2004 Watermelon Round

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9th Watermelon Round **Up Activities Schedule**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 8:00 AM

Until 8:45 register for Fun Run NW of old courthouse Brisket Cook-Offs start at Stanford Park 9:00 AM

Flag presentation, National Anthem by Ashley Vantine at entertainment stage

Fun Run Starts NW of old courthouse. Cyber Spin, Climbing Wall, Train Ride front of new courthouse - Petting Zoo at Pioneer Park open for the day Decorated Melon contest entries - information booth Classic Car Show starts, front of school

Books open for Team Roping at Rodeo Arena 9:15 AM

First Baptist Church Choir, stage

10 AM Joe Townsend Gospel Quartet - Stage

Team Roping starts at Rodeo Arena **11 AM**

Cactus Cuties, Stage Seed Spitting Contest, Jr. High thru Adults, front of new courthouse

12 Noon

Star Dance Academy of Hobbs, NM, Stage 1:00 PM

Watermelon Queen presentation 'Kiss A Pig"

B.J. & Helen Country Fiddle Watermelon awards and recognition, all at stage

2:00 PM

'Kiss A Pig', Ashley Vantine & Cassidy Sooter, stage 2:30 PM

'Wild Bill' Cathey, Trick Roper, stage

3:00 PM

'Kiss A Pig', Double Eagle Band, stage

Cowpatty Bingo, front of Sandy Land UWCD

4:00 PM

Cook Off winners announced, Car Show Awards, stage

4:30 PM

Pound Singers - stage 5:30 PM

Final Announcements, stage All Day Entertainment

includes Harlin the Magician, Greenie the

Clown, Sports On Air Carnival

* All activities subject to change. Latest schedule changes available at information booth. Restrooms located between library and old courthouse, at car show, rodeo arena and city hall.



Plus, free slices of the best watermelon you've ever tasted, all day long!

Cowboys downed by Farwell Steers 27 - 13 in season opener

Dominating offensive statistics are not necessarily the determining factor in high school football. In the Cowboys first game against the Farwell Steers there last Friday, they doubled the Steers 110 yards total offense with 223 yards, managed 14 first downs to the Steers 4, were penalized only 25 yards to Farwell's 50, had possession of the ball twice as long, yet lost convincingly, 27-13.

The very long night for the Cowboys started when they were forced to punt in their first possession. The kick was blocked and the Steers took the ball on the Cowboy 29. On the third play from scrimmage The Steers scored to go up 7 - 0.

When the Cowboys took the kickoff for their second possession, the third rushing play resulted in a fumble to the Steers at the 41, and they scored from there on the first rush, going ahead 13-0.

The Cowboys came alive late in the first period. Staying on the ground, backs Cain, Caffey and Williams racked up four first downs and 57 yards rushing, with Caffey going the last 24 for the score. The PAT failed and the Cowboys were in the game 13-6.

Steer running back Tabb took the kickoff at his 5 yard line, and went the distance for his second score and the 21-6 lead at the end of the half.

The Cowboy offense showed its strength in the third period. Five rushing plays, including the last 31 yards by Williams, put the Cowboys on the board again and a 21-13 game.

The Steers were not satisfied, however, and with less than two minutes on the clock scored again for the final 27-

Criminal cases in county court

Three criminal cases were heard in County Court August 25, with Judeg Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

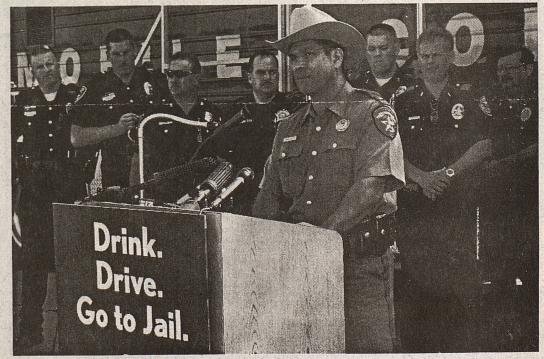
Miguel Esmerado Villegas September 12. pled guilty to assault causes bodily injury and family violence. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$250,

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Cowboy defenders corral a Steer

Crackdown on drunk driving planned for Labor Day Holiday



ing for motorists: Drink, drive, go to jail. Between August 27 and September 12, state troopers, police officers and sheriffs' deputies will be out in full force as part of a nationwide crackdown on drunk driving. The Labor Day mobilization is sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Up to 60,000 law enforcement officers in Texas expected to participate

AUSTIN - With thousands of Texas motorists expected to hit the road this Labor Day to enjoy the last holiday weekend of the summer season, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) announced today that state troopers and local law enforcement will be stepping up enforcement of the state's DWI laws between August 27 and

"Our Drink. Drive. Go to Jail campaign is about saving lives and preventing injuries," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT's deputy director for Traffic Operations. "Thanks to the almost 60,000 troopers and officers who'll be out in full force, we're opti-

message not to get behind the wheel if they've been drinking."

As the national leader in alcohol-related traffic fatalities, Highway Traffic Texas is a key player in the national crackdown on drunk. driving which combines highly visible law enforcement with a \$14 million national advertising campaign.

In 2002, the Texas Department of Public Safety reports that alcohol was involved in 65% of the traffic deaths that occurred during the Labor Day weekend.

than 17,000 traffic fatalities in to \$2,000 and serve a maximum the United States every year, and of 180 days in jail.

mistic that drivers will get the that's why we're getting tough this Labor Day weekend," said Georgia S. Chakiris, regional administrator for the National Administration. "With intense support from law enforcement, chances are if you drive drunk, you will get caught. Don't turn your holiday into a jail stay."

During the next three weeks, motorists can expect billboards, highway message signs and radio and television ads warning them not to drink and drive. First-time DWI offenders can lose their driver's license for as "Alcohol contributes to more much as a year, pay a fine of up

Jury Selection List For The 121st District Court On September 7, 2004 at 1:30 P.M.

A petit jury selection will be held for the 121st District Court on September 7, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains, Texas. The following citizens are asked to appear:

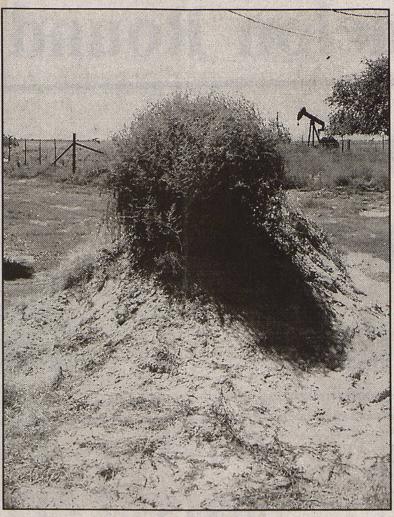
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King Of The Hill



This kingsize tumble weed has a lofty home at the County Golf Course, perched atop a mound of sand used in a recent project at the course. Note pump jack in background.

Drip Irrigation Program

Texas Cooperative Extension in Cochran and Yoakum Counties is sponsoring a Drip Irrigation Meeting Wednesday, September 1 in Morton from 8 AM to 10 AM. Topics include; Management of irrigation; growing season progress; varieties; scouting report; alternative crops over drip; small grain forages.

Speakers will be Dr. Randy Bowmen, Extension Agronomistcotton; Dr. Dana Porter, Extension Ag Engineer-Irrigation; Kerry Siders, Extension Agent-IPM; Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension Agronomist.

Breakfast will be provided and 2 CEU credits will be available. The location is Eric Silhan Farm: From stop light in Morton, go north .7 mile to CR 74 (paved)- turn east and go .5 mile to drip house on south side of road.

From Page 1, COURT CASES

must pay \$211 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will serve 80 hours community service and complete the batterer's prevention program. Karen Hobbs, D.C. Police, was investigating officer.

Eloy Martinez Salazar pled guilty to driving while license suspended. He was fined \$100 and must pay \$241 court costs. Lupe Garcia, D.C. Police, was investigating officer. Guadalupe Mendoza pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior

reckless driving cause. He will serve 30 days in jail with credit for standards for fuel efficiency in 14 days served.

FORT BLISS COMMANDER

EL Paso, May 8. Lieutenant Henry M. tives for renewable energy Lazelle, first commanding officer of Fort Bliss, was captured today by Confederate sources, such as solar, wind

troops.

It is rumored here that the Confederates and hydroelectric power. Addiplan to use Fort Bliss as southwestern tional comments: headquarters for a campaign to establish Confederate control over New Mexico ter- 2. Congress is attempting to ritory. The small Federal garrison at the reconcile the House and Senfort has offered no resistance. ate passed versions of the six

The Texas Press - May, 1861

Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

Which came first - the chicken or the egg? In Texas, both commodities are near the top of the list in production - not to mention taste. Texas is one of the top 10 states in the production of broilers, eggs and hens and pullets of laying age.

With many people watching their waistlines and looking for ways to eat healthy without going hungry, chicken is great source of healthy, lean protein. I keeps appetites satisfied, and when paired with vegetables in a stir-fry or salad, it can be a complete meal packed with vitamins and minerals. One 3-ounce serving of skinless roasted chicken breast has only about 120 calories and very little

Eggs can also be part of a healthy diet. One egg has only 7.5 calories and about five grams of fat. Eggs have 13 essential vitamins and minerals and the highest quality protein. Turkey, another member of the poultry family, is no longer just for holidays and special occasions. With only 120 calories and less than a half a gram of fat per 3-ounce serving, it's also a great way to add lean protein to the diet.

Texas poultry production is a \$1.2 billion industry and can be found throughout most of the state, but commercial production is primarily concentrated in East and South Central Texas. Texas is also one of the top exporters of poultry and poultry products ranking sixth at \$123 million, accounting for 5.4 percent of the total value of U.S. exports of poultry and poultry products.

For an excellent source of protein and vitamins, look no further than the Texas poultry industry. It gives an economic boost to the state's agricultural industry and a nutritional boost to your family's



this first of three surveys, I fo-

cus on key domestic agenda

items. In the following weeks,

surveys will concentrate on in-

ternational affairs and home-

land security. Last year I was

overwhelmed by the response,

and I hope to hear from even

more of you this year. To sub-

mit your answers, use the con-

tact information listed at the

Later this year, I will distrib-

ute the results of the survey in

Capitol Comment columns. I

appreciate your participation

and look forward to your views.

SURVEY PART 1, Domestic

1. Unfortunately Congress has

yet to adopt a comprehensive

national energy policy. How-

ever, I am still hopeful we can

pass one this year. In your opin-

ion, what should be our top

for more domestic oil and gas

exploration to reduce our de-

pendence on the Middle East

and other foreign countries.

sumption by raising mandatory

cars, trucks and sport-utility

year transportation reauthori-

zation legislation. Texas al-

ways has been the single larg-

est 'donor state,' sending more

than five billion dollars in

gasoline taxes to build roads in

other states since 1956. Which

of the following do you think

Congress should do to better

meet Texas transportation

needs? (Choose all that apply.)

which currently stand at 18.5

cents per gallon. ____In-

Raise gasoline taxes,

vehicles (SUV's).

Lower gasoline con-

Provide tax incen-

n e r g y

_Allow

end of this column.

Agenda

priorities?_

light-rail and other mass tran-Encourage alternative financing, such as

3. At the end of this year, key provisions of the tax relief enacted in 2003 will expire and, in 2011, all tax cuts enacted in recent years will disappear unless Congress acts. Which of the following would you like to see Congress pass this year to prevent a tax increase?

_Extend marriage pen-

Additional ments:

minority group of Senators have obstructed action on several common sense liability reform bills. Which of the following proposals would you like to see Congress Approve? (Choose all that apply) medical liability cases limit attorneys' fees, limit non-economic damages to \$250,000, and cap punitive damages at twice the economic damages (or \$250,000, whichever is greater) to alleviate skyrocketing insurance premiums that are forcing doctors to avoid fields such as Obstetrics-Gynecology (OB-GYN) or close practices altogether. ____Prohibit lawsuits against firearms manufacturers or dealers for a user's unlawful use of weapons or ammunition. ____ Establish an industry-financed Asbestos Injury Claims Resolution Fund to compensate asbestos victims on a no-fault basis to ensure the truly sick receive adequate compensation, and bring a suits that cause bankruptcies and loss of jobs. Additional comments

submit your answers online at: hutchison.senate.gov/ survey 1.htm Send via email at: capitolcomments@hutchison.senate.gov Or submit via mail to: Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison SUR-VEY, 961 Federal Building, 300 East Eighth Street, Austin,

In Washington I'm always sit options. speaking out on behalf of the Lone Star State, whether it's new highway tolls. Additional delivering a speech on the Sencomments: ate floor, asking questions at a committee hearing, or casting a roll call vote on legislation. Now it's the time for you to speak out. Every August I distribute an annual "Listing Post" to ask Texans about a variety of issues facing our nation. In

> (Choose all that apply) alty relief into next year (double standard deduction and 10% bracket for married couples). ____Maintain lower marginal rates for all brackets next year. _ sure increased child tax credit remains in effect next year. Eliminate the death tax.

4. Over the past 18 months, a close to asbestos related law-

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Intro. To Internet and Email

Every Thursday 7-9 p.m. September 30 - November 11 Instructor: Dennis Middleton

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Snyder retires, sells D.C. Press to Lovington couple



In the photo above, Gene Snyder, on left, at a three hour reception in the Yoakum County Connection building, honored by the Denver City Chamber of Commerce and Denver City Economic Development Corp. Monday following the announcement of his sale of the Denver City Press to John and Jeanine Graham, publishers of the Lovington Leader. John will be the new publisher of the Press, where Snyder has had a labor of love with the paper since August, 1954. In the lower photo, John and his wife Jeanine are shown on the right. Shown with the Grahams is Mara Fortner, a former employee of the Grahams, and her grandson Jeffrey. Ms. Fortner will be the managing editor of the Press. Any changes in the operation of the Press will be announced shortly.

The Lovington Leader is a true family organization. John's dad, W.H. "Hop" Graham, formerly owned the newspaper in Farwell, Texas prior to coming to publish the Leader. John's mother, Jeanne, continues writing for the Leader. Jeanine Graham serves as community news Editor of the Leader. The Leader is the oldest operating newspaper in Lea County, founded in 1909. The paper has a recently expanded offset printing plant which prints CCN, the D.C. Press, Eunice weekly, and an advertising tabloid in Carlsbad, NM.



Our Apology

In last weeks obituary for Kenneth Hale, we listed the survivors in error; the paragraph should have read: He is survived by his wife, four daughters, Beth Ann Cain and husband Charles, Karen Bearden and husband Rickey of Plains, Robbie Phipps and husband Ben of Welch and Kendra Stephens and husband Billy of Snyder; four brothers, Jesse of Boswell, OK., A.J. of Lamesa, Charles of Norman, OK., and Don of Yukon, OK.; two sisters, Sally Stubbs of Hugo, OK. and Tela Barrick of Mesa, Ariz.; ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

FSA reminds producers of committee nomination deadline

Yoakum County Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds America's farmers, ranchers and other agricultural produc-Agriculture (USDA) FSA County Committee nomination process is underway. Septemeligible voters to nominate themselves or local producers to serve on the FSA County Committee.

According to CED, Gary Six County Committees play an important role in the local implementation and oversight of FSA programs, but the committee system is only as successful as the election process. "A successful election requires maximum participation from all eligibly individuals," said

Six clarifies that in Yoakum County, a seat on the county committee is currently open for Local Administrative Area (LAA) #3. This area includes southwest portion of Yoakum

Individuals elected to serve on county committees help ensure FSA agricultural programs adequately serve the needs of local producers. Committees make decisions on county commodity price-support loan eligibility, establishment of allotments and yields, conservation programs, disaster programs, employment and other issues important to the local agriculture community. USDA is implementing an enhanced outreach program greater participation in the county election process by socially disadvantaged and minority producers.

"Representation on FSA County Committees should be as diverse as the agriculture industry itself," said Six. "A County Committee should mirror the demographics of the communities it serves, we need and welcome nominations and voter participation from all sectors of the agriculture community, men, women and minorities from all walks of life."

The success of any venture will be helped with prayer, even in the wrong denomination

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Certified Nurse Aide Class Set At SPC

A short course in Certified of classroom and 24 hours of Nurse Aide will begin Septem- clinical instruction, students ber 27 at South Plains College in Levelland.

Classes will meet 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays September 27 -October 28 in the Technical Arts Building, Room 112. Clinical instruction will be announced Saturdays at the Levelland Nursing Home.

The course provides detailed ers that the U.S. Department of education, training, work-based experience and direct patient/ client care at a clinical site. Students will learn the necessary ber 3, 2004 is the deadline for skills for working in long-term care, home health or hospital environments.

On completion of the 60 hours

will be required to take the State of Texas Certified Nurse Aide Competency Examina-

Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR and Tetanus and have a current negative TB test.

Tuition is \$340, plus a st exam fee of \$76. Cost of textbook, Skills and Technique for the New Nursing Assista 7th edition by Barbara Gillog is \$36.58.

Enrollment is limited to 14 s dents.

To pre-register, contact L SPC Division of Continui and Distance Education at 89 9611, ext. 2341.

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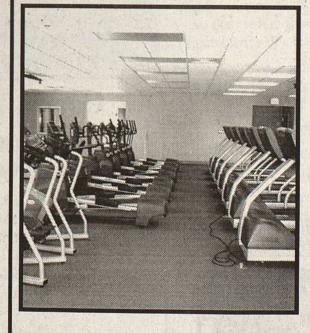
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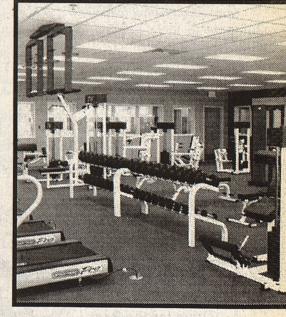


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PISD Sports Review

FOOTBALL

JV Cowboys: Coach Michael Favis reported the younger Cowboys dominated the game and beat the Farwell Steers last Thursday 22 - 0. They held the ball on offense for long periods in both halves of the game. In the first quarter, Cody Mayes had a good 32 yard run for the first score, and the extra point try failed. They soon scored again on a pass from Casson Curtis to Abel Ramos, and the toss from Curtis to J.L. Vasquez moved the Cowboys to a 14-0 lead.

In the second half, had an outstanding run, breaking 5 tackles to score, and Curtis' toss to Chase Guetersloh gave the Cowboys the final 22-0 win.

CROSS COUNTRY

Coach Davis reported cross country teams had great success at the Brownfield Invitational Meet, this weekend. The varsity boys won the small school division, beating district rival Hart by 23 points. Ranked 9th in the state by the Cross Country Coaches Assn., they were led by Sophomore Jose Villegas, winning the individual title by covering the 3 mile course in 16.55. Payton Bean, Patrick Cotton and Abel Ramos finished in the top ten, with Chandon Loya 11th, Scott Addison 13, Daniel Estrada 33rd. The JV Cowboys had an amazing performance in the "all comers" division, beating teams including Frenship, Odessa Permian, Hobbs, and Lubbock Cooper. Frosh Bradon Loya and Zachary Ramos were 15th and 16th, Joseph Loya 21, Ben Hays 49, David Alldredge 54, Landon Craft 59.

Micaela Villegas, the only Cowgirl running, was 23rd in the field of more than 100 girls.

The Jr. High Wrangles were second in their division, only one point behind Lubbock Cooper, with Zachary Ramon 2nd overall, Jonathan Lira 5th, Arthur Ruiz 14th, Brandon Craft 33rd, Chris Gonzales 36th. Sidney Caffey and Jasmine Mares, the only Lady Wranglers competing, finished 42nd and 46th.

No other results available

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PHS Student of the Week is Reagan Haynes, a junior and the son of Jim and Kathy Haynes.

Reagan was nominated by Mr. Brad Friesen, who said, "Good character is shown by many PHS students. Choosing a 'Student of the Week' is sometimes difficult because there are so many that meet the criteria. These students exhibit the six pillars of character, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Two of the pillars are highlighted in Reagan Haynes; responsibility and trustworthi-

A definition of responsibility is to do what you are supposed to do. One way to show responsibility is to have homework

Cancer 20 to 30 years after exposure?

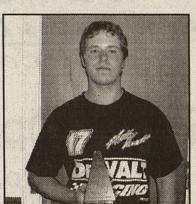
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Drive for the Best

and stay regional

at the same time!

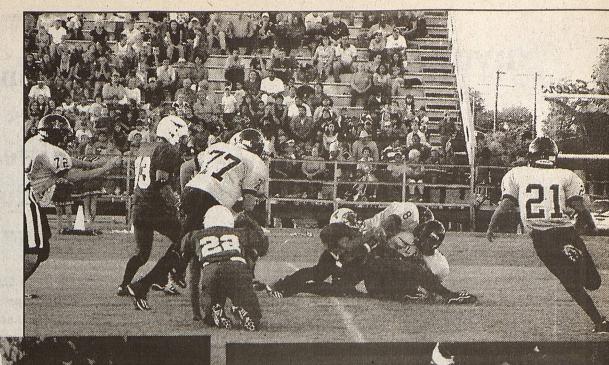
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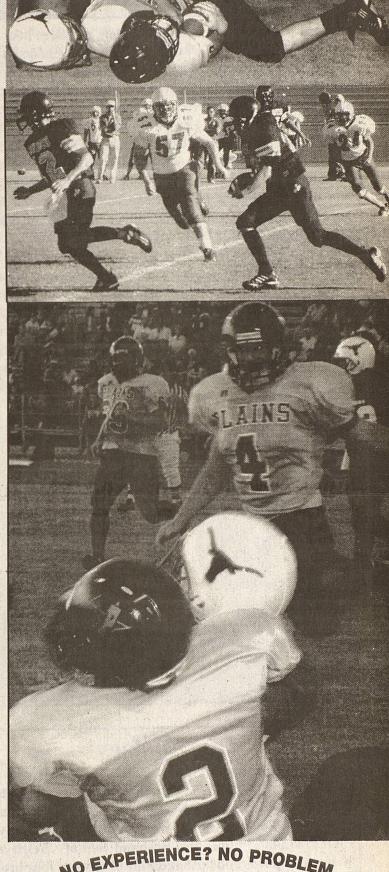
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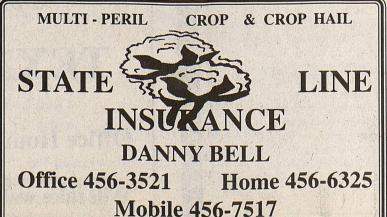
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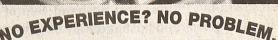
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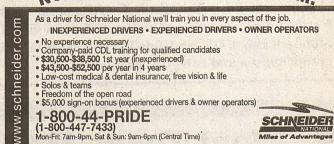
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Senior Citizens Corner

There is a group of ladies who are very important to the operation of our Center. They are known as our 'Site Council'. When we see renovations, improvements, and housecleanings occurring within our Center, we have these ladies to thank for it. They have been especially diligent this year and we all reap the benefits of their efforts. Things not so visible that occur on an ongoing basis are notes and telephone calls to absentees, fund raising events, game nights, movie nights, and welcoming committees. The bottom line of their activities can be summed up in one word-OUTREACH! This may not sound like a very difficult task, but it is! It Is also an unrewarding effort in too many cases. As a group of seniors who reap the results of their efforts everyday, let's take time to tell them so. The ladies who are currently serving in this capacity are Melba Gayle, Moray Clark, Jewell Hemmeline, Dorothy Anderson, Elsie White, and Claudia Ferguson. Our Site Director, Rosa Lopez, serves as their director. They meet once monthly to discuss new endeavors and ways of reaching more seniors in Yoakum County. They serve for two years on the Council then are replaced for at least a year after sometimes she used it to quickly which they may return for another two years. They are responsible to the Board of Directors lane. and make monthly reports during the board meeting. We need some new members to serve on this council for our new fiscal year. If you would like to serve your Center in this capacity, please leave your name in the office. WE NEED YOU! There is a place for everyone to serve here at the Center.

It is good to see Ed Hicks back with us this week. Welcome back, Ed. We've missed you. It is also good to see John Galas back at table number nine after a lengthy absence.

have brought their niece with them the last week. Her name is Elsie Thompson and she comes from Arkansas. Lisa Melcher was a guest this week too. Lisa came as a guest of Darwin

This has been an 'ouch' week for a couple of our senior family. Charlie Gillis and Ted Ferguson each took a spill from their bicycle and appeared at the Center with black eyes, many bruises and bandages. We are glad the wounds were no worse.

As I walked through our luncheon serving line the other day I paid particular attention to the ladies (and gentlemen) who walked behind the food line.

neatly in a net. Not only is this a requirement, but it also prevents a sanitary concern for each person they serve. The gentleman, who is a part of the daily serving group, joins the ladies in wearing a clean, plastic apron each day. As I looked at them I remembered the place an apron has played in my own life. I checked in my closet and found there are none hanging in there any more. It is a way of life that is gone forever. I remembered my mother, who would be 103 if she were still living, and can hardly remember her when she was not wearing an apron. Sometines the apron matched her dress, but always it neatly covered the dress. We lived on a farm and, as I remembered, I could still see Mother using her handy apron for the multitude of needs that were a part of her everyday life. It has dried my tears and those of my brothers and sister. It has quickly cleaned our ears when we failed to pass the morning preschool inspection. I have hidden under its protective folds when I was too shy to appear before guests. I've seen Mother use if for a pot holder to remove hot things from the stove or oven, or to wipe her perspiring brow while cooking or canning; and duet the furniture when unexpected company drove down the

Her apron was just as useful outside the house. She often put the eggs she had gathered inside her apron to carry them to the house. Kindling wood for the fire was often carried inside her apron for the kitchen stove. It was a handy place to carry fresh vegetables in from the garden or apron for the kitchen stove. It was a handy place to carry fresh vegetables in from the garden or ripe fruit from the orchard to use for the next meal. And sometimes the same apron was used to carry the hulls from the peas back out-Madge and Willie McCubbin side to dispose of. I smile as I remember my father, who always wore glasses, often saying, "Mom, let me wipe my glasses on your apron." No home had paper towels or tissues in those days and her apron was always so handy. Many are the times mother would step outside and wave her apron to let the men, who were working in the fields nearly, know that it was dinnertime. It is sad to know that life will never be like that again and the apron is not only unnecessary but unheard of in many homes today. Incidently, did I mention that the original purpose for an apron was to protect the dress underneath it?

Though for today: I intend to live Each of the ladies had their hair forever-so far, so good!

Dear Friends ...

Women's Protective Services is quickly approaching its 26th year of operation. During the course of 26 years, the agency has grown in strength and size to provide life-saving shelter and supportive services to countless battered women and their children across a 12-county region. It has been through the generous support of federal, state and local funding sources, and especially, private contributions from individuals and groups in our area that we are able to provide this very necessary service throughout our 12- county, 10,000 square-mile service area.

Unfortunately, Women's Protective Services, along with many other victim services organizations across the state, is experiencing severe funding cutbacks from federal and state funding sources, beginning September 1, 2004. Unfortunately, our agency has continued to see an increase in the number of women and children coming to Women's Protective Services, who are literally running for their lives. It is imperative that we continue to provide quality programs and services to our clients, while at the same time, utilizing all available avenues to reduce operational expenses. Our Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers are committed to maintaining our current level of services, but we need your help! Donations of household items, food, clothing, toiletry items, cleaning products, linens, and other basic living necessities assist our families with their day-to-day needs. The donation of your time as a crisis intervention or support volunteer helps to reduce expenses, and all cash donations ensure the continued provision of services to our women and children.

Thank you for your ongoing assistance to Women's Protective Services, as we continue to nurture and support women and children to help them become free from the violence they've experienced!

With hope for peace,

Fritzi Cates Executive Director

A Survivor Story

Catherine is a 50 year-old survivor who has experienced abuse since childhood. Catherine is a cancer survivor as well as domestic violence survivor. In 2003, Catherine began to seek out help from Women's Protective Services. She began services as a nonresident utilizing our counseling services. She met with Piper Kiser on a weekly basis. On June 8, 2004, Catherine determined that it was in her best interest to become a resident at Womens Protective Services. Her husband had become extremely abusive and it was the only way that Catherine would be able to survive. During her stay at WPS, Catherine continued utilizing counseling services and began to use our legal services to pursue a divorce and a protective order. In June, Catherine was granted the divorce as well as a protective order. Catherine was able to return to her home. We wish Catherine the best

*The name used has been changed for confidentiality purposes.

Veggie Entrepreneurs



Teresa Bell and J.P. Senter were busy last week roasting fresh green chile peppers in the new roaster built by Darryl Dusek. The two are offering a wide variety of fresh vegetables at their tent-shed on Cowboy Way, grown on Senter's farm and other local growers.



What about? Well, it's been awhile. As I sit here at the ole' puter I can't help but

wonder about 'stuff' Many of you have asked about Keith, our son who was in Baghdad last year. In January of this year, he returned from Baghdad and was at Ft. Bragg for about a month for debriefing or what ever the military call a 'cooling off' period. Then

he headed home by way of Missouri. Just before he left he announced he was getting married and bringing Sarah with him. Of course, as would many of you, Beth and I had several 'really' good questions for him. No she wasn't pregnant and no she wasn't Iraqi, so we were pleased. Sarah is a wonderful young lady whom

we have fallen in love with. She and

Keith have known each other since

grade school. All this time they have

They married the end of February and

now stationed at Ft. Hood.

We spent last week with them and had a wonderful time. They had more news for us; Sarah is going to have another grandchild for us in March of 2005! That's what we needed, some good news in the midst of Keith returning to Iraq. His unit went over in March and he had to join them.

As I sit here, I am waiting for another call from him. He was to get on a plane to Iraq today, but has been stopped because of some type of medical problems. His words were, "I might get a medical discharge!"

He's thrilled there is no Iraq at least for this month, but not thrilled about leaving the

So, in a matter of days and short weeks, we have gained a new and wonderful daughter-in-law who loves our son dearly, a son out of Iraq, and a new grandchild. And as you ladies would know, Beth is living it up shopping for the new baby! Until Next Time!

Mark A. Jones

www.majonesfuneraldirectors.com. email now have moved to Temple. Keith is comments to: markajones@door.net.

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From The Hack

From a reader -

" If you support the policies and character of George W. Bush, please drive with your headlights ON during the day.

" If you support the policies and character of John Kerry, please drive with your headlights OFF at night.

Did you catch Lubbock A-J Columnist Emeritus Burle Pettit's bit in last Sunday's edition, poking a little fun at the paper's religion columnist Beth Pratt, and her regard for rattlesnakes?

instant recall of some of my rattlesnake (and other varieties of slitherers) experiences.

My favorite uncle, Andy Anderson, who couldn't help the fact he worked and lived in Pecos, had a hunting tale he swore was factual, and I never heard of him telling a lie. Stretch the truth a bit, probably so, but lie, no. Andy and three other mule deer hunters journeyed to the mountains near Van Horn many years ago, and after trudging up and down hill without seeing a buck deer, ate their supper and agreed to get in bed early. Andy said a guy we shall call Tom was easing himself in his bedroll, when he screamed an oath and sat half in, half out of the bed. The others gathered around him, and he stuttered and stammered, "There's a dam snake in the bottom of the roll... I felt him move and heard him buzz!"

Andy said one fearless leader type hollered, "Well, get outta the bedroll, you idiot"! The vic- I consider the following wortim shook his head violently, "

tried! He's gonna get me, I know"!

Andy reported the three safe men were debating startegy, when one of the hunters yelled, "Look, I saw it move down at the bottom of th roll!"

A hunter affectionately called Gourd Head raced forward and leaped upon the foot of the roll, and Andy said since he weighed about 295 buck naked it was fairly certain the snake, if there was one, would not slither free.

version of slithering from the bedroll, and ran to his rifle, screaming obscenities about all snakes and how he was going to send this particular one to its maker. Gourd Head remained on top of the writhing snake, now buzzing like a chain saw, and he was screaming,

"Gimme my rifle too, quick, I can feel the damn thing getting Very amusing, and kicked in loose!" In seconds all four hunters were armed, locked and loaded. Gourd Head leaped from the bag, whirled and started firing his .270, which was immediately joined by two 30.06's and one old Krag

> Andy reported the sleeping bag soon took on the characteristics of an exploded bale of cotton, and when the fearless hunters ran out of ammo, the rattlesnake appeared, flicked its forked tongue and slithered off in the greasewood and chollas.

All the excitement prompted the great white hunters to violently shake out their bedrolls, and when Gourd Head produced a bottle of strong spirits, toast one anothers bravery and marksmanship. Andy added, "It was pretty uncomfortable, but we all slept in our two picksaw a single deer, came on

thy of sharing. It is an e-mail I'm too scared to move... done message from a grandaughter

who lives in Sonoma, California with her husband Phil;

"Hi, Gary,

I will be e-mailing you a link to check out some photos Phil and I took during a recent cancer fund raising event called the Relay For Life held in Sonoma. We made a generous donation in grandmother's name, as well as friends and other family who have suffered or are suffering with cancer.

Please take a look at the photos. It was very emotional, but Tom quickly performed his it also felt very good. In fact, I felt her strength, as I did not break down and cry, but stood in awe of those who have battled the disease for so long. Some people have been battling over 30 years, and although I miss her so very much, I'm glad she moved on to her new home.

I love you, Deneice"

This message was sent to me the day before Holly's birthday on Sunday, August 29.

A man smelling like a distillery flopped on a bus seat next to a minister. The man's tie was stained, his face was plasterd with red lipstick, and a half empty bottle of voda stuck out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his paper and began reading.

A few minutes later, the disheveled guy turned to the minister and asked, "Say, preacher, what causes arthritis?"

The preacher stormed, "Mister, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap women, too much alcohol and contempt for your fellow man."

"Well, damn me!", the drunk muttered, returning to reading his paper.

The preacher, thinking of his ups the next three nights. Never hard words, what he had said, nudged the man and gently home when the whiskey was said, "I'm very sorry, I didn't mean to come on so harshly. How long have you had arthritis?"

Oh, I don't have it, mister, I was just reading here the Pope **COUNTY OF YOAKUM *** NOTICE is hereby given that a public

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For further information, contact Pam Rowe, City Secretary at the City Hall, 806 - 456 - 2288