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Punkin Days In Floydada This Saturday

This is time once again as the residents of Floydada celebrate "Punkin Days" this Saturday, October 13.



Angie Lipham, Punkin Day chairwoman, estimated that 5,000 to 7,000 people will descend upon the Floyd County Courthouse grounds Saturday for games, contests and other activities that emulate this orange gourd.

These activities include arts and crafts, a costume contest, pumpkin carving, races and a carnival.

"We hope those who come will have a good time and realize the pumpkin's significance," she said. Lipham said the pumpkin crop has been a major part of Floydada's economy for years.

Floydada is referred to as "The Pumpkin Capital, USA." Although only 800 acres of the crop is grown annually in Floyd County, about a million pumpkins are produced. The people of Floydada feel that is something to celebrate.



This wagon load of pumkins decorates the lawn of Don Stuckey in Roaring Springs

Runnig Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival Next Weekend

The 33rd Annual Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival sponsored by the Plainview Rotary Club will be held October 19, 20 and 21 at the Ollie Limer Center in Plainview, located on Business I-27 South. This year's show promises to be bigger and better than ever with new and exciting arts and crafts from exhibitors coming from a four state area. Many of these exhibitors have never shown their works in the Running Water Draw Arts & Craft Festival.

Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival will again host a silent auction with donations from exhibitors. At 4 p.m. On Sunday, October 21, the highest bidder on each item is allowed to purchase that item. This gives you a chance to get bargains as well as have fun outbidding the previous bidder! Proceeds from this silent auction help support community projects of the Plainview Rotary Club

Admission to the Festival is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. The doors open at 10 a.m. on Friday morning October 19 and runs Friday and Saturday 10-6. Sunday's hours are noon to 5 p.m.

Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival has been a favorite show for Plainview and area residents for 32 consecutive years. This year promises to be a bigger and better show filled with fun, excitement, and treasures to purchase for every occasion.

Texas Historical Commission's Preserve America Grant Workshop Coming To Crosbyton

The third round of Texas Historical Commission Preserve America workshops in the 2007 Texas Heritage Trails Program: Helping Communities Reach Their Tourism Potential is scheduled to come to Crosbyton Monday, Novmeber 5 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Crosby County Pioneer Memorial Museum at 101 W Main Street. The Exhibit Development and Design workshops will be conducted by the renowned design team of Dr. Anne Toxey and Patrick McMillan of Toxey/McMillan Design Associates.

Dr. Toxey is an exhibit designer, architectural designer, preservationist and researcher specializing in old world cultures. Patrick McMillan is an exhibit designer, art director, producer and filmmaker who melds his entertainment industry experience with the theatrical potential of the museum industry to provide entertaining and inventive exhibit design.



John Anthony Davis' car was found abandoned in rural Briscoe County last week

Abandoned Car In Briscoe County Leads To Search For Missing Man

An abandoned car in Briscoe County now has police asking for your help to find the driver who they say is missing.

Last week, the Briscoe County Sheriff's office found a Subaru Outback abandoned in a rural area of the county.

Police traced that car to 19-year-old John Anthony Davis from Duncanville, TX. He was last seen on September 24th in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Police say they have exhausted all leads and now need your help. So, if you recognize Davis, you're urged to call the Duncanville Police Department. That number is (972) 780-5037.

County Road 240 Band Wows Audience At Jamboree

By RJ Kalafus

This past Saturday the Fall season of the Turkey Jamboree kicked off to the largest crowd ever and all in attendance left well fed and well entertained. We had visitors from Dallas and Flowermound, Texas as well as a large contingent from Paducah and Quanah.

The evenings entertainment started out with the mother and daughter team of Jamie and Kelcie Timmons with back up by Joel Browlee and Michael Grace. Their set was well balanced with songs from Floyd Tilman's "Cold War With You", Faron Young's "Wine Me Up" and the Ray Price favorite "Pride" and concluded with a Cajun fiddle medley.

The next to appear were the County Road 240 Band, Brice and Travis Jones, Cade Piper and Chris Moreno, from Paducah. Their selections ranged through the whole music spectrum from traditional Country to Bluegrass to the modern Country sound they played and sang George Strait, Tom T. Hall, Reckless Kelly and Kenny Chesney, which were all well received by the audience.

Following and closing out the talent competition were the "Young At Heart Band" from the Amarillo area. The band consists of very talented seasoned citizens whose portion of the show was a blend of Country, Swing and Pop standards which was well enjoyed by the audience, especially the Bob Wills Texas Anthem "Faded Love" played on the keyboard. The whole band got a chance to solo and were loudly applauded.

The audience voted and the County Road 240 Band won the \$100 cash prize. The prize was donated by Billy Ray Hardcastle and Lee's Insurance Company of Turkey to finish out the night entertainment the best band in West Texas took the stage led by Emcee Dewayne and Melody Pettiet and they all welcomed back Lucy Dean Record and Glenn Waters back. They all home this night and Benny Brown showed his versatility with a banjo solo.

The food was praised as always and it went to support the good work of the Hall County Historical Society.

There were 40 prizes drawn for during the night from baked goods to electronics were awarded the audience and a twenty-five dollar cash door prize was donated by Caprock Telephone Co. We thank all the donors.

The committee wishes to thank all who attended and were really thankful for the compliments on the show and on the band. The applause and compliments are the only payment the performers receive and it is greatly appreciated.

The next Jamboree will be on Saturday, November 3 and as always it will be held at the historic Gem Theatre in beautiful downtown Turkey, Texas where there is always free parking and admission!

Quitaque Water Tower Project Set To Be Completed February 2008

The Quitaque City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 8. Present for the meeting were Mayor Pro-Tem Phil Barefield, council members Dennis Farley, Michelle Pointer, Todd Oberheu, City Manager Maria Merrell and Water Superintendent Walter Skinner. After attending to regular monthly council business the following items were also addressed:

* Mayor Pro-Tem Phil Barefield administered the oath of office to newly appointed council member Todd Oberheu. Oberheu will fill the vacant position left by Deloy Myers until the next election.

* Merrell reported that Arlene and Bob Hinkle along with Michelle Pointer had been busy building and installing additional shelving for the Caprock Library.

* Merrell reported one ambulance run since the last regular meeting. The ambulance had been on standby at two football games. She also reported a \$20,000.00 donation had been received from the Martha Ann Cogdell Trust.

* Council reviewed correspondence with Circle P Welding. Circle P was given the go ahead to proceed with the water tower project. Completion date is set for February 18, 2008

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

How Much Water Do We Really Have?

Come Find Out Tuesday, October 16

The Turkey Economic Development Corporation will be hosting a free seminar on "The Future of Our Water Supply" on Tuesday, October 16 at 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, located in the Bob Will Center in Turkey.

Chris Kaufman, a representative from the Panhandle Water Planning Commission will give a presentation on "Sharing Our Water Resources", "Water Planning for the Future" and address "How Much Water Do We Really Have?"

Kendall Harris, General Manager of the Collingsworth/Hall Counties Water District will also be on hand to answer questions regarding the future of our water resources.

This program is free and everyone who is concerned with the future of our water resources is encouraged to attend.

What's Happening In The Valley Area This Week?

October 11

- * Matador City Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- * Turkey City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Matador Masonic Lodge meeting
- * Valley Patriots JV vs Crowell, here @ 6:30 p.m.
- * Valley Jr High vs Crowell, here @ 5 p.m.

October 12

- * Valley Patriots vs Crowell, there @ 7:30 p.m.

October 15

- * Quitaque Lions Club meeting @ 7 p.m.

October 16

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

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ON THE QT

By Patsy Herrington

The "Queen City of the Valley" will become more resplendent as time progresses and all of October's glories unfold and the streets are finished.

On football fields, lights burn in the distance as high school's mightiest athletes battle it out. It is more than a game. It's Friday Night! The Valley Patriots won a split second hair raising victory over happy in he final seconds 41-36 when Jacob Hancock scored Valley's winning TD thrown by Cole Brown's short pass. Justin Rucker gained much needed yardage all throughout the game. All were great!

Delores Pigg's Ranch Country RV Park has been full up with wind energy people. It is so nice out there with cute bunk houses and wonderful scenic views of the Caprock. She continues to add on and improve it.

Danny and Destinie Jouett (twins), their mother, Eva Reagan Jouett, and a patient of Eva's, all from Amarillo, visited Eva's parents, Odis and Jessie Reagan on Odis' 81st birthday last week. Also there to enjoy his birthday cake was another daughter, Elaine Harmon. Eva is a LVN, Destinie is training to be an RN and Danny is going to truck driving school.

A concrete truck headed for the streets of Quitaque had a tire blowout and overturned this week. Thankfully, no one was hurt.

Odis Reagan has been going to Childress for shots in his knee. He already can tell the difference in feeling better.

"Pee Wee" Ortiz's funeral was Friday, Oct. 5 at the Catholic Center. A large host of family and friends attended. Quitaque was saddened by his passing.

Jake Gass, Misti and Jim Messer's son, is following in Jim's footsteps. Jake graduated high school this year, and is doing a great job of driving his own new truck.

Joyce Price stayed in Lubbock a few days last week with her son, Danny Mayfield, while she had some tests run.

Robbie Holtz, Debbie and Lonnie Cagle's grandson, has arrived from Ohio. He is the son of Joan Holtz, who died in a tragic accident years ago. They hadn't seen him since 1998.

Zelda Leeper had carpal tunnel surgery on her wrist last week. The cast is off and she is doing fine.

Randy and Rhonda (Leeper) Purcell, of Amarillo, visited Wilburn Zelda Leeper and Cathy Purcell over the weekend.

Ruby Mae Woods and Henryetta (Finney) Price drove to Floydada and Plainview to refill prescriptions and other business. Patsy Herrington met them for lunch at Furr's Cafeteria.

Jean and Dean's grandchildren Adam, Brooke, and Macie Mullin, from Fairwell, are here visiting. Son, Randy Mullin is coming for a visit soon.

Leo and Ophelia Ortiz had all six of their daughters here for a visit and Pee Wee Ortiz's funeral. They are Cindy, Sylvia, Monica, Lettie, Tina and Belinda.

Elaine Harmon and Patsy Herrington were in Plainview Monday where Elaine enjoyed a birthday dinner at Furr's.

Clayre Brooks (he and Diane moved here from Arizona) phoned that a wonderful deed had been done for him. He was in the Post Office and relating that "his lawn sure needed mowing, but his knee was too bad to do it." Bruce Price was standing there, and said "I'll do it" and he did, and wouldn't take any pay. Mr. Brooks said that it was such an outstanding Christian act, that it brought tears to his eyes. He said "people didn't do things like that for other where the came from."

Fall has arrived! Get out and enjoy the wonders of the season!

Other people's eggs have two yolks.

- Hungarian Proverb

OBITUARIES

A.B. "Burl" Jones

Funeral services for A.B. "Burl" Jones, 85, were held on Saturday, October 6 in the Kornerstone Funeral Directors Chapel in Tulia with Colquitte Nash, chaplain of Area Community Hospice, officiating. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Jones died Wednesday, October 3, 2007 in Lubbock. He was born July 22, 1922 in Flomot, TX. He was the grandson of Leonard Crowell, Sr., an early day Flomot merchant and mail carrier. He grew up in Quail. He graduated from Flomot High School in 1941. After high school, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He married Florea Ruth "Jonsie" Washington on May 2, 1942 in Matador. He returned to Flomot after the war. They moved to Floyd, NM where they owned and operated a dairy. They moved to Tulia in 1958 where they farmed for many years.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Rex Jones and wife, May of Dumas and Max Jones of Tulia; a brother, Wendell Jones; a sister, Emma Lou Fry; seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.



Severino Ortiz

Severino Ortiz, 60, of Quitaque died Monday October 1, 2007 in Lubbock. Services were held Friday October 5, 2007 at the San Juan Diego Catholic Church in Quitaque with Deacon Juarez officiating. Burial followed in Resthaven Cemetery under the direction of Chancellor Funeral Home.

Severino was born November 8, 1946 in Orange Grove, Texas to Felix and Delores Ortiz. He was married to Amanda Ortiz in Jackson, Wyoming. He enjoyed visiting with all his family and friends. He also enjoyed driving his tractors and gardening. He was of the Catholic faith.

Severino was preceded in death by his loving father Feliciano Ortiz.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Amada; his mother, Delores Ortiz; one daughter, Victoria Rivera; two sons, James Ortiz, Sammy Ortiz; one step-daughter Diane Gonzales; eight brothers - Daniel, Tony, Leo, Armando, Luis, Felix, Joe and Sampilcio; three sisters - Rosa, Royelia and Angie; many, many good friends, nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, and grandchildren, all whom loved him dearly.

Jealousy, that dragon which slays love under the pretense of keepign it alive.

- Havelock Ellis

Turkey Class of 1945 To Hold 62nd Reunion

The 1945 Class of Turkey High School are having their 62nd class reunion Saturday, October 20, 2007 at the Senior Citizens Room, Turkey, Texas.

Open House will be from 2-3 p.m. The class members would enjoy visiting and reminiscing with anyone who would care to come.

Turkey Senior Citizens News

The Turkey Sr. Citizens met Tuesday evening with 15 members present. A wonderful pot luck meal was enjoyed. J Bradshaw said the prayer before the meal. A table of Mexican train and a table of Spinner were played. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 16th at 6:00 PM; come early to have your blood pressure checked. If you are a senior, come and join us for the Fun! Food! and Fellowship!

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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A project is complete when it starts working for you, rather than you for it.

Retired Texas Ranger To Be Guest At Do Gooders' Club Bazaar

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, October 2 at the Flomot Community Center. Mrs. Kathy Shorter conducted the business session and plans were made for the club's Bazaar, Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Flomot Community Center.

If anyone wants to rent a booth at the Bazaar, they are to contact Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert, 806-469-5212 or Mrs. Kathy Shorter, 806-469-5279. They will have a concession stand serving taco soup, sandwiches, brownies, coffee, iced tea and soft drinks.

Before closing the session, they stressed that the club meeting usually held the first Tuesday of each month would be postponed to Tuesday, November 13 as not to interfere with the November 6th election at the Community Center.

Hostesses, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay and Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert presided at a table with black and orange garlands decorated with a sparkling metallic luster of pumpkins extending the length of the table. The centerpiece was a large pumpkin encircled by small pumpkins. They served refreshments from a Halloween designed service of cheese, dips and chips, assorted cookies including an "eye catching" batch shaped as leaves frosted with yellow, orange and burgundy and a pineapple punch.

Mrs. Suzie Shannon was appreciative of the hostess gift, a metal and wooden pumpkin plaque, when her name was drawn. Others attending were Mesdames Brenda Browning, Tommie Jo Cruse, Anna Beth Clay, Mary Jo Calvert, Kathy Shorter, Erma Washington and Geneva Martin.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, children and families were in Matador Saturday, October 6 and observed the 97th birthday of her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning at the Hackberry Creek Care Center.

Butch and Janice Hughes were in Floydada, Sunday, October 7 and celebrated the 10th birthday of their granddaughter, Reagan Hughes. Her parents, Roger and Tiffany Hughes and sister, Tara entertained the many guests with a cookout supper and Reagan blew out her candles on a colorful cookie decorated cake served with ice cream.

Donnie Rogers accompanied his mother, Mrs. B. Rogers to Lubbock Thursday for a medical appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mrs. Anna Beth Clay attended the funeral services of A.B. "Burl" Jones Saturday morning held in Tulia.

Wilburn Martin attended to business in Plainview, Wednesday.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo Tuesday and Wednesday for him a medical appointment at the Veterans' Hospital. Meeting them there was their daughter, Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch. They also visited in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay visited in Clifton from Wednesday until Friday with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee. They enjoyed a football game in which Kyler played and his team won!

Letters To The Editor



Valley Tribune, Please renew for another year. Enjoy all the news of home. Grew up in Turkey. Thanks Gloria Banks

The Valley Tribune, I enclose for renewal subscription of the Valley Tribune. I enjoy the paper alot. Thanks, Lanelle George Taft, California

The Valley Tribune, Please find enclosed my check to renew my subscription. It's refreshing to read a paper not filled with bad news. Thank you, Gaye L. Galvan

Vince & Laura, Please renew for another year. We enjoy your paper! Melody Pettiet Paducah, TX

Laura & Vince, Another year and we need to get you our \$30 for paper. Enjoy hearing about the goings on your way and miss the folks there. Thanks, Vinita Hrenir Amarillo, TX

Dear Laura, Thank you for a great newspaper. I enjoy your honesty and variety of news. I also enjoy your article..Hmm. Keep up the good work. I've enclosed a check for \$25. Keep the papers coming! Tempie Francis, Matador, TX

Hall County Historical Commission

The Hall County Historical Commission met Oct. 1, with President Tommie Jo Cruse, presiding. Jim Mills gave the opening prayer.

For old business, Karen Crisman mentioned that she had not heard from the Texas Historical Commission, about getting a historical marker, for the courthouse.

For new business, Betty Farley, wanted to know, if the commission, wanted a booth for the Oct 27, Turkey Volunteer Fire Dept. Halloween Carnival.

Roberta Carson was appointed the chairman of the Turkey chairman. She will get info about the cemetery and for the veteran's crosses.

Members present were Betty Farley, Judge Martin, Roberta Carson, Karen Crisman, Lera Kate Powell, Jim and Billie Mills, Mike Hughes, Dixie Barbee, and Tommie Jo Cruse.

*** The man with a toothache thinks everyone happy whose teeth are sound. The poverty-stricken man makes the same mistake about the rich man. ~ George Bernard Shaw ***

*** If all our misfortunes were laid in one common heap, whence every one must take an equal portion, most people would be content to take their own and depart. ~ Solon ***

*** In the time we have it is surely our duty to do all the good we can to all the people we can in all the ways we can. ~ William Barclay ***

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Crossword puzzle titled 'The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD' with clues for various Texas-related terms and locations.



Ada Clay Blood Drive

By Lataine Dillard These are the ladies who came with the Coffee Blood Center to collect blood for Ada Clay on September 26 in Silvertown. It was a very large drive. Cecila Arajuo drove the big bus to Silvertown. Coming with her were Brittany Peak, Arlene Martinez, Honey Johnson, Cecila Arajuo, Christy Mayes and Kelly Wilson. They made a huge birthday card for Ada for everyone to sign. Her birthday was on Friday, September 29.

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Valley School Lunch Menu

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Monday, October 15

Breakfast: French Toast, Sausage, Syrup, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Spaghetti, Ceasar Salad, Mixed Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk

Tuesday, October 16

Breakfast: Breakfast Hot Pocket, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Polish Sausage, Mac & Cheese, Corn on Cob, Apricots, Biscuits, Milk

Wednesday, October 17

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Biscuits, Honey, Milk

Thursday, October 18

Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Jelly, OJ/Milk

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

Friday, October 19

Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Cheese, Chips, Orange Slices, Milk



"Have a Great Week!"
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THE PATRIOT

Valley School News

Patriots Win Thriller at Happy

By Susan Ramsey

The #5 ranked Valley Patriot football team traveled to Happy on Friday to take on the #9 ranked Cowboys. This game was billed as the 6-Man Game of the Week by the Globe News, and truly lived up to it's billing. The stadium was packed, as the game was the first home game of the year for the Cowboys, as well as their annual homecoming game.

The Patriots had the ball first and got off to a disastrous start. Valley fumbled the ball on it's first play, and the Cowboys capitalized by marching to the first touchdown of the game. The extra point was no good, to give Happy a 6-0 lead. Valley then answered on their next drive with a 19 yard run by Justin Rucker. The extra point kick by Rucker was good, to give the Patriots an 8-6 lead. Happy would score once more to give them the lead at the end of the first quarter, by a 12-8 score.

The second quarter saw Valley score once and hold the Cowboys out of the end zone to take a 14-12 halftime lead. Valley's second quarter saw both offenses score two times. Valley scored on a 32 yard pass from Cole Brown to Jacob Hancock, and also on a one yard plunge by Roger Ramos. This quarter ended with the Patriots holding a slim 27-24 lead.

Valley would open the fourth quarter, scoring with a 42 yard pass and run from Cole Brown to Jacob Hancock. Happy would answer with two straight touchdown receptions by Marshall Elliot. The second one put the Cowboys ahead for the first time since early in the game, with a little more than four minutes on the clock.

The Patriots would battle back through, as they would drive down the field to inside the Cowboy 20 yard line with a chance to score and win the game. Disaster would strike again, however, as Valley fumbled an exchange and turned the ball over to the Cowboys. Happy was home free...or so it seemed. All they had to do was kneel the ball a couple of times, Valley would burn their last two timeouts, and the ballgame would be over. But, things are not always as they seem. After Happy kneeled the ball once, Valley would call timeout, giving the fans time to pray! Coach Tyler told the boys to shoot the gaps and try to cause a fumble. And, by George, that's just what they did! Happy would come out to kneel the ball one more time, but instead, the ball somehow shot out between the quarterback's legs and rolled around on the ground for what seemed like several seconds before being spotted and recovered by Brady Ramsey. The Patriots would then have 30 seconds to score. After three plays failed to find the end zone, Cole Brown dropped back to pass on 4th down. With two Cowboy defenders in his face, Cole dumped the ball to Jacob Hancock, who raced to the end zone for the go ahead score. The fans went wild!!!!

It wasn't until after the next kickoff, and then a tackle by Isaac Smith on Happy's last play, that the victory was secured. Valley came away with an amazing 41-36 win. The game was called "One of the best we've ever seen" and

"a miracle" by many in attendance. The victory moved Valley to 5-1 on the season.

The Patriots will open district play this Friday night in Crowell. Game time is 7:30. Please come out and support the Patriots in their quest for a District Championship!



Lady Patriots Compete at Ceta Canyon

By Susan Ramsey

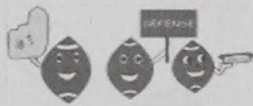
The Valley Girls Cross Country Team competed last Saturday at the annual Happy cross country meet, held at beautiful Ceta Canyon. This is a very challenging course with numerous hills and a very rough terrain.

The Lady Patriots would do quite well, however, as they placed seven runners in the top 15. Mary Kate Davidson would lead the way with a second place finish. Ana Karen Valdez and Lacie Pointer also did very well, finishing third and fifth, respectively. Jordan Jenkins would finish ninth, and Mariela Mendoza placed tenth to round out the top ten performers for Valley.

The team will compete again on the 22nd of October in Plainview at the district meet. Great job, ladies!



Valley Patriot Football 2007



THE 2007 VALLEY PATRIOT FOOTBALL TEAM & VALLEY CHEERLEADERS
Valley Superintendent: Jerry Smith, Valley Principal: Jon Davidson
Valley Head Coach: Bret Tyler, Valley Asst. Coaches: Craig Hamilton, Greg Ramsey, Stuart Smith

Valley Patriot Varsity Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Place | Time |
|--------|--------------|-------|------|
| Oct 12 | *Crowell | Away | 7:30 |
| Oct 19 | *Chillicothe | Home | 7:30 |
| Oct 26 | OPEN | | |
| Nov 2 | *Hedley | Away | 7:30 |
| Nov 9 | *Paducah | Home | 7:30 |

* District Games
* Homecoming Game

Valley Patriot JV Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Place | Time |
|--------|------------|-------|------|
| Oct 11 | Crowell | Home | 6:30 |
| Oct 18 | Petersburg | Away | 6:30 |
| Oct 25 | Samnorwood | Home | 6:30 |
| Nov 1 | Hedley | Home | 6:30 |
| Nov 8 | Paducah | Away | 6:30 |

Valley Patriot JR. High Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Place | Time |
|--------|-------------|-------|------|
| Oct 11 | Crowell | Home | 5:00 |
| Oct 18 | Chillicothe | Away | 5:00 |
| Oct 25 | Motley Co. | Away | 5:00 |
| Nov 1 | Hedley | Home | 5:00 |
| Nov 8 | Paducah | Away | 5:00 |

Coaches: Greg Ramsey, Stuart Smith

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Chisum Shannon - JV Big Hit - presented by Mr. Kelley.

J.H. Patriots Roll Over The Cowboys

By Susan Ramsey

The Valley Junior High took on Happy last week and put together one of their best offensive games of the year, coming away with a 61-26 victory.

Valley was led by Adan Alanis, who found the end zone five times before the game was over. Jose Valdez, Casen Hawkins, Daniel Valdes, and Jeffrey Thibodeaux also each had one touchdown a piece. Enrique Mendoza also had a part in one touchdown, connecting on a 20 yard pass with Daniel Valdes on the last play of the first half.

The Junior High will next be in action this Thursday at home against the Crowell Wildcats. Game time is 5:00, so come on out and support the boys in their quest for another victory.



Roger Ramos - Valley Big Hit - presented by Mr. Kelley.

J.V. Defeats Happy

By Susan Ramsey

The Valley J.V. took on Happy at Patriot field last Thursday and came away with a 44-13 win.

The Patriots had several people get into the end zone. Jeffery Addison had two rushing touchdowns and ran the ball well all night. Dalton Allen had two receiving touchdowns, both thrown to him by his brother, Landon. Grant Wheeler also had two touchdowns, one on a long run and the other on a screen pass from Landon Allen. Tucker Sherman also got into the end zone with a six yard touchdown reception.

The J.V. will be in action again this week. They will play the Crowell J.V. Thursday night at home. The game will start after the Junior High game, which begins at 5:00.

**Go!
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Valley Picture Day

Blunk's Studio photographers will be at Valley School on Tuesday, October 16. They will be taking individual student pictures in pre-kindergarten through eleventh grades during the morning. In the afternoon they will be taking junior high and high school football, cross country, cheerleaders and pep squad.



Valley FCCLA was host to 7 FCCLA chapters from across the area at a recent workshop in Matador.

Valley FCCLA Hosts Fall Leadership Workshop

Valley Family, Career and Community Leaders of America hosted a Fall Leadership Workshop for 7 FCCLA chapters from around the South Plains at Motley County High School September 18th. Callie Helms, Region I Vice President of Achievement was responsible for contacting all the schools and arranging the meeting agenda. Helping Callie with the presentation were Region I officers from Paducah and Guthrie. Over 70 students attended the FCCLA workshop.

Each chapter was instructed to make a banner about FCCLA using the Region/State theme for the year which are Get a Clue with FCCLA and Save the Day with FCCLA. Valley was voted the winning banner and will get to hang it at the Region I meeting in Lubbock next February.

After the opening ceremony, each student had the opportunity to test their knowledge about FCCLA by taking an LEO (Leadership Enhancement Opportunity) test. The Valley students won 6 Gold Medals and 2 Silver Medals. The FCCLA students were then divided into groups to attend workshops about teamwork, STAR Events, time management, and national programs. Presenting the STAR Event workshop was Ana Valdes talking about the STAR Event she participated in last year. Alexandra Skinner and Dulce Chavez presented a workshop that told about the FCCLA National Programs that students can work on. Callie Helms and Laura Martinez encouraged participants in their workshop to use teamwork. Everyone attending learned more about FCCLA and the exciting year to come. They "Got A Clue with FCCLA."



Valley Cheerleaders, Jacy Proctor, Savannah Smith, Lauren Young, Mary Kate Davidson, Chancy Campbell, Jordan Jenkins and sponsor Shadi Buchanan get ready to give the Happy Cowboys the BOOT!

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(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Briscoe, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on November 6, 2007, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 11-6 de 20 07 para votar en la Elección Especial para adoptar o rechazar la enmiendas propuestas constitucional así como fueron sometidas por la 80a Legislatura Sesión Regular, de la Estado de Texas.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Precinct 1, 3 & 5 - Pioneer Room, City Bank, Silverton
Precincts 2 & 6 - Hope Center, Quitaque

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: County Clerk's Office - Courthouse, Silverton
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between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 22, 2007 (date)

(entre las 8 del mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el Octubre 22, 2007 (fecha)

and ending on November 2, 2007 (date) (y terminando el Noviembre 2, 2007 (fecha)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
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October 30, 2007
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Issued this 25th day of September, 2007
(Emitada este día de September, 2007)

Wayne J. ...
Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)



Cactus Control Pays Off

New products make controlling prickly pear and cholla cactus a paying venture, as long as planned for on a long-term basis, a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist said.

J.F. Cadenhead, Extension range specialist from Vernon, spoke recently with producers about the second year of cactus control on a demonstration plot of rangeland southwest of Canyon.

"We sprayed this in 2005 in the fall, and we see more work from the chemical as the years go by," Cadenhead said.

The plot is an aerial test of the new Dow chemical called Surmount, which is a mixture of Tordon 22K - the standard herbicide recommended for cactus control - and a product called Vista, which was recently labeled for rangeland use, he said.

The test also looked at a variety of surfactants to see if any of them would provide equal or better effects than the standard diesel oil-in-water carrier traditionally used in cactus spraying, Cadenhead said. Surfactants are soap-like agents used with herbicide applications to assist in spreading the herbicide droplets on the target plant for better coverage, penetration and uptake by the leaf.

Compared to the standard surfactants, a methylated seed oil with an organosilicone additive was also tested. This particular additive has 20 times the spreading power according to research, he said.

The treatments included applications of four-pints per acre versus three-pint per acre rates of Surmount application with: crop oil concentrate - about eight ounces per acre; diesel-in-water emulsion - 1:5 ratio; and non-ionic surfactant - two ounces per acre.

Using the four-pint rate per acre of Surmount, the results were:

- The treatment including diesel showed a 44 percent kill of all prickly pear. Another 50 percent had more than half of the plant pads dead.

- The treatment including the crop oil concentrate had a 60 percent kill, with another 37 percent showing more than half top kill.

- The treatment including the non-ionic surfactant had a 46 percent total kill, with an additional 39 percent more than half top kill.

Also included as a check was a test of the standard recommended rate of Tordon 22K at two pints per acre rate with all three of the surfactants.

A final test included was a rate of three-pints-per-acre rate of Surmount with three-ounces-per-acre rate of the methylated seed oil. It showed 47 percent kill, with another 44 percent having more than half top kill.

The highest degree of root kill on prickly pear was achieved with the crop oil concentrate, rather than the standard diesel-in-water emulsion. In this study, the three-pint-per-acre rate of Surmount looked as good as the four-pint rate when both were used with the crop oil concentrate, Cadenhead said.

Cholla is usually much more difficult to control than prickly pear, he said. When it comes to treating the cholla cactus, the plant should be knee high or shorter for best aerial control, he said. Anything taller usually requires individual plant treatment for adequate control.

"We can see here even though we are not killing the cholla completely, for two years we've kept them from blooming and forming seed," he said.

Herbicide costs for these treatments will be in the range of \$25 to \$30 per acre for the chemical alone, Cadenhead said. Spreading that out over a 10- to 12-year expected treatment life should make this practice pay for itself.

"That first year, it's hard to show it is economical to treat that rangeland," he said. "But over a period of time, the water previously used by those cactus will go into forage production and you will see an increase in grass production."

"Just remember, in treating cactus, you have to be patient," Cadenhead said. "It generally takes two to three years to achieve the maximum control with those herbicides."

Perennial Pastures Require Care, Planning

FLOYDADA - So you want some perennial grass on your place for grazing or maybe even hay? Before you get started on this project, get a leg up and do some planning, said a Texas Cooperative Extension beef specialist.

"Perennial grass for pasture is more economical than planting annual grasses," said Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension beef specialist at Amarillo. "It takes less time, labor and fuel to establish perennial grass because you plant it only once. Just make sure you want it there for a long time."

Putting a perennial grass where it can remain productive year after year is part of an overall plan that requires different management than row crops or temporary pastures, McCollum said. "Perennial grasses are different than annual grasses," he said. "They don't put all their reproductive energy into seed production. They reproduce vegetatively through tillers (new upright stems), stolons (above-ground runners) and rhizomes (underground runners)."

"They're out there for the long haul," McCollum said. "We can benefit from that if we manage those grasses for crown and root health, and limit grazing to allow the plants time to rest and replenish themselves." Fertilizing perennial grasses benefits yield and forage quality. A general rule of thumb on the High Plains is 30 to 60 pounds of nitrogen per acre for dryland Old World Bluestem in one application.

"Research has shown that we can boost forage production with every pound of nitrogen applied," McCollum said. "An upfront application is recommended for dryland pasture. There seems to be little or no benefit in using split applications. If rainfall has been good or you have irrigation in the equation, consider using a little more nitrogen."

Nitrogen also boosts the protein content of young, tender forages preferred by livestock, he said. Research with Old World Bluestem has shown that the first increment of nitrogen applied (30 pounds per acre) can increase gain per head and gain per acre, he said.

"Grazing studies have shown little or no effect on gain when more than 30 pounds per acre of nitrogen were applied," McCollum said. "We also have to have good phosphorus levels to get a boost from the nitrogen we apply. The recommended rate is 50 pounds of P2O5, but it's a good idea to run a soil test first and apply phosphorus as needed."

The best way to achieve good livestock gains on perennial pastures is to adjust stocking rates based on the amount and quality of available forage, he said.

"If you treat cattle like lawnmowers, they'll perform like lawnmowers," McCollum said. "We cannot expect cattle to completely consume all the forage in a pasture and still perform well. "We have to manage our forage and adjust our grazing to allow warm-season grasses to bank nutrients in its roots before fall and winter. Come spring, the grass will use those stored nutrients to initiate new growth."

Taking livestock off the grass during the growing season, preferably in September and October, allows the forage to rest and regenerate nutrient stores in its roots, he said. "Your overall pasture plan can also include paddocks planted to complementary forages," McCollum said. "The idea behind complementary forages is one provides what the other lacks - whether it's quality, carrying capacity or grazing - when the other is deferred from grazing."

After the fall rest period, perennial grasses can provide some grazing of residual forage during winter, he said. Adequate fertility during the growing season and respecting the grasses need for rest helps forage quality through winter. "This can lessen the need for supplementation during winter," McCollum said. "During the growing/grazing season, cattle will need a mineral mix similar to what we would provide for them on native range." McCollum was a featured speaker at a recent South Plains perennial grass workshop sponsored by Extension and the Texas Alliance for Water Conservation.

A look at the potential of perennial pastures on the High Plains is available online at: <http://agnews.tamu.edu/dailynews/stories/RNEC/Oct1806a.htm>.

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

"On Again, Off Again"; Senate Finance Comm. Takes First Steps In Farm Bill Process

The Senate Finance Committee completed markup of the Heartland, Habitat, Harvest and Horticulture Act of 2007 (4-H Act of 2007) this week and added several critical pieces to the 2007 Farm Bill puzzle at the same time.

The Finance Committee's mark-up session was almost stopped before it got started due to a last minute objection being raised by a single senator. Fortunately, that situation was quickly resolved and the Committee was able to complete its work the evening of October 4.

The Finance Committee approved the nearly \$16 billion 4-H Act of 2007 on a 17-4 vote. The vote clears the way for Senate Agriculture Committee members to take up their Farm Bill provisions on October 22.

According to those familiar with the Farm Bill situation, the Finance Committee's actions were a necessary first step in moving the entire process forward. Earlier in the week Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin scrapped his announced plan to begin marking up the 2007 Farm Bill in order give the Finance Committee time to complete its' work.

Of primary importance to the Senate Agriculture Committee was the Finance Committee's approval of spending offsets needed to complete mark-up of the 2007 Farm Bill.

Also included in the Finance Committee package were provisions establishing a permanent Agricultural Disaster Assistance Trust Fund and the shifting of selected conservation program benefits from payments to tax credits.

With the Finance Committee's work finished, the Agriculture Committee's markup is now set for October 22. The Committee's revised timetable is necessary because Senate Agriculture Chairman Tom Harkin will be managing the Fiscal 2008 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education bill on the Senate floor the third week of October.

FSA Announces Procedures For Reporting Market Gains Derived From CCC Loans

The USDA Farm Service Agency has issued procedures for reporting market gains derived through the Commodity Credit Corporation's nonrecourse loan program for loans redeemed after January 1, 2007. Beginning with the 2007 tax year, FSA will begin reporting market gains on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 1099-G, Certain Government Payments.

Additionally FSA also announced that beginning with loans redeemed after January 1, 2008 FSA would also report storage credit amounts, if any, on Form 1099-G as well.

The new procedures, announced in FSA Notice-2074, were initiated by the Agency following publication of Internal Revenue Bulletin 2007-33, Notice 2007-63, "Repayment of Commodity Credit Corporation Loans."

The Internal Revenue Service bulletin was published on August 13, 2007 to answer "frequently asked questions regarding the tax treatment of "market gain" associated with the repayment of Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) loans under the nonrecourse marketing assistance loan program authorized under the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002."

Under the 2002 Act nonrecourse marketing assistance loan program, CCC loans for eligible commodities are made at a specified rate per unit. Generally the repayment amount for a loan secured by the pledge of an eligible commodity is based on the lower of the original loan rate or the alternative repayment rate, as determined by the CCC, for the commodity as of the date of repayment.

Producers can redeem commodities pledged as collateral and repay the CCC loan using cash, purchase CCC certificates for use in repayment of the loan, or deliver the pledged collateral as full payment for the loan at maturity. CCC certificates are available for purchase by producers that have outstanding commodity loans for which a crop is pledged as collateral.

A market gain is derived when a producer uses cash or CCC certificates to repay a loan when the alternative repayment rate is less than the original loan rate.

According to the IRS, regardless of whether a producer repays a CCC loan in cash or uses CCC certificates in repayment of the loan, the market gain is taken into account either as income (if the taxpayer has not made an election under § 77 of the Internal Revenue Code) or as an adjustment to the basis of the commodity (if the taxpayer has made an election under § 77).

When a producer elects under § 77 to include the amount of CCC loans in gross income the market gain associated with repayment of a CCC loan is accounted for in the year in which the CCC loan is repaid by making an adjustment to the basis of the commodity that secures the loan.

The producer's basis in the commodity before repayment of the loan is equal to the amount of the original loan previously reported as income. This basis should be reduced by the amount of any market gain associated with the repayment of the loan.

According to the IRS an individual producer that has made a § 77 election should report the market gain as an Agricultural Program Payment on line 6a of Schedule F, but not as a taxable amount on line 6b, for the year in which the loan is repaid.

The reporting process is somewhat different for producer's that have not elected under § 77 to include the amount of CCC loans in gross income.

Producer's that have not made an election under § 77 are instructed to report market gains as income for the year in which a CCC loan is repaid. An individual taxpayer that has not made an election under § 77 should report the market gain as an Agricultural Program Payment on line 6a and as a taxable amount on line 6b of Schedule F for the year in which the loan is repaid.

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This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 10/30/2007 the City of Turkey will submit a request to the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as 727469, for the purpose of reconstruct the treatment pond liner, construct/reseed new embankments and slopes, and remove sediment and vegetation at the Wastewater treatment plant (south of city). We considered the environmental impact of both construction and service provision within the described construction zone, the service area, and adjacent areas up to 1/2 mile from the construction zone that could be affected by the project.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Turkey has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Turkey City Hall, 602 Lyles, Turkey, Texas 79261 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Office of the Mayor. All comments received by 10/29/2007 will be considered by the City of Turkey prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Turkey certifies to ORCA that Pat Carson in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. ORCA approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Turkey to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

ORCA will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Turkey certification received by 11/14/2007 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Turkey approved by ORCA (b) the City of Turkey has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by ORCA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to The Office of Rural Community Affairs at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas

78711. Potential objectors should contact ORCA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Pat Carson, Mayor

I look forward to being older, when what you look like becomes less and less an issue and what you are is the point.
~ Susan Sarandon

Beauty can get a woman what she wants: love and money. But when beauty leaves you, so can the things it brought.
~ Paulina Porizkova

When you step on the first tee it doesn't matter what you look like...It doesn't help your 5 iron if you're pretty.
~ Lauren Baugh

Time and money spent in helping men do more for themselves is far better than mere giving.
~ Henry Ford

Live and let live is not enough; live and help live is not too much.
~ Orison Marden

Generosity gives assistance, rather than advice.
~ Vauvenargues

Charity looks at the need, not at the cause.
~ German Proverb

He gives twice who gives promptly.
~ Publilius Syrus



This Week In Texas History!

Oct 7, 1943
Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North was born in San Antonio.

Oct 7, 1915
Claude Ayres was buried in the Claude Cemetery. Ayres was an engineer for the Forth Worth and Denver Railway Company and the community of Claude was named after him.

Oct 8, 1873
Gov. Edmund J. Davis (1870-74) paroled Kiowa Indian Chiefs Big Tree and Santana from life sentences they received over the Salt Creek Massacre that occurred on May 19, 1871.

Oct 8, 1838
18 surveyors were killed by Indians at the site now known as Surveyor Creek.

Oct 8, 1835
Gen. Sam Houston issued a formal appeal for "all patriots to join the cause of Texas liberty."

Oct 9, 1936
The XIT Reunion Association was organized in Fort Worth. The Association moved to Dalhart in 1937.

Oct 9, 1847
Texas Ranger Sam Walker, co-designer of the Colt revolver that bears his name, was killed in fighting at Huamantla, Mexico during the Mexican War.

Oct 9, 1835
Commander Ben Milam and Capt. George M. Collingsworth along with 49 Texan volunteers stormed the Spanish garrison at Goliad, capturing supplies and munitions. Philip Dimmit was among the Texan volunteers. Collingsworth County and the town of Dimmitt although misspelled, were named in their honor.

Oct 10, 1878
Gunfighter William (Bill) Preston Longley was hung in Giddings.

Oct 10, 1835
Stephen F. Austin was appointed commander-in-chief of the Texas Volunteer Army.

Oct 10, 1835
The "Telegraph and Texas Register," which was the first official newspaper of the new Texas government.

Oct 11, 1850
The first group of Texas goldminers arrived in California.

Oct 11, 1836
Republic President David G. Burnet suggested a "Lone Star" be included in the Great Seal of Texas.

Oct 11, 1835
San Felipe Texans set up a Permanent Council to manage the defense of Texas. They sent the army supplies, set up a postal system and sent Thomas F. McKinney to the United States to try and borrow money and appeal to Americans to send men, money and supplies to Texas.

Oct 12, 1974
President Gerald R. Ford signed legislation authorizing the establishment of the Big Thicket National Reserve.

Oct 12, 1835
A volunteer force of Texan's commanded by Gen. Stephen F. Austin, marched toward San Antonio.

Oct 13, 1864
Led by Kiowa Indian Chief Little Buffalo, about 1000 Kiowa and Comanche Indians attacked a settlement near Elm Creek in Young County, north of Ft. Belknap. Records show 12 settlers were killed, six captured and 13 houses burned. Chief Little Buffalo was killed during the raids.

Oct 13, 1845
Texas voters ratified the first state constitution, annexation and an ordinance approving annexation.

Oct 13, 1835
The New Orleans Greys were created in New Orleans. They became volunteer companies and helped in the Texas cause by going to the Alamo.

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Things That Make You Go Hmmm...

By Laura Taylor

25 SIGNS YOU HAVE GROWN UP

1. Your houseplants are alive, and you can't smoke any of them.
2. Having sex in a twin bed is out of the question.
3. You keep more food than beer in the fridge.
4. 6:00 AM is when you get up, not when you go to bed.
5. You hear your favorite song in an elevator.
6. You watch the Weather Channel.
7. Your friends marry and divorce instead of "hook up" and "break up."
8. You go from 130 days of vacation time to 14.
9. Jeans and a sweater no longer qualify as "dressed up."
10. You're the one calling the police because those kids next door won't turn down the stereo.
11. Older relatives feel comfortable telling sex jokes around you.
12. You don't know what time Taco Bell closes anymore.
13. Your car insurance goes down and your car payments go up.
14. You feed your dog Science Diet instead of McDonald's leftovers.
15. Sleeping on the couch makes your back hurt.
16. You take naps.
17. Dinner and a movie is the whole date instead of the beginning of one.
18. Eating a basket of chicken wings at 3 AM would severely upset, rather than settle, your stomach.
19. You go to the drug store for ibuprofen and antacid, not condoms and pregnancy tests.
20. A \$4.00 bottle of wine is no longer "pretty good stuff."
21. You actually eat breakfast food at breakfast time.
22. "I just can't drink the way I used to" replaces "I'm never going to drink that much again."
23. 90% of the time you spend in front of a computer is for real work.
24. You drink at home to save money before going to a bar.
25. When you find out your friend is pregnant you congratulate them instead of asking "Oh What the hell happened?"

HHMMM.....



Mountain Lion Research Sheds Light on Elusive Feline

New genetic research adds to a body of evidence indicating mountain lion populations are generally healthy in parts of Texas, with significant populations in West and South Texas and harvest data pointing to stable or increasing numbers in the western part of the state over the past 90 years.

Researchers examined the genetic structure of mountain lions from six areas of Texas, conducting DNA analysis of tissue samples from 89 lions. Although all the lion samples came from Texas, scientists say the genetic traits likely reflect a region that encompasses parts of northern Mexico and southern New Mexico as well. Scientists found evidence that there is likely a core mountain lion population in and around Big Bend National Park. Researchers also concluded that a lack of connection between lions in West and South Texas indicates dissimilar populations in those areas.

One study finding that has been misunderstood by some and needs careful clarification is that the long-term effective population size for mountain lions in Texas was estimated to be 5,607 animals. As author Janecka explains, this genetic "effective population" is not the same as the actual or census population. It represents hundreds of generations of lions over recent evolutionary history, and there is no correlation between this type of long-term estimate and the current census population of lions in Texas.

Another key finding involves the genetic health or diversity of Texas lions. Janecka says the value of genetic diversity is a bit of a contentious topic, but what research shows is when a population becomes isolated and animals start inbreeding and the genetic diversity decreases, researchers have documented effects such as lower survival rates of juveniles, low body weights, decreased disease resistance and other problems.

"Our research shows that Texas mountain lions are not likely subject to negative fitness effects associated with low genetic diversity," Janecka said. "At least in West Texas, genetic diversity was similar to other mountain lion populations in other western states and contiguous states. The South Texas genetic

diversity was lower, but not so much that you would see inbreeding effects."

Cougars are currently classified as nongame animals in Texas and may be taken by anyone who possesses a valid hunting license, with no season or bag limits. This prompts occasional questions about whether the current regulatory approach is sustaining healthy lion populations in the state.

Michael Tewes, PhD, a faculty advisor at A&M-Kingsville for the genetics study, is one of the elder statesmen of wild cat research in North America. For 25 years, he's been supervising and reviewing research on mountain lions, ocelots and other wild cats. "We don't have an accurate population estimate for mountain lions in Texas," Tewes acknowledges. "They are difficult to census, being nocturnal, sensitive, wide ranging, and by nature a low density species." Still, he and other experts believe Texas lion numbers are stable, at least in some areas.

In a separate three-year South Texas research study completed in 1997, researcher Louis Harveson captured and radio-collared 19 mountain lions. Tewes also supervised and reviewed this work, and recalls a key finding regarding what lions eat.

There is some evidence that mountain lions may be expanding their range.

TPWD gets more than 500 reports of mountain lion sighting per year, but less than one percent are ever verified by physical evidence such as tracks, scat or photographs.

Anyone who wishes to report a dead mountain lion may contact Young at john.young@tpwd.state.tx.us or (512) 912-7047.



Emily Garcia, a Silverton High sophomore will be hosting Tex-Mex dinner to help raise funds for her trip to Atlanta, GA for National 4-H Council.

Tex-Mex Dinner To Help Emily Garcia Go To National 4-H Council In Atlanta, GA

Emily Garcia, a sophomore at Silverton High School and a senior 4-H member of the Briscoe County 4-H, has been selected as one of 32 youth that will participate in the National 4-H Congress as a Texas delegate on November 22-27, 2007 in Atlanta, Georgia.

She and her family will be hosting a "Tex-Mex" Brisket Dinner which will consist of brisket, beans, rice, homemade chips & hot sauce, tortillas, dessert & drink on Sunday, October 28, 2007 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Silverton School Cafeteria. Cost will be \$7.00 for ages 5 and up and \$4.00 for children younger than 5. Take-outs will be available.

National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the 4-H program that provides youth a quality, educational and cross-cultural experience that exceeds what any state independently provides. It is designed to address the needs and issues of youth while helping to develop capable, competent and caring citizens.

Emily began this venture by completing a lengthy application back in April which was reviewed and later notified that she would be interviewed during State Roundup which was held earlier in June at College Station. Considerations for selection included youth with significant leadership accomplishments and potential, academic performance as well as the applicant's reputation and involvement in community activities and must possess the maturity to interact with other youth from different regions, cultures, experiences and beliefs. She was later notified of her selection to participate and is very excited of this opportunity!

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