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New Look For Downtown Turkey

by Ann Coker

If you haven't seen all the art work on some of the buildings downtown, you've missed a treat. there are boots, spurs and all sorts of Bob Wills memorabilia, painted on the buildings.

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Those responsible for this art work are the following industrious citizens: Sheri Davis, Karen Yates, Judy Kelso, Kathy Farley, Don Turner and Edward Zamoro.

The white painting on the fronts of some of the buildings were done by the trustees from the hall County Jail under the guidance of Steve Farley

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Valley School **Business Offices** Closed Friday April 26, 1996

Evangelist Jim Fullingim In Concert At First Baptist Church In Quitaque

Fullingim will appear in concert at First Baptist Church of Quitaque on May 5, at 6 p.m. The concert/praise service is free. "love offering" will benefit Fullingim's prison-ministry visit to the Tulia Transfer Facility.

Jim Fullingim is a familiar figure to Christians in West Texas. His unique ministry, featuring a distinctive musical style and built around "Restoration" as a theme, has grown from his early years as a featured singer with major evangelists such as James Robison, Jack Taylor, Dudley Hall and others.

Prior to entering ministry, Fullingim was a farmer for 30 years at Petersburg, Texas. At

Evangelist Singer Jim the time of his conversion in 1971, he was relieved of his alcoholissm and began singing gospel music with a quartet of his cousins and

his uncle. Soon, he was "discovered" by evangelist James Robison, and began touring with him and appearing with other evangelists in crusades, conferences and at other events. He was later ordained and developed a unique evangelistic ministry in his own right, preaching and singing in hundreds of churches of nearly every denomination and at revivals, conferences and concerts or 'praise services" throughout Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma as well as elsewhere in the

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Attorney At Law Bill Smith Opens Office In Quitaque

Quitaque wishes to welcome their newest business, William P. (Bill) Smith Attorney-At-Law Bill's official opening date will be May 1, 1996. His office is in the Mayfield Insurance building, next to the Post Office. His phone number is (806) 455-1166. He will practice general law.

Bill was raised in Briscoe County on his family's ranch, the Lazy U in the Antelope Flat Community. His grandfather was Bill Cushing. Mr. and Mrs. Cushing moved to this area in ranch is located in Briscoe County, Bill attended public schools in Clarendon, as that part of the county was consolidated into the Clarendon school system. Bill Graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science and received University.

of West Texas A&M University. with him.



the late '40's. Even though the Smith, who also ranches on the family ranch. Lee resides in Silverton with his wife, Krista. Bill's mother operates a business in Silverton, Caprock Floral Ranch, along with her partner, Rhenda Burson.

Bill and DeLane are excited to move back into this area. They his law degree from Texas Tech are thrilled with the warm response and welcome to the com-Bill is married to DeLane munity and area they have re-Smith, a Rehab nurse for Kemper ceived. Bill encourages everyone Insurance. DeLane is a graduate to come by and meet and visit

His office hours will be from 9 They have one daughter, Ashley, who is 15 months old. Bill's fa- a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through ther and mother, Mike and Friday. He wants everyone to Margaret Smith, live on the ranch know that appointments can be along with his grandmother, Ione scheduled for any day or time if Cushing. He has one brother, lee you are unable to come during those hours.

BRISCOE COUNTY QUITAQUE, TX 79255

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1996

Turkey, Texas Welcomes Visitors for The Calendar of Events Twenty-fifth Bob Wills Day Celebration Thursday Night Bar-B-Q Lunch Concession Stand Party

Jam Session

To usher in1996 Bob Wills Day, for the first time ever, the Bob Wills Foundation will be sponsoring a get-together Jam with the Baker Boys Band, Henry and Bobby which will feature the former Texas

It will be an evening dedicated to the memory of Glen "Blub" Rhees, who died recently

Come on down to the Bob Wills Center at 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 1996 and visit, listen to good swing music, dance a set or two and get an autograph of some of the former Texas Playboys.

Friday Dance

The twenty-fifth Bob Wills Day Celebration will kick off at 9 p.m. in the Bob Wills Center in Turkey on Friday, April 26, 1996.

Featured in this dance will be the Texas Playboys. The dance will close at midnight.

Saturday Parade At 10:30 a.m. on Saturday

morning the Bob Wills Day Parade will kick off the official day of celebration. The parade entries are asked to gather at the gin yard at the west edge of Turkey for the lining up of en-

The Parade will then wend it's way down Main Street until it reaches Highway 70 on the east

Beware Of Following Ambulance

by Jerry Beck

At around 9:15 p.m. Saturday night the Quitaque Ambulance was summoned to a 4-wheeler accident three miles southeast of Quitaque. Fortunately there were no life-threatening injuries to the persons involved.

Once again there was a problem with traffic to the accident by on-lookers. We need to realize that any unnecessary traffic or persons at an ambulance or fire call interferes with the persons attempting to give aid.

know people are concerned and want to help but unless you are a part of the EMS system you are hindering more than helping. Following an ambulance or fire apparatus and parking in an area where either has been summoned is a violation of Texas

Any person designated by law-enforcement or either the ambulance or fire department to direct traffic around a scene is acting in official capacity and failure to obey can result in charges being filed.

Again, we are all friends and neighbors. We don't wish to offend or harm anyone, so we are asking that you not come to a fire or accident unless you are specifically asked.

At 11 a.m. Saturday morning at the Bob Wills Center the 'Muleskinners" Khiva Shriners will begin catering the lunch of barbecue. Plans have been made to speed up the serving so that the lines will move much quicker this year.

Proceeds will benefit the Shriners and the Bob Wills Foundation.

Office Booth

chets among other items.

Midnight

Breakfast

Museum Open

see all the many items collected

Old Time Fiddler's

At 12 noon on Saturday at the Auditorium Center and Gym the Old Time Fiddler's Contest will

Contest

take place.

Rex Fuston is the chairman of this contest

If you like to hear good fiddle music, this is a must for your enjoyment of Bob Wills Day. Fiddlers of all ages, shapes and sizes be vying for the name of Best Fiddler of the Bob Wills Day Celebration.

Afternoon

Playboy Concert

Free! Saturday at 2:30 p.m. on the old football field east of the Bob Wills Center the Playboys will be in concert for your enjoyment. The program will have all of the former Texas Playboys who are present playing.

This will be one of the largest groups ever assembled in one place. Master of Ceremonies will be Dr. Charles R. Townsend, Grammy Award winning author.

Saturday Dance

Saturday, April 27, 1996 at 7 p.m. Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will began to play for the Saturday Night Dance at the auditorium. There is sure to be lots of toe tapping music to listen

and dance to at this event. Arts & Crafts

Show Saturday, all day, you will be able to amble down the isles of and Crafts Show. Many craftssideration.

Good Guy Award

by Ann Coker

Last Saturday was a good. windy day. The TAFCE Club as holding a bake sale out in front of the old Gem Theatre and they were quite cold.

Gary Johnson from Hotel and visited with the ladies. He left and soon returned with a big hot pot of coffee and cups. He poured coffee and served it to each of the ladies. He also left coffee for refills for the ladies to enjoy the rest of the morning.

The ladies were quite appreciative of this gesture and they throughly enjoyed the hot coffee on such a cold morning. They are all in agreement that Gary John son deserves to win OUR GOOD GUY AWARD!

Triple L Club

FFA State Judging Contest @ A&M Bob Wills Play Boys Autograph

There will be a Concession Valley School Holiday
Standsponsored by the Bob Wills
Former Texas Play Boys Dance @ Foundation at the east end of Turkey

Bob Wills Center. They will be Valley School Business Offices offering BBQ and soft drinks. Closed

Stamp Cancellation April 27
Bob Wills Day Celebration A new special stamp cancella- FFA @ College Station tion will be available at the Bob April 28

Wills Center at the Turkey Post Attend Church Of Choice April 29

Souvenirs & Gifts Lions club School Banquet

The Bob Wills Foundation will TAAS 3rd & 8th Grade Math & offer souvenirs and gifts for your Reading purchase at their booth at the Last Day of Absentee Voting Bob Wills Center. They will have National Honor Society Induction

available tapes, records, caps, T- Mav 1
shirts and Bob Wills Stamp Ca- TAAS 3rd, 8th Reading & Math

ets among other items. May 2
Go by and take home a souve- Quitaque Senior Citizens nir to remind you of the fun time TAAS 8th Social Studies & Readyou had at Turkey, Texas on Bob ing

Herrington Piano Music Recital

Flomot Baptist **Revival Slated** At 11 p.m. in the Bob Wills April 28 - May 1

Cafeteria breakfast will be served Revival services will be held on Saturday, April 27,1996. Come at the First Baptist Church in on over and finish up a fun filled Flomot April 28 through May 1. weekend with your friends and Sunday services will be held at neighbors at the midnight break- 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. During the week, services will be-

gin at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Rev. Melvin Clinton, pastor of The Bob Wills Museum at the Turkey Baptist Church, is the Bob Wills Center will be open evangelist. He will be assisted Monday through Friday. Take by Mike Holster, music director the time to tour the museum and at First Baptist in Floydada.

A prayer service will be held about the life and times of Bob at 6:30 p.m., preceding the 7:00 o'clock service. There will be a Be sure to visit the marble fellowship in the church basemonument on the west edge of ment each night after services. town which tells the legend of The public is cordially invited to attend.

Bob Wills and his music.

by Eunice McFall

The sound of music is in the air, Bob Wills' Western Swing Music that is. If you happen to be in Turkey Texas during the last week of April that is the kind of music that you will be listening to. Many travel quite a few miles to hear this music of the '30s and '40s. It brings back happy memories to those who grew up in that era of time. The easy listening music that always sets your toes to tapping will be played full blast at many different sites in Turkey

The residents of Turkey have been preparing for this week-end for the large tents or the halls of the the past year-that's right since the first of May in 1995. As soon as school house to gaze at the many one celebration is finished it is time to begin to plan for an even bigger items offered for sale at the Arts and better festive time for the upcoming year. Each year they work very hard to come up with some new entertainment for their guests. men and artists offer a varied This year it is to be a "Jam Session and Autograph Party" for the selection of items for your conformer Texas Playboys on Thursday night. Many locals will be able to attend this party when they can not the other events as they all have responsibilities to fulfill to make sure that the event will go off

Lots of memories will be dusted off and shared by friends this veek-end. Many are shared by friends who only see each other on this particular week-end in the year and perhaps even got acquainted by attending a Bob Wills Day Celebration.

The officials of the City of Turkey have your safety uppermost in their mind. They ask that all of their visitors use caution on the city streets so that no accidents will happen to mar the fun of the week-Turkey came by on his golf cart end. After all being a good neighbor is what makes this part of the world a great place to live and to visit.

Let's remember to tell those who have worked so hard to make the celebration a success that we appreciate all that they do to put Turkey on the map as a good place to visit. After all without the many hours of volunteer labor not much would happen in our small towns Each one has to do their share so that a heavy load does not fall on

Last but not least, let us put a smile on our faces and a pleasent tone in our voice as we meet and greet the many who have come from far away places to visit us on this special day.

Welcome To Turkey And Have a Wonderful Bob Wills Day Week-End!

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Tim Kendall, Jim Barefield, Lewis Ferguson

April 29 Don Monk, Brenda Jackson, Shorty

April 30

Patrick, Dale Wilks, Byron Young, Cathy Hill, Letha Greene, Zachary John Burson

Dorcas Gaddis, Clyde Dudley, Susan Young, Joe Kirk Smith, Jennifer

May 2 Travis Carnes, Joan Pigg

Happy Anniversary April 25 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stockton

April 26 Mr. and Mrs. Guy Young Mr. and Mrs. Randy Powell Mr. and Mrs. Revis Farley

April 29 Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bond May 1 Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hinkle Mr. and Mrs. Rod Hinkle



BOB WILLS DAY 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Find enclosed check for one year

renewal of my Valley Tribune. An unusual incident happened

to my daughter and myself while shopping. We parked in a large parking lot of a huge HEB grocery store in Austin, Texas where we often go. We drove for far out and found a crowded- in space and were almost door to door to a car that had Bob Wills sticker across the back. I waited until the occupants returned and motioned them over and identified myself. We had a brief conversation. They had spent Suzie Meyer, Louise Chandler, Prof the night in a Bed & Breakfast west of Quitaque. They drove on to Turkey and enjoyed the parade, sitting on a column at the Methodist Church. They enjoyed every thing very much and plan to be back for this year. They were very nice folks. They ask how to pronounce Qui-

taque. So unusual to drive into a hugh crowded parking lot, where we often go and run into a car that had this advertizing in large letters. Your efforts are not in vain in all you do for this special day.

Fay Huffine



Tequila, indigenous to Mexico, is obtained from the heart-sap of the

Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery under direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Meacham died Monday, April 22, 1996 in childress. He was born May 28, 1904 in Franklin. He and Louise Todd were married on May 22, 1927, in Turkey. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Turkey and a member of the Turkey Masonic Lodge and the Turkey Lions Club.

Turkey Lions Club.

He owned and operated Meacham Foods for many years.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Jeanette Miller of Granbury; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bob Russel, Gary Clinton, Harold Wheeler, Gene Fuston, Jerry Bob Smith, Harold Ham, U. F. Coker, Jr. and Homer Hawkins.

Without goodness man is a busy, mischievous, wretched thing;

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

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OBITUARIES

Jewel Lyon

Silverton - Services for Jewell C. Lyon, 80, of Silverton were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Churh with the Rev. Jess Little, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Silverton Ceme-

tery under direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

She died Sunday, April 21, 1996, at her residence.

She was born June 20, 1915, in Labanon, Tenn. She married Joseph W. Lyon, Jr. on Jan. 28, 1935, in Lebanon. He died Dec. 12, 1985. She was a member of First Baptist Church, and she served as church ecretary. She was chairman of the Church Library Committee for 35 years, and she was a board member of the Silverton Cemetery Association. She was a member of the Briscoe County Activities Association and the March of Time Study Club.

She was the school librarian for many years.

Survivors include four nephews. Pallbearers were; Jack Strange, Roy Mack Walker, Gene Latham, Steven Latham, Kevin Grabbe, Bud

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, the Silverton Cemetery Association or to First Baptist Church of Silver-

Paul Meacham

Services for Paul Meacham, 91, were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 24, 1996 at the First United Methodist Church of Turkey with the Rev Les Hall, pastor, officiat-ing. The Rev. Melvin Clinton, pastor of First Baptist Church of Turkey assisted.

Homer Hawkins.

-Sir Francis Bacon

First Baptist Revival (cont. from P. 1)

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religious outreach. Fullingim's

ministry has been endorsed and

recommended by the Chaplaincy

Department of The Texas De-

partment of Criminal Justice to

in the Texas prison system. Pastor Anthony Sisemore will

introduce Fullingim to sing a brief

set of songs at the regular

morning service at First baptist

Church in Quitaque on the morn-

ing of May 5, as a prelude to the

evening concert. All are wel-

His use of mainstream coun-

Ruby Leggitt

Graveside funeral services for Ruby Leggitt, 95, were held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 19, 1996 in the IOOF Cemetery at Lakeview, with the Rev. Jeff Taylor, officiating. Burial was under direction of Spicer

Funeral Home, Inc.
Mrs. Leggitt was born September 29, 1900 in Pilot Point, Texas.
She married Horace Leggitt, who preceded her in death.

She was employed with GTE for many years before retiring. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Leggitt died April 14, 1996,

in a Childress Nursing Home. Survivors include a niece Pat Anderson of Fairfax, Virginia and a nephew, William McQueen of Okla-

Mrs. Leggitt was a former resident of Turkey and worked in the telephone office

Christopher Clardy

Quitaque-Graveside services for Christopher Shawntel Clardy, infant son of Felicia Clardy of Quitaque, were at 3 p.m. Sunday at Resthaven Cemetery with the Rev. Joe Horn of Childress officiating.

Burial was under direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Christopher died Friday, April 19, 1996, in Silverton. He was born Jan. 22, 1996, in

Lockney. Survivors include his mother; a sister, Christy Clardy of Quitaque; his grandparents, Raymon and Lillie Clardy of Quitaque; and his greatgrandmothers, Nell Clardy of Quitaque and Mae Retha Holms of St.

In composing, as a general rule, run your pen through every other word you have written; you have no idea what vigor it will give your style.

come.

I would like to be your new CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Please Vote for me for Place 1 for City Council SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1996.

I'll represent you the best that I possibly can and be willing to listen to your problems.

MARY HAM (Mrs. Harold Ham)

We The Women Meeting

He has recorded 11 albums of We the Women had Zoe Kirkpatraditional and contemporary trick, noted author and photogracountry gospel music, of which pher, as guest speaker at the last meeting. Ms. Kirkpatrick had copmany thousands are in circula-His latest album, God & ies of her book available as well as a Country, features some of the very informative and interesting popular country songs that he slide show presentation on wild-flowers of the Western Plains. Buttercups, daiseys, and even devil Fullingim has also developed claws could pass as wildflowers to special ministry among alcomost of us, but bind weed will alholics and addicts, and has served as chaplain to the patients of

ways be just that ... a weed. The door prize, Ms. Kirkpatrick's drug treatment centers and minbook Wildflowers Of The Western Plains was won by Sue Hall. istered through Alcoholics

Anonymous. That ministry has The final meeting before sum mer break will be held on May 14 at a principal focus of noon. Make your plans now to attend as new officers will be selected



A new born baby's head makes up about a fourth of the the chaplains of the 108 prisons total body length, the head of an adult only about an eighth of his



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Senior Spotly Fred Galvan

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Pet Peeve: People who are cheerful way too early in the morning. Favorite Food: Pizza. Best Subject: Math. Favorite Sport: Football.

Favorite Movie: Harley Davidson and the Marlbro Man. Last Good Book Read: My En-

My Hero: My mommy and daddy.

IAlways Fall For: Heart warming lines and stupid jokes.

Someday I Want To: Get a decent

A Great Night Out: Getting off

If I were President: No more

My Favorite Memory: Was when Mr. D. asked me to fax a paper to Houston and I faxed it to West Vir-

My Worst Habit: Driving too fast. Nickname: Fred.
My Most Valued Possession: My

If I Could Change Something:

If I Could Do Anything I Wanted I Would: Increase the peace in the

Best Advice: Never make plans.
Worst Advice: Never tempt faith. Greatest Fear: Balloons and fire-

What I like Most In High School:

What Makes Me Mad: When the toliet doesn't flush and it over flows. My Future Plans Are: To one day own a radio station and be rich.



Senior Spotlight Michelle Ramos

Best Physical Characteristic: My Favorite Pastime: Being with amily and friends. Style of Dress: Casual.

Hobby: Talking on the phone

Pet Peeve: People that pick their Favorite Food: Allsup's burrito's Best Subject: English.

Favorite Sport: Basketball.
Favorite Movie: Lean On Me Last Good Book Read: Lean On My Hero: My Momma, dad and also

I Always Fall For: Men with green eyes and dark skin.

Someday I Want To: Be a hair

A Great Night Out: Being with If I were President: People would

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My Worst Habit: Always talking about my hair.
Nickname: La Fifi.

My Most Valued Possession: My If I Could Change Something: I

If I Could Do Anything I Wanted I Would: Feed the hungry.
Best Advice: Never give u Worst Advice: Don't tell Mom and

Greatest Fear: Not having my mom,

What I like Most In High School: Being with my friends.

What Makes Me Mad: When

My Future Plans Are: To attend Frank Phillips college and study cosmetology. Be a good mother to Rebecca and to give her what she needs in life, to raise her to be a well respected young lady.

Country music is here to stay. Come and see us on Bob Wills Day!

Valle y Patriots District **Track Meet**

by Coack Burtch

There were eleven young men articipating in track this year.

Jason Packett-Sprint relay, 110 hurdles, 300 hurdles, high jump. Vance Lemmons-Sprint relay,

300 hurdles, 200 meter dash. Cody Yates-Discuss, Shot put Michael Silva-Discuss, Shot put,100 meter dash.

John Lowe-100 meter dash. Alex Hinojosa-100 meter dash,

400 meter dash, 200 meter dash. Nick Castillo-100 meter dash, 200 meter dash. J.R. Reyna-Shot put, Discuss,

P'Jay Merrell-3200 meter, 1600

Shawn Stephens-Sprint relay,

Discuss, Shot put.

Andre Gaddis-High jump
Two of the athletes advanced to regionals. P'Jay Merrell will compete in the 3200 and the 1600 and Andre Gaddis will compete in the high jump. The regional track meet is this Friday and Saturday at Levelland.

Valley FFA Competes At State

Valley FFA poultry and dairy products teams will be traveling to College Station this Saturday to compete in the state contest in judg-

The team members participating in the Dairy Products division are; Micah Stark, Jeremy Taylor, Eva Hilchenbach, Vance Lemons and Walt Henson. The Poultry Judging team consists of Mandy Pigg, George Pigg, Brandi Price and Janet Ross

On Saturday April 20, members from the Valley FFA Cotton Judging Team participated at the State Contest held at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. FFA teams from across the state came to compete this past weekend. The team from Valley placed 13th in the state, 4th in Area I, and 1st in District. Team members are Hollie McKay, Briana Sperry, Amy Ortiz, Jonathan Curry and John Lowe.

Valley Elects Personalities

The Valley Student Body elected Personalities as follows; Mr. &. Miss - Matt Adram & Janet Ross, Most Likely To Succeed - Alfredo Galvan & Eva Hilchenbach, Cutest - Rene Martinez & Crystal Price, Friendliest - David Valdez & Letty Urtiz, Wittiest - Walt Henson & Hilary Flowers, Best All Around -Shawn Stephens & Brandi Price

****** **Pre-Registration Set** Attention:

Parents of children who will be 5 before the first of September, Valley School will be having a pre-registration for these children.

Please bring your child's birth certificate, shot records and social security number.

The date for pre-registration will be Friday, May 3th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Taylor Goes To Regional

Jeremy Taylor qualified to go to the Regional UIL in Calculator Application in Levelland at South

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Supper ForHonor Roll Students

On April 29, 1996 at 7:00 pm the Quitaque and Turkey Lions clubs will host the "A" and "B" Honor Roll students to a hamburger supper in Valley school cafeteria. This annual ticipated by the students. The Lions would like to encourage the family to signify their support by attend-

Jeffry Lane Honored

Jeffry Lane, a student at the University of Texas at Arlington, has been name to "Who's Who Among students in American Colleges and Universities"

Students were selected for the honor based on their academic achievements, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for con-

A reception was held for those honored on April 15 at the University of Texas.

Parents are Jan and Keith Lane and sister, Jonda, of Greeley, Colo-

Grandparents are Quint and Betty House and Tink and Estelle Lane all of Turkey.

A jest's prosperity lies in the

Of him that hears it, never in

Of him that makes it. -William Shakespeare

Lions Clubs To Host EMS Profile Robert Patrick

My name is Robert patrick. I am married to Kim Patrick and we have two boys, Christian (4) and Geoffrey (1). I work for the City of Quitaque and am certified in the water and wastewater field.

I also volunteer as an EMT. I am newly certified thanks to a school held last fall under Anthony Kingery from Silverton EMS. I am also a member of the Quitaque Volunteer Fire Department, Quitaque Lions Club, and the Quitaque Chamber of Commerce

With the help of the EMTs in letting me practice my skills I received my certification. With my wife's understanding and support I was able to attend classes and to make the necessary ambulance runs for certifi-

Spring Recital Presentation

Mrs. Ross Herrington will present students in the Spring Recital Thursday, May 2, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.,

First Baptist Church, Quitaque. The following students will perform: Olivia Greene, Chase Maynard, Celia Johnson, Melody Farley, Brandi Rice, Traci Ham, Kenzie Burson, Jamie Taylor, Maddie Ramsey, Randa McBee, Christopher Kamasey, Kanda Wicese, Christopher Taylor, Mindy Proctor, April Far-ley, Katherine Pigg, Tessa Kelly, Kristin Ramsey, Magan Whitting-ton, Jana Merrell, Lindsey Jennings.

Areception and awards ceremony will follow. The public is invited to hear these talented young piano

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Monday

Burritoes & cheese sauce FF Pickles Cobbler

Tuesday

Cheese - salad Pinto Beans - Hot Sauce

Wednesday BBQ on bun

Pickles - chips

Thursday Chicken Potatoes - Salad

Hot rolls - Fruit salad Friday

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Bennett And Hughes Recite Vows

of Quitaque

Ronnie and Jackie Carpenter all

The couple will make their home in Floydada where Tiffany is employed

by Caprock Irrigation and Roger is

Pageant Finalist

Miss NiKea Howerton, age 17, daughter of Steve and LaVeda

Crawford of Clyde, and Kim Howerton of Miami, has been accepted as

a State Finalist in the Miss North Texas American Coed Pageant to be held May 25-26, 1996, at the Hyatt Regency Dallas in Dallas, Texas.

The winner of the Miss North Texas American coed Pageant will

recieve a \$750 cash award, official

crown and banner, along with \$300 in travel expenses to compete in the National Miss American Coed Pag-

eant in Orlando, Fl. where thousands of dollars and prizes will be

Miss Howerton is sponsored by CRICO Enterprises, Ft. Worth. Her hobbies include tennis, reading and

music. Her ambition is to be financial independent, have a career in

modeling anbd have a family. Mr. & Mrs. Junior Payne are the

awarded.

Courtsey of Floydada Hesperian-Beaco

Tiffany Bennett and Roger Hughes were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at the Tropicana Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 16, 1966.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. employed by Ray Lee Equipment. and Mrs. Gary Bennett of Floydada and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes of Flomot.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father. The bride wore a tea-lenght, ecru lace dress with a key-hole neckline and carried a bouquet of fresh burgandy carnations accented with greenery and white baby's breath. The bride wore something blue-a garter which was a gift from the groom. Someting borrowed were her diamond drop necklace and earring from her grandmother, Mary Lewis.

Serving as matron of honor was the bride's mother, Pam Bennett. The dridesmaids were Kristi Peel of Amarillo, a sister and Shannon Casillas. The Matron of Honor carried the same matching color bou-quet as the bride. Dresses were tealength blue denim with a V-neck accented with daisy lace down the front of the bodice.

The best man was Dan Meyer from Turkey, Texas. The Groomsmen were Keith and Allen Ellison from Canadian, Texas.

The music consisted of the traditional Wedding March. The chapel was adorned with live plants throughout and pews were deco-rated with white satin bows.

Those attending were: bride's parents, Gary & Pam Bennett; groom's mother, Janice Hughes. Other friends and relatives were: Tess Meyer of Turkey; Janita Ellison of Canadian; Marsha Blake of Lubbock; Bengie Hughes of Lub-bock; Rickey Hughes of Levelland; Billy Don Hughes of Lubbock; Kristi and Cory Pell of Amarillo; Ross Bennett of Floydada; Larry, Rhonda, Cody and Kayla Stovall of Floydada; Mary Lewis of Floydada and Harold Wayne and Geneva Bennett of Floydada; Bill & Carol Pigg,

Song About Wills **Music Wins First**

Vann Cook and Scott Hofmann entered "Texas Ain't the Same" in the ninth annual Austin songwriters competition in September. Cook from Bandera and Hofmann of Fredericksburg won first place in the

Best Songs about Texas category.

Cook's musical career began in Mississippi in 1958 with his band's recording of "I Dreamed of an Angel. This was a regional hit in 1962 veral years he worked as a fulltime performer and studio musician

"After college graduation in 1966, music became a hobby rather than a business," Cook said. since moving to Bandera in 1981, Cook has performed for community functions with the Los Gringos Band. Both Cook and Hofmann have

been writing for a long time but only

began co-writing a year ago.
"Texas Ain't The Same" is a song

about Bob Wills and his music.
"Maybe we have found the right ombination," said Cook. "This is the

first award for both of us."
"It ain't a Grammy, but it ain't bad," he added.



The average shower requires 15 to 30 gallons of water.

OVERHEARD

With the Supreme Court making employers more vulnerable to being sued, they are ruining the free enterprise system, and causing a bur-den on managers who have unsatisfactory employees!
COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT

The Community Game Night will be held at the Flomot Commu-

nity Center at 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 26. You are requested to bring games and refreshments of your choice. Everyone is invited to join in this night of fun and fellowship. HOMECOMING ASSN. HOLDS MEETING

The Flomot Homecoming Association met Monday night at the Community Center. They addressed and stamped 600 invitations for this year's event.

Committees reported on decora-tions, meal catering and cost, registration, and program for the

At the Homecoming, July 6 - 7, plaques will be awarded to the oldest man and woman who taught or attended school in Flomot, and the individual who traveled the farthest attend. Clean-Up Day will be held July 3.

Attending the meeting were Mmes. Ruth Lee, Mary Jo Calvert, Carmin Lee, Geneva Martin and Wadey Clay, and Mssrs.Billy Wendell Morris, Butch Hughes, and Ronald Clay.

A Gilbert family reunion was enjoyed Monday, April 15, with enjoyed Monday, April 15, with lunch at the Sportsman Cafe and visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Gilbert. Other family mem-bers were Mr. and Mrs. John Gil-bert and Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Moss of Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn martin and Mr. and Mrs. Lossie Gilbert

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo Wednesday for Mrs.

Starkey's medical checkup. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid and family in Amarillo and in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey before returning home

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers were in Lubbock Wednesday for Mr. were in Lubbock Wednesday for Mr.
Rogers checkup. Visiting Mr. and
Mrs. Rogers and Donnie Rogers
Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley
Degan and Dane of Kalgary and Mr.
and Mrs. Tommy Beck of Turkey.
Julie Clay, student at Methodist
Hospital School of Nursing in Lubbock visited the weekend with her
parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay.
Olen Holland, brother-in-law of
Mrs. Leona Degan, was transferred

Mrs. Leona Degan, was transferred from Methodist Hospital, Lubbock

to Hendricks Hospital in Abilene, his hometown, Monday. He suffered a stroke and is in Rehab at the present time.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and his mother Mrs. C. W. Starkey at-

tended the Donkey Basketball Game held in Fritch Thursday night. The parents of the senior class volunteered for the game to help raise funds for the senior class. Mrs. Jackie Davis participated in the game as her son Warren is a senior student. Mr. Starkey accompanied home his mother and reoined his wife Nada in Fritch Friday to attend the weekend reunion of Moon, Gillispie, Garver and Wood families. It was held in the home of Mrs. Neal Moon with 75 relatives registering. They returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin enjoyed entertainment in Amarillo Thursday.
Mrs. Leona Degan visited in

Medicine Mound Saturday with her son and family Mr. and Mrs. Mor-

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin Sunday were J.D. Nance of Silverton and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Martin of Quitaque.

Mrs. Katheryn Martin of Whiteflat and Art Green were in Plainview on business Tuesday. They were in Floydada Friday for a dental appointment and visited his brother Don Green.

Heather Turner and friend Scott Blount of Paducah, students at Tex-as Tech, visited Sunday with her family Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner and Cobey.

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Danny Salazar And Robin Forbes Announce Engagement

Mrs. Amelia Salazar of Quitaque would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of her son Danny Salazar of Plainview to Robin Forbes of Plainview, daughter of Dan and Dorthea Forbes of

Graham. Danny's father is Moses Salazar of Crosbyton.

The couple plan to be married on May 11, 1996 at Plainview in the Wayland Baptist Church. The groom graduated from Spur High School and now attends Wayland Baptist University and works for the "Cotton Patch." The bride, a graduate of Spur High School attends Wayland Baptist University and works at a day care center.

The couple plan to live in Plainview



The family of Sam Ross would like to say thank you to all of you who were so kind to us during Sam's illness with your visits, your care, concern and prayers.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the outpouring of love that has been shown to us during our time of sorrow. Your kindnesses, the food brought to the church for the meal on the day of the memorial services, the lovely cards, the beautiful flowers, the caring phone calls, the heartfelt visits, the many prayers and all the memorials are acts of love that our family shall never forget and will remember each of you with love

A special thanks to those who took part in the memorial

Once again we are made to realize how very wonderful it is to live in an area where people are not afraid to show their love to one another. The people of this area will be remembered by us with love and in our prayers for the future.

Thank you for caring.

Jimmy and Velda Ross and Girls James and June Hale Eunice Mae Colvin Ross

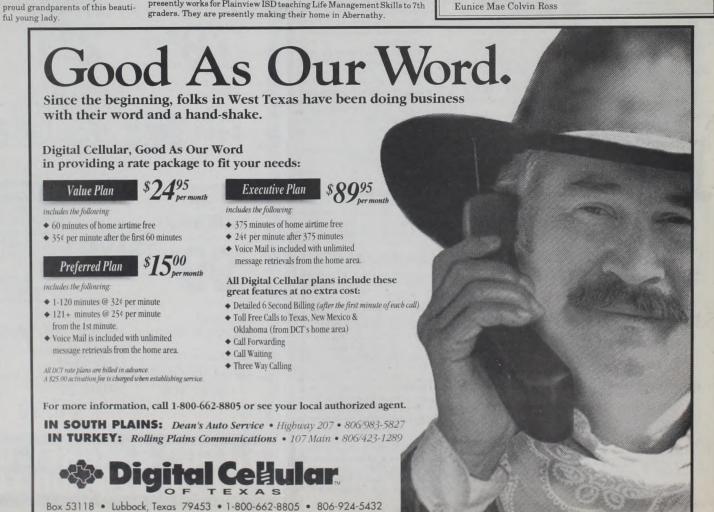


Jennifer Jo Lake Weds Bengie Hughes

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lake would like announce the marriage of their children, Bengie Hughes and Jennifer

Jo Lake on the eighth day of March, nineteen ninety-six in Lubbock, Texas.

Bengie graduated from Valley High in 1990 and has been working for the city of Lubbock in the water utilities department. J.J. graduated from Friendswood High in 1989 and Texas Tech University in 1994. She presently works for Plainview ISD teaching Life Management Skills to 7th graders. They are presently making their home in Abernathy.





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By Ann Coker The same year that the celebra-tion began in Turkey, the Bob Wills Museum opened in the old grade school. His youngest child, Cindy Wills, often walks to the museum from her house down the street to show visitors around. The museum's three tidy rooms are filled with souvenir fiddles, saddles, spurs, photographs, plaques, and a few of Wills' trademarks: a plain black suit,

white cowboy hat and half a box of Roi-tan cigars, his favorites. "Daddy always had a cigar in his mouth," Cindy says. " "He could play fiddle and talk with that ci-

Cindy Wills moved to her father's hometown over two years ago from Ft. Worth even though no one else in her family lived here. "I grew up hearing about Turkey," she says. "I

wanted to come to my roots."

Cindy has learned that her father had incredible charisma. "Daddy was known for going one-on-one with his audience. When you went to one of his dances, you felt like it was put on for you. He made eye contact with every person, and he remembered names. Willie Nelson said Bob Wills was part Elvis Presley, part John the Baptist."

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Nelson drew from Wills. So did Waylon Jennings, Merle Haggard and a slew of other performers. But Cindy Wills says it's not fair to lump her father's music with typical country-western fare. Indeed, Wills played the Grand Ole Opry only once and did not even like to record

Daddy took a bunch of other kinds of music and made it his own, sonething you could dance to. They say if you can't two-step to western

swing, you can't walk.
After Wills' death, radio stations played his music less and less. That changed in 1993, however, with the release of "Tribute," a Grammywinning CD by Asleep at the Wheel The album features vocals by Nelson, Lyle Lovett, Garth Brooks, George Strait and others.

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Bob Wills Is Still The King

Courtsey of Prairie Dog Gazette From his birth in 1905 until his death in 1975, James Robert (Bob) Wills

true "man of the people."

Although his life was never really rich in an economic sense, it was filled with shining treasures few ever attain.

Wills lived much of his childhood in the Texas cotton fields of Limestone

County, and later Hall County. The Wills family was never more than marginally successful at farming, but were proud members of a long line of musicians, mostly fiddle players

Jim Rob (as he was called at the time) accompanied his father and other family members at ranch dances in the region surrounding Turkey, Texas

family members at ranch dances in the region surrounding Turkey, Texas around 1920. These dances did not provide a huge income but they did help get the family through poor farming years.

They also provided Bob Wills with experience in performing that no wealthy child could ever get from stuffy violin lessons. During this time period he and his father, John, wrote the still haunting 'Faded Love."

Before too long Bob began a life travel which continued until his retirement. It was on this long road that he melded the varied influences he had encountered into what is now called 'Western Swing."

In the autumn of 1929 he left the Turkey area, never to return as a resident, but he always considered it his home town." Even after becom-

resident. but he always considered it his home town." Even after becomming nationally known, Wills never denied this emotional tie.

Bob Wills was not a musical virtuoso, but intuitively knew how to reach deep within his audiences' souls. He surrounded himself with the right band members to make it seem easy. Through radio broadcasts with the

band members to make it seem easy. Through radio broadcasts with the Wills Fiddle Band, Aladdin Laddies, Lightcrust Doughboys and, of course, the Texas Playboys, Bob came into homes throughout the Southwest. He brought with him music that was both familiar and new. Folk melodies, New Orleans Jazz, and Big Band Swing were all woven into

Western Swing. Above all else, it was dance music.

His presence in people's homes, via radio, was very important. Through out his career there was a special intimacy between the band leader and his audience, just as he and his band shared a common groove while

improvising choruses in their hit songs.

During the years while Bob and the Texas Playboys were headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, they shared their personal lives with the audience, helping ease the burden of the Depression. They even played at the funerals of their fans at no charge and were repaid with great devotion

(not to mention marriage proposals and birthday cakes).

When a performance got so inspired that Bob just had to holler "Ah Hahl," there was always a response from the people around him. He was not the sort to retire to compose masterpieces in private. Mixing it up right in fromt of the public was more to his liking. As he pointed out to his band members, their job was to entertain the customers by making the best music possible. That meant not being afraid of trying something different to thrill the audience more than the last performance did.

Longer than any stone monument, the world's memory of Bob Wills

endures. From the musicians who keep his songs and style alive, to the couple who requests "San Antonio Rose" at the bandstand on Saturday night, all who are ever touched by his music know they are in the presence of West Texas royalty, a man of the people, but also the King of Western

Turkey, Bob Wills Home Town

By Ann Coker

The small town of Turkey, about midway between Amarillo and Lubbock, acquired its name at the turn of the century for the wild turkeys that inhabited the area. The turkeys are still here and so is

The little town will surely come alive on April 26 and 27th, the week-end for BOB WILLS DAY! This is loyalty to Bob Wills, the "KING OF WESTERN SWING," who spent his youth here. Many thousands of loyal fans come to Turkey on this week-end to pay

homage every year.
Wills was a moon-faced, hard-drinking, God gifted fiddler who with a celebrated group called the Texas Playboys, cut more than 500 records from the 1930's almost to

his death in 1975. Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys were a big part of rural life in the Southwest. At noontime, farmers and ranchers would stop work, go inside to eat dinner and listen to the powerful KVOO out of Tulsa, which ran a good hour of Texas Playboy tunes, including Wills' sig-

nature song, "San Antonio Rose." Wills actually born in Limestone County in south-central Texas in 1905, and arrived in Turkey in a covered wagon when he was about 7. His father was a sharecropper and it was out in the cotton fields and it was out in the cotton fields around Turkey that young Bob learned music. His father was an outstanding fiddle player and Bob was also influenced greatly by Black laborers.

Picking cotton hurt Wills' hands though, so he took barbering at Ham's Barbershop in Turkey which still stands. "Bob would keep a fiddle in his back room here," says Ham's shop since 1942, "and quick as that he'd have this place full.

New Mexico played a significant role in Wills' carreer, too.

In 1927, Wills left turkey for a brief spell and settled in Roy, N.M., to cut hair. Inspired by hispanic musicians, he put down the first notes to what later bacame "Spanish Two Step," a huge success.

Returning briefly to Turkey, Wills soon left again for good. He went to Ft. Worth and than to Tulsa, where he got the Texas Playboys going. They performed a singular blend of Dixie Land jazz, blues and and his band had become so popular they appeared in a string of singing cowboy movies. Mostly, though the Playboys traveled by bus across the Southwest from one dance to another, many in New Mexico.

Wills was 70 when he died of complications from a stroke, and he is buried in Tulsa, but he never forgot Turkey, and Turkey has not forgotten him. Three large metal Music greats Texas legends and their birthplaces: exas legends and their birt Country Music Hall of Fame Gene Autry, Tioga 2 Vernon Dalhart, Jefferson 3 Lefty Frizzell, Corsicana 4 George Jones, Saratoga 5 Hubert Long, Poteet 5 Willie Nelson, Abbott 7 Tex Ritter and Jim Reeves, both from Panola Co.

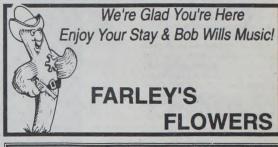
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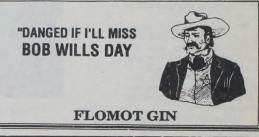
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Keeping an eye on Texas









signs mark his stay. More-over a 30

foot tall granite monument to Wills guards the west edge of town.

Since 1971, Turkey townfolk have held a Bob Wills Celebration

the last weekend in April, high-lighted by dance music from the

remaining Playboys. The event bring followers from all over the

country; last year's crowd numbered

more than 10,000.

Welcome to the 25th Anniversary of **BOB WILLS DAY** in TURKEY, TEXAS

Saturday, April 27, 1996 Many of the former Texas Playboys will be featured.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, April 26th

Dance - 9 P.M. to 12 midnight at the Bob Wills Center, former Texas Playboys will be featured. \$8.00 Couples \$15.00

Saturday, April 27

Parade - Saturday morning 10:30 A.M. downtown main street Turkey

BBQ - Saturday 11:00 A.M. at the Bob Wills Center. \$7.00 The "Muleskinners" Khiva Shriners will cater the event. Proceeds benefit the Shriners and The Bob Wills

Old Fiddlers Contest - Saturday 12:00 Noon at the Auditorium Center and Gym. \$3.00

Afternoon Program - FREE! Saturday 2:30 P.M. at the old football field east of Bob Wills Center. The program consists of all the former Texas Playboys present. This will be one of the largest groups ever assembled in one place!! Master of Ceremonies - Dr. Charles R. Townsend. Grammy Award winning author.

Saturday Night Dance - 7:00 P.M. featuring Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys. \$8.00 Couples \$15.00

■ Midnight Breakfast - 11:00 P.M. at the Bob Wills Cafeteria

ALSO

The Bob Wills Museum - at the Bob Wills Center Mon. - Fri. (year round). Also visit the Bob Wills monument at the West end of Main St. Become an Honorary Bob Wills Supporter! Proceeds benefit the museum. Inquire at the Bob Wills Center

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It Don't Mean a Thing, If It Ain't **Bob Wills Western Swing**

(from the Pampa News) Western Swing music emerged in the 1930's from many sources. All it needed was a leader. The stage was set for the era of Western Swing. And now it had its star to

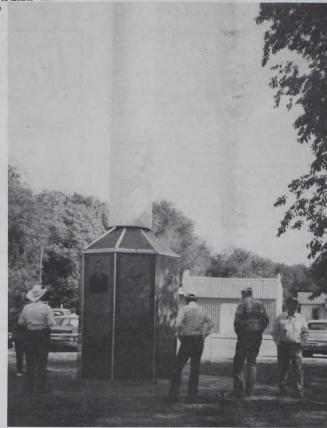
give it focus and personality; enter Bob Wills. Bob Wills put the "west" in country and western music. Born into a musical family in 1905, James Rob-ert Wills spent most of his growing up years on ranches in Hall County. With a fiddle-playing father to show him the way, Bob mastered tradi-tional country break-down fiddling early in life, at the same time absorbing other musical influences. These included blues, New Orleans jazz and the atmosphere of barn dances and traveling medicine from Turkey to Fort Worth in 1929, where he soon teamed up on radio station KFJZ with guitarist Herman Arnspiger and singer Milton Brown. Soon the three formed the original Light Crust Doughboys, under the management of flour, mill executive and future Texas governor - W. Lee "Pappy" O'Daniel."

By 1933, conflicts with O'Daniel led Brown and Wills to leave the band and blaze their own musical

Bob favored a broad mix of pop, jazz, and country — and filled out his band with drums, horns, and other non-country instruments to create songs like "Osage Stomp" and "Maiden's Prayer". By 1936, Bob and the Texas Playboys were the hottest of a growing number of Western Swing bands.

Wills and his band were now on the upswing. He rode his musical genious and infectious stage person-ality from regional to national stardom during the 1930's and 40's. Who else but Bob Wills would have

the nerve to holler "Ah-h-ha-a" in the middle



Visitors to the Bob Wills monument in Turkey read the inscriptions around its base about the King of Western Swing.

He spent his most creative years (1934-1942) in Tulsa, where his broadcasts over station KVOO stirred such a demand for his music that he had to form off-shoot bands to handle the business.

Wills reworked one of his earlier numbers called "spanish Two-Step" into the tune that became his big-gest all-time hit. "San Antonio Rose" was pure Bob Wills and pure Taxas. was pure not wills and pure lexas.
This hit had several choruses for the
Texas Playboys to swing out, all
punctuated by the Bob Wills trademark, "Ah-haal" Bing Crosby's recording of New San Antonio Rose
in 1941 only confirmed Wills' – and
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As Wills fame grew, he kept building the Texas Playboys, along the lines of the popular big swing bands of Benny Goodman, Harry James, and others. By 1943, he was heading a 22-piece orchestra in California and appearing in movies, more than two dozen oer the years. But Bob Wills, for all his band's uptown, jazz-tinged, hot licks, never ditched the fiddle or guitar, and

ever abandoned his country roofs. Many think that the key to Wills strong appeal was his versatility and his strong personality. He knew his public, and his genius was find-ing the right formula of jazz improvisation, romantic crooning, and solid dance rhythm to satisfy his

His success by the 1940's reflected the growth of country music in general, and he was recognized as the King of Western Swing.

Following World War II, many imitators abandoned the Bob Wills style, his legacy passed to a new generation of Western Swing bands in Texas. Hoyle Nix and his West Texas Cowboys formed in Big Bpring in 1946 and worked their area of West Texas with great suc-

Several Texas Playboys alums led their own western swing bands after the war. Among them were Bob's brother Johnnie Lee Wills still based in Oklahoma; guitarist and vocalist Leon Rausch; steel guitarist Leon McAuliffe of ("Take it away, Leon", fame) and versatile fiddle-master Johnny Gimble. Pre-siding over them all of course, was the inspirational presence of Bob

By the late 1960's, Wills' body, but not his spirit, had begun to wear out. He suffered a heart attack, and a series of strokes. Sensing that a great musical career was coming to an end, the country music commu-nity and fans sought ways to commemorate his legacy. Nashville, the country music capital that had long resisted Wills' innovations in west-ern swing, inducted him into its Country Music Hall of Fame in

Wills had his own dream: to record again with his old Texas Playboys. The dream became reality in late 1973, when he joined his former Playboys in Dallas to record

"For the Last Time." It was the last time. After the first session, Wills suffered another stroke and lapsed into a coma from which he never recovered.

The release of "For the Last Time" followed by the publication in 1976 of Dr. Townsend's biography of Wills, San Antonio Rose, the Life and Music of Bob Wills, sparked renewed interest in Wills and Western Swing, as had Merle Haggard album - A Tribute to the Best Damn Fiddle Player in the World a few years earlier. That interest grew into a full-fledged revival among young country musicians in Austin,

where a dynamic music center had fast been developing.

The band, Asleep at the Wheel, led by singer and guitarist Ray Benson, brought a rock and jazzwakground to Western Swing. To underscore its devotion to Will's music, the band titled one of its early LPs Fathers and Sons -- featuring Asleep at the Wheel on one side and vintage Bob Wills on the other. The band's most recent album, Tribute to the Music of Bob. Wills and the Texas Playboys is a

wills and the Texas Playboys is a collaborative lovefest with guest musicians of all generations.

Whether you're sitting at a concert tapping your foot, or two-stepping around the dance floor of a Texas honky-tonk, what's got you moving is Western Swing, and Bob Wills is still its King!

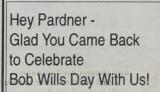
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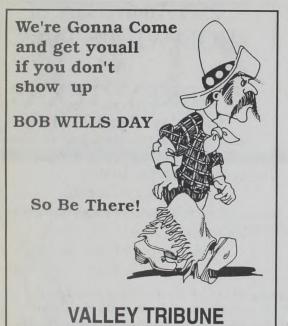
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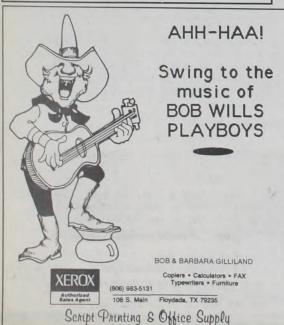




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When Glenn Rhees looks back on the four years he spent playing saxophone for Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys, an expression of satisfaction crosses his face.

'It was one of the greatest things that happened to me," Rhees said, who played from 1957 to 1961.

Several thousand people from as far away as Tennessee and California joined Rhees Saturday April 30, 1994 at Bob Wills Day to remember the Turkey native and the western

swing he pioneered.

In addition to featuring a concert and fiddlers contest, the event pre-sented an opportunity for past Texas Playboys to come together and reminisce, as well as play together

Looking back on their music careers, most agreed that Wills was

the best boss they ever had.
"He had that touch," Rhees said, "It was charisma. He could walk into a place and everybody would look at him. We might be playing already, but when Bob came in, we would come alive. It was magic."

With a point of the finger or other gesture, band members knew it was their cue to jump in and play, said Bobby Koefer, the band's steel guitarist from 1950 to 1952.

"He'd tell us, 'I don't care if you have one eye on the pretty girls. But you'd better keep one eye on me.' He

might just wink at you, but you'd better be ready," Koefer said. Leon Rausch, the band's singer from 1958 to 1964, agreed that discipline was an integral part of the Texas Playboys.

"The old man knew what he

wanted, and he was serious about it," he said. "We had a lot of good times, but it was a lot of hard work."

That meant a life on the road,

driving from one show to the next. The band might play in El Paso one night, Rausch said, and perform the next in Houston. "You talk about a drive," he said. "We'dget to Houston

just in time to go on."

But it was worth it, Rausch acknowledged, if only to play for a man whom he considers "the best fiddle player in the world."

Such an opportunity meant playing with the "king of western swing," a music style drawing heavily from jazz, country and blues and tied together with a driving beat. Koefer pointed out that within

that style, great latitude was given

"You had a freedom to play what you wanted to play. Bob told us, 'Play what you feel, and if it don't fit in, you shouldn't be here."



BOB WILLS IN THE EARLY DAYS

1926 Photo made in Charlie Payne's Drugstore in Turkey, Texas. (First building West of Ham's Barber shop.) From left to right, Alvis Yarborough, Troy Payne, Bob Wills and Dr. Sandefer. (Children unknown.) Photo courtesy Harold Ham.

day, Rausch said. Reflecting on the throngs that pack Turkey on Bob Wills day, he noted that western

swing seems to be re-emerging.
"It's come back three or four times," he said. "I hope it stays a little longer this time."

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2½ to 3 pounds chicken pieces ½ cup Wish-Bone® Italian Dressing ½ cup bottled chili sauce 1 tablespoon molasses or dark corn syrup If desired, pull off and discard the skin from the chicken pieces. Place the chicken in a shallow dish and brush with ½ cup of the dish and brush with ¼ cup of the Italian dressing. Refrigerate, covered, up to 3 hours. Meanwhile, in a small sauce-pan, combine the remaining ¼

cup Italian dressing, the chili sauce and molasses and bring just to a boil. Reduce heat to low

and simmer for 5 minutes.

Grill chicken over medium coals (or broil 5 to 6 inches from heat), turning 2 or 3 times, for 15 minutes. Brush with some of the sauce and continue to grill, turning and brushing 2 or 3 times, until chicken is tender, juices run clear, and meat is no longer pink, 10 to 15 minutes

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The special sound continues to Bob Wills Celebration Features strike a chord with Americans to-**New Events Almost Yearly**

In the past proceeds from the Bob Wills Celebration have made many purchases for the Foundation to help in the future to make the Celebra-tion a bigger and better event for the local townspeople and the visitors who come once a year to enjoy all the festivities of Bob Wills Day.

Funds raised during the celebra-

tions have purchased the of Turkey School Building which now houses the Turkey City Hall, Senior Citizens Center, Justice of the Peace Office, the library and the Bob Wills

Some of the funds were also used to have the Bob Wills Marble Monument placed in the park which the Foundation had purchased. This monument has the Bob Wills legend around the base and 26 feet above the ground it is topped by a fiddle.

In 1986 barbecue was served to one thousand, six hundred. In 1987 the old fiddlers contest was attended by six or seven hundred people.

For the first time ever, a special

stamp cancellation was started in 1989a George Lavon Gafford designed new cancellation which was only available for a short time.

In 1990 four scholarships were offered to students at Valley High School. In 1991 Miss Vera Ruth Pinkerton was riding a float as Miss Bob Wills while special tribute was paid to the military who were serving in the Persian Gulf.

By 1992 movies and television

specials featuring Bob Wills were shown at the Bob Wills Center.

In 1993 Bob Wills is declared "still the King." The New York Times reported upon Bob Wills death in 1975 that Wills was " a super-giant before there were super-giants, an Elvis Presley of the 1930s and '40s." Not only was he voted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville but also into the national Cowboy Hall of fame in Oklahoma city, the only performer other than Gene Autry to be so honored.

Katrina Stewart was presented as the 1994 Bob Wills Queen. The Turkey Lions Club had a pancake breakfast on Saturday, april 30, 1994 at the Bob Wills Cafeteria from 7 to

In 1995 the Khiva Shrineers, "Muleskinners" catered the barbe-cue lunch for the Bob Wills Celebra-tion.

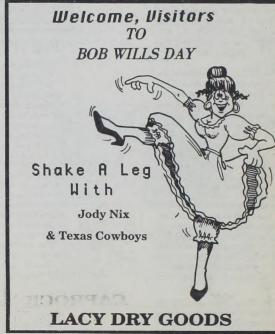


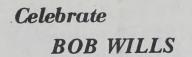




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The Early Days Of **Bob Wills**

(The following information was taken from the book "Hubbin' It, The Life Of Bob Wills by Ruth Shel-

The frightened mules bolted around the corner, the hub of the wagon wheel struck a huge rock and the buckboard careened madly back and forth. The frantic driver, slip-ping precariously from side to side, jerked the lines and pleaded and bellowed...He and the wagon were

The life of Bob Wills has been like that...meeting adversity at every corner.

It was a cold, dark rainy night

back in March of 1905 in Limestone County. The doctor was on his way to the home of John and Emma Wills. Mrs. Wills was in labor with

At one minute before midnight, March 6, 1905, an indignant squall drowned out the sound of wind and rain in the room and was followed by a triumphant cry from the young father, "It's a boy! We'll name him James Robert Wills like we

When the 22 year old father, John Wills took his new son in his arms he said, "I'm goin' to walk the floor with this fiddle," I'll make a fiddler

out of you, son."
Emm's brother uncurled a little clenched fist. "He'll make a better fiddler than you Johnnie," he commented. "Look at them long fingers." A prediction that certainly

For the first few months of the new baby's life, it was doubtful at times that he would live, but he came from tough hardy stock and soon became a normal healthy baby.

His name was elastic. James Robert became Jim to his father, Robby to his mother, Jim Rob to his later brothers, sisters and friends. At various periods of his life he was dubbed Sport, Jim, Hot Shot, Jack and finally Bob, by which every-body knows him today.

In 1913 the Wills knew they could not make a good living out of the exhausted soil in Limestone County. They loaded all their possession in a covered wagon and traveled 500 miles to Hall County. They rented a small corner of one of the big ranches and started anew with cotton, corn

John Wills never provided for the future. If he made a good crop they lived well, but he would borrow more money before he paid off his last loan. The family was often hungry and in need of many things. It was not until Bob was 11 that

he thought of the fiddle seriously He played with his father at ranch dances. At one dance Bob arrived but his father never appeared. Bob only knew 6 tunes, but he began playing, the same six over and over. The dancers loved it. It was an exhausted little boy who put down his fiddle at 2 o'clock in the morn ing, but his eyes were bright with

When Bob was 16 he was so tired of dirt farming. He felt that he was a man although he was small in size. Without a word to his parents he slipped away one day and hopped a freight train and headed east. He soon had some doubts--he had no money and had never been away

For the next few years he did all sorts of manual work--hoeing or picking cotton, etc. He was often hungry and at time so exhausted and his body would cry for food and sleep. He was too proud to ask for food or money

Texas and Bob became a movie star Of course as time passed he did become a great fiddle player. His and world famous musician



Bob Wills: The King of Western Swing

by Cotton Lewis of Olton (Courtesy of Plainview Herald)

Bob Wills was an industrious hard

Nobody dreamed of his success although he did.

It's common knowledge I've heard lots of folks say
He'd "pick" uh half uh bale of cotton any old day.

Leaving Turkey, Texas with a fiddle in a flour sack

Dang, he looked like a bum, but I'll take that back. They offered him a radio program

At least he could eat and not sleep

in the street.

The "Fiddle Band" of three with a

sound not hear before
Opened up with, Who broke the
Lock on the Hen House Door?

Then they went into a number called Four or Five Times
This good buddy will ring your

chimes.

Bob's start wasn't easy, that old Depression was rough
Work was scarce nobody could

provide enough.

He barbered in New Mexico and

practiced a little

He wrote, The Spanish Two Step and played his fiddle.

Bob had charisma and a great love for his fellow man
And would never belittle a musi-

noise he maintained his poise

as The Light Crust Doughboys. O'Daniels would not allow them

cian or an unhappy fan. When rude and rowdy fans made

His Name Was Glen Rhees

With standards high as a steeple he was loved by the people.

Bob became famous for "Take It

Away Leon, Ah-h Ha."

Never dreaming their names would be in NEON.

Those lyrics kept coming, the kind

of songs that sells. what a song in that great Silver Bells.

Then came songs like Ida Red and Little Liza Jane

That's enough to drive "legit" musicians insane I shall never forget that beautiful,

excellent treassure When old Bob turns out My Life's

Been a Pleasure This poem could run at least forty

So Bob's songs will be sung throughout the ages.

Take Me Back to Tulsa, my what an appropriate song

It became another hit and it didn't

take long.
It's as if the best lyrics come down from heaven above

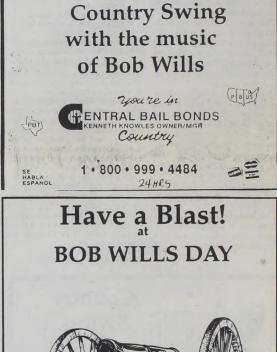
As Bob Wills proudly unfurls, Faded Love

That all-time great favorite San Antonio Rose Bob Wills has been gone about

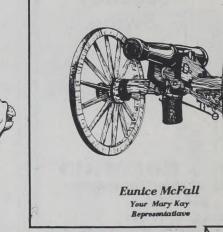
But his western swing music still brings tears.

His influence on Western Swingthere is no way to measur

I can sing with Bob, My Life Has Been A Pleasure.



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Valley Farm Store Jim & Barbara Saul

by Henry Baker, a friend His name was Glen Rhees. To thousands he was known as "Good ol"

road to fame began when his band played on the radio for W. Lee O'Daniels advertising the Light CrustFlour and his band was known Blub." A few called him "Pappy," but, he didn't care what you called him, as long as you called him to

to play for dances so they parted company and Bob moved his band I recall our 1st overnight job, on the road. When we had to bed down together, I told him I hoped my snoring didn't keep him awake. He said, that's all right! He was bad to Tulsa where they really made a hit playing at The Cain's Night-Of course O'Daniels and Bob about wetting the bed. Well, I didn't snore that night. I didn't even sleep! Wills both went on to greater things. O'Daniels became the Governor of

He loved kids and their sports (especially wrestling) and entertaining and music. Will Rogers said, "I never met a man I didn't like." I never met a man that didn't like "Blub." I asked him once why he called everyone "stud." He said, "Maybe I couldn't remember their name, but at least I still made them

We've had entertainers of the year, but I nominate Glen (Blub) Rhees for the $\it Life Time Entertainer Award$. He always added that extra life to the band and had a knack for directing a band and picking what people wanted to hear. I think this is a quality picked up by Texas Playboy's from the Master "Bob Wills." We'll miss that "sax maniac" in Turkey this year, and every time we walk on a band stand.

Blub lived and loved music! He

coined the phrase, "Here I am, all dressed up and no place to blow!"

Well maybe now, he's on that front line with Gene, and Bob's hollering "Heh, Blub, Get Low!" (You know

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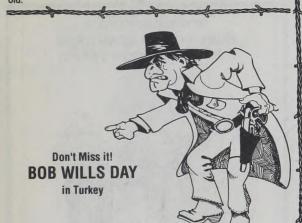
Turkey Texas, Home of Bob Wills" in wrought iron, stands forever against the western sunset at the city limits of Turkey.



BOB WILLS "swings a mean pistol" in one of the several movies he made while in California

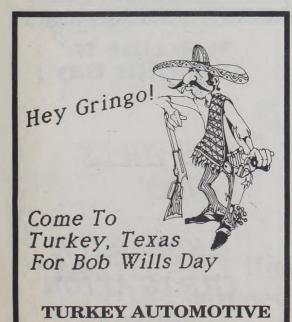


The oldest living thing on earth is believed to be a bristlecone pine in California named Methuselah, and estimated to be 4,700 years



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Yesteryear Turkey News

Taken from The Turkey Enter-prise, Thursday, April 29, 1943

J. E. Barnhill Buys The City Drug Store

J. E. Barnhill closed a deal last week with Floyd Gilmore for purchase of the City Drug Store and will take charge May 1. Consideration was not stated but the purchase includes the building, fixtures and stock. The stock will be invoiced the latter part of this week Gilmore said. Gilmore will remain with the store for the present as manager. Beyond this time his plans are indefinite, he

Asked who in his family was to be the druggist, Barnhill stated Wednesday that he was "going to raise him one." But his son Doyle will perhaps assume these responsi-bilities some time in the near future.

The J. E. Barnhill Construction company started work this week on a road job near Perryton. Those from Turkey who have gone to work on the job are Gary and Doyle Barnill, Pugh Thrasher, Irelias Lacy and Carol

BACK ON THE JOB AFTER TRIP THROUGH CLINIC

"Stud"

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who played music really great. He was just my age. (Times seven or eight.)

He had a special gift, on the stage with his song, and he made the people laugh, when he sang the words all wrong.

He always called me Stud.

He'd greet me with a smile,

He would do what he wanted.

If you knew him, you would like him.

'Cause if you were there, and he was

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Bob Wills Day

He's gone from here you know.

He remains, but in our heart. What we choose to remember

about him....will never part.

and say what he'd think. He liked the smell of skunk!

I still think they stink!!

That was always true.

there, you'd be sharing his fun too.

and a real loud yell or two

I called him Stud too.

I had a special friend,

F.O. Ham returned Monday night from Shattuck, Okla., where he spent several days going through the clinic and under treatment. He was accompanied by his son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Gus Eudy.

Floyce had been sick about a week before going to the hospital but was able to be back on the job at his barber chair Tuesday .~

NUMBER CALLED

The Statue of Liberty's mouth is three feet wide.

Ed (Susie) Wynn reported to the draft board Tuesday morning for his first physical. Swede Fuston also was to report Tuesday morning but "got in a hurry" and went before the board Monday. He was in Memphis on business Monday and decided he might as well report then and save a trip back over there Tuesday. Both are young married men.

Tom Pierce and Virgil Blakney, farmers, reported to the board last week and were placed in deferred classifications, Tomin 3-A and Virgil

Things Seen Or heard Recently Juanita Lane flew to Plano to visit in the home of her son

and family, the Jerry Lanes. While in Plano she thoroughly enjoyed watching her grandson, Clint, play baseball. She reported that Cling hit a grand slam while she was present for one of the games, which really thrilled Juanita. Clint is evidently quite a sportsman as he played catcher, pitcher and is the disignated hitter.

Mrs. Lane reported that she really enjoyed all the baseball games and really had a nice vacation.

Bob and Janice Russell and Bonnie Hill attended the wedding of their niece, Jana Payne and Michael Penka in Plainview last Saturday evening, April 20. Jana is the daughter of Joe David and Janis Payne of Plainview.

Paying a visit to the Hall County Hospital emergency room last Saturday night was Jim Majors. After seeing the doctor again on Monday he was told he would need surgery.

While in Childress last week I met Johnny Fuston. He said he was returning from a trip to Texas A and M and stopped in Childress to visit his mother.

Arlie Williams had a letter re-cently from Ina Lee and Beryl Blackshear in Forrestville, California. They were going to celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary by spending some time in Reno, Nevada.

They also reported it was still raining there.

Former Turkey resident, Charles Hedrick, was in town last Mon-day. He calls on Homer Hawkins down at the Valley Peanut Grow-

Ronnie and Kay Eudy of Austin were visiting with their parents last week-end, Burl and Vida Pierce and Lewis and Mozelle Eudy. Lewis and Mozelle returned home with them

We were sorry to hear of the death of two men from the Turkey and Quitaque area. Jimmy Guest who was living in McAllen passed away last week. He was the son of David and Vera Guest.

The other man was Tim Starkey. Tim was the son of Mildred Starkey Landry and the late Weldon Starkey. Tim's grandparents were Jessie Coker and the deceased

Oleta and Louis Randell visited in Plainview and Abernthy last Saturday.







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"Blub" Rhees Leaves His Calling Card

(The following remarks were made at the funeral of the famed saxophon-ist Glenn "Blub" Rhees which was held in a crowded Collinsville High School auditorium. The remarks have

been edited slightly for printing.)
The slogan on Glenn "Blub" Rhees' calling card told you two things about

It read "will play any music for a buck." It told you, first, that it came from a musician confident enough to perform with anyone who asked him, and second, that it came from a man who didn't take anything, including himself, seriously enough to get in the way of having a good time. Glenn Rhees died Friday, April

29, 1996 leaving behind fans, friends and 50 years of regional and national stardom as a member of the western swing bands of Bob, Johnnie Lee and Luther J. Wills. And he really would play just about anything, just about anywhere. One week you might see him with other local swing legends like Eldon Shamblin, Curly Lewis and Clarence Cagle, performing before hundreds or even thousands of fans in places where the memory of Bob and Johnnie Lee Wills continues to be a living, vi-

A couple of days later, and he might be playing with a few young kids in a Top 40 country band somewhere, off the back of a flatbed truck, at a school, at a wedding reception, or even some little out-of-the-way club, where it's likely not many were aware of what an important musical figure he was

No matter where he was, though, or whom he was playing with, he always seemed delighted to be there. He'd bop around the stage with the bell of his saxophone on his head, and then he'd swoop it down and play a solo that could take your breath away. Watching him must've been something like watching baseball in the old Negro Leagues—you were left wondering how someone could cut up so much and be so good at the

That was part of Glenn Rhees' appeal as a performer and as a person. He was such a strong and hu-morous presence that you sometimes

The best definition of humor

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was. It was as though you bought the personality, and you got some great

trates these two strains of Glenn Rhees' character has to do with the creation of the song "Blub's Twist."
As legend has it, back in the early '60s, when rock 'n' roll music was continuing its relentless continuing its relentless enroachment on western swing's turf, someone at one of Johnnie Lee's relentless dances asked him to play a twist number. Johnnie Lee didn't have any in the repertoire, but the next thing anyone knew, Glenn Rhees had stepped up to say that, sure, the band could do a twist, and he began improvising on the sax, while the rest of the group fell in. It worked so well that he and the Wills band went into the studio with it, and "Blub's Twist" became Johnnie Lee Wills' only rock 'n' roll hit.

It's no secret that Glenn had had a lot of medical problems over the past year or so. But whatever else his infirmities and diseases took from him, they never took his attitude. And it was his attitude as much as his horn playing that helped keep the whole spirit of the Wills bands

and western-swing music alive. In February, Glenn was recover ing from another hospital stay but he called to say he was planning on playing with his old pals at the Bob Wills Birthday Celebration at the Cain's Ballroom on March 1. I called him again a few days later to make

sure. He told me he was sure.
"I guess I'm like a fireman," he laughed. "Whenever that bell rings, it's time to fight the fire. Between (the bands of) Bob, Johnnie Lee and Luke, I was with 'em for 19 years, and Iremember how Bob always told us, 'Keep a smile on your face at all times. Make 'em like you.' He was like a fireman, too.

Glenn played the Bob Wills Celebration. In the years I'd known him, it was the first time I'd ever seen him play a gig sitting down.

But he still had a smile on his face, and he still had a calling card thet read "will play any mysic for a

that read, "will play any music for a

And although it wouldn't have been like him to be so serious, he

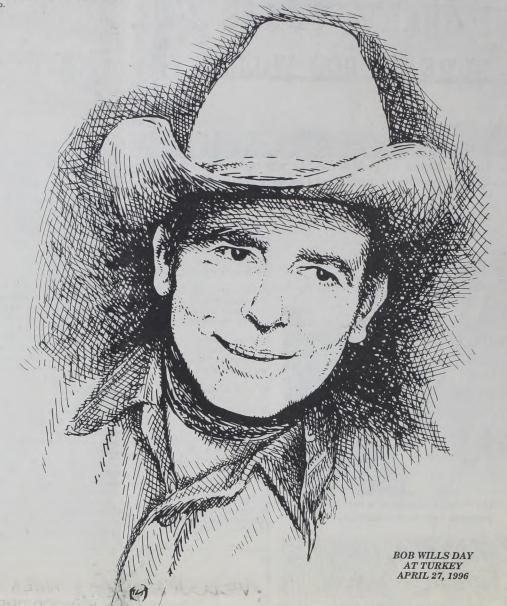
life, and the artistic expression thereof. I think this is the best I know because I wrote it myself. -Stephen Leacock

He could have written, "be

cause I love it all."

Those of us privileged enough to music thrown in free.

Perhaps the best story that illushear him play it....we loved it all,



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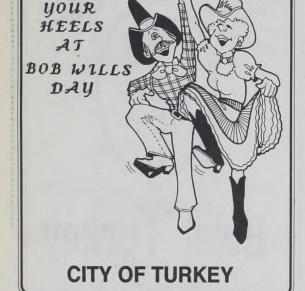


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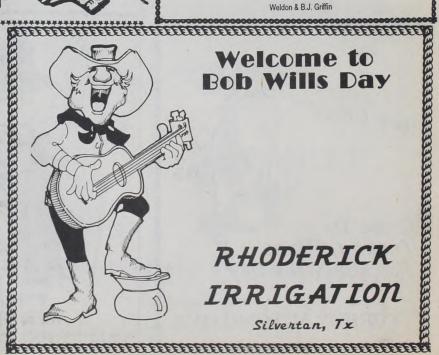
1/4 teaspoon salt 1/4 cup milk 2 teaspoons vanilla 1/2 cup butter or margarine, sliced 1/2 cup chopped natural California pistachios

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In large microwave-safe bowl, combine powdered sugar, cocoa and salt. Stir in milk and vanilla; and saft. Stir in finite and vanina; mix well. Place butter patties on top of mixture. Microwave at HIGH (100%) 3 minutes. Beat with mixer or wire whisk until smooth; stir in pistachios. Spread in foillined or buttered square baking pan. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons finely chopped pistachios. Refrigerate at least 1 hour or until firm. Cut into squares and serve at room temperature.



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Twenty Five Years of Bob Wills and His On Loan From God Western Swing Music Celebrated At Turkey

Twenty-five years ago Turkey, Texas started a new tradition for their town. A group which called themselves The Bob Wills Foundation began to have a celebration on the last week-end of April in honor of one of their favorite sons, Bob Wills. On April 29, 1971, Saturday a parade started down the Main Street of Turkey to began the first celebration for Bob Wills Day.

Crowds have numbered from 1500 to an estimated 16,00 in 1989. Crowds have come when it was cold, windy, pouring down rain or just a plain hot sunny day, just to enjoy the music, Western Swing, made fanous by Bob Wills and his Texas

Every year for 25 years barbecue as been offered for the noon meal. In 1972 about 2,000 were fed beef and buffalo barbecue. By 1978 it was estimated that 5,000 were fed barbecue on Bob Wills Day. At noon in 1973 they estimated serving 2,500 at noon and 700 at the evening meal.

Bob Wills, born in Limestone County, Texason March 3, 1905 came to Turkey in 1914 with his family. Shortly after his sixteenth year he attended barber school and returned to Turkey to barber. In 1929 he left Turkey with a medicine show. Later he was hired to play with the Light Crust Doughboys of Ft. Worth. In 1933 Bob traveled to Waco and

started another band. From there he went to Oklahoma and this is where his band became known as the Texas Playboys. In 1971, Bob Wills, two brothers, Johnny Lee and Billy Jack and several of the band attended the celebration in Bob's honor. He was confined to a wheelchair after a stroke in 1969.

Fourteen were to enter the Old Fiddlers Contest on this first April celebration. State Representative Phil Cates, Lefors, led the invocation, and Eddie J. Leary, Childress led in the pledge to the Flag of The United States of America. State Representative Tom Christian represented Governor Preston Smith, to give honor to Wills for his contribution to western music, as he was the orginator of this type music in the

1930's. Bill Buxton who represented Governor David Hall, Oklahoma, also Dickens, Frankie McWhorter, cited Bob Wills for his contribution Clarence Cagle, Bobby Koefer and to Western Swing Music.

In 1972 a square dance exhibition as sponsored by the Turkey Square Dance Club. At 9 p.m. a western swing dance began.

In 1973, the first Queen's contest was held. Around 30 girls entered the contest with Kim Ham becoming the first queen of Bob Wills Day. Later it was recalled that when Bob Wills came back to Turkey to barber, Clayton Ham was also a Turkey barber at that time. Clayton Ham

was Kim Ham's grandfather.

A marker was dedicated to be placed 14 miles northeast of Turkey on FM 657, one mile west of the old John Wills Home. Bob Wills un-veiled the memorial for his old home.

Twenty floats and riding clubs ere entered in the parade in 1973. By 1976, 50 entries were in the pa rade. In 1989 there were 15 to 20 wagons from the wagon train par-ticipating in the parade. In 1974 the Nags and Hags Riding Club was the winning riding club.

The winning float for 1978 was the Valley FFA. In 1980 "Down Home Between the Rivers," float of the Dance Committee won first over 35 entries. "San Antonio Rose" float won the honor in 1986. entries.

The Turkey Lions float came in first in 1989 while an estimated 15,000 to 16000 watched. Miss April Stephens, Quitaque, was queen that

Each year there is an old fiddler's contest held. In 1972 there were 14 fiddlers to enter. By 1973 twentytwo fiddlers entered the contest

Each year the Bob Wills Foundation try to come up with a few new ideas to add to the old favorites to show their visitors on Bob Wills Day a good time. To help the celebration expand this year they have added a Thursday night Jam Session.

In 1993 close to 10,000 people enjoyed the day celebrating Bob Wills Day. The highlight of the day was the reunion of close to 20 former Texas Playboys, Wills' former band members. Players such as Truitt

Tommy Wheat In 1993 The Bob Wills Foundation presented Bob and Betty Wills' daughters, grandchildren and other relatives a gift in honor of the couple. Betty Wills had died just several

weeks earlier in Fort Worth. This same year a group from California that owns Wills' movie rights spent Friday and Saturday capturing film and interviews for a documentary about Wills and the town that still cherishes him.

by Henry Baker

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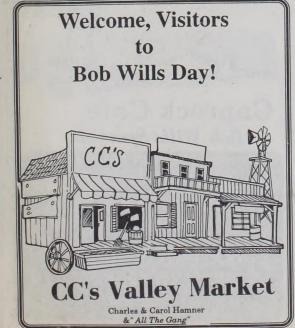
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City Of Quitague To Enforce Leash Law

Due to a large number of ompaints the City of Quitaque will be strongly enforcing the ordinance refering to unleashed dogs in the City of Quitaque. A condensed version of Ordinance #88-057 follows:

An ordinance requiring vaccination and restraint of dogs, setting out procedures for impounding and redeeming dogs, fees for impoundiment, destroying unclaimed impounded dogs, and procedures for dealing with animals displaying rabies-like symptoms.

Section 1. Definitions:

Restrained dog: any dog that is under the control of its owner either physically or orally.

Owner: any person who owns, keeps, harbors, controls (physically or orally), feeds, shelters, or aids any animal, or any person who is the owner's agent left in charge of an animal.

Section 2: Vaccination Tag Required It shall be unlawful for any peron to maintain or keep a dog more than six (6) months of age on any premises within the City unless such dog wears a collar or harness securely attached to its body, to which shall be securely attached a tag issued for said dog by a licensed veterinarian, licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Texas, showing that the dog has been, within the current calendar year, vaccinated against rabies.

SECTION 3: RESTRAINT REQUIRED It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog in the City limits to allow such dog to be not restrained by the owner either physically or orally SECTION 4: IMPOUNDMENT OF UNTAGGED OR UNRESTRAINED DOGS

Upon formal complaint signed by any person in the City limits of the City of Quitaque, it shall be the duty of the animal warden, or any of his deputies, to seize and impound all dogs not wearing such collar or harness as required in Section 2, or any dog that is not restrained by his owner as required in Section 3. Any person may take up and deliver to the animal warden any dog which the animal warden is required to impound and sign a formal complaint at that time.
Section 5: Impounding Fees

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eral fund. Section 5: Animal Displaying Symp-TOMS OF RABIES

When any dog or cat or other animal displays symptoms commonly associated with rabid dogs or other animals, such conditions of the animal shall constitute good cause for the animal warden or his deputies to take such animal into custody for observation

SECTION 6: RIGHT OF ENTRY OF CITY

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The animal warden and his deputies are authorized to enter upon any unfenced lot, tract or parcel of land for the purpose of chasing and impounding any dog or cat or any other animal in violation of any Section of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8: SHOOTING OF UNVACCINATED OR UNRESTRAINED DOGS

It shall be lawful for the animal control warden or any person authorized by the Mayor to dispose of dogs, cats, or other animals that are in violation of any section of this ordinance found running at large in the City by shooting such dogs with a shotgun under such circumstances and in such a way as not to risk any danger to life or property in carrying out such shooting. Such officer shall first determine that it is impossible to catch such dog with the means at their command. If such dog cannot be caught, then the officers are authorized to proceed to dispose of such dog. Such officer or officers shall not use any rifle or pistol in disposing of such dogs but are confined to the use of a shotgun.

Section 9: Appeals
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