

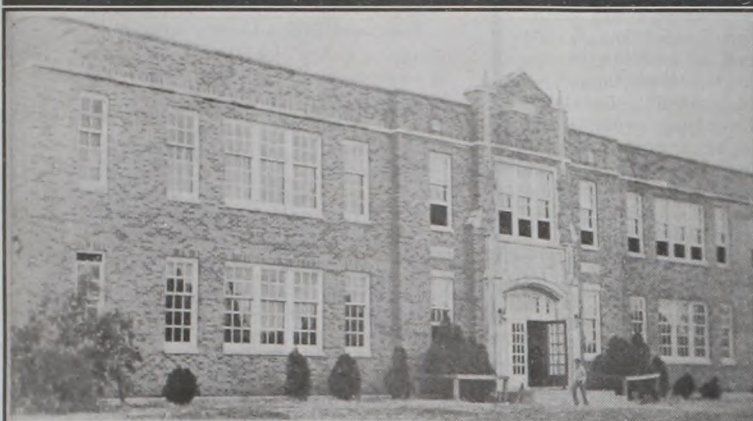
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CHALLENGE AND REPORT CONCERNING TURKEY HIGH SCHOOL

In 2005 a community effort to improve the Turkey High School was taken to the task. Fund raising began along with efforts to obtain a grant. We soon learned the type of grant we needed was not available. Nevertheless we continued to apply through the grant process, and after months of waiting, the grant was always denied. Not to be daunted, efforts continued to raise money, with community dinners, donations and raffles. We consider all these projects successful and at last accounting \$15,000.00 plus has been given. As funds allow windows will soon be purchased to be placed in the front of the first floor and second floor windows will be boarded up.

A challenge has been made by a concerned alumnus to raise additional funds to replace windows in the auditorium and possibly start repair in the bathrooms. The challenge is simple, the challenger will donate \$500.00, when 20 donations of \$500.00 or more have been made the challenger donates an additional \$500.00.

Donations can be made by individuals, classes, organizations, families, groups or anyone interested in preserving our landmark. Donors will be recognized by their name being placed on a plaque and hung in the building. Donations may be made at Turkey Branch Memphis State Bank or Lacy Dry Goods.

Your consideration of this challenge will be appreciated!



Turkey Gem Spotlight ~ Lucy Dean Record ~

By RJ Kalafus

Lucy Dean Record of Lockney, Texas is the keyboard stylist that has been playing the piano and keyboard since she was 5 years old. She has taught for close to 63 years and continues to teach and accept new students.

Lucy Dean and her late husband C.L. performed for many years as a gospel duet at area churches and church get togethers until C.L.'s passing.

Prior to joining the Turkey Gems she was with the "Country sound" in Silverton until they ceased as a group. Lucy Dean cites her highlights have been being able to perform with Ray Price, Jim Ed Brow, Terry Smith and at the Silver Dollar in Branson with Jimmy Burson. She is especially proud to have played with the Texas playboys when their piano player fell ill.

Lucy Dean has no favorite musicians and no favorite music type but she is especially partial to Gospel music and her favorite song of all time is "It Had To Be You".

Hush!! Somebody's Callin' My Name!!!

By Lataine Dillard

You will hear this old spiritual along with "Come Worship the King" and many others. The Panhandle Singing Women will be singing for you at Silverton First Baptist Church on Sunday night, March 2, 2008 at 6 p.m.

We invite you to enjoy the wonderful Christian music. The ladies come from Panhandle, Sunray, Perryton, Amarillo, Canyon, Adrian and here, to bring their praise music. Darla Harbison from Sunray and Olinda Boardman from Amarillo will be playing the piano.

There is no charge for the concert. If you choose to give an offering to help the ladies buy the music books they use, it will be appreciated. Come and be blessed by music sang from the heart to glorify God and to join with you in worship.

Silverton City Council Sets Council Election For May 10

The Silverton City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 11. Present for the meeting were Mayor Garvin, Council members Kyle Fuston, Wayne Reed, LaQuetta Schott, Dwain Tipton, Secretary Jerry Patton, and guests Emily Garcia, Norma Jones and Missy Reynolds. After attending to regular monthly council business the following items were addressed:

* Emily Garcia addressed the council and gave a report on her experiences at the National 4-H Congress held November 23-25.

* The council reviewed information on the Economic Development Alliance and the pending organizational meeting.

* Jerry Patton reported that February 9th was the first date to file for a place on the ballot and March 11 was the last day to file for a place for the May 10 city election. Kyle Fuston and LaQuetta Schott have filed for a place on the ballot.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Turkey Jamboree Saturday, March 1

By RJ Kalafus

Make no plans for Saturday, March 1st as the March Jamboree will be held at the historic Gem Theatre in beautiful downtown Turkey, Texas.

The show begins at 7 p.m. but come early for a fine meal benefiting the Turkey Roost Museum, a chili dinner and fixins with dessert all for \$5.

Starting off the night's entertainment will be Tullia's Glenn Waters. A fine fiddler and singer, who will do a medley of Bob Wills music. Glenn will be doing double duty as he also is a member of the Turkey Gems.

Following Glenn will be a newcomer to the Jamboree, Teresa Garrison of Colorado. She is a country vocalist and comes highly recommended. Last on the program will be Turkey's own Monte Green, the possessor of a real fine and strong voice as he has shown on his talent showcase.

There will be a Talent Showcase for any and all that would like to take the stage and perform for an audience.

Closing out the night's fun will be the premiere band of West Texas - The Turkey Gems, 8 of the most talented musicians to be found anywhere. They never fail to please.

There will be a \$100 prize for the winner of the audience voting at the end of the show, this money was donated again by Billy Ray Hardcastle and Ted Crom. There is also a \$25 door prize awarded at the end of the night and prizes awarded all evening ranging from electronics to handmade goods and cakes.

The meal begins at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. and do not forget the show is free and fun for all.



Z.E. and Lurline Polley of Turkey, recently celebrated 76 years of marriage. CONGRATULATIONS!

Polleys Celebrate 76th Anniversary

By RJ Kalafus

Long time Turkey residents, Z.E. and Lurline Polley, recently celebrated 76 years of marriage.

The Polleys have known one another all of their lives. Their families lived five miles from one another in San Augustine, Texas, and they can recall being allowed to walk to church with one another, behind their family wagons, when they were teens.

They were married in a church ceremony on February 13, 1932, in San Augustine.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Polley's parents were farmers, and Mr. Polley supported his family by doing farm work, as well as wood cutting. They first came to Turkey to work in 1947, and settled here, permanently in 1949.

The couple believe that the old values of honesty and hard work are the best. They are proud that their 12 children have all done well.

Mr. and Mrs. Polley have 72 grandchildren, 107 great grandchildren, and 130 great grandchildren.

The Polley's secret for their long lives their and successful marriage? "Just get along together!"

Area Wide February 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	2007 Tax Payments To Date	% Of Change
Quitaque	2.00%	\$4,702.97	\$4,147.61	13.38%	\$7,249.20	\$6,235.97	16.24%
Silverton	1.75%	\$4,678.79	\$5,302.04	-11.75%	\$7,484.50	\$7,922.03	-5.52%
Turkey	2.00%	\$3,932.07	\$4,198.75	-6.35%	\$5,798.42	\$6,012.39	-3.55%
Memphis	2.00%	\$26,964.25	\$22,764.48	18.44%	\$41,283.25	\$44,446.82	-7.11%
Lakeview	1.00%	\$218.42	\$168.11	29.92%	\$268.12	\$254.33	5.42%
Estelline	1.25%	\$1,856.03	\$1,756.80	5.64%	\$2,638.92	\$3,416.66	-22.76%
Matador	2.00%	\$8,441.53	\$6,715.46	25.70%	\$11,615.38	\$11,936.26	-2.68%
Roaring Spgs	2.00%	\$2,601.98	\$2,310.44	12.61%	\$3,608.56	\$4,641.76	-22.25%

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(*) indicates a change in rate in the past 14 months.

Comptroller Combs Distributes \$640 Million in Local Sales Tax

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said this week the state collected \$1.85 billion in sales tax revenue in January, up 5.2 percent compared to January 2007.

"State sales tax collections through the first five months of the fiscal year, September 2007 through January 2008, are up 6.8 percent compared to the same period last fiscal year," Combs said. "While growth remains firm, it is slower than that of the past two years. This moderation is consistent with the slowing economy."

Combs sent \$640.8 million in local sales tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 5.1 percent compared to sales tax distributions to local governments in February 2007.

January state sales tax collections and February's local sales tax allocations primarily represent sales made in December, but also include earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the Comptroller on a quarterly or annual basis.

The Comptroller sent \$434.3 million in sales tax to Texas cities, up 4.8 percent compared to February 2007 payments. Texas counties received February sales tax payments of \$37.7 million, up 6 percent compared to last February.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, March 14.

ON THE QT

By Patsy Herrington

We have had wind, and we have had dust, and it has been cold, but we were blessed with six tenths of rain Saturday with more predicted. I still say Quitaque is one of the best places on earth to live with its beautiful scenic caprock, good schools and churches, and the friendliest best people in the world - and the SUNSETS! They are simply unparalleled in beauty! My daughter, Kim Eudy of Austin, and I were going west the other evening, and the sky was ablaze with the gorgeous colors and hues - first amber, blues and greys which suddenly burst out in an array of golds and reds. Kim remarked that the sunset just made the trip for her. It's something we often times take for granted and fail to realize all the beauty around us.

Many, many people, family and friends gathered at the Methodist Church Tuesday to pay their last respects to Joe Mae Merrell. Among some I remember were John Lynn Johnson of Corpus, Perry Brunson, Mike and Barbara Pigg of Silverton, Jerry Merrell of California, Molly and Corry Gardiner of Vigo Park, Danny Gardiner of Vigo Park, John Davidson of Turkey, Les Hall-Methodist pastor of Floydada, Lex Herrington of Floydada, Warren Wayne Merrell and family of Lubbock, also P.J. Merrell and Clay Merrell, Jana Merrell and Donnie Calvert of Amarillo. Molly and Corry Gardiner, children of Jo Beth Merrell, deceased, played beautifully on the violin and Wayde Clay sang 'Because He Lives'. My heart stands still every time I hear Wayde sing. In know the angels don't sing any better. She is so talented and so very good.

Sherry Stark Braden, who grew up here and now lives in Nacogdoches, has been very ill for a long time with a virus she caught while they were in Italy. No doctor in the USA has been much help in finding a cure. However, she is some better and was released this week from the hospital to go home.

Mary Stark Henry, Sherry's mother, and also a former resident now living in Nacogdoches had to have a stint put in her heart this week. She ended up staying several days in the hospital, but is home now.

Elaine Harmon and her dad, Odis Reagan, went to Lubbock to visit John David and Tonya Harmon, and of course the new baby boy, Brannon. He has gained several pounds since he was born.

The sirens went off Wednesday night about eleven p.m. There was a big grassland fire around the Gasoline community. Fire trucks from Turkey, Quitaque and Silverton responded, as well as a large crowd of EMTs. The fire was contained, but broke out again Friday for awhile.

Howard Purcell suffered an apparent heart attack this week. Reports say that he is resting, and is at Covenant Hospital at Lubbock.

On February 13 the First Baptist Church had a Valentine banquet with beautiful decorations, good food, (steaks) and great fellowship.

Tragically, Grant Wheeler, son of Barry and Rebecca Wheeler of Turkey had a bad wreck with a four wheeler and crushed both ankles along with breaking a leg in three places. He was in surgery at Lubbock Saturday. As young as he is, a sophomore, hopefully he will heal fast.

Buster (Buck) Chadwick has been on the sick list, but is doing better.

It is good to see Scotty Stark up and around. He is greatly improved.

Weldon and B.J. Griffin have been on a trip down state. Last Sunday they went down to Denton and spent the night with their son, Russ and his family. All the kids came over and had supper and a nice visit. Russ is going to school at UNT. He will graduate in August. On Monday they went on down to Waco to visit with their niece, Kyla Woods Dieterich and her family. Kyla has two little boys, Kyson, 4 and Kolt, 2; also a new baby girl, Kerrigan, who is one month old. Kyla's mom, Coque Lawson came over on Monday evening for supper. She and B.J. are genealogy buddies. While there they also spent some time with their granddaughter Emily Venable.

Emily is going to school at McClellon Community College in Waco. She will finish in May with her ASL Certification. On Wednesday they went on down to Houston to visit Weldon's cousin, Vermelle and Curtis Sessions. On the way down they stopped in Huntsville to see "Big Sam" Houston. While they were in Houston they visited the San Jacinto Monument and the Battleship Texas. They returned home on Sunday. It had rained all the way from Houston to Quitaque.

Verla Barrett and Linda Lemons work with Team Kids, which involves children of all dominations. For Valentine, they had the children make decorated heart shaped cookies and homemade Valentines and delivered them to Senior Citizens. Wasn't that nice!

Valentine's Day has come and gone, but the happy memories linger on. It is so much fun for kids, young and old.

McKays Visiting From S. Carolina

Visiting in the home of Carrie Ball and Mildred Buckley this week was Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McKay of Denmark South Carolina, son and daughter in law of the late Nathaniel McKay, Jr. Also Mrs. Wilma McFarlin and Joe McKay, Dallas, Tx and Mrs. Linda Reynolds of Monte Vista, Colorado. After visiting with family in Turkey, Dallas and Memphis, Texas the McKays will fly back home to South Carolina. Everyone had a wonderful time, just thanking God that they are still able to travel.

In war: resolution. In defeat: defiance. In victory: magnanimity. In peace: goodwill.
- Sir Winston Churchill

Obituaries

William "Bill" Henderson

PACIFIC GROVE, CA - William (Bill) Henderson, passed away peacefully February 12, 2008 with his family around him. His first love was golf, enjoying it with his friends for many years. Bill was an accomplished carpenter, upholsterer and liked working in his yard. He looked forward to traveling but was always happy to come home to the Peninsula. Bill worked for Granny Goose Products for many years and was affectionately known as "Granny" by his customers. He was born in San Bernardino, lived in Colton as a child and had a career in movies and tap dancing through his late teens. Bill performed in a dance line featuring Donald O'Conner and toured the United States with a dance troop, visiting his major cities. He had supporting roles in several major movies.

Bill is survived by his wife of many years, Dorothy (D.J.). His former wife, Peggy, passed away. He is also survived by his son, Larry Henderson of Flomot, TX; his daughter, Sandra (James) Western and grandson, Wyatt, of Fresno.

Bill served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II and an American flag was presented to his son, Larry. Regardless of the situation, whenever Bill was asked how he was doing, his answer was "fantastic". He was a kind and loving husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Character is the result of the cultivation of the highest and noblest qualities in human nature, and putting these qualities to practical use.
- Ella Wilcox

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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

I give thanks for growing up in America. While America is not without her bruises and blemishes, she is still by far, the best when it comes to freedom, opportunity and progress. I give thanks for all of this.

Appreciated Rain

Flomot and Whiteflat received the first measurable moisture since mid December, Saturday, February 16 and glistening ice was everywhere. Reported rain was 0.45 to one inch and was truly appreciated.

Boy Scouts in Pine Wood Derby

Boy Scout troop 274 and Scout Master, Tim Kendall competed in the Pine Wood Derby on Sunday, February 17 at the Assembly of God church in Matador. The Rev. Eric Sullivan was the host for the 25 entries.

Races were placed in divisions according to age. The four scouts from Flomot who returned home with trophies were:

Jere Kendall, 1st in 3-4 grade class, most original car and 3rd in overall division.

Jacob Kendall, 1st in 0-2 grade class and 1st overall award.

Will Farley, 2nd in 3-4 grade class.

Ian Farley, 1st in 5-7 grade class.

Tim Kendall, 2nd in the overall competition.

Caprock Baptist Conference

The Flomot Baptist Church hosted the Caprock Baptist Association Evangelism Conference Sunday night, February 17. The featured guest was the Rev. Gene Meecham of Plainview, area Caprock Baptist Association missionary. He showed films and Mrs. Kathy shorter presented special music.

Over sixty guests attended from matador, Floydada and Quitaque. Following the meeting, refreshments were served in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Tylee Barclay Celebrated Birthday

Jerry and Sandra Barclay and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Barclay of Lockney were special guests at the birthday party given for their granddaughter and great granddaughter, Tylee Barclay of Matador Friday night, February 15.

The party was held in the home of Tylee's parents, Ty and Brittany Barclay and twin brothers, Trent and Trevor in Matador. She blew out her three candles on a beautifully decorated cake featuring "My Little Pony". She was delightful when opening her gifts before refreshments were served.

Mrs. Cora Gail Trent of Albuquerque, NM was a luncheon guest of Ruth and Orville Lee, Tuesday.

Mrs. B. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers visited in Quanah Tuesday with Mrs. Leona Degan.

Mrs. Christi Milam and daughters, Emily and Haley of Petersburg visited Friday with her parents, Clois and Kathy Shorter and grandmother, Mrs. Geneva Martin. Emily and Haley remained to visit until Sunday when Clois accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay enjoyed the Panhandle High School varsity girls basketball game in Canyon Friday night. Their granddaughter, Kelsey Clay and PHS teammates defeated Tahoka team for Bi-District title.

Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Kalgary visited Sunday with her mother, Mrs. B. Rogers and brother, Donnie Rogers. They were en route home from Quanah where they visited his mother, Mrs. Leona Degan.



Cook's Corner

By Laura Taylor

Here are 3 tasty and healthy recipes for pork chops that your family will love.

Creole Pork Chops

2 tablespoons vegetable oil or shortening

4 center-cut loin pork chops

4 tablespoons flour, seasoned with salt, pepper, and paprika

1 cup water or chicken broth

1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper

1/2 cup chopped onion

1/4 cup thinly sliced green onion tops

1/4 cup chopped celery

dash cayenne pepper

salt and pepper to taste

bay leaf

Heat oil in a heavy skillet over medium heat. Dredge

pork chops in seasoned flour and brown both sides in the hot fat. Pour in 1 cup of water

or broth; add remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer until

pork is cooked through, about 15 to 20 minutes. Remove bay leaf. Serves 4

Spicy Southwestern Pork Chops

4 large shoulder pork chops

1 tablespoon olive oil

2 tablespoons butter

2 tablespoons flour

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

1/8 teaspoon pepper

1/4 cup water

2 cans (14.5 ounces each) diced tomatoes

1 can (4 ounces) mild chopped green chile peppers

2 large onions, quartered and sliced

3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

2 teaspoons chili powder

1 teaspoon dried leaf oregano

2 teaspoons sugar

In a large skillet in a olive oil and butter, brown chops well on both sides. Remove chops and pour off all but 1 to 2 tablespoons of the fat. Stir in flour. Put chops back in the skillet and sprinkle with salt, garlic powder, and pepper.

Add 1/4 cup water, cover, and cook on low heat for about 30 minutes. Add remaining ingredients. Cover and cook for 20 minutes longer. Serves 4.

Pork Chops & Sweet Potatoes

6 pork loin chops, about 1 inch thick

2 tablespoons oil

1 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

2 to 3 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced

3/4-inch thick

1 can (about 12 ounces) pineapple chunks

1/4 cup light brown sugar, packed

3 apples, peeled and sliced water

2 tablespoons flour

Brown pork chops in oil in a heavy skillet; season with salt and pepper. Add sweet potatoes. Drain pineapple chunks, reserving liquid. Combine 1/3 cup pineapple liquid and the brown sugar; pour over pork chops and potatoes.

Cover and cook over low heat for 1 hour. Add pineapple chunks and apple slices. Cover tightly and continue cooking for about 15 minutes longer, or until pork chops are done. Remove pork chops, potatoes, apple, and pineapple to a heated serving dish. Add water to the cooking liquid to make 1 cup. Combine 1 1/2 tablespoons of flour with about a tablespoon of cold water; stir to make a smooth paste. Stir flour water mixture into the hot liquid, stirring over low heat until thickened. Serve with pork chops and sweet potatoes. Serves 6.

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- Miss or Mrs.
- soldiers who didn't make it back (abbr.)
- TX Audie Murphy film: "40 Guns to ____ Pass"
- TX-born Gale Storm was "My ____ Margie"
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- leveling wood
- atop the TX Capitol: "Goddess Liberty"
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- TXism: "____ authenticates or affirms the legal document? (2 wds.)"
- TXism: "a day late and a dollar ____"
- between Mon. and Wed.
- TXism: "____ enough for government work"
- TX tree: ____ d'arc
- "All ____ Live in Texas"
- TXism: between a rock and ____ place"

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- big San Antonio franchise of Pizza Hut: "Pizza ____"
- TXism: "can't make a silk purse out of ____ ear"
- Mexican food
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- TXism: "in a ____ of trouble"
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- of land
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- TX Tanya's 1st hit: "____ Dawn"
- said when something goes wrong
- make amends for

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My name is Angela Mestas and I know that I have already announced my candidacy for Hall County Tax Assessor/Collector, but I would like to tell you a little bit more about myself. I have worked in an office setting for the past eight years. I worked for Hall County Hospital for three years as a receptionist and insurance clerk until the Hospital closed in 2003. I remained an employee and managed the office for the Hall County Hospital District through 2006. I am now employed at the Hall County Justice of the Peace Office. If elected I will operate the office in a friendly, helpful, and effecient manner.

I am a Hall County resident and have been for as long as I can remember. I grew up in Memphis and have made this my home as an adult as well. I am married to Ryan Mestas and we have three children ages 12, 8 and 6. My family is from Hall County as well and have been for quite a long time. My grandfather, Samuel 'Jack' Watson settled in Oxbow in 1926, married my grandma Frances 'Granny' Watson in 1927 and we have been around here since then.

I do have past office experience and I believe that this does help, but it is not everything. I have dedication and determination which I believe play a big part in work outcome. If elected I will serve Hall County to the best of my abilities. Thank you so much --- your support and votes are appreciated greatly.

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Tuesday, February 26

Breakfast: Pop Tarts, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Chili Cheese Burritos, Corn, Apricots, Milk

Wednesday, February 27

Breakfast: Breakfast Hot Pockt, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Peas & Carrots, Pears, Hot Rolls, Milk

Thursday, February 28

Breakfast: Biscuits, Jelly, Sausage, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Meat Nachos, Salad, Mandarin Oranges & Pineapple, Milk

Friday, February 29

Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Koshers Dills, Brownies, Milk



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pictured: Coach Hamilton, Dalton Allen, Isaac Smith, Armando Mendoza, Roger Ramos, Cole Brown, Jose Galvan, Jeffery Addison, Landon Allen, Jacob Hancock, Brady Ramsey & Justin Rucker.

Lady Patriots Fall in Area Round of Playoffs

By Susan Ramsey

The Valley Lady Patriots traveled to Lubbock last Friday to take on the Wellman-Union Lady Cats in the Area round of the State Playoffs. Wellman came in with a 27-3 record and proved to be a formidable opponent.

The first quarter saw Valley take a 15-12 lead. Wellman would move back in front at half-time by a 27-25 score. The third quarter saw Wellman stretch their lead to seven points and prove to be the difference in the game. Valley would pull within four points late in the fourth, but Wellman would hit all their free throws down the stretch to come away with a 57-47 win.

Valley was led by their senior post, Jasmin Ivory, who finished the game with 25 points. Jasmin truly went out with a bang as she played a fantastic game in her final contest as a Lady Patriot. Others scoring for Valley were Jordan Jenkins-4, Payton Price-4, Lacie Pointer-2, and Mary Kate Davidson with 2 points.

Valley finishes the year with an 18-10 record and a fifth consecutive year in the playoffs. Seniors Savannah Smith, Mary Kate Davidson, and Jasmin Ivory all had a great year and will be sorely missed. The team would like to thank everyone for their tremendous support during the course of the year. We truly have the best fans around! Way to go on a great season, Coach Ramsey and Lady Patriots! We are proud of you!

Miss Irish Rose Scholarship Pageant

Once again, Shamrock, Texas will be hosting their annual Saint Patrick's Celebration on March 14-16, 2008. One of the many highlights of this celebration is the crowning of Miss Irish Rose.

This Scholarship Pageant is open to all young ladies who are between the ages of 14 through 18 and enrolled in High School. The contestants do not have to reside in Texas nor do they need to be currently holding a title or reign. The 2008 Miss Irish Rose, along with her three runner-ups and Miss Congeniality, will be receiving a scholarship to the college of her choice.

For further information, please call either Betty Lee and (806) 334-0929, Dana Hosack at (806) 662-5405, or the Chamber of Commerce Office at (806) 256-2501.

Patriots Win Bi-District

By Susan Ramsey

The Valley Patriots took on Cotton Center at Floydada Tuesday night in the Bi-District contest and came away with an 84-41.

Valley had five players in double figures, led by Isaac Smith and Jacob Hancock with 18 points each. Others scoring for Valley were Cole Brown-14, Brady Ramsey-10, Roger Ramos-10, Armando Mendoza-6, Dalton Allen-6, and Jeffery Addison with 2 points.

The victory propels Valley into the Area round of the playoffs where they will play the Grady Wildcats. The game will be Friday night at 7:30 in the Rip Griffin Center on the campus of LCU, in Lubbock. Everyone come out and support your Valley Patriots in their playoff drive this season! Let's go BLUE!

GO VALLEY, BEAT GRADY!



Valley Varsity Boys



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Things That M...
By La...

Have You Heard Duck Hunting?

A guy buys a new Lincoln... monthly payments of \$50... ing in upper Wisconsin. It... lakes are frozen. These t... GUNS, a DOG, and of cou... cide they want to make a... the ducks to focus on, som... making a hole in the ice la... going to take a little m... can produce. So, out of th... stick of dynamite with a s...

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The dog stops for a mo... es on. Another shot, and... comes really confused an... geniuses have gone insa... DER the brand new Navi... they run. The red hot exha... rear end, he yelps, drops t... off after his master.

Then "BOOOOOOOOO... bits and sinks to the bott... standing there with "I can... their faces. The insuranc... in a lake by illegal use of... policy. And he still had ye... month payments.

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Things That Make You Go Hmmm...

By Laura Taylor

Have You Heard About The Two Duck Hunter From Wisconsin?

A guy buys a new Lincoln Navigator for \$42,500.00 (with monthly payments of \$560.00). He and a friend go duck hunting in upper Wisconsin. It's mid-winter; and of course all of the lakes are frozen. These two guys go out on the ice with their GUNS, a DOG, and of course the new NAVIGATOR. They decide they want to make a natural looking open water area for the ducks to focus on, something for the decoys to float on. Now making a hole in the ice large enough to invite a passing duck, is going to take a little more power than the average drill auger can produce. So, out of the back of the new Navigator comes a stick of dynamite with a short 40 second-fuse.

Now our two Rocket Scientists, afraid they might slip on the ice while trying to run away after lighting the fuse (and becoming toast, along with the Navigator), decide on the following course of action: they light the 40 second fuse; then, with a mighty thrust, they throw the stick of dynamite as far away as possible. Remember a couple of paragraphs back when I mentioned the NAVIGATOR, the GUNS, and the DOG...???

Let's talk about the dog: A highly trained Black Lab used for RETRIEVING; especially things thrown by the owner. You guessed it: the dog takes off across the ice at a high rate of speed and grabs the stick of dynamite, with the burning 40-second fuse, just as it hits the ice. The two men swallow, blink, start waving their arms and, with veins in their necks swelling to resemble stalks of rhubarb, scream and holler at the dog to stop. The dog, now apparently cheered on by his master, keeps coming. One hunter panics, grabs the shotgun and shoots the dog. The shotgun is loaded with #8 bird shot, hardly big enough to stop a Black Lab.

The dog stops for a moment, slightly confused, then continues on. Another shot, and this time the dog, still standing, becomes really confused and of course terrified, thinks these two geniuses have gone insane. The dog takes off to find cover, UNDER the brand new Navigator. The men continue to scream as they run. The red hot exhaust pipe on the truck touches the dog's rear end, he yelps, drops the dynamite under the truck and takes off after his master.

Then "BOOOOOOOOOOOOM"!!!! The truck is blown to bits and sinks to the bottom of the lake, leaving the two idiots standing there with "I can't believe this just happened" looks on their faces. The insurance company says that sinking a vehicle in a lake by illegal use of explosives is NOT COVERED by the policy. And he still had yet to make the first of those \$560.00 a month payments.

And they say Rednecks only live in the South.

HHMMM.....

Turkey Lions Club Annual Valentine Banquet

The Turkey Lions Club hosted their annual Valentine Banquet for the widows and widowers at the Senior Citizens Room February 11, 2008 at 6 p.m.

The room was beautifully decorated with Valentine motif, 6 to 8 feet red heart streamers hung from the ceiling. Each table had a centerpiece with an assortment of decorated heart shaped cookies on a stick (a party favor for each guest) accented with shiny confetti in crystal baskets surrounded with runners of red hearts and diamonds.

Boss Lion Don Turner welcomed the guests. Lion Buddy Colvin led the pledge of allegiance. Lion Keith Green asked the blessing on the occasion. While the group remained with bowed heads, Vivian Smith sang The Lord's Prayer.

The meal consisted of roast beef, creamed potatoes, brown gravy, Italian green beans, candied baby carrots and homemade hot rolls. Drinks were iced tea and coffee. The plates were served to the guests by the Lions Club sweethearts Mary Kate Davidson and Savannah Smith. Thirty three guests and members were present. Illness kept some of the usual guests homebound.

After dinner entertainment was very enjoyable. Vivian Smith gave a beautiful rendition of songs for Valentine. Chole Smith sang a Hanna Montana song accompanied by Trey Smith on he guitar. Chole and Jessie Browning sang Jesus Loves Me, Jessie said a poem about homework. We are so proud of our young entertainers.

Tommie Jo Cruse was the winner of the door prize of a big Valentine Teddy Bear.

The decorations and the meal were catered by Brenda Browning.

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"PATRIOT SPIRIT" VALLEY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Brady Ramsey

Brady Ramsey is a 16 year old Junior at Valley High School. Brady is the son of Greg and Susan Ramsey of Quitaque. As an active Patriot, Brady has excelled in many activities. Brady has participated in Football, Basketball, Track and Tennis, as well as the FFA. Brady was a 1st Team All-District and 2nd Team All-Region Offensive end selection in football and is the defending District 4-1A Champion in Tennis. Brady is a Valley FFA Chapter Officer. Brady has been a member of the State qualifying Sr. Chapter Conducting and Livestock Judging Teams and has exhibited numerous winners with his swine projects at the local and State level at the San Antonio and Houston Livestock Shows.

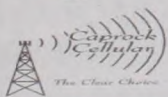
Brady is a member of the Valley National Honor Society and is a consistent name on the Valley High School "A" Honor Roll. Brady is a reliable leader in our school and a positive role model. Brady was chosen for this recognition because of his dependability, his leadership, and his positive attitude. He is an "All Around Good Guy" and we are very proud that he is a Patriot.

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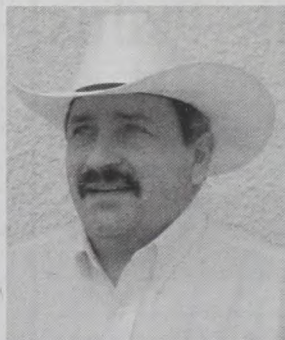
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- I will respond quickly and effectively to calls and conduct thorough investigations. (Your call should be handled immediately and not put off until the next business day.)
- I will ensure proactive law enforcement with active patrols at various times both day and night. (Not just within the hours of 8 to 5.)
- I will take a staunch approach to drug enforcement ensuring the protection of our children as well as our community. (A status quo attitude does not take drugs and dealers off the street.)
- I will operate the Office of the Sheriff and the Hall County Jail in an efficient manner and work within the budget set by the Commissioners' Court. (Taxpayers' money should be spent wisely.)
- I will work diligently to ensure that the Hall County Jail and 911 services remain in Hall County and are NOT contracted to out of county agencies.
- I will hold regular meetings and work with Local Law Enforcement and all Emergency Services. (I will build bridges, not fences)
- I will be accessible to the public by maintaining an open door policy and will strive to create a relationship between the Sheriff's Office and the community.
- I will follow up with victims of crimes throughout each case and remain in contact with them. (I consider it professional courtesy that victims of crimes be notified and kept abreast of an investigation.)
- I will bring the office new leadership that will be based on issues related to public safety, public service, management philosophies and dedication to duty.

My grandchildren are the sixth generation of my family to live in Hall County and I continue to believe our community is a great place to raise our families. The issues I have listed must be addressed in order to ensure that our community becomes a better place to live. I am respectfully asking for your support and your vote, in the March 4th election, for the position of Hall County Sheriff.

Paid for by Tim Wiginton



PANHANDLE-PLAINS LAND BANK ANNOUNCES 2008 PATRONAGE

AMARILLO, Texas—Panhandle-Plains Land Bank, FLCA, CEO Robert R. Williams Jr. announced the approval of the 2008 cash patronage, approved by the board of directors at their January meeting. This is the fourth consecutive year the local coop has returned profits to their stockholders in cash.

The Association board met January 17, 2008 in Amarillo to review end of year numbers from 2007 and approve the 2008 business plan that includes the cash patronage payment. Association Board Chairman Dennis Babcock explained, "The 2008 cash patronage of \$2.835 million will put cash in our stockholder's pockets this winter. Our goal is to get these cash payments to our members as quickly as possible." Babcock further described a new process for delivering the patronage. "Each office will hold a Customer Appreciation Meeting the first week of March. We hope our stockholders will join us for fellowship, a meal, and most importantly, to pick up a check!" He explained that stockholders will be notified of the upcoming meeting by mail.

CEO Williams elaborated on the 2008 payment. "It's the cooperative concept that enables Panhandle-Plains to continue our business plan focusing on competitive rates and a cash patronage. Fixed and variable rates have dropped significantly during the month of January. Our cash patronage is simply a reward to our member/borrowers for their hard work. The association continues to grow and our credit quality is just phenomenal." Williams explained, "Our goal is to provide long-term agriculture mortgages with superior service, and at the lowest possible cost."

Panhandle-Plains FLCA provides long-term credit to farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness in 17 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview. It is under the direction of a stockholder-elected board of directors. Members include Larry E. Fairchild of Adrian; Dennis Babcock of Groom; Randy Darnell of Amarillo; Ronnie N. Hopper of Petersburg; Don James of Plainview; Rusty Henson of Quitaque; Daniel Krienke of Perryton; Wayne Garrett of Gruver; Steve Rader of Canadian; and Steve Brown of Floydada.

USDA Announces 2007 Partial Counter-Cyclical Payments For Cotton And Peanuts

New USDA Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer has announced that partial 2007-crop-year Counter-cyclical (CC) payments would be issued to producers with upland cotton and/or peanut base acres enrolled in USDA's 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP).

Schafer's announcement came during the National Cotton Council's Annual Meeting February 9 in Memphis, TN. Since that time some \$315 million in partial 2007 CC payments have been delivered to cotton and peanut producers nationwide.

USDA says producers with enrolled upland cotton and peanut base acres received \$300 million and \$15 million, respectively, in partial CC payments. The 2007-crop year projected partial payment rates equal 40 percent of the projected final CC payment amount.

Payment rates for the partial payments are \$0.0309 per pound for upland cotton and \$7.60 per short ton for peanuts. USDA calculated the partial CC payment rates using the February World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, released on February 8, 2008.

Producers enrolled in DCP may receive CC payments when "effective" prices for eligible commodities are less than their respective "target" prices specified in the 2002 Farm Bill. USDA calculates CC payments based on the calculated rate and on historical base acreage and payment yields, not current production. The 2002 Farm Bill requires that any overpayments to producers must be repaid. More information on DCP is available at local FSA offices and on FSA's Web site at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Extension Workshops Will Help Producers Examine Cotton Profitability

Producers who want to take a look at profitability scenarios for 2008 and closely examine their financial options should attend at least one of three remaining Texas AgriLife Extension Service cotton profitability workshops, said an Extension economist.

"The second workshop is set for March 4, at the AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock," said Jackie Smith, Extension economist based at Lubbock. "We will also have at least two other workshops, set in counties here on the South Plains. Our objective is to provide producers the tools, data and skills to evaluate the potential profitability of alternative crops."

"Each participant will receive a hand-out that includes a printed copy of our presentations and selected crop budgets. They will also receive a CD containing Excel crop budgets and break-even tables, reference files, and a set of Internet links. This will help them use the Excel spreadsheet on their own computer."

The workshops will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration costs \$20 per person, and includes lunch and refreshments.

"The Excel spreadsheets are also designed to allow users to examine the impact of different crop share rental arrangements on landlord and renter's net income."

Extension risk management specialists Jay Yates and Jeff Pate, Lubbock, and Extension cotton marketing specialist John Robinson, College Station, will help conduct the workshops.

Other topics on the agenda include: input price trends and projections for 2008; a farm bill update; basis, cash contracts and forward pricing tools such as short futures and put options. They will also cover margin requirements, margin costs and other advanced pricing tools.

To register, contact Wendy Durrett at 806-746-6101. For more information, contact Smith or Yates at 806-746-6101. County Extension offices will also have information on the later workshops as they are scheduled, Smith said.

House Unveils New Renewable Energy Legislation

Earlier this week Democratic House leaders unveiled a bill that would extend tax credits for investment in solar and wind power projects as well as energy-efficient buildings. The bill, which was originally on the schedule for this week, may not be taken up until the end of the month due to other house business and scheduling conflicts.

The proposed Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2008 is modeled after the same plan that resulted in Senate opposition last year, repealing certain tax benefits that oil and gas companies currently receive, though these have been scaled back from the original version.

The bill would extend the 30% investment tax credit (ITC) for solar energy property and qualified fuel cell property for eight years (through the end of 2016). It also includes a long-term extension and modification of the production tax credit (PTC), extending for three years (through December 31, 2011) certain qualifying facilities such as wind, closed-loop biomass, open-loop biomass, geothermal, small irrigation hydropower, landfill gas and trash combustion facilities. It also includes a new category of qualifying facilities: marine renewables (e.g., waves and tides). The bill would cap the aggregate amount of tax credits that can be earned at 35% of the facility's cost.

A long-term extension and modification of the residential energy-efficient property credit is also included. The credit for residential solar property would be extended for six years (through the end of 2014) and the annual credit cap (currently \$2,000) would increase to \$4,000. Residential small wind equipment and geothermal heat pumps would also qualify for this credit.

The bill also establishes a \$4,000 credit for plug-in hybrid vehicles.

BEWARE OF CROP INSURANCE REBATING SCHEMES

With the spring sales closing date for many Federal crop insurance policies right around the corner, crop insurance agents have stepped up their marketing efforts. The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has received reports from producers and agents that some aggressive marketers have been approaching producers with rebating offers. These schemes promise lower insurance premiums, refunds, dividends, or items of value tied to crop insurance purchases. Most of these activities are illegal. RMA reminds all Federal crop insurance program participants that it is now coordinating with state regulators to take appropriate regulatory action against all those who are found to promote or participate in such schemes. **Producers who are found to participate in illegal rebating activities will not only lose their crop insurance coverage but will also lose eligibility in all USDA programs.** Producers and agents can report suspicions of illegal rebating to the OIG Hotline: 1-800-424-9121.

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PCG's 2008 Seed Cost Calculator

An updated version of the 2008 Plains Cotton Growers Seed Cost Calculator is now available. Growers interested in comparing prices for their 2008 planting seed options can download the calculator at <http://www.plainscotton.org>.

The 2008 version includes 129 conventional, Roundup Ready, Roundup Ready FLEX, Liberty Link, Bollgard and Bollgard II and Widestrike varieties, as well as numerous stacked gene versions of these technologies that will be available for sale in West Texas in 2008. Should information on additional varieties become available, an update to the spreadsheet will be developed and posted on PCG's website.

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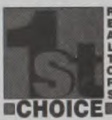
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Quitaque Opens Candidate Filing

Monday, February 11, 2008 was the first day to file an application for a place on the ballot for the Quitaque City election on May 10, 2008.

Applications may be picked up at the Quitaque City Hall located at 106 N 1st, Quitaque, Texas Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Last day to file for a place on the ballot will be March 10, 2008

Council members whose terms are up this year are council members Todd Oberheu, Dennis Farley, Janice Henson and Mayor Clyde Dudley.

NOTICE

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Any qualified voter interested in running for the Turkey-Quitaque CISD School Board of Trustees can pick up an application in the Business Office during school hours at Valley School.

Applications will be available until March 10, 2008. This is the last date to file. Terms up for election are Dusty Hill, Belinda Barrett, and Brad Schnitker. Each of these are for three year terms.

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Thank you to our family and friends for your prayers, food and visits to us during the time of my surgery, my granddaughter, Jayla, stay in the hospital and surgery; and my son-in-law, Justin during his surgery.

Special thanks to Margaret for all the trips to the doctor and the food she prepared for us.

Please know the prayers and love were felt.

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Feb 24, 1836

Col. James Bowie was taken ill with pneumonia. He turned over his co-command to Col William B. Travis. That night, Travis wrote his famous appeal for help to "The People of Texas & All Americans in the World."

Feb 24, 1821

Mexico declared independence from Spain.

Feb 25, 1843

While faced with mounting debts, the Texas Congress offered to sell the Texas Navy. An angry crowd of Texans living in Galveston where the navy was based, armed themselves, and gathered to prohibit anyone from buying the ships.

Feb 25, 1836

A messenger arrived in Goliad from the Alamo with a request from Col. Travis for men and supplies to be sent to the Alamo.

Feb 26, 1888

The Goddess of Liberty was placed atop the dome of the Texas Capital.

Feb 26, 1836

Samuel Colt received a U.S. patent for his invention of the Colt revolver. The revolver became important to the Texas Rangers, Texans in the Confederate Army and Texas cowboys. It probably was the one main invention that opened up Texas and the West.

Feb 26, 1807

Zebulon Pike and General James Wilkinson, were captured by Spanish troops in New Mexico. Pike was attempting to find the headwaters of the Red River, but he mistook the Rio Grande for the Red. The mistake was made on purpose for Pike was attempting to unite Texans against Mexico.

Feb 27, 1836

The Battle of San Patricio was fought. The Texans under Col. Frank W. Johnson were captured by Mexican Gen Jose Urrea outside Matamoros. It was the first defeat of the texans during the revolution.

Feb 27, 1795

Jose Antonio Navarro was born. He helped draft the constitution of the new republic and was a Texas Declaration of Independence signer.

Feb 28, 1918

The Texas Legislature adopted prohibition.

Feb 28, 1836

Mexican Gen. Jose Urrea captured 21 Texans at Refugio. All 21 of the Texans were executed on orders of Gen. Santa Anna.

Mar 1, 1955

Mark David Chapman, the man who shot and killed John Lennon of the Beatles, was born in Fort Worth.

Mar 1, 1898

Old Mobeetie was struck by a tornado that killed eight people and injured 20.

Mar 2, 1921

Oil was discovered on the 6666 Ranch in Carson County.

Mar 2, 1849

The first trail was established between Waco and El Paso. This opened up a 500 mile link across Texas.

Mar 2, 1813

The newspaper "Gaceta de Texas" was published in Nacogdoches. Although there was only one issue printed, it was the first newspaper in Texas.

People are like stained glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.

~ Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

It is preoccupation with possessions, more than anything else, that prevents us from living freely and nobly.

~ Bertrand Russell

Briscoe County Sample Ballots For March 4 Primary Early Voting Is Now In Progress At The Courthouse



Emily Garcia will be presenting a program on her trip to Atlanta, Georgia where she attended National 4-H Congress last Thanksgiving. The presentation will be Sunday, February 24, 2008 at 3:00 pm at the Silverton Church of Christ Annex. The public is invited and light refreshments will be served.

About Western Swing Happening in Turkey

by Robin Brown

The recent passing of one of Bob Will's sidemen deserves more than an obituary. The musician in question grew up at Plaska, Tx some fifteen miles N.E. of Turkey & he was also born in Hall County. I'm speaking of course of Frankie McWhorter. Frankie once stated that he had learned to play fiddle by working with an old farmer/rancher in the Wellington, Tx area. The man taught him some basic fiddlin technique and also emphasized detail in playing melodies. Frankie also learned more about fiddlin from a JA cowboy, while working up on the Palo Duro ranch. He got his break in big-time music when Bob Wills stopped by a club where he was playing somewhere in West Texas. Listening as the music drifted outside Wills decided that he needed to hire the man onstage doing the fiddling inside. After this, McWhorter traveled with Wills for several years as a member of the Texas Playboys! Aside from Wills himself, Frankie McWhorter is probably the only Hall County musician/native to ever to be honored with a biography written about him. He himself also authored a book on fiddle playing that was published by Mel Bay. Hats off to another great one from Hall County, Tx!!

Speaking of Western Swing, the valentine party at Henry's Church of Western Swing was another big success! The swing band was made up mostly of West Texans including Bobby Wynne, Odie James, Jimmy Burson, Lucy Record, Buster Redwine and Rick Sudduth. Joining them were of course the leader from Oklahoma, Henry Baker (and wife Doris Ann). Turkey should be proud that there are still enough West Texans around to play authentic Bob Wills music, and they did just that until about midnight!

The only change in the menu came when Robin, Gary and Marty (a fine piano picker from Slaton, Tx) came onstage and played a few Elvis tunes from the past. They were joined by Henry Baker and Michael Grace who sang Kansas City near the end of their performance. The crowd was also wowed when Marty played a great rendition of the Cramer classic Last Date.

Live in the active voice, rather than in the passive. Think more about what you make happen than what is happening to you.
- William De Witt Hyde

OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETA OFICIAL) DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION (ELECCION PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO DEMOCRATICO)

(Condado de) Briscoe County, Texas
March 4, 2008 (4 de marzo, 2008)

INSTRUCTION NOTE: Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by marking in the oval provided to the left of the name of the candidate. (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION: Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera haciendo completamente el espacio ovalado a la izquierda del nombre del candidato.)

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3.5 Million Acres Of Wetlands In Texas May No Longer Have Clean Water Act Protection

A new report shows that Texas's waters are at risk from pollution and destruction because they may no longer be protected by the Clean Water Act. Recent federal policy directives based in part on two split decisions of the Supreme Court have severely weakened Clean Water Act safeguards in Texas and other southwestern states.

In Texas, 3.3 million acres of coastal wetlands, 200,000 acres of playa lakes and 75 percent of the stream miles in the state are jeopardized by these new guidelines.

"These waters are the lifeblood of our state," said Janice Bezanson, executive director of the Texas Conservation Alliance. "The government's failure to protect them impacts waterfowl, songbirds, and many species of wildlife, and, in turn, a major segment of Texas' economy."

These streams, wetlands and playa lakes provide habitat for fish, birds and other wildlife, and the destruction or pollution of these aquatic habitats could have serious economic impacts for the state. In 2006, more than 7.8 million residents and non-residents fished, hunted or watched wildlife in Texas, generating approximately \$8.4 billion.

"Our analysis reveals that about 200,000 acres of playas in Texas are no longer assured basic safeguards against filling or toxics dumping," said Jim Murphy, National Wildlife Federation wetlands counsel and author of the report. "These water resources are not renewable. Once they are gone, they are gone forever."

Nationally, these policy directives have effectively removed Clean Water Act protections for 20 million acres of the nation's wetlands and created uncertainty as to whether numerous other bodies of water remain protected. For example, streams that do not flow year-round could lose federal protection, affecting some 60 percent of the total stream miles in the United States.

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In Texas, the potential for damage is exacerbated by the state's rapid population growth, weak state-level protections, regional droughts, as well as the challenges of climate change.

"Texas' wetlands provide important habitat for numerous waterfowl species," said Scott Yaich, Ph.D., director of conservation programs at Ducks Unlimited. "Any loss of wetlands in this state could have swift and resounding impacts on waterfowl populations here and throughout the Central Flyway."

"Healthy streams, wetlands and lakes mean healthy people and abundant populations of fish and wildlife," said Helen Neville, Ph.D., a research scientist with Trout Unlimited. "Weakening protections for these waters puts us all at risk."

There is a solution to the problem of waters losing protection under the Clean Water Act. Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI), and Representatives Oberstar (D-MN), Dingell (D-MI) and Ehlers (R-MI) introduced the Clean Water Restoration Act of 2007, which will restore Clean Water Act safeguards to all of America's water bodies and will clearly affirm the original intent of the law. The Clean Water Restoration Act will help return us to the path of protecting our nation's wetlands, lakes and streams for wildlife and for our children's future.

There is no connection between the political ideas of our educated class and the deep places of the imagination.

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- Albert Einstein

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Then there are the over 600 calls per year from you, the citizens of Hall County, who are in need of our services. That is the heart of our duty, and we work hard to meet your needs. All of us.

I also spend an inordinate amount of time on the telephone. Not all responses are done in the Sheriff's vehicles. You would be surprised at the number of calls we get. And telephone calls receive the same priority as any other. Not all are emergencies. At times our telephone systems acts like a "Hot Line" and we must be open to the public at any time. Some probably could have waited, but our goal is - "you call - we respond."

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Administration takes time too. We operate within rules set up not only by County government, but State and Federal as well. Lots of forms to fill out. Just supervising the Jail records takes time and energy. I am responsible for the budget allocated by the County. I make my request to the Judge and Commissioners, then I must live within that budget. With the exception of a gasoline rate hike in 2004, and a lightning strike in 2006 (both of which disrupted ALL County budgets), we have done so. With a budget of slightly under \$400,000, that is a lot of time and work.

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