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THANKSGIVING

Caprock Country Christmas

By Arlene Hinkle

The date: Saturday, December 7--all day. Caprock Country Christmas will invoke feelings of a "kinder-gentler" time. That day local businesses in Quitaque will greet their patrons with tokens of appreciation, such as hot apple cider and cookies. Customers will then browse their well-stocked shelves for that perfect Christmas gift.

The savory aromas drifting from the Community Center will heighten your hunger awareness--and from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.--The Quitaque Chamber of Commerce will host a luncheon of stew/cornbread/cobbler, which will quench those hunger pains.

A lazy day of visiting, shopping, and eating will be a welcome diversion from the hurried pace of the coming weeks.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 7, and come visit us during Caprock Country Christmas in Quitaque, a kinder/gentler day



According To Recent Reports From The North Pole Santa Claus Is Now Accepting Letters From All Good Boys & Girls For Christmas Santa's Mail Box Is Located In Front Of The Valley Tribune

WANTED Christmas Recipes For Our Christmas Edition

Deadline is December 11 Mail to: Box 478, Quitaque, Tx or e-mail to: vtaylor@caprock-spur.com

Would You Like To Honor Your Veteran?

If you would like to honor a family member in our series of "Honoring Those Who Served", whether it was in WWI, WWII, Korea or Vietnam, please contact us here at The Valley Tribune. We will be happy to help you, this series will be ending soon if we do not have any more submissions. Call us at 806-455-1101.

Patriots Move To Final Eight

The Valley Patriots are now one of only eight six-man teams still playing football in the State of Texas. The Patriots used a four-touchdown performance from Derrick Cruse to move on to the State Quarterfinals with a convincing 59-12 win over the Wellman-Union Wildcats.

Justin Wilks and Ramiro Ramos started the scoring for Valley as the two hooked up on a four yard touchdown with 7:08 left in the first quarter. Two first quarter touchdowns by the Wildcats and a nine yard touchdown run by Cliff Yearly gave the Patriots a 16-12 first quarter advantage.

"Wellman came out ready to play," Coach Tyler said. "They moved the ball and scored on us in that first quarter. They were certainly in the ball game at that point."

The second quarter was all Valley as Cruse scored on a 36 yard interception return and a 55 yard run, and Fidel Valdes scored from 13 yards out on an end reverse. The 22 point second quarter gave the Patriots a 38-12 halftime lead.

"Our defense picked it up starting in the second quarter," Tyler said. "Also, I think people get tired of tackling us. Our running backs just pound and pound you and our linemen keep hammering you. Eventually, teams wear down."

The second half was all Valley as Cruse scored two more touchdowns. His first came on a 15 yard run with 6:45 left in the third quarter. His final touchdown, a 9 yard scamper, came after Cliff Yearly blocked a punt. Yearly again blocked a punt with 5:30 left in game and Fidel Valdes picked it up and scored to end the game.

"We were real pleased with the whole effort," Tyler said. "We got great games from the regulars and we got great contributions from Fidel and Douglas."

Douglas Payne helped lead the Valley defense with seven tackles and helped contain the Wildcats potent passing attack. Heavy pressure from Yearly, Robert Mendoza, and Adam Ortiz kept the Wellman quarterback nervous as Yearly recorded 15 tackles and Mendoza tallied nine. Cruse finished the game with 162 yards rushing, four touchdowns, 11 tackles, and an interception. Wilks threw for 60 yards and touchdown, was good on five of six extra point kicks, had a 56 yard punt, and booted most of his kickoffs out of the end zone.

"I hope people realize how good these two guys are," Tyler said. "They just do everything for us. Those two, along with JC and Manuel, are making sure their last season is a great one."

For the game, Valley finished with 322 yards rushing, 60 yards passing, and 14 first downs. Cliff Yearly chipped in 114 yards rushing. The defense held the Wildcats to only five first downs and 112 yards of total offense.

"It was a great game for us," Tyler said. "The offense and defense both just wore Wellman down. That's been our trademark and that's what we try to do."

The Patriots will try to wear down the Sanderson Eagles in the State Semifinals Saturday at 6 p.m. at Borden County High School in Gail.

NOTICE

Due to an error at the United States Postal Service ALL papers in our 792 Zip Code Area were misplaced last week. This includes Silverton, Memphis, Flomot, Childress, Floydada, Lockney, Clarendon, Paducah, Matador and Roaring Springs. The Postal Service has Still Not found these papers as of press time this week. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused some of our subscribers. If you did not receive a paper, contact your Postal carrier and request a Publication Watch. This form only takes a few minutes to fill out and requires the Postal Service to track your lost paper. Anyone who would like last weeks paper can stop by our office and pick one up while our extra supply lasts.

Calendar Of Events

- November 28**
*THANKSGIVING
*TEC Meeting
- November 30**
STATE QUARTERFINAL GAME
*Valley Patriot Send-Off @ 12 Noon at Valley School
*Patriot Tailgate Party @ 4 p.m. at Borden County School Parking Lot
*Valley vs Sanderson at Borden County @ 6 p.m.
- December 2**
*Quitaque Lions Club meeting
*Valley J.H. Basketball G&B vs Spur There @ 5 p.m.
- December 3**
*Valley Patriots Basketball G vs Kress There @ 4 p.m.
*Turkey Fire Department meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
*Quitaque Masonic Lodge meeting
*Quitaque Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 6:15 p.m.

Here's A Texas You Can Mess With!
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The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD (Mess with it all you want)

The Texas Crossword Puzzle proudly sponsored every week by: THE SPORTSMAN BAR & GRILL Quitaque, TEXAS 1-806-455-1200



Sasha Lane & Devin Garton To Wed

Raynell and Barry Lane of El Dorado, Texas announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sasha Lane to Devin Garton. He is the son of Connie Dumcam and Larry and Tammy Garton of Booker, Texas. The couple will exchange vows on December 30 in Las Vegas. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Norma and Raymond Martin of Memphis and Estelle and Tink Lane of Turkey.

Local Students Included In The National Dean's List

Stephen Ortiz, who is attending West Texas A&M University and Laressa J. Skinner, who is attending South Plains College are among the approximately 140,000 students included in the 25th Annual Edition of The National Dean's List, 2001-2002.

Students are selected for this honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10% of their class, on their school's 'Dean's List', or have earned a comparable honor. Listed students are eligible to compete for \$50,000 in scholarship awards funded by the publisher, and may also use a referral service for future employment opportunities.

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OBITUARIES

Audrey Lou Whitaker

Services for Audrey Lou Whitaker, 82, of Farwell, TX were held Friday, November 22, 2002 at Turkey Church of Christ with Stewart Smith and Earl McDonough officiating. Burial was in Turkey Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Turkey.

Mrs. Whitaker died Tuesday, November 19, 2002 at Farwell Convalescent Center in Farwell, TX.

Mrs. Whitaker was born on February 20, 1920 in Birmingham, Alabama to the late Mr. George and Cloie Anne Davis. She attended schools in Birmingham, Alabama. She married Ray Whitaker on July 23, 1972 in Greenville, South Carolina. Mrs. Whitaker was a homemaker and children's day care provider. She was a member of the Church of Christ. Audrey Lou was a thirteen year resident of Turkey. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray.

Survivors include three daughters, Cindy Schumacher, of Mesa, Arizona; Beverly Hardesty and Debbie Rosser of Farwell, Texas; one son Phillip Gilesmesser of Farwell, Texas; five grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

Ann Pierce

Ann Pierce, 61, of McLean, TX died Sunday, November 24, 2002 in McLean.

Services will be Friday, November 29 at 2 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church in McLean with Pastor Dean Williamson officiating. Services will be under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean, TX.

Ann was born in Turkey, TX to Harrell and Odessa Elson, March 3, 1941. She lived in McLean most of her life. She retired from Bank of Commerce and was currently employed at Bailey-Ware Funeral Home at the time of her death. Ann married Clarence Pierce on September 23, 1978. He preceded her in death, November 23, 2001.

Survivors include two brothers: Mack Henderson & wife, Janis, of Amarillo; and Ken Henderson & wife, Trina, of Amarillo. Two sisters: Callie Doyle & husband, Fred, of Cortland, New York; and Viva Cash & husband, Jerry, of Cortland, New York. Four children: Robbie Sanderson & husband, Bobby of McLean; Allen Turpen & wife, Stefanie of Owasso, Oklahoma, Chuck Pierce & wife, Elaine, of Amarillo, Tammy Boykin & husband, Carl, of Huttig, Arkansas; and 8 grandchildren.

Rev. Edward R. Graff

The Rev. Edward R. Graff, 73, died Monday, November 25, 2002, in Lubbock.

Vigil services were held on Tuesday, November 26, 2002. Mass was held Wednesday in the Cathedral with Bishop Leroy T. Matthiesen, Bishop Emeritus, and Monsignor Harold Waldo as celebrants, and priests of the diocese as concelebrants. Burial was in Llano Cemetery of Amarillo by Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo.

The Rev. Graff was born January 30, 1929, to William and Jane Graff in Philadelphia. He was ordained into the priesthood May 19, 1955, by Archbishop John O'Hara at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints' Peter and Paul in Philadelphia.

He retired from the Diocese of Allentown, Pa. in 1992. He moved to the Texas Panhandle where he served at Our Lady of Loretto in Silverton, St. Juan Diego Center of Quitaque and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Turkey. The Rev. Graff retired from the Diocese of Amarillo in July 2002.

He was preceded in death by a brother.

There are no known survivors.

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Happy Birthday

November 28
Ruth Hooks, Ronald Clay, Colvin Morrison, Tracy Guest

November 29
Jimmy Paul Robertson, Mandy Hughes, Antonio Galvan, Allen Brummett, Mandy Pigg, Bob Ham

November 30
Destiny King, Farris Martin, Wade Cagle

December 1
Trent Crosby, Dennis Irby, Johnny Williams, Wes Henson, Leticia Ortiz, Adam Ortiz

December 2
Earl Patrick, Alana Powell, Bob McWilliams

December 3
Ryleigh Jo Carson, Ida Farley, Sydnee Meyer, Jr. Cruz, Mary Woods

December 4
Todd Washington, Bryant Ortiz, Desiree Casillas, Shelly Abram, William Wade Farley, Izell Proctor, Kylor Morgan

December 5
Linda Adamson, Anita Ramsey, Lori Kleibrink, Gene Fuston, Maison Fuston

Happy Anniversary

December 3
Mr & Mrs Daniel Ortiz

December 4
Mr & Mrs Gerald Carnes

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FLOMOT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

OVERHEARD
We have much to be thankful for in America. Let us devote time thanking God for the blessings He has given us. Call upon Him for strength, guidance and blessings in the months ahead. America is truly one nation under God.

In Hospital
Mrs. Pete Moreno was conveyed by ambulance to Lockney last Sunday and was transferred to United Medical Center in Lubbock for cardiac evaluation. She is recuperating at Mangold Hospital in Lockney. Her husband and children are with her during her hospitalization.

Celebration
Trula and Wilburn Martin were guests in the home of their daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger, Saturday, November 23.

They celebrated the birthdays of Marilee and Wilburn and the 54th wedding anniversary of Trula and Wilburn

Mrs. Kathy Shorter and the 3-M's, Gerald Pipkin and Billy Donaldson of Matador, Penny and Kelly Keltz of Roaring Springs and Mrs. Sharon VanHoose of Lorenzo were the featured musicians Thursday night at the Country Club in Plainview.

Luncheon guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers were sons, Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock and Donnie Rogers of Flomot.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday to have stitches removed and a check up following her recent surgery. Joining them there was daughter, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch. They visited in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey before returning to respective homes.

Mary Ellen Barton attended to business in Plainview, Quitaque and Matador, Thursday. When in Matador she visited Mrs. Judy Renfro and attended the Motley County Library Book Sale.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were Rob and Brent Ballinger and Cara Franks of Canyon, Mr. Lacy Clary, Mickey, Caleb and baby daughter, Kenzie of Matador. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Thursday with his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey and her houseguest, daughter, Mrs. Ersie VanCleave of Dougherty.

Mrs. Marhelen Wason of Matador, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and son, Derrick were in Acuff Friday night for the Regional Quarterfinals football game held at Eagle Field. Derrick scored four touchdowns to lead his Valley Patriots team to a 59-12 win over Wellman-Union in the six man playoff game. Joining them there at the game were Leah Cruse and Mandy Hunter of Lubbock, Keane Cruse of Turkey and friend, Trevor, student at Texas Tech.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay is visiting in Clifton with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee.

Mrs. Betty Stewart, son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. David Stewart of Lovington, N.M., Mrs. Marie Cruse of Turkey, Mrs. Martha Hargrove of Farmers Branch and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse returned home Sunday night from a seven day cruise that included tourist attractions in Galveston, Key West, Florida and Mexico

Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

Happy Thanksgiving Day! I know that you have probably not even finished your turkey yet, but since Thanksgiving fell the last week of November this year, there are only three more Thursdays until Christmas! Better start getting ready soon-the shopping, wrapping, decorating, cooking, and entertaining have to be crammed into six less days than last year. I have some recipes this week that you might want to add to your traditional goody menu. Banana Split Bread and Mini Fruitcake Loaves make nice gifts and tasty eating. Almond Coconut Candy is almost too good to give away-better make plenty. Three-Herb Popcorn makes a treat that's good all year around. I hope you'll try them.

BANANA SPLIT BREAD
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 cup mashed ripe bananas
3 Tablespoons milk
2 cups flour

1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
1/2 cup chopped pecans
In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Beat in egg. Beat in bananas and add milk alternately with the flour, soda, baking powder. Fold in chocolate chips and pecans. Divide batter among five greased mini loaf pans. Bake 35-40 minutes at 350. Makes 5 small loaves.

MINI FRUITCAKE LOAVES
1 cup butter or margarine
1 1/4 cups packed brown sugar
4 eggs
3 cups flour, divided
1 pound chopped candied fruit
16 oz. chopped dates
1 package (15 oz.) golden raisins
1 cup chopped walnuts
1 cup chopped pecans OR almonds
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground cloves
1/4 cup orange juice
GLAZE:
1 cup powdered sugar
2 tablespoons milk

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and brown sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. In a large bowl, combine 1/4 cup flour, candied fruit, raisins and nut; toss to coat with flour. Set aside. Combine the dry ingredients. Gradually add to creamed mixture alternately with orange juice. Stir in fruit and nut mixture. Spoon into five greased small loaf pans (5 3/4 x 3 1/2). Bake at 325 for 60 minutes. Cover with foil; bake 10-15 minutes longer until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Let stand 10 minutes. Remove from pans and brush glaze over warm loaves. Cool completely. Make 5 small loaves.

ALMOND COCONUT CANDIES
4 1/2 cups powdered sugar
3 cups flaked coconut
1 cup Eagle Brand milk
1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla
60 whole unblanched almonds
FROSTING:
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1/2 cup baking cocoa
1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
3 Tablespoons hot coffee

In large bowl, combine the first five ingredients; stir until well mixed. Shape into 1 inch balls. Place on waxed paper lined baking sheets. Press an almond on top of each ball. Chill at least 1 hour. Combine frosting ingredients until smooth; immediately frost tops of candies. Chill until frosting is firm. Store in refrigerator. Makes 5 dozen.

THREE HERB POPCORN
6 quarts (24 cups) popped popcorn
Salt to taste
1/2 cup butter
1 teaspoon dried basil
1 teaspoon chervil
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
1 can (12oz.) mixed nuts

Place popcorn in large mixing bowl or roasting pan. Add salt. Melt butter; stir in herbs. Drizzle over popcorn and toss lightly to coat. Stir in nuts. Makes about 20 cups.

Happy shopping tomorrow! I've been long-winded this week so I'll close with GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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5 TX B. J. Thomas birthplace: _____ OK
6 SMU & NFL great RB Dickerson
7 Livingstone is seat of this county
8 TXism: "fits like ugly on an _____"
9 TX Trini Lopez's "If I Had _____"
16 Ryan O' _____ was in "Wild Rovers" with TX Joe Don Baker
18 near El Paso, oldest U.S. Catholic parish: _____ Sur
21 dir. to Corpus from San Antonio (abbr.)
22 in '67, TX A. J. Foyt won at Le _____
23 TXism for "your"
24 Cowboys '93 Super Bowl ring has star-diamond
30 TXism: "plain _____ on _____ your face"
34 Hico h.s. class
35 Mexican husk food
36 TXism: "trying to _____ against the stream"
37 amino _____
39 mother of 5-across
43 _____ Code
44 TX silent film star Ramon
45 slang for TX-created soft drink
46 TXism: "_____ that like an armadillo needs an Interstate"

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1 TXism: "a flash in _____"
2 small but important continent
3 TXism: "_____ snake on a hot road"
4 TXism: "_____ stock and barrel"
9 TXism: "fat _____ a boardinghouse cat"
10 TXism: "ugly as _____ sin"
11 TXism: "packed like sardines in _____"

ACROSS

47 TXism: "woodshed _____" (spanking)
49 TXism: "plain as the _____ mule"
52 in the Valley: Santa Natl. Wildlife Refuge
53 uncanny perception
54 horse shoe taunt after a ringer? (2 wds.)
55 TXism: "he's wound tighter than an _____ clock" (tense)

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12 not stereo
13 historic home in independence: _____ Houston House
14 TXism: "let _____ rip"
15 TX singer Orbison
17 early TX novel by Reid: "The Head _____ man"
19 TXism: "he was around when the _____ was only sick" (old)
20 TXism: "wiped the slate clean"
24 _____ Jo, TX
25 Merle Haggard's nickname

31 TXism: "got _____ left feet"
32 TXism: "pay _____ no never mind"
33 election issue
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40 gallery piece
41 film: "_____ Grit"
42 West TX windshield: _____ with bugs
48 TX-based "Giant"
50 _____ and reels
51 therapeutic resort
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57 TXism: "_____ the hoof" (hog)

"TEXUN TAWK"

Observations Of Life From A Fellow Texan
By Bill Sperry

The Attack Of The Giant Tumbleweeds

Sometimes late at night when the wind is moving about, you hear a low rumbling sound and a whisk of something moving past. It's then that you know that you have escaped being attacked by the giant, sticky tumbleweed, also known as the rollus stickurus.

Being almost silent, it has the ability to sneak upon you without any warning. It has a sense of knowing where you are and when you are the most vulnerable. It will attack without hesitation and with no remorse. They usually strike from your blind side, leaving stickers embedded in you and your clothes. At that point they will move on, looking for another victim. The very large ones have no fear, they will at times attack automobiles, having a fiendish desire to cross a highway and run in front of them or in under them, hoping that they will be drug long enough to start a fire.

Dust and high winds always accompany them. When resting, they are found on fence rows, looking menacing, waiting for the right time to attack. It has been said that given a chance, they will consume a small child from a school playground and take them off, perhaps to feed to their young after regurgitating them in their nest, or to be held for ransom. However, this has never been proven. It is always advisable, when seeing a dust storm gathering, to take children and small animals indoors for their own protection. No one really knows what would happen if they were left unattended.

The large ones are found chiefly on a prairie or any other flat land. They can be killed only when they are young and sappy, and only with an "Eye" hoe as they are tough even then and must be flailed unmercifully and beaten into submission. They are most dangerous after a freeze, and most numerous during the winter. They tend to colonize around any structure that is strong enough to retard their flight. Be on the lookout for them as no one is safe from their attack.

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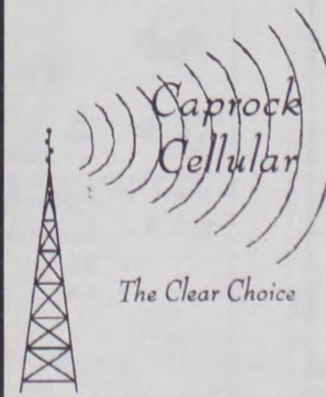
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The Patriot

NEWS OF AND ABOUT VALLEY SCHOOL

J.V. & Varsity Lady Patriots Defeat Jayton

The Varsity and J.V. from Jayton traveled to Valley Saturday to take on the Lady Patriots. The Lady Patriot J.V. came away with a hard fought victory, winning by one point in a 24-23 ball game. Leading the way for the J.V. was Rosalie Villareal with 14 points. Ascension Pozos added 6 points, with Erika Chavez rounding out this scoring with 4 points.

In the Varsity game, the Lady Patriots exploded for 46 second half points to defeat the Lady Jaybirds 74-35. Natalie Wheeler led the way with 30 points. Also coming through with a strong game was Katherine Pigg, who had 21 points and 16 rebounds. Others scoring for the Lady Patriots were Enedina Valdez - 5; Chelsea Wheeler - 5; Natasha Ramos - 4; Paige Hughes - 3; and Scarlett Sperry with 3.

The Lady Patriots are in action next Tuesday night at home against Ralls.

Texans For Quality Assessment Meeting Monday, December 2nd

A Texans for Quality Assessment meeting will be held on Monday, December 2nd at 7 p.m. in the bronze room on the square in Memphis.

Texans for Quality Assessment is a statewide organization made up of professional educators, parents and Texas citizens who oppose the current state mandated testing system (TAAS and TAKS). The purpose of the group is to educate the public on the harmful effects of high-stakes standardized testing and to encourage Texas citizens to join the effort of persuading policy makers to allow multiple criteria to be used in evaluating student learning, teacher performance and school quality.

Opposition of the current testing system is strong and growing daily. Research proves there are numerous harmful disadvantages to using high stakes test like the TAAS and TAKS as the single means of assessment.

"My students have gifts that are not measured by one generic test, but without a high school diploma, their gifts won't go far. I think that's wrong. Our schools need many different ways to measure our varied and beautiful children," states Deborah Kelt, school teacher and Austin area representative.

The state coordinator is Dr. Elaine Hampton, Science Education Professor at University of Texas at El Paso. For more information visit www.texastesting.org or contact your local area representative, Kay Donna Wolfcale 806-259-2662.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting to find out what small steps can be taken to make a huge difference in the educational future of Texas schools.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Menu Subject To Change

Monday, December 2

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Pears, Milk

Tuesday, December 3

Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Toast, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Beef Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Salad, Cherry Cheesecake, Milk

Wednesday, December 4

Breakfast: Applesauce Muffin, Toast, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Steak Fingers, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

Thursday, December 5

Breakfast: Waffles, Syrup, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Polish Sausage, Mac & Cheese, Fried Okra, Fruit, Milk

Friday, December 6

Breakfast: Donuts, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomatoe, Pickles, Cheese, Chips, Fruit, Milk



This Week In Texas History!

Nov. 24, 1963

Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy, shot and killed by Jack Ruby in Dallas.

Nov. 25, 1842

Troops commanded by Alexander Somervell leave San Antonio for Mexico.

Nov. 26, 1864

First battle of Adobe Walls.

Nov. 26, 1867

Fort Richardson established on a tributary of the Trinity River near present day Jacksboro; abandoned on May 23, 1878.

Dec. 4, 1835

Group of Texas Volunteers stormed San Antonio against the orders of their superiors.

Dec. 4, 1867

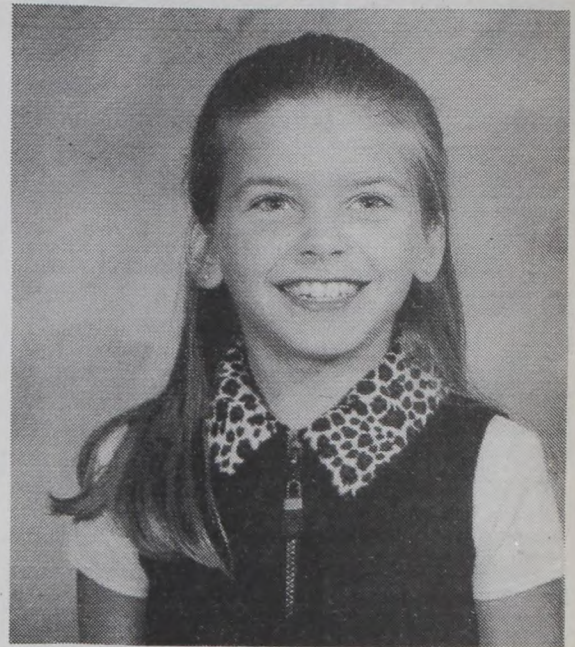
Fort established at the junction of the Concho and the North Concho Rivers. First called Camp Hatch, then Camp Kelly, and finally named Fort Concho in March 1868; abandoned June 20, 1889.

Dec. 5, 1835

Siege of Bexar began, led by Ben Milam.

Dec. 5, 1848

Fort Martin Scott established about two miles south of Fredericksburg. Abandoned December 1853; held by Confederates from 1861 to 1865 and recaptured by US troops on October 18, 1866; abandoned December 26, 1866.



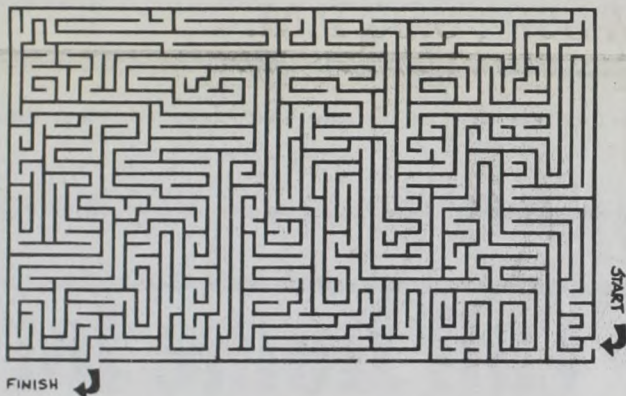
Madison Meyer To Participate In Distinguished Youth Of Texas Program

Madison Kacey Meyer, daughter of Max and Suzie Meyer of Quitaque, has been selected to participate in the "Distinguished Youth of Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program" to be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin, November 29 to December 1, 2002. During the weekend event, two Texas students will be selected to receive a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond and the right to serve as a State Program Titleholder for one year. In addition, both winners will receive \$250.00 to present to their respective schools from the distinguished Youth of America Program. In all, more than \$5,000.00 in awards and prizes will be presented to various participants. The Distinguished Youth program is designed to recognize girls who rank high academically and who are leaders in their schools and communities. The judging criteria used to select the two state titleholders includes the following: Scholastic Record; Service to School and Community; Personality Projection; and Interview.

Madison will be sponsored for the weekend by the following: Quitaque Masonic Lodge, Karol's Kountry Korner Back To Basics, Billy Meyer, and Merrell Food.

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"PATRIOT SPIRIT" STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Leigh Ann Nielsen

Leigh Ann Nielsen is a 17 year old Senior at Valley High School. Leigh Ann is the daughter of Kelly and Jerry Payne of Quitaque. As a very active Patriot, Leigh Ann has excelled in many extracurricular events. Leigh Ann has excelled in Basketball, and was selected as a member of the 2002-2003 Valley Cheerleading Squad.

Leigh Ann is a very active member of the Valley FFA. She was a member of the Greenbelt District-Winning Radio Broadcast Team. Leigh Ann also received her Lone Star FFA Degree this past summer. She is the current editor of the "Patriot Happenings" newsletter in the Ag Communications class. Leigh Ann was chosen for this recognition because of her outstanding work ethic, her cooperative and pleasant attitude and her high personal standards. She truly is an "All Around Great Girl" and we are extremely proud of her.

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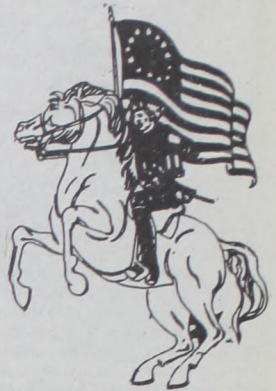
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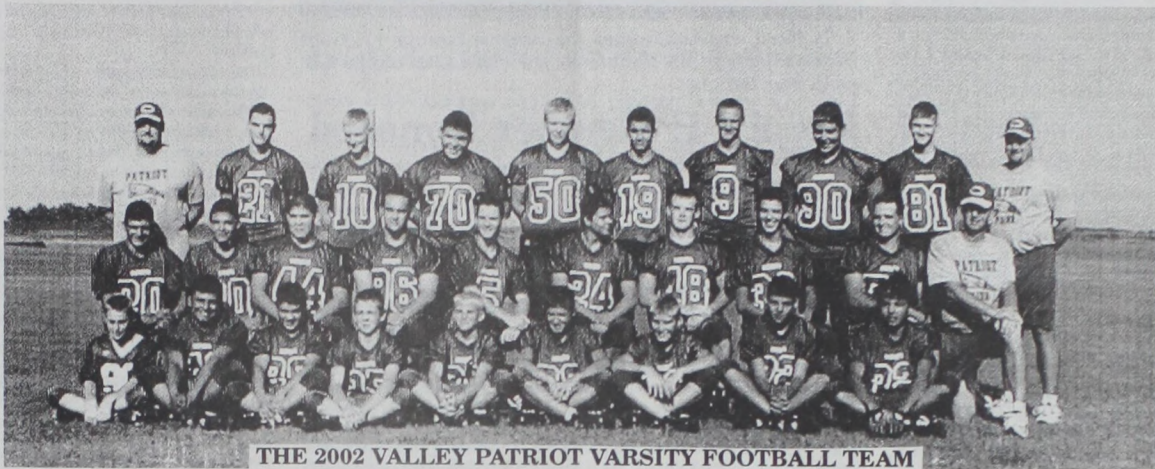
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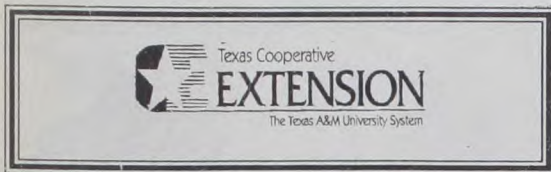


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By Cory Edwards, Briscoe County Extension Agent, FCS

Briscoe County 4-H Food Show Held

The 2002 Briscoe County 4-H Food Show was held on November 24 at the Senior Citizens Center in Silvertown. Twenty-three 4-H'ers participated and seven will go on to compete at the District level.

The results were as follows: Junior Main Dish: 1st place - Jacob Pigg-Cheese Grits; 2nd place - Jacob Hancock-Taco Soup; 3rd place - Jayson Pigg-Hamburger Bean Casserole; Participants - Payton Price-Nana's Chicken Pie and Tanner Clay-Mom's Meatloaf. Junior Fruits & Vegetables: 1st place - Jessie Price-Gazpacho Salad Mold; 2nd place - Kelsey Clay-Green Chile Hominy; 3rd place - Emily Garcia-Jeweled Fruit Salad; Participants: Kaitlan Kinsey-Kate's Fruit Crisp. Junior Bread & Cereal: 1st place - Khaki Scrivner-Pumpkin Loaf. Junior Nutritious Snacks: 1st place - J.T. West-Grape Salad. Intermediate Main Dish: 1st place - Seth Fuston-Hamburger. Intermediate Fruits & Vegetables: 1st place - Charla Rhoderick-Strawberries & Bananas. Intermediate Nutritious Snacks: 1st place - Chancey Campbell-Sweet Potato Dip; 2nd place - John Luke Shannon-Holiday Cheese Roll.

Eight 4-H Clover Kids also participated (5-8 years old). They included: Colleen Hancock-Puppy Chow; Brittany Deckard-Banana Pudding; John Pigg-Christmas Dip for Vegetables; Derrick Smith-Mini Football Meatloaves; Kodie Saul-Baked Ginger Apples; Gavin Smith-Monkey face Sandwiches; Sierra Bursleson-Marinaded Fruit Salad; and Brewster Garcia-Orange Frost.

Following the conclusion of the judging, friends and family partook in a tasting of the entries. After the tasting an awards ceremony was conducted by Briscoe County 4-H Council Members - Scarlett Sperry, John Luke Shannon, and Shandy Forbes. Participants and Clover Kids received a mixer and a cake mix. 3rd place winners received a mixer, a cake mix, and a pitcher. 2nd place winners received a mixer, a cake mix, a pitcher, and measuring spoons, and 1st place winners received a mixer, a cake mix, a pitcher, measuring spoons, and a pizza baking stone.

Two best overall awards were given to Jacob Pigg and Khaki Scrivner. Jacob received a pie plate donated from Karol's Kountry Korner, and Khaki received a \$10 gift certificate to Merrell Food.

Garnish awards were presented to the 4-H'ers who had the best garnish in each division. Winners were: Clover Kid - Sierra Bursleson; Junior - Jacob Hancock; and Intermediate - Chancey Campbell. Winners each received a Ginger Bread House Kit.

Project Club Managers and Activity Leaders were also recognized during the awards ceremony. They were Kathy Fuston, Norma Trevino, Barbara Deckard, Jeannine West, Lisa Reagan, Jenifer Pigg, Lisa Campbell, and April Bursleson. They were presented with a candle, a measuring glass, and a bath set as tokens of appreciation.

Jacob Pigg, Jessie Price, Khaki Scrivner, Charla Rhoderick, and Chancey Campbell will compete at the District 4-H Food show on December 14 at Westover Middle School in Amarillo.

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Ty Reed was honored as the Briscoe County 4-H Gold Star recipient at the Panhandle District 145th Annual 4-H Gold Star Banquet.

Local 4-H Member Honored

By Cory Edwards TEC, F&CS, Briscoe County

Ty Reed, 2002 Briscoe County 4-H Gold Star recipient, along with 29 other outstanding 4-H Club members from the Panhandle area, were honored at the Panhandle District 145th Annual Gold Star Banquet held at West Texas A&M University Saturday, November 9, 2002. The theme for the banquet was "The Power of Youth, A Centennial 4-H Celebration". Nationally, 4-H is celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

Ty Reed has been an active member of the Briscoe County 4-H Club for 5 years. He has participated in several projects including Shooting Sports, Horse, Swine, Beef, and Photography. He is currently the Vice-Chairman of the Briscoe County 4-H & Youth Development Committee and serves on the 4-H Mentor Program Task Force. His leadership activities have included being a presenter at the County Achievement Banquet, assisting with the Mobile Dairy Classroom, leading recreation at 4-H Club meetings. Ty has entered his animal projects in the County, Fort Worth, and San Antonio Livestock Shows. He is a member of the Briscoe County 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Team which advanced to the State competition this past year. His Shooting Sports Recordbook has won 1st and 2nd place at the District Competition and advanced to the State Competition. Ty has served the community through 4-H by transporting younger 4-H'ers to Rifle Club meetings, working at the 4-H booth during the Briscoe County Celebration, and delivering cookies to the elderly. He has also been active in his church, as a member of the National Honors Society, and as a leader at the YO Ranch Hunting Camp.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative along with Greenbelt Electric Cooperative, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, North Plains Electric, Swisher Electric Cooperative, and Rita Blanca Electric were sponsors for the annual banquet.

To qualify for the Gold Star Award, the highest 4-H honor at the county level, a 4-H'er must be at least 15 years old, have completed three years of club work, been an active 4-H member, and completed a 4-H Record Book. "The award is intended to stimulate winners to higher achievement and to encourage other young people to participate in the County 4-H program," stated Angela Burkman, Extension Program Specialist 4-H.

Framed certificates were presented to each recipient by Bob Robinson and Donna Brauchi, District Extension Directors of Texas Cooperative Extension.

Base/Yield Update Rules Clarified To Allow Separate Dryland/Irrigated Yield Plugs

Producers received a welcome bit of good news in regard to the process that will be used to calculate updated Counter-cyclical Program payment yields.

After several months of discussions and numerous conversations with USDA staff and the staff of the House Agriculture Committee, PCG is pleased to report that its efforts, and the efforts of many others, USDA has modified the procedures for including substitute yield that can be used when actual yields fall below 75% of the 1998-2001 County average yield. The yield plug is used when figuring updated counter-cyclical payment yields.

PCG's position on the issue was that USDA's original rule did not fully take into account the differences in production practices that often exist under a single farm serial number and the fact that farms can often be listed under a single farm serial number, but not be physically located near one another.

These differences, it was argued, should allow growers who have adequate production records to differentiate between farms on the basis of production practice and/or location should be allowed to utilize the yield plug procedure on a field by field.

Apparently USDA listened to PCG's argument as well and this week sent out updated instructions allowing producers to include either a dryland or irrigated yield plug when the actual yield for either production practice falls below the 75% county average threshold.

The process will require producers to provide adequate records of the production by each practice on the farm and for the County FSA personnel to manually replace the actual production under the practice with the appropriate yield plug. In FSA terminology the yield plug is referred to as either the dryland or irrigated minimum production figure.

Agricultural Appraisal Seminar To Be Held December 11-15

The American Society of Agricultural Appraisers will offer a 4 1/2 day Personal Property Appraisal Seminar in Dallas/Ft. Worth, December 11-15, 2002. This seminar is the only course of its kind approved by The Appraisal Qualifications Board in Washington, D.C. It meets 35 hours of the core education requirements established by the AQB's recently adopted Personal Property Appraiser Minimum Qualifications Criteria.

Seminar topics covered will include the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, principals of appraising, methods for estimating value, market research and analysis, methods for adjusting comparable properties and appraisal report writing.

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No Disaster Aid Until 2003

The word from Washington this week was a mixed blessing as a last ditch effort by Senate Democrats to bring a Bill with Disaster Assistance to the Senate floor was defeated with the help of soon to be Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-MS).

Lott led the opposition to the Bill that would have included some \$6 billion in savings from projected Farm Bill expenditures to assist farmers and ranchers who suffered drought related losses in 2001 and 2002.

Lott's efforts against the Democratic effort were tempered somewhat by a pledge to renew the effort to deliver drought assistance when Congress returns in 2003.

Lott noted that the Administration was still supportive of delivering drought assistance to growers as long as appropriate funding off-sets were found.

The efforts of Disaster Assistance proponents will now turn to identifying the vehicles through which drought assistance can be approved.

The most attractive of these will likely be the many unfinished 2003 funding Bills that will have to be worked through as soon as Congress returns and a possible Supplemental Spending Bill that the Bush Administration is expected to request next Spring.

All in all the effort to secure Drought Assistance has been set back considerably, although apparently not permanently abandoned.

The best approach continues to be communicating the many reasons why drought assistance is necessary. Efforts in this regard should not be abandoned or put on hold over the next month and half until Congress returns.

2nd Annual Texas Commodity Symposium

The 2nd Annual Texas Commodity Symposium has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2002 in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show at the Amarillo Civic Center. Registration will begin at 8:30 in the Grand Plaza Room near the Buchanan Street entrance.

Being a legislative year in Texas, state officials have been invited to highlight some key issues that will be debated and discussed in Austin.

Speakers will include State Statistician Robin Roark, Representative David Swinford, Agriculture Policy Board Ad-Hoc Advisory Council Chairman Woody Anderson, and Farm Service Agency Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs John Johnson.

Keynote speaker for the symposium will be Jim Butler, Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA. Butler served as USDA's deputy under secretary for marketing and regulatory programs since September 2001. In his new position, he will be a key advisor regarding sanitary and phytosanitary issues, as well as trade, and farm and food policies.

This symposium is free and will conclude with a catered lunch. For more information call 800-647-2676.

Deadline Announced For Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)

The Hall County Farm Service Agency has received notice that the deadline for submitting applications for the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) has been announced. FSA will continue to accept applications for the Livestock Compensation Program until December 13, 2002. LCP provided direct payments per head to producers who suffered livestock losses as a result of severe drought conditions.

Livestock must have been owned for 90 calendar days with June 1, 2002, being within this 90 day time period. Livestock meeting this requirement that have been sold or have died before sign-up would be eligible for payment.

Ineligible livestock include swine, horses, poultry, packer owned animals, and livestock kept for recreation activities. All beef and dairy cattle, and buffalo and beafalo that weighed less than 500 pounds on June 1st are also ineligible.

There will be a \$40,000.00 payment limitation per person, and gross revenue for the preceding tax year must be \$2.5 million or less.

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THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM...

By Laura Taylor

Thanksgiving is here and Christmas is right on it's heels. There are a million things to do and only 24 hours in a day to get them done. So kick back, relax a few minutes, regroup and enjoy this story my sister passed it on to me.

A husband and wife were watching TV when the wife said, "I'm tired, and it's getting late. I think I'll go to bed." She went to the kitchen to make sandwiches for the next day's lunches. Rinsed out the popcorn bowls, took meat out of the freezer for supper the following evening, checked the cereal box levels, filled the sugar container, put spoons and bowls on the table and started the coffee pot for brewing the next morning.

She then put some wet clothes in the dryer, put a load of clothes into the wash, ironed a shirt and secured a loose button. She picked up the game pieces left on the table and put the telephone book back into the drawer. She watered the plants, emptied a wastebasket and hung up a towel to dry. She yawned and stretches and headed for the bedroom.

She stopped by the desk and wrote a note to the teacher, counted out some cash for the field trip, and pulled a textbook out from hiding under the chair. She signed a birthday card for a friend, addressed and stamped the envelope and wrote a quick note for the grocery store. She put both near her purse.

Next she then washed her face with 3 in 1 cleanser, put on her Night Solution and Age Fighting Moisturizer, brushed and flossed her teeth and filed her nails.

Her husband then called out, "I thought you were going to bed?" "I'm on my way," she said. She put some water into the dog's dish and put out the cat then made sure the doors were locked. She looked in on each of the kids and turned out their lamp, hung up a shirt, threw some dirty socks in the hamper, and had a brief conversation with the one up still doing homework.

In her own room she set the alarm, laid out clothing for the next day straightened up the shoe rack. She added three things to her 6 most important things to do list. She said her prayers, and visualized the accomplishment of her goals.

About that time her husband turned off the TV and announced to no one in particular, "I'm going to bed," and he did...without another thought.

Anything extraordinary here? Wonder why women live longer? 'Cause women are made for the long haul...

HMMM...

Turkey Jamboree December 7

By Lawana Cruse

The next Turkey Jamboree will be Saturday December 7 at the old Turkey High School Gym. Entertainers for the evening will be John and Maybelle Frances from Silverton, who are very well known around this area for their talent. Lance May from Lubbock, a very talented young man who performs regularly at the Cactus Theatre in Lubbock. He also performed a concert at the Gem Theatre last February here in Turkey. Terry Davis from Amarillo is a regular performer at the Big Texas Opry, will be making his first appearance on the Turkey Jamboree this month. There will also be a surprise Western Swing band on the show this time and you sure don't want to miss that! And of course our Turkey Gems will be performing.

The Turkey Roost Museum group will have the concession stand, serving stew, cornbread, and all the trimmings. The Jamboree is FREE! Show time is 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.



Phil Barefield, Kay Calvert and Maria Cruz represented the community of Quitaque at a recent grant writing workshop at Ceta Glen Encampment. The workshop was sponsored by the Area Resource Conservation and Development Coordinators. Information provided at the workshop will be used to advance the grant process as funds are sought to complete a new community center in Quitaque.

Look Before You Lease

New Publication Explains Groundwater Leasing

Groundwater leasing is relatively new, and as is the case of any new endeavor involving people's pocketbooks, scoundrels see a golden opportunity to take advantage of the uninformed.

Judon Fambrough, an attorney at law with the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, warns landowners to approach a groundwater lease with great caution. Even when signing up with a reputable water production company, groundwater owners should know how to protect their interests.

"Be very careful what you sign because groundwater production may last for generations," Fambrough says. "Unlike oil and gas wells, which go dry, water wells recharge, making the length of the lease indefinite." Fambrough suggests the following:

*Be careful to sign a groundwater lease, not a groundwater deed. Many times the wording of a lease and a deed appears similar. The owner may be selling the water rights, not leasing them. Leases, generally "grant, lease and let" the company the right to explore, produce and sell water for a limited time. Deeds "grant, sell and convey" the water or water rights to the company forever.

*Know the difference between negotiating a lease covenant and a lease condition. If a condition is breached, the lease terminates automatically. When possible, negotiate lease conditions instead of covenants. To be considered a condition and not a covenant, the provision must state that the lease terminates if a certain event or breach occurs.

*Remember all proposed provisions in the lease are subject to negotiation. The owner's power to negotiate depends on the amount of land owned, the amount, quality and depths of groundwater, and the number of companies vying for the lease.

*Do not feel obligated to accept the first offer the company makes. Remember the first offer the company makes may not be the best offer, especially in terms of lease provisions. For example, the company may pay the same for a lease whether or not restrictions are placed on the depths of production. Landowners might make more money by restricting the depth of the production and allowing for other leases at other depths.

*Avoid ambiguous terms. These may lead to misunderstanding and litigations. For example, some leases require groundwater companies to compensate landowners for "actual damages" to the land. However, no mention is made of how to calculate the damages, when the damages are due and payable or how to settle damage claims when a dispute arises.

*Make sure that any terms or provisions negotiated by the groundwater owner are in writing and attached to the lease form. Do not accept oral modifications to a lease. Generally, oral agreements are unenforceable.

More specific suggestions can be found in 'Secrets of Negotiating Groundwater Leases', a 2002 Center publication by Fambrough. This guide takes the reader through each lease provision paragraph by paragraph and notes how certain items may be negotiated in the landowner's favor. Because of the newness of the water production and leasing business, there are few guides like this. The publication can be downloaded for free from the Center's website, <http://recenter.tamu.edu/pdf/1593.pdf>.

Fambrough explains the differences and similarities between oil and gas leasing and groundwater leasing in this publication. There are no standard groundwater lease forms as there are for oil and gas leases, and much of the terminology and provisions lack legal definitions and precedents, making groundwater leasing riskier.

The Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University has been providing solutions through research for more than 30 years. Funded primarily by Texas real estate licensee fees, the Center was created by the state legislature to meet the needs of many audiences, including the real estate industry, instructor, researchers and the general public.

Home Based Business Seminar To Be Held

A Home Based Business Seminar will be held on Saturday December 7, 2002 in the Valley School Cafeteria beginning at 8:00 a.m. This event is cosponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County and the Quitaque Chamber of Commerce.

Pam Brown, Extension Consumer Science Specialist, will share her expertise on getting started, financial assistance, marketing & pricing, and making a business plan. Dan Redd from West Texas A&M University will tell about the Rural Ag Incubator Program. Tax laws related to businesses will be presented by Certified Public Accountant Rick Beesinger and Briscoe County Attorney Bill Smith will discuss legal issues. A panel of local home-based business owners will share their experiences and answer questions.

If you are interested in starting a home based business, please come to this free informational seminar. Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. Our goal is to help citizens utilize the resources that are here to bring in outside money.

Soothing A Holiday Stomach

Turkey and dressing and heartburn, oh my! This holiday season, many people will unfortunately receive the gift that keeps on giving, heartburn and stomach upset.

"The holiday foods we love best, like Thanksgiving turkey, gravy and pie, are made up almost completely of fat," said Dr. Gulchin Ergun, medical director of the Reflux Center at Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital in Houston. "The same fat that makes our food taste so good also can give us heartburn."

Heartburn is caused when stomach acid overcomes the barrier between the stomach and esophagus, called the sphincter, which keeps the lower end of the esophagus closed when a person is not swallowing food or liquids. Foods that contain fat cause the sphincter to relax, allowing the acid to come up more easily into the chest. The result is a burning pain in the chest and the abdomen that can last for hours and is often accompanied by a sour taste.

The simple way to prevent heartburn is to avoid the foods and drinks that trigger it, like high fat foods, foods high in acidity like cranberry sauce, and alcoholic drinks.

But if you just can't give up your favorite treats, the following tips may help soothe your holiday stomach:

- *Move around. Lying down after a big meal may help trigger heartburn. "Chest pressure is negative, and your body wants to move things from a positive to a negative area," Ergun said. "If you are lying down after a big meal, it makes it easier for stomach acid to move up." Ergun suggests taking a walk, or playing a game of touch football with your family after your meal.
- *Take an antacid. For immediate relief, over the counter antacids work fastest to reduce the acid that causes heartburn or stomach upset.
- *Eat in moderation. If you can't give up your mother's famous pecan pie, then go easy on the ham, or just eat only a portion of everything on your plate.
- *Having a small amount of heartburn around the holidays isn't necessarily bad for you" Ergun said. "But you should really see your doctor if you are having symptoms two or three times a week."

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NOVEMBER is DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH!

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Stop by the **Briscoe County Clinic** if you have questions or would like information on Diabetes. **We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!**

Dori Wasmundt, PA-C
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NEXT OF KIN By Clint Harmon

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Turkey City Council

The Turkey City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 19. The following Council members were present Mayor Pat Carson, Doyle Dean Proctor, Brenda Seymour, and Mary Fierro. City Manager, Jerry Landry and City Secretary Theresa Clinton were also present.

First monthly business was taken care of by the Council. A motion was then made to call a special meeting with the Fire Department representatives to discuss grant/loan applications with USDA to build a new fire house. This motion carried.

A motion was made to send Hershall and Cindy Marcrum a thank you letter for the glass etching memorial of 911 that they presented to the Fire Department. This motion also carried.

The meeting was adjourned at this time.

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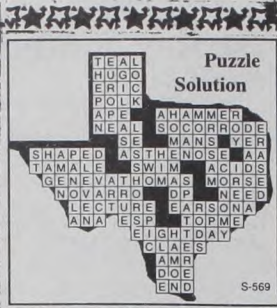
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