



# Fort McKavett Gazette

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## Fort McKavett Upcoming Events

April 13-14, Fort Richardson Living History Days, Education Day on Friday  
April 20-22, Confederate Reunion Grounds, School Day on Friday\*  
May 4-5, Fort Chadbourne Living History event, School Day on Friday  
May 4-5, Lake Brownwood State Park Open House, School Day on Friday  
May 11-12, Texas Forts Muster, Fort Worth  
May 18-19, Lake Arrowhead State Park Buffalo Soldiers Day, School Day on Friday  
May 18-19, Western Frontier Days at Fort Lancaster\*  
October 12-13, Fort Griffin Living History Days, Education Day on Friday  
October 13, Fort McKavett Fall Star Party\*  
December 7-9, Christmas at Old Fort Concho, School Day on Friday

\*THC Historic Sites Event  
*Color Copies of all the Fort McKavett Gazettes can be found at:*

[www.fortmckavett.org](http://www.fortmckavett.org)



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## President's Message...

Another “West Texas Heritage Days” event has come and gone with a great success! Thanks to all of our Friends of Fort McKavett volunteers for another super year. We couldn't have done it without you.

We were able to raise enough through donations and the silent auction to ensure funding for next year's event.

Buddy said that the mild weather and our wonderful volunteers contributed to a very successful event. We were able to feed everyone and no one left hungry.

In the months to come, I urge everyone to get out when you can and support our volunteers and our sister Forts at their events. On the left, you can see the schedule for the rest of the year.

*Hope to see you on the trail!*

**John Cobb  
President  
Friends of Fort McKavett**



## West Texas Heritage Days March 23~24, 2012



Top two photographs by Lynn Dippel



*Left: Cavalrymen at the  
Cavalry Barracks,  
Photo by Ken Pollard*

## Education Day 2012



*Education Day this year brought us over 350 students from area schools in spite of scheduling problems and the high cost of fuel for the busses. Everyone had plenty of time to see all the exhibits and had a good time! Photos by Ken Pollard*



## Fred Van De Valde Honored at This Year's Event



*In this photo by Lisa Lester, Buddy Garza, Friends of Fort McKavett Director Mark Stine and Friends Vice President Marylyn Wheless present a plaque to Fred and his crew for their hard work and dedication to our Fort McKavett events over the years. His chuck wagon crew does a wonderful job and is greatly appreciated.*

## *Friends of Fort McKavett Board of Directors Re-elected!*

President: John Cobb (Bastrop) (cobbfarm@airmail.net)  
Vice President: Marylyn Wheless (Menard County)  
Secretary: Lisa Lester (Fort McKavett)  
Treasurer: Heather Treadwell (Fort McKavett)  
Living History Director: John Schultz (Alvarado)  
Member at Large: Jean Wright (Menard County)  
Member at Large: Mark Stein (Austin)

*Thanks to everyone for your support!*

## From the Army Cooks Manual

### INDIAN-MEAL DUMPLINGS.

(Sufficient for 22 men.)

3 pounds Indian meal.	1 ounce salt.
1 pound flour.	1 pound suet or fat.
	1 pint molasses.

Soak the meal, skim it, boil it in three quarts of water for one hour, take it out, mix it with the flour, salt, molasses, and suet, cut small, flour some cloths, make the paste into balls about three inches in diameter, tie them up each in a cloth, and boil for one hour.

NOTE.—The above may be made plain with butter and milk, and carbonate of soda, or with a baking powder.

### PLUM PUDDING, No. 1.

The ingredients of this pudding, with the exception of the eggs and milk, should be prepared the day before the pudding is to be made.

Two quarts sifted flour; two quarts bread crumbs; four pounds suet, freed from fiber and chopped moderately fine; four pounds raisins, picked, seeded, chopped, and dredged with flour; sixteen eggs, whites and yolks beaten separately; two quarts sweet milk (or equivalent of condensed milk); a fourth of a pound of citron, cut fine and dredged with flour; grated rind of one lemon; two nutmegs, grated; one tablespoonful ground ginger; one tablespoonful ground cinnamon; one teaspoonful ground cloves.

Into a deep pan or dish put the ingredients in the following order, incorporating them thoroughly: First, the beaten yolks of the eggs; then one-half the milk; then the flour, bread crumbs, suet, spices, and lemon rind; then the remainder of the milk, or as much of it as will make a thick batter; then the beaten whites of the eggs; and last the dredged fruit.

Beat the mixture for thirty minutes, put it into the prepared bag or bags, and boil seven hours. Serve hot with sauce.

The above recipe is enough for thirty men.

## More Photos from our Event!



*Thanks to Ken Pollard and Lynn Dippel for providing us with photos from this year's "West Texas Heritage Days" at Fort McKavett. They did a great job on documenting our event!*



## *Our Event's Parting Shot!*

From the Army Regulations  
1881

### ROLL-CALLS.

**513.** There shall be daily at least three roll-calls, viz, at *reveille*, *retreat*, and *tattoo*. They will be made on the company parades by the 1st Sergeants, *superintended by a commissioned officer* of the company.—[*Regs.* 1863, ¶ 234.]

**514.** At all established roll-calls, except dress-parade, after the companies are dismissed, each officer superintending the company roll-call reports, to the Adjutant or other officer designated, the result of the roll-call; the Adjutant or officer designated reports the result of the roll-call to the commanding officer.—[¶ 814 *Auth. Inf. Tactics.*]

**515.** Immediately after *reveille* roll-call (after stable-duty in the Cavalry), the tents or quarters, and the space around them, will be put in order by the men of the companies, superintended by the chiefs of squads, and the guard-house or guard-tent by the guard or prisoners.—[*Regs.* 1863, ¶ 235.]

**516.** The morning reports of companies, signed by the Captains and 1st Sergeants, will be handed to the Adjutant before eight o'clock in the morning, and will be consolidated by the Adjutant within the next hour, for the information of the Colonel; and if the consolidation is to be sent to higher authority, it will be signed by the Colonel and the Adjutant.—[*Regs.* 1863, ¶ 236.]