: Leckie, Lisa, Kye, & Laci Fuston of Del Norte, CO; Johnny & Joanie Fuston of Bryan, TX; Paul & Melinda Lollar of Stephenville, TX; Jerry & Sue George of Plainview, TX; Cameron, Emily, Bryce, & Luke Betzen of Hereford, TX; Rex, Charmaine, & Aaron of Lubbock, TX; Michael, Ronda, Claire, and Chet Hefton of Celina, TX; Ben & Jamie Edwards of China Springs, TX; Julie Lyles of Canyon, TX; Paul, Darcee & Grant Thompson of Dumas, TX; Hunter Bussard of Dumas, TX; Don & Mary Sue Lyles of Groom, TX; John & Sherry Adendschan of Saginaw, TX; Ronnie, Lynda & Brennan George of Tulia, TX; Bryan, Lana, Zack, Dusty, & True Burson of Silverton, TX; Kyle, Amy, Torrey, Shelly & Madison Fuston of Silverton, TX; Eldon & Ruth Lyles of Childress, TX; Jeff, Kathy, Seth & Kati Fuston of Quitaque, TX; Brad & J.D. Schnitker; Denny & Mitchie Fuston; Gene & Freida Fuston; Billie & Maurice Fuston; Jon, Laura, Macy, Molly & Mary Kate Davidson; Sandy Fuston; James & Wilda Fuston and Michael Dean Fuston all of Turkey, TX.

OBTUARIES

William Clyde Rogers

Funeral services for William "Clyde" Rogers, 86, formerly of Turkey, will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 25, 2003 at the Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey with Rev. Stuart Smith to officiate, under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral directors.

Clyde Rogers married Opel Faye Tyner in November of 1936. She passed away and he remarried Josephine Copeland a year later. He was a Deputy Sheriff here in Hall County for a number of years until retiring.

He was preceded in death by his wife Opel Faye Tyner and wife, Josephine Copeland. He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Michael Kevin Rogers.

Survivors include: a brother, A.J. "Jr." Rogers; 2 sisters, Mary McAllister of Sheridan, WY, and Lavern Melinder of Kalspell, MT; 2 sons, Keith Rogers of Petersburg, TX, and Tommy Rogers of Lodi, WS; 2 daughters, Janice Hughes of Flomot, TX, and Marsha Blake of Lubbock, TX.

Courtney C. Lane Wins Helen Carr Peake Research Prize for 2003

Courtney C. Lane is the winner of the Helen Carr Peake Research Prize for 2003. Ms. Lane is a graduate student in the Division of Health Sciences and Technology at MIT. Through a combination of approaches, Ms. Lane's research has shed considerable light on spatial release from masking, i.e., the improved detectability of a target sound in noise with increased spatial separation between the two sources. She will report other results from her studies at the International Symposium on Hearing, to be in Paris, France in August 2003.

Courtney Lane is the daughter of Jerry and Carolyn Lane of Plano, TX., granddaughter of Juanita Lane and the late Bill Lane, and of Mr. and Mrs. Dude Henderson of Childress.

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Don't miss the Bats of Clarity Tunnel! Travel the Trailway and arrive just in time for the evening bat flight at Clarity Tunnel. Learn about the natural history of bats, the history of the tunnel and the Trailway. (Leave from and return to Quitaque Depot). Limit 10, reservations suggested. Donations accepted.

WIC Office Open
 Thursday, May 8, 2003
 9:15 a.m. - Noon & 1 - 3:30 p.m.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 24
 Iva Barefield, B.J. Price
 April 25
 Carol Ramsey, Laura Stewart
 April 26
 Ann Chadwick, Guss Hrncir, Laura Morrison
 April 28
 Cory Ferguson, Joni Bomar, Mark Slankard
 April 30
 Prof Patrick, Louise Chandler, Suzie Meyer, Zachary John Burson
 May 1
 Joe Kirk Smith, Dorcas Gaddis, Susan Young, Clyde Dudley, Jennifer Zanardi

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 24
 Mr & Mrs Hubert Price
 April 26
 Mr & Mrs Randy Powell
 Mr & Mrs Guy Young
 April 28
 Mr & Mrs Jake Hancock
 Mr & Mrs Colvin Morrison
 May 1
 Mr & Mrs Bob Hinkle

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Valley School News



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Menu Subject To Change

Monday, April 28

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, OJ/Milk

Lunch: American Stack, Beans, Salad, Hot Sauce, Fruit Milk

Tuesday, April 29

Breakfast: Waffles, Syrup, Sausage, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

Wednesday, April 30

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Polish Sausage, Mac & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables Fruit, Milk

Thursday, May 1

Breakfast: Freedom Toast, Syrup, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheese Toast, Carrot Sticks Fruit, Milk

Friday, May 2

Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Toast, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Pizza Pockets, Chips, Pickles, Carrot Sticks, Ice Cream, Milk



CYDNI WALDEN

Walden Makes Finals In Regional Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Twenty three debaters converged upon South Plains College on April 20th to compete in the Regional UIL Academic Lincoln-Douglas Debate competition.

During preliminary rounds, each contestant debated three rounds. Eight of the best debaters advanced on to the semifinals. After being power matched, these debaters went through another grueling round of debating. Of these eight finalists, four then advanced to finals.

Valley High School student, Cydni Walden, was one of the top four debaters at regional competition. After another intense round of hard debating, Cydni placed fourth. This qualifies Cydni to be a state alternate. Congratulations, Cydni!

Last Week In Texas History!

- Apr. 18, 1757**
Mission San Saba de la Santa Cruz established.
- Apr. 19, 1861**
US blockade of Texas ports went into effect.
- Apr. 20, 1836**
Mexicans burned New Washington.
- Apr. 20, 1836**
First skirmishes fought between Texans and Santa Anna's army at San Jacinto.
- Apr. 21, 1836**
Texas forces defeated Mexicans at San Jacinto.
- Apr. 21, 1861**
Colonel Earl Van Dorn assumed military command of Texas.
- Apr. 21, 1867**
Baseball teams, the Stonewalls of Houston and the Robert E Lees of Galveston played. Houston won 35-2.
- Apr. 21, 1888**
Capitol first formally opened to the public.
- Apr. 22, 1689**
Alonzo de Leon discovered remains of La Salle's Fort St. Louis. Subsequently he explored Matagora Bay and discovered a river which he named San Marcos.
- Apr. 22, 1836**
Santa Anna captured by the Texans. War with Mexico effectively ended.
- Apr. 23, 1836**
Mexican retreat beyond the Rio Grande began.



Sara Joyce Fierro

Age: 17
Birthdate: July 17, 1985.
Place Of Birth: Lockney, Texas.
Parents: Mary Fierro.
My Pet Peeve: When people play with their gum.
My Role Model: My Mom
My Best Characteristic: My smile.
Favorite Pastime: Hanging out with my friends.
Favorite Style Of Dress: Casual.
Favorite Food: Chicken Fettuccine.
Favorite Movie: That Thing You Do!
My Favorite Sport: Tennis.
Favorite Subject: Math.
Hobbies: Taking naps.
If I could travel anywhere, I would go... To Graceland.
The best advice I ever received was... "Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive." Matthew 21:22.
The worst advice I ever received was... "Nobody will ever know."
My worst habit is... Driving fast.
I'm thankful for... My little sister, Cathy.
If I could change something, it would be... Peace in the world.
I always fall for... Sweet talkers.
My greatest fear is... Dying young.
Someday I want to... Be a successful businesswoman.
My most valued possession is... My car.
After graduation I plan to... Attend the University of Texas at San Antonio.



Randa Jan McBee

Age: 18
Birthdate: November 01, 1984
Place Of Birth: Lockney, Texas
Parents: Butch & Janice McBee.
My Pet Peeve: People who think they are always right.
My Role Model: My parents.
My Best Characteristic: My eyes.
Favorite Pastime: Talking on the phone or hanging out with Aaron.
Favorite Style Of Dress: Casual.
Favorite Food: Mexican food.
Favorite Movie: sweet Home Alabama.
My Favorite Sport: Football.
Favorite Subject: English.
Hobbies: Playing the piano, playing on the computer, and talking on the phone.
If I could travel anywhere, I would go... Jamaica.
The best advice I ever received was... "Don't believe everything you hear, & only half of what you see".
The worst advice I ever received was... "Everyone else is doing it."
My worst habit is... Talking when I'm not supposed to.
I'm thankful for... My family and friends.
If I could change something, it would be... More peace in the world.
I always fall for... Pretty eyes.
My greatest fear is... Losing someone I love.
Someday I want to... Have a family, and a good job
My most valued possession is... Zeb & Toby, my dogs
After graduation I plan to... Attend West Texas A&M University.

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Valley FFA Poultry Judging Team: L-R Paige Hughes, Cody Varnell, Matt Whittington, and Zack Ramsey.



Valley Dairy Products Judging Team: L-R Alicia Roys, Chase Maynard, and Katherine Pigg.

Valley FFA Judging Teams Advance To State

Valley FFA poultry and meat judging teams placed 1st and 5th respectively in the Area competition on April 12th at Texas Tech. This allows both teams to advance to the state competition held at Texas A&M on May 3rd. The poultry team was 4th among all teams at Tech and beat all teams from Area I. Zack Ramsey was the 7th high individual in the poultry contest. The meat team missed 4th place in Area I by 3 points but still gets the long awaited trip to the state meat judging contest.

The dairy products team was 6th in Area I, missing a trip to state by only 7 points. Chase Maynard was the 8th high individual in the contest.

Valley cotton judging will compete in the state cotton contest in Lubbock on April 26th. This team consists of three seniors with several years of experience. They have one last chance to be the best in the state.



Valley FFA Cotton Judging Team: L-R Leigh Anne Nielsen, JC Pigg and Scarlett Sperry



Valley FFA Meat Judging Team: L-R Randy Farley, Larrisa Payne, Jessica Wellman, and JC Pigg.

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Ty Barclay & Brittany Perryman

Jerry & Sandra Barclay of Flomot, Brenda Hurt of Matador, Danny & Amy Perryman of Roaring Springs announce the engagement of their son and daughter. Ty Shannon Barclay and Brittany Lamay Perryman.

Ty is the grandson of Bill & Erma Washington of Flomot, and Sol & Geneva Barclay of Lockney. Great-grandson of Edith Edith Washington of Flomot.

Brittany is the granddaughter of Thomas & Dora Hurt of Matador, Janice Perryman and the late Delbert Perryman of Roaring Springs.

Ceremony will be held on Sat. June 28, 3:00 FBC Matador. Reception to follow.

Experience Works Searches For Texas' 2003 Outstanding Older Worker

Experience Works, the country's largest provider of mature-worker training and employment, is searching for Texas' most outstanding older worker. For the sixth year, outstanding older workers from every state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico; America's Oldest Worker; and Experience Works Prime Time Awards Program was launched in 1998 to highlight the valuable contributions that older workers are making to the communities and places of work. This year's Prime Time Awards activities culminate with a week long series of events, capped by a gala awards banquet and ceremony on October 4 at the prestigious Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center.

Texas' 2002 Outstanding Older Worker was 90-year-old Thomas Clayton of Memphis, TX where he has worked for the Memphis Compress Company for more than 65 years and has served as general foreman for more than 50 years.

Experience Works is currently soliciting nominations from businesses and individuals. Applicants must be 65 years of age or older, a resident of Texas, currently employed, and working at least 20 hours each week for pay. Applicants who are part of a subsidized employment program funded through local, state or national government support programs are not eligible for this award.

The winner must be willing and able to travel to Washington, D.C., September 30-October 5, 2003 for Experience Works Prime Time Award Program events. Outstanding Older Workers will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to participate in the week's events that include a tour of the city's landmarks, meetings with congressional representatives, U.S. Senate and House events, and the awards banquet and ceremony.

Nominations include a brief narrative that describes the older worker's overall contribution to the workplace, including longevity, experience, skill level, work ethic, and any disabilities the nominee has overcome to perform their job, and a description of community involvement. Official Nomination forms are available at The Valley Tribune in Quitaque. Deadline for nominations as May 30, 2003. A committee of business and civic leaders will evaluate the nominations and the winner will be announced in mid June.

A search for America's Oldest Worker for 2003 is also underway. Nominations may be posted at www.experienceworks.org. Last year, Dr. Ray H. Crist, 102, professor of Environmental Science at Messiah College, was named America's Oldest Worker. Dr. Crist is believed to be the oldest full-time working chemist in the country and one of the oldest members of the American Chemical Society, where he has been a member for 76 years.

Experience Works is a national, nonprofit organization that provides training and employment services for mature workers. Established in 1964 as Green Thumb, and renamed Experience Works in 2002, the organization reaches more than 125,000 mature individuals in all 50 states and Puerto Rico each year.

Turkey City Council March 19

The governing body of the City of Turkey met on March 19, with Pat Carson, Mayor; Doyle Dean Proctor, Brenda Seymour, Homer Hawkins, and Brian Wheeler present. Jerry Landry, city manager and Therese Clinton, city secretary attended the meeting. Mary Fierro was not present for the meeting.

Bills were reviewed and paid. Brian Wheeler made a motion to accept the financial statement, and motion carried.

The council reviewed the City of Turkey's investment policy, and made no changes.

Motion was made to have James Shelton draw up a contract between the city of Turkey and The city of Quitaque for sharing trash truck and hauling trash to the landfill in Matador. Motion carried.

Brenda Seymour made a motion to adopt a safety program for the city and to have regular safety meeting established. Motion carried.

Cisco Junior College Awards To Local Student

Cisco Junior College conducted its thirty-fifth annual Awards Ceremony on April 14. Each spring semester, CJC recognizes and honors these members of the student body who have proven themselves to be outstanding students and persons. Students were recognized in several categories that included scholastic and extra-curricular achievement. Kenneth Chandler from Quitaque was honored at the ceremony.

Comptroller Strayhorn Sends \$264.9 Million In April Sales Tax Rebates

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn delivered \$264.9 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities and counties, a 2.9 percent decrease compared to April 2002. So far this year, local sales tax rebates are down 1.8 percent compared to the first quarter of 2002.

In Briscoe County Quitaque with a local 2% tax rate received 1,523.84 in 2003 compared to 1,531.35 in 2002, down 0.49% from the same period last year. Silvertown with a local tax rate of 1% received 1,637.75 in 2002, down 37.43%.

In Hall County Turkey with a local 2% tax rate received 1,300.03 in 2003 compared to 1,300.92 in 2002 a 0.06% decrease from the same period last year.

In Motley County Matador with a 2% local tax rate received 1,055.36 in 2003 as compared to 1,616.79 a 34.72% decrease from the same period last year. Roaring Springs with a 2% local tax rate received 2,249.86 in 2003 compared to 1,069.62 in 2002 a 110.34% increase over last year.

The state's share of the sales tax reported in March was \$1 billion, down 2.3 percent compared to 2002. Cities rebates are running 0.9 percent lower than last year, counties are down 1.7 percent.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made May 9.

"TEXUN TAWK"

Observations On Life From A Fellow Texan
By Bill Sperry

Perhaps Reading a Lot Isn't Such a Good Idea

I read something the other day that left me disturbed. This was something in a book that I was just browsing through. It said with the world being as populated as it is that there wasn't a thought you could think or a feeling you could have that hadn't been thought or felt before. This somehow made me feel violated, my innermost thoughts invaded. I want to feel unique, different somehow, yet the same as everyone else.

How could someone else see a West Texas sunset, (yes, there's that Texas thing again,) and feel what I feel, something that I can't even explain to myself? Does someone else see the beauty of spring and wonder about all the things that nature has to do to get the earth ready for another year? Does anyone else look into a child's face and wonder where life will take them and even what they will ponder through their road in life? You look at life and see how it could be and wonder why it isn't that way. You wonder if your forefathers, if brought into this time, would see things as we do today. Have we stopped evolving? You hope that each generation can make things better somehow but it seems we continue to have the same problems. Love is taught and preached on every corner but hate, deceit, and despair seems to find a place in the fabric of life. As a young person, I thought that the questions about life, the earth, people, ethereal things, would be magic or years be answered. It makes you anxious to see yourself getting older and the questions are still there except more of them. I wished while my parents were still alive that I had asked more questions, just to see if they had some of the answers.

While I was still young, the thought of death was a dreadful thing, something I didn't like to think about too much. As you turn each corner in life it's there. The passing of parents and friends perhaps is the Lord's way in preparing you for that inevitable time when you too must leave.

I would like to think that maybe my generation will leave this world perhaps a little better, do away with some of the strife and wish we could eradicate the cancer of mankind, war. We haven't done so yet, but I keep hoping. Perhaps if more people just stopped and thought some of these thoughts, things would get better. I guess I'll just keep wondering.....

Valley Women's Bible Study Still Open

Last Wednesday the Beth Moore bible study registered 5 women. There is still room for more women and materials are available. The study begins on Wednesday May 7th at 9:15 a.m. in Turkey at Bettie Green's home. The study title is "Breaking Free"; Making Liberty in Christ a Reality in Life. The study will last 11 more weeks and is based on the Book of Isaiah. We are looking at 5 primary benefits of Christian life and how to develop a life-style of obedience. This study combines a daily individual study with a 2 hour weekly group session. The group gatherings consist of a time of sharing and fellowship followed by a video teaching by Beth Moore.

Member books are \$14 with a limited number of scholarships available. You may call Bettie at 423-1105 or Dee Seitz at 423-1014 to get your book or for more information. Bring a friend and come and enjoy the fellowship and study.



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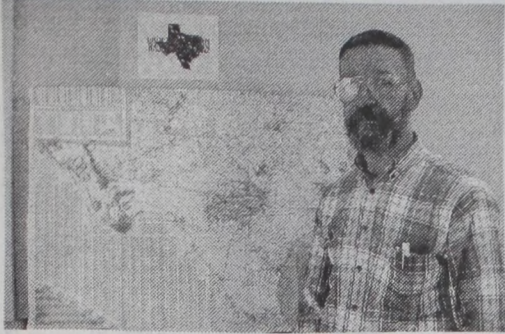
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Don Turner will be keeping track of "Walk Across Texas" teams' progress on a map at the Quitaque Clinic. Teams are hypothetically walking from El Paso to Orange, Texas along Interstate 10.

Teams Are Gaining Ground "Walking Across Texas"

The "To Health & Back" team is still in the lead after the 2nd week of the Walk Across Texas competition sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County. They have almost made it to Mountain Home, Texas, which is a little more than the 458.2 miles that they have hypothetically walked across Texas from El Paso.

Coming in next are the "Road Warriors" with 292.2 miles followed closely by "The Double-Nickels & Older" with 285 miles. Next is "Ankle Express" with 202 miles, and the "Fairmont Flyers" with 187 miles. "ASKEBAT" is not far behind with 184 miles, and "The Scraps" are hanging in there with 104.8 miles.

"Ankle Express" completed their team this week with Eudean Crow, Peggy Garvin, Norma Frausto, Jay Long, and Phil Hawk in addition to Diana Ivory, Jackie Mercer, and Rebecca Hunt. "The Leftovers" also added members to their team, Jackie Jenkins, Vivian Stewart, Dr. Ontai, and Hattie Belmares have joined Don Turner and Donna Hancock. Miles were unable to be reported for "The Leftovers" this week.

Cornyn Accepting Internships For Washington & Texas Offices

U.S. Senator John Cornyn is now accepting applications from Texas college students for his summer internship program in his Washington, D.C. office or one of his Texas offices.

"The internship program in my office is a great way for Texas students to learn firsthand how the Senate and federal government work. I hope this internship will provide them an experience that will last a lifetime", Senator Cornyn said.

Interns work closely with all aspects of the Senate office. They also have the opportunity to attend seminars, lectures and Congressional hearings.

All undergraduate students who are Texas residents are eligible for the internship. Candidates must have graduated from high school, completed at least one semester of college classes, and have at least one semester of course work remaining before they obtain their undergraduate degree.

Interested students should contact Spencer Chambers in Senator Cornyn's Washington office at 202-224-2934 to request an application or visit Senator Cornyn's website at <http://cornyn.senate.gov/internships.html> for more information or to



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Jessica Slankard
Jessica is a Staff Sergeant with an orthopedic unit stationed out of Wichita Falls, TX



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Natasha is serving as a Medic in the Army. She is currently serving in Germany.



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Tommy has been serving in the Navy since January. He is currently training as military police in San Antonio, TX.

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NOTE: If you have a "Local Hero" currently serving in the Armed Forces and would like to have them featured in this column, please send their information along with a picture and their mailing address to The Valley Tribune.

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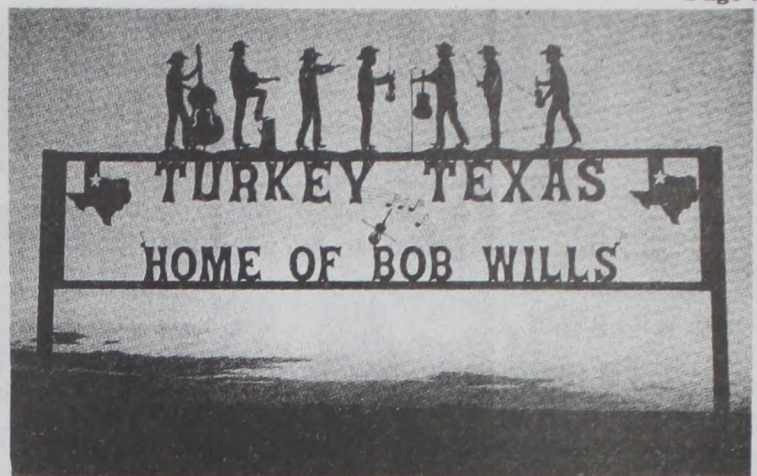
Easter Egg Hunt A Success

By Arlene Hinkle

The Easter Bunny's favorite helper, Verla Barrett, did a marvelous job of the first ever Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt. About 50 eager egg hunters came to City Park on Saturday to hunt for over 27 dozen eggs filled with prizes and candy.

The children had a great time although the wind presented a challenge trying to keep eggs in a basket during a 35 - 40 mile gusts was quite a feat. Colored Easter grass was blown about and baskets of eggs were tumbled out, but the kids prevailed and everyone went home with lots of goodies.

The Chamber hopes to make the Egg Hunt an annual event maybe next year we can request a sunny day instead of a sunny-windy day.



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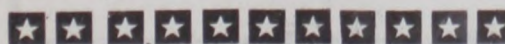
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Early in 1974 Bob Wills suffered another stroke and could not attend the celebration. Jack Bell and Gus Timmons carried the flags for the parade that year. Bill Mack, of WBAP fame announced and Hoyle Nix and band, Big Springs played while Susie Parker, Silverton reigned as queen.

In 1975, Hall County proclaimed April as Bob Wills month. The annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet at Memphis was dedicated to him. This year

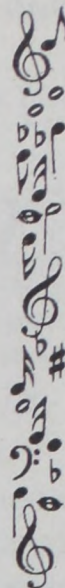
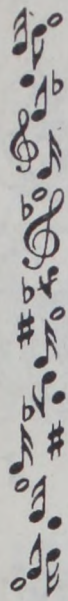
an arts and craft show was added to the agenda. "San Antonio Rose-Life and Music of Bob Wills," biography by Dr. Charles Townsend, Canyon, an associate professor of History at WTSU was ready to read. Commemorative coins also appeared this year.

Hall County was designated National Bicentennial Community by American Revolution Bicentennial Commission in 1975. Miss Nesa Jackson, sponsored by KFLD in Floydada became queen. A former Miss Texas, Judy Mallett played fiddle, Miss Ford Country, Sandy Lankford, sang and Leon McAuliffe played in the afternoon. Joe Bob Barnhill also sang several numbers. Bob Wills passed away in May of 1975.

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Friday, April 25th

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Saturday, April 26th

Pancake Breakfast - 6:00 AM - ? Turkey/Quitaque Lions Club - Bob Wills Center Cafeteria.

Parade - 10:00 A.M. downtown Turkey

BBQ Lunch - 11:00 A.M. at the Bob Wills Center.

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 - * That same year the Foundation bought much of the property that is now the City Park and Baseball Field.
 - * The Foundation raised the money for the erection of the Bob Wills Monument.
 - * They have provided the offices for the City of Turkey, the Senior Citizens room, the Public Library the JP Office, and now the Turkey Medical Clinic.
 - * The Foundation also brought in and currently maintaining the Bob Will Museum
 - * They provide ongoing maintenance for the buildings. In 2000 they bought new air-conditioners for the gymnasium and have rewired and replumbed most of the buildings. They have reroofed all of the buildings at one time or another.
 - * They have provided the buildings for the Gem Theatre fund-raising concerts (Ray Price) and currently the Caprock Jamboree - Free of charge"
 - * The three metal signs you see upon entering Turkey were purchased by the Foundation
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 - * They have donated money to the Turkey Fire Department and EMS Service when ever they are asked. They have made numerous donations to the Quitaque EMS service as well.
 - * The Foundation has donated money to the Turkey City Park, the Turkey Senior Citizens, the Cemetery Fence Fund, and the Gem Theatre.
 - * They also have sponsored various church groups to go to 6 Flags Over Texas
 - * They make donations to the local American Cancer Society and The America Heart Association.
 - * The Foundation makes large annual donations to the Valley School in the form of scholarships, more than any other individual organization.
 - * They annually donate to the Briscoe County Stock Show Association for our 4-H and FFA kids.
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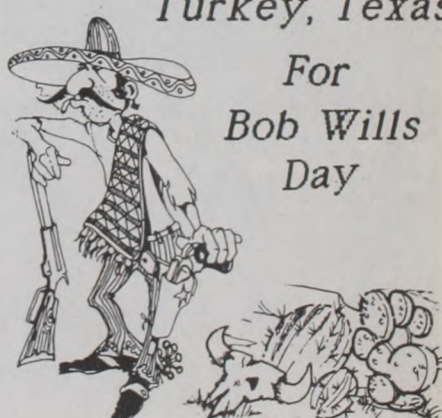
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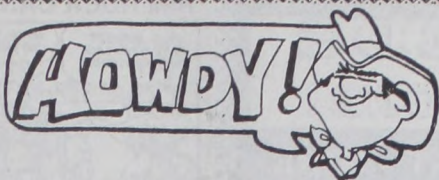


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