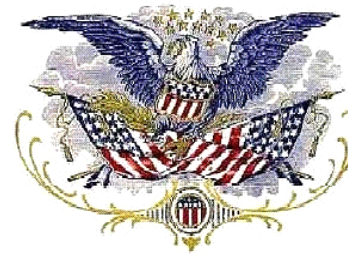


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Fort McKavett Upcoming Events

Oct 7-8, Fort Griffin Living History Days, Education Day on Friday*

Oct 15, Fort Day at Fort Stockton

Oct 29, Fort McKavett Fall Star Party*

Nov 18-20, Imprisoned on the Frontier (Civil War 150th Commemoration Event)*

Nov 19, Menard, Presidio San Saba rededication*

Dec 2-4, Christmas at Old Fort Concho, Education Day on Friday.

Mar 17, Fort McKavett Spring Star Party*

Mar 23-24, West Texas Heritage Days, Fort McKavett*

*THC Historic Sites Event

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Notes from the Fort

We still have several things coming up this year: Fort Griffin, Fort Stockton, the 150th Commemoration Event at McKavett, the rededication of the Presidio De San Saba in Menard and Fort Concho in December.

In the meanwhile, the Friends of Fort McKavett have filed for a grant to help with the next Old Stories, New Voices camp this coming summer. We should learn in December if we are to receive it.

More on all of this in the next few issues of the Gazette, so see you at the Fort or on the trail!

John Cobb, President, Friends of Fort McKavett



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The Gang at Caprock Canyons



Caprock Canyons Bison Release

Several of our Fort McKavett folks got to take part in a once in a lifetime event, the release of Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight's original buffalo (bison) herd (the official Texas State Bison Herd) back onto their home range at Caprock Canyons State.

There was a ribbon cutting (cutting some of the original fence off the JA ranch), a trail ride, living history encampment, and other festivities.



Friends of Fort McKavett President, John Cobb is shown with Johnny Quaway, Chairman of the Comanche Nation at the opening ceremonies of the bison release. The Chairman was presented with a blanket by John Cobb from all the partners involved in the event, including Fort McKavett.

Fort McKavett at Caprock Canyons



The Hectors and Koepkes display items representative of Fort McKavett and period home life.

Tad Gose showed his medical display and kept the kids watching his every move!



John Schultz is shown with some of the crowd at his display. We were crowded all education day and had very good visitation on Saturday's public day.

More from Caprock Canyons



Richard and Cindy Vaughn stayed busy pointing out their displays depicting a Cavalryman and his wife at Caprock Canyons



John Cobb showing his 1880's dinosaur bone collection to students



Texas Buffalo Soldiers and students on Friday

Army Regulations

Retirement of Officers

WHOLLY RETIRED.

SEC. 1275. Officers wholly retired from the service shall be entitled to receive, upon their retirement, one year's pay and allowances of the highest rank held by them, whether by staff or regimental commission, at the time of their retirement.

3 Aug., 1861, c. 42, s. 17, v. 12, p. 290.

Clothing

2072. All estimates or requisitions for clothing, whether special or annual, must conform strictly to the regulations prescribing the allowance, and the sizes. Exclusive issues of larger sizes than are worn by the men cannot be made. The following table shows the proper proportion of sizes to the 100:

Articles.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	*6½	6¾	7	7½	7¾	7¾						
Boots and shoes .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	10	30	35	14	4	3	1
Helmets	16	28	22	20	10	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100
Forage caps	20	30	25	15	7	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100
Uniform coats	30	45	20	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100
Great coats	20	40	30	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100
Stable frocks	15	45	30	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100
Trousers	10	45	30	10	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100
Drawers	15	45	30	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100

* The figures on this line indicate the trade sizes of hats and caps corresponding to the numbers above them, which represent the sizes of the Quartermaster's Department.—[G. O. 48, 1876; G. O. 113, 1879.]

2073. As coats and blouses of size No. 4 are the largest kept on hand for issue, measurements, according to directions in Form 48, G. O. 29, of 1876, will be sent with estimates for those garments when required for men who exceed six feet in height, that the articles may be made up at the clothing depot.

Extra Rations Sold

2199. The Subsistence Department is authorized to provide for sales to officers and enlisted men articles composing the Army ration, and such others as may be designated by the Inspector General of the Army. The Commissary General of Subsistence will from time to time furnish the proper officers with lists of such articles, and give instructions for procuring, selling, and accounting for them.—[Regs. 1863, ¶ 1229; G. O. 79, 1868; R. S., § 1144.]

2200. Subsistence supplies purchased as authorized are for the use of persons who purchase them, and must not be sold or bartered by them.—[G. O. 86, 1877.]

From the Army Cooks Manual

BAKED MACARONI AND CHEESE.

Boil and drain the macaroni and with it fill by layers a greased earthen dish, seasoning each layer with minced fat pork or butter, grated cheese, mustard, pepper, and salt; add bread crumbs for the top layer. Cover and bake with a moderate heat for half an hour. Remove the cover, and when the top is brown serve in the baking dish.

STEWED CELERY.

Scrape and wash well the green stalks that are not fit to be used on the table. Cut in pieces one inch long and soak in cold water fifteen minutes. Place in saucepan of boiling water, with one teaspoonful of salt, and boil thirty minutes. When done, drain and throw into cold water while you make the sauce. Put one tablespoonful of dripping in frying pan, melt, and add one tablespoonful of flour. Mix smooth. Add three tablespoonfuls liquor in which celery was boiled; salt and pepper to taste. Add celery to sauce, stir until heated through, and serve.

DRIED AND EVAPORATED FRUITS.

Dried fruits are an excellent food when properly prepared for the table, but unfortunately they are usually cooked imperfectly, and cook-books give scant information concerning them; in fact, the majority of cook-books do not mention them. The following recipes for cooking dried prunes, apples, peaches, and apricots contain directions which may be applied with slight variations for cooking all kinds of dried fruits.

Cleaning Hint

N. B.—In washing any greasy utensil, it is best, if possible, to use the hand instead of flannel or rags, as they retain the grease, and so keep putting it on again, instead of scrubbing it off.



November 18, 19, 20, 2011

A semi-immersion event in the Texas Hill Country commemorating the six months during the winter of 1861-spring 1862 that Fort McKavett, Texas was a prisoner-of-war camp.



Rededication of Presidio San Saba



November 19, 2011 at 10:30 AM