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Caprock Dessert Festival Help Raise Scholarship Money By Baking or Tasting

The 1st Ever Caprock Dessert Festival, hosted by the Quitaque Lion's Club, will be held this Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Hope Center in Quitaque. This benefit is to raise money for a scholarship to be awarded to a deserving senior this spring. Come out and taste some of the best sweets offered around the Caprock.

We encourage everyone to enter a dessert. Awards will be presented for Most Unique, Best Presentation, Best Tasting, Most Traditional, Best Overall, and the People's Choice. You, the guests of the event, will determine the People's Choice Award. There is no charge for entries and multiple submissions are encouraged. Entries accepted at the time of event, but RSVP is appreciated.

Judges have been selected from Turkey, Quitaque, and Silverton. Join these discriminating tasters and see what the cooks from these communities come up with. Bring the family. We are accepting donations for public admission.

For further information, contact Arlene Hinkle at (806) 455- during business hours or Deanna Oberheu at (806) 455-1078 during the evening.

Bankers Petroleum Not Seeing Desired Results In Palo Duro Basin

In the Palo Duro Basin, Bankers Petroleum's results have not been as anticipated, according to their annual report that was recently published. Two of the three horizontal stages were fracture stimulated in the Atoka A zone of the horizontal Cogdell #64-1H well. Testing resulted in virtually no hydrocarbon recovery, likely due to the fracture having connected into a water interval. This well was redrilled horizontally out of the same wellbore that originally produced 325 mcf/d from the Atoka A zone in an attempt to increase the production rate. The well recovered all of the injected water and was still producing significant water rates at the time it was shut-in. Bankers is currently evaluating its options for the remaining part of the wellbore.

Bankers Black 4-1 well has not yet been fracture stimulated in the Bend shale. Core Laboratories has recently completed additional tests on core material from Bankers' Burleson Ranch well to test some theories for a different fracture stimulation method. Bankers anticipates that it will have the fracture stimulation recommendation for the Black 4-1 well in the next two weeks.

Uranerz Energy To Look Under Briscoe County For A Radioactive Payoff

Uranerz Energy has applied to the Texas Railroad Commission for a permit to drill for uranium. The review process should be finished by March 10, said Ramona Nye, RRC spokeswoman.

"The commission will be evaluating the available groundwater and geologic information for the area of the exploration permit to determine adequate borehole plugging procedures," she said.

Uranium is a somewhat unusual pursuit for a county of wheat, cotton and cattle producers. Briscoe County has a history of uranium mining that dates back to August of 1955 when the first load of mined uranium was transported to Grants, New Mexico by truck from the Quarter Horse Mine on the Saul Ranch, located 5 miles west of Quitaque.

The company is showing faith in that theory. It has leased about 8,000 acres for exploration, according to a recent Securities and Exchange Commission filing. They picked those acres "based on geologic reports and more than 90 drill holes" done in the past, according to the SEC report.

The test holes it wants to drill are meant to confirm the presence of uranium and whether the geology will allow Uranerz to take the element out using the in-situ recovery method. That means miners separate it from its surrounding material while in place rather than digging it up and removing it for processing.

"It's a very benign mining method," Hartman said. "We'll drill a four- to four-and-a-half inch hole down to the depth we think looks interesting."

Once the well is drilled, the exploration team will lower in a gamma ray detector to see if the radioactive material is present. If the theories prove true, the mining would consist of drilling more wells, pumping oxygen into the wells to dislodge the uranium, then pumping in sodium bicarbonate, or baking soda, to attach to the metal, Hartman said.

When pumps pull water out of the wells, it will contain the baking soda carrying the uranium. A process removes the baking soda, and thus the uranium, and pumps put the water back into the well, Hartman said. The company would then send the uranium to a conversion facility that would make it into nuclear fuel for power plants.

Uranerz will drill monitoring wells around the production area and test the water every two weeks to make sure loosened uranium is not getting outside the production area.

Story taken in part from the Amarillo Globe News.



Valentine Dance At Church Of Western Swing In Turkey

The Church of Western Swing, in Turkey, Tx will hold its annual Valentine Day Dance on Saturday, February 16 beginning at 7 p.m. The "Church" is located one block south and one block east of Allsup's.

Henry, Doris and the whole gang invite you to bring your sweetie and your favorite dish, if you have one and come join them for an evening full of fun, food, fellowship, music and dancing. Everybody's welcome!

Wind Energy's Future Could Be Uncertain As Senate Discards Tax Credit

The wind industry suffered a setback recently after the U.S. Senate passed an economic-stimulus bill but left out language that would have restored Federal Production Tax Credits (PTC) for renewable energy providers, due to expire at the end of the year.

In an effort to come to a compromise with their Republican counterparts, Senate Democrats scaled back their previous demands for additions to the stimulus bill, which included the renewable energy tax credits.

The incentives, at an estimated cost of \$5.5 billion, included tax credits for wind, solar and other alternative energy sources, as well as incentives for homeowners to make their homes more energy efficient.

The version of the economic-stimulus measure that included the energy tax credit renewals failed in the Senate by just one vote. The stimulus bill passed by the House, which President Bush endorsed in his recent State of the Union address, does not include the renewal of the energy tax breaks.

With the future of these tax credits uncertain beyond 2008, wind energy advocates, industry leaders and government officials are worried for the future of wind as a viable alternative energy source.

According to the Washington, D.C.-based American Wind Energy Association, the wind industry grew by 45 percent in 2007 and contributed about one-third of the new power-generating capacity added in the U.S. last year. It comes as no surprise that 65 percent of the jobs at risk in the renewable energy industry belong to the wind sector.

Growth in the wind industry was spurred in large part to developers responding to the federal production tax credits, a growing number of renewable energy mandates at the state level and global warming concerns.

Continuation of the credits is crucial to maintaining growth in the wind energy sector and the renewable energy industry as a whole says George Sterzinger, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based Renewable Energy Policy Project. He calls the lack of renewal of the credit "the height of stupidity."

History supports that view. New projects in the wind industry dropped by as much as 93 percent after Congress allowed tax credits to expire in 1999, 2001, and 2003, the American Wind Energy Association reports.

Stefan Noe, president of Midwest Wind Energy, a wind farm development company based in Chicago, expressed his frustration with Washington's reluctance to extend the tax credits. Midwest Wind Energy operates several wind farms in Illinois, providing nearly 350,000 homes with clean, renewable power.

"The production tax credit is a vital part of the overall project economics in the wind industry," said Noe. "It is extremely difficult for the wind industry to invest capital into large wind projects when a major part of the economics is out of place."

But with federal tax credits uncertain, the industry says there are serious questions as to where this required wind energy will come from.

Jeff Wright, vice president of Midwest Wind Finance, a Minneapolis-based company specializing in financing community wind projects in the Midwest says long-term renewal of the wind tax incentives would create more certainty for wind power investors. At the moment, the tax credit is renewed in one-year installments.

"Because wind projects are multiyear investments, it would be a lot easier from the financing standpoint to have a more predictable tax model. The current schedule has an inhibiting effect for financiers to take a risk on wind," Wright said.



We would like to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity during this unfortunate event in our lives. We greatly appreciate all the phone calls, cards, donations and help we have received. We are blessed to be a part of such a loving community and are grateful for each and everyone of you. May God Bless you during your time of need.

Thank you, Fidel, Susana, Adrian Valdes

The Valdes' home in Quitaque recently burned and the family lost almost all of their belongings. True to form the residents of the area opened their hearts and their pocketbooks to help a neighbor in need. It truly is the best place in the world to live!

Workshop for Rural Community & Economic Development

A workshop for rural community and economic development will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Center, 600 South 1st Street, Haskell, Texas. The cost for the workshop will be \$10 per person and includes lunch and registration.

Presentations will be made by Texas Department of Agriculture's Rural Economic and Marketing Divisions on Certified Retirement Community Programs, Business Retention and Expansion and Texas Capital Fund. The Office of Rural Community Affairs and the USDA Rural Development will also present programs. There will be rural community success stories and panel discussions.

Please RSVP by Friday, February 15 to the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at 940-864-2477 or email: haskellcc@srcaccess.net.

What's Happening In The Valley Area This Week?

February 18

- * Quitaque Lions Club meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- * Turkey Extension Club meeting
- * Valley School begins 5th Six Weeks
- * Presidents Day

February 19

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

February 20

- * Valley School Report Cards
- 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**

ON THE QT

By Patsy Herrington

By the time February arrives each year, I'm already counting the days until Spring. We have an extra day this year in February and we ought to make it something special! It's also Valentine's month, and that makes it even more special - a reason to do something nice for someone we care for! Or maybe it's a good time to do something we've wanted to do for a long time. At any rate, let's live February to its fullest!

There's been quite a bit of sickness. Valley School let out last Thursday with 55 absent. Larry Don Price was sick with the flu 10 days.

Tina Cox Bearden went to New Braunfels to visit her daughter, Keeli, and became sick while down there. She finally got better, and drove herself home.

Betty Bearden has had numerous shots and therapy for her back pain, but remarked yesterday that she is much better.

Imory Cagle, 2 year old daughter of Mindy and Donny Cagle of Canyon has had two different strains of the flu, but has improved.

Donnie Cagle, son of Cynthia Cagle, is an engineer at Bushland. Mindy Proctor Cagle is Director of Social Services at Craig Methodist Retirement Center of Amarillo. Both are working on their Masters. Mindy is the daughter of Ruth and Wade Proctor. Everybody loves Mindy at the Center. She does everything from evaluation of the patients, filling out their insurance forms to painting toenails and buying some chewing tobacco. For Valentine she plans to give them a party.

Debbie Cagle plans to go to Canadian to visit her family who are all working there. Daughter Kim, son Wade, and husband Lonnie are all there, as well as her granddaughter, Kayla.

Hentyetta Finney Price had dental surgery last week. Jill Johnson went with her to Plainview and drove home. It was one of those windy, cold days when they went. When she got home to Quitaque, Henryetta remarked "I'm so glad I moved down here. It may blow at Quitaque, but you won't blow as far!"

It's good to see Jim Messer and Jake home this weekend after working in Canadian for several weeks.

After much ado about the newspaper situation where nobody drops papers here anymore, I finally subscribed to the Amarillo Globe news through the mail, and most of the time it arrives on time on the correct day. Yeh!

Sadly, Jo Mae Merrell passed away Saturday. Her funeral was Tuesday at 2 p.m. She was an outstanding, brilliant woman who taught math to almost all of the town's grown-ups. She taught me and also my four children. She will be severely missed and long remembered. More about her later.

Joyce King Price, who works out at Caprock Canyons State Park, remarked that the attendance at the Park has been extremely high with people from all over, Canada, Washington state, Missouri, many other states as well as places close by. That is awesome!

We have had strong winds, no rain for 60 days and the winds don't usually come for another month, but last weekend and most of this week has been calm, and unparalleled in beauty. Maybe we'll soon get that needed rain! I read that we made area wide the second best cotton crop in history! It's surely something to be proud of!

Any man's life will be filled with constant and unexpected encouragement if he makes up his mind to do his level best each day.

- Booker T. Washington

Obituaries

Boyd Vernon McKay

Boyd Vernon McKay, 80, of Martin, Tennessee passed away at his residence on January 26, 2008. Funeral services were held in Martin, TN on Tuesday, January 29, 2008.

Boyd was born on June 26, 1927 to Delbert Walter and Lillie Ethel (Rutherford) McKay in Turkey, Texas. Boyd enjoyed fishing, camping, and spending time outdoors. He also enjoyed spending time with his family especially his grandkids.

Boyd moved to Kermit in 1947 where he worked for Permian Ice Company delivering ice to homes and businesses. He then worked a short time at Bum Gibbons Well Service. Boyd then worked and retired from the Sid Richardson Gas Plant after working there 25 years.

Boyd then moved to Martin, Tennessee and worked and retired from the B.F. Goodrich Tire Company in 1995.

Boyd is survived by his wife, Grace Lillie (Wiley) McKay of Martin, TN; two sons, Bobby McKay of Martin, TN, and Boyd Lynn McKay of Odessa; one brother, Howard McKay of Kermit; tow sister, Alline Hicks of Kermit and Ruby Mae Woods of Quitaque, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Hall County Historical Commission Meet

The Hall County Historical Commission met Feb. 4th in the Hall County Courthouse. President Tommie Jo Cruse presided. The prayer was given by Dixie Barbee. The minutes were read by Mike Hughes, and they were approved. He also read the treasurers report, in the absence of Lera Kate Powell. It was also approved. For old business, Roberta Carson gave a report about the veteran's iron crosses. The Valley school is progressing on welding them, even though it is a slow task. The commission had 2 guests. Paulilne Johnsey gave a report on the courthouse grant.

The other guests were Brent Ford, from TxDOT asked the members, how many rocks, TxDOT would need to bring from the Caprock Highway. These will be put at the main Hall County cemeteries. They will have plaques on them, with info about the cemeteries.

The members decides to host the Turkey Jamboree for 2 months this year. The days will be June 7th & Oct. 4th. These will be fund raisers for the commission.

Tommie Jo mentioned that TxDOT had gotten the sign put up on the Turkey & Estelline highway. This will help people, to go down & see the Ozark Trail Monument at Tampico. If anyone has not seen this restored marker, they need to go & view it. There are not that many of these monuments left anywhere, & the marker at Tampico is the only one left in Hall County. Members present were Margie Pinkerton, Roberta Carson, Karen Crisman, Mike Hughes, Dixie Barbee, Tommie Jo Cruse & Judge Martin.

James N. Neatherlin

James N. Neatherlin, 82, of Paris, TX died Saturday, January 12, 2008, at his residence. Graveside rites with military honors were held Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at Meadowbrook Gardens with Wade Martin as eulogist.

He was born February 4, 1925 in Quitaque, TX, a son of George Jefferson and Bertie Knowles Neatherlin. He was a graduate of Silverton High School, then served in the United State Coast Guard during World War II from 1942 to 1946. He was a retired boilermaker and welder. He married the former Betty Sapp in 1942, and she preceded him in death.

He was also preceded in death by his parents: three sisters; two brothers and a daughter, Betty Lucas.

Survivors include three daughters, 10 grandchildren, his companion, a sister Nadine Case of Anson, seven nieces and three nephews.

Jo Mae Merrell

Jo Mae Merrell, 88, died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008.

Services were held Tuesday, February 12, 2008 in First United Methodist Church in Quitaque with Les Hall officiating. Burial was in Gray Mule Cemetery.

Jo Mae was born April 15, 1919, in Eli Community, to Maurice and Annie Smith. She married Jake Merrell on Aug. 15, 1942, in New Mexico.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jo Beth Merrell Gardner in 1999.

Survivors include her husband, Jake; two sons, Warren Lee Merrell, and wife Maria of Quitaque and Dr. Jerry David Merrell and wife Paula of California; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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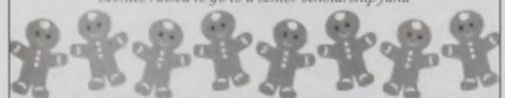
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Tri-County Meals

Menu Subject To Change 806-455-1053 ~ P.O. Box 421, Quitaque, TX 79255
Meals Delivered By Community Volunteers
Serving free hot meals to the homebound residents of Turkey, Quitaque, Silverton & Flomot

Monday, February 18	Wednesday, February 20	Friday, February 22
Beef Tacos	Pork Chops	Pigs in a Blanket
Lettuce, Tomato	Butter Beans	Cabbage
Cheese	Greens	Tator Tots
Beans	Dessert*	Dessert*
Dessert*	Roll/Milk	Milk
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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

I love my lifelong valentine, the one I've had for over fifty years. My loyal pal, my joy sublime through life's happiness and tears. Through our brows are lined, I find I can't forget Valentine's Day when our love is renewed. May you have memories of love on Valentine's Day.

Beautiful Valentine Decorations On Display at Do Gooders' Club Meeting

Beautiful Valentine's Day decor greeted members of the Do Gooders' Club Tuesday afternoon, February 5 held at the Community Center in Flomot.

Mrs. Brenda Browning, president conducted the business session. In the absence of Mrs. Anna Beth Clay, secretary no minutes were read.

First on the agenda, the club's meeting in March has been postponed to Tuesday, March 11 as not to interfere with the March 4th Primary Elections being held at the Community Center. They discussed having a Do Gooders' club quilt for which chances will be sold and the winner announced at the Flomot Homecoming in July. When weather permits, they will have a Clean-Up day inside and outside the Center.

Hostesses, Mrs. Suzie Shannon and Mrs. B. Rogers presided at a crystal service. The table was laid with a lace cloth over red. The centerpiece was a molded figurine adorned with red ruffles flanked by red candles in crystal. Red hearts were intermingled on the table adding to the red decor. They served refreshments of cheese rolls, sour cream pound cake, heart shaped decorated cookies with cranberry punch.

Mrs. Waydette Clay was the winner of the hostess gift, a colorful crafted handmade pot holders.

Those attending were Mesdames Nada Starkey, Waydette Clay, Brenda Browning, Erma Washington, Connie Franks, B. Rogers, Suzie Shannon, Cally Sperry and Barbara Payne.

Home From Hospital

We welcome home Doyle Calvert, who returned home from Lubbock Friday afternoon, after six weeks hospitalization and therapy at Covenant Medical Center. He will continue to have therapy at his home and thankful to know he is able to move around with the aid of a walker and cane.

Bengie Hughes of Royce City visited the weekend with his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes. Other visitors Saturday were son and children, Rickey Hughes, Kendal an Kason of Floydada.

Mrs. Lou Burleson, Mrs. Joy Smitherman, Mrs. Marra Brown and Mrs. Laura Turner of Floydada and Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton took a tour of the electrical power windmills in the McAdoo area Sunday. They attended the Library Reception given for Mrs. Algaree Jones Sunday afternoon in Matador.

Ruth and Orville Lee were in Plainview, Thursday for Ruth medical tests at the Covenant Medical Center.

Mrs. B. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers visited in Roaring Springs, Tuesday with Billy Hand and wife, Mozelle. Mrs. Sherry McKay of Quitaque visited Mrs. Rogers, Wednesday.

Monte George of Lubbock visited Sunday with Johnnie Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey.

Mrs. Beverly Vinson attended the Salad Supper Saturday held at the Baptist Church in Matador as a guest of Mrs. Dorothy Jean Day. Sunday afternoon, she attended the reception honoring Mrs. Algaree Jones at the Matador Library.

Visiting from Saturday until Monday with her parents, Nada and Jack Starkey was Jackie Lynn Davis of Frith.

Weekend visitors of Connie and Coy Franks were son and family, Cory, Amy, Hudson and Madison Franks of Lubbock.

Mrs. Erma Washington is on he sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sperry, Savannah, Blayne, Gage and Cash were guests of his mother, Mrs. Jackie Sperry of Quitaque Sunday at the Fairmont Baptist Church luncheon. Jackie and husband, Terry Sperry were guests at an evening meal Sunday night in the home of the Will Sperry family.

Cole Martin of Protales, N.M. visited the weekend with his father, Wilburn Martin. They also visited Mrs. Geneva Martin, Mrs. Kathy Shorter and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay.

Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock visited from Friday until Monday of last week with her mother, Mrs. Aleda Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were in Panhandle Tuesday to attend the PHS girls' basketball game in which granddaughter, Kelsey Clay played. Her team has won the District 2A championship.



Cook's Corner

By Laura Taylor

Here is something a little spicy to kick things up a notch on a cold February night.

Chicken Sausage Okra Gumbo

3 to 4 lb chicken cut up
1/2 cup vegetable oil
2 lb sliced okra
1/2 cup flour
1 gallon water
1/2 to 1 lb smoked sausage
2 med. onion chopped
1/4 bell pepper chopped
1 whole bulb garlic chopped
2 tb chopped parsley
1 tb sugar
16 oz. can tomato paste
3 large tomatoes or a 16 oz. can of whole tomatoes
2 bay leaves
1 pinch thyme
1 tb gumbo file' (optional)
salt and pepper to taste
Brown chicken pieces in some of the oil; remove from pot. Brown okra and remove from pot. Add remainder of oil and flour, stirring constantly until roux is a rich brown. Add okra and water to roux, blending well. Add chicken, sausage, and remaining ingredients except file'. Salt and pepper top taste. Cook for 1 & 1/2 to 2 hours. Stir in file' during the last 1/2 hour of cooking.
Serve with hot cooked rice in soup bowls.

Cajun Hush Puppies

2 cups yellow cornmeal
1 tsp. ground cayenne pepper
1 cup plain flour
2 eggs beaten
1 tsp. baking powder
1 cup buttermilk
1 tsp. salt
1 cup green onion, finely chopped
1/2 tsp. baking soda
2 tbs. bacon drippings, hot
1/2 cup parsley, finely chopped
1/2 tsp. garlic powder
oil for deep frying
Combine all dry ingredients. Add eggs, buttermilk, onions, and bacon drippings. Mix well. Drop in hot oil by spoonfuls and brown on all sides.
Makes about 48. Best served hot!!

French Market Beignets

1 (1/4-ounce) envelope active dry yeast
1 cup warm water (105° to 115°)
3/4 cup evaporated milk
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 large egg, lightly beaten
4 to 4 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
Vegetable oil
Sifted powdered sugar
Combine yeast and warm water in a 2-cup liquid measuring cup; let stand 5 minutes.
Combine yeast mixture, evaporated milk, and next 3 ingredients. Gradually stir in enough flour to make a soft dough. Cover and chill 8 hours.
Turn dough out onto a well-floured surface; knead 5 or 6 times. Roll dough into a 15- x 12 1/2-inch rectangle; cut into 2 1/2-inch squares.
Pour oil to depth of 3 to 4 inches into a Dutch oven; heat to 375°. Fry 3 or 4 beignets at a time, 1 minute on each side or until golden. Drain; sprinkle with powdered sugar.
Makes 2 1/2 dozen.
Yummy!

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1 this Sarah designed 1st Lone Star flag
2 home of Southwest Texas Jr. College
3 seat of Bosque Co.
4 "a born and _____ Texan"
9 TX Freddie Fender's "Living _____"
10 TX quanslingers or marble players
11 Houston has big _____ space industry
12 chicken's nose

48 made a hole in one
49 TXism: "rarin' _____ go"
51 spring rains can cause flangers to _____ play
54 distress signal
55 TX electronics giant
56 Jack Ruby had a Dallas strip _____ joint

13 LBJ was 1st congressman to _____ after Pearl Harbor
14 TX Crawford was Lucilla _____ Sueur
15 famous TCU coach "Dutch" Meyer (init.)
16 TXism: "riled up"
18 middle name of TX billionaire Hunt
20 Gilmer hosts East Texas _____ boree
24 LBJ line: "_____ fella Murkins"
25 TXism: "honest _____ the day is long"
26 TX Perot founded Electronic _____ Systems
27 Texas Stadium & Minute Maid Park

28 southern neighbor
29 he starred with TX Fess Parker in "Daniel Boone"
31 Lubbock's winner of '92 National Science Bowl (abbr.)
32 TXism: "wet as a drowned _____"
33 sincere _____
38 this Pat was in TX-made "State Fair"

40 Palo Duro's _____ Monkey Railroad
41 Panna Maria's _____ Joseph's Museum
42 TX anglers catch large _____
44 Neil Bush was involved in _____ & scandal
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53 TXism: "flash in the _____" (one time)
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Lady Patriots Win Bi-District Title!

By Susan Ramsey
 Following a police escort, complete with sirens and flashing lights, the Lady Patriots rolled into town on the road to Regional, as Bi-District Champions! The girls traveled to Tulia Tuesday night to take on the Cotton Center Lady Elks. Cotton Center came in with a 21-11 record and had defeated Valley earlier in the year.

The first quarter saw both teams clicking offensively and ended with Valley holding a 16-14 edge. Valley cranked up the defense in the second quarter and outscored the Lady Elks 20-4 to take a 36-18 halftime advantage.

The second half saw the two teams play fairly evenly to make the final score, Valley-66, Cotton Center-49.

Valley was led by senior post player, Jasmin Ivory, who had an outstanding game with 27 points and 12 rebounds. Payton Price also had an excellent game with 14 points and 8 rebounds. Lacie Pointer was next with 12 points. Rounding out the scoring for Valley were Mariela Mendoza-5, Jordan Jenkins-4, Jacy Proctor-2, and Autumn Phillips with 2 points.

The Valley student body helped spur the Ladies onto victory by cheering the WHOLE game, painting their faces, and wearing crazy wigs! The girls and Coach Ramsey are proud to have such a dedicated following!

The victory propels the Lady Patriots into the Area round of the playoffs where they will face Wellman-Union. The game will be at 6:00 p.m. this Friday at the Rip Griffin Center on the campus of Lubbock Christian University. Let's all make the trip to Lubbock, sit together, and support our Lady Patriots as they travel down Regional Road! GO BLUE!



THE PATRIOT

Valley School News

Valley School Lunch Menu

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Monday, February 18

Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Jelly, OJ/Milk

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

Tuesday, February 19

Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, OJ/Milk

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

Wednesday, February 20

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk

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

Thursday, February 21

Breakfast: French Toast, Syrup, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Ham & Cheese Baked Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

Friday, February 22

Breakfast: Breakfast Hot Pocket, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Pigs in a Blanket, Tator Tots, Pineapple & Mandarin Oranges, Milk



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Patriots Defeat Aspermont

By Susan Ramsey

The Valley Patriots traveled to Guthrie Monday night where they met the Aspermont Hornets for a warm-up game in order for both teams to prepare for the playoffs. Valley came away with a win by 52-45 score.

Valley was led by Cole Brown, who had 13 points. Others scoring for Valley were Armando Mendoza-8, Jacob Hancock-7, Dalton Allen-6, Brady Ramsey-6, Isaac Smith-6, Roger Ramos-4, and Justin Rucker with 2 points.

Valley will next be in action this Saturday at Randall High School. They will take on the Follett Panthers in another warm-up game at 3:30. The game is just one of several that will be going on all day as part of an annual playoff preview, hosted by Randall each year. Let's go BLUE!

Do your best every day and your life will gradually expand into satisfying fullness.
 ~ Horation W. Dresser

To do the useful thing, to say the courageous thing, to contemplate the beautiful thing: that is enough for one man's life.
 ~ T.S. Eliot

What we need are critical lovers of America - patriots who express their faith in their country by working to improve it.
 ~ Hubert H. Humphrey



Valley Varsity Boys



Jr Varsity Boys

Practice Game
 Valley Varsity Boys vs Follett Saturday, February 16 @ 3:30 p.m. at Canyon/Randell

Area Play-Off Game

Valley Varsity Girls vs Wellman-Union
 Friday, February 15 @ 6 p.m., in Lubbock at the Rip Griffin Center @ LCU

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 Valley Varsity Boys vs Cotton Center
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You Are Needed...To Participate In Cancer Prevention Studies

Newswise — As part of National Cancer Prevention Month in February, experts at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center encourage participation in cancer prevention studies to help researchers learn more about the causes of cancer and how to avoid the disease.

"Prevention studies offer participants the best options for individual care, improving one's overall health and well-being," says Ernest T. Hawk, M.D., M.P.H., the recently appointed vice president of M. D. Anderson's Division of Cancer Prevention and Population Sciences. "These studies also offer the best chance for reducing the number of future cancer cases."

Cancer prevention studies are designed for people who have not been diagnosed with cancer or for those who have successfully completed cancer treatment. Today's standard cancer prevention recommendations are the results of research data from past prevention studies.

Hawk predicts prevention studies will begin to focus more on populations with a high risk of developing cancer, such as persons with a family history of cancer (mother, father, brother or sister) as well as those with a personal history of cancer.

"Many underestimate the value of taking proactive measures to address the prevention needs of these high-risk populations," he says.

High-risk populations are likely to benefit most from taking medications, adopting healthy lifestyle behaviors that may reduce risk or both. Studies involving high-risk populations also can lay the groundwork for follow-up studies addressing those at lower risk of developing cancer.

"Participants of prevention studies are not only proactively taking steps to improve their health, but also generating research results that may increase cancer prevention options for family members and future generations," Hawk says.

A large percentage of the nation's cancer prevention trials are taking place at M. D. Anderson. Hawk's extensive involvement in cancer prevention studies gives him insight into ways to expand and enhance M. D. Anderson's role in the field.

People who participate in prevention studies at M. D. Anderson may take medicines, vitamins or other supplements, or obtain screening exams that may lower their risks of developing cancer. Some prevention studies may collect demographic, lifestyle, medical and family history information to learn more about the causes of cancer and how to prevent them.

"M. D. Anderson's leadership is committed to making cancer prevention a clinical reality," Hawk says. "With this support, we have an exciting future ahead of us."

The Division of Cancer Prevention and Population Sciences is one of the largest cancer prevention programs in the nation. It was established to learn more about the causes of cancer, encourage people to adopt health lifestyle habits that may prevent cancer and develop effective medication that lowers cancer risk.

For more information on cancer prevention studies, visit www.mdanderson.org/cancerawareness.

We have enjoyed so much freedom for so long that we are perhaps in danger of forgetting how much blood it cost to establish the Bill of Rights.

~ Felix Frankfurter

The American Revolution was a beginning, not a consummation.

~ Woodrow Wilson

TPWD Unveils Proposed Regulation Changes

AUSTIN, Texas — Expanded hunting opportunities for mule deer and pheasant in the Panhandle are among the proposed changes to the state's hunting and fishing regulations.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission's Regulations Committee, at its Jan. 23 meeting, authorized agency staff to take these proposed regulation changes and others out for public comment and will make a final determination at its March 25-26 meeting.

Following is a rundown of the proposals that will affect our area:

Community Fishing Lake Pole Limit: Anglers would be limited to using two fishing poles on community fishing lakes having special catfish regulations. This proposed rule change would address hoarding of limited bank fishing access. The change would affect impoundments 75 acres or less totally within a city limits or a public park.

Expand Panhandle Mule Deer Season: This proposal would consider adding Sherman and Hansford counties to the northern Panhandle mule deer season, and Gaines, Martin, and the eastern portion of Andrews counties to the southwest

Panhandle season. These counties, wildlife biologists believe, have mule deer populations sufficient to allow the harvest of a few buck mule deer. Such a buck-only harvest would not have any effect on the overall population in those counties. Opening these counties will result in increased hunter opportunity.

Panhandle Pheasant Season Expansion: The proposal would expand the season length to 37 days.

Quail Season Closing Change: This proposal would change the close of quail season to the last day in February.

Eliminate Bowhunting Minimum Draw Weight: This proposal would remove the requirement of a 40-pound minimum peak draw weight on bowhunting equipment.

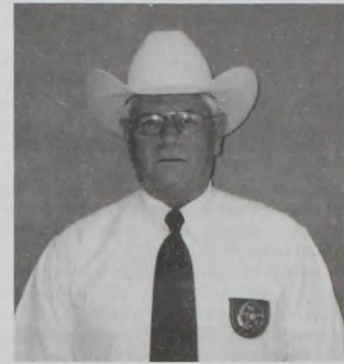
Deer Proof of Sex Requirement Change: This proposal would allow special deer permit tags, including Managed Land Deer permits, Landowner Assisted Management Permitting System, antlerless mule deer, special public hunting and Antlerless and Spike Control, to satisfy proof of sex tagging requirements.

Lower Minimum Age for Hunter Education Certification: This proposal would lower the minimum age a student may receive hunter education certification from 12 years to 9 years.

Comment may be made online at the agency Web site or by mail to TPWD Regulations Public Comment, attention Robert Macdonald, 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin, TX 78744.

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If you re-elect me as your Hall County Sheriff, here are some of the things that I will diligently pursue during the next four years. The list is not all inclusive, and will grow as the needs of effective law enforcement changes.



- Perhaps the most significant continuing problem we in law enforcement face, is the ongoing danger of drugs. We must face it head-on, and work toward the elimination of drug trafficking in our area. I intend to continue the training of my staff to the highest extent possible. We will actively seek out persons selling, transporting, using or producing methamphetamines, cocaine, and marijuana. We will make Hall County a dangerous place for those who prey on our populace with drugs.

- Our County Jail will continue to need improvements, and we will work with other agencies and County Government to obtain those improvements. We will seek, where possible, to obtain Federal and State grants that will reduce the costs to the counties budgets.

- We will work to upgrade the professionalism and job educational level of all our staff. Where possible, we will seek to improve the pay structures, especially of our jail staff, to more accurately compare with jail personnel of other related counties.

- We will seek to improve the quality and safety of the equipment used by members of the Sheriff's Department, and other Emergency Services personnel. I will work with other members of the National Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc., as well as the Sheriff's Association of Texas, of which I am a member, to review, test, and evaluate equipment that will improve the ability of our Department to better serve the needs of the citizens of Hall County.

- As I have done during my entire tenure as Sheriff, I will continue to reach out to the people of Hall County. I will provide an open ear to anyone with a problem that I can help with. I will ensure the courtesy, integrity and diligence to duty of myself and each member of my team. We will, in every way, seek to keep the people of Hall County safe and secure.

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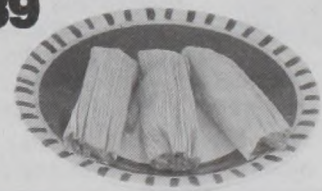


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Wellowner.org includes practical information on: Well basics, Well maintenance, Water quality, How to find a water well contractor, Ground water.

"Every day, Americans use 3.5 billion gallons of ground water from household wells," said Kevin McCray, executive director of the NGWA. "Yet, many well owners know very little about well basics. Wellowner.org provides a place where well owners can learn more about the importance of well maintenance, water testing and ground water protection."

The web site provides practical information on what's involved in a proper well checkup by a contractor, causes and solutions to water pressure issues, well protection, contamination and more.

NGWA, a nonprofit organization comprised of more than 14,500 U.S. and international ground water professionals—contractors, equipment manufacturers, suppliers, scientists, and engineers—is dedicated to advancing the expertise of all ground water professionals and to furthering ground water awareness and protection through education and outreach. NGWA's vision is to be the leading community of ground water professionals that promotes the responsible development, use, and management of ground water resources.



Unlikely Allies For Farmers

by Sandy Miller Hays, Agricultural Research Service

Remember that old saying about how you can use every part of a pig except the squeal? It seems to me that the scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) should be declared the all-time world champions of that concept, because they've come up with a beneficial use for...cockroaches! Not just any old cockroach, but the Asian cockroach, *Blattella asahinia*.

Here's the "backstory," as they say in Hollywood: An ARS entomologist in south Texas has spent several years studying predators (critters who eat other critters—hopefully, other critters that we don't like) who feed on the eggs of certain pests—called lepidopteran pests—of annual crops like cotton. In fact, this scientist does most of his work on cotton and its principal pests, such as the bollworm and the beet armyworm.

In the summer of 2006, this scientist made a surprising discovery. It seems that the Asian cockroach loves to feast on lepidopteran eggs (to which I can only say, "To each his own!"). The scientist found this roach in numbers as high as 100 or more per square meter (that's a little more than a square yard) in soybean fields in Weslaco, Texas, but the cockroaches weren't causing any harm to the soybeans.

The Asian cockroach isn't a total newcomer to our shores. First found in Florida in 1986, it initially didn't seem very interested in moving any further than the southeastern states. But over the next couple of decades, it apparently acquired wanderlust, because in 2006 it turned up in Texas, where it was the most frequently observed predator of bollworm eggs in soybeans in south Texas' Rio Grande Valley.

The Asian cockroach is only active at night (much like the roaches that go skittering across the kitchen floor when you unexpectedly turn on the light at 3 a.m.). During the day it's resting on leaf litter and turf.

That means that to get a good look at this bug's activities, the ARS scientist has been keeping some mighty strange work hours. To study how abundantly these roaches feasted on the pest eggs, the scientist and his assistant put lepidopteran eggs out in the fields starting at 3 p.m. and checked the losses every three hours until 3 p.m. the next day.

Apparently, the feasting began after the sun went down. As the scientist pointed out, many predators either "do their thing" during the day or at night, but not at both times, so if the scientist hadn't kept a sharp eye on the situation, we might never have found out how useful these particular predators can be at helping protect our cotton and soybeans.

Of course, no one is suggesting that we bring cockroaches into an area where they don't already live, because these Asian cockroaches, just like their German cousins, can invade homes and become pests. But the scientists' point is, if the roaches are already in an area, we might as well study ways to make them useful to growers in that region.

This isn't ARS scientists' first foray into the creepy world of cockroaches. Back in the 1990s, ARS scientists in Florida focused their attention on ways to reduce cockroach infestations and related human health risks. Cockroach body parts, feces, saliva and eggs left behind on surfaces contain allergenic substances that are particularly dangerous to people with asthma or other respiratory conditions.

What the scientists found was truly horrific. For example, they infested an experimental kitchen with German cockroaches for a year, then removed the roaches. Follow-up tests showed that the cockroach allergens were still present in that kitchen five years later!

Those scientists also developed a computerized precision targeting system to help determine the location and distribution of cockroaches, based on current trap counts and trap locations. That trap data can be entered into a computer and analyzed to construct "contour maps" that show where roach populations are congregating. This technology could be useful to pest control operators, allowing them to focus their treatments only on infested areas, rather than spraying an entire building.

Now, if you'll pardon me while I go wash my hands... The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in-house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. You can read more about ARS discoveries at <http://www.ars.usda.gov/news/>.

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

Farm Bill Deadline Rapidly Approaching; Farmers Expect Full Congressional Support

Time is usually not an issue for high stakes poker players, unless the game they are in is political, located in Washington, DC, and the stakes include completion of a critical piece of "must-pass" legislation that revamps expiring U.S. farm policy.

Keeping one eye on the clock and the other on the opposition is, however, the position that Congressional leaders working to complete a new Farm Bill find themselves in heading into the middle of February.

The biggest challenge for House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson (D-MN) and Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin (D-IA) isn't necessarily going to be working out the differences in their respective versions of the Farm Bill. Approved last year, the two bills are similar enough in both substance and structure that finding the middle ground between them shouldn't be overly difficult.

Behind the scenes, staff level work to accomplish that reconciliation has been ongoing since passage of the Senate bill in mid-December. Publicly, however, the first visible action to initiate that process was taken this week when the Senate named its conference committee contingent. The House of Representatives has yet to name its Farm Bill conferees.

Joining the conference committee from the Senate will be Agriculture Committee Chairman Harkin, ranking member Senator Saxby Chambliss (R-GA); Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT); Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND); Senator Max Baucus (D-MT); Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-AR); Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI); Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN); Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS); Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS); and Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA).

The real challenge for Peterson and Harkin will be deciding how they will begin the process and how much they will allow input they are receiving from the Bush Administration to influence their opening positions.

Administration officials have been vocal and persistent critics of the bipartisan legislation that Congress is set to reconcile.

As the third player in the game, the Bush Administration continues to push for changes outside of the scope of the two bills debated and approved by Congress. President Bush, as recently as February 6, has said he will veto the Farm Bill if Administration demands are not met.

Even though the Administration's formal role is limited to signing or vetoing the final bill after it has been negotiated and passed by the people's representatives in Congress, Administration officials will get to provide input to both sides during the conference process.

With a March 15 deadline for expiration of the 2002 farm bill rapidly approaching, reports from Washington indicate that Congressional leaders are moving forward even though their final destination is less than certain.

Whether or not Congress will stand by its previous work and send a Farm Bill to the President is just one concern voiced by America's farmers and ranchers heading into the last phase of the Farm Bill process.

The bigger question for many in agriculture is whether or not their local representatives in Congress will choose to support the reform-oriented and bipartisan farm bill they crafted if the Administration chooses to veto the bill.

While completing this important legislation is still the goal of Congressional leaders, both Chairman Peterson and Chairman Harkin have made it clear that a Presidential veto could set the stage for U.S. agriculture policy to revert back to the permanent legislation of the 1933 and 1949 Agricultural Adjustment Acts.

To prevent this from happening, it is important for farm state members of the House and Senate to stand behind the legislation they crafted if political push comes to shove and let their constituents know that is what they are going to do.

The bottom line is that, at this stage of the game, few in agriculture are willing to get caught up in the semantics of describing a policy alternative as a tax increase instead of the closure of a tax loophole. What they want is the knowledge that their elected representatives are prepared to represent their interests and secure the future of U.S. agriculture.

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This Week In Texas History!

Feb 17, 1841

Col. W.G. Cooke of the Army of the Republic of Texas arrived in Austin and reported the establishment of two permanent posts in North Texas.

Feb 17, 1836

Col. James Fannin wrote a letter from Refugio warning the Texas government of Santa Anna's approach.

Feb. 17, 1836

Col. James C. Neill left the Alamo, leaving Col. William B. Travis in command.

Feb 18, 1875

Cattle thefts between members of two families, the Taylors and the Suttons, began the Mason County War. Gov. Richard Coke sent 20 Texas Rangers later that year to protect the citizens of Mason County.

Feb 18, 1861

All Union military posts were turned over to Texas Confederate troops by Gen. David Twiggs.

Feb 18, 1665

Robert Cavalier Sieu de la Salle constructed Fort St. Louis near Matagorda Bay.

Feb 19, 1967

Cal Farley, the founder of Boys Ranch at Old Tascosa, died of a heart attack while attending church services at the ranch.

Feb 19, 1943

The first bombardier class began training at the Childress Army Air Field.

Feb 19, 1846

President Anson Jones lowered the Lone Star flag of the Republic of Texas saying, "the Republic is no more." An American flag was then raised. J. Pinkney Henderson then became the first governor of the State of Texas.

Feb 19, 1836

Col. James Fannin decided to move his men from Goliad to the aid of the Texans at the Alamo. But at the last minute, Fannin changed his mind.

Feb 20, 1882

Excavation for the Texas State Capitol began.

Feb 20, 1861

Texas voted to ratify the Secession Ordinance.

Feb 20, 1807

James Butler Bonham was born in Red Banks, South Carolina. He arrived in Texas in 1835, as leader of the Mobile Grays. Bonham and all his men were killed in the Alamo.

Feb 21, 1911

Chief Quanah Parker died at Cache, Okla. He was 64 years old.

Feb 21, 1876

Fort Elliott was established as a military outpost in the Panhandle. It was located near Old Mobeete and was an army camp.

Feb 21, 1861

Camp Cooper in Throckmorton County was abandoned.

Feb 21, 1836

The advance detachment of Gen. Santa Anna's army arrived on the outskirts of San Antonio.

Feb 21, 1794

Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, the self proclaimed "Napoleon of the West," was born at Jalapa, Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Feb 22, 1861

The Union navy attacked Confederate placements at Aransas Pass.

Feb 22, 1836

Gen Santa Anna arrived at San Antonio and ordered a surprise attack on the Alamo. If a swollen creek had not stopped Gen. Ramirez y Sesma's cavalry from reaching the mission, the Alamo would have fallen at that time.

Feb 23, 1861

60,826 Texans voted and 76% said they favored leaving the Union. The vote was 46,129 for, and 14,697 against.

Feb 23, 1836

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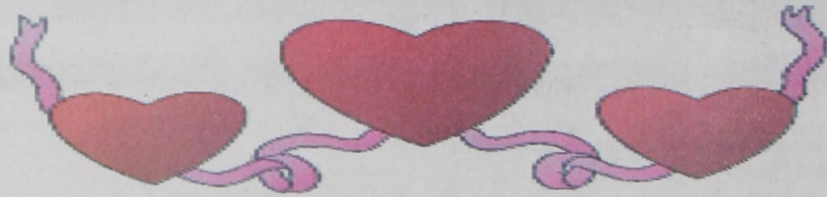
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