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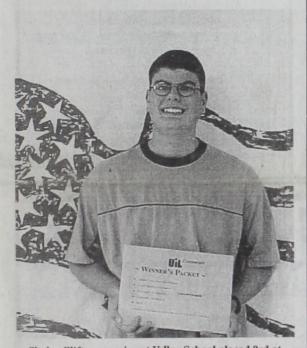
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THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2002

TAKE ME BACK TO TURKEY FOR THE 31st ANNUAL BOB WILLS DAY CELEBRATION!

The Bob Wills Day Schedule Of Events Is Located On Page 8 Of This Edition Of The Valley Tribune



Skylar Clifton a senior at Valley School placed 3rd at the Regional UIL Meet and will advance to the State Meet in Austin next week. Way to Go Skylar!

Clifton Advances To State Competition

Skylar Clifton and Scarlett Sperry were among twenty-three Lincoln-Douglas debaters who traveled to South Plains College in Levelland, Texas to compete in the UIL Regional Academic Meet on April 19, 2002.

Cilfton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clifton, placed third at the Regional Meet. This qualified Clifton to advance to the State Meet to be held at the University of Texas in Austin, Texas on May 2-4.

Bobby Hawthorne, UIL Academic Director, stated, "Students who participate in UIL academics are as competitive and dedicated as any athlete or musician. They devote many hours to practice and invitational meet competition, and for many these hours will be among the most important they spend during their high school careers. Over the years, we've heard from hundreds of students who claim that these contests were the most fulfilling and rewarding activities of their entire high school careers."

UIL academic contest range from feature writing to accounting, and from computer science to poetry interpretation. Of the 2.2 million students who participated in UILactivities last year, 420,000 competed in one or more of the 22 general academic con-

Hawthorne goes on to say that "the purpose of these contests is to teach thinking and problem solving skills. In its own way each contest - whether math or Lincoln-Douglas debate or editorial writing - is intended to teach the thinking skills students will need in college and in the work force. We know that employers want employees who can solve problems, speak effectively and write clearly. Each contest is designed to help students reach these goals."

Through participation at the State Meet, students qualify for the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships. Since its inception in 1954, the TILF had provided \$14.2 million to approximately 12,230 Texas high school students. This year, the TILF expects to award an estimated 630 new and renewed grants, valued at over \$1.075 million. Grants and donations from foundations and individuals have funded these academic scholarships, Each dollar that the TILF receives goes directly for scholarships, and no administrative or other overhead expenses are deducted.

Everyone at Valley School congratulates Skylar Clifton for all of his hard work and determination to reach his goal of competing at the State Meet in Lincoln-Douglas debate.

Over the Years since it's inception the Bob Wills Foundation has given back to the communities of Turkey & Quitaque every year in some way or another. Here are just some of the things they have done for the betterment of our area.

* In 1973 the Foundation borrowed the money from the Turkey bank to buy the Turkey School house. * That same year the Foundation bought much of the property that is now the City Park and Baseball Field

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*They have provided the offices for the City of Turkey, the Senior Citizens room, the Public Library the JP Office, and now the Turkey Medical Clinic.

*The Foundation also brought in and currently maintaining the Bob Will Museum

*They provide ongoing maintenance for the buildings. In 2000 they bought new air-conditioners for the gymnasium and have rewired and replumbed most of the buildings. They have reroofed all of the buildings at one time or another.

*They have provided the buildings for the Gem Theatre fund-raising concerts (Ray Price) and currently the Caprock Jamboree ~Free of charge"

*The three metal sighs you see upon entering Turkey were purchased by the Foundation

*Along with some of the unique metal street signs you see

*They have donated money to the Turkey Fire Depart ment and EMS Service when ever they are asked. They have made numerous donations to the Quitaque EMS service as well.

*The Foundation has donated money to the Turkey City Park., the Turkey Senior Citizens, the Cemetery Fence Fund, and the Gem Theatre.

*They also have sponsored various church groups to go to 6 Flags Over Texas

*They make donations to the local American Cancer Society and The America Heart Association.

*The Foundation makes large annual donations to the Valley School in the form of scholarships, more than any other individual organization.

*They annually donate to the Briscoe County Stock
Show Association for our 4-H and FFA kids.

The Bob Wills Foundation is made up of local volunteers who take the time and effort to make Turkey and Quitaque a better place to

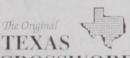
Next time you see one of the Foundation members stop them and tell them Thank You for

Bob Wills Day 2002

31st Annual Bob Wills Day Special Stamp Cancellation at the Turkey Post Office

Friday, April 26, 2002





Here's A Texas You Can Mess With!

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CROSSWORD (Mess with it all you want)

The Texas Crossword Puzzle

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Cydni Walden will be going to Washington D.C. as a winner in the Lighthouse Electric Co-op Essay Contest. Congratulations Cydni!

Cydni Walden Is A 2002 "Government-In-Action" Youth Tour Winner

Cydni Walden of Turkey, along with Jalee Dietrich of Lockney and Skyler Cornelius of Floydada were the winners in the recent government-In-Action Youth Tour contest sponsored by Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. Cydni, Jalee, and Skyler entered the contest by writing an essay on the subject, "Lighthouse Electric Cooperative - Your Home Team Advantage", and orally presenting the essay to a panel of judges at the final contest held April 4, 2002, at the Lighthouse headquarters in Fioydada.

2002, at the Lighthouse headquarters in Floydada.

As winners in the contest, the three area youth were awarded an expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., this June. They will join other winners from across the State of Texas for an unforgetable and exciting tour of our Nation's capitol June 13 through June 25.

While in Washington, the group will visit with their Congressmen and tour memorials, the FBI building, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Mount Vernon, the Kennedy Center, the Washington National Cathedral, and the Smithsonian Institution. They will also tour Arlington National Cemetery and participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tombs of the Unknown Soldiers, along with visiting other historic sites in and around Washington.

This year's contest marked the 38th Rural Electric Youth Tour Contest sponsored by Lighthouse Electric Cooperative and the Electric Cooperatives of Texas.

The idea of sending young people to Washington was originated by the late President Lyndon B. Johnson in the mid-1950's when as a Senator from Texas, he selected outstanding young people and offered them the opportunity to visit Washington and see their government in action.

During the past 37 years, Lighthouse has sponsored seventy seven students from area high schools on the tour Winners in recent years have been: 1994 -Joy Hoover of Plainview and Nicole Logan of Hale Center; 1995 - Amanda Godfrey of Memphis, Tim Mitchell of Lockney, and Lezlie Warren of Floydada; 1996 - Will Warren and Angie Dean of Floydada; 1997 - Lindi Miller and Johnnie Mosley of Lockney; 1998 - Emily Leonard of Plainview and Walter Henson of Quitaque; 1999 - Stefane Hedrick of Plainview and Danny Huggins of Lockney; 2000 - Kayla Copp of Matador and Rebecca Warren of Floydada; 2002 - Jenna Payne of Floydada and Melanie Huggins of Lockney



Mr & Mrs Neal Edwards

Julie Ann Clay & Neal Edwards United In Marriage

Julie Ann Clay and Neal Edwards were united in marriage on Saturday, March 16, at the Methodist Church in Turkey TX. Rev. Nathan Mulder, pastor of Flomot Baptist Church officiated the double ring service. Julie is the daughter of Joe and Anna Beth Clay of Flomot. Neal is the son of Fred Edwards of Amarillo and Pat and Tommie Rice of Crosbyton. Grandmother of the groom is Mrs. Wiletta Ritter of Dalhart.

Prelude and wedding was performed by Anita Baldwin of Santa Fe N.M. Kathy Shorter of Flomot was the vocalist, singing "In this V ery Room" as the grandmother and parents were seated and "I'll Be Here" during the lighting of the Unity Candle.

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Bouquets of fresh multicolored flowers topped white pillows draped with periwinkle and ivory tulle, accented with asparagus fern, and flanked by ivory pillar candles, decorated the alter. Escorted to the alter by her by vory pillar candles, decorated the alter. Escored to the after by her father, the bride wore a two piece ivory satin dress with a fitted, beadencrusted bodice featuring spaghetti straps and a ballroom style skirt flowing into a semicathedral length train.

She carried a bouquet of periwinkle blue hyacinths and ivory tulips with her grandmother Clay's handkerchief in the traditional "Something Old". Something new was her dress, she borrowed her sister Lori's ear-rings and she wore a blue granter.

rings and she wore a blue garter.

Tina Carson, of Turkey, sister of the bride was Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids were her sister Lori Kleibrink of Clifton, Starla Lumpkin of Longview, and Jr bridesmaid Kelsey Clay, niece of the bride. They were all attired in two piece floor length dresses of periwinkle blue with a lace

all attree in two piece floor length dresses of periwinkle blue with a lace overlay bodice, and carried multicolored arm bouquets.

The Flower Girls were Sarah Clay, Karlee Kleibrink and Ryleigh Carson, all nieces of the bride. Sarah and Karlee wore identical periwinkle blue dresses. Ryleigh wore an ivory miniature bride dress and veil. They carried satin and tulle covered flower baskets made by the bride. W alker Carson, nephew of the bride, was the Ring Bearer, carried a pillow also

Best Man was Brad Wilson of Lubbock, the grooms son Caden Edwards was Jr Best Man. Groomsmen were Brandon Eddleman of Austin and Burr Barton of Lubbock. Ushers were Conner Stafford, nephew of the groom, Tanner Clay and Kyler Kleibrink, nephews of the bride.

The groom and his son wore black tuxedos with dark silver vests. His

attendants and ushers all wore black tuxedos and black vests.

A reception was held in the Historical Gem Theatre in T urkey. It was beautifully decorated with greenery, tulle, white lights, candles and flowers. Both the bride and groom's cakes were made by the bride's sister ers. Both the brides and grooms cakes were made by the brides sister Lori. The brides cake was a white stacked-triple tiered cake decorated with a cornelli lace design and accented with fresh flowers. The groom's was a two tiered German chocolate cake, also with cornelli lace design and chocolate dipped strawberries. Tammy Stafford, sister of the groom, Cindy Calvert, Christi Milam and Keri Sehon cousins of the bride were servers at the bride and groom's tables. Serving at the food tables were Peggy, Tiffany Kim and Emily Woods.

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Anna Mae Smith

Graveside services for Anna Mae Smith, 80, were held Sunday, April 21, 2002 in Resthaven Cemetery in Quitaque with the Rev. Anthony Sisemore, pastor of First Baptist Church in Floydada, and the Rev. Don McMahan, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Quitaque, officiating.

Mrs. Smith died Thursday, April 18, 2002, in Lubbock. She was born Anna Mae Martin

on July 1, 1921, in Flomot. She mar-ried Gerald Lynn Smith on March 11, 1939, in Amarillo. They moved to Briscoe County to farm in what was known as the Haylake Commu-nity. In 1947, they moved to a farm west of Quitaque. Mr. Smith died February, 20, 2000.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Dona Smith of Quitaque; her grandchildren, Shonda and Andy Wills of Kansas City, Mo., D'Anna and J.D. Russell of Matador, Sevona Smith of Amarillo and Amy Hill and Blaine Kirkpatrick of Lovington, N.M.; and four great-grandchildren, Colton and Shane'a Russell and Breely and Stetson Kirkpatrick.

A grandson Shane Smith, died ag. 25, 1985, and a brother, Archie Ray Martin and two sisters, Ima Jo Bingham and Mildred McDaniel,





-Senior Citizens Exercise Program at Quitaque Senior Citiens @6:30 p.m

-Turkey Economic Board Meeting @ 7 p.m -Bob Wills Day Celebration be-

gins today~See Schedule of events inside this edition of The Valley Tribune

-Drivers License Office open at Briscoe Co Courthouse from 9 a.m. - 12 noon & 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. April 26

-Valley School Holiday~No School Today!

-Bob Wills Day Festivities continue

-Caprock Canyons State Park Trailway Challenge Kick Off @

Bob Wills Day Festivities all day long and into the night.

April 28

Volleyball & Hamburger Supper for all Valley High School Students at Turkey Church of Christ @ 7 p.m. -Flomot Homecoming Planning

Meeting at Flomot Community Center @ 4:30 p.m.

April 30

Senior Citizens Exercise Program at Quitaque Senior Citizens @ 6:30 p.m.



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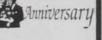
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April 26 Mr & Mrs Randy Powell Mr & Mrs Guy Young April 28 Mr & Mrs Jake Hancock Mr & Mrs Colvin Morrison May 1 Mr & Mrs Bob Hinkle May 2 Mr & Mrs Juan Mendoza

Billy Cecil Roys

Funeral services for Billy Cecil Roys, 63, were held Monday, April 22 at Cornerstone Baptist Church with the Rev. James Burns of San Jacinto Full Gospel and the Rev Coy Wylie, pastor of Cornerstone,

Burial was in Memory Gardens emetery. He was born in Stith and farmed

and ranched in Flomot before mov-ing to Amarillo in 1988. He played the guitar and sang gospel music at various church organizations and nursing homes.

He was a member of San Jacinto Full Gospel Church where he directed the music.

In 1994, he married Sandra Ann Haskins in Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife; four ns, Billy Joe Roys of Lubbock, Johnny Roys of Amarillo, Eddie Roys of Quitaque and Mark Roys of Abernathy, Terri Robertson and Vickie Andreu, both of Amarillo, and Carla Balha of Mart; his mother Maddin Roys of Amarillo; five brothers, Rudolph Roys of Kingsland, Charles Roys of Dumas, Delbert Roys and Joe David Thomas, both of Amarillo, and Richard Roys of Lubbock; three sisters, Allene Townsend of Ozona, Betty Gonzales

of Amarillo and Pearl Hill of Hawley; and 28 grandchildren. His father, Cecil George Roys, died in 1975 and a brother, Sonny Roys, died in 1992. The family sugg

family suggests memorials to BSA Hospice



I just want to tell you that I'm enjoying the Tribune so very much. You do an excellent job covering the news and I love seeing the pictures plus the weather information-Keep up the good work

Mary Stark (always a booster for Quitaque)

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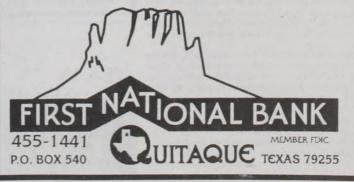
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No one has more driving a bition than the teenager who wants to buy a car.

Cory and Amy Franks of Bastrop accompanied baby daughter, Madison for her first visit in Flomot during the weekend with grandparents, Connie and Coy Franks home. Other family members visiting during the weekend in the franks home were her great grandparents, Erma and Bill D. Washington of Flomot, uncle, Cary Franks and friend, Sorrel Schmidt of Lubbock and aunt, Cara Franks of Canyon.

Mrs. Ruth Lee attended a family reunion of descendants of her par ents, J.W. Smith and Mattie Crawford Smith, Saturday held at the Senior Citizens building in Kress. They were pioneers of the Fairmont community in Floyd County. Around 85 family members attended the enjoying the fairmont community in Floyd County.

Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington were in Childress Friday night and visited son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Washington, Katie, Cam, Clay and Conner. They were on the American Cancer Society Relay For Life Team representing Conner who is under treatment for leukemia. Other family members on the team were Buck and Ann Chadwick of Quitaque, Stephanie Woods of Plainview, Alissa Woods of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Watson, Sherry and Kimberly of Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Friday to be with her sister in law, Mrs. Jack Moon who had heart stint surgery at the Northwest Texas Hospital. They continued to Fritch and visited the weekend with daughter and son, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse visited last weekend in Lovington, N.M. with

Visiting Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter vere Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg and Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Dimmitt, Monday for her a medical appointment. En route home, they visited in Hart with his aunt, Mrs. meta McClain

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers visited overnight Friday in Lubbock with son and wife, Ronnie and Lou Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Ronnie and Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Kalgary were in Artesia, N.M. Saturday to attend the funeral services of Mr. Rogers' sister in law, Mrs. Inez Rogers.
Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited during the weekend
in Clyde with her grandmother, Mrs. Ottlie Gray.
Carolyn and Arnold Johnson have been in Quitaque with her mother,

Mrs. Dorothy May who is under medical treatment, but is improving.
Mrs. Leona Degan visited in Kalgary, Saturday with son, Stanley De-

gan and great grandson, Kyler Degan of Crosbyton.

Mrs. Waydetta Clay and Mrs. Kathy Shorter were featured vocalists at the Quitaque community singing held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque

Flomot Homecoming Planning Meeting Sunday, April 28 @ 4:30 p.m.

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Happy Bob Will's Day! I don't have any recipes for you this week-ya'll will all be out dancing and visiting and hootin' and hollerin', not in the kitchen cooking! Enjoy some food from a local restaurant or from a visiting vendor while you

or from a visiting vendor while you celebrate.

Next week, I would like to add a new feature to the Cook's Corner, a Reader Recipe Exchange. Have you lost a favorite old recipe? Are you looking for the recipe Mom used to make your favorite dish? Maybe you have only eaten a delicious dish at a restaurant or a friend's house and would like to duplicate house and would like to duplicate it. For whatever reason you need a recipe, maybe I have it, or one of our readers will share it with you.

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Relay For Life

Walkers and runners will go around the clock in the battle against cancer during the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, June 7th and 8th.

Teams of walking or running enthusiasts from all walks of life will gather at the Valley School to show their support in the fight against cancer. Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's community-oriented team event where participants walk or run around a track relay style. When they aren't taking their turn walking, team members camp out and take part in a variety of fun activi-

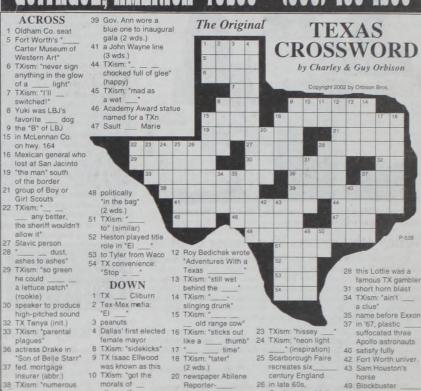
If you or your group is interested in performing during the Relay for Life or if you would like to register a team, participate as a cancer survivor or rec ognize someone during the evening luminaria ceremony contact Jacqualyn Ham @ 455-

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Zelda Leeper of Quitaque has



Monica Mendoza, Lauren Young and Jacy Proctor display their winning posters.

Valley 4th Graders Win Poster Contest

The Hall and Childress Soil and Water conservatin district presented some Valley 4th graders with winning ribbons april 18, 2002. the students entered the Soil and Water Poster contest. Monica Mendoza placed dents entered the Soil and water Poster contest. Monica Menidoza piaced 3rd, Lauren Young placed second and Jacy Proctor's poster placed first in both Hall and childress counties and her poster was sent to T emple, Texas for the state competition. All 4th graders who entered received an achievement certificate. Congratulations V alley 4th grade!

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Monday, April 29

Breakfast: Sausage, Pancakes, Syrup, OJ/Milk Lunch: Tacos, Beans, Cheese, Hot Sauce, Salad, Pudding, Milk Tuesday, April 30

Breakfast: Cereal, OJ/Milk Lunch: Pork Chops, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Sticks, Zelda Leeper Honored For Apricots, Biscuits, Milk

3rd Time By Who's Who Wednesday, May 1

Breakfast: Breakfast on a Stick, OJ/Milk recently been honored for the third time by Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

She was selected for this honor

Lunch: Pizza, Tossed Salad, Graham Crackers, Pineapple, Milk Thursday, May 2

Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast,

Lunch: Mexican Stack, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Hot Sauce, Sour Cream, Brownies, Milk Friday, May 3

Breakfast: Donuts, OJ/Milk Lunch: Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Chips, Pickles, Fruit Salad,

ATTENTION!

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

You are invited to a Volleyball Tournament and Hamburger Supper. The big event will be held Sunday, April 28, 2002 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Turkey Church of Christ. The evening's devotional will be "I Want to Serve!" Please come and join us for lots of fun, food and fel-

Turkey Jamboree May 4 Turkey's next jamboree is May 4th at the Bob Wills Community

Center Gymnasium. We have several new entertainers this month. Laura Ford is a very attractive young lady for Alvord, Texas who sings the traditional oldies but goodies of Hank Williams, Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Loretta Lynn, etc. The Southern Angles from Malvern, Arkansas are sisters Jordan Lacey and Jessica Jackson. These girls are teenagers and have performed at the Mel Tillis Theatre in Branson, the Loretta Lynn Ranch in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee and their song "Tradition" written especially for them by Steve Myers, has fast become a hit in Europe. It is currently number 12 on Europe radio stations. Then we have The Texas Duo, 18 year old Macie Keylon from Mesquite, Texas and 18 year old Jennifer J. Lee from Poetry, Texas

Robert Blackshear from Longview, Texas also sings a lot of traditional country classics, also some rock and roll and some of the new country. He says he will give us a sample of all of it. We will have the Talent Showcase and the very talented Turkey Gems. Showtime is at 7 p.m.

We will have a concession stand with lots of good food. We would love for a lot of the local teenagers to try and make it to this jamboree. We think you would enjoy hearing and meeting these teenagers that will be performing in the show We hope to see you

Turkey Swim Club Holds Annual Meeting

The Turkey Swim Club held its general meeting on Monday, April 22 at the Bank Room in Quitaque. Business discussed included a financial report and old and new business. It was decided to have a work day at the pool on Saturday May 4th starting at 10 a.m. All pool members are encouraged to come out and get the pool ready for the 2002 season. Many minor repairs are needed before it will be ready to open. Dues will remain unchanged from last year. All dues must be current in order to swim. The pool will be open Tuesday - Sunday this summer and closed on

The pool is set to open the middle of May for parties. Remember the work day on Saturday May 4th. All members come and help the pool get

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By Shawn Wade



Farm Bill Progress-Hard To Figure

House conferees submitted a new Conference proposal to their coun terparts from the Senate Thursday in an effort to reinvigorate negotiations between the two sides.

The House proposal, which retreated slightly from some previously reported proposals, appears to stay within the confines of the current budget agreement and includes several interesting changes from their original legislation.

Among the more interesting points are a slight increase in loan rates and the addition of a partial yield update for growers who elect to update

crop acreage bases.

Unfortunately, Senate conferees led by Senator tom Harkin (D-IA) did an apparent about-face on many issues including loan rates, psayment

As a result the Senate counter-proposal returned to provisions that As a result the Senate counter-proposal returned to provisions that would actually lead to less than current support for producers of crops such as cotton and rice. Low prices have made loan deficiency payments and generic certificates the only lifeline available to help them meet the minimum price supposedly guaranteed by the marketing loan program. In the latest Senate counter-proposal all of the apparent progress that had been made over the past couple of weeks to find a workable compromise appeared to have been tossed out the window.

Where the process goes from this point is a matter of speculation. House Ag committee chairman larry combest has pledged to continue to work to find that elusive middle ground which will provide U.S. farmers and ranchers a dependable, amrket driven safety net. Whether or not Senate conferees have the same motivation is unclear and only time will tell what

For producers tow key points still drive the need for completion of the Farm Bill effective in 2002.

The first point is that even though legislation authorizing supplemental assistance have been filed, automatic approval by congress is not a given. Any supplemental assistance bill ythat is debated will no doubt face the same uphill battle for legitimacy that is plaguing the Farm Bill.

The second point is that abandoning the effort to complete the legislation is favor of another band-aid fix creates serious budget implications for a Bill initiated with the 2002 area.

for a Bill initiated with the 2003 crop.

The House Ag committee leadership has not given up and will continue to fight for a Bill this year. It appears that negotiations and meeting s will continue thorugh this week.



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Hall County Judge-Elect, Jacky Martin confering with Homer Hawkins, a member of the Turkey Economic Board on the County-Wide Economic Development Plan. Homer will be talking to the people of this area about getting people involved in and discuss the feasibility of getting new businesses to come to the area.



Livestock Judgers are (back row, L to R) Ory Johnson, Calvin Dougherty, Thor Patton, Drew Reed, Tanner Young and Coach Brandon McGinty; (front row) Dusty Burson, Shawn Johnson, True Burson, Nichole Schott, Charla Rhoderick. Not pictured are Will Boedeker and

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Jose Lopez Of Turkey, Texas Develops Air Conditioner Stand

Through the assistance of the Law Office of David P. Gaudio and The Inventors Network, Jose Rodriguez Lopez is currently applying for a United States Design Patent and contacting companies to manufacture and market his invention entitled "Air Condition Stand"

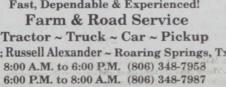
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and firmly in the window.

Jose resides in Turkey with his wife and two children, where he is a self employed welder. He enjoys donating his time and money to the church, and also enjoys driving four wheelers and sand buggies in his

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By: Brandon McGinty, CEA-Ag, Briscoe County 4-H Members Bring Home 1st & 2nd

At the District 1 Livestock Judging Contest in Canyon on Saturday, April 20, 2002, twelve 4-H Youth competed in the contest from Briscoe County. All twelve were junior age 4-H members. They made up 3 teams

(Team 1) Dusty Burson, Ory Johnson, True Burson & Shawn Johnson. (Team 2) Nichole Schott, Drew Reed, Thor Patton & Tanner Young (Team 3) Brady Ramsey, Charla Rhoderick, Will Boedeker & Calvin

Daugherty.
Team 2 placed 1st and Team 1 placed 2nd in the overall team scores. In the High individual beef division scores, Tanner Young placed 2nd, Ory Johnson 3rd, Dusty Burson 6th & Nichole Schott, 21st. In the High individual Sheep division scores Tanner Young placed 1st, Calvin Daugherty 7th, Drew Reed 16th, Ory Johnson 17th & Thor Patton 19th. In the High individual scores Swine Division Thor Patton placed 2nd, Drew Reed 3rd, Shawn Johnson 7th, Nichole Schott placed 4th, Tanner Young 5th, Dusty Burson 6th Thor Patton 9th, Nichole Schott 13th & Ory Johnson 14th.
There were a total of 32 teams with 128 Junior Livestock judgers in Canyon. I would like to say how proud I am of all of these youth and congratulate them on a job well done.

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By Cory Edwards, Briscoe County ExtensionAgent, FCS

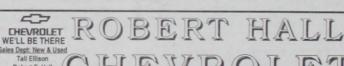
Briscoe County 4-Hers Bring Home Consumer Judging Medals

Ninety-five youth gathered at the Texas A&M Extension and Research Center on Saturday, April 13th to apply their critical thinking and decision making skills gained in the 4-H consumer life skills project. Each 4-H member ranked a class of four items from the best choice for their consumer dollar to the least desirable choice. Prior to the contest, youth studied several items to determine which is the best product to purchase in a specific situation. Junior youth, ages 8-11, studied items such as light bulbs online shooping cameras toothpaste paper towels and light bulbs, online shopping, cameras, toothpaste, paper towels, and watches. The intermediate (ages 12 & 13) and senior age groups (ages 14 to 19) additionally studied ATM cards and formal wear. Intermediates and Seniors not only rank the items, they also justify them verbally to the

judges in a process called oral reasons much like those given in a live-stock or dairy cattle judging contest.

Torrey Fuston, Charla Rhoderick, and Townlii Zeigler made up the
Briscoe County Junior Consumer Judging Team, and Seth Fuston judged
as an intermediate individual. The junior team was awarded with medals for placing 2nd out of 10 teams. Torrey was 4th high individual;
Townlii was 11th high individual and Charle was 15th high individual. Townlii was 11th high individual, and Charla was 15th high individual. Seth wound up 12th overall in the intermediate division. Congratulations to these Briscoe County participants!

Charla rhoderick, Townlii Ziegler and torrey Fuston made up the Briscoe county junior consumer judging team, and Seth Fuston (not pictured) judged as an inter-mediate individual. The junior team was awarded medals for placing second out of ten teams.



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GEM THEATRE NEWS * * * * * * * * * *

For those who are interested we would like to catch you up on the news of the Turkey Gem Theatre. In the summer of 1995 Marie Cruse and I bought this building which had been closed for 34 years and formed the Turkey Heritage Foundation. We became a nonprofit organization after going through all the proper channels with the Secretary of State, IRS, etc.

I guess I was pretty naive but I didn't realize the steps to be coming nonprofit could be so complicated. Having been raised a farmers daughter I guess I thought nonprofit was just a normal state of being. Anyway, after lots of praying, writing dozens of grant proposals, decisions, disappointments, and four years of hard, dirty work the Gem is truly a thing of beauty and we are proud of it and would like for all of you to be proud of it. We didn't go through all of this just for ourselves to enjoy; and I'm talking about Marie and myself and the four men who did so much work to make the theatre what it now is. These men are Larry Denton, Dustin Denton, Larry Henderson and Terry Boedeker.

We had our first presentation at the Gem on December 5, 1999. It was a children's Christmas play. Since then we have had 26 other wonderful performances including Lone Star Ballet, Dennis Gaines, Texas Playboys, the Otwell Twins, Golden Covenant, Texas Sand, and others.

You can drive to larger towns, pay more money and stay out later but you will not find better entertainment than you can get right here. There was a couple here from Basingstoke, England on Monday, April 15 who were driving through our little town and stopped at the theatre to see what was going on. After the show this was the comment they made. "We count ourselves lucky to have picked the same day to come to Thrkey as Lone Star Rising. They provided wonderful entertainment, colorful dancing, and great singing at the end of a long day on the road. Well done Turkey and the Lone Star Rising!

We truly hope that our own community can enjoy and appreciate what we have here as much as this couple did. We hope to see you at the Gem. We have many exciting events coming up. We also appreciate all of the ladies for providing sandwiches, dips, chips and brownies for the cast after the shows. They really enjoy



The Buffalo Chip Emporium is located at Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque. Come on over and check it out!



Have You Heard?

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Ruby Wood and Ernestine Payne, members of the Quitaque Senior Citizens, are working on the Quitaque Home-

The Quitaque Senior Citizens are nearing completion on the Quitaque Homecoming Quilt to be raffled off inAugust during the homecoming celebration. Raffle tickets may be purchased from any Senior Citizen member, 1 for \$1 or 6-\$5. When completed the quilt will be on display at various businesses in Quitaque.

The best way I know to win an argument is to start by being in

-Lord Halisham

Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Cap Rock or the Cooperative) has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) seeking approval to implement minor rate changes to residential and business Monthly Local Exchange Access Line Service, Pay Telephone Access Service, Rotary Service, and PBX Trunk Service. In addition, Cap Rock proposes to bundle its residence and business Monthly Local Exchange Access Line Service rates and Tone Dialing charges. Residential customers who presently do not have Tone Dialing Service and who currently pay \$7.10 in Dickens, Matador, Quitaque, Roaring Springs, and Turkey Exchanges will pay \$7.80 until the customer(s) move or change service. Cap Rock also proposes to remove Outside Base Rate Area charges and Key System Service from its tariff. Current Key System Service customers will be moved to Rotary Service ince these two services are technologically similar, and those Key System Service customers who are moving to Rotary Service will see a rate decrease. The proposed effective date for the proposed rate changes is July 1, 2002 for all exchanges served by the Cooperative. The estimated annual revenue decrease recognized by the Cooperative is \$41,193 for the first year of service, which is 1% of the Cooperative's gross annual intrastate revenues. Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Cap Rock or the Cooperative) has filed a request with

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Walt Henson Receives Dan A. Oglesby, Jr Memorial Award

Hardin-Simmons University announces that Quitaque resident W alt Henson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henson, received the Dan A. Oglesby, Jr. Memorial Award on Monday, April 15, 2002 at HSU's Logsdon School of Theology Awards Ceremonies.

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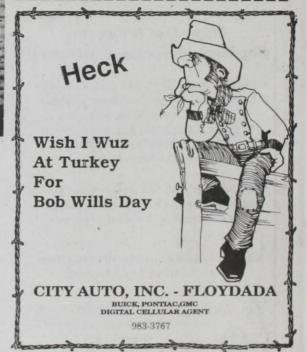
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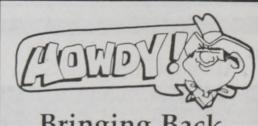
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Bob Wills Celebration



BOB WILLS KING OF WESTERN SWING

BY LAWANA CRUSE

Way down in Turkey, Texas, in the early part of spring, We have a special day to honor "King of Western Swing Bob Wills is who I'm speaking of, as everybody knows; He thrilled the world with his ah haa and his swinging do si dos.

Now one way that we might describe the term 'western swing Is a jazzy sentimental song that makes the rafters ring. From cotton fields and barber shops and old-time radio, Bob created that special sound that everyone loves so.

Bob's songs could either bring a tear or make you tap your toes, From "White Cross on Okinawa" to the San Antonio Rose". His band was just the greatest you could ever hope to hear; They played with all their heart and soul: Their love for it was clear.

From lean years to the very top, some years were pretty rough; But that great sound lives on and on: folks just can't get enough So come enjoy the arts and crafts, old friends and western swing, For here in Turkey, Texas, Bob Wills is still the King



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Historical Marker To Be Dedicated To Bob Wills 'The King Of Western Swing'

Turkey is just about ready with final plans for "Bob Will Day"
The Cimarron Valley Historical Society, in conjunction with the Bob Wills Foundation, Inc., announces the dedication of a historical marker in honor of Bob Wills and The House Where Western Swing Music was born, in Turkey on Saturday, April 29, at 1:00

As part of the dedication ceremony- which will take place at the football field in Turkey, there will be a group of musicians, many of them Texas Playboys from the days of yore, led by Johnny Lee Wills and including (among others) Luther J Wills, Billy Jack Wills, Leon McAuliffe, Al Stricklin, Noel Boggs, Wayne Johnson, Sonny Dacus, Famous Amos, Vocalist Fred Gammell and others. Music in the Wills manner will be presented for about an hour and a half. Bob Wills, although in ill health, will be present.

The historical marker will be dedicated at the football field in Turkey and then after the music the marker will be placed some 14 miles northeast of Turkey on farm-to-market road 657, one mile west of the John Wills home down between the Red Rivers, in an area called the Oxbow Crossing. This was the home of Jim Bob Wills, great composer, band leader and fiddle player

The exact inscription of the marker will read: 'Down Between The Rivers' "At a point one mile east of here stood the John Wills Home. This was the home of Bob Wills, the great composer, bandleader and fiddle player. Here too lived Johnny Lee Wills, Luther J. and Billy Jack Wills all famous in the music world. It was here that one of the world's original art forms - Western Swing - was born.

Bob Wills plans to attend the ceremony and has made all plans essential to his trip from Fort Worth to Turkey

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BOB'S FIDDLE

By Lawana CruseI saw the fiddle lying there so silent and so still And the card that pointed out. "This belonged to Bob Wills." Then I felt such a sadness, and a tear came to my eye. With Bob no longer with us, would his music have to die?

This music that the whole world loves is such a special thing. It sets your heart to singing; we call it Western Swing. His fiddle is now silent, and Bob has gone away. But in my heart I know that Western Swing is here to stay.

Last night I had a dream like I have never had before. I had a chance to get a glance inside of heaven's door The angles were all singing, and the music sounded grand The golden harps and trumpets made you want to clap your hands.

Then all of a sudden, I heard a familiar tone: a fiddle playing, an "ahh haa" and "Take it away, Leon". Next morning when I woke feeling happy as could be, I knew that Western Swing would live throughout eternity.

Bob plays a golden fiddle now up there in heaven's band. He's got them all a swinging, tapping toes and clapping hands.

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Hubbin' It: The Life Of Bob Wills

by Ruth Sheldon PRELUDE written in 1938

The frightened mules bolted ound the corner. The hub of the wagon wheel struck a huge rock and the buckboard careened madly back and forth. The frantic driver, slip ping precariousoly from side to side bellowed...He and the wagon were "Hubbin' It."
The life of Bob Wills has been like

that...Meeting adversity at every

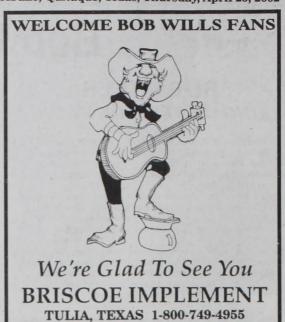
Always he has been forced to do things the hard way. He came from a way of life that was like quicksand, trecherously and unrelent-ingly trying to suck him down into its oblivion. His struggle for freedom has led him to do and be many things—cotton picker, preacher, hobo, carpenter, roughneck, sur-veyor, shoe shiner, insurance man,

As unthinkingly as a man carries his nose on his face, he carried his fiddle in his hand through all his trials, never-dreaming that one day it would be the instrument by which he could fulfill himself.

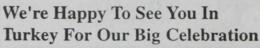
Bob Wills is not a great man, but he has accomplished a great thing. In a world where too much acreage

is ploughed by shells rather than mules; where empty bellies, twisted minds, oppressed souls, enslaved bodies make the nightmares of sleep indistinguishable from the night-mares of wakeful living; where all things exist, happiness is as elusive as an echo. Those who can make others joyous and carefree for even great a service to mankind as the scientists of many professions who fight to rid the world of disease ignorance, crazy economic structures, and war. Bob Wills brings gaiety and forgetfulness to thousands of men and women with his music. There are many entertainers who have accomplished this, but few of them have the strong bond between themselves and their pub lic that Bob has with his. Bob is still the cotton picker from Texas whose grammar was learned in the fields, although he has become the great-est entertainer in the entire southwest. He plays for the great mass of farmers and hard laboring men and women from whose ranks he came. Because they know all this about him, he is greater to them than any entertainer in the world

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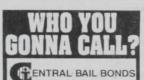
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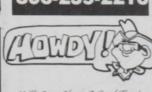
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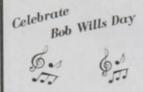
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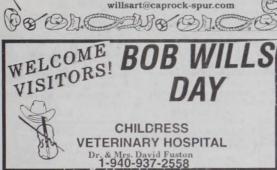
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The Early Years

Born March 6, 1905 in Limestone County Texas, Jim Bob Wills was the oldest of ten children born to Emmaline Foley Wills and John Tompkins Wills. Bob was named for his great uncle James Robert Wills. He was the third generation of his family to be born in Texas. Both of Jim Bob's grandfathers were fiddle players. His father, nine uncles and four aunts also played the fiddle.

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Dr. Saladin H. Wills, Bob's great grandfather came to East Exas in 1845 along with three brothers. They were of English and Irish ancestry The Wills family moved to Hall County in 1913. Bob was eight years old. The trip was 500 miles. On the way to Hall County they pulled cotton all the way from Limestone County. This was the beginning of the Negro influence on his music, the rhythm that he used later in life to play with more feeling than formal training.

During the winter of 1913 and 1914 the Wills family lived in a dugout. But in the spring of 1914, a farm was rented from the Ogden Ranch. The house even had a phone. Bob attended Newlin School that year. After renting another farm in 1915 the children went to Friendship School Bob's family wanted him to grow up and cherish music but never did they intend for him to grow up and become a professional musician.

Ranch dances that the Wills family played for were a great influence on Bob's music. This was the main social life of people living on ranches at this time. Bob played the mandolin and backup guitar for his dad. The first time Bob played in public was in 1915. At 15 years old he played the 6 tunes he knew over and over at a ranch dance until 2 a.m. because his father failed to show up on time for the dance. He continued to play for dances until 1969.

The family then bought a farm between the Big Red River and the Little Red River which was about midway between Turkey and Lakeview near the Oxbow Crossing. About 1922 they built a three bedroom home here and painted it bright yellow. The first night in the new house a group of riders came by and asked the family to play. One of these was I. D. House of Turkey who later married Eloise Wills.

The Middle Years

One of his first jobs in the early '20's was as a construction worker inAmarillo. While in Amarillo he made his radio debut at two early radio stations, KGRS and WDAG. In 1925 Bob returned to the farm once again and began playing for local dances but was soon roaming again. Bob began selling insurance in 1927. He also entered barber college inAmarillo in 1927 and took music lessons in his spare time.

The end of 1927 saw Bob barbering for the natives of Roy New Mexico. While there he organized a band made up of Mexicans. Bob often played the drums with this band. This is where he began to play with the Spanish beat to his fiddle music. He not only had the southwest beat to his music but the Negro spiritual and Texas ranchdance music also influenced the beat and rhythm of his music.

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While in Roy, New Mexico Bob composed the "Spanish Two-Step" which he rearranged in 1930 to make the hit song "San Antonio Rose". Early in the spring of the following year he and his wife returned to Turkey. He began to earn \$35 to \$40 per week. The problem was that Saturday was his busiest day and therefore he was not able to play for the dances that he loved.

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Jim Bob took the fourth chair at Ham's barber shop. He lived at Thrkey over a year this time in a little rented two room house. He and his wife, Edna liked living in Thrkey and called it his hometown. On January 15, 1929, his daughter Robbie Jo was born in Thrkey. By this time he was one of the best known fiddlers in West Texas. Only his father, John Wills was better known. The first time he rented a garage in Turkey and had his own dance, his part of the take was \$190.00, more money than he had ever had in his life at once.

In 1929, Bob left Turkey for good. Bob was considered an impetuous and impulsive person who failed to consider how his decisions and actions would affect there people, often bringing misery and unhappiness to himself and often to those closest to him. In Fort Worth he got a job with a medicine show. He hocked his barber tools and paid \$3 down on a fiddle. He got a band together and showed up at WPAB Radio Station where he had talked to the manager the day before. He and his band began to play a 15 minute show that day for "nothing". Bob and his band worked at the flour mill 10 hours a day and played at 7 a.m. in the morning for \$7.50 per day

He fiddled in a band with. Lee O'Daniel. In 1929 W Lee (Pappy) O'Daniel was the announcer for the Light Crust Dough Boys. He, O'Daniell, was to become Governor of Exas in 1938. From Fort Worth Bob traveled to Waco to try his luck. Problems followed him to Waco and he decided to try out Oklahoma City. He finally arrived in Tulsa in 1934 and remained there to play his special type of music until 1942 on KVOO.

Later Years

Bob made his first recording in 1935. In 1940 he recorded "SanAntonio Rose" which brought him national fame. His first movie was also made in 1940. This was the year that he switched from the string band style music to the big band style. A lunch honoring Bob was held in Tulsa on February 14, 1941 by the Chamber of Commerce, one of many such honors during his lifetime. "Take Me Back to Oklahoma" film was made in 1940 with Ex Ritter. He appeared in 26 movies

"Take Me Back to Oklahoma" film was made in 1940 with Tex Ritter. He appeared in 26 movies over the years. Jim Bob Wills joined the army in 1942 to serve his country during World War II. During his lifetime he composed 500 songs. "Bob was a creator of Western Swing in the southwest and on the west coast, a founding father of country western music in Nashville, a transitional figure in rock and roll, an idol of musicians in Bakersfield and now an influence on country rock inAustin," Stated Charles R. Townsend, author of "San Antonio Rose, The Life and Music of Bob Will and Texas Playboys". Al Strickland pianist said "Bob was a musical rebel. You didn't build a fence around his music. It was an uninhibited as he was."

The Last Years

In 1968, he was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame. Bob was described by the late Ex Ritter as "The man who originated the Nashville Music". The Exas Legislature and the Texas Governor honored Bob Wills for his contribution to American Music in 1969. This was the day before Bob suffered the first of several strokes and was partially paralyzed. In 2000 Bob Wils was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame for his influences on early Rock and Roll music.

On November 10, 1973 Bob received the American Society of Composers, authors and publishers award. Bob purchased his first fiddle for \$1.50. Later in life he paid \$12,000 for a fiddle. At one time in Hollywood more than 8,000 people showed up to dance to the fiddle music of Bob Wils at the Venice Pier Ballroom. This is quite a contrast to his beginning tours for dances in a seven passenger Lincoln limousine with two jump seats. Bob's trademark was the white Stetson hat, a cigar and a fiddle.

In 1972, Turkey, Texas had their first Bob Wills Celebration. Since beginning they have erected a eight foot tall red granite monument. The base of the monument is etched with figures of Bob, fiddle, cigar, war record, movie career and a list of his musical hits. The monument is topped with a massive aluminum shaft with a five foot double sided fiddle. The Foundation has also purchased the old school building, turning part of it into a museum of Bob Wills memorabilia. His widow, Bette Wills Sheets supplied the majority of the articles.

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Bob was quoted as saying "If I was born with a silver spoon in my mouth, it was the encouragement of my kinfolks. They used to come get me to stay with them for two or three days when I was little. Every place I'd go there'd be a fiddle."

He really wanted to be a fiddler as he grew up but it was rather embarrassing to him to explain to the fellows on the farm why he wore gloves when he was working. "I wanted to save my hands for

fiddling," Bob said, "So I just had to take up barbering so I could save them."

Jim Bob Wills, King of Western Swing died in May of 1975. There is a fiddle and a bow engraved on his headstone with the epitaph "Within My Heart Lies a Melody." In 1986 at the outdoor concert Leon McAuliffe began the afternoon concert with these words. "We've had by-passes, hearing aids, new teeth, dyed hair, and laser eye operations but bob wrote a song about us--Time Changes Everything--then the band began the swing concert.

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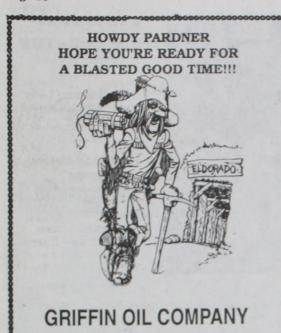
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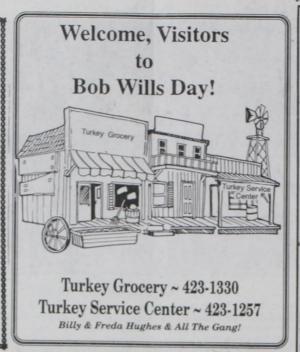
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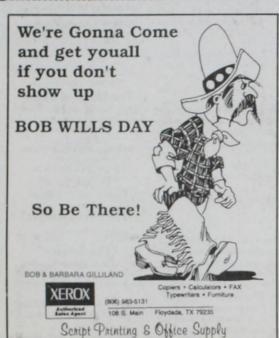
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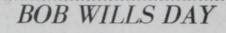












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(Courtesy of Plainview Herald) Bob Wills was an industrious hard

although he did.

lots of folks say He'd "pick" uh half uh bale of coton any old day

Dang, he looked like a burn, but I'll take that back. They offered him a radio program

at five bucks a week At least he could eat and not sleep

n the street.
The "Fiddle Band" of three with a

ound not hear before Opened up with, Who broke the Lock on the Hen House Door?

Then they went into a numbe called Four or Five Times

This good buddy will ring your

Bob's start wasn't easy, that old

Work was scarce nobody could

He barbered in New Mexico and

practiced a little

He wrote, The Spanish Two Step and played his fiddle.

Bob had charisma and a great love for his fellow man

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enty years But his western swing music still brings tears.
His influence on Western Swing-

Antonio Rose Bob Wills has been gone about

Those lyrics kept coming, the kind

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Then came songs like Ida Red and

Little Liza Jane.
That's enough to drive "legit" mu-

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cians insane. I shall never forget that beautiful,

When old Bob turns out My Life's

This poem could run at least forty

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Take Me Back to Tulsa, my what

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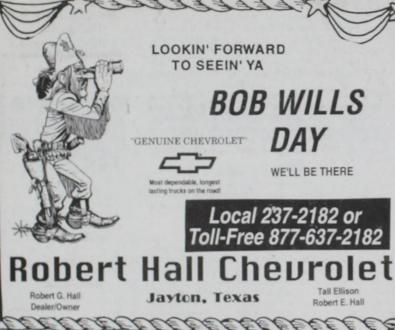
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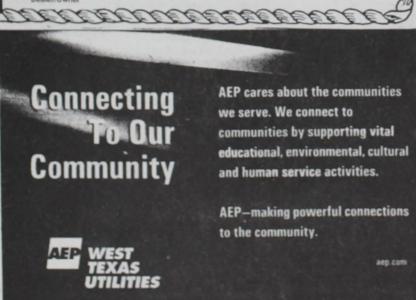
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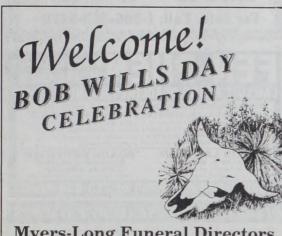




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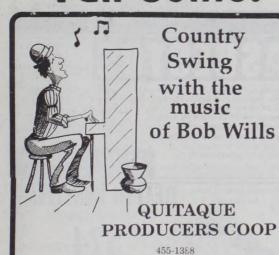


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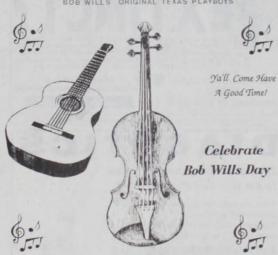


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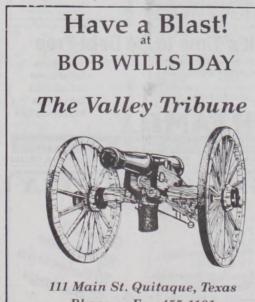
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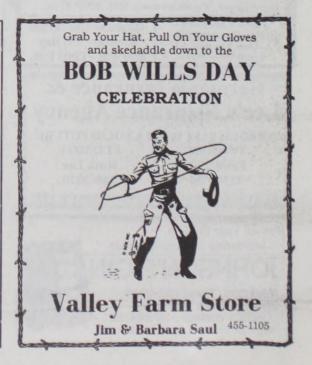
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