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Motley Co. Commissioners Vote To Approve "Goods In Transit" Tax

The Motley County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday September 10. Present for the meeting were County Judge Ed D. Smith, Commissioners Ronnie David-Pct 1, Donnie Turner-Pct 2, Franklin Jameson-Pct 3, Russell Alexander-Pct 4, County Clerk Kate Hurt, County Attorney Tom Edwards, Sheriff Jim Meador and Deputy Michael Crutchley. After attending to regular monthly court business the following items were addressed.

* Judge Smith informed the court the courthouse elevator had unexpected repairs made. A motion to transfer \$275.00 to pay for the repairs.

* Judge Smith read a letter from the Counties Tax Attorney informing the court of a new law passed on taxing "Goods In Transit". A motion passed (4-For/1-Against) to approve the tax. This tax does not currently affect any local businesses in the county. **Editor's Note: HB 621 does not require local taxing authorities to exempt "goods in transit" from personal property taxation. However, before taxing "goods in transit", the local taxing authority would have to conduct a PUBLIC HEARING where the public would be allowed to speak for or against the action of tax the property.**

* Charlie Johnson met with the court to present the new Librarian recommendation. Buffy Crutchley was recommended to fill this position. A motion passed to approve Mrs. Crutchley.

* Judge Smith informed the court of a new Rural Transit Organization formed to service the Childress TxDOT District. This organization will enable counties to have more input into the improvements planned for their counties.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Hall County Crop Tour

Hall County Extension Office will sponsor a crop tour on Thursday, September 27, 2007. Lunch and Registration will be at the Hall County Show Barn located at 510 N. 5th Street in Memphis, Tx. beginning at 12:00 Noon. From 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. we will look at cotton varieties at Memphis High School.

One CEU in Law & Reg and two CEU's in General will be given. Please join us for the tour. Contact Josh Brooks at 806-259-3015 for more information.

Welcome Home Valley Exes

What's Happening In The Valley Area This Week?

September 20

- * Valley Patriots JV vs Jayton, here @ 6:00 p.m.
- * Valley Jr High vs Silverton, there @ 5 p.m.
- * Bonfire @ Ag Farm-7:30 Hot Dogs will be served!
- * Night Rally-Special Speaker-Guy Young @ Football Field-Approx. 9:30pm

September 21

- * High School Pep Rally @ 2:30pm in Cafeteria
- * Jr. Class Supper @ 5:00-6:30 pm in Cafeteria-Fiesta Stack
- * Homecoming Queen Crowning @ 7:00pm
- * Valley Patriots vs Silverton, here @ 7:30 p.m.
- * Dance-\$3 or \$5 a couple-Following Game

September 24

- * Briscoe Co Historical Committee meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Quitaque EDC meeting
- * Caprock Partners meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

September 27

- * Turkey EDC meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Drivers License office open at Briscoe Co Courthouse today 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

It Is FREE To Add Your Events To This Calendar
Deadline Is Noon Tuesdays
To Add Your Event Call: 806-455-1101 or
email:vtaylor@caprock-spur.com

TCEQ Publishes Revision To Outdoor Burning In Texas Guide

Document Covers All Aspects of the State's Outdoor Burning Rule

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) today released a revision to Outdoor Burning in Texas, a guide which helps summarize and explain Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, sections 111.201-22, the state's burning regulations. The Outdoor Burning Rule prohibits outdoor burning anywhere in Texas, however it allows for exceptions in which burning is necessary.

The 19-page document provides answers to the most often asked questions, including:

- Do I need a permit to burn my garbage?

The TCEQ does not issue burning permits. Outdoor burning, in general, is prohibited in Texas, although there are certain exceptions allowed in the rules. For instance, domestic waste may be burned when the local governmental jurisdiction does not collect trash.

- Do I have to get my neighbor's approval before I can legally burn?

Written approval must be obtained beforehand, if the burning takes place less than 300 feet from any structure, including a nearby residence, or business, as well as livestock, or certain vegetation.

- How do I report someone who is illegally burning outdoors?

You may report burning to the local air pollution control office, or the nearest TCEQ regional office. The TCEQ also provides a toll free Environmental Complaint Hotline, 888-777-3186. Complaints can also be submitted by e-mail at complaints@tceq.state.tx.us, or on the agency Web site, using the online form [<http://www5.tceq.state.tx.us/oce/complaints/>].

The document is available free of charge, on the publications page [http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/comm_exec/forms_pubs/pubs/rg/rg-049.html] of the TCEQ Web site.

**Have A Safe
& Happy
Homecoming
Weekend!**



This crop dusting plane crashed south of Quitaque on Friday afternoon. Pilot and plane owner, Mitch Probasco was lucky to walk away from the wreckage with minimal injuries, but was shaken up. Local volunteers helped to locate the pilot after his wife called in the downed plane, Probasco was on the phone with his wife at the time the plane went down.

Hall County Brush Field Day

Hall County Brush Field Day will be Wednesday, September 26, 2007. It will be at Quail Trail ranch located four miles west on FM 2361 & CR Rd19.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 2:00 p.m. Brush Suppression, IPT and Brush Control will be presented by Stan Bradberry, Brent Baucom, Josh Brooks and J.R. Bell. Drift Management When Using Brush Chemicals & Wildlife Consideration will be presented by J.R. Bell and Danna Wright. Plant ID and Grazing Systems will be given by Brent Baucom and Josh Brooks. Lunch will be provided.

For more information call the Hall County Extension Office at 806-259-3015.

Turkey Council Adopts 2007 Tax Rate at 0.50891

The Turkey City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 12, 2007. Present for the meeting were Mayor Pat Carson, Council members Doyle Dean Proctor, Danny Stewart, Brian Wheeler, Mary Fierro, Vickie Lindsey, City Manager Jerry Landry, City Secretary Gail Hanna, EMS personnel Billy Roy Fuston, Jim Weeks and guest Steve Gerkey. After attending to regular monthly council business the following items were addressed:

* Billy Roy Fuston presented the ambulance report with 2 ambulance runs and 2 football game standbys. He also stated the fire department had received the nozzles and some of the fire hose for the fire truck.

* The council discussed with Steve Gerkey various grants.

* A motion passed adopting a resolution suspending the September 25, 2007 effective date of the proposal by Atmos Energy, West Texas Division to implement interim GRIP rate for utility investment in 2006.

* A motion passed adopting a resolution recognizing September 2007 as being National Preparedness Month and encouraging our local residents to take notice of the purpose of the national awareness campaign.

* A motion passed to adopt the 2007 tax rate at 0.50891.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Area Wide September Sales Tax Allocations

City	Current Sales Tax Rate	Net Tax Payment This Period	Comp. Tax Payment Prior Year	% Of Change	2007 Tax Payments To Date	2006 Tax Payments To Date	% Of Change
Quitaque	2.00%	\$2,850.90	\$2,836.27	0.51%	\$26,783.83	\$26,486.40	1.12%
Silverton	1.75%	\$3,617.78	\$3,066.48	17.97%	\$32,933.58	\$22,113.65	48.92%
Turkey	2.00%	\$2,370.47	\$2,474.71	-4.21%	\$23,338.02	\$25,658.22	-9.04%
Memphis	2.00%	\$16,169.66	\$28,707.98	-43.67%	\$179,226.60	\$194,400.58	-7.80%
Lakeview	1.00%	\$42.54	\$122.79	-65.35%	\$1,404.03	\$1,869.36	-24.89%
Estelline	1.25%	\$1,501.77	\$1,919.25	-21.75%	\$13,519.72	\$13,999.75	-3.42%
Matador	2.00%	\$5,053.26	\$5,026.27	0.53%	\$49,640.49	\$46,417.25	6.94%
Roaring Spgs	2.00%	\$1,806.66	\$2,213.41	-18.37%	\$13,761.08	\$27,301.30	-49.59%

This Table Compiled By The Valley Tribune From Information On The Texas Comptroller's Website
(* indicates a change in rate in the past 14 months.)

Comptroller Susan Combs Distributes \$447 Million in September Sales Tax Payments Most Area Towns Are Down Over Last Year

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced the state collected \$1.85 billion in sales tax in August, up 12.7 percent compared to a year ago.

"When the state's 2007 fiscal year ended August 31, sales tax collections totaled \$20.1 billion, 10.9 percent higher than in fiscal 2006," Combs said.

Combs distributed \$447.3 million in September sales tax payments to local governments, a 10.4 percent increase compared to September 2006. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations are up 7 percent compared to the same period in 2006.

Combs sent September sales tax allocations of \$302.9 million to Texas cities, up 9.1 percent compared to September 2006. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax revenues are running 7.1 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received September sales tax allocations of \$27.3 million, up 12.1 percent compared to a year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 8.2 percent higher than last year.

We The Women

By Arlene Hinkle

We the Women met with 19 ladies present for a potluck luncheon. There were 2 new members, Janice Henson and Terry Hart.

On the agenda were several items of importance, one being the new audio system at Valley School. A motion made and carried to help pay for the system that the Cheerleader had purchased last year with their prize winnings. Signs for the lots are in, these signs will be placed on the lots where houses have been torn down. The Thrift Shop has been completely redone with autumn and winter merchandise now available. The clean up downtown resulted in the City Park having the fire truck, one of the merry-go-rounds, and the trash barrels repainted. The building on Main Street was cleaned out and looks so nice. The box under the mural was cleaned out, the fire trucks relocated, and the lot was mowed. Much work was done around Jerry's Auto Shop on FM 1065. What a difference a day makes!

Sherry McKay and Kay Skinner will be starting a support group for cancer patients or the terminally ill. Need help-call these ladies.

Joyce Price will put together a welcome packet for new people moving to Quitaque.

The new basketball goal will be installed soon at the tennis court on Morris Street.

National Swing Band of Texas Will Shine At Goodlett For The Pease River Opry

Pease River Productions is proud to bring Shane Vandiver and the National Swing Band of Texas back to the Pease River Opry, Saturday, September 29 at 7 pm. The band members hail from several area towns, Quana's Bill Price - steel guitar and band leader and Ray Samia on drums, Childress's Allen Magourik on the bass guitar and vocals, Electra's Terry Caleb playing fiddle and singing, Crowell's Ronnie Dale Shultz, lead guitar and vocals, and Vernon's Shane Vandiver. Joining the band members will be other local favorites Quana's Marissa Sparkman and Don Barnes, Crowell's Maria Shultz, and Patti Oakley from Electra.

Pease River Opry is geared for great family fun. Bring the whole family and just listen or take to the dance floor. For more information call 940 674 2477.

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Obituaries

Rev. Glenda F. Johnson

RANGER - Reverend Glenda Faye Johnson, 69, of Ranger, Texas went to be with our Lord and Savior September 13, 2007.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, September 15, 2007 at the First United Methodist Church in Ranger.

She was born February 20, 1938 in Odessa, Texas. She graduated from Odessa High School in 1956 and attended Odessa College. After college, she married Billy Jenkins of Odessa. She raised her children and others in Gardendale and Monahans, Texas. In 1972, Glenda married Carl Julian in Odessa and then moved to Monahans. She worked as a veterinarian assistant, a clerk for the Justice of Peace of Ward County. Glenda also worked for a radio station in Kermit, Texas and trained drug dogs for school inspections across West Texas.

In 1980, Glenda married the love of her life, Lloyd P. Johnson. Lloyd was a deputy sheriff Monahans. They later moved to Colorado City, Texas when Lloyd became a Methodist Minister. He also served the Church in Silverton, Texas. Glenda and Lloyd provided the music ministry for 54 Walks of Emmaus. They sang and made music for the Lord in many churches across Texas and New Mexico. In 1994, Lloyd went to be with our Lord.

Glenda returned to Colorado City where she helped with upholstery work and was a volunteer for the American Red Cross. Glenda later became a Methodist minister and served as the pastor for churches in Loraine, Hermaleigh, Quitaque, Turkey and Ranger, Texas. She served 11 years as a Methodist minister and dedicated her life to serving the Lord.

Glenda's parents Elrey and Zanie Ash preceded her in death.

Glenda is survived by her children Bradley Jenkins and wife Tracey of Houston, Laura Jenkins of Brownwood, Becky Hancock and husband Mike of College Station, Sheila Simmons and husband Stoney of Missouri, Mikeal Vermilyen and husband John of Fort Hood, Minerva Colley and husband Leigh of Arlington; her sister Barbara Hickey and husband Carroll of Arlington; her brother, Elrey Ash II and wife Livvy of College Station; 13 grand children and six great grand children.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to be made to Meals on Wheels of Ranger, Texas.

 Wheat is thought to be the most widely grown plant in the world. It has been cultivated for more than 7,000 years in every continent except Antarctica.



Barry Doss

Barry Doss age 83 of Melrose, NM died Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis, NM. Services are pending.

Barry was born July 2, 1924 to Jessie and Joni Heitman Doss in Cameron, TX. He was a Writer and Publisher, and spent 35 years as a promoter for Bob Wills and The Texas Playboys. He is in the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nebraska, Wyoming, and Colorado as Promotional Agent and Western Swing Society Hall of Fame in Sacramento, CA. He served in the US Army during World War II. During his military term he served in the Invasion of Normandy, Rhineland France, and the Battle of the Bulge. He was honored with the American Theater Ribbon, European African and Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon with four Bronze Stars.

He will be sorely missed by his co-author Brian Carlson and his many friends in the music business.

 We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men.

~ Herman Melville

 The service we render others is the rent we pay for our room on earth.

~ Wilfred Grenfell

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2007 Valley Patriot Homecoming Activities

Thursday Activities

- *Jr. High Pep Rally at 12:15 at Flag Pole
- *Jr. High vs. Silverton @ Silverton-5:00 pm
- *JV vs. Jayton @ Valley-6:00 pm
- *Bonfire @ Ag Farm-7:30 Hot Dogs will be served!
- *Night Rally-Special Speaker-Guy Young @ Football Field-Approx. 9:30
T-shirts and More will be thrown!

Friday Activities

- *High School Pep Rally @ 2:30 in Cafeteria
- *We will announce the Pep Squad Beau and the Mr. and Mrs. Flame at the Pep Rally!
- *Jr. Class Supper @ 5:00-6:30 pm in Cafeteria-Fiesta Stack
- *Homecoming Queen Crowning @ 7:00pm
- *Homecoming Game Valley vs. Silverton @ 7:30 pm
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This Week's Menu Sponsored By:
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September 20, 2007

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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A school bus full of elementary school students pulled over to allow a fire truck to zoom past. The children began discussing the role of the Dalmation in fighting fires.

"They use him to keep the crowd back," said one boy. Another boy said, "He's for good luck."

Certain she would end the debate, a girl spoke up and said, "The dog is used to find the fire hydrant."

Everett Shorter returned home Monday after visiting the past week visiting his sisters, Mrs. Elsie Beard of Dallas and Mrs. Alene Barnes of Terrell. The three of them visited in Houston with another sister, Mrs. Opal Kirtley.

Will and Cally Sperry, Savannah, Blayne, Gage and Cash visited Sunday in Quitaque with his parents, Jackie and Terry Sperry.

Mrs. Janice Hughes baby sat with grandchildren, Kendal and Kason Thursday, children of Ricky and Tasha Hughes of Floydada.

Cary Franks of Idalou and Anissa Huckert of Lubbock visited the weekend with Cary's parents, Connie and Coy Franks.

Kathy and Clois Shorter met daughter and family, Christi and Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg in Lockney Saturday to attend the Lockney Day Celebration. Emily and Haley with their tumbling class gave an entertaining performance on Main St. Saturday night.

Mrs. Aleda Ross visited from Thursday until Sunday in Lubbock with her daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wigley. They enjoyed going to garage sales all over Lubbock Friday and Saturday. They attended the Church of Christ services at 78th and University Sunday morning. Elisa's husband, Stan is in Colorado on a hunting trip.

Platina Energy to Acquire Well Service Company

Platina Energy reported that it has entered into an agreement to acquire EWS LLC, a well service company in Texas.

This new division for Platina is expected to bring additional revenues and profitability by year-end. Pursuant to the acquisition, EWS will retain existing management including engineering personnel and field techs.

Blair Merriam, President, stated, "The acquisition of EWS has been a long time in the making and will add an important income stream for Platina. It will also provide for additional expansion opportunities currently under contract with EWS."

Since 2005, Platina has acquired over \$300 million in both proven and now proven producing reserves according to third party reports. Platina has additional possible reserves held in 20,000 acres in the Palo Duro Basin potentially worth more than its proven reserve estimates. Platina also owns the rights to a German inspired oil extraction technology for reduction of paraffin build up for certain field conditions.

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ON THE QT

By Patsy Herrington

Elaine Harmon and Jessie Reagan went to Amarillo Friday for doctor appointments. Both received good reports. Sunday they went to a bridal shower at Friona honoring Tonya (Mrs. > John David) Harmon. She received many beautiful and useful gifts. They ate lunch at Tonya's parents home.

The Caprock Canyons State Park crew have moved into their new building at the new Buffalo Center. The buildings are absolutely gorgeous, and the view of the canyons is "out of this world". Hopefully busloads of school children and carloads of visitors will be attracted here!

Quitaque received sad news this week that Rev. Glenda Johnson, former pastor of the First United Methodist Church here died suddenly of a heart attack. She will be missed by one and all.

The First Baptist Church of Quitaque has been having a Prison Ministry at the Tulia Prison unit headed by Bro. Jeff Addison, pastor, assisted by Jake Glass, Dan Myers and Matt Barrett. They reported great results through their preaching and witnessing to prisoners there on Saturday and Sunday last week.

Briscoe County's new Sheriff, James Hart, and wife Terry, have moved here and bought the cute house and surrounding land east of town on HWY 86, formerly owned by Terry Boedeker and before that, Joyce Price. Terry is a Presbyterian minister and often preaches at Tulia. We are proud to have them in our town.

The Thrift Shop has been busy this week with "taking down the old, and putting up the new" fall merchandise. The Salvation Army truck came and completely loaded up with packed boxes of old clothes. Many workers have been busy all week. Joyce Price, Heidi Valdez, and Patsy Herrington opened the doors for business last Friday and did a record breaking business.

Saturday was a work day for Quitaque with many showing up to help. The buildings on the corner of S. Main and 1st Street bought by the City, Chamber, We the Women, EDC and Lions Club were cleaned out partly, the grounds of the Hope Center were made attractive and cleaned of weekdays and litter and other places were cleaned also.

Bill and Carol Pigg had a big hamburger cookout and invited some of their friends over Saturday evening. Among out of town guests were John David and Tonya Harmon from Lubbock.

Marvin and Janet Mester from Arizona recently bought the beautiful brick home of Russ and Marsha Heskitt on FM 1065, north of Quitaque on the State Park road. Improvements made since buying include a huge beautiful barn.

Debbie Cagle's Beauty Shop is a refreshing forestry of greenery with numerous towering, exotic plants. You name it and she can grow it lavishly.

Nothing is prettier than a luscious, green, freshly mowed yard! Deloy Myers not only mows his own yard regularly, but also all the grounds of the former James Brunson house, the huge lot across the street from him and sometimes others, doing a fantastic job on all. Leon and Faye Turner of Childress came to Quitaque Tuesday and had lunch and spent the day visiting with Odis and Jessie Reagan.

Weldon and B.J. Griffin went to Ranger, TX on Saturday to attend the funeral of Rev. Glenda Johnson. Glenda moved to Ranger in January. She had been pastor of the Quitaque/Turkey charge for several years. After the funeral Weldon and B.J. Went on to Ponder and spent the rest of the weekend with their son, Russ and his family. They returned home on Monday.

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Night Buffet

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FRIDAY'S

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- you're reading one
- horse morsel
- Cowboys & Texans have a ___ season training camp
- TX as a place to live
- makes into a coherent whole
- TX Bebe Daniels film: "The Maltese ___" (31)
- the ___ town to Fort Stockton is Girvin
- TX Charlie Dunn first put roses on boots
- TXism: "hot as ___ stove"
- TI is TXN on this exchange (abbr.)
- they leave Austin bridge at dusk
- plant life science
- TXism: "faster than a prairie fire with ___ wind"
- pit guys for TX David Starr
- this "Zonk" led Dolphins to a perfect 72 season
- preachy
- TX quarters
- "Our ___ Lake University" is in San Antonio
- TXism: "restless as ___ church"
- dir. from Odessa to Abilene (abbr.)

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- ___ of God
- TX fire ants
- former UH BB star Elvin (init.)
- sandwich cookie
- weather maker: "El ___"
- Ft. Worth univer.
- TXism: "brave enough to ___ in a boomtown cafe"
- TX singer ___ Mae Morse
- TXism: "there's more than one way to skin ___"
- TX model & actress Chile
- TXism: "busier than a one-armed ___ cook"
- "Fightin' Irish" (abbr.)
- TX Blocker who designed XIT brand
- TXism: "let's ___ a little horse tradin'"
- artistic cut into a hard surface
- supervised release from a TX pen
- TX great h.s. & college QB Delmer
- TX summer necessity (abbr.)
- "___ Anybody Goin' to San Antonio"
- astrological sign
- '93 Waco siege agcy. (abbr.)
- this Coolidge song with TX Kris
- clamor
- TXism: "took to it like a ___ cartoon"
- groove-billed birds of Bontsen park
- actress Loretta of '30s & '40s (init.)
- TX Neal who won Medal of Honor in Indian wars (init.)
- high-principled
- TX Kick ___ Indian (Granbury inn)

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- Albert Schweitzer

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VALLEY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Callie Helms

Callie Helms is a 17 year old Junior at Valley High School. Callie is the daughter of Kenneth and Karla Helms of Quitaque. As an active Patriot, Callie has excelled in many extracurricular activities especially FCCLA. Callie was recently elected as the FCCLA Region 1 Vice President of Achievement. Callie has competed at the State level in the FCCLA Chapter Showcase STAR event, placing 2nd.

Callie's academic efforts are extremely important. She is a member of the National Honor Society and a regular name on the A - Honor Roll. Outside of school, Callie traveled to Cologne, Germany this past summer with a group of young people doing mission work. Callie is a leader in our school, she was chosen for this recognition because of her leadership and cooperative personality. She is an "All Around Great Girl and we are very proud that she is a Patriot.

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Valley School Lunch Menu

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Monday, September 24

Breakfast: French Toast, Syrup, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Cheese, Chips, Apples, Milk

Tuesday, September 25

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk

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

Wednesday, September 26

Breakfast: Breakfast on a Stick, Syrup, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Taco Soup, Cheese Toast, Salad, Orange Slices, Milk

Thursday, September 27

Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Jelly, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Chicken Strips, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Hot Rolls, Milk

Friday, September 28

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Ham & Cheese Hoagies, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Chips, Apricots, Milk



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ACT Deadline September 21

The next ACT test will be administered on October 27, 2007. Students who wish to take the college admission and placement exam must register by September 21 - the deadline for having the registration postmarked. Students can register online at www.actstudent.org, or pick up registration forms from high school counseling offices.

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~ Bertolt Brecht



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Valley Patriot Football 2007



Valley Patriot Varsity Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sep 14	Follett	Away	7:30
Sep 21	*Silverton	Home	7:30
Sep 28	Meadow	Home	7:30
Oct 5	Happy	Away	7:30
Oct 12	*Crowell	Away	7:30
Oct 19	*Chillicothe	Home	7:30
Oct 26	OPEN		
Nov 2	*Hedley	Away	7:30
Nov 9	*Paducah	Home	7:30

* District Games
* Homecoming Game

Valley School Superintendent:

Jerry Smith

Valley School Principal:

Jon Davidson

Valley Head Coach:

Bret Tyler

Valley Asst. Choaches:

Craig Hamilton, Greg Ramsey, Stuart Smith



Valley Patriot JV Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sep 13	OPEN		
Sep 20	Silverton	Away	6:30
Sep 27	Meadow	Away	6:30
Oct 4	Happy	Home	6:30
Oct 11	Crowell	Home	6:30
Oct 18	Petersburg	Away	6:30
Oct 25	Sannorwood	Home	6:30
Nov 1	Hedley	Home	6:30
Nov 8	Paducah	Away	6:30



Valley Patriot JR. High Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sep 13	Lorenzo	Away	5:00
Sep 20	Silverton	Away	5:00
Sep 27	Meadow	Away	5:00
Oct 4	Happy	Home	5:00
Oct 11	Crowell	Home	5:00
Oct 18	Chillicothe	Away	5:00
Oct 25	Motley Co.	Away	5:00
Nov 1	Hedley	Home	5:00
Nov 8	Paducah	Away	5:00

Coaches: Greg Ramsey, Stuart Smith

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Valley Defeat Ropes

By Susan Ramsey
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Patriot Defeat Panthers 48-2

By Susan Ramsey
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-J. Donald

Valley JV Defeats Ropes

By Susan Ramsey

The J.V. football team traveled to Cotton Center last Thursday to play Ropes, and came away with a 31-12 victory. Valley was led by Grant Wheeler, who had three rushing touchdowns and one touchdown pass from Landon Allen. The other Patriot touchdown came on a Dalton Allen to Alejandro Valdez pass. Landon also threw an extra point conversion pass to Alejandro Valdez.

Dalton Allen and Chisum Shannon had good defensive games for Valley. Coach Tyler was also quick to praise Salvador Bernal for his blocking, especially on the screen pass that went for a touchdown just before halftime.

The J.V. will next be in action this Thursday evening at home against the Patton Springs Varsity. Game time is 6:00 p.m. The bonfire will follow the game.

Patriots Defeat Panthers 48-20

By Susan Ramsey

Valley traveled to Follett Saturday to take on the Panthers in an afternoon game that would be a real test for the Patriots. The Panthers came in boasting a 2-0 record.

Valley would score the only touchdown of the first quarter on a 20 yard pass from Cole Brown to Justin Rucker. The second quarter saw Brown connect for another touchdown, this time on a 21 yarder to Isaac Smith. Valley scored twice more before halftime on two Jacob Hancock runs. One of 11 yards and the other a 41 yarder. The halftime score was Valley 26-Follett-8.

The third quarter saw the Patriots score twice to once for the Panthers. Valley's first score of the quarter came on a Justin Rucker 25 yard run. The other third quarter touchdown came on a Cole Brown to Armando Mendoza pass of 20 yards.

The Panthers and Patriots each had one touchdown in the fourth quarter to make the final score, Valley 48-Follett 20. Valley's fourth quarter touchdown was another Brown to Mendoza pass of 19 yards.

Valley's offensive leaders for the game were as follows: Jacob Hancock—16 rushes for 169 yards and two touchdowns

Cole Brown—7 of 13 passing for 138 yards and four touchdowns

Defensively, Valley had several players with large tackle totals. Justin Rucker led the way with 23 tackles. Cole Brown and Jacob Hancock were also in double figures with 14 and 12 tackles, respectively. Others with good tackle totals were Roger Ramos and Brady Ramsey with nine each, and Bryce Reagan with eight tackles.

The victory moves Valley to two and one on the season. The Patriots will be in action this Friday night in a home game against the Silverton Owls. This is homecoming week and activities will kick off at 5:30 with a Mexican Stack Supper sponsored by the Junior Class followed by the crowning of the Homecoming Queen at 7:00. There will also be an entertaining halftime show by the Valley Pep Squad, and of course the annual homecoming dance following the game. Come on out to support our kids and enjoy the festivities! GO BLUE!

Happiness is an attitude of mind, born of the simple determination to be happy under all outward circumstances.

-J. Donald Walters

Local Stargazers Wanted To Help Map Night Skies

Newswise — Schoolchildren, families, and citizen scientists around the world will gaze skyward after dark from October 1 to 15, looking for specific constellations and then sharing their observations through the Internet. The initiative, called the Great World Wide Star Count, will help scientists map light pollution globally while educating participants about the stars.

The event, which is free and open to everyone who wants to participate, is organized by the Windows to the Universe project at the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR), in conjunction with planetariums and scientific societies across the country and abroad. Funding is provided by the National Science Foundation.

"This is an important event that brings families together to enjoy the night skies and become involved in science," says Dennis Ward of UCAR's Office of Education and Outreach, who is one of the event coordinators. "It also raises awareness about the impact of artificial lighting on our ability to see the stars."

Participants in the Northern Hemisphere will look for the constellation Cygnus, while those in the Southern Hemisphere will look for Sagittarius. They will then match their observations with magnitude charts downloaded from the Great World Wide Star Count Web site <http://www.windows.ucar.edu/starcount>. The Web site also contains more information about the event, including instructions for finding the constellations, and it links to background about astronomy on the Windows to the Universe Web site.

Participants in overcast areas who cannot see stars will be able to input data about cloud conditions instead.

Thousands of observers in dozens of countries are expected to take part. Participants may make observations outside their homes or go to less developed areas where more stars are visible.

Bright outdoor lighting at night is a growing problem for astronomical observing programs around the world. By searching for the same constellations, participants in the Great World Wide Star Count will be able to compare their observations with what others see, giving them a sense of how star visibility varies from place to place. The observers will also learn more about the economic and geographic factors that control the light pollution in their communities and around the world.

"Without even being aware of it, many of us have lost the ability to see many stars at night," Ward says. "The Great World Wide Star Count will help raise awareness of the importance and the beauty of the night skies."

The University Corporation for Atmospheric Research is a consortium of 70 universities offering Ph.D.s in the atmospheric and related sciences. UCAR manages the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) and the UCAR Office of Programs (UOP).

On the Web: Great World Wide Star Count-<http://www.windows.ucar.edu/starcount> or Windows to the Universe - <http://www.windows.ucar.edu>



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PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2007

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 103)

HJR 103 would update the constitutional reference to Angelo State University to conform with the statutory transfer of that institution from membership in the Texas State University System to membership in the Texas Tech University System.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the continuation of the constitutional appropriation for facilities and other capital items at Angelo State University on a change in the governance of the university."

PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 57)

SJR 57 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to college and university students, and to enter into bond enhancement agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students and authorizing bond enhancement agreements with respect to general obligation bonds issued for that purpose."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 40)

HJR 40 would authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for property tax purposes in a tax year to the lesser of the most recent appraisal valuation, or 110 percent, or a greater percentage as determined by the legislature, of the appraised value in the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation is limited to the lesser of the most recent market value of the residence homestead as determined by the appraisal entity or 110 percent, or a greater percentage, of the appraised value of the residence homestead for the preceding tax year."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 65)

SJR 65 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue up to \$1 billion in general obligation

bonds, the proceeds of which would be dedicated to maintenance, construction, repairs, and equipment purchases, as authorized by the legislature for the following state agencies: the Texas Building and Procurement Commission; the Parks and Wildlife Department; the Department of the Adjutant General; the Department of State Health Services; the Department of Aging and Disability Services; the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; the Texas Youth Commission; the Texas Historical Commission; the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; the Texas School for the Deaf; and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$1 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for maintenance, improvement, repair, and construction projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 44)

SJR 44 would authorize the legislature to permit cities with a population of less than 10,000 to hold an election to allow the city to enter into an agreement with a property owner to temporarily freeze taxes on property either in or adjacent to an area approved for funding under the Downtown Revitalization Program or the Main Streets Improvements Program administered by the Department of Agriculture.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the voters of a municipality having a population of less than 10,000 to authorize the governing body of the municipality to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to an area in the municipality that has been approved for funding under certain programs administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture under which the parties agree that all ad valorem taxes imposed on the owner's property may not be increased for the first five tax years after the tax year in which the agreement is entered into."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem tax one motor vehicle owned by an individual that is used by the individual for both business and personal use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional

amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation one motor vehicle owned by an individual and used in the course of the owner's occupation or profession and also for personal activities of the owner."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 30)

HJR 30 would allow a governmental entity to sell property acquired through eminent domain to its immediately previous owner at the original purchase price, if the public use of the property has been canceled, if no progress is made toward that public use by a prescribed deadline, or if the property is unnecessary to accomplish that public use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow governmental entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the property."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 72)

HJR 72 would clarify home equity loan procedures and protections and make conforming changes to the written disclosure provided to the borrower at the loan closing. The amendment would establish that the status of whether property is an agricultural homestead for the purpose of receiving homestead protection, would be determined by whether it was designated for agricultural use on the date of the loan closing. The amendment would provide that a declared state of emergency (e.g., following a natural disaster) would justify execution of a second home equity loan on the same property less than one year after the first home equity loan. It would provide that non-substantive omissions on a loan application would not affect the agreement. It would require a borrower to receive a copy of all executed loan documents, and a disclosure list of fees and costs at closing. It would prohibit the use of preprinted checks for the use of unsolicited loan advances to obtain a home equity line of credit.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to clarify certain provisions relating to the making of a home equity loan and use of home equity loan proceeds."

PROPOSITION 9 (SJR 29)

SJR 29 would authorize the legislature to exempt all or part of the market value of the residence homesteads of veterans certified as having a service-connected 100 percent

disability rating. SJR 29 would also clarify the progression of property tax exemptions available to veterans who are less than 100 percent disabled.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt all or part of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans from ad valorem taxation and authorizing a change in the manner of determining the amount of the existing exemption from ad valorem taxation to which a disabled veteran is entitled."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 69)

HJR 69 would remove constitutional references to the former office of inspector of hides and animals.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to abolish the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animals."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 19)

HJR 19 would require a vote taken in either house of the legislature to be recorded by record vote, if the vote was on final passage of a bill, other than local bills, a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment, or any other resolution that is not purely ceremonial. The record vote must be archived and available for public viewing on the Internet for at least two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to require that a record vote be taken by a house of the legislature on final passage of any bill, other than certain local bills, of a resolution proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment, or of any other nonceremonial resolution, and to provide for public access on the Internet to those record votes."

PROPOSITION 12 (SJR 64)

SJR 64 would authorize the Texas Transportation Commission to issue up to \$5 billion in general obligation bonds for highway improvement projects, the proceeds of which will be used to pay for projects, costs, and payments owed under related credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Transportation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5 billion to provide funding for highway improvement projects."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates conditions of release

in a family violence case and permit the legislature to authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders in a family violence case.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence case."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 36)

HJR 36 would limit a state justice or judge's service to December 31st of the fourth year of the term if he/she is elected to all or part of a six year term, and reaches mandatory retirement age during the first four years of said term.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement age while in office to serve the remainder of the justice's or judge's current term."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 90)

HJR 90 would require the legislature to establish the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, and would provide for its management, duties, and powers. It would authorize the issuance of up to \$3 billion in general obligation bonds to be used for operations and grants for the purpose of scientific research of all forms of human cancer.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and authorizing the issuance of up to \$3 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for research in Texas to find the causes of and cures for cancer."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 20)

SJR 20 would authorize the issuance of up to \$250 million in general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance to economically distressed areas of the state to help provide adequate sewer and water supply services for residential use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$250 million to provide assistance to economically distressed areas."

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TDA Market Recap September 17, 2007

The Texas Department of Agriculture market recap for the week ending September 15, 2007, shows that cash feeder cattle prices fell as the volume of cattle coming to market increased seasonally, with additional pressure from lower fed cattle markets and higher feed grain prices. Cash fed cattle markets were lower in very light trade as declining beef values and tight packer margins pushed prices down. Cash grain and cotton prices all closed the week higher. Wheat prices advanced with strong demand and ongoing concerns about world supplies. Corn closed higher on the general optimism in grain markets and good global demand. Cotton was also higher on strong world demand and improving prospects for U.S. exports. As for futures markets, fed cattle, feeder cattle and wheat futures closed the week lower while corn, grain sorghum and cotton posted gains. Scattered showers were reported in most areas of the state with parts of the Upper Coast receiving the most rainfall as a result of Hurricane Humberto. Corn, grain sorghum and cotton harvest continue to make good progress. Winter wheat land preparations and planting are underway with 9 percent of the acreage seeded, behind the normal 26 percent. Pastures and rangeland remain in good to excellent condition. Haying operations continued as weather permitted with some reports of improved quality.

	Week Ending		
Cash Markets:	09/15/2007	09/08/2007	09/16/2006
Feeder Steers(\$/cwt)	116.83	119.00	120.15
Finished Cattle(\$/cwt)	93.12	94.99	88.50
Slaughter Lambs(\$/cwt)	109.75	110.00	102.50
Slaughter Goats(\$/cwt)	118.50	116.00	107.50
Cotton(¢/lb)	56.75	55.00	50.00
Wheat(\$/bu)	7.53	7.32	4.30
Corn(\$/bu)	3.67	3.66	2.67
Grain Sorghum(\$/bu)	5.79	5.67	3.96
Watermelons(¢/lb)	17.0	15.0	14.0
Futures Markets:			
Feeder Cattle(\$/cwt)	116.83	118.80	
Finished Cattle(\$/cwt)	95.25	96.10	
Cotton(¢/lb)	60.92	57.90	
Wheat(\$/bu)	8.07	8.10	
Corn(\$/bu)	3.37	3.31	

The cash prices above are market averages for locations covered by the TDA Market News program and do not reflect any particular sale at any specific location. Feeder cattle prices are for 500-600 pound medium and large #1 steers. Futures prices are quoted for the nearest month contract on the last trading day of the week.

Budweiser ShareLunker Season #22 Begins Oct. 1

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will begin accepting entries into the Budweiser ShareLunker program October 1, 2007.

Anyone legally catching a 13-pound or bigger largemouth bass from Texas waters, public or private, between October 1 and April 30 may submit the fish to the Budweiser ShareLunker program by calling program manager David Campbell at (903) 681-0550 or paging him at (888) 784-0600 and leaving a phone number including area code. Fish will be picked up by TPWD personnel within 12 hours.

The fish are used in a selective breeding program at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) in Athens. Offspring from these fish are then stocked, in a limited manner, back into the water body from which the ShareLunker was caught in an attempt to increase the overall size and growth rate of largemouth bass in Texas' public waters.

As part of this project, TPWD's A. E. Wood Laboratory recently identified and described more than fifty genetic markers that will help TPWD biologists identify ShareLunker offspring and their parents following stocking. A. E. Wood geneticist Dijar Lutz-Carrillo said the new technology will be instrumental in evaluating the success of the ShareLunker program.

For the last two years, ShareLunker offspring have been raised to 6 inches at TFFC prior to stocking as part of a research study to compare their growth to the growth of wild largemouth bass in six public reservoirs. "So far, ShareLunker offspring have been bigger than wild fish of the same age in all of our study lakes," said Timothy Bister, TPWD fisheries biologist. "Even though we're waiting to see how big these fish are when they're four years old, results so far have been promising." Bister added, "This research project would not be possible without angler participation in the ShareLunker program."

Program manager David Campbell is looking forward to a good year for the program. "For the first time in many years, most lakes in Texas are full," he noted. "The 18 entries last year was below average, and our records show that years with a low number of entries are usually followed by a year with a better-than-average number."

Anglers entering fish into the ShareLunker program receive a free replica of their fish, a certificate and ShareLunker clothing and are recognized at a banquet at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens following the close of the season. In addition the Texas angler who catches the largest entry of the year receives a lifetime fishing license.

For complete information and rules of the ShareLunker program, tips on caring for big bass and a recap of last year's season, see TPWD's Budweiser ShareLunker Web site. The site also includes a searchable database of all fish entered into the program along with pictures where available. The Budweiser ShareLunker program is made possible through support from Anheuser-Busch, Inc. Since 1991, Anheuser-Busch, in partnership with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation, has contributed millions of dollars in funding to support conservation causes and fishing, hunting and outdoor recreation programs in Texas.

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

September Crop Estimates Say High Plains Has Potential To Produce 4.51 Million Bales

It appears the Texas High Plains is once again poised to eclipse 4 million bales of production in 2007. This week's September Crop Production report from USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS) indicates the Texas High Plains could produce an estimated 4.51 million bales of cotton in 2007.

Based on the NASS report, the 2007 season is currently on track to be the fourth crop in a row for the High Plains to produce more than 4 million bales.

Seasoned crop watchers have been quietly impressed with the productive potential of the 2007 crop for quite some time. But, as is always the case with early season production estimates, the September number is still a long way from being made. The main thing tempering current optimism is experience and the knowledge that the ability of the 2007 crop to meet or even exceed current forecasts depends on a favorable end to the growing season.

Nationally, the United States is forecast to produce 17.8 million combined Upland and Pima cotton bales. Upland cotton production is forecast at 17 million bales, with an even 7 million Upland bales expected to come from Texas.

On a percentage basis this month's production estimate indicates Texas cotton producers will account for 41 percent of total U.S. Upland production.

Closer to home, the 4.51 million bales forecast for the Texas High Plains would equal an estimated 26.5 percent of U.S. Upland production and 64.4 percent of Texas Upland bales.

In the 23 Northern High Plains/Panhandle counties located in Texas Agriculture Statistics Service (TASS) crop reporting district 1-N, an estimated 900,000 bales of cotton are forecast to be harvested from 540,000 cotton acres.

TASS crop reporting district 1-S, which includes 16 High Plains counties, is forecast to produce 3.61 million bales from an estimated 2.48 million harvested acres. Yield per harvested acre in the High Plains is forecast at 800 pounds in district 1-N and 699 pounds in district 1-S.

The counties located in districts 1-N and 1-S, which include most of the counties in the Texas Panhandle and above the Caprock, closely mirror the composition of the 41-county Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. membership area.

The 23 counties included in district 1-N are Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Gray, Hale, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, and Swisher.

The 16 counties included in district 1-S are Andrews, Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Gaines, Glasscock, Hockley, Howard, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Terry, and Yoakum.

NRCS To Hold 2008 EQIP PDG/LWG Meetings
Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts invite the public, and any agencies with interest, to participate in the agency's 2008 Program Development Group (PDG) meetings.

The purpose of the PDG's is to provide members of the community a forum for submitting recommendations on local issues and county based funding that can be addressed through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) conduct PDG meetings in partnership with USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Each county in Texas holds the public meetings annually and meeting information will soon be posted on the Texas NRCS website (www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov). Meetings scheduled for area counties are:

Hall County - October 9, 2007 beginning at 9:00 AM, 1st B&T Bronze Room, Memphis, TX

Palo Duro Shale Gas Exploration

No additional drilling was undertaken by Pearl during the quarter ended June 30, 2007 on the Palo Duro Shale Gas Project. Efforts were concentrated on building the required pipeline and facilities to tie-in and test the long term performance of the two existing MacIntosh wells. Pearl will continue to monitor the results of the extended production testing as well as the results of other operators in the basin in order to evaluate the long term economic viability of the Palo Duro Shale Gas Project.

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Things That Make You Go Hmmm...

By Laura Taylor

If You Need To Stop At Women's Restroom . . . Be Prepared!

Guys, There's A Reason it Takes Us So Long!
When you have to visit a public bathroom, you usually find a line of women, so you smile politely and take your place. Once it's your turn, you check for feet under the stall doors. Every stall is occupied.

Finally, a door opens and you dash in, nearly knocking down the woman leaving the stall.
You get in to find the door won't latch. It doesn't matter, the wait has been so long you are about to wet your pants! The dispenser for the modern "seat covers" (invented by someone's Mom, no doubt) is handy, but empty. You would hang your purse on the door hook, if there was one, but there isn't - so you carefully, but quickly drape it around your neck, (Mom would turn over in her grave if you put it on the FLOOR!), yank down your pants, and assume "The Stance."
In this position your aging, toneless thigh muscles begin to shake. You'd love to sit down, but you certainly hadn't taken time to wipe the seat or lay toilet paper on it, so you hold "The Stance."

To take your mind off your trembling thighs, you reach for what you discover to be the empty toilet paper dispenser. In your mind, you can hear your mother's voice saying, "Honey, if you had tried to clean the seat, you would have KNOWN there was no toilet paper!" Your thighs shake more.

You remember the tiny tissue that you blew your nose on yesterday - the one that's still in your purse. (Oh yeah, the purse around your neck, that now, you have to hold up trying not to strangle yourself at the same time). That would have to do. You crumple it in the puffiest way possible. It's still smaller than your thumbnail.

Someone pushes your door open because the latch doesn't work. The door hits your purse, which is hanging around your neck in front of your chest, and you and your purse topple backward against the tank of the toilet. "Occupied!" you scream, as you reach for the door, dropping your precious, tiny, crumpled tissue in a puddle on the floor, lose your footing altogether, and slide down directly onto the TOILET SEAT. It is wet of course. You bolt up, knowing all too well that it's too late. Your bare bottom has made contact with every imaginable germ and life form on the uncovered seat because YOU never laid down toilet paper - not that there was any, even if you had taken time to try. You know that your mother would be utterly appalled if she knew, because, you're certain her bare bottom never touched a public toilet seat because, frankly, dear, "You just don't KNOW what kind of diseases you could get."

By this time, the automatic sensor on the back of the toilet is so confused that it flushes, propelling a stream of water like a fire hose against the inside of the bowl that sprays a fine mist of water that covers your butt and runs down your legs and into your shoes. The flush somehow sucks everything down with such force that you grab onto the empty toilet paper dispenser for fear of being dragged in too.

At this point, you give up. You're soaked by the spewing water and the wet toilet seat. You're exhausted. You try to wipe with a gum wrapper you found in your pocket and then slink out inconspicuously to the sinks.

You can't figure out how to operate the faucets with the automatic sensors, so you wipe your hands with spit and a dry paper towel and walk past the line of women still waiting.

You are no longer able to smile politely to them. A kind soul at the very end of the line points out a piece of toilet paper trailing from your shoe. (Where was that when you NEEDED it??) You yank the paper from your shoe, plunk it in the woman's hand and tell her warmly, "Here, you just might need this."

As you exit, you spot your hubby, who has long since entered, used, and left the men's restroom. Annoyed, he asks, "What took you so long, and why is your purse hanging around your neck?"

This is dedicated to women everywhere who deal with a public restrooms (rest??? you've GOT to be kidding!!). It finally explains to the men what really does take us so long. It also answers their other commonly asked questions about why women go to the restroom in pairs. It's so the other gal can hold the door, hang onto your purse and hand you Kleenex under the door!
HHHMMM.....



This Week In Texas History!

Sept 23, 1941
A hurricane struck Texas City, killing four persons and causing over \$6.5 million in damage.

Sept 23, 1874
Col. Ranald S. MacKenzie moved his army and camp to the base of the Caprock near Quitaque. Heavy rains and cold temperatures hampered the soldiers during the move.

Sept 24, 1993
275 Transcripts of President Lyndon B. Johnson's telephone calls that he made in the days after the assassination of John F. Kennedy were released to the public.

Sept 24, 1946
"Mean" Joe Green, of North Texas State and the Pittsburgh Steelers, was born in Temple.

Sept 25, 1913
The "Daily Texan," of the University of Texas, became the first Daily college newspaper in the south.

Sept 25, 1874
Col. Ranald S. MacKenzie left his supply wagons mired in the mud, and continued through the heavy rain and cold weather, to move his operations from near Quitaque to Tule Canyon. MacKenzie's scouts found a war party of about 150 Indians east of the canyon. He ordered the 2nd Battalion to follow the Indian's trail over night.

Sept 25, 1867
Oliver Loving died in New Mexico. He, along with Charles Goodnight, blazed cattle trails in Texas and New Mexico.

Sept 25, 1839
The French government recognized Texas as a Republic.

Sept 26, 1874
Under the cover of darkness, 300 Indians attacked Col. Ranald MacKenzie's Tule Canyon camp at about 10:00 p.m. The attack failed.

Sept 27, 1874
At daylight the 300 Kiowa Indians attacked MacKenzie's Tule Canyon camp again. MacKenzie ordered a counter-attack and the Indians retreated and then "melted into the land" about a mile away. He ordered his men to draw full rations and ammunition enough for 12 days. At 3:00 p.m., seven cavalry units moved out of camp and southwest up the canyon. At dusk, the soldiers turned north and crossed Tule Canyon out of sight of the Indians and toward the Palo Duro Canyon.

Sept 28, 1874
Col. Ranald MacKenzie's scouts locate a large group of Indians in Palo Duro Canyon, about four miles north of where MacKenzie has camped. Under cover of darkness he moves his troops to the rim of the canyon just as dawn is breaking. From his vantage point he could see hundreds of tepees. The soldiers located a trail that led from the rim to the canyon floor. Their descent took an hour and the Indians scattered in chaos when they began the attack. The running gun battle covered four miles, until Indian rifle fire from the canyon walls forced the soldiers to fall back twice. At noon, MacKenzie ordered his command to take the captured horses to the rim of the canyon and begin the 20-mile trek back to the supply wagons. They had captured 1,424 horses and mules.

Sept 29, 1874
MacKenzie and his soldiers, along with the captured horses and mules arrive at the supply wagons in Tule Canyon about 12:30 a.m. After eating a late breakfast MacKenzie decides to kill the captured horses and mules, after removing 376 for use by his troops, the soldiers begin the killing of the animals, which was over by 3:00 p.m.

Sept 29, 1874
Col. John Davidson had not seen any Indians since his arrival in the Panhandle 12 day earlier, and ordered his command to return to Fort Sill, Okla.

Sept 29, 1872
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Floyd Gafford, former area resident, displays the Quitaque and Turkey, TX signs he had made to post in Signpost Forrest



Members of the Quitaque Lions Club were painting playground equipment at the Quitaque City Park last Saturday as part of a community volunteer clean-up project. Members shown here are George Colvin, Callie Helms, and Lynette Barifield. The Lions will come back later and finish repairs and complete the painting job. Other volunteers cleaned problem areas around town.

Habits are at first cobwebs, then cables.

~ Spanish Proverb

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Dear Editor,

I have commented to friends about the great hospitality and fun we have experienced at this and last year's Roaring Springs Old Settlers celebration. I was rather shocked when a few people replied "was it safe to go with all of the drunks?" Our reply was there is beer drinking, we saw no drunks, friendly law enforcement was present, and there were many families and lots of kids at the parade, ranch rodeo and at the dance.

The ranch rodeo with working cowboys is so superior and much more fun than a professional rodeo... it was amazing. The competition was serious and the camaraderie among the cowboys representing different ranches was pure Texas friendly.

For the past two years we have experienced the Roaring Springs event as a friendly family affair. We do not know what has occurred in the past but the event has been family friendly for the past two years. My wife, Maria, left her fancy cowgirl vest on a bench inside the dance area when we went to eat a great brisket burrito. When we returned Maria's vest was just where she left it. Believe me her vest would not have been secure at most towns that have a rodeo. Thanks Roaring Springs for a great weekend.

Dr. Jim and Maria Gamble, Mike Dillard, Annie Dillard, and Robin Gamble

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(The preceding letter was taken in part from *The Texas Spur Newspaper* and was reprinted by request in the *Valley Tribune*.)

Valley Tribune,

Please renew my subscription. Sorry, we were in Alaska when my subscription ran out. Bettie and I spent a wonderful July and August in Soldotna, Alaska on the Kenai Peninsula, fishing and exploring the state. Thru July each of our four children and families came and spent a week with us. Glacier cruises, Halibut fishing, Salmon fishing, the girls did lots of shopping while the men fished.

July 15, I picked up my little Redheaded daughter in Anchorage and took her to see Mt. McKinley. On the way up we stayed in Cantwell, Alaska in a real neat bed and breakfast. I was not prepared for what I saw when we went to eat breakfast, we opened the door to go in to the dining room and you would think that you had just walked into the dining room of the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal, Canada everything was fit for a

Queen the food was great. This is a very remote area and sadly this is the last year it will be open due to the high price of fuel AK is not getting the tourist it was getting.

Then on to Fairbanks to see the Alaskan Pipeline, Pioneer City, and I have always told my little girl I would take her up to North Pole, Alaska, the Christmas town so she could set on Santa's lap and tell him what she wanted for Christmas. Well you never break a promise to a child, so I fulfilled my promise, by the way my little daughter is 51 years old and the controller of the largest real-estate firm in San Diego Calif. She was happy that I had finely fulfilled my promise.

On the way up to Alaska we took the Alaskan Highway in our pickup and fifth-wheel trailer, before we left Alaska, I sold the trailer to a fellow in Ninilchik. This way we could come back down on the Cassiar Highway. I would not have pulled my fifth-wheel down the Cassiar Highway as it is very rough, but the most beautiful drive thru Canada, lots of bears and moose. We took a trip to Hyder, Ak., home of the 400 sq. mile Salmon Glacier. Two of the most beautiful sights I have seen in Alaska were, a mother moose and her set of twins swimming the Kenai River, that was just breathtaking, the other was a full moon rising above the Russian River while the sun was still shining brightly, the sight was unbelievable. When I went thru Watson Lake, Canada on the way up to Ak. we stopped at the Signpost Forrest, where there are thousands of town, and street signs, I did not see one for Turkey or Quitaque, so I had one made in Soldotna Ak. For Turkey as this is where I was raised, One for Quitaque as I was born in Quitaque, had my first date in Quitaque, found my first love in Quitaque and got my eye blacked by a Quitaque panther football player, Turkey and Quitaque mean so much to us. I am sending you pictures of the signs I had made and put up in the Signpost Forrest. Bettie and I enjoy the Valley Tribune thanks for all the good work you do. I do not need the pictures back. THANKS

Bettie and Floyd O. Gafford

Any kid will run any errand for you if you ask at bedtime.

~ Red Skelton

Letters To The Editor



Rags Clardy of Quitaque is real proud of his tomato plant! It is now over 6 ft tall and still growing! It is covered with lots of young tomatoes, but no ripe ones yet. He sure has a green thumb! Photo by Wilburn Leeper.

Success is counted sweetest by those who never succeed.
~ Emily Dickinson

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