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## Hackberry Creek Open House September 13

*Extreme Volunteerism Brings It All Together*

By Marisue Potts

A stained glass window in a small chapel shines as an example of the dedication members of the community have shown for the reality of a hometown, regional care center. This is but one example of "Extreme Volunteerism" that will be celebrated at a "come and go" open house for the Hackberry Creek Care Center, 805 Harrison Avenue in Matador, TX on Thursday, September 13 from 1-7 p.m. with tours, refreshments and visits with the residents, staff and board members.

The stained glass window was envisioned by Seab and Dianne Washington who donated the material. They called on their friend Linda Kendall and she donated her time to create the serene scene of a white dove flying through a brilliant blue sky. Her husband Travis donated his time to frame and glaze it.

There were many other projects. The Matador Lions Club built an ornamental iron fence around the patio. A group of busy career women took the time to pore over catalogs, learn care center specs, collect furniture and do an "Extreme Makeover" on many items, gather decorations, frame over 200 prints, iron curtains and hang them, and individualize each room to make it feel like home for the residents.

The stained glass artist, Linda Kendall, is part of a family of three generations of home and cabinet builders. She learned the craft of creating art out of lead glass in a night school in California. When her family moved back to its roots of the Flomot area over thirty years ago, she and husband Travid Kendall, and now son Tim tackled all types of remodeling and house building projects, including stained glass for doors, cabinets, and windows.

Using her artist discretion and a suggestion by the Washingtons, Linda created the dove piece out of 182 pieces of glass, cut to fit, before the lead cane went on. Then the piece was stretched and fitted again before solder was applied. Travis, more known for aristry with his carpentry, then framed it and glazed each individual piece, "pushing lots and lots of putty" his wife said.

Another project that Linda is involved in, is the repair of 42 stained glass windows in the Methodist Church of Quitaque that were damaged in a severe thunderstorm-tornadic wind. These are projects she takes on in addition to working full time with the Kendall crew and being a busy grandmother of four.

Many volunteers have a similar profile, full time jobs, many civic, church, and family responsibilities. So the open house is a time to thank them and enjoy the fruits of "extreme volunteerism". Come join us on Thursday, September 13.

## Work Day In Quitaque



This lot on Main Street will be the focus of the upcoming work day in Quitaque on September 15.

Come help the Chamber and Beautification Committee as we start cleaning up four buildings recently purchased by several groups in town to be used as a mini park in the middle of town. We will be cleaning the old nursery previously owned by Billy and Bonnie Mott and converting it into a mini park, hopefully displaying the real Ozark monument, or at least a replica in the future.

We will begin work around 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 15 and work until about noon. If it is raining, we will try again on Saturday, September 22.

## Valley School Introduces New Faculty Members For 2007-2008 School Year

Valley School is proud to welcome three new faculty members, Robin Boedeker, Moses Salazar and Erica Pigg. Robin will take Paula Phillips position as Junior High Language Arts and Reading Teacher as well as teach the secondary fine arts classes. Mrs. Boedeker has taught Fine Arts at Silverton ISD for 17 years. Robin and her husband Terry of Quitaque have three children, Luke, Hanna, and Will.

Moses Salazar is the new transportation supervisor at Valley School. Moses was hired in June to fill the position of long time Valley School transportation supervisor Buster Chadwick after his retirement. Moses was employed by Borger ISD for 7 years in the transportation division there. Moses and his wife Amanda of Turkey have two girls Shawna and Kamberlyn.

Erica Pigg has recently been hired as receptionist and assistant to the Business Manager in the front office at Valley School. Erica fills the position vacated by Kelly Mendoza who is now teaching in Plainview ISD. Erica and her husband Jarret of Turkey have two children Madison and Chance.

Principal Jon Davidson reports that Valley is very fortunate to have such quality teachers and faculty to fill the important positions at Valley School and wish to welcome them to our team.



Robin Boedeker, Jr. High Language Arts & Reading



Erica Pigg Receptionist



Moses Salazar, Transportation Supervisor

**Valley Booster Club Meets Every Monday @ 7 p.m. Valley Cafeteria Please Join Us!**

### What's Happening In The Valley Area This Week?

#### September 6

\* Valley Patriots JV vs Silverton, here @ 6:30 p.m.

#### September 7

\* Valley Patriots vs Rule, there @ 7:30 p.m.

#### September 8

\* Paducah vs Happy at Patriot Field @ 6 p.m.

#### September 10

\* Bob Wills Foundation meeting @ 7 p.m. Bob Wills Center Cafeteria, Everyone Invited

\* Silverton City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.

\* Quitaque Volunteer Fire Department meeting @ 7 p.m.

\* Valley Board of Trustees meeting @ 8 p.m.

\* Quitaque City Council meeting @ 5 p.m.

\* Briscoe County Commissioners Court meeting @ 10 a.m.

\* Hall County Commissioners Court meeting @ 10 a.m.

\* Motley County Commissioners Court meeting @ 9:30 a.m.

#### September 11

\* Silverton Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 7 p.m.

#### September 13

\* Matador City Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

\* Turkey City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.

\* Matador Masonic Lodge meeting  
\* Open House at Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador @ 1-7 p.m.

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# ON THE QT

By Patsy Herrington

On Saturday, August 18, 2007, Ruth and Wade Proctor hosted a family cookout in their lovely backyard in Quitaque. The festivities began around 3 p.m. underneath the Proctor's large covered deck. Those present to enjoy the steaks, burgers and hot dogs were Donny, Mindy, Tori and Imory Cagle and David and Dianna Johnston all of Canyon. Dara and Lacy Botkin of Kyle, Dedra and William Wiggins of Amarillo; Lynn and Connie Smith, Chris, Kristi, Harley and Corbin Wadlow; Jeff, Sonya, Derrick and Gavin Smith all of Silverton; and Lonnie and Carol Ringo of Plano. After an evening of visiting the family enjoyed a bountiful buffet of delicious desserts.

Junior and Betty Bearden's son, Connie Bearden, came for a visit over Labor Day weekend. John Irvin, quail hunter from Richmond Texas, sent me a nice article and large picture from the Travel Section of the Houston Chronicle. It featured the Texas State Bison Herd of Caprock Canyons State Park and remarked "The bison are a big draw in this sprawling state park, whose steep and colorful canyons welcome everyone from schoolchildren to hikers and campers."

Sammie (Mrs. Delos) Johnson was taken to the hospital at Lockney Friday. She is scheduled for tests with Dr Kinsing, a gastrologist in Lubbock. At this time, she is feeling better.

Ann Chadwick has been gone for several days to visit her daughter, Candy Kern, and family at Plano, Texas and also her sister Sally.

Betty Campbell (who is Linda, Mrs. Bo Bo, Morrison's mother who moved here has been in Amarillo several days to be with her brother, Barney Moore, who had surgery.

Ronnie and Jackie Carpenter went Floydada Thursday on business.

Sid McFall was transferred from his rest home in Childress to North West Hospital, Amarillo where he had extensive surgery on his leg. Eunice, his wife, and Ann Chadwick also accompanied him. He is doing fine and will soon be returned to the Childress Rest Home.

Corky Morris, a former resident of Quitaque, visited Bobby McWilliams, and they attended the Old Settlers Reunion in Roaring Springs.

Larry and Darlene Norton of Childress reported that their son, Timmie, who is only 38 years old, will have triple bypass surgery next week. Darlene is Lonnie Cagle's sister.

Roberta Farley had visitors of son, Larry and wife Linda an Matthew Farley Amarillo, and also Corey Farley and wife Stephanie of Plainview over the weekend.

Joyce Price and her mother, Ruby King, went to Plainview Friday for shopping and supplies. 220 students enrolled last week in Valley School, 85 being in high school. Head Coach Bret Tyler, football, will start his eighth season at Valley, 71-18, with 14 returning lettermen and 25 total players.

Jessie Reagan and Elaine Harmon went to visit their daughter and sister, Elois (Reagan) Edmondson in Tulia last Tuesday. Elois is recovering from foot surgery.

Junior and Maggie Martinez had their girls Delma and Melinda home for a visit. Delma works for Canyon ISD and Melinda works for Amarillo ISD.

Delores Pigg has been busy with her campers and Stargazers at Ranch County RV Park, southwest of town this summer. With a background of rugged red cliffs under blankets of greenery and prairies, wildlife of all kinds, it is a magnificent place to come visit and relax.

The Quitaque Hotel was completely full last weekend with dove hunters and people from the Young Reunion. I was Mary Sue Bingham, 85 years old, out hoeing weeds in front of it. Maybe Quitaque is on a boom!

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Do not handicap your children by making their lives easy.  
- Robert A. Heinlein

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If we don't stand up for children, then we don't stand up for much.  
- Maria Edelman

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I have found that the best way to give advice to children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it.  
- Harry S. Truman

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Children are never very good at listening to their elders but they have never failed to imitate them.  
- James Baldwin

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You know children are growing up when they start asking questions that have answers.  
- John J. Plomp

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# Turkey Talk

Margie Pinkerton had an accident at the Turkey Roost Museum last week while painting. She broke three ribs, both shoulder blades and punctured her left lung and has a spot on her head. She is in North West Hospital in Amarillo, Room 543. They did a Doppler on her legs and she does not have a blood clot. Hopefully, she will be transferred to Tulia for rehab for 20 days next week. Our thoughts and prayers are with Margie in her speedy recovery. Sandy Fuston had a stint procedure this week in Lubbock. We wish her well also.

Anyone interested in reporting Turkey News please contact The Valley Tribune at 806-455-1101. Martha Bradshaw is retiring from news gathering. Thank you Martha for providing the Turkey News for the past several years.

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# A Special Thank You

A special "Thank You!" to all the local (and those not so local) "Young" ladies and "Young" gentlemen who made the Doc & Tabby Young Family Reunion such a success on September 1-2, 2007.

Thank you for all your hard work preparing the delicious meals (and all the clean-up involved!), snacks, and all the organizing and planning that went in to making it such a fun and successful event.

A very special thank you also goes out to Jay Stone for his organizing this special time together and making it happen.

As ten-year old Owen Lee Young stated, "Turkey, Texas is one of the coolest places I've ever been!"

It was so much fun being with each of you at the reunion. You each hold a very special place in our hearts.

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By Early

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# FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

## OVERHEARD

At the end, nothing we do or say in this lifetime will matter as much as they way we have loved one another

### Rains In August Gives Motley County Crops Big Boost

August as a rule is usually a dry month, but Motley County farmers are taking a cautiously optimistic outlook on the rainfall that came at a critical time on this year's cotton crop development.

However, what Mother Nature deals over the next month can make or break the county's cotton yield. All the producers need now for cotton crops and planting of wheat land are some warm days mixed with gentle rainfall, particularly during September. Pasture land and livestock are in A-one condition.

The August rainfall totals reported by Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers; Ronnie Bailey, Matador- 6.15 inches; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat- 2.60 inches; Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs- 5.13 inches; Clois Shorter, Flomot- 1.66 inches and Betty Simpson, Northfield-no report.

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Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo Thursday for him a medical appointment at the Veterans Hospital. They visited overnight Thursday in Fritch with daughter, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and returned home, Friday.

Guests of Janice and Butch Hughes during the Labor Day holidays were sons and families, Bengie, J.J. an Kaitlynn Hughes of Royce City, Roger, Tiffany and Reagan Hughes, Rickey, Tasha, Kendal and Kason Hughes of Floydada and Billy, Brennan and Bayless Hughes of Lubbock and friend, Kayla Meyer of Houston.

Visiting Labor Day holidays with Mrs. Erma Washington were daughter and husband, Connie and Coy Franks of Flomot and their houseguests, Cory, Amy, Hudson and Madison Franks and Anissa Huckert of Lubbock, Cary Franks of Idalou and Barry Pickett of Dallas.

Johnnie Starkey returned home Saturday night from Lebanon, Missouri where he visited the past week with son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Starkey and daughter, Johna Starkey, a U.S. Marine home of furlough and grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Starkey and sons.

Labor Day holiday visitors of Jack and Nada Starkey were daughter and family, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis, Michael and Virginia of Fritch.

Mrs. Cally Sperry, Savannah, Gage and Cash attended to business in Plainview, Saturday.

Mrs. Sherri McKay of Quitaque accompanied Mrs. B. Rogers to Lubbock, Thursday for a hearing aid medical appointment.

Visiting during the Labor Day holidays with Roger and Doris Vinson were sons, Dana Vinson and Shannon Vinson and son, Bubba of Lubbock, They also visited their grandmother, Mrs. Beverly Vinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay visited during the Labor Day holidays in Clifton with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee. Karlee was baptized Sunday morning at the First Baptist Church in Clifton.

Visiting the past week with Shonda and Roger Lee were daughter and son, Jenne and Paxton of Dallas. Their great-grandparents, Rex and Wanda Davey of Plainview accompanied them home Sunday.

Dan and Sherrilyn Foster of Lubbock visited Monday with her family, Mary Jo and Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

# Turkey Jamboree

By RJ Kalafus

This past Saturday the Gem Theatre hosted the largest audience ever, in part due to the three family reunions being held in town. All were treated to great food and an even greater show featuring top area artists. The show topped off a great week of family gatherings and the guests from 13 states including Alaska all left satisfied and were very complimentary on the show and the food!

Starting off the show were Jimmy and Les Adams, a perennial crowd favorite who never fail to please an audience. They started off their set with a medley of great hits of the past including "Maiden's Prayer" and Merle Haggard's "Working Man's Blues". An audience request was honored for the Willie Nelson and Ray Charles hit "Seven Spanish Angels" which they do as good as the original. They ended their portion of the show with the fiddle classic "Orange Blossom Special" with Jimmy putting out extra effort for the crowd.

Next up was Silverton's and Branson's Jimmy Burson who also never fails to entertain the crowd with his vocals and fiddle playing. His set consisted of pure country songs from Eddy Arnold's "Cattle Call" to Bob Wills "San Antonio Rose" with the pop favorite "Marie". As always Jimmy ended his set with a gospel song, his selection of "The Old Country Church" was widely appreciated by the fans. Concluding the nights show was newcomers from Paducah and Guthrie 'Catz 'n' Jammers', who were making their debut at the Gem. The set, which was well received, included such diverse music as the "Wreck of the Old 97" "Cowboy Bill" and the instrumental "Shenandoah" and they next invited guest, Doyle Parnell, to perform the Bob Wills favorite "Corrina, Corrina". They closed out their set with a gospel song "He Walked On Water".

As always the great "Turkey Gems" took the stage and really put on a show. Jimmy Adams kicked it off with the fiddle classic "Soldiers Joy", which dates back to the revolutionary war. He was followed by Melody Pettiet, who wowed the crowd with "You Ain't Woman Enough To Take My Man". Then Lucy Dean Record was welcomed back after her stint at Branson and she pounded out a rousing "Roly Poly". A duet was sung by Dewayne Pettiet and Benny Brown of "Today I Started Loving You Again". Then Benny Brown closed out the show with his rendition of the "Wildwood Flower". The audience showed their appreciation of the show with long and loud applause, which made the musicians very happy, as that is their only payment they receive for their talents.

The audience votes were counted and the Adams Brothers were rewarded with the \$100 prize. The prize was donated by Billy Ray Hardcastle and the Turkey Extension Club. A \$25 door prize was donated by CapRock Telephone Cooperative. The next show will be Saturday, October 6th at the historically restored Gem Theatre in beautiful downtown Turkey, Texas.

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Too many parents make life hard for their children by trying, too zealously, to make it easy for them.  
- Goethe

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The first half of our lives is ruined by our parents, the second half by our children.  
- Clarence Darrow

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You can learn many things from your children - how much patience you have, for instance.  
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1. \_\_\_ well that ends well!
5. poker hand: "full \_\_\_"
6. TXism: "just two whoops \_\_\_ - holler away"
7. expression of relief at end of work week (abbr.)
8. Buda/Kyle newspaper (3 wds.)
17. \_\_\_ Ebanos, TX
18. TX Cindy Garner jokebook: "How Noodles?"
21. actress star of TX-based "Giant" (init.)
22. antelope at the San Antonio Zoo: "\_\_\_ lechwe"
23. TXism: "hot as \_\_\_ stove"
24. Dimmitt is seat of this county
29. TXism: "\_\_\_ the bullet"
30. TXism: "skedadled"
31. Holden of '41 film "Texas" (init.)
32. TXism: "heavy \_\_\_ end of a John Deere"
34. property document
35. TX Foreman had title of this org. in '73 & '74 (abbr.)
36. computer but not the software
37. TX Fairs group: \_\_\_ of the Pioneers"
38. TXism: "she's \_\_\_ ringed" (engaged)

**DOWN**

1. TXism: "he'd be unarmed in \_\_\_" (stupid)
2. TX-filmed: "The \_\_\_ Summer of George Adams"
3. "L" of LPGA
4. chief of \_\_\_

39. Houston hotel: Post Oak Park"

41. Yvonne De \_\_\_ of "Calamity Jane and Sam Bass"

42. TXism: "it ain't \_\_\_ in cement!"

43. Jack of "Big Bad John with TX Dean

44. "All for one and one \_\_\_"

9. this Bonnie has sung on a TX Willie album

10. Perry's creator & honorary TX Ranger

11. wide boot width

12. after noon (abbr.)

13. "caminos (early TX roads)

14. TXism: "it's all over but the shouting"

15. snow scooter

16. small drink

19. Mansfield's "\_\_\_ Rodeo"

20. TX biotfuel

22. Abilene State Park is \_\_\_ miles SW of Abilene

24. state of Spurs, Mavs, & Rockets (oe, Lakers (abbr.)

25. Wednesday of Lent for some TXns

26. Lone \_\_\_ State

27. separate seed

28. Native Americans

29. TX Roddenberry "Star Trek" entity

30. Sheryllyn of TX-based film "Ruby"

33. 30-across too

34. "\_\_\_ and gloom"

35. mythical sister of TX Irma Hogg

37. TXism: "he's still got some \_\_\_ garters"

38. Homer's son

40. San Antonio suburb: \_\_\_ Park

41. dove sounds

44. whiskey container

47. Cowboy or Texan broadcaster: play- \_\_\_ announcer

49. dry heat bath

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- J.B. Priestley

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- Shurfine Meat Weiners...12 oz.....69¢
- Dole Assorted Caesar Salad Kits...10 oz...2 for \$5<sup>00</sup>
- Garden Fresh Broccoli...1 lb.....89¢
- Large Green Bell Peppers.....3 for \$1<sup>00</sup>
- New Crop Gala Apples...1 lb.....99¢
- Sweet Juicy Nectarines or Peaches...1 lb.....89¢
- Bartlett Pears...1 lb.....69¢

Shurfine Grade A

- Large Eggs...18 ct.....\$1<sup>00</sup>
- Pillsbury Assorted Grands! Biscuits...16.3 oz.....\$1<sup>00</sup>
- Shurfine Apple Cider or Apple Juice...64 oz.....\$1<sup>00</sup>
- Assorted Sunny D...64 oz.....\$1<sup>00</sup>
- Shurfine Vegetable Oil Spread...48 oz.....\$1<sup>00</sup>
- Shurfine Assorted Waffles...10 ct.....10 for \$10<sup>00</sup>
- Shurfine Orange Juice...12 oz.....4 for \$5<sup>00</sup>
- For All Coffee Makers Shurfine Coffee...39 oz.....\$4<sup>99</sup>
- Assorted 11-12.25 oz Patio Dinners.....10 for \$10<sup>00</sup>
- Assorted 10 Pack Kool-Aid or Capri-Sun Drink Pouches.....2 for \$4<sup>00</sup>
- Select Group Shurfine Vegetables...14.5-15.25 oz...2 for \$1<sup>00</sup>
- Assorted \$2<sup>00</sup> Size/ 8.5-10 oz Fritos or Cheetos...3 for \$5<sup>00</sup>
- Assorted Cans Frito Dips...9 oz.....2 for \$4<sup>00</sup>
- Rosarita Refried Beans...16 oz.....\$1<sup>00</sup>
- Assorted Blue Bunny Frozen Yogurt or Premium Ice Cream...56 oz.....\$3<sup>99</sup>
- Purina Dog Chow...22 lbs.....\$7<sup>99</sup>
- Western Family 120 ct-81 mg or 125 ct-325 mg Enteric Aspirin.....\$2<sup>99</sup>
- Western Family Extra Strength Caplets Acetaminophen...24 ct.....99¢
- Western Family Tablets Ibuprofen...24 ct.....99¢
- Western Family Multi Symptom or Severe Allergy Medicine...24 ct.....\$2<sup>99</sup>
- Western Family Hydrocortisone...1 oz.....\$1<sup>69</sup>

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## New Law Creates Opportunities For Student Free Speech

The topic of religion in public schools received a great deal of attention during the recent Texas legislative session. Whenever that emotional topic is part of a public debate, we are likely to hear some people claim that courts have "kicked religion out of school." In fact, the expression of religious viewpoints is still very much permitted in public schools. Constitutional Principles. The United States Constitution protects the right of individual students to express personal religious viewpoints. School districts, however, cannot endorse religious views or establish a preference for or against religion.

Both the constitutionally protected freedom of individuals to express their own private religious views and the prohibition on government-endorsed messages for or against religion work together to offer Americans the greatest possible religious liberty. Nowhere is that powerful balance more dynamic than in our public schools, where the interests of students, parents, religious and community leaders, and school officials intersect. The freedom of individual students to express their own religious views in private conversations and to pray alone or in groups is well established.

Hoping to clarify this point, the Texas Legislature has passed a new law about student religious expression. House Bill 3678, also called the Religious Viewpoints Antidiscrimination Act (RVAA), addresses four general areas: freedom of religious expression, student speakers, religious expression in class assignments, and freedom of association. The RVAA takes effect with the 2007-2008 school year.

No viewpoint discrimination: The law requires districts to treat a student's voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint on an otherwise permissible subject in the same manner the district treats a student's voluntary expression of a secular or other viewpoint on the same topic. This section prohibits discrimination against a student based on the student's religious viewpoint.

Student speakers: The law also requires districts to adopt a policy that establishes a limited public forum for student speakers at all school events at which a student is to publicly speak.

Expression in class assignments: The law states that students may express their beliefs about religion in homework, artwork, and other written and oral assignments. Homework and other assignments must be judged by ordinary academic standards of substance and relevance and against other legitimate pedagogical concerns identified by the district. Districts may not penalize or reward students based on the religious content of their work.

Freedom of association: The law states that students may organize prayer groups, religious clubs, "see you at the pole" gatherings, and other religious gatherings before, during, and after school to the same extent that students are permitted to organize other noncurricular student activities and groups. Districts must give religious groups the same access to facilities as given to other noncurricular groups, without discrimination based on the religious content of the group.

Similarly, groups that meet for prayer or religious speech must be permitted to advertise or announce their meetings to the same extent as nonreligious groups. A district may disclaim sponsorship of noncurricular groups in a manner that neither favors nor disfavors groups that meet to engage in prayer or religious speech.

## Valley School Lunch Menu

Sponsored By The Valley Tribune

Monday, September 10

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk  
**Lunch:** Hamburger Steak, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Milk

Tuesday, September 11

**Breakfast:** Cinnamon Rolls, OJ/Milk  
**Lunch:** Chili Cheese Burritos, Corn, Apricots, Milk

Wednesday, September 12

**Breakfast:** Breakfast Hot Pocket, OJ/Milk  
**Lunch:** Chicken Spaghetti, Peas & Carrots, Pears, Hot Rolls, Milk

Thursday, September 13

**Breakfast:** Biscuits, Jelly, Sausage, OJ/Milk  
**Lunch:** Mexican Stack, Lettuce, Tomatoe, Cheese, Pinto Beans, Mandarin Orange & Pineapple, Milk

Friday, September 14

**Breakfast:** Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, OJ/Milk  
**Lunch:** Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Koshor Dills, Brownies, Milk



"Welcome Back!"  
 THE LUNCHROOM LADIES  
 Menu Subject To Change

## Valley Booster Club To Meet On Monday Nights, Everyone Invited To Join!

The Valley Booster Club would like to invite any Patriot or Lady Patriot fan to join us at our weekly Booster Club meeting on Mondays, at 7:00 p.m. in the Valley School cafeteria. We watch the film from the previous Friday night football game, and then discuss any business, such as upcoming events that Booster Club will be involved in. Our goal is to support our Valley Students and all of their endeavors. We just want to let people know that Booster Club is not only for people that have a boy playing football. ANYBODY is invited to come and participate in Booster Club! Thank you, and we hope to see you there!



Valley Jr High Cheerleaders 2007-08: (Front) Tori Addison, Kodie Saul, (Back) Kristen Jenkins, Kammi Warr, Caitlyn Brown, and Chambray Smith.

Forty is the old age of youth; fifty the youth of old age.

- Victor Hugo

Everyone is the age of their heart.

- Guatamalan Proverb

Youth is a disease from which we all recover.

- Dorothy Fulheim

Grow old with me! The best is yet to be.

- Robert Browning

## Valley Patriot Football 2007



### Valley Patriot Varsity Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sep 7	Rule	Away	7:30 PM
Sep 14	Follett	Away	7:30
Sep 21	*Silverton	Home	7:30
Sep 28	Meadow	Home	7:30
Oct 5	Happy	Away	7:30
Oct 12	*Crowell	Away	7:30
Oct 19	*Chillicothe	Home	7:30
Oct 26	OPEN		
Nov 2	*Hedley	Away	7:30
Nov 9	*Paducah	Home	7:30

\* District Games  
 \* Homecoming Game

Valley School Superintendent:

Jerry Smith

Valley School Principal:

Jon Davidson

Valley Head Coach:

Bret Tyler

Valley Asst. Coaches:

Craig Hamilton, Greg Ramsey, Stuart Smith



### Valley Patriot JV Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sep 6	Silverton	Home	6:30 PM
Sep 13	OPEN		
Sep 20	Silverton	Away	6:30
Sep 27	Meadow	Away	6:30
Oct 4	Happy	Home	6:30
Oct 11	Crowell	Home	6:30
Oct 18	Petersburg	Away	6:30
Oct 25	Sammorwood	Home	6:30
Nov 1	Hedley	Home	6:30
Nov 8	Paducah	Away	6:30

### Valley Patriot JR. High Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sep 13	Lorenzo	Away	5:00
Sep 20	Silverton	Away	5:00
Sep 27	Meadow	Away	5:00
Oct 4	Happy	Home	5:00
Oct 11	Crowell	Home	5:00
Oct 18	Chillicothe	Away	5:00
Oct 25	Motley Co.	Away	5:00
Nov 1	Hedley	Home	5:00
Nov 8	Paducah	Away	5:00

Coaches: Greg Ramsey, Stuart Smith

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 271-3344

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Valley Farm Store  
 455-1105

Payne Pharmacy  
 1-800-345-7961

Lacy Dry Goods  
 423-1155

Valley Peanut Growers, Inc.  
 423-1484

Lavy Pumps  
 823-2061

Thacker Jewelry  
 348-7546

Silverton Oil Company, Inc.  
 823-2451

Merrell Food  
 455-1282

Galvan's Restaurant  
 423-1320

Jack's Automotive  
 455-1243 &  
 Turkey Auto Supply  
 423-1366

Turkey Branch  
 Memphis State Bank  
 Member FDIC  
 423-1321

Alexander's Fuel & Service  
 348-7958

Thayer & Washington  
 CPA's  
 455-1087 or 347-2636

Griffin Oil Company  
 455-1250

Lighthouse Electric  
 Cooperative Inc.  
 1-800-657-7192

City of Quitaque  
 455-1456

Lacy Dry Goods  
 423-1155

Karol's Kountry  
 Korner  
 455-1174

Caprock Telephone  
 Cooperative, Inc.  
 1-800-692-4242

Laura's Shop  
 423-1222

Caprock Cafe  
 455-1429

Lee's Insurance  
 423-1020

City of Turkey  
 423-1033

Law Office of Lex  
 Herrington  
 Floydada, Tx  
 806-983-4924

Hammond Sheet Metal  
 983-2849

Script Printing &  
 Office Supply  
 983-5131

First National Bank/  
 Quitaque  
 Member FDIC  
 455-1441

Arvis Davis  
 Chevrolet  
 1-800-783-3607

Caprock Home  
 Center  
 455-1193

Carson Insurance  
 423-1289

Danny Mayfield  
 & Associates  
 792-1264

Oden Chevrolet/Olds  
 1-800-570-3787

Red Ball Gin  
 348-7221

September 6, 2007  
 Things That Mo...  
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**REMEMBER**  
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 \* Wash your feet before...  
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 you to help push it off.  
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 \* Open the back door and...  
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 \* You can walk to the st...  
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 \* If you pull that stunt ag...  
 \* Don't lose that button,  
 \* Wash under your neck...  
 have beads of dirt and sweat...  
 \* Get out from under that...  
 up the thread!  
 \* Here, take this old ma...  
 you go, we are almost out of...  
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 \* Sit still! I am trying to...  
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 Inc., 1021 Main, Matador, TX...  
 - Diesel pump nozzles-short...  
 measure in excess of tolerance

## Things That Make You Go Hmmm...

By Laura Taylor

### REMEMBER HEARING THESE?

- \* Be sure and refill the ice trays, we are going to have company after while.
- \* Watch for the postman, I want to get this letter to Aunt Mary in the mail today.
- \* Quit slamming the screen door when you are on your way out!
- \* Be sure and pull the windows down when you leave, it looks like a shower is coming up.
- \* Don't forget to wind the clock before you go to bed.
- \* Wash your feet before you go to bed, they are nasty from playing outside all day bare footed.
- \* Why can't you remember to roll up your pant legs? Getting them caught in the bicycle chain so many times is tearing them up.
- \* Your have torn the knees out of that pair of pants so many times there is nothing left to put a patch on.
- \* Don't you go out side with your good school clothes on!
- \* Take that empty bottle to the store with you so you won't have to pay a deposit on another one.
- \* Put a dish towel over the cake so the flies won't get on it.
- \* Quit jumping on the floor! I have a cake in the oven and you are going to make it fall if you don't quit!
- \* You boys stay close by, the car may not start and I will need you to help push it off.
- \* There is a dollar in my purse, go by and get five gallons of gas when you start to town.
- \* Open the back door and see if we can get a breeze through here, it is getting hot.
- \* You can walk to the store; it won't hurt you to get some exercise.
- \* If you pull that stunt again I am going to wear you out!
- \* Don't lose that button, I will sew it back on after while.
- \* Wash under your neck before you come to the table, you have beads of dirt and sweat all under there.
- \* Get out from under that sewing machine, pumping it messes up the thread!
- \* Here, take this old magazine to the toilet with you when you go, we are almost out of paper out there.
- \* No! I don't have a quarter cents for you to go to the show; do you think money grows on trees?
- \* Sit still! I am trying to get your hair cut straight and you keep moving and it is all botched up.
- \* Hush your mouth! I don't want to hear words like that; I will wash your mouth out with soap!
- \* It is time for your system to be cleaned out; I'm going to give you a dose of Castor Oil tonight.
- \* If you get a spanking in school and I find out about it, you will get another one when you get home.
- \* Soak your foot in this pan of Coal Oil so that bad cut won't get infected.
- \* When you take your driving test don't forget to signal each turn. Left arm straight out the window for a left turn, left arm bent up at the elbow for a right turn and straight down to the side of the door when you are going to stop.
- \* It is yes sir! And No sir! To me young man, and don't you forget it!
- \* While we are at Aunt Mary's and Uncle John's you kids can eat when the adults get through and I don't want to hear any "I don't like this stuff", keep you mouth shut and eat everything on your plate.

HHMMM.....

### Hearing Consumer Concerns Gas Station Violations Now Posted Online Wyle LP Gas In Matador On List

With gasoline prices hovering around \$3 a gallon, Texas drivers want to make sure they are receiving exactly what they are paying for. Now, keeping an eye on their local gas stations is as easy as logging on to the Internet.

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announced at the first of August the Texas Department of Agriculture is now posting results of gas station inspections on its web site, so consumers can see which stations around the state failed their recent gas pump inspections.

"The Texas Department of Agriculture is committed to consumer protection. We want Texans to know our inspectors are out there forntlines ensuring they are receiving what they are paying for," Commissioner Staples said. "By visiting the TDA website, drivers will have the information they need at their fingertips to know where gas pumps have been found out of compliance."

TDA has 72 weights and measures inspectors throughout the state checking more than 65,000 fuel pumps a year. An inspector will place an "out of order" tap on any pump not dispensing the correct amount of fuel within the allowable tolerance.

The station owner or operator is responsible for having a pump repaired by a service company licensed through TDA before the pump can be further used to sell fuel. A TDA inspector will then place a new seal on the pump after it has been tested and found to be operating properly. TDA recently increased penalties for any fuel pump found out of tolerance in the state.

To check out the new online reports go to the Texas Department of Agriculture's website at [www.tda.state.tx.us](http://www.tda.state.tx.us).

Area gas stations on the list were: 07/12/07-Wylie LP Gas, Inc., 1021 Main, Matador, TX - Diesel pump nozzles-short measure in excess of tolerance.

## Despite Usually Wet July, Some Texas Trees Parched

Homeowners across Texas are concerned their landscape trees may be diseased, but "don't panic," said a Texas Cooperative Extension expert. "We are getting quite a few calls from people who are seeing the leaves on their trees turn brown, and they suspect that their trees are dying from disease," said Dr. Eric Taylor, Extension forestry specialist. "But that's not necessarily the case." More likely, Taylor said, trees are taking a double whammy from August's high temperatures and droughty weather. The trees are just moisture stressed, he said.

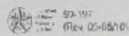
"It's especially puzzling to some because we've actually had an unusually wet summer until just a few weeks ago," he said. "But this actually has made the situation a little worse." Because Texas trees had so much water for so long, they became "spoiled," Taylor said. "Until recently, trees were able to pump so much water through their system that they were able to maintain much greater foliage than they would have during normal conditions."

Also, the nature of the leaves of many species of trees change in response to either high-moisture or low-moisture conditions. For example, under low-moisture conditions, leaves are smaller, thicker and may develop a thicker waxy coating. "These adaptations help to reduce transpiration, the evaporation of moisture from the leaves," he said. With more leaves and fewer of those leaves adapted for typical conditions, trees responded to August's conditions by wilting, browning up early or even dropping leaves.

"Many of our species, such as redbud and catalpa -- but especially some of those non-native species that we see planted in our area like yellow poplar -- tend to shut their leaves off altogether and drop those leaves," he said. "That's what we see happening; an early fall, if you will."

There are several ways to reduce stress on trees: watering, pruning, avoiding the use of weed-and-feed lawn treatments, and reducing the number of trees in a given area, Taylor said.

"The name of the game is keep your trees healthy and happy by reducing the stress on them."



### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Quitaque will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 3.99% percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on Sept. 10, 2007 at Quitaque City Hall 6:30 p.m.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: All  
AGAINST: None  
PRESENT and not voting: None  
ABSENT: One

#### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	2%	% (increase)	or	% (decrease)
Debt service	0	% (increase)	or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	2%	% (increase)	or	% (decrease)

#### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 10,889,344.00	\$ 10,790,488.00
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 270.00	\$ 3,500.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 9,654,634.00	\$ 9,735,568.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 270.00	\$ 3,500.00

#### Bonded indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ 0.00

#### Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ .8341 per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$ .6500 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ .0159 per \$100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	2.51% % Increase OR 0 % Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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### Cotton Referendum September 4 Through November 30, 2007

Cotton producer and importers who want USDA's Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS) to conduct a referendum regarding the Cotton Research and Promotion Program can sign-up at their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office September 4, through November 30, 2007. No action is necessary if a continuance referendum is not desired.

"This sign-up period allows eligible cotton producers and importers to request a referendum for continuation of the 1990 amendments to the Cotton Research and Promotion Act," said Joe Potter, Executive Director for Briscoe County FSA.

In March 2007, following a comprehensive mandatory five-year review, USDA endorsed continuation of the 1991 Order amendments without a continuance referendum.

This sign-up period is significant because, "If results of the sign-up period show that at least 10 percent (4,622) of the voting program participants request the conduct of a continuance referendum, then a referendum will be held within 12 months of the sign-up period end date," said Potter.

Changes to the Cotton Research and Promotion Program were approved in a July 1991 referendum, by a 60 percent majority of cotton producers and importers who voted. These changes included: (1) importer representation on the Cotton Board, the organization that assists the Department in administering the Cotton Research and Promotion Program; (2) assessments levied on imported cotton and cotton products; (3) increasing the amount the Department can be reimbursed for the conduct of a referendum from \$200,000 to \$300,000; (4) reimbursing government agencies that assist in administering the collection of assessments on imported cotton and cotton products; and (5) terminating the right of cotton producers to demand a refund of assessments.

According to Potter, eligible producers are individuals over age 18 engaged in the production of upland cotton during calendar year 2006. Eligible importers are those who imported upland cotton in excess of the value of \$2.00 per line item entry during calendar year 2006. Potter advises that other eligibility requirements might apply and eligibility will be determined by FSA.

Producers and importers will receive correspondence from FSA regarding the cotton referendum sign-up. For more information, please contact the Briscoe County FSA at (806) 823-2431 or visit the national website at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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*The first sign of maturity is the discovery that the volume knob also turns to the left.*

~ Jerry M. Wright.

### TDA Market Recap September 4, 2007

The Texas Department of Agriculture market recap for the week ending September 1, 2007, shows higher prices than the previous week for cattle, sheep, goats, wheat and watermelons, while corn and grain sorghum markets were lower. Cash fed cattle prices were up on a continued tight supply of finished cattle and improved beef prices. Lower feed grain costs and continued good grazing helped support the feeder cattle market. Texas cash cotton closed higher than the previous week on an improved export outlook. Wheat markets were up sharply amid concerns that the crop would be smaller than expected in Canada, Europe and South America. Corn markets are down seasonally as harvest begins in the Southern Corn Belt. As for futures markets, wheat and cotton futures closed the week higher, but cattle and corn were lower. Weather last week was unsettled with scattered showers over much of the state. Cotton continued to develop well in the Plains, and harvest continued in South Texas as weather permitted. Corn and grain sorghum harvest is also underway in most of the state and is nearing completion in South Texas. Pastures and range remain in mostly good to excellent condition

----- Week Ending -----  
Cash Markets: 9/01/07 8/25/07 9/02/06

Feeder Steers (\$/cwt)	117.86	116.47	123.36
Finished Cattle (\$/cwt)	94.62	92.97	91.19
Slaughter Lambs (\$/cwt)	102.00	101.50	93.50
Slaughter Goats (\$/cwt)	107.25	106.75	98.50

Cotton (¢/lb)	53.75	53.00	51.00
Wheat (\$/bu)	6.50	6.13	4.17
Corn (\$/bu)	3.46	3.67	2.47
Grain Sorghum (\$/bu)	5.36	5.85	3.70

Watermelons (¢/lb) 12.5 10.5 15.0

Futures Markets:

Feeder Steers (\$/cwt)	117.48	117.58
Finished Cattle (\$/cwt)	94.10	94.38

Cotton (¢/lb)	58.87	56.20
Wheat (\$/bu)	7.21	6.83

### Breeders Fortifying Wheat With Consumers in Mind

Wheat breeders are working to put a 'little muscle' into bread, in addition to helping producers get better yields, said a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researcher. Bread producers need stronger gluten flours, said Dr. Jackie Rudd, Experiment Station state wheat breeder in Amarillo. Gluten is the protein in wheat that allows bread to expand and hold the shape.

In recent tests across the state, Experiment Station wheats have ranked among the top performers when tested for protein content (gluten), seed size and test weight (milling attributes), dough strength (baking), and disease resistance and yields, he said.

These wheat lines are now being marketed to producers, Rudd said. Newly released are TAM 304, a good disease resistant irrigated variety has been licensed to Scott Seed Co. of Hereford; and TAM 203, showing disease resistance and excellence statewide, has been licensed to AgriPro Wheat in Vernon, he said.

Rudd said the newest Texas varieties were discussed at this year's field day for Great Plains wheat breeders in Fort Collins as being the best in leaf rust and stripe rust resistance. That is due in part, he said, to the dedicated work of Dr. Ravindra Devkota, a research scientist from Bushland, who has spent significant time making wheat selections in South Texas where these rusts start. "That's why our material is not just good across the High Plains, but also the rest of the state," Rudd said.

With the increased disease resistance, though, that figure will go up, he said, because the new experimental lines in the breeding plots are looking even better than what is now in the field. "We have more good material than we can put into the marketplace," Rudd said. "It's an excellent problem to have. It's been nice to be able to discard some lines that are better than wheat we currently have, because we know what we have in the pipeline is even better."

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

### TCEQ CLARIFYING RULE CHANGES TO STATE'S PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK PROGRAM

Earlier this month the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality mailed a letter to owners and operators of petroleum storage tanks covered by the State's Petroleum Storage Tank Program.

The letter was designed primarily to let both aboveground and underground tank owners and operators know about rule changes approved by the Texas Legislature that will go into effect September 1, 2007.

Following the initial mailing TCEQ officials report that the information that was mailed to all Petroleum Storage Tank Program participants generated quite a few calls from concerned storage tank owners and operators.

TCEQ officials explained that their the majority of the confusion generated by the first letter involved individuals that were unclear about their responsibilities were under the new rules or, in the case of an aboveground tank operators, which part of the new rules actually applied to their particular situation. Agency officials say they are now in the process of sending a second letter that will more clearly answer these and other questions.

The first change noted by the Agency about the rules approved by the 80th Texas Legislature are that beginning September 1, 2007 all Underground and Aboveground storage tank owners will no longer be assessed an annual registration fee. However, TCEQ officials note that any fee for registrations required for Fiscal 2007 or prior years with a due date before September 1, 2007 will still be the responsibility of the tank owner to pay, including fees owed for tanks that were not properly registered by September 1, 2007.

Registration fee payments that would have been due after September 1 fall under the new rules and will not owed by the tank owner according to TCEQ.

The other major change implemented by the Legislature on September 1 is the addition of a new Proof of Financial Assurance provision to the annual registration program. Among the clarifications TCEQ is new requirement applies only to owners/operators of underground storage tanks.

The new Proof of Financial Assurance rule requires all underground storage tank owner or operator to provide proof of financial assurance with their annual Self-Certification forms. TCEQ officials note that self-certification forms submitted without newly required proof of financial assurance documentation would not be processed.

According to TCEQ proof of financial assurance is most commonly provided in the form of a liability insurance policy or meeting the requirements of the program's financial test showing they have sufficient net worth to meet the liability requirement.

TCEQ officials note that tank owners or operators opting to utilize the financial test as proof of financial assurance must be able to document a tangible net worth of at least \$10 million and requires completion and submission of the Chief Financial Officer's letter found in Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 37, Subchapter 1.

Proof of Financial Assurance provided through insurance must be documented with a Certificate of Insurance that correctly indicates the following: Insured's name, exactly matching the name of either the registered tank owner or operator; Location address and number of tanks exactly matching the information contained in TCEQ's database records; Amount of coverage, as required by Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, §37.815; and, lastly a statement that certifies that the wording of the Certificate of Insurance instrument is identical to the wording in Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, §37.835(b)(2) and that the insurance provider is licensed to transact the business of insurance in Texas.

TCEQ officials advise underground storage tank owners and operators that the financial assurance provider must report cancellation, termination or non-renewal of their financial assurance to TCEQ. Tank owners and operators are also required to report any changes in financial assurance information.

Tank owner/operators without financial assurance will be required to dispose of any regulated substance in storage. Owner/operators that fail to provide acceptable evidence of financial assurance may be ordered to place the tank out of service according to the current requirements of temporary or permanent removal from service rules.

Additional questions and requests for information about the new rules can be directed to the Petroleum Storage Tank Registration Team at (512) 239-2160. Questions concerning financial assurance should be directed to Teresa Nemeec at (512) 239-0325.

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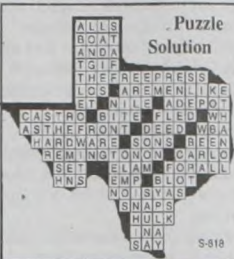
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Infants below the age of 6 months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and if untreated, could die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. If your child is under the age of six months, the child must be given an alternative water supply for any consumption. Boiling the affected water is not an effective treatment for nitrate removal.

Most consumers do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you. At this time, the health effects to fetuses of pregnant women is unclear. If you are pregnant, you may also choose to use an alternative source of water for drinking and cooking purposes.

Bottled water is available at City Hall located at 602 Lyles Street at no cost to pregnant women, nursing mothers, and infants up to 6 months of age.

We are working to correct the problem by checking different water sources.

Please share this information with all other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice.

For further information contact Gail Hanna or Jerry Landry, P.O. Box 415, Turkey, TX 79261 or call (806) 423-1033. Public Water System ID# 0960003.

## Lowering Blood Pressure: Take a Walk - Or Better, Four

Newswise - Gym-a-phobes take heart. Three or four short, brisk walks throughout the day can be more helpful to people watching their blood pressure than one continuous bout of exercise, Indiana University researchers report.

"The biggest problem for most people is they don't have the time," said Janet P. Wallace, professor in the Department of Kinesiology at the IU School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. "You might think, 'I don't have the time to go to the gym or work out for 40 minutes, but I might have the time to do 10 minutes here, 10 minutes here and another 10 minutes here.' Four 10-minute walks would be ideal."

Wallace's study compared the effect of accumulated versus continuous physical activity on prehypertension, an elevated blood pressure level that typically progresses to hypertension or high blood pressure. Uncontrolled, high blood pressure can increase a person's risk for heart attack, heart failure, kidney failure, stroke and blindness. More than 45 million people in the United States are thought to have prehypertension, which is treated only with diet and exercise.

Wallace's study found that both forms of exercise, accumulated and continuous, decreased study participants' blood pressure by the same amount. The effect lasted for around 11 hours in the group who took four 10-minute walks, compared to seven hours for the group that walked continuously for 40 minutes.

"We had no idea the short bouts would be better," Wallace said. "Most studies found in the literature report the long, continuous session as more effective for many variables."

Wallace's findings appear in the September issue of the Journal of Hypertension. Co-authors are Saejong Park, a doctoral student in the Department of Kinesiology, and Lawrence D. Rink, a clinical professor of medicine at the IU School of Medicine.

Blood pressure measures how hard and efficiently the heart pumps blood through the body and is measured in millimeters of mercury (mm Hg). Systolic blood pressure reflects how hard the heart works when it pumps blood. Diastolic blood pressure reflects the resistance to the blood when the heart is not pumping. A person has prehypertension when the systolic blood pressure ranges from 120-139 mm Hg or the diastolic pressure ranges from 80-89 mm Hg.

The randomized crossover study involved 15 men and five women with prehypertension. They walked on a treadmill continuously for 40 minutes and on another day, four times for 10 minutes over the course of 3.5 hours. On average, their systolic blood pressure dropped 5.4-5.6 mm Hg and their diastolic blood pressure dropped 3.2 mm Hg. The drop is significant because a reduction of 5 mm Hg in systolic blood pressure has been reported to substantially reduce mortality and to reduce the incidence of stroke and coronary heart disease.

The prehypertension research was funded in part with a grant from the Gatorade Sports Science Institute. Wallace has begun a similar study involving people with hypertension. © 2006 Newswise

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*Thirty-five is when you finally get your head together and your body starts falling apart.*

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*In the final analysis, it is not what you do for your children but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings.*

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*Youth is a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children.*

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*George Bernard Shaw*



## This Week In Texas History!

**Sept 9, 1887**  
The Fort Worth and Denver City Railroad completed its main line connection at Clarendon.

**Sept 9, 1874**  
400 Kiowas and Comanche Indians attacked Capt. Wyllys Lyman's supply wagons in Hemphill County. The resulting five-day standoff was later known as either the Battle of the Upper Washita, the Battle of Lyman's Wagon Train or the Battle of Ramp's Pasture.

**Sept 9, 1861**  
Terry's Texas Rangers of Civil War fame, were organized in Houston.

**Sept 9, 1850**  
The U.S. Congress set the boundary between Texas and New Mexico territory and removed the area claimed by Texas which extended into the present day states of New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas and Wyoming.

**Sept 10, 1867**  
The last south-bound Fort Worth and Denver Railroad passenger train made its final run between the two cities.

**Sept 10, 1920**  
A special railroad service was started to ship cattle from Amarillo to Oklahoma City.

**Sept 10, 1874**  
The standoff continued between 100 Army troops under Capt. Wyllys Lyman and 400 Indians in Hemphill County. Army scout William Schmalsle, under the cover of darkness, made a break through Indian rifle fire and rode for Camp Supply in Oklahoma. He had a message with him requesting help.

**Sept 10, 1874**  
Col. John Davidson and his troops left Fort Sill, Okla. for the Panhandle.

**Sept 11, 1966**  
Future Hall of Famer Noland Ryan made his major league pitching debut at Shea Stadium for the New York Mets. The Mets lost to the Atlanta Braves 8-3.

**Sept 11, 1961**  
Hurricane Carla came ashore northeast of Corpus Christi at Port O'Conner with wind speeds at 175 mph. The storm killed 34 people and caused \$300 million in damage.

**Sept 11, 1874**  
Tehan the "white Indian" escaped from Capt. Lyman's supply train and rejoined the Kiowa Indians. The standoff continued, but many of the Kiowas started to drift away from the fight.

**Sept 11, 1874**  
Kiowa Indians under Chief Kicking Bird, attacked a wagon train in western Kansas. Four German family sisters (ages 5-17) were taken captive after the other members their family were killed.

**Sept 12, 1874**  
Army Scout William F. Schmalsle arrived at Camp Supply, mid-morning. By noon, fresh mounted troops were on the 80-mile march to aid Capt. Wyllys Lyman and his men. At the standoff, a thunderstorm dumped heavy rain turning the area into a sea of mud. Ten miles south, six men, including Army scouts Billy Dixon and Amos Chapman, were riding to Camp Supply with messages from Capt. Nelson Miles they came under attack by Kiowa and Comanche Indians who had left the fight against Capt. Lyman the day before. Thus began the Battle of Buffalo Wallow.

**Sept 12, 1842**  
Mexican Gen. Adrian Woll and 1,200 troops captured San Antonio without a fight. After a few days, the Mexicans withdrew.

**Sept 13, 1874**  
After spending a cold, wet night in the mud at Buffalo Wallow, Army scout Billy Dixon found that the Indians had left before sunrise. He left his dead and wounded companions to ride for help. He found Maj. William A. Price and his soldiers from Fort Union, N.M. Price had just finished a 2 1/2 hour gunbattle with 150 Comanche and Kiowa Indians and refused to give the wounded soldiers and scouts much assistance.

**Sept 14, 1874**  
Troops from Camp Supply arrived at the site of Wyman's supply wagons. The troops arrived after a force march of 80 miles it was 2:30 a.m. by then and all the Indians had left the area.

**Sept 14, 1849**  
A permanent military post was established at El Paso. It was named Fort Bliss five years later.

### Texas Comptroller's Office To Offer Local Tax Help

Comptroller Susan Combs' office will offer a free seminar to assist local taxpayers with their state taxes on Tuesday, September 18 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Operating a business has many challenges, but figuring out your taxes should not be one of them," Combs said. "Whether you are a new taxpayer or one who has been in business for many years, this seminar will help you understand the laws that apply to your and your business."

At the seminar, taxpayers can learn about sales tax forms, taxability issues, taxpayer responsibilities and the array of services and information available from the Comptroller's office to assist taxpayers. Comptroller representatives will answer questions and provide assistance to attendees.

The seminar will take place at the Comptroller's Amarillo Field Office in the Park West Office Centre, Building A located at 7120 W. Interstate 40, Suite 411.

Those who are unable to attend the seminar can call the Comptroller's toll-free tax assistance line at (800) 252-5555.

### Palo Duro Basin Oil & Gas Update

By Tom Musser

**Bankers Petroleum vs PetroGlobe Energy:** On Friday August 31, 2007 PetroGlobe of Calgary, Alberta Canada announced that the lawsuit between Bankers Petroleum and PetroGlobe had been amicably resolved, with both companies agreeing to drop their respective claims against each other.

**Floyd County:** PetroGlobe issued their 2007 second quarter report in Thursday, August 30 including statements on the McIntosh lease well #1077 and #176. PetroGlobe stated the gas processing plant for the McIntosh wells is currently being manufactured and should be delivered to the McIntosh location in the early fourth quarter of 2007. It has been previously reported that the four mile pipeline connection from the McIntosh location to the Atmos Pipeline had been completed. PetroGlobe also reported they have completed stimulation of five target zones in the Pennsylvanian Shale of the McIntosh #176 wellbore.

**Motley County:** Bankers Petroleum has begun horizontal recompletion work on the Cogdell "64" lease well #1.

**Motley County:** Completion work continues on the Bankers Petroleum Black 4 lease well #1.

## Palo Duro Basin Positioned For Growth

Bankers Petroleum has a current leasehold position of approximately 375,000 acres in Briscoe, Hall, Motley and Floyd Counties, Texas, United States. The Palo Duro Basin is located in the Texas Panhandle district and is bound on the north by the Amarillo-Wichita Uplift in Oklahoma, to the south by the Matador Arch-Permian Basin in West Texas, to the east by the Hardeman Basin-Red River Arch, and on the west by Bravo Dome and the Sierra Grande Uplift in New Mexico.

Bankers interest will be located in the deepest part of the Palo Duro Basin and in the heart of the evolving shale plays in the Pennsylvania Bend and Permian Wolfcamp shales. This fractured shale resource play has been relatively neglected by the oil industry, which has focused on nearby Barnett, Woodford and Fayetteville Shales.

Shallow oil and gas potential occurs in San Andres dolomites (2,000 feet to 2,400 feet) and Glorieta-Upper Clearfork dolomites (2,500 feet to 3,000 feet), all prolific reservoirs in the Permian Basin just south of Bankers US' leasehold position. Drainage areas for these reservoirs are anticipated to be 10 acres. Bankers believes that the Target Assets are attractive in that under-explored potential exists in the Pennsylvanian and Permian carbonates and sandstone reservoirs that are in close proximity to the shale hydrocarbon source beds.

There are currently no proved or probable undeveloped reserves associated with the Bankers US area of interest. The undiscovered hydrocarbon potentials are a "prospective resource" as defined in the Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluation Handbook. Prospective resources are those quantities of oil or gas that are estimated, on a given date, to be potentially recoverable from undiscovered accumulations. Although prospective resources estimated are undiscovered, they can technically and economically be recovered. Because of the uncertainty that these resources may not be commercial, and the general lack of drilling control, these resources cannot be classified as reserves.

Bankers US has drilled three science wells in the Palo Duro Basin (Stansell #1-26, Misener #1-18 and Jones #1-134) and has acquired four other wells previously drilled by Vintage Petroleum, Inc. (Echols #1-2, Birnie #1-2, Burseson Rch. #1-60 and Cogdell #1-1) and two additional science wells (Hamilton #1-16 and Montgomery #1-56). Bankers US is also in the process of drilling and completing the Cogdell #64-1 well which is being drilled underbalanced with air to increase the drill rate, lower costs and minimize formation damage.

Such wells are drilled to uncover basin characteristics such as formation depth, thickness, hydrocarbon potential and rock properties. Additionally, the wells help operators understand drilling conditions, learn ways to increase drilling speeds' efficiency and types of drilling (vertical versus horizontal), determine types of mud weights or whether to drill wells with air. The location for these wells was chosen on the basis of regional subsurface geology and engineering, seismic data interpretation and surface geochemistry.

The Cogdell area is approximately 30 miles northwest of an apparent discovery by PetroGlobe Inc. where a vertical well has been open-hole tested at an absolute open flow rate of 3.3 million cubic feet per day ("MMCF/D"). In the wells drilled by Bankers US, based on laboratory analyses on whole cores and from detailed electric log analyses, the estimated recoverable gas in place in the Bend Shale ranges from 33-150 BCF per section.

The decision was made to initially drill vertical wells so that continuous cores could be taken, an extensive logging program could be run, and zones of interest could be production tested and stimulated prior to determining conventional commerciality, if future wells could be horizontally drilled, and what type of drilling method should be incorporated. Terratech performed surface geochemistry. Core analyses were made at different labs to determine the abundance of free gas and adsorbed gas in place, source rock organic content (TOC) and maturity (vitrinite reflectance), lithologic variations, porosity and permeability and core fracture patterns. These analyses were compared and merged with detailed fracture analyses from Schlumberger's fracture identification logs. All log, sample and core data were compiled and analyzed by computer process for various properties of porosity, permeability, lithology variation (thin bed and fracture analysis), organic content, gas and water saturations, in-place and recoverable free and adsorbed gas content.

The primary targets of the prospects are the Lower Pennsylvanian Bend shales (vertical drill depths from 7,500 to 10,000 feet) and Lower Permian Wolfcamp shales (vertical drill depths of approximately 5,000 feet). Gross objective thickness of the shale is between 500 to 1,000 feet and total organic carbon content ranges from 2.5% to 4.5%. In the early phase of vertical drilling, drainage area is anticipated to be 160 acres and it is expected that spacing ultimately will be reduced to 40-80 acres per well.

Secondary targets are the Atoka sands (Granite Wash), which are interbedded in the Bend shales. Additional potential may occur in Middle Pennsylvanian Strawn and Canyon limestone and dolomite buildups (6,500 to 8,000 feet) and Lower Permian Wolfcamp limestones (4,000 to 5,000 feet). Shallow oil and gas potential occurs in San Andres dolomites (2,000 feet to 2,400 feet) and Glorieta-Upper Clearfork dolomites (2,500 feet to 3,000 feet), all prolific reservoirs in the Permian Basin just south of Bankers US' leasehold position. Oil and gas shows have been recorded in all zones in the previously drilled wildcats in the southern Palo Duro Basin.

To date, identification of prospective exploratory locations has been by detailed subsurface geology and 2-D seismic integration and interpretation, surface geochemistry and detailed petrographic analyses of cores and logs. Future exploitation of the acreage will be to expand seismic coverage, including 3-D seismic, and employing various other geophysical and geochemical surveys.

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