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OBITUARIES



Snow Irene Grundy

Tulia-Snow Irene Grundy, age 94, of Quitaque, passed away Tuesday, January 8, 2013. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 11, 2013, at the First United Methodist Church in Quitaque. Interment followed at the Resthaven Cemetery in Quitaque. Services are under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Quitaque.

Snow was born to Vaughan and Grace Chandler on January 21, 1918 during a snow storm in Gasoline, TX. She had 13 brothers and sisters. She married Charley Grundy on February 16, 1946. Snow lived in Quitaque until she moved to Tulia in 1989. She was best known by everyone for her lifelong love of musical instruments and amazing piano talent. She played solo at public functions and jamborees. She performed with the Tule Creek Band while in her 80's.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charley in 1989, her parents and 11 brothers and sisters.

She is survived by one sister, Inetha Blankenship of Quitaque and one brother, Jack Chandler of Tulia. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews whom she spent loving times with as Snowbird, Snooper, and their surrogate mom/grandma.



Nathan Wayne Shannon

Matador- Nathan Wayne Shannon, age 31, of Matador, passed away January 8, 2013. Memorial services were held at 2:00P.M., Saturday, January 12, 2013 at First United Methodist Church in Matador with Brother Rickey Lawrence officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Nathan was born on February 28, 1981 to Robert and Debbie (Phillips) Shannon. Nathan graduated from Motley County High School in 1999. Nathan started his career in the funeral industry at the young age of 15 working for Pat Seigler at Seigler Funeral Home. Nathan later owned and operated Shannon Family Funeral Homes in Paducah and Matador. Nathan was a member of the Church of Christ and active in many civic and community organizations.

Nathan is survived by his parents, Robert and Debbie Shannon of Roaring Springs, grandparents, Doyle and Sue Shannon of Roaring Springs, grandmother, Sammie Phillips of Matador, his sister Denise Lawrence and her husband Chad and their children Bailea and Culley, and extended family; Jerry, DD, Joshua, and Austin McNelly, Tim and Nellie Shannon and Katherine Shannon and family. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Johnny Phillips.



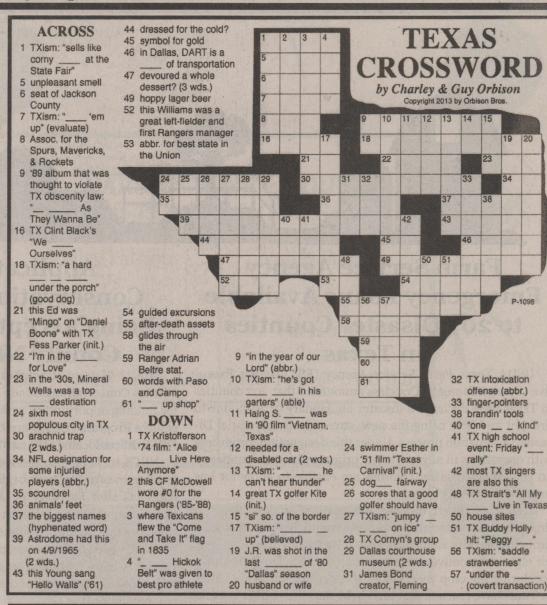
ens 10 quarts water 3 bunches celery, chopped 2 lbs. carrots, sliced 2 lg. onions, chopped 2 jars chicken base 1/4 c. dried parsley flakes Salt and pepper to taste 2-1/2 lbs. uncooked fine egg noodles

Divide chickens and water between two stockpots. Slowly bring to a boil over low heat. Cover and simmer for 2 hours or until meat is tender, skimming the surface as foam rises. Remove chickens from broth; set aside until cool enough to handle.

Add the celery, carrots, onions, chicken base and parsley to the pots; season with salt and pepper. Cover and simmer for 15-20 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Cook noodles according to package directions; drain. Stir into soup. Remove chick-

en meat from bones; cut into bite-size pieces. Add to soup; heat through. Serve desired amount. Cool remaining soup; transfer to freezer containers. Freeze for up to 3 months.

Smoky Potato Skillet 1 pkg.smoked sausage links 2 celery ribs, chopped 1 med. onion, chopped 1 tbs. butter 2 c. hot water 2/3 c. 2% milk 1 pkg. au gratin potatoes In a large skillet, saute the sausage, celery and onion in butter until vegetables are tender. Stir in the water, milk and contents of sauce mix from potatoes. Bring to a boil. Stir in potatoes. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 20-25 minutes or until potatoes are tender, stirring once. **4-H Corn Special** 1 lb. ground beef 1 sml. onion, finely chopped 1-1/2 c. cooked rice 1 can diced tomatoes, undrained 2 c. fresh, frozen or canned sweet corn Salt and pepper to taste 1 tbs. Worcestershire sauce 1 tsp. hot pepper sauce 1 c. crushed saltines 1/4 c. butter, melted In a large skillet, brown beef and onion; drain. Stir in rice, tomatoes, corn, salt, pepper, Worcestershire sauce and hot pepper sauce. Pour into a greased 13-in. x 9-in. baking dish. Combine cracker crumbs and butter; sprinkle on top. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Giant Cherry Oatmeal Cook-





Her nearest living nieces are Karol Pigg in Quitaque and Barbara Scroggins in Amarillo.

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At this time Hall County Appraisal District will not be offering agreements to send or receive notices electronically for the 2013 tax year. If you have any questions, contact the District at (806)259-2393.

Emily Teegardin Attorney

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ies 1/2 c. shortening 1/2 c. butter, softened 3/4 c. packed brown sugar 1/2 c. sugar

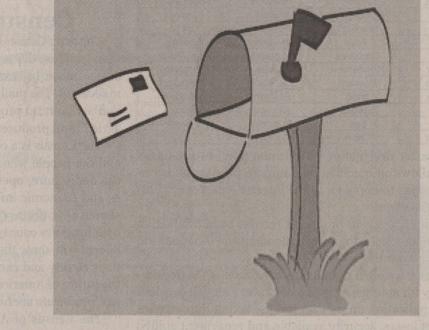
2 eggs 1 tsp. vanilla extract

2-1/2 c. old-fashioned oats 1-1/3 c. all-purpose flour 2 tsp. apple pie spice 1/2 tsp. baking powder 1/4 tsp. baking soda 1/4 tsp. salt 1-1/2 c. dried cherries, chopped

1/2 to 1 tsp. grated orange peel

In a large bowl, cream shortning, butter and sugars. Beat 1 the eggs and vanilla. Comine the oats, flour, apple pie pice, baking powder, baking oda and salt; gradually add o the creamed mixture. Stir 1 cherries and orange peel.)rop by 1/3 cupfuls onto n ungreased baking sheet. 'ress to form a 4-in. circle. lake at 375° for 9-12 minutes r until golden brown. Let tand for 1 minute before renoving to wire racks to cool.

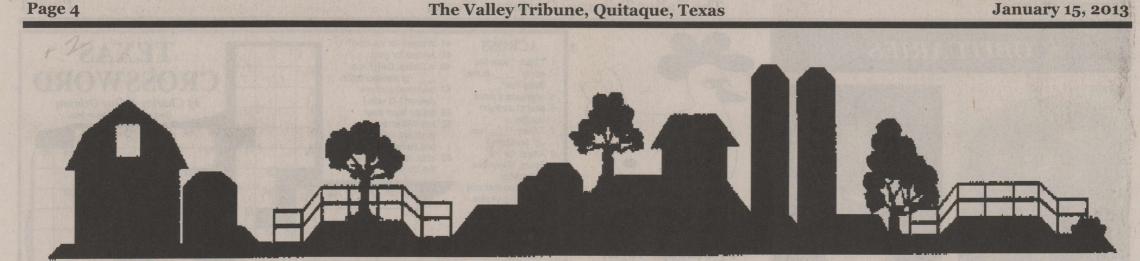
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Farm Service Agency Emergency Loans Available to 207 Disaster Counties in Texas

USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting Executive Director James B. Douglass announced that 207 counties in Texas were declared a disaster on January 9, 2013, due to drought and heat using the new, streamlined Secretarial Disaster Designation process. Under this designation, producers with operations in any of the 157 primary disaster counties or 50 contiguous disaster counties are eligible to apply for low interest emergency loans.

The streamlined disaster designation process issues a drought disaster declaration when a county has experienced a drought intensity value of at least a D2 (severe drought) level for eight consecutive weeks based on the U.S. Drought Monitor during the crop year. Under this declaration 157 counties in Texas have reached that threshold since November 1, 2012.

The following 157 counties were designated as primary disaster counties:

Andrews	Dallas	Hartley	La Salle
Archer	Dawson	Haskell	Limestone
Armstrong	Deaf Smith	Hemphill	Lipscomb
Bailey	Delta	Hidalgo	Live Oak
Bandera	Denton	Hill	Lubbock
Baylor	De Witt	Hockley	Lynn
Bee	Dickens	Hood	McLennan
Bell	Dimmit	Hopkins	McMullen
Borden	Donley	Hudspeth	Maverick
Bosque	Duval	Hunt	Menard
Bowie	Eastland	Hutchinson	Milam
Briscoe	Edwards	Jack	Mills
Brooks	Ellis	Jeff Davis	Mitchell
Brown	El Paso	Jim Hogg	Montague
Burnet	Erath	Jim Wells	Moore
Callahan	Falls	Johnson	Motley
Cameron	Fannin	Jones	Navarro
Carson	Fisher	Karnes	Nolan
Castro	Floyd	Kaufman	Nueces
Childress	Foard	Kendall	Ochiltree
Clay	Freestone	Kenedy	Oldham
Cochran	Gaines	Kent	Palo Pinto
Collin	Garza	Kerr	Parker
Collingsworth	Gillespie	Kimble	Parmer
Comanche	Goliad	King	Potter
Cooke	Gray	Kinney	Presidio
Coryell	Grayson	Kleberg	Rains
Cottle	Hale	Knox	Randall
Crockett	Hall	Lamar	Real
Crosby	Hamilton	Lamb	Red River
Culberson	Hansford	Lampasas 🔅	Refugio
Dailam	Hardeman	Roberts	🕑 Robertson 👔
Rockwall	San Patricio	San Saba	Schleicher
Scurry	Shackelford	Sherman	Somervell
Starr	Stephens	Stonewall	Sutton
Swisher	Tarrant	Taylor	Terrell

Applications for Conservation Programs Being Accepted at Briscoe County NRCS Office

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Cody Sparks announces applications for funding opportunities with the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) are currently being accepted at the 410 Lone Star Silverton, TX 79257. NRCS offices located at

NRCS in Texas has received its initial allocation of EQIP funding in 2013 and will begin ranking and obligating EQIP contracts after February 15. All agriculture producers interested in submitting a contract application for 2013 should do so before this ranking deadline.

EQIP — one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill — is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state and federal regulations.

"EQIP is a valuable tool to help Briscoe County's agricultural producers implement conservation practices that provide environmental benefits to help sustain agricultural operations," says Cody Sparks.

EQIP is a continuous sign-up program that allows landowners or operators to apply for financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices; but the deadline for the first 2013 funding is February 15, 2013. Contracts are offered periodically depending on budgetary allocations. Applications made after the deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle. Higher priority will be given to those applications that address national, state and local priorities and provide higher cost efficiency.

EQIP offers technical and financial help to install or implement structural, vegetative, and management practices that can benefit the soil, water, air, plants, livestock, and wildlife. Each county in the state is funded yearly to assist producers financially with these land management practices.

Last year, NRCS in Texas funded over 4,000 EQIP contracts with \$76 million to accomplish conservation practices such as irrigation efficiency, minimum tillage, brush management and more on 2.1 million acres across the entire state. In addition to helping our environment, Farm Bill conservation program funds support rural communities. In Texas, it is estimated that each dollar of NRCS and private matching expenditures on NRCS conservation programs generates an additional \$2.54 in sales of goods and services.

January Crop Report Lowers High Plains Production Estimate

By Mary Jane Buerkle

The January crop report from the National Agricultural Statistics Service revealed yet another drop in upland cotton production figures for the Texas High Plains.

NASS estimates that Districts 1-N and 1-S will produce 2.92 million bales, down from 3.4 million in their December report. Expected statewide production dropped from 5.5 million bales to 5 million bales. Nationwide upland production estimates were down from the December report to 16.25 million bales.

However, worldwide production for the month was estimated to be higher and consumption slightly lower, resulting in ending stocks of 81.7 million bales, according to the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report.

Yield per acre estimates increased for both the northern and southern portions of the Plains Cotton Growers service area. The northern half estimates increased slightly, from 726 pounds/acre to 745, but estimates for the southern half jumped 89 pounds from 458 pounds/acre to 547.

The report also decreased harvested acreage by 790,000 acres, from 3.11 million acres in December to 2.32 million acres of the 4.22 million planted in the area in 2012. As a result of that adjustment, acreage abandonment on the High Plains now is estimated at about 45 percent for 2012.

Cotton acreage nationwide for 2013 is predicted to decrease, with some projecting planted acreage to be as low as 10 million. However, much of that shift is expected to occur in areas other than the High Plains, where only a slight adjustment is expected.

"We've still got a lot of time before any seed goes into the ground on the High Plains and those decisions are made,' PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett said.

Much of the High Plains received welcome rainfall this past week, and almost all of the West Texas Mesonet sites have recorded at least a half-inch for the month.

NCC Planting Survey Deadline is January 16

All cotton producers are encouraged to respond to the National Cotton Council's annual survey of 2013 planting intentions, which was recently distributed to upland and extra-long staple cotton producers across the Cotton Belt. The current survey was distributed through a combination of regular mail and email with the intent of reaching all U.S. cotton farms. Growers who did not receive a survey may contact the NCC via email at econsurvey@cotton.org for survey instructions. The survey, conducted each year to aid with industry planning and policy deliberations, provides the basis for the economic outlook presented to delegates during the NCC Annual Meeting in early February. Survey results will be presented during the Joint Meeting of Program Committees on Saturday morning, Feb. 9. To enhance the survey's accuracy, producers are encouraged to respond by the Jan. 16 deadline.

Terry	Throckmorton	Val Verde	Webb
Wheeler	Wichita	Wilbarger	Willacy
Williamson	Wise	Yoakum	Young
Zapata			

The following 50 counties were designated as contiguous disaster counties

Anderson	Comal	Llano	Sterling
Aransas	Concho	McCulloch	Titus
Atascosa	Crane	Madison	Tom Green
Bastrop	Ector	Martin	Travis
Bexar	Franklin	Mason	Upton
Blanco	Frio	Medina	Uvalde
Brazos	Gonzales	Midland	Van Zandt
Brewster	Henderson	Morris	Victoria
Burleson	Howard	Pecos	Wilson
Calhoun	Irion	Reagan	Winkler
Cass	Lavaca	Reeves	Wood
Coke	Lee	Runnels	Zavala
Coleman	Leon		

"The disaster designation is welcome relief to producers because it allows all qualified operators in primary and contiguous counties to apply for a low interest emergency (EM) loan," said Douglass.

Emergency loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding and other natural disasters or quarantine.

Producers have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for emergency loan assistance. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. Producers can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses, to a maximum amount of \$500,000. The current emergency loan interest rate is 2.15 percent.

Producers with operations in counties that did not receive a disaster designation could be eligible for emergency loan assistance if they suffered at least a 30 percent loss in crop production or a physical loss to livestock, livestock products, real estate or chattel property.

For more information about emergency loans, please contact your local FSA office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

For more information, including eligibility requirements, call the USDA Service Center office in Silverton at (806)823-2431 ext. 3. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs. usda.gov.

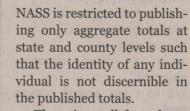
Responses Needed for Census of Agriculture

The 2012 Census of Agriculture forms were mailed to more than 3 million U.S. agricultural producers during the last week of December. In Texas, about 375,000 Census forms are being mailed out. The mailings include all known farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers, plus a large number of potential agricultural producers.

The Census is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. The Census looks at land use and tenure, operator characteristics, production practices and economic information. The Census provides the only source of uniform, comprehensive and impartial agricultural data for every county in the nation. Through the Census, producers will show the value and importance of agriculture in their county and can help influence decisions that will shape the future of American agriculture. By responding to the Census, producers are helping themselves and their communities.

The Census of Agriculture has mandatory reporting authority, just like the population Census. This is due to the tremendous value of the information and because of the large amount of funds and resources targeted and allocated based on Census results.

Individual information is guaranteed complete confidentiality by federal law, Title 7 of the U.S. code. Title 7 prevents NASS from sharing individual information with any other government agency and also gives NASS immunity from any type of mandatory disclosure of individual data, including legal processes and FOIA.

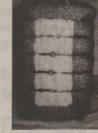


There is a toll free phone number on the front of the Census form for anyone with questions: (888) 424-7828. NASS will operate calling centers from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, to respond to incoming calls.

For more information about the Census of Agriculture, please call the USDA's NASS Texas Field Office at (800) 626-3142.

Commissioners' Court removed the fire ban for Hall County **January 14, 2013**





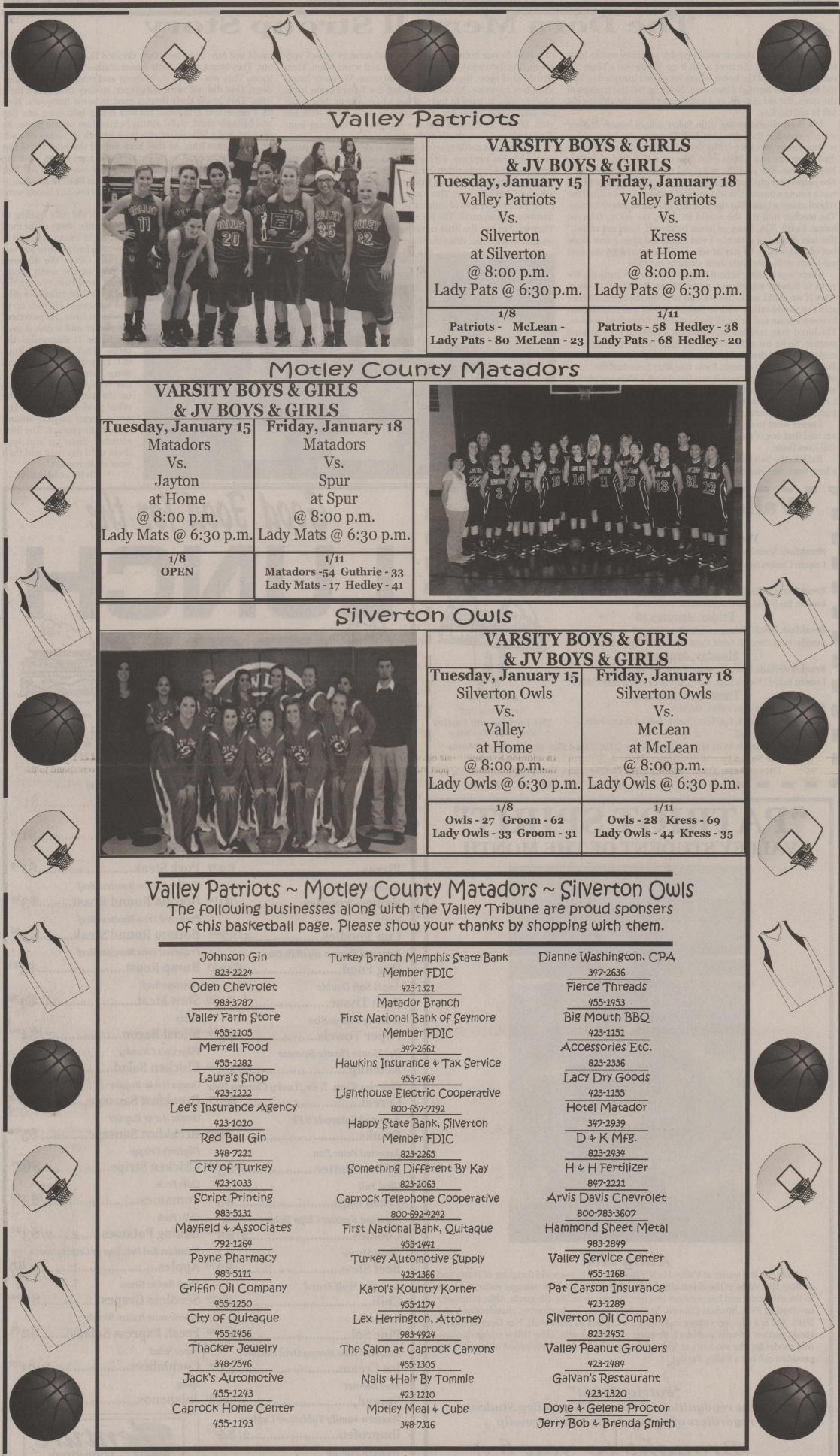


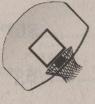
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The Dora Merrell Stroup Story

to haul water from the river to fill it up. There was a large live oak at the north of the house where we played many a day. The old house was burned down now. Nothing but the trumps of the trees, the old cistern, and some rocks from the chimney is left to tell the fate.

We lived closest to the little Baker school house. Mother usually boarded the school teacher. The only one I remember is Miss Fanny Woodford. She lived in Galveston. Her mother died when she was a little child. She used to tell us about her Negro nurse. She said the nurse did most everything for her. She helped her put her clothes on and combed her hair til she was a young woman. She was my first teacher. I had visited the school many a time, but the first day for me at school I cried. The teacher told me she would let Jane, my sister, take me home. I said, "Oh, I can go home by myself. I am not afraid." She was disgusted with me. I was not afraid to go home alone but too big a baby to stay at school all day. Anyway, she sent me home with poor little Jane along by my side.

There was another school just across the river from us. We went to Sunday school and church there. It was only a short ways if we could walk, but we had to cross the river. Mother said she would rather walk to Sunday school and church than harness a team and drive all the way down to the ford to cross. The hired man told her he would cut a footlog. That pleased mother. So he cut a tall tree on the bank of the river for us to cross on. How I dreaded to cross the trunk of that tree to go to Sunday school and church. I was fine after I reached the limbs on the tree. From there on it was fun. I won a little red pitcher and a white mug for having good lessons and good conduct. I still have the little white mug, but it is minus the handle. I knocked the picture off the table and it broke to pieces.

I never went to school there but Lizzie, Bill and Jane did. I am told that one of the four girls that went to school with them still lives there.

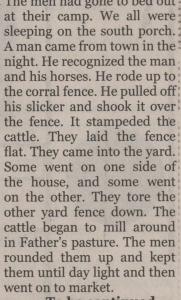
Back to the San Saba school. Miss Fanny taught there for a long time. She came to Floyd County and taught one term

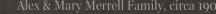
much. She then went back to Galveston and wrote often. Then in the fall of 1900, the Galveston storm came. We never heard from her anymore. Mother wrote but the letters came back. Mother tried to hard to learn of her where abouts. She wrote the people that knew her. They tried to get n touch with her also. Finally we decided that she was one of the many hundreds that met their death in the storm.

Father was a cattle man on a small scale. He was in pardners with his nephew. Father's brand was (inserted in the transcript is a handwritten version of the TV brand - a capital T setting inside a capital V). Cousin Billy branded the T on the left shoulder I believe. The country was a free range at that time. There were lots of little cattle men and there were some that were not so small. The big cattle men wanted to take over. They tried to buy the little cattle men out. The little cattlemen wanted to stay, too. After the big cattlemen learned that they

Sometimes the cistern would go dry and they would have of school in our home. We enjoyed that term of school very could not buy them out, they decided they would run them out. They began to cut their fences. Father's fence was among them. They also killed their sheep and poisoned their sheep dogs. That did not work altogether, so they threatened their lives. They made their threats good in some instances. Well do I remember one man. He was riding into town one day and his only child, Sally, sitting behind him on the horse. As they crossed a little draw with thick growth of bushes on each side, they shot him. As they both fell off the poor horse ran up the road as hard as he could. Some men riding after the cattle stopped the horse. They knew the horse, and led him back down the road. There he lay with his head in his daughter's lap. She was beside herself in tears. How our hearts went out to little Sally.

> Father had a large corral. We lived on the road leading to San Saba where the men shipped their cattle. Many of the men penned their cattle at our place. One night a man penned his herd there. It was a rainy night. The men had gone to bed out

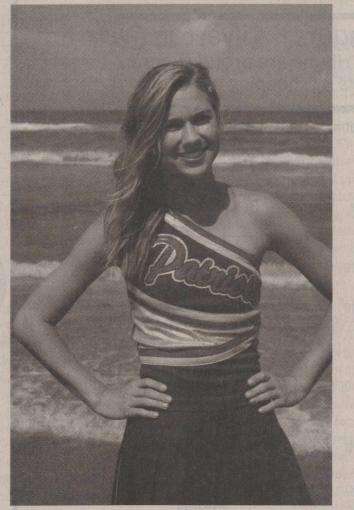




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AIKIUI SPII VALLEY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Abby Hill is a senior at Valley High School. She is 17 years old daughter of Dusty and Audrey Hill. Abby is the oldest child out of three children. Her younger sister, Jolee, is in the 8th grade and her younger brother, Cooper, is in the 4th grade. Abby is actively involved in FFA, Student Council, basketball, track, cross country, cheerleading, and NHS. She is a Chapter Officer in FFA and a Captain in basketball. Her favorite food is steak, and her favorite pastime is hanging out with friends. Abby Hill is an outstanding role model for the students at Valley School. We are extremely proud of her and are proud to call her a Valley Patriot.

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