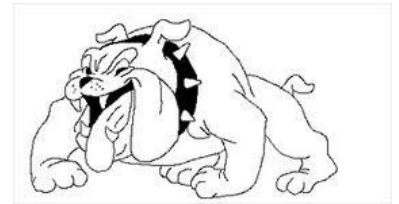




Bulldog Bark

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History Is Fun!

By Jackie

On Thursday, October 14th, the 4th and 5th grade classes of Prairie Valley Elementary took a field trip to the Tales and Trails museum. They met with several members of the museum organization, and were entertained by a number of story tellers, where they learned about Cynthia Ann Parker. It was an enjoyable experience for all.



Kincaid Johnson Wins Second Place in Cowboy Poetry Contest

By Taylor

This past October, Prairie Valley student Kincaid Johnson won 2nd place at the Red Steagall Youth Cowboy Poetry Contest. As a 4th grader, she was the youngest to make it to the top ten. Kincaid read her poem, "My Talking Filly," to the judges and a large audience at the Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering in Fort Worth on October 23. She was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship from the American Cowboy Association, a medal, and an autographed book by Red Steagall.



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My Talking Filly

By Kincaid Johnson

You know cowboys, they tell of things strange
like roping bobcats and life on the range.

But Iøve got a story thatø way beyond that
Itød make you ole cowboys scratch under your hat.

Youøve heard of horse whisperers, and I believe thatø true
But have you ever had a horse that talks back to you?

My parents and friends all think Iøm silly
They just donøt get that I have a talking filly.

She talks about her wants and also her needs
Like instead of oats sheød rather have sweet feed.

øHey, hurry with breakfast cause Iød like mine now!
Oh, and instead of chasing barrels can we please chase a cow?ø

That yummy tasting sweet feed, it made her lips smack.
Then I piled on my gear and cinched up my tack.

We rode through the brush and into the clear
And she said, øLook yonder, thereø that big brindle steer!ø

øIs that the steer youøre gonna be choosinø?ø
She said, øThatø him! Heø been cruisinøfor a bruisinøø

øHe laughs and makes fun of me every day
While Iøm in the lot and he runs and plays.ø

We chased him and chased him like top horse and hand
Til his bellerinøand bawlinøwe could not stand.

Back to the barn at the end of the day
Where I gave my talking filly a big bunch of hay.

She looked up from her feed and said, øI love you!
Not every horse has a cowgirl that she can talk to.ø

Cheerleaders Ready For 2010-11

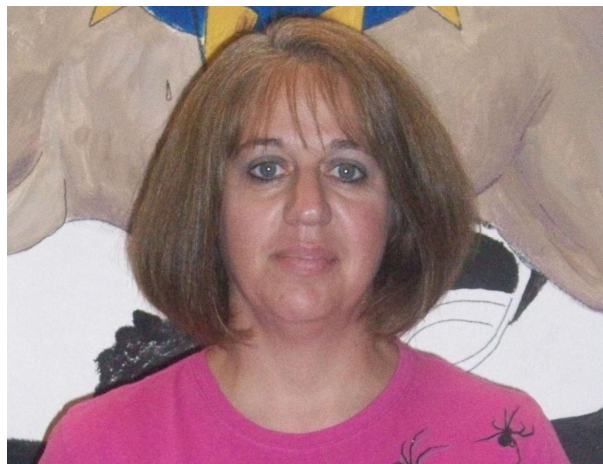
By Kaylene

The Prairie Valley cheerleading program has grown a lot since last year. The squad had gained more cheerleaders and has even attended a National Cheer Association cheer camp. The cheerleaders are Brooklyn Roberson, Kaylene Morrison, Taylor Woods, Katie Glenn, Casey Langford, Joyce Fenoglio, Kara Woods, Jordan Gilleland, and Alicia Pendergraft. The cheer sponsor is Kristi Cook. They should have a very good year because they have more experience and knowledge in what they are doing. They plan to build up the school spirit here at Prairie Valley. Ms. Cook says øWe have a very strong, dedicated team this year. They are working hard to build school spirit. They have a new routine that requires strength, discipline, and many different skills. We are looking forward to everyone seeing our new team.ø



Teacher Spotlight

By Jackie



Mrs. Shari Hilton

What do you do here at Prairie Valley?

I teach third grade.

Why did you choose to work here at Prairie Valley?

I went to a small school and I knew I wanted to teach at a small school. I chose P.V. because it strives to be the best.

What school did you graduate from?

Gold-Burg and TWU

What are your hobbies?

I like to ride and play with my horses Buck and Cisco and watch movies.

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I live on 50 acres with my husband, Wayne, and Alley. We have 6 kids together, along with 4 dogs and 2 guinea pigs, cows, and horses. We have been married for 17 years on Valentine's Day. I have been teaching for 5 years and was an aide for 6 years before I graduated from TWU I live in Belcherville and love it here at P.V.



Bulldog Pride for 1st Six Weeks

High School

Anne Bristow
Audra Cozart
Cy Cozart
Kyler Hardison
Cheyenne McClain
Kieren Pae
Brooklyn Roberson
Courtney Smith
Kendra Woods

Elementary

James Booth
Allie Brown
Emily Carpenter
Isaac Cook
Emma Duck
Kaden Fleming
Molly Gilleland
Randi Gilleland
Troy Gomez
Kincaid Johnson
Adam Priddy
Brett Smith
Raylee Sparkman
Bailey Stone
Osvaldo Tavarez
Brock Tompkins
Isabela Walker



Strong Showing From Cross Country Teams

By Christina

Varsity:	Kieren Pae
Junior Varsity Girls:	Anne Bristow Joyce Fenoglio Brooklyn Roberson Alicia Pendergraft Bailey Ralls
Junior Varsity Boys:	Alec Ducharme Colton Brown Jesus Tavarez Ryan Pendergraft

At the Prairie Valley Cross Country Meet, Kieren Pae placed 1st in the Varsity Division. In the JV Boys races, Alec Ducharme placed 1st, Colton Brown placed 4th, Jesus Tavarez placed 7th, Ryan Pendergraft placed 10th, and another team member placed 8th. In the JV Girls races, Anne Bristow placed 1st, Joyce Fenoglio placed 3rd, Brooklyn Roberson placed 5th, Alicia Pendergraft placed 6th, and Bailey Ralls placed 7th.

The high school cross country runner competed at the district meet in Decatur on Thursday, October 28th. In the varsity boys division, Kieren Pae earned a trip to the Regional meet in Arlington with a 5th place finish. Kieren ran a good race and finished strong, outsprinting two runners to the finish line.

In the varsity girls division, Anne Bristow finished 25th, Joyce Fenoglio finished 29th, and Taylor Woods finished 31st. All the girls ran well.

Junior High Volleyball

By Christina

Serve! Spike! Score! Our own Prairie Valley Junior High Volleyball team played against Montague on Monday, October 18, and lost split sets. The scores were 25-20, 16-25, 11-25. In addition to our leading server, Robin Fenoglio, Thalia Salinas, Cheyenne McClain, and Brooklee Walker all played well on the court. The girls played well the first game but made mistakes that kept them from winning the match in game 2.

The junior high volleyball team played a duel match on Monday, October 25. They defeated Goldburg 25-9, 22-25, 25-21 in the first match. Cheyenne was our leading server. Defensively, Robin, Thalia, and Cheyenne played well. After we won the first game, we let down a little which allowed them to win the second, but pulled out during the third game.

In the second match on Monday, Oct 25, we lost to Montague 25-12, 17-25, 17-25. Brooklee and Cheyenne were our leading servers. In the last game, our girls got tired, we let them score 10 unanswered points, but still fought back until the very last point. Robin, Brooklee, and Cheyenne all played well.

At the match at Saint Mary's, we lost a close match, 22-25, 20-25. Our leading server was Brooklee. Defensively, Robin, Thalia, and Cheyenne played well. With missing a few serves, our game was close but we couldn't put it away. Overall, our junior high girls had a good season. We lost 8 matches, but we won 5 matches. We split 6 times so we had a close winning record. Even though we had some losses, we played well, and we are proud of our team.

This Issue's Brain Teaser!

Decipher this puzzle to find the hidden message.



Congratulations to Mrs. Staley's 8th Grade English class for being the first to figure out last issue's puzzle!

Prairie Valley Participates In Red Ribbon Week



During the last week of October, Prairie Valley I.S.D. joined thousands of other schools across the country by participating in Red Ribbon Week. Created to honor the memory of slain Drug Enforcement Agency agent, Enrique Camarena, the program started as a local club started by Camarena's friends and family, but it soon began to attract national attention. In 1988, the first national Red Ribbon Week was coordinated by the National Family Partnership. Then President and First Lady Ronald and Nancy Reagan served as honorary chairpersons.



Red Ribbon Week is still going strong today, and across the nation schools provide a number of activities themed towards drug education, awareness, and prevention. Since Red Ribbon Week falls so close to Halloween, many schools choose to incorporate a series of dress up days as a means of implementing the program. This year, Prairie Valley offered themes ranging from crazy socks and hats to complete Halloween costumes. Participants in the daily events were given red ribbons, stickers, or other items featuring anti-drug messages. The following photos are a sampling of the various costumes worn by students and faculty during the week.



Pumpkin Decoration Contest Winners

By Katie

In October, many Prairie Valley students participated in a pumpkin decorating contest. Entries were displayed in the library until the contest deadline, when they were judged. There were a great many entries, and everyone enjoyed the sense of Halloween spirit they brought to the campus. The divisional and overall winners are listed below.



PK - 2nd Winners

- 1st Place was Zakry Smith with a Black Spider
- 2nd Place was Allie Brown with a Witch
- 3rd Place was Isaac Cook with the Three Little Pigs

3rd ó 5th Winners

- 1st Place was Lacie Eldred with a Witch
- 2nd Place was Donnie Borden with a Skeleton
- 3rd Place was Maggie Lusk with a Cowgirl

6th ó 12th Winners

- 1st Place was Mitchell Eldred with Santa
- 2nd Place was Alexia Roof with a Black Cat
- 3rd Place was Bailey Ralls with a Clown

Overall Winner

Lacie Eldred with a Witch

