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# **Bob Wills Day Is Just Around The Corner**

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Every year in the early part of April, just like clockwork, residents of Turkey along with city employees and members of the Bob Wills Association work like "Turks" to put together the plans for a spectacular Bob Wills Day event. This year is will be no exception, as folks work to put the final touches on what is most anticipated week of the year around these parts.

This year will be the 37th Annual celebration. A procession of Bob Wills fans are already flocking into Turkey in their RVs and pulling their campers in anticipation of the toe-tappin' Western Swing and Country/Western music that will ring down every street.

The toe tappin' begins on Saturday, April 19 with a concert at 7 p.m. in the historic Gem Theatre featuring Lynn Alexander and The 8 Second Ride Band. There will also be a ham dinner and all the fixins before the show. Then on Thursday, April 24 three time Grammy nominee Dave Alexander will perform to kick off this year's Bob Wills Day weekend at a dance beginning well received at all venues. kick off this year's Bob Wills Day weekend at a dance beginning at 7 p.m.. Tickets will be \$15 per person. The Toots Comedy Show from Arkansas will perform two matinee performances from 2-4 p.m. on both Thursday and Friday, April 24 and 25 at the historic Gem Theatre in downtown Turkey. Cost will be \$10 per person. Friday, April 25 from 7-8:30 p.m. the South Plains Cowboys under the direction of Joe Carr will perform "Continuing The Tradition". Then at 9 p.m. that night there will be a dance featuring the former Texas playboys under the direction of Truitt Cunningham. \$15 gets you into both dances!

Saturday, April 26 there will be a parade in downtown Turkey beginning at 10 a.m. Then spend the day visiting the many arts and crafts booths, visit the Kenneth Wyatt gallery exhibit, stroll the streets and shop the downtown stores. There will be a BBQ lunch at the Bob Wills Cafeteria and the Old Fiddlers Contest at the bob Wills Center beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The former Texas Playboys under the direction of Truitt

Cunningham will perform a free concert at the old football field starting at 2:30 p.m. Dr Charles R. Townsend will be the Master of Ceremonies for the concert. Saturday night the 37th Annual Bob Wills Day will conclude with a dance featuring Jody \$6.50 per person, and the Nix and the Texas Cowboys beginning at 9 p.m. Tickets will be \$15 per person.

Make plans today to bring a few friends and come on over to Turkey, Texas next weekend to enjoy some of the best Western Swing music and some of the friendliest folks you will ever

# Lynn Alexander & 8 **Second Ride Band This** Saturday At **Gem Theatre**

You are invited to take an 8 Second Ride at 7p.m. on Saturday night, April 19 at the Gem Theater in beautiful downtown Turkey.

Lynn Alexander and his 8 Second Ride Band will also be performing Thursday night, April 24 to kick off Bob Wills Week. Mr. Alexander and his band have toured from Texas

The band is comprised of Lynn Alexander on guitar and vocals; Mary Beth Ashburn on vocals and bass guitar; drum-mer Billy Don Hampton; lead guitarist Nolan McCreay, and keyboardist Marty Gilbert. Mary Beth is an attorney in Meadow, Texas, and directs the Meadow Jamboree. Her husband, Billy Don Hampton, teaches junior high school in Lubbock. Nolan McCreay has accompanied Jimmy Dickens, Johnny Bush, John Anderson and the Grand Ole Opry house

There will be a ham dinner with all the trimmings, starting at 5 pm. The meal will be show tickets are \$10 each. Both will be for the benefit of the Turkey Heritage Foundation. Call Marie Cruse at 806-423-1420 for more information or to purchase tickets.



Thursday, Arpil 17, 2008

# The Eagle Lady Returns To Caprock Canyons State Park

Doris Mager and her live birds of prey will appear at Caprock Canyons State Park on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Doris is affectionately known as the "Eagle Lady," due to her efforts to educate people about North American birds of prey. Doris has been rescuing and rehabilitating wounded eagles, hawks, owls, and other raptors since 1963. While a member of the Florida Audubon Society Doris helped start the Birds of Prey Center and she later became the Director of Raptor Research and Education at the Florida Conservation Foundation. She established the not-for-profit organization, S.O.A.R (Save Our American Raptors), in 1983, for the purpose of educating the public about birds of prey.

During her visit to Caprock Canyons State Park, Doris will introduce several of her live birds of prey and describe their ecological value, the dangers facing them in the wild and what people

Doris will present her program at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 3rd. There is no additional charge for the program, however, there is a \$3.00 per adult admission fee to enter the park. Children under the age of 13 receive free admission to the park.

# **Toot's Comedy Show Returns To Turkey**

The award winning Ooty, Pooty & Sister Cutie - The Toot's - return to Turkey for 2 p.m. matinee shows on Thursday & Firday of Bob Wills week. Also on stage will be the Chicken House Opry of Mission, Texas - America's fastest growing entertainment venue

Making new appearances this year are Alma Reed, Bruce & Elaine Nelson and Cajun come-

dian Charlie LeBlanc plus regulars Punjo Reed, Lucy Jackson and Ike Thurn. Include in the two shows next week are the off-broadway style comedy plays of a cajun declaring war on Saddam Huesein in Thibodeaux's Big War plus Boudreaux, Jole Blon & FEMA and the popular family comedy of Betty Lou, Billy Two and Teacher Ms. Badawop Stadawop. For reservations call Marie Cruse in Turkey at 806-423-1420.

# **Wind Farm Lease Seminar April 30 In Memphis**

Landowners and ag producers from across the state are making it their business to learn more about the development and benefits of wind farm leases. On Wednesday, April 30, at 9 a.m., the North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) will host a meeting in Memphis at the Memphis Community Center, 721 Robertson in Memphis, Texas.

provide information about the environmental, ecologic, economic impacts and other concerns

The primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss items landowners and ag producers should consider when leasing their land for wind farm development.

Alan Carmichael, the co-author of a booklet titled "Wind Facts: A Landowners Guide," will endar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are up 6.4 percent.

we an overview of current wind farm development and discuss what landowners should look

March state sales tax revenue and April payments made to local governments today repregive an overview of current wind farm development and discuss what landowners should look for in their leases. For more information, contact the North Rolling Plains RC&D at 806-669-0312.

Area Wide April Sales Tay Allocations

Area wide April Sales Tax Allocations							
City	Current Sales Tax Rate	Net Tax Payment This Period	Comp. Tax Payment Prior Year	% Of Change	2008 Tax Payments To Date	2007Tax Payments To Date	% Of Change
Quitaque	2.00%	\$2,135.83	\$2,091.36	2.12%	\$11,558.73	\$10,793.15	7.09%
Silverton	1.75%	\$2,351.04	\$2,370.98	-0.84%	\$12,541.41	\$13,473.80	-6.92%
Turkey	2.00%	\$1,419.86	\$1,555.48	-8.71%	\$10,043.37	\$9,378.96	7.08%
Memphis	2.00%	\$18,529.18	\$17,208.42	7.67%	\$79,939.42	\$81,183.99	-1.53%
Lakeview	1.00%	\$77.49	\$83.75	-7.47%	\$620.66	\$700.45	-11.39%
Estelline	1.25%	\$680.42	\$1,212.06	-43.86%	\$5,406.98	\$5,948.17	-9.09%
Matador	2.00%	\$4,115.06	\$4,043.66	1.76%	\$20,302.49	\$20,375.01	-0.35%
Roaring Spgs	2.00%	\$1,443.65	\$1,345.52	7.29%	\$6,370.94	\$7,353.17	-13.35%
This Table Compiled By The Valley Tribune From Information On The Texas Comptroller's Website							
(*) indicates a change in rate in the past 14 months.							

## State Sales Tax Collections Increase In March

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today the state received \$1.6 billion in sales tax revenue in March, up 7.4 percent compared to March 2007

eeting in Memphis at the Memphis Community Center, 721 Robertson in Memphis, Texas.

Landowners interested in wind energy are encouraged to attend the meeting. Presenters will increased 7.2 percent compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year," Combs said. "Although the national economy is slowing, here in Texas, growth in sales tax collections re-

mains consistent. Combs sent \$419 million in April sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 3.7 percent increase compared to April 2007. So far this cal-

sent sales that occurred in February.

# ON THE QT

By Patsy Herrington
Well, who would have thought it? After one of the dirtiest sand storms I can remember with winds up to 65-70 MPH last Thursday, that the next day or two would be beautiful, pristine, calm, sunny and a prime example of God's handiwork. I guess

the storm just made us appreciate all the pretty days even more! I saw and talked with Helen Barryhill in Karol's Kountry Korner the other day. She and Elmer live in Dimmitt, and both were schoolteachers here for several years. Elmer taught agriculture and Helen, kindergarten. She remarked that daughter, Becky, is retired and lives in Pflugerville, and son, Randy, is superintendent of schools at Colwell. They have one granddaughter. Becky worked at Yellowstone National Park as a volunteer last year. They are all wonderful people.

We The Women had a meeting Tuesday with 27 present.

They included Joyce Price, Janice Henson, Henrietta Price, two visitors, sisters of Buck brought by Ann Chadwick, Betty Campbell, Dianne Brooks, Jean Mullin, Betty Price, Delene Tyler, Jan Brummett, Arlene Hinkle, Donna Hamilton, Mary Stratener, Ann Irwin, Patsy Herrington, Terry Hart, Jacklyn Ham, Deputy Sheriff James Hart, Barbara Bogart representing Caprock Telephone Cooperative, Carla Helms, Jill Johnson, Misti Messer, Cathy Purcell, and Lavonia Mullin. They voted to give the fire department \$1,000 for a new pump at their business meeting. They also voted to give Justin Rucker \$200 as a Valley Senior spotlighted. Jan Brummett gave a report suggesting pinwheels and U.S. flags to be put, respectively on children graves under 12 and veterans at the cemetery. The vote passed.

Patsy Rucker and Betty Campbell broke all records last week when they made \$600 at the Thrift Shop. All that money will go for needy things and people in the community.

Kim Ham Eudy of Austin visited her mother, Patsy, Tuesday evening after begin in Crosbyton on business. They went out to the farm, and found brother Lex, on the tractor plowing. He came into town and had a good visit with Kim. Later Lex returned to Floydada, Kim had dinner and spent the night. She also visited with Bob and Jacklyn Ham. She returned home to Austin the next day

Elaine Harmon went with her parents this week, Odis and Jessie Reagan, to Commanche, Texas. Elaine phoned reporting a very good time, and would return home Sunday.

Sharon Pargill, Ruby Mae Wood's daughter, had surgery recently and is doing fine. Ruby Mae will be 91 years young in may, and is still going strong.

Bennie Brown reported that he visited with the former Betty Foster in the cafe recently, a former resident here of the Harvey Foster family. She said that of the large family, she and Milly are the last ones left alive. Shirley, Jimmy Fred, Bobby Jo, Vera and others I can't think of are all gone on.

Larry Tyler and his lady friend have been here visiting his mother, Delene. Bobby McWilliams related that he had a long and good visit with him also from 8p.m. to 1 a.m

Lana Turner, the daughter of Jan and Jo David Payne of Pla-inview, and former residents had brain surgery in December. Her mother, Jan, reported by phone that a recent MRI in February showed that there was so much improvement, and of course they are elated!

Joyce Price said that there was a reporter at Caprock Canyons State Park this week from Southern Living magazine. She plans to write an article - more about this later!

Allen Brummett has been very ill and needs our prayers. He is in Covenant Hospital, Lubbock.
Lydia Leal (Mrs. Ceraldo) is in the hospital at Lockney with back trouble. Her daughter Maggie Martinez requests prayers.
John Lynn Johnson and wife, Janet, have been here from Corpus Christi visiting Jack and Edwina Johnson and Jill Johnson, his brother and sister. They had dinner at Jacks' house

I ran into Molly Roberts, Abilene, granddaughter of E.A. and Norma Birdwell, and son and also Joanie Bomar who teaches at Randall in Amarillo at Merrell Food recently. It was good to see and visit with them.

I had a pleasant surprise Sunday when my nephew, Scotty Stark, phoned and asked me to go to a play in Tulia with him and Sandra and Vicki Lindsey of Turkey. His daughter, Samantha, was in it along with is son-in-law, Cade Lange, and also Terry Hart from Quitaque, she is the Deputy Sheriff's wife. First we all went out to eat at the El Camino, (Scotty's treat). The play "Bull in a China Shop", was held in the Royal Theater at 3 p.m. and was hilarious with some outstanding acting. We all had a great time. It was sponsored by the Tulia Chamber of

The First United Methodist Church has so many caring loving people. This week they gave \$1,000 each to two cancer victims of our community! They were overwhelmed and touched by this gracious gift.

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# **OBITUARIES**

## Ada May Clay

Ada May Clay, 70, of Silverton died April 10, 2008. Services were 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 14 at the First Baptist Church in Silverton with Chad King and Les Reed officiating. Burial was in Silverton Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Chancellor Funeral

Ada was born September 28, 1937 in Dodson Texas to Audie and Bessie Carter Price. She married Lee Clay December 20, 1952.

Mrs. Clay was a member of the First Baptist Church for thirty six years. She retired from the First State Bank in Silverton where she worked as an Administrative Assistant. She was an avid quilter.

Ada loved the Lord dearly and was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Seldon and one sister, Llian.

She is survived by her husband, Lee, two sons, Rickey and his wife Bruce of Barcelona, Spain; Randy and his wife Kelley of Seminole; one daughter, Ramona Craddock and her husband Curtiss of Childress; three brothers, Buddy, Doc, Lowell; three sisters, Mildred, Oleta, Mattie Pearl; and eight grand-

## Christians To Celebrate **40th Wedding** Anniversary

Jackie and Bonita Christian will celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, April 26th at Southlawn Assembly of God in Amarillo. Jackie married Bonita J. Lyles April 26, 1968 in Amarillo where they still reside. Jackie worked in the auto parts industry for approximately 40 vears and Bonita was a homemaker and bookkeeper until retirement. Jackie is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Christian and Bonita is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bernard a. Lyles. The party will be hosted by their daughter and granddaughter, Paula and Chloe Abbott

## WTAMU **Present Top** Student Awards, Mayfield **Among Those** Nominated

West Texas A&M University will announce the winners of its most prestigious student awards—Man and Woman of the Year—during the 29th annual University Honors Banquet Friday, April 25 at the Alumni Banquet Facility on campus. Among those nomi nated are Silverton's Gid Mayfield, a junior agricultural business and economics ma-

Four men and six women have been nominated for Man and Women of the Year. Finalists will be announced at a reception at 6 p.m. the day of the banquet on the Isley Terrace at the Alumni Banquet Facil-

Meals Delivered Menu Subject To Change ounty Meals 806-455-1053 ~ P.O. Box 421, Quitaque, TX 79255 cey, Quitaque, Silverton & Flo Serving free hot me ents of Turl Monday, April 21 Wednesday, April 23 Friday, April 25 Pork Chops Steak Fingers & Gravy Chili Cheese Burrito Green Peas Butter Beans Macaroni & Tomatoes Carrots Salad Dessert\* Roll Dessert' Dessert' Roll/Milk Milk Milk This Week's Menu Sponsored By:

## Harold Dwain Henderson

Harold Dwain Henderson, 68, of Silverton died Saturday, April 12, 2008. Services are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Thursday April 17, 2008 at the First Baptist Church in Silverton with Ronald Ledbetter and Les Reed officiating. Burial will follow in Silverton Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Chancellor Funeral Home

Dwain was born June 5, 1940 in Tulia to Hughlon and Lottie Vaughn Henderson. He married Shirley Cowell

on April 18, 1970.

Dwain was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church. He was active in City Government and sat on the City Council for twenty five years, served as Mayor Pro Tem and was a member of the Fire Department. He was a

He was raised on the family farm by his Granddad, Ed Vaughn and his uncle, Eural Vaughn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hughlon and Lottie Henderson and Gaston

Dwain is survived by his wife, Shirley, two sons; Wayne and his wife Susan of Ackerly, Zane and his wife Renee, of Amarillo, a daughter; Sonya Bitner and her husband Tommy of Elm Springs, Arkansas, a brother: Eddie Owens, and four grandchildren, Rikki Bitner, Brandon Henderson. Savannah Henderson, and Tyler

The true danger is when liberty is nibbled away, for expedients, and by parts. ~ Edmund Burke



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# FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A taxpayer is someone who doesn't have to pass a civil service exam to work for the government.

Recent Trip

Mrs. Beverly Vinson, son and wife, Roger and Doris Vinson returned home Saturday night, April 12 after a ten day trip to California

They visited in Santa Ana with Beverly's site and husband, Betty and Bub Schroeder and attended the wedding ceremony of their grandson, Michael Sarina. They also visited at the Big BY LAURA TAYLOR Bear Lake at the Schroeder's lakeside home.

Weather Report

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A thunder and lightning storm Wednesday, April 9 in Flomot and Whiteflat registered 0.70 to 1.40 inches of rain. The following day, Thursday, April 10 the National Weather Service reported 52 MPH winds and dust storm in Motley County. The temperatures hovered around the freezing mark, but no damage to fruit trees and plants reported in the area. However gusting winds ruined wild allum bushes and blassome.

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Mrs. B. Rogers visited in Quitaque, Thursday with Mrs.

Sherry McKay

Butch and Janice Hughes enjoyed attending the birthday party of granddaughter, Baylee Hughes Saturday held at a bowling alley in Lubbock. She blew out her four candles on a High School Musical decorated cake. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Hughes of Lubbock. Many family members and

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay visited in Lockney, Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Barclay. Tim Kendall and his Cub Scout Troop 274, Jere and Jacob

Kendall, Will Farley and Dax Allen attended the Volunteer Day at the Caprock State Park, Saturday. They stayed busy clean-

Mrs. Janice Hughes attended the baptism of grandson, Brennan Hughes Sunday morning held at the Genesis Baptist syrup through a strainer, dis-Church in Lubbock. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Hughes of Lubbock. Janice accompanied grandchildren, Kendal and Reagan Hughes of Floydada to the service. The families

Nada Starkey in Amarillo, Monday and accompanied both of some marinade over them, them to medical appointments

Will and Cally Sperry and children attended the birthday party Saturday night held at Rudy's Barbecue in Lubbock honoring his mother, Mrs. Jackie Sperry of Quitaque, Jarett Pigg of Turkey and Josh Brooks of Lakeview.

Mrs. Christi Milam, Haley and Emily of Petersburg visited overnight Thursday with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter.
Haley remained to visit. Saturday, Kathy and Clois, his father,
L.E. Shorter, grandson, Cade Calvert and Haley enjoyed the
Classic Car Show in Lubbock. Joining them there were Mrs.

Veri Schoe and as Paint of the Shorter and Haley enjoyed the classic Car Show in Lubbock. Joining them there were Mrs. Keri Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville

Mrs. Cally Sperry, Blayne, Savannah, Gage and Cash attended a birthday party Sunday afternoon given for four year old Jaycee Pigg in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jon Earl Pigg of Gasoline.

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Meal Before The Show



## COOK'S CORNER

On Your Mark .... Get Set ..

**Barbecued Fish** 

1-1/2 pounds firmwhitefish fillets such as red snapper or

1 small onion; chopped 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves 1 tablespoon brown sugar

1 teaspoon chili powder 1/4 cup cider vinegar 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pep-

2 tablespoon catsup

2 tablespoon dry mustard 1 teaspoon Worcestershire

Combine all sauce ingredi-

ents in a pot, place over medium heat and boil until resyrup through a strainer, discard the cooked ingredients in the strainer and chill the marihad lunch at the Home Plate diner.

Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch met her parents, Jack and in a baking dish and spoon nade. Place fish steaks or fillets coating all sides. Marinate in the refrigerator for 1 hour. Pour off marinade into a small pan and heat to boiling. Grill the fish over hot coals, basting flaky and the translucent color

> **Grilled Cajun Catfish** 1 teaspoon lemon-pepper

seasoning

1 teaspoon white pepper

1 teaspoon Creole seasoning 1 teaspoon blackened fish

seasoning 2 tablespoon lemon juice

4 catfish fillets (1-1/3 lbs) vegetable cooking spray

Garnishes: lemon wedges celery top

Combine first 4 ingredients in a small bowl. Sprinkle lemon juice and seasoning mixture on both sides of fish. Spray a wire fish basket with cooking spray; place fish in basket. Grill fish, covered, over medium coals (400F) for 7 to 10 minutes on each side or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Remove fish from basket; place on a serving plat-

Campfire Meatballs -

**Texas Style** 1 pound ground beef 1/4 cup dry bread crumbs 1 egg, slightly beaten 3/4 teaspoon garlic salt 1/4 teaspoon pepper heavy aluminum foil 2 medium zucchini, 1/2 inch

2 cups prepared spaghetti

Parmesan cheese, grated Garlic bread sticks (op-

In medium bowl, combine egg, 1/4 cup water, garlic salt and pepper, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Shape into 24 (approx. 11/4 inch) meatballs. Cut four 12-inch long sheets heavy duty aluminum foil. Place equal amounts of meatballs and zucchini in center of each; top each with 1/3 cup spaghetti sauce. Bring shorter edges of foil together over the center; fold down loosely to seal, allowing room for heat expansion and circulation. Fold in open ends to seal. Place packets on grid over medium ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 16 to 18 minutes or until meatball centers are no longer pink and zucchini is tender, turning packets over once. To serve, carefully unfold ends

and tops of packets; sprinkle

cheese over meatballs.

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## Valley School Lunch Menu

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Monday, April 21

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Milk

Tuesday, April 22

Breakfast: Breakfast Hot Pockets, OJ/Milk Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Gravy , Mashed Potatoes, Corn,

Biscuits, Honey, Milk

Wednesday, April 23

Breakfast: Biscuits, Jelly, Sausage, OJ/Milk Lunch: Meat Nachos, Salad, Hot Sauce, Apricots, Milk

Thursday, April 24

Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, OJ/Milk Lunch: BBQ On Bun, Pickles, Pears, Potato Chips, Milk

Friday, April 25

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Ham & Cheese Hot Pockets, Apples, Kosher Dills,



THE LUNCHROOM LADIES Menu Subject To Change

# Senior Spotlight

Parents: Victoria Dagwell
Favorite Color: Blue If you could be a Disney cartoon character who would it be? The Roadrunner

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go? Europe Most embarrasing moment: Messing up speech at prom Favorite Valley school memory:

Chilling and not going to class Favorite website: No answer Favorite movie: Pulp Fiction Favorite Food: Taco Bell

If you were any element on the periodic table, which one

would you be and why? No answer Favorite sport: Basketball

Favorite athlete: Juilas Ervin AKA Dr. J When I grow up I want to be like...why? Cuz he is young and

Favorite book: Beowulf

If you could be any character from a book or movie, who would it be? Hitman becasue he travels the world with different tasks makng money

Favorite thing to do with your friends: Party!!!

Favorite school subject: English Favorite beverage: Sprite

Favorite TV show:Cop

What is your favorite/lucky number: 3

What type of music do you lie the most: Rap What is your best physical characteristic: My smile

Who do you look up to the most? Mom What is your planned major: Auto Body Collission and Re-

In 10 years I will be? Making good money

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Once we accept our limits, we go beyond them.

~ Albert Einstein

# Valley Patriots Rule!



## Ana Karen Valdez

Ana Karen Valdez is a 17 year-old Junior at Valley High School. Ana Karen is the daughter of Alejandro and Ester Valdez of Quitaque. As an active Patriot, Ana Karen has excelled in many school activities. Ana Karen is a member of the varsity Lady Patriot Basketball and Track teams. Ana Karen was recently an Area Qualifier in the 1600 meter run.

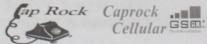
Ana Karen has been a very active member of FCCLA. Ana Karen has participated in Leadership Meetings, Child Development Projects and spent countless hours on FCCLA Fund Raising events. Ana Karen is a member of the National Honor Society and a regular name on the VHS Honor Roll.

Ana Karen is a leader in our school and a great role model. Ana Karen was chosen for this recognition because of her outstanding work ethic and cooperative attitude and extremely pleasant personality. She is an "All Around Great Girl and we are very proud that she is a Valley Patriot.

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# Valley Track Advances Three To Regional

The track teams participated in the area meet last week and valley is sending three par-ticipants to the regional meet in Levelland . Jacob Hancock will compete in the 300 meter hurdles, Jeffery Addison will run the quarter, and Jasmin Ivory will compete in the triple jump. This is a tremendous honor for these young people and we wish them luck in their attempt to qualify for the state meet. The regional meet will be the last friday and saturday of april. Good luck kids and God speed!

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~ John Wooden

As soon as man does not take to \$40,000, depending on the his existence for granted, but unfathomably mysterious, thought begins ~ Albert Schweitzer

# Senior Spotlight

Name: Brent Cole Brown

Parents: Brent & DeLane

Favorite Color: Blue If you could be a Disney car-toon character who would it

be? Pop-Eye The Sailor Man If you could travel anywhere, where would you go? Hawaii Most embarrasing moment: no

Favorite Valley school
memory: Beating Happy on their Homecoming Favorite website: www.myspace.com Favorite movie: Tombstone

Favorite Food: Shrimp & scallops If you were any element on the periodic table, which one would you be and why? Titanium because it is lightweight

and super strong Favorite sport: Football Favorite athlete: Wes Welker

When I grow up I want to be like...why? My parents
Favorite book: The Daybreakers by Louis L'Amour
If you could be any character from a book or movie, who would it be? Pepper from The Cowboy Way Favorite thing to do with your friends: Going hog hunting

Favorite school subject: Math Favorite beverage: Peach Tea

Favorite TV show: Boston Legal What is your favorite/lucky number: 11 What type of music do you lie the most: Country

What is your best physical characteristic: No answer

Who do you look up to the most? My Dad What is your planned major: Law
In 10 years I will be? Married and practicing law in the Texas

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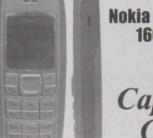
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# Valley 5th Six Weeks Honor Roll

1st Grade

Flowers, Kara Luckett, Iracema Mendoza, Kaytlin Shipley A's & B's: Ismael Valdes

2nd Grade

All A's: Daxon Allen, Jace Bland, Kylie Brown

A's & B's: Jessie Browning, Jacob Kendall, Juan Villarreal 3rd Grade

All A's: Ryleigh Carson, Wil Farley, Jolee Hill, Micah Willey,

A's & B's: Sydnee Meyer, Alyssa Mott, Jack Price, Janet

### 4th Grade

All A's: Kennadee Buchanan, Rachel Hancock, Jere Kendall, J.D. Schnitker

A's & B's: Francisca Alanis, Emily Barrett, Germain Mendoza, Lisette Mendoza

5th Grade All A's: Barrett Bland, Colton Bowman, Brandon Pointer, Ha-ley Wheeler

A's & B's: Tyler Campbell, Walker Carson, Esmeralda Cruz, Baylie Pointer, Blayne

## 6th Grade

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A's & B's: Kaylee Addison, Monica Alanis, Jerrica Galvan, Morgan Hawkins, Jessie Messer, Ketch Smith, April Villarreal,

#### 7th Grade

All A's: Brennan Allen, Kameron Buchanan, Sunny Helms, Abby Hill, Ben Seth Ramsey, Kodie Saul

A's & B's: Ian Farley, Colleen Hancock, Balke Pigg, Carson Proctor, Noe Valdes, Macy Val-

## 8th Grade

All A's: Branson Cruse, Kelsey All A's: Caitlyn Brown, Courtney Galvan, Kristen Jenkins, Pablo Martinez, Madison Meyer, Alyssa Pointer, Jessie

> A's & B's: Mary Elizabeth Bowman, Jordan Espinoza, Danielle Gwinn, Casen Bowman, Jordan Espinoza, Danielle Gwinn, Casen Hawkins, Enrique Mendoza, Whitney Perkins, Chambray Smith, Jose Valdez, Kammi

#### Freshmen

All A's: Landon Allen, Autumn Phillips, Khaki Scrivner A's & B's: Kelsey Kelley

#### Sophomores

All A's: Gavin Luckett, Mariela Mendoza, Lacie Pointer, Payton Price, Jacy Proctor, Lauren

A's & B's: Jacob Hancock, Monica Mendoza, Ilsa Ortiz, Juana Pozos, Isaac Smith, Courtney Thibodeaux, Sadie

#### Juniors

All A's: Dalton Allen, Callie Helms, Jordan Jenkins, Cade Luckett, Leslie Payne, Brady Ramsey, Justin Todd, Yessenia

A's & B's: Jeffery Addison, Chancy Campbell, Dulce Chavez, Angelica Cruz, Mitchell Farley, Laura Martinez, Alexandra Skinner, Ana Karen Valdez, Maria Valdez, Townlii

#### Seniors

All A's: Cole Brown, Mary Kate Davidson, Jasmin Ivory, Justin Rucker, Savannah Smith

A's & B's: Armando Mendoza, Roger Ramos, Bryce Reagan, Ana Iris Valdes

# Hall County Historical Commission News

The Hall Co Historical Commission met April 7. Tommie Jo Cruse, President, presided. The prayer was given by guest by a guest, Pauline Johnsey. The treasurer's report & minutes, were read by Mike Hughes. After one correction to the minutes, both were approved. For old news, Tommie Jo mentioned that the next fund raiser for the historical commission, would be the Turkey Jamboree in June. For new business, Tommie Jo might go to historical commission meetings in Cor-

## **Leading Groups** Call on Congress to Address Rural **Economic** Development

Ten leading organizations urged Congress recently to focus on economic development in rural areas of the country. The organizations, representing rural communities across the country, stressed that broadband deployment, coupled with transportation, education and library services, is essential in stimulating economic development in rural America.

Spurring the development of rural economies is not only important for individuals living in those communities, it's essential for the broader success of our country in a global market," stated Leroy Watson, Legislative Director of the National Grange. "With a combined population and economic output that is larger than most of the nations of the European Union, the communities of Rural America" are our nation's secret weapons in the competition to efficiently serve the markets of the 21st cen-

Title VI of the Farm Bill, contains key language that addresses rural development. Title VI includes the Connect the Nation Act which creates a competitive matching grant for state/local governments, private industry and labor to work together to determine where broadband is needed and to deploy high speed Internet to those areas. A recent study conducted by Connected Nation shows the economic stimulus of increased broadband availability and use is substantial - \$134 billion annually in the United States



Valley Tennis Team advances to Regional. Those on the team are Brady Ramsey, Justin Rucker, Jacob Hancock, Isaac Smith, Armando Mendoza, Mariela Mendoza, Savannah Smith, Jacy Proctor, Lauren Young, and Lacie Pointer.

# LAST CALL FOR TEXAS QUILTERS!

Don't miss your chance to enter the Texas Department of Agriculture's 2008 quilt block competition. The contest is open to everyone across the state. This year's theme, "Toast a Rising Star," highlights Texas' thriving and popular wine industry. As the nation's fifth-largest wine producing state with more than 220 family-owned vineyards covering 3,700 acres, the Texas wine industry contributes more than \$1 billion annually to the state's economy.

This year, TDA is honored and delighted to have Janet Staples, wife of Commissioner Todd

Staples, assisting the agency with the competition.

"This competition provides a great opportunity to work with fabulous, quality Texas materials while incorporating our great Texas creativity and spirit," said Mrs. Staples, an experienced quilter. "The entries submitted so far demonstrate that Texas quilters have found truly innova-

ve ways to depict the Texas wine industry." Each contest participant will use Texas natural fibers – cotton, wool and leather – to create a quilt block design that will be submitted to TDA. A panel of judges will select the winning entries, which will be pieced together into a quilt and unveiled in TDA's Food and Fiber Pavilion at the 2008 State Fair of Texas in September. The quilt will become part of TDA's quilt collection and traveling natural fiber exhibition.

To help defray the cost of the material packets, postage and the statewide travel and display of the quilt, a \$12 donation for each participant packet is requested. Only a handful of material packets remain, so request yours today. The deadline for submitting a quilt block is June 5,

This year's contest sponsors include Hobbs Bonded Fibers of Waco, Joy's Fabrics & Quilts in Godley, P & B Textiles of Dallas, Tandy Leather Factory of Fort Worth and the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. This year's final quilt will once again be designed and constructed by Terri Vogds of Denton and will be quilted by Johanna Iaia of Denton.

The packets contain the natural fiber fabrics to be used in the design along with tips and techniques for developing the block and more information about the contest theme. To participate in the 2008 quilt block competition, call (877) 99GO-TEX or download a participant form by visiting the Tips and More page at www.gotexan.org

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Flomot, Texas Pastor: Nathan Mulden SUNDAY Sunday School..

Worship Service.. Discipleship Training....5:00 p.m. ..6:30 p.m. Worship. WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting......7:30 p.m. **United Methodist** 

Church Silverton, Texas Pastor: Rance Young SUNDAY

Sunday School......9:30 a.m.. Worship Service.....10:30 a.m. Evening Worship......6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY Methodist Men.....6:30 p.m

> First Baptist Church Turkey, Texas Pastor: Melvin Clinton SUNDAY

Sunday School......9:45 a.m. Bible Study......7:00 p.m Morning Worship......11:00 a.m. .....5:00 p.m. Training Union.....6:00 p.m. Evening Worship. ....6:00 p.m. MONDAY Women's Missionary Society.....

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# IN OUR WORLD OF CHANGE, GOD'S LOVE REMAINS THE SAME

e live in a world of eternal change, where nothing seems to remain constant. The seasons come and go, the weather varies from day to day, rivers alter their courses, mountains rise, coastlines submerge, the earth rumbles from its molten interior and the very continents shift their positions; all of which man must learn to endure. However, God would not have subjected nim to these unstable conditions without first providing him with the intelligence and resource fulness to survive them. Therefore, since the earth itself is but a part of God's moving universe in which even the stars revolve through the infinitude of space, we must learn at our House of Worship that God alone remains steadfast and immovable; a reliable, ever-present source of help and guidance which is always available to us, no matter where we are in this restless world.





Silverton, Texas Minister : James Mayfield SUNDAY

Morning Worship......10:00 a.m. Mass..... .....6:00 p.m. Evening Worship. WEDNESDAY

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Turkey, Texas Minister : Stuart Smith SUNDAY Morning Worship......10:30 a.m.

...4:00 p.m. Evening Worship. ..5:00 p.m.

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST Juan Diego Catholic Center Quitaque, Texas Deacon Pedro Juarez SUNDAY

......11:00 a.m. Mass.. MONDAY Holy Hour......6:00 p.m. Doctrine Class.....4:30-5:30 p.m. Bible Study......7:00 p.m. Jr & Sr High......4:30-5:30 p.m.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Quitaque, Texas Pastor: Willie J. Windom SUNDAY

#### **Our Lady of Loretto** Catholic Church Silverton, Texas SUNDAY

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WEDNESDAY

**FAIRMONT** MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Fairmont, Texas Pastor: Arnie Smith

CHURCH Quitaque, Texas Pastor: John Dorn SUNDAY

UNITED METHODIST

Church School.......10:00 a.m. Morning Worship......11:00a.m.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST Quitaque, Texas Minister : Delos Johnson

SUNDAY Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m. Evening Worship......5:00
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Turkey, Texas Deacon Pedro Juarez
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#### IGLESIA BAUTISTA La TRINIDAD CHURCH

Quitaque, Texas Pastor: Salvador Bernal SUNDAY

Sunday School.. .10:00 a.m. Worship Service.....11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY

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. WEDNESDAY

Mission Program.....5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting......6:00 p.m.

#### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Turkey, Texas Pastor: John Dorn SUNDAY

Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m. Church School......9:00a.m. Evening Worship

1st & 3rd Sundays MONDAY

United Methodist Women.. .....4:00 p.m.



# 2008 Small Grain Certification

May 15, 2008 is the final date to certify small grain acreage of wheat, oats, barley, rye or triticale. Small grains need to be certified for harvest or for grazing. Most conservation requirements dictate that a high residue crop be planted on Highly Erodible Land. Certification of these crops is proof that the crops were planted, should you be checked for conservation compliance

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## **Texas Town Desalinate** Groundwater A pilot project utilizing wind power to desalinate brackish groundwater in West Texas will get a jump-start thanks to a

Wind Power to Help West

\$500,000 grant from the Office of Rural Community Affairs The project holds great promise for rural communities in

West Texas and the Panhandle needing to develop new sources of drinking water, said Charles S. (Charlie) Stone, ORCA ex-

"This project could be a roadmap for how our rural communities can use wind power to help meet future water needs,"

The project would be the first in the U.S. to use wind power to desalinate drinking water for an inland municipality, as opposed to a town located on a coastline

Seminole's proposal to ORCA calls for groundwater to be pumped from the deep, brackish Santa Rosa aquifer. A 50-kilowatt wind turbine will help power a reverse osmosis plant that will make the water drinkable for the town's residents.

ORCA is partnering with Texas Tech University, which has been working three years with Seminole on the design and economics of wind-driven groundwater desalinization systems.

"This project represents an innovative approach ORCA can take to help rural communities meet basic human needs, such as clean, reliable sources of drinking water," said. Dr. Wallace Klussmann, chairman of ORCA's governing board.

Seminole, like many West Texas towns, draws its drinking water from the Ogallala Aquifer, which is rapidly being depleted. The town has no access to surface water supplies

And the cost of electricity to operate a reverse osmosis plant large enough to meet the town's water needs was cost prohibitive, said Jamie Chapman of Texas Tech's Wind Science and Engineering Research Center.

"Seminole can make this project affordable by tapping into the strong wind power resources in West Texas," Chapman said. "With this ORCA grant, we can get this pilot project underway."

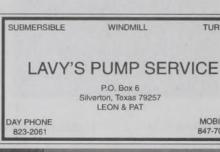
The wind turbine will provide the electricity for a reverse osmosis plant that, depending on the aquifer characteristics, will produce up to 30,000 gallons per day of drinking water for

If the project is successful, Chapman said Seminole eventually plans to install three megawatts of wind turbines to power a reverse osmosis plant large enough treat a future peak demand of three million gallons of water per day. Seminole currently uses about two million gallons per day on average from the Ogallala aquifer.

In addition to the ORCA grant, the project calls for Seminole to contribute \$400,000 in cash, land and in-kind services. Texas Tech will contribute \$25,000 in data collection and analysis and Entegrity Wind Systems will donate for two years a wind turbine valued at \$150,000. After two years, Entegrity likely would lease the turbine to Seminole, Chapman said.
"We are grateful to ORCA for its leadership on addressing

the critical water needs of Seminole and the region," said Seminole Mayor Mike Carter.

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FARM BILL: HOUSE CONFEREES NAMED IN AT-TEMPT TO PUSH PROCESS TOWARD CONCLUSION

Newly minted House Farm Bill Conferees met for a short time on April 10 to present opening statements and offer a slimmed down Farm Bill proposal that House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson (D-MN) described as a starting pointi designed primarily to jumpstart the negotiations. Sitting at the table when the Conference Committee met was Lubbeck Congressional Panel Wayschesen who as in the week the conference Committee met was

Lubbock Congressman Randy Neugebauer who said he was pleased to have been given the opportunity to provide a voice for farmers and ranchers in his district.

Only one week remains until the current farm bill funding xtension expires on April 18. The narrow time frame means there is no time to waste if significant progress is going to be

For farmers wondering if things were ever going to get moving, the meeting was viewed as evidence Congress will at least try to work out remaining differences and complete the bill. Whether or not this late push ultimately proves to be enough impetus to actually get a final agreement is less than certain.

In the days leading up to, and immediately after, expiration of the current farm bill extension on April 18, Plains Cotton Growers and the Southwest Council of Agribusiness will be well

represented in Washington to reinforce support for the bill.
The week of April 14 SWCA Board members Rickey Bearden, of Plains, and Dee Vaughan, of Dumas, and current PCG Secretary Craig Heinrich of Lubbock will travel to the nation's Capitol to work other SWCA members from across Texas to work on farm bill issues

The following week PCG Vice President Brad Heffington and Executive Vice President Steve Verett travel to Washington with SWCA Board member Mark Williams, of Farwell, to participate in the Commodity Futures Trading Commission forum to discuss recent commodity market disruptions and to also make any last minute contacts that may be needed to finalize passage of the farm bill. Bearden, Williams and Vaughan are also mem-

bers of the PCG Board of Directors.

The unexpectedly daunting challenge of agreeing on a full \$10 billion in spending offsets remains the biggest hurdle for House and Senate leaders to overcome.

A frustrating game of semantics and stubbornness has char-

acterized the effort to find budget offsets that the White House, House of Representatives and Senate could agree on. An interesting twist that will either solve or exacerbate this

situation was a 400-11 House vote to instruct its conferees to vote against the use of inewî taxes to provide needed funding over the baseline. The House instruction apparently does not prohibit the use of loophole closers or changes to existing tax provisions that could increase revenue.

Immediate reaction to the House proposal, which includes only \$5.5 billion in extra spending, was greeted by a less than enthusiastic response from the Senate mainly because the House proposal did not include the \$4 billion permanent ag disaster program or a package of tax provisions developed by the Sen-

Senate Conferees are expected to immediately go to work crafting a counter-offer that reflects the use of the full 10 billion in additional funding previously agreed upon by House and Senate leaders.

In an interview with Agweb's Jim Wiesemeyer, USDA Secretary Edward Schafer reinforced the Bush Administrationis position they would not accept a bill with additional funding offsets that did not include additional reforms as well.

"We've made it clear that increased spending has got to come with reform," said Schafer in response to a question about the House proposal. "It can't come from tax increases, it can't come from other things. It is hard to say if there's enough reform. But what I can tell you is that we have not seen enough reform in any of the proposed legislation that would make it acceptable

"The underlying bill represents hundreds of hours of work and includes a multitude of reforms that have been repeatedly recognized by the people's representatives in Congress," said Verett. "We will continue to work with Congress to finalize this important legislation in the limited time we have left before current authority runs out next week."
"After that," concludes Verett, "it will be up to the Adminis-

tration to decide if it will recognize and support the bipartisan efforts of the Congress or not.

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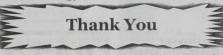


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# Things That Make You Go Hmmm... By Laura Taylor

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The following day, Suzy raised her hand first and said, "My dad owns a farm and every Sunday we load the chicken eggs on the truck and drive into town to sell them at the market. Well, one Sunday we hit a big bump and all the eggs flew out of the basket and onto the road.

The teacher asked for the moral to the story. Suzy replied, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket."

Next was Lucy. "Well, my dad owns a farm, too, and every weekend we take the chicken eggs and put them in the incubator. Last weekend only 8 of the 12 eggs hatched. The moral to the story is, don't count your chicks before they are hatched.'

Billy was the last to speak. He said, "My uncle Ted fought in the Vietnam War. His plane was shot down over enemy territory. He managed to jump out before it crashed, with only a parachute, a bottle of bourbon, a machine gun, and a machete. As he floated down he drank the whole bottle of bourbon. Unfortunately, he landed right in the middle of 100 North Vietnamese soldiers. He shot 70 with his machine gun, but ran out of bullets so he pulled out his machete and killed 20 more. The blade broke on his machete, so he killed the last 10 with his

The teacher looked in shock at Billy and asked if there was possibly any moral to his story.

Billy replied, "Don't mess with my Uncle Ted when he's been

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# This Week In Texas History!

April 21, 1948
The battleship "Texas" was moored at the San Jacinto Battleground and commissioned the flagship of the "Tower Nurs"

April 21, 1936
Ground breaking at the future site of the San Jacinto Monu-

ment took place.

April 21, 1916

"Old Main" was dedicated at
West Texas State Normal College in Canyon.

West Texas State Normal College in Canyon.
April 21, 1836
About 400 Mexican reinforcements under the command of Gen. Martin Perfecto de Cos, Santa Anna's brother-in-law, crossed Vince's Bridge, shortly after they crossed "Deaf" Smith and five other scouts destroyed the bridge blocking both sides from escaping San Jacinto. This also prevented the new soldiers from helping Santa Anna.

Less than a mile away, Gen Sam Houston was finally convinced by the Texans to start his attack at 4 p.m. while the Mexicans were taking a siesta. Yelling "Remember the Alamo" and "Remember La Bahia" the smaller Texas Army routed the Mexicans. When Santa Anna realized the situation was hopeless, he fled toward Vince's Bridge on a stolen horse only to discover it had been burned. The Battle of San Jacinto only lasted 18 minutes, but the Texas Army con-

len horse only to discover it had been burned. The Battle of San Jacinto only lasted 18 minutes, but the Texas Army continued to kill Mexicans until sunset. Only 9 Texans were killed in the battle.

April 22, 1836

Dressed as a private, Gen Santa Anna was captured by the Texans. His fear of water had prevented him from escaping by swimming across Buffalo Bayou. Sam Houston accepted Santa Anna's surrender and then left the battle site for medical treatment for his wounded leg in New Orleans. He left Thomas Jefferson Rusk in command with orders to protect Santa Anna from the Texan soldiers.

April 22, 1540

Texan soldiers.

April 22, 1540
Francisco Vasquez de Coronado left Culiacan (Mexico City) on his two year exploration of the Southwest.

April 23, 1841
The last boundry marker between the Republic of Texas and the United States was set.

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One year after leaving Mexico
City, Coronodo left Santa Fe in
search of "Cebola" The Lost
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April 24, 1919 Capt. Samuel Burk Burnet

leased some of the 6666 Ranch in Carson County out for oil drilling.

April 24, 1846

Mexican soldiers crossed the Rio Grande River and started the Mexican War.

Sgt. John Ward of the 24th U.S. Infantry Indian Scouts earned the Congressional Medal of Honor when he and his two companions charged a force of 30 Comanche Indians while on patrol on the Pecos

April 26, 1881

A contract was signed between Fort Worth, Denver and New Orleans Railway to build a railroad between Galveston and Denver

April 27, 1791 Samuel Morse, inventor of the telegraph, offered his invention to The Republic of Texas but becausethe offer was never accepted, he took the offer back.

The hardest thing in the world to understand is the in-

~ Albert Einstein

You can get help from teachers, but you are going to have to learn a lot by yourself, sitting alone in a room,

~ Theodor Geisel



"I knew it was going to be a Monday all day long.....", said Pat Carson of Carson Insurance in Turkey. This picture was taken through their office door Monday morning. "Don't know where they came from or where they went." Carson said. Looks like a whole new breed is comng to town for Bob Wills Day!

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Letters To The **Editor** 

To Hall County Commissioners

I feel that I have a duty to offer you my unsolicited opinion about the question of whether our courthouse is to be restored in the next few years—or allowed to continue to deteriorate.

I was born in Memphis (Odom Hospital) in 1950, grew up at Newlin, attended all twelve years of public school at Estelline, and still live in eastern Hall County. When I was a kid, we went to Memphis to buy groceries and do laundry once a week. The main reason I ever had to go inside the courthouse was to visit the restroom. Every time, I felt like I was in the most magnificent building in Texas. Occasionally, my mother would let me go up to the 4th floor and look out the windows over the courth steps. It was always a thrill. Now a half century later. south steps. It was always a thrill. Now, a half century later, the inside and outside of our courthouse are not very magnifi-Windows have been closed up, ceilings lowered, original beautiful light fixtures taken down, and ugly paneling on the walls—all this has taken away from the building rather than adding to it. I realize that the commissioners who did all that

thought they were doing the county's citizens a favor, but it was not.

Memphis used to have several public building which were really beautiful, stately structures The old 1st Baptist Church, the old 1st Methodist Church, the Carnegie Library, the FW&D depot, Goodall Hospital, the old Memphis High School, the old drugstore on the northeast corner of the square where the bank is now—all these have been destroyed, and most have been replaced by plain, ugly buildings. Everyone of them should still be standing—but it's too late.

If our courthouse is allowed to burn down, or fall apart, because of neglect, its replacement

will be another ugly public building. In the 1970's, I drove to every county in Texas (all 254) to take picture of every courthouse in Texas. I have them all in one large album. Now, a number of them have been replaced by concrete and steel buildings that don't resemble what a courthouse should. I've talked with people in some of these places. Without exception, they shake their heads and lament that they let their old courthouses be destroyed. It's too late for them, but not for us! Please don't let it happen here!

I certainly don't have all the answers about how the county's portion of the expenses necessary to accomplish the restoration can be obtained, but surely, if all these other counties in which the courthouses have been restored in the last few years can do it, we can too. If we can get it done our courthouse could be a source of pride for another century. Let's don't pass up this opportunity!

Just think of all the land ownership, birth, marriage and death records which would be destroyed if our courthouse burns. There is no need to allow that possibility to become a reality.

Our courthouse has witnessed the vast majority of our county's history. The Great Depression happened when the courthouse was brand new. Then came World War II. My dad was one of many Hall County soldiers who left on a bus from this courthouses to go away from home for "the duration". I remember Indians stopping at the courthouse for several years in the 1950's on their way to a gathering in Anadarko, Oklahoma. Estelline's students were brought on busses to see Santa Claus at the courthouse, and to eat sugar cubes which contained some kind of polio vaccine. We went up the east steps, got our dose in the hall, and went out the west doors. Every one who has grown up in the county and seen that building all these years has his/her own individual memories of events that occurred in and around it.

I want to thank you for having the steps returned to their original look recently. I realize some of the decisions you make as a Hall County commissioner are not easy. However, I just To listen closely and reply ask that you won't decide to give up and let one of the very last remnants of Hall County and its more glorious, prosperous days fall down or burn up.

Thank you for taking time to read this rambling letter, and looking at the pictures. Please notice the beauty of the building in tis former days, and do all you can to make it look that way

Sincerely, Mike Hughes

Letter reprinted by request of the Hall County Historical Commission.



The wit makes fun of other

persons; the satirist makes fun

of the world; the humorist

makes fun of himself, but in so doing, he identifies himself

with people - that is, people

everywhere, not for the pur-pose of taking them apart, but

simply revealing their true

well is the highest perfection

we are able to attain in the art

- François Rochefoucauld

of conversation

~ James Thurber

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