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## Patriots Keep Rolling

The Valley Patriots used 241 rushing yards from Fidel Valdes, three interceptions from Cody Barrett, and 20 tackles from Charlie Walden to claim a 40-14 win over the Ira Bulldogs and secure a spot in the State SemiFinals. The Patriots will play the Highland Hornets Friday night, with the winner advancing to the State Championship game.

"Charlie and Fidel have been big all year," Coach Bret Tyler said. "But they have really picked it up in the playoffs. The teams keep getting tougher and Fidel keeps running harder and Charlie keeps dominating on defense. I'm glad they play for our side."

While the Patriots have made a living on the ground this season, they got the first touchdown of the night through the air as Cody Barrett hit Zack Ramsey on a screen pass. Ramsey received two beautiful blocks from Ruben Ramos and Randy Farley and then raced 52 yards for the score. Daniel Alanis hit the first of five extra point kicks to give Valley the 8-0 lead.

The Patriots held the Bulldogs out of the endzone after Ira had first and goal inside the ten, which led to a one play scoring drive when Valdes took the handoff and raced 72 yards for the score. With a 16-0 lead Patriots had all the points they'd need to win the game.

After an Ira touchdown, Alex Espinoza was able to score from 12 yards out to make the score 24-8 at the half. Twin brother, Albert started the fourth quarter scoring with a four yard touchdown run running the lead to 24.

Ira scored on a long touchdown pass to cut the lead to 32-14, but Valdes answered 13 seconds later with a 49 yard touchdown run, making the final score 40-14.

The Patriots racked up 450 yards of offense including Valdes' 241 rushing yards, Cody Barrett's 107 passing yards, 90 receiving yards from Zack Ramsey, and 63 rushing yards from Alex Espinoza.

"We moved the ball well, mostly because Fidel ran so well and Cody threw the ball well," Tyler said. "Cody did a good job of finding receivers, eluding pressure, and blocking."

Defensively the Patriots gave up 302 yards of offense to the Bulldogs but were able to make several crucial goalline stands to hold the bulldogs out of the endzone. The Patriots also were able to create five turnovers: the three Barret interceptions, and two fumble recoveries by Bryant Ortiz.

"Bryant played well," Tyler said. "Alex turned his ankle and Bryant was able to step in and make big plays. Fidel also had an outstanding defensive game and it was Cody's best defensive game of the year."

Valdes tallied 14 tackles while Ortiz and Barrett each pitched in with eight tackles. Albert Espinoza did another good job blocking and tallied seven tackles.

Valley's playoff ride now goes to Slaton where the Patriots will play the #7 Highland Hornets. Highland has beaten Water Valley 90-40, Sanderson 52-28, and Chillicothe 60-15 to earn their spot in the final four.

"They are an excellent team," Tyler said. "They have probably the fastest running back in sixman football and they utilize him well. We are going to have to continue to play well if we want to continue to play."

## Christmas On The Ozark Trail

By Patsy Hooten

Visitors are encouraged to enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas on the Ozark Trail. Pack up the family, meander through our local communities and experience old-fashioned holiday cheer. The holiday season will be celebrated by towns along the historic route during the first three weekends in December. Each town along the trail has its own way of celebrating the holiday season, from Santa and lighted parades to living Nativity scenes and historic reenactments. It's all very family friendly.

### There's A Lot Of Holiday Spirit In Estelline

Get the Holiday Spirit in Estelline. Estelline residents held a large fundraiser in order to light their town as a part of "Christmas on the Ozark Trail". Everyone is invited to come

visit and enjoy the fantastic Lighted Trail Tour they have planned for visitors. Happy Holidays from the merchants and residents of Estelline.

### Take A Walk To Bethel In Silvertown

Come travel the Ozark Trail in Silvertown and be a part of a two block walk/hayride, as you experience the town's interactive drama, "A Walk to Bethel". Experience the real Christmas story Sunday, December 12 between 5:30 to 9 p.m. A new tour will begin every 30 minutes. You will travel from set to set with a blacksmith's family who encounter Hebrew zealots and Roman soldiers along with the traditional characters of Christ's birth. The walk begins at City Bank conference room, one block south of the caution light, enter on the east side of the bank. As you walk, you may sip coffee or hot chocolate, hear Christmas music and visit with the locals. The trip ends at the First United Methodist Church. If you are in need of special assistance please inform a hostess at the bank.



### Go Back To A 1940's Christmas In Tulia

Come to Tulia and experience "A 1940's Christmas" from 6 p.m. till 9 p.m. December 4th and 11th. See the Parade of Lights and the decorated downtown area as Santa Claus flips the switch to start the festivities December 4th. Spend an evening with Santa Claus and have a stew and cornbread dinner, along with games for children and adults, along with a hayride, weather permitting. Walk around town and view the many live scenes depicting a Christmas from the 1940's and see the wonderful Living Nativity on the courthouse square. On December 11 join the RATs and friends (Royal Actors Troupe) for An Evening of Christmas Music at the historic Royal Theater. Again the live scenes will be in storefront windows and the wonderful Living Nativity on the square. Come share the experience - Christmas on The Ozark Trail.



## Come To Caprock Country Christmas

Caprock Country Christmas will feature arts/crafts vendors who will be set up from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in both the Quitaque Catholic Center and the Community Center. The Catholic Center will be serving mexican food all day, take out will be available. At 4 p.m., the Ozark Trail of Lights begins - drive through Quitaque and see the live scenes at Caprock Hardward and at the lot by Allsups, both on Main Street. There will be a chuck wagon serving hot chocolate at the Post Office area. Country singers by the chuck wagon and carolers strolling through town, what more could a person ask?

Come on out! It's your Caprock Country Christmas, enjoy it!

### Calling All Kids!

Calling all kids, Caprock Country Christmas is for you! All children who are, pre-K -1st grade or 2-3 grade students are encouraged to draw a picture about "What Christmas Means To Me". Children in the 4-5 grades are asked to write an essay about "What Christmas Means To Me". All entries must be turned to Mrs. Lemons at Valley School, dropped by Caprock Library, or turned into the Senior Citizens Center before noon on December 4. Judging will be done at 3 p.m. and prizes will be awarded at 4 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

### Like to Bake/Make Cookies Cake or Candy?

Our judges are waiting to taste your specialty in three categories: Best Christmas Cookie, Best Christmas Cake or Best Christmas Candy. Win "dollars" to spend at your favorite local business.

All entries, 1/2 dozen cookies or candy or 3-4 slices of cake, must be turned in by 12 noon at the Senior Citizens Center on December 4. Judging will be at 3 p.m. and prizes awarded at 4 p.m. You don't have to be present to receive your award.

### Enjoy A Caprock Country Christmas In Quitaque

Spend a "Caprock Country Christmas in Quitaque" December 4. Businesses will be open all day and giving out chances for prizes and coupons with the purchase of merchandise. Arts and crafts booths will be open beginning at 9 a.m. and will be set up in the Community Center and in the Catholic Center. Kids may have their pictures taken with Santa from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center and will also receive bags of candy and fruit. Kids may also want to enter the fun drawing or essay contests. Moms and Dads get a free continental breakfast from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center while the kids visit with Santa. This is also where they can enter their favorite candy or cake in the holiday baking contest. Be sure to see the live Christmas presentations that evening from 6-9 p.m. and enjoy the chuck wagon serving hot chocolate that evening during Christmas on the Ozark Trail. Come celebrate with Quitaque and it's citizens.



### Let's Have A Cowboy Christmas In Turkey

Ya'll come to "a Cowboy Christmas" in Turkey December 11. The Gem Theatre will host a Christmas Caroling at 7 p.m. with a cast of young performers directed by Stewart and Vivian Smith. John and Maybelle Frances of Silvertown, known as "Mom & Pop" will also be on the program. Refreshments will be served. Businesses will be open and having sales. Come be a part of the festivities.



### Celebrate A Victorian Christmas In Memphis

Hear ye, hear ye. Come one and all to "A Victorian Christmas Festival" in Memphis from 10 a.m. till noon on December 18. Come enjoy carolers, carriage rides, live scenes on the square by Memphis Little Theatre and have warm refreshments. There will be exceptional Christmas sales, all in a colorful Victorian atmosphere. Visit our merchants and see the decorated Christmas trees while shopping for that special someone on your list. Learn about the Old Ozark Trail while sipping warm spiced punch and munching on Christmas cookies in the Bronze Room. The Victorian Christmas Festival is brought to you by the Memphis Historical Society. Se you there and have a Merry Christmas.

Load up the family and friends and come enjoy a real treat as you experience the wonders of "Christmas on the Ozark Trail".



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### Lighting Contest Judging Postponed Until December 9

Due to recent cold/rainy weather, the Quitaque Chamber of Commerce has postponed the judging of the residence/business lighting contest until Thursday evening of the 9th. Everyone has worked hard to get their lights up; but, there are still a few who haven't finished. The town looks great. The winners will be announced in the Valley Tribune the following week, December 16.

## Tri-County Meals

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<b>Monday, December 6</b> Roast Beef & Gravy Creamed Potatoes French Style Green Beans Stewed Apricots Rolls	<b>Wednesday, December 8</b> BBQ on Bun Coleslaw Ranch Style Beans Jello Salad	<b>Friday, December 10</b> Chicken Strips & Gravy Green Pea Salad Corn Pudding Colls
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**Menu Subject To Change**

This Week's Menu Sponsored By:  
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### Gem Theatre Christmas Concert Saturday, December 11

**By Marie Cruse**  
The Turkey Heritage Foundation presents the Christmas Show at the Gem Theatre on December 11, 2004 at 7:00 PM. Come on out and enjoy an evening of fun on the Ozark Trail of Christmas lights. There is no charge but donations will be appreciated.  
To help us get into the Christmas spirit, John and Maebelle Francis will have the first spot on the program. Then we will get to hear the special talents of the Morrison Sisters, Julia, Rachel, Laura, and Erika. I hear they are outstanding. Gary and Ann Moore from Vigo Park will then entertain as with some of their favorites. We may have some surprise entertainers and end up with everyone singing some Christmas carols.  
We will have a "goodie" table for everyone to munch on during the break, so bring a friend and come on out.  
Turkey will also be featured on the Ozark Trail of Christmas lights Saturday, December 11th. The stores downtown will be open late with sales for your early Christmas shopping. There will be candy for the children and Santa will be at the Gem Theatre. Come on out and enjoy the lights, shopping, and Christmas program at the Gem Theatre.

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Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

### Quitaque Catholic Center

Arts/ Crafts Show  
Mexican Food

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Part Of  
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Christmas

Your invited to a  
Christmas Open House  
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on  
Saturday, December 4, 2004  
from  
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Door Prizes & Refreshments  
Please Come & Join the Fun!



- December 2**
- \* Highway 70 Association meeting @ 7 p.m. in the Roaring Springs Community Center
  - \* Caprock Canyons State Park closed today for a Public Hunt
  - \* Patriot Girls Varsity Basketball @ Floydada Tournament, there
  - \* Patriot JV Girls & Boys Basketball @ Clarendon JV Tournament, there
- December 3**
- \* Valley Pep Rally @ 2:30 p.m.
  - \* Patriot Tailgate Party in the Slaton stadium Parking Lot @ 5 p.m.
  - \* Valley vs Highland for State Semi-Final Playoff in Slaton @ 7:30 p.m.
  - \* Caprock Canyons State Park closed today for a Public Hunt
  - \* Quitaque Senior Citizens meeting @ 5 p.m.
- December 4**
- \* Santa will arrive at 9 a.m. in downtown Quitaque to visit with all the good girls & boys!
  - \* Caprock Country Christmas all day in Quitaque - Arts/Crafts/ Food/Shopping/Santa
  - \* Caprock Canyons State Park Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration @ 10 a.m. For reservations call 455-1492
  - \* Turkey Jamboree @ 7 p.m. at the Bob Wills Center Gym
  - \* Silvertown's Clothes Closet open today
- December 6**
- \* Quitaque Lions Club meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
  - \* Patriot JH Girls & Boys Basketball vs Nazareth, here @ 5 p.m.
- December 7**
- \* Quitaque Masonic Lodge meeting @ 7 p.m.
  - \* Quitaque Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 6:15 p.m.
  - \* Turkey Fire Department meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
  - \* Do Gooders Club Christmas Party
  - \* Silvertown Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 7 p.m./Pioneer Room
  - \* Patriot Varsity & JV Girls & Boys Basketball vs Ralls, here @ 4 p.m.
- December 8**
- \* Chanukah
  - \* Quitaque EMT meeting
- December 9**
- \* Turkey City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.
  - \* Patriot Varsity Girls & Boys Basketball @ Spur Tournament, there

**VALLEY WEATHER**

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NOV 27	75	38	.....
NOV 28	56	37	.....
NOV 29	59	34	.....
NOV 30	37	21	.....
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- December 2**
- Earl Patrick, Alana Powell, Bob McWilliams
- December 3**
- Ryleigh Jo Carson, Ida Farley, Sydnee Meyer, Jr. (Bubba) Cruz, Mary Woods
- December 4**
- Todd Washington, Bryant Ortis, Desiree Casillas, Kylor Morgan, Shelly Abram, William Wade Farley, Izell Proctor
- December 5**
- Maison Fuston, Lori Kleibrink, Linda Adamson, Anita Ramsey, Gene Fuston, Barbara Balvan, Giselle Silva
- December 6**
- Julia Morrison, Randy Purcell, Kacy Stevens
- December 7**
- Caitlyn Brown, Shelby Saul, Ballard, Saul, Shae Lee Thacker
- December 8**
- Jordan Billegas
- December 9**
- Sandi Fuston, Keelie Lane, Stanley Price

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- December 3**
- Mr & Mrs Daniel Ortiz
- December 4**
- Mr & Mrs Gerald Carnes  
Mr & Mrs Wes Shivers
- December 6**
- Mr & Mrs H.W. House  
Mr & Mrs Chris Abram
- December 7**
- Mr & Mrs Burl Pierce
- December 8**
- Mr & Mrs Jon Earl Pigg

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Community Center & Catholic Center  
~ Picture's with Santa ~  
9:00 a.m. - Senior Citizens Center  
Free bags of candy & fruit for all the kids  
~ Free Contentental Breakfast ~  
9:00-10:30 a.m. - Senior Citizens Center  
Enter the Cake & Candy Contest  
~ Live Christmas Presentations ~  
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~ Christmas Lights Decoration Contest ~

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in hell."  
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The Do Gooders Club of  
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Barbara and M.C. Jones  
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day were Gwen and Tim Man  
Mrs. Leona Degan was a g  
Morris and Lou Degan of Me  
Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Jones  
Wayne T. Cudd, 86, Sunday  
odist Church in Wellington.  
Recent guests of Mr. and  
children, Michael Tiffin, Clint  
Tiffin visited Thanksgiving  
and family.  
Guests of Mr. and Mrs. W  
family, Marilee and Fred Co  
guests were Mr. and Mrs. J.  
Lockney and Mary Ellen "Du  
Mr. and Mrs. Will Sperr  
Thanksgiving day in Lubbo  
Pool. They attended the Valle  
Friday night with Valley adv  
14 score.

Pepper Jones of Austin is  
Barbara. He is attending to  
enjoying the hunting season.  
Visiting during the holiday  
children, Leah Cruse of Lubbo  
Texas A&M University in Cany  
Charla and Bennie Marricle  
and Kaycee Marricle of Lubbo  
Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flo  
and Mark and Kathleen Waso  
Thanksgiving day guests  
Brenda Lee of Clarendon, Rob  
Wesley of Amarillo; Roger an  
Kacee and Mich Lee and Tho  
Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton  
dor of niece and family, Judy  
Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey.  
Mr. and Mrs. James Gwin  
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and Mrs. Bob Fullingim of Har  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raetz of Mat  
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Donnie Cruse and Talon was e  
Clarendon, Chad and Regi  
Goldthwaite, Brand and Jodi  
and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of F  
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and Reagan of Floydada.  
Mrs. Lee J. (Brenda) Brown  
sica visited Thanksgiving day  
Browning and Mrs. Dona Bro  
visited Sunday in Childress wi  
Mr. and Mrs. James Gwin  
Valley teammates football g  
ley won 40-14 and will compet  
finals in Slaton.  
Thanksgiving day guests of  
and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colto  
Conway Clary, Mickey, Caleb  
Tim Washington of Roaring Sp  
Cary Franks of Flomot.  
Visiting during the Thanks  
Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were Mark C  
Kelsey, Tanner and Sarah of  
Walker, Parker and Ryleigh of  
Caden and Jaxon of Flomot.  
Guests of Mr. and Mrs. How  
giving day were Richard Rogg  
Lubbock and grandchildren  
Dercherhouse of San Angelo;  
Dane Degan, Kasen and Kyler  
Thanksgiving holiday gues  
Mrs. Keri Sehon and Son, Bri  
of Flomot and their housegus  
and Mrs. L.E. Shorter and Mrs.  
Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse visit  
day with her mother, Mrs. Don  
Saturday with Mrs. Browning's  
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# THE PATRIOT

Valley School News

## School Lunch Menu

Menu Subject To Change Monday, December 6

**Breakfast:** Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, OJ/Milk  
**Lunch:** Pizza, Salad, Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Milk

**Tuesday, December 7**

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk

**Lunch:** BBQ Chickney, Corn, Potatoe Salad, Biscuits, Honey, Milk

**Wednesday, December 8**

**Breakfast:** Biscuits, Jelly, Sausage, OJ/Milk

**Lunch:** Meat & Cheese Nachos, Salad, Apples, Milk

**Thursday, December 9**

**Breakfast:** Breakfast-on-a-Stick, Syrup, OJ/Milk

**Lunch:** Pork Chops, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

**Friday, December 10**

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk

**Lunch:** Chili Cheese Dogs, Koshier Dills, Pears, Milk

*"The Patriots Rule In Six Man Football!"*

THE LUNCHROOM LADIES

### ATTENTION ALL PATRIOT FANS!

We are asking all Patriot Fans, Valley Students and Faculty to wear Santa Hats to School on Friday and to the ballgame!

- \*\*\* 2:30 p.m. Pep Rally in Cafeteria
- \*\*\* 5:30 p.m. Tailgate Party—Beef Fajitas
- \*\*\* 7:30 p.m. Valley vs Highland Semifinal Game in Slaton!!

Remember to wear your **SANTA HATS** to the ballgame!



**Big Hit Award Charlie Walden**

**Big Hit Award Albert Espinoza**



**Big Hit Award Fidel Valdez**



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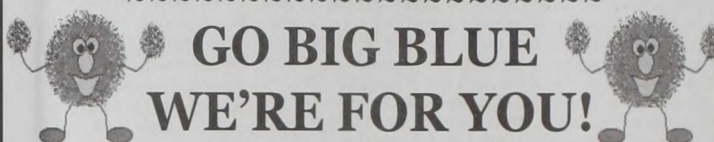
## 6-Man Football State Semi-Finals Valley vs Highland

at the **Slaton Football Stadium**  
**7:30 P.M. Friday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Valley Patriot Booster Club Tailgate Party - 5:00 P.M.**  
**Slaton Home Side Parking Lot**  
**"Fajitas will be served!"**

**All Patriot Fans are Invited to Attend. Donations are Needed & Accepted! Proceeds go to the Valley Booster Club.**

Joe Davis of KLSR-FM will announce the game Live on 105.3 from the Slaton Stadium beginning at 7:30 P.M.



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**SUNDAY**

Church School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:50a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

### DISPLAY YOUR LOVE ALONG WITH THE HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

The stores will tell you that the holiday season is now upon us, for the shelves are already sparkling with tinsel, ornaments and other symbols of the upcoming festivities. All of this is supposed to put you in an early holiday mood, but if it doesn't, you should examine your own feelings to find out why. There must be something wrong that will take more than all the glittering decorations or lighted candles to dispel. Perhaps you have developed an attitude of impatience or discourtesy toward the world, which is aggravated by traffic jams, crowded stores, etc. No matter how busy you are, spend some time at your House of Worship, where you will learn to replace these negative traits with love. Be kind even to strangers, and you will be surprised at how much brighter your home — and your life — will seem, even before you put up the first holiday decoration.



**IGLESIA BAUTISTA La TRINIDAD CHURCH**  
Quitaque, Texas  
Pastor: Salvador Bernal  
**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Flomot, Texas  
Pastor: Nathan Mulden  
**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training...5:00 p.m.  
Worship.....6:30 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Prayer Meeting.....7:30 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Turkey, Texas  
Pastor: Samuel Holloway,  
Plainview, Texas  
Pastoral Days:1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
**MONDAY**  
Mission.....4:00 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Prayer Meeting.....8:00 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Flomot, Texas  
**SUNDAY**  
Worship.....10:30 a.m.

**GOSPEL LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH**  
Silverton, Texas  
Rev. Joyce Greer Cooper  
**SATURDAY**  
Worship.....10:00 a.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Quitaque, Texas  
Pastor: Jeff Addison  
**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30a.m.  
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Mission Program.....5:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting.....6:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Turkey, Texas  
Pastor: Melvin Clinton  
**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Singing.....5:00 p.m.  
Training Union.....6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
**MONDAY**  
Women's Missionary Society.....4:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Prayer Meeting.....8:00 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Turkey, Texas  
Minister : Stuart Smith  
**SUNDAY**  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Evening Service.....7:00 p.m.

**MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Quitaque, Texas  
Pastor: Willie J. Windom  
**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.

**FAIRMONT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Fairmont, Texas  
Pastor: Arnie Smith  
**SUNDAY**  
Worship.....11:00 a.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Quitaque, Texas  
Minister : Delos Johnson  
**SUNDAY**  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Turkey, Texas  
Pastor: Glenda Johnson  
**SUNDAY**  
Morning Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Church School.....10:30a.m.  
Evening Worship  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.....6:00 p.m.  
**MONDAY**  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
United Methodist Women.....4:00 p.m.



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By Bill Sperry

### I Learned About Flying From That

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Now most of these stories tell of someone getting in a bind and figuring a way out without killing himself. Obviously he didn't kill himself, as it's not usually his wife writing the story. I got to thinking that I could write one of those stories but mine would be a little different. Here's how one of mine would go: I was traveling way down in Mexico once and stopped at a watering hole down in Puerto Vallarta. I ran on to some more Norte Americanos and we were really enjoying one another's company and being a Texan I was enjoying more than most. The next thing I knew the biggest Latin fellow ever invented showed up and the best I could tell he thought maybe we were having too good a time. I suggested he join us but I guess my Spanish isn't up to snuff and the next thing I knew I was walking on my tippy-toes with my collar and the seat of my pants firmly grasped in that fellow's hands. Now for you that's been there, the street in front of Carlos O'Brien's is made of bricks and he physically threw me out there in that street. I'm sure there's an indentation in those bricks just my size. Being in a jocular mood I explained to that brown cloud that I wasn't coming back in there and that seemed to satisfy him. I learned about flying from that!

I hit a car in the rear bumper once with a motorcycle and hit the trunk, caromed off the trunk, bounced off the top, and stopped on the hood. That fellow gave me enough time to get off his car then drove on his merry way. I guess I was too big for a hood ornament and too small for a keeper for mounting. Anyway, I learned about flying from that also.

Besides using a plane, I've done some flying a la natural.



## Last Week In Texas History!

**Nov 25, 1937**  
 The last surviving Donley County veteran of the Civil War died in Clarendon. Charles Bradshaw Dickson, 93, was a private in the 13th Tennessee Cavalry.

**Nov 25, 1850**  
 Texas gave the United States 67 million acres of land in the current states of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas and Wyoming for \$10 million in bonds to be used to erase the debt caused by the Texas Revolution.

**Nov 25, 1684**  
 Explorer Rene Robert Cavalier, Sieur de La Salle's three ships leave Santo Domingo and sail toward the Mississippi River.

**Nov 26, 1908**  
 The Childress Masonic Temple cornerstone was placed.

**Nov 26, 1864**  
 The first Battle of Adobe Walls ended near present-day Borger when the Indians suddenly withdrew. It was one of the largest Indian battles on the Great Plains.

**Nov 26, 1868**  
 Maj. Joel Elliott was killed in the Battle of the Washita in Western Indian Territory. Fort Elliott in the Panhandle was named in his honor.

**Nov. 26, 1835**  
 James Bowie and 100 Texans intercepted a Mexican pack train on its way to San Antonio. They thought the pack train was carrying silver to pay the Mexican soldiers, but when the packs were ripped open Bowie discovered only grass and forage for the Mexicans horses and mules. As a result, the battle has become known as the "Grass Fight."

**Nov 27, 1528**  
 Cabeza de Vaca's shipwrecked group came ashore near Galveston Island.

**Nov 28, 1938**  
 Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys recorded "Spanish Two Step" which later became "The San Antonio Rose."

**Nov 29, 1936**  
 The Texas Centennial Exposition closed. It open in Dallas on June 6, 1936.

**Nov 30, 1869**  
 Rigged election were held in Texas. They were rigged so only "carpetbaggers" could win.

**Nov 30, 1837**  
 Erastus "Deaf" Smith died. He was the chief scout for Gen. Sam Houston during the "Battle of Runaway Scrape" and the "Battle of San Jacinto" in 1836. He was also an army scout during the battles of Conception and San Antonio in 1835. Deaf Smith County is named in his honor.

**Nov 30, 1544**  
 Fray Juan de Padilla was murdered by Indians at a site north of present-day Amarillo near the Canadian River. He was along with the Spanish Explorer Coronado and became the first Christian martyr in America.

**Dec 1, 1992**  
 420 residents of Quitaque became part of the first "wireless" telephone system in the United States.

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 Bids will be opened at the next City Council meeting on December 9.

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### Comic Strips

**By Clint Harmon**  
 I THINK THE LAST THURSDAY IN EVERY MONTH OUGHT TO BE THANKSGIVING DAY!  
 WHY? BECAUSE YOU ARE SO THANKFUL TO BE IN A LOVING HOME?  
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## Things That Make You Go Hmmm... By Laura Taylor

With Christmas just around the corner and a kazillion things still to do, I just wonder how Santa can do everything on HIS to-do list. Do you think he is a extradanory multi-tasker or, just maybe.....

### I Think Santa Claus Is A Woman

I hate to be the one to defy sacred myth, but I believe he's a she.

Think about it. Christmas is a big, organized, warm, fuzzy, nurturing social extravaganza, and I have a really hard time believing a guy could possibly pull it all off!

For starters, the vast majority of men don't even think about selecting gifts until Christmas Eve. It's as if they are all frozen in some kind of Ebenezerian Time Warp until 3 p.m. on Dec. 24th, when they - with amazing calm - call other procrastinating men and plan for a last-minute shopping spree.

Once at the mall, they always seem surprised to find only Ronco products, socket wrench sets and mood rings left on the shelves. (You might think this would send them into a fit of panic and guilt, but my husband tells me it's an enormous relief because it lessens the 11th-hour decision-making burden.) On this count alone, I'm convinced Santa is a woman.

Surely, if he were a man, everyone in the universe would wake up Christmas morning to find a rotating musical Chia Pet under the tree, still in the bag.

Another problem for a he-Santa would be getting there. First of all, there would be no reindeer because they would all be dead, gutted, and strapped on to the rear bumper of the sleigh, amid wide-eyed, desperate claims that buck season had been extended. Blitzen's rack would already be on the way to the taxidermist.

Even if the male Santa did have reindeer, he'd still have transportation problems because he would inevitably get lost in the snow and clouds, and then refuse to stop and ask for directions.

Add to this the fact that there would be unavoidable delays in the chimney, where the Bob Vila-like Santa would stop to inspect and repaint bricks in the flue. He would also need to check for carbon monoxide fumes in every gas fireplace, and get under every Christmas tree that is crooked to straighten it to a perfectly upright 90-degree angle.

Other reasons why Santa can't possibly be a man:

- Men can't pack a bag.
- Men would rather be dead than caught wearing red velvet.
- Men would feel their masculinity is threatened, having to be seen with all those elves.
- Men don't answer their mail.
- Men would refuse to allow their physique to be described, even in jest, as anything remotely resembling a "bowlful of jelly."
- Finally, being responsible for Christmas would require a commitment.

I can buy the fact that other mythical holiday characters are men. Father Time shows up once a year unshaven and looking ominous. Definite guy. Cupid flies around carrying weapons. Uncle Sam is a politician who likes to point fingers. Any one of these individuals could pass the testosterone screening test. But not St. Nick. Not a chance!

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## Bob Wills' Texas Playboys To Perform At 4th Annual 'Cowboy Christmas Ball'

Legendary Leon Rausch and Grammy Award winner Tommy Allsup, fiddler players Bob Boatright and Jimmy Young with Curly Hollingsworth at keyboard along with the other members of the Bob Wills' band will be in Crowell, Texas, on Saturday evening December 18, 2004 to play at Crowell's fourth annual "Cowboy Christmas Ball". The music and dancing will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Crowell Activity Center on Main Street in downtown Crowell. Period dress is suggested but not required.

Special guest performers to begin the evening's entertainment with fast moving, toe tapping, Cajun, and western music will include The Sidekicks featuring Wendell Sollis, Ginny Mac, George Uptmor, and Ronny Shultz, for the kick-off of this year's Christmas Ball at 8:00 p.m., join the special musical talented musicians playing bayou tunes.

Crowell is proud and honored by the presence of this group of musicians, and we hope that this year's Christmas Ball and our future Christmas Balls will carry the wonderful tradition of Western and Western Swing music well into the future.

You need to plan now as seating is limited, motel space is limited, there are full hook-up R.V. parking spaces available.

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The First United Methodist Church in Roaring Springs will hold their 3rd annual Christmas Luncheon on December 25 beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This tradition began three years ago with the idea that not everyone may be able to spend Christmas with their family, but still want to celebrate. This luncheon is for single folks, couples, single parents with children or just anyone who wants to come together in fellowship to celebrate the birth of Jesus and enjoy a traditional Christmas meal. For more information contact Alex Crowder at 806-348-7336. There is no charge for the meal.

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