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The recently scheduled work weekend was a huge success. The weather man was predicting some pretty nasty weather (cold and wet) here at the range. But, then again how often has the weather man been correct? The weather was cool, with just a couple of light, quick, showers that were no trouble at all. All in all, it was a good weekend for a work party. Five brave souls, either didn't see the forecast or just ignored it, and we had a very productive work session. In attendance was Jake Cutter and his wife Laurie Darlin, Lonesome Lefty and his wife Weezee Anna, and Long Rider. They worked on the Saloon and the Temperance Hall. Lonesome Lefty and Weezee Anna returned several times during the week to complete painting of the Temperance Hall and Saloon. Piney Woods Jim came over and put in a day on the tractor covering up the new water line from the bunkhouse to the trailer parking area and range. As you probably know, the existing water had some sediment in it since it originated in a sandy area, and that sediment, after sitting for a month, required quite a bit of flushing to clear it out of the lines. The well at the bunkhouse has its water drawn from a good gravel bed in the aqueduct and therefore does not have any sediment. JR, our resident cowboy, and his buddy Travis, and TX Alline and I dug over 1200 feet of trench with a rented machine, installed the pipe and three more outdoor faucets, along with assorted valves, and tied it into the plumbing for the range. There will now be water available on the other side of the range also.

Since there is still much work to do, there is another work party scheduled for the weekend after next month's shoot. That translates into the third weekend of March. Anyone wanting to help out during the week, give TX Alline a call and she can set something up for you. Remember, for each day worked, your name will go into a drawing for a Taurus 38 caliber revolver.

The automatic bird thrower should be set up and running in the afternoons after this month's match. The batteries are all charged up and the machine is at the range. Bring your own clay birds to shoot at and have a ball. The Crony was put to good use after lunch each day last month. I hope everyone's loads passed.

An old Texas cowboy went to the local church and asked to join. The preacher said OK, but you have to pass a small bible test first. The first question is 'Where was Jesus born?' The man answered 'Longview'. The preacher said 'Sorry, you can't join our church'.

Soooo he goes to another church and asks to join. The preacher said 'we would love to have you, but you have to pass a bible test first. Where was Jesus born?' The man said 'Tyler'. The preacher said, 'Sorry you can't join our church'.

Soooo, he goes to another church and asks to join. The preacher said, 'That's great, we welcome you with open arms'. The man said, 'I don't have to pass a bible test first?' The preacher said 'No'. The man said, 'Can I ask you a question?' The preacher said 'Sure'. The man asked, 'Where was Jesus born?' The preacher said 'Palestine.' The man mumbled to himself, 'I knew it was in East Texas somewhere.'

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