

# Hall County ARB To Hold Property Owner Protest Hearings May 14th Through 16th

Property owners in the Hall County Appraisal District will have an opportunity from May 14 - 16 to protest proposed appraisals of their property for local taxes. The district's Appraisal Review Board (ARB) will begin hearing taxpayer protest on July 3<sup>d</sup>.

After the ARB completes its hearings and approves final property appraisals, local governments will use these appraisals to set 2003 tax rates.

The ARB is a group of citizens who live in the appraisal district and are appointed by the district's board of directors. Their responsibilities and qualifications are outlined in the Texas Property Tax Code.

Property owners may protest to the ARB any of the following appraisal office actions: \*The appraised or agricultural value of the property

\* Unequal appraisal of the taxpayers property compared to other property in the district

\* Inclusion of the property on the appraisal records.

- \* Denial of agricultural use, open space, or timber productivity appraisal.
- \* Determination that agricultural or timber land has had a change of use and is subject to a rollback tax.

Identification of the taxing unit or units in which the property is located.

\*Determination that the taxpayer is the owner of the property

\* Any other action of the appraisal office that adversely effects the property owner

Marlin Felts, ChiefAppraiser for the district, outlines the steps a property owner must take to file a protest. First, the property owner must file a written notice of protest that shows why the owner is protesting to the ARB. The taxpayer must file this notice by May 31 or within 30 days after the appraisal district mails the taxpayer a notice of appraised value, whichever is later

Felts said that hearing will be held on Thursday July 3 and that the ARB expects to approve the final appraisal roll on July 22. State law requires the ARB to review and approve the appraisal records by July 20, or when not more than 5 percent of the total

property value in the district remains under protest. Those protesting their appraisal should not contactARB members outside the hearing, the Chief Appraiser stressed. EachARB member must sign an affidavit that he or she has had no contact about the protest with a property owner or the appraisal office staff before the hearing

Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities is available at the Hall County Appraisal District office. For a copy contact the Appraisal District staff at 512 Main Street, Memphis, Texas 79245, phone number 806-259-2393.

# Highway 70 Garage Sale Day Draws Lots Of Out-Of-Towners

#### **By Margie Pinkerton**

The Highway 70 Garage Sale Day brought a steady stream of visitors to Turkey. We now have a better idea of how the day is organized and even though it was hard com-

ing off Bob Wills Day we felt it was successful. A couple from Florida, who were camping at Caprock Canyons State Park thought the scenery in our area was some of the most beautiful they had seen on their trip. They thought it was really nice how the communities worked together to help each other.

Other visitors were from as far away as Amarillo and Panhandle from the north, Vernon, Monday and Guthrie from the east, Jayton Spur and Lubbock from the south and several towns along the western panhandle. Several just wanted to get out for the day and many just loved to go garage sailing!

## Quitaque Chamber Agrees Trails Day Is Out Due To Lack Of Participation

The Quitaque Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday, May with 9 members and 5 visitors present.

The Committee which was formed to organize a Media Day have not met, so no report was available The proposal for the Walking Trail needs more informa-

tion from Grant Locators. Trail Day was discussed a length by visitors who wished to continue the annual event. Chamber members were sti

Results for the 2003 Bob Wills Day Parade had not been received by presstime. As soon at they are made available to us, we will publish them. Thank you for

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your patience

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Some of the most beautiful Spring flowers are right here in West Texas! Bear grass is just one example of the beautiful flowering plants we get to enjoy

#### Fun Weekend On Tap At **Caprock Canyon State Park**

photography. Students should bring a 35 mm camera with a variable zoom lens. Tuition is \$100 per person and will include park entrance fees along with lunch. There are still openings available for this event. Call Caprock Canyons

Saturday evening you are invited to join the park inter preter for a beautiful canyon sunset at the amphitheater to learn about wildflowers, mammals, birds and night noises. A brief slide-show will be presented. This is sure to be a fun and entertaining evening for the whole family Regu-

#### Valley Weather Forecast Briscoe County 'Criminals' To Be Rounded Up On May 17th

It's that time again, the Briscoe County Bail Busters are fixing to start rounding up 'criminals" for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. The Bail Busters are accepting donations for "Warrants" to be issued and "Hoosegow" Insurance is also , for those who think they might need it. The fee to have a Warrant issued is \$3 or you can get four (4) of them for \$10. Insurance fees are \$15 but if the Warrant(s) are issued before the Insurance is purchased the "Fines" will be added to the price of the insurance.

Once the insurance is purchased, no Warrant(s) can be issued for your arrest. So come one, come all, step up and get even for Warrants that were issued last year. Win friends, influence people, or just get even and have a little fun with 89\*/60\* om the Bail Buster on May 17, 2003 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.



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this time of year. On Saturday, May 10 beginning at 8 a.m. Wyman

# Meinzer, Texas State photographer, will host a photogra-phy workshop at Caprock Canyons State Park. This special event will feature instruction on landscape

State Park for more information or to make reservations.

lar park fees apply.

in agreement that Trail Day not be rescheduled because of lack of community participation, declining attendance, small contingent of workers, and loss of revenue. The Chamber will help promote individuals who wish to sponsor events and will continue to be an active participant in future events. Some upcoming events include a poker run, lawn mower races and a bike ride.

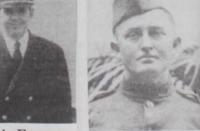
The Chamber made and carried a motion to help sponsor Robin Boedeker for a Grant Writing Seminar. Cost is \$50 and the check will be sent to Judge Nance.

Caprock Canyons State Park has new signs off Interstate 27 and Hwy. 87 in Tulia, courtesy of Texas Department of Transportation.

Phil gave a listing of local bed & breakfasts and over night rentals for the area with phone numbers, prices, and rooms available. This is a really nice handout.



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#### **Jimmie Eugene** Owens Kelly Patrick entered the U.S. Army in 1918. He served

Jimmie Eugene Owens of Turkey entered the U.S. Navy Reserve in 1948.

He went through Officers Canidate School at Long Beach, California

Owens was commissioned in 1952 and left immediately for duty in the Mediterranean aboard the U.S. Elokmin. He served in the Korean War

Owens was released from active duty in 1954 and was Honorably Discharged in 1962

#### Taxpayer Information Booklet Available From Briscoe County Appraisal Office

Carlye Fleming, Chief Appraiser for the Briscoe County Ap-praisal District, offers property owners a 2003 pamphlet called Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities" to help them save on their property taxes. Published by the State Comptroller's office in Austin, the "Rem-

edies" pamphlet explains how the property tax system in T exas works and tells property owners about possible tax savings.

Mrs. Fleming noted that the pamphlet applies to property taxes collected by all types of taxing units: counties, cities, school districts and special districts (such as municipal utility, junior college and hospital districts).

Homeowners may file for various property tax exemptions offered by taxing units on residence homesteads," Mrs. Fleming said. In Texas, a homestead is generally the house and yard used as the wner's principal residence. The pamphlet explains each exemp tion and how to apply for it.

For example, all homeowners who owned and lived in their homes on January 1 may file for a \$15,000 general exemption from their principal home's value for school taxes. In addition, certain disabled homeowners and those age 65 or older may qualify for an additional \$10,000 exemption from the value of their homes

"A tax freeze, or ceiling, for school taxes is a benefit for homeowners once they become 65 years old," Mrs. Fleming said. "State law provides that homeowners who turn 65 may apply dur ing the year, rather than waiting until the next January 1.

"An elderly homeowner's taxes that pay for public schools can-not increase above the total school tax amount on that home in

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**Kelly Patrick** 

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Hello.

My name is Angela Clay and I am a cancer survivor. I was diagnosed with breast cancer in December, 2000. I was very shocked at the news of my diagnosis, because I had no family history, I was very healthy, and I was only 36 years old.

I quickly learned that cancer doesn't just affect those that are at high risk, it can affect anyone. My treatment included a mastectomy and 8 months of chemotherapy. Most of my treatment was done at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston

This was a very rough time on my family and on myself. I was sick sometimes and having to be away from home was hard. God blessed me during this time in many ways.

He showed me what it was like to be on the other end of my profession, as a nurse. The side of the patient, which was something I had not had to really experience before. My husband and three children were wonderful through it all. During those many months of treatments and doctor appointments, my family and friends stood beside me. Through many good and bad times their support helped me see it through.

Since my diagnosis, I have become involved with a program sponsored by the American Cancer Society called Reach To Recovery, which is a support group for breast cancer patients. During my treatments I utilized the American Cancer Society's program that provides lodging for patients taking chemotherapy. I was able to use this on my many trips to Houston for treatment. This was so helpful at a time when finances were pretty tight.

The Relay For Life has always been an event that I thought was really great, but the last two years have been very special. Being able to walk the survivor lap is a joy for me and my family. Cancer doesn't just affect the a patient, it affects the family and friends of those who are diagnosed as well.

Almost everyone is affected today by cancer and the only way to help fight this dreaded disease is for research to keep searching for the cure. I hope that I live to see that happen. Right now I am just grateful to be a survivor.

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#### **Calvert Graduates** From MMI In Phoenix

Graduation exercises wer held on the Motorcycle Me-chanics Institue (MMI) Campus at Phoenix, Arizona on April 11, 2003. Ottie Cole Calvert of Quitaque, Texas gradu-ated from the Harley Davidson Technician Program with Cer-tificates in Harley Davidson Late Model, Harley Davidson Early Model, and Harley Davidson Engine Rebuild & Performance Cole is a 2001 graduate of

Valley High School Attending the graduation vere his parents George and Kay Calvert of Quitaque

#### **Davis Honored** For Outstanding Accomplishment

Michael E. Davis, son of Jackie L. Davis and the late ene Davis of Fritch, grandson of Jack Davis of Silverton, and Jack & Nada Starkey of Flomot vas recognized Thursday, May , 2003 at the Annual Honors Banquet held at Frank Phillips College in Borger for Outstand ing Accomplishment in Weld-

Michael E. Davis graduated from Frank Phillips Col-lege with a certificate in Welding Friday, May 2, 2003.

#### **Farley Receives T. Boone Pickens** Scholarship

The West Texas A&M Uni-versity Pickens College of Business recognized outstanding graduates and announced scholarship recipients for the 2003 - 2004 academic year at its annual Convocation April

24 on campus. Wendell V. Farley, a sophomore computer science major, was awarded a T. Boone Pickens Scholarship.



President John Quincy Adams owned a pet alligator which he kept in the East Room of the White House.

To the family-that dear octopus from whose tentacles we never quite escape, nor, in our inmost hearts, ever quite wish

—Dodie Smith



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OBITUARIES James Bryan

"J.B." Tiffin James Bryan "J.B." Tiffin ssed away Monday, May 5, 2003 at his residence in Quitaque, TX. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 6, 2003 at the First United Methodist Church of Quitaque. The Rev. Don McMahan officiated the service. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery in Quitaque under the di-rection of Myers-Long Funeral

Home. J.B. Tiffin was born on October 16, 1917 in Beaver County, Oklahoma. He served in the U.S. Army for four years during WWII. He received a Good Conduct Medal for his service to our country

Survivors include: one sister, Edna Murray Standifer of Saginaw, TX; three nicces, Tena Bearde of Quitaque, Ama Rorie of Saginaw, TX and Betty Nan Tiffin of Silverton; four great nephews, Bruce Tiffin of Canyon Jeff Tiffin of Silverton, Kraig Cox of Lubbock and Jamie Cox of Waco and one great niece, Keeli Stumbo of Lubbock. Mr. Tiffin also had 12 great-great nieces and nephews

During the 2003 Bob Wills Day celebration guests registered from 29 states and 7 foreign countries, according to Loraine Setliff, curator of the Bob Wills Museum. Guests registered from As far away as Canada, Bosnia, the Netherlands, Belguim, England, the United Kingdom, Germany and British Columbia.

The four cornerstones of char-acter on which the structure of this nation was built are: Initiative, Imagination, Indi-viduality and Independence. —Capt. Edward V. Rickenbacker

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Mother's Day Sunday May 11, 2003



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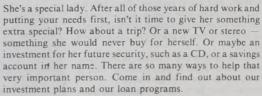
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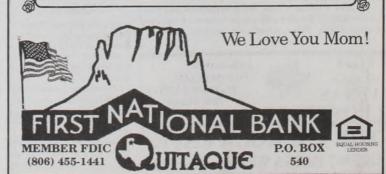
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FLOMOT NEWS BY: EARLYNE JAMESON

#### **OVERHEARD**

#### Over the years, I have built quite a little stockpile of wonderful Mother's Day memories. I cherish every single one!

Motley County Had Turbulent Weather In April The wind that blows and will not cease is great for windmills, eagles and geese, but tornados and 80 mile winds tear up things

piece by piece. We will not remember April 2003 for the 2002 IRS taxes we paid, but also the hurricane winds, rain, hail and tornado we had in Motley County. Soil moisture short to adequate. Land preparation for spring planting continues to make progress. Wheat is rated fair and cattle doing well.

National Weather Service Volunteers in Motley County report April 2003 total moisture: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs -2.34; Betty Simpson, Northfield -1.65; Kelly Meyer, Matador -2.54; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat -1.95; Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot -1.22 inches.

#### **Celebrates Birthday**

Connor Kendall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall of Midland, celebrated his birthday Saturday in his home. He blew out his three candles on a Spider Man decorated cake and had fun when opening his gifts.

Among the guests attending his happy birthday party besides his sister, Chancey were grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Ken-dall of Flomot, great grandfather, Richard March of Quitaque, uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob of Flomot

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Tom and Aleda Ross were recent luncheon guests of his sister , Mrs. Elizabeth Andestad of Lubbock. Other guests were Lori Andestad of Seattle, Washington, Jim Hysinger of Hereford and Stan and Elisa Wigley of Lubbock.

Mary Ellen Barton enjoyed Highway 70 entertainment and activities in Matador Saturday and visited Mrs. Judy Renfro. Mrs. Brenda Cruse and her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of

Matador attended the bridal shower given for niece and grand-daughter respectfully, Shahala Marricle held Saturday morning in Snyder. They were luncheon guests of her parents, Charla and Bennie Marricle. Also attending the shower and luncheon was their daughter, Kaycee Marricle of Lubbock. Mrs. Christi Milam and daughters, Emily and Haley of Peters-burg wisited overnicht Thursday with her parents. Mr. and Mrs.

burg visited overnight Thursday with her parents,  $\rm Mr$  . and  $\rm Mrs.$  Clois Shorter. Emily and Haley remained to visit until Saturday

when Mrs. Shorter accompanied them home. Jim Hysinger of Hereford visited last Friday and Saturday night with his cousin and wife, Tom and Aleda Ross. Tom and Jim en-joyed the Bob Wills celebration.

Mrs. Darla Gwinn and daughter, Danielle had a booth at the Park in Roaring Springs Saturday at Highway 70 activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo from Thursday until Monday for Jack's medical appointments. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid and in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey. Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch joined them there.

Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and granddaughter, Ryleigh Carson of Tur-key visited in Clifton from Wednesday until Sunday with daugh-ter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Karlee and Kyler. They ttended Karlee's preschool program and her T-Ball game and Kyler's first baseball game of the season.

Sleep, that sometimes shuts up sorrow's eye, steal me awhile from my own company.

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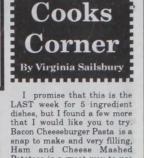
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1 can(10 3/4 oz.) condensed tomato soup, undiluted 1 cup(4 ounces) shredded ched-dar cheese Bar-B-Q sauce and prepared mustard, optional Cook pasta according to pack-age directions. Meanwhile, in a skillet, cook becfor ver medium heat until no longer pink; drain and set aside. In the same skil-let, cook baccon until crisp; drain on paper towels. Discard dripping s. Drain pasta; add to skillet. Add soup, beef and bacon; heat through. Sprinkle with cheese is melted. Serve with bar-b-q sauce and mus-head fund. with bar-b-q sauce and mus-tard if desired. Serves 4-6.

HAM AND CHEESE MASHED

POTATOES 2 cups mashed potato

3/4 teaspoon garlic salt 1 cup fully cooked ham, diced 1 cup( 4 oz.) shredded cheddar

1/2 cup whipping cream, whipped In a bowl, combine the potatoes

and garlic salt. Spread into a greased 1-1/2 qt. baking dish. Sprinkle with ham. Fold cheese into whipping cream; spoon over ham. Bake, uncovered, at 450 for 15 minutes until golden wn. Serves 4-6.

HORSERADISH CRAB DIP 8 ounces cream cheese, sof-

tened 3 tables ns picante sauce or 2 tablespoons prepared

1 can (6 oz.) crabmeat, drained, flaked and cartilage removed







# SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Menu Subject To Change Monday, May 12 Breakfast: Cereal, Toast,

O.J/Mill Lunch: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Pears, Milk

Tuesday, May 13 Breakfast: Cereal, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Chicken Strips, Gravy, Corn, Mashed Potatoes Biscuits, Honey, Milk

Wednesday, May 14

Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Toast, OJ/Milk

Lunch: BBQ on a Bun, Chips, Kosher Pickles, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, May 15 Breakfast: Cinnamon

Lunch: Soft Tacos, Lettuce,

, Cheese, Cookies, Milk Friday, May 16

Breakfast: Donuts, OJ/ Mill

Lunch: Turkey & Cheese Hoagies, Chips, Lettuce, Toma-toes, Pickles, Peaches, Milk

WIC Office Open Thursday, May 8, 2003 9:15 a.m. - Noon & 1 - 3:30 p.m. First Baptist Church 500 Loretta St. Silverton, Tx

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Is This Another Ramsey Administration? 8th Grade Class Officers

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## Intersession Classes Start May 12 At WTAMU

Students looking to earn an extra three hours in a short time can do just that with intersession classes May 12 - 30 at West Texas A&M University.

Intersession classes are scheduled between the end of the spring semester and the beginning of the summer I session to let students earn a quick three hours in undergradu ate and graduate courses. Registration and payment for intersession classes must be completed by the second class day, May 13.

Students can take a maximum of one course during intersession. Course offerings for the University's intersession include accounting, art, education, English, math, speech, speech communication, sociology theatre, photography, sports and exercise sciences and more. For additional information and a list of classes and their times, contact the Office of the Registrar at 806-651-4911

WTAMU's summer sessions are scheduled for June 3 -July 8 and July 10 - August 14.

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reading?

Stephanie Leigh **Anne Nielsen** Age: 18

Birthday: September 12, Place Of Birth: Lockney, TX Parents: Kelly and Jerry

My Pet Peeve: People who talk to someone else while your on the phone with them

My Role Model: My mom and great-granddad My Best Characteristic:

Favorite Pastime: Playing

on the inter Favorite Style Of Dress:

Favorite Food: Spaghetti. Favorite Movie: Sweet

My Favorite Sport: Cheer-

Favorite Subject: Ag. Hobbies: Going to Matador and talking on the phone. If I could travel any-

where, I would go... To Hawai The best advice I ever received was ... "Follow your

The worst advice I ever received was ... "Everybody

My worst habit is ... Biting my nails and driving fast. I'm thankful for ... Friends

If I could change something, it would be ... My fear of heights I always fall for ... Guys who

My greatest fear is... Fly-Someday I want to ...

Settle down in a small town. sion is ... My family.



Favorite Subject: Econom-

Age: 19

Hobbies: Building things. If I could travel anywhere, I would go ... To

The best advice I ever received was ... "Winners never give up! The worst advice I ever received was ... "Just do it, o one's going to find out."

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I always fall for ... The look. My greatest fear is... Height drive Chevy's, and older guys. Someday I want to ... Have

own sports car my dealership. My most valued posses





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**Manuel Chavez Justin Paul Wilks** 

Age: 17 Birthday: June 11, 1985 Place Of Birth: Lockney, TX Parents: Dale & Darlene

> My Pet Peeve: Coach Tyler. My Role Model: Tiger

My Best Characteristic:

Favorite Pastime: Practic-

**Favorite Style Of Dress:** 

Favorite Food: Pizza. Favorite Movie: Varsity

My Favorite Sport: Golf. Favorite Subject: Math. Hobbies: Slee

If I could travel anywhere, I would go ... To Iraq. The best advice I ever re ceived was ... "You are only

oung once The worst advice I ever received was ... "It hap-

My worst habit is ... Getting mad.

I'm thankful for... Jesus

If I could change something, it would be ... Sanderson football game. I always fall for ... Short

My greatest fear is... Fall-

Someday I want to ... Travel to Augusta, Florida. My most valued possession is...Golf clubs After graduation I plan to ... Go into the Air Force

Last Week In **Texas History!** CINCO DE MAYO **May 5, 1718** Presidio and Villa de Bejar founded by Governor Martin de Alarco May 5, 1898 First contingent of Rough Rid-ers arrived in San Antonio to gin training. May 7, 1824

State of Coahuila and Texas created by Mexican Constitu-

May 8, 1846 Battle of Palo Alto, first in the Mexican War, won by General Taylor near Brownsville.

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In addition to the scheduled group meetings to reinforce the importance of protecting Farm Bill provisions, members of the

groups also discussed a number of other important issues includ-

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The cotton contingent took the opportunity to express the in-dustries extreme disappointment with the provisions of the re-cently completed Vietnam Textile Trade Agreement. Topping the list of other objectives for the PCG group were consultations with the risk Management Agency regarding the 8 day deferred appraisal period for non-emerged crops. Several

possible remedies to the issue have been discussed and work con-tinues to find a workable solution.

PCG met with Ann Jorgensen director-External Affairs for USDA RMA, and Alan Ott, Confidential Assistant to RMA Ad-

ministrator Ross J. Davidson, about the ongoing issue of deferred

The crux of the problem is that producers who plant by the final planting date in their county are forced to wait a minimum

of 23 days before the crop can be released to other uses. For cotton imposing the full 23 day deferral period as imple

mented places the producer at risk of missing an opportunity to plant an produce a viable replacement crop.

In addition to the meetings with RMA officials Verett and the PCG officers also met with USDA Assistant Deputy Undersecretary John Johnson and Diane sharp, Director, Production, Emergency and Compliance division of the USDA Farm Ser-

vice Agency. Issues discussed included disaster program implementation issues, specifically the development of unharvested production factors and the implementation of the 95 percent benefit cap.

Top priorities for PCG in coming weeks on disaster includes working with Texas FSA State Committee during development of

unharvested factor that will be used in disaster payment calcula-

Cottonseed Assistance Sign-Up Underway

Officially, the application period for the program runs from May 2 through May 23, 2003 in order to be considered for payment.

All companies that ginned 2002 crop cotton are eligible for pro-gram payments. Payments are expected to be made in early June

offset 2002 crop cottonseed price shortfalls. Payment rates will be determined based on the number of ap-

plications and resulting tonnage of cottonseed for which assis-tance is requested. USDA estimates that payment rates for the

2002 program will be in the neighborhood of \$8.00 per ton, or

Ginners who do not receive their application by May 5 should contact Gene Rosera, FSA Price Support division, at 202-720-8481.

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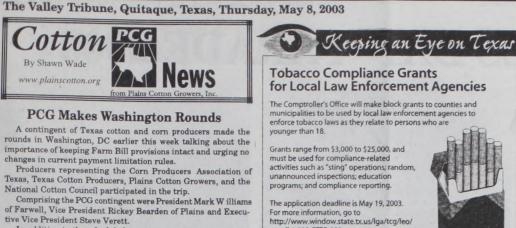
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# **Cotton Seed Payment Program**

gram was published in the Federal Register on April 26, 2003. The rule provides for the program to be administered in the same man-ner as prior extrement any sector. ner as prior cottonseed payments. The Agriculture Act of 2003 pro-vides \$50 million for this program.

Cottonseed payments applications were mailed to gins on Mon-day, April 28th from the FSA/Price Support Division in W ashing-ton D.C. Applications are to be submitted by gins directly to PSD/ WDC. FSA State and County offices will not be administering or

taking applications for this program. In applying for the payments, gins must agree to share pay-ments with producers to the extent that the effect of low seed prices was borne by the producer. The estimated payment rate is \$8.00 per ton of seed or about \$3.00 per bale.

Final payments and rates will be determined after all applica-tions have been received. The application period is May 2 to May 23, 2003. If all applications are received in a timely fashion, payments to ginners will occur in early June.

#### Season To Begin On High Note

Northern High Plains cotton producers have much to look forward to as the 2003 growing season begins.

The zone, which begins its third season of eradication this year, is in an enviable position, having seen progress in its first two years that most zones only saw after three years of effort, said Foundation Program Director, Charles Allen.

When you look at the data, the progress in the Northern High Plains seems to put it about a year ahead of schedule," Allen said.

He stressed that continued cooperation by the zone's producers would be a key to finishing the job of eradication. wouldn't be surprised if we come to the end of this season in a position where we can ask the Commissioner of Agriculture for a declaration of functional eradication,"Allen said. 'That should be good news for just about everybody"

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\* DCP Update -Farms must be signed up by this date to participate in the 2002-2003 DCP

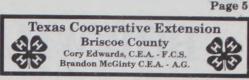
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# West Nile Virus Activity Could Pick Up Soon In West Texas

A Texas mosquito expert is anticipating another, and earlier, round of West Nile virus for this state

West Nile encephalitis activity has already picked up in Louisiana with the virus reportedly being found in birds throughout the state and in the mosquito population around Baton Rouge, said Dr. Jim Olson, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

"With that being an indication, we could be in for another year of West Nile virus activity," in Texas, Olson said. "This is probably one of the earliest records of a mosquito borne virus becoming active in the South." Normally, activity begins in

May or June, he said. In 2002, the first year West Nile was reported in Texas, ap-

proximately 202 laboratory positive human cases and 13 deaths in the state were attributed to the virus, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

According the CDC, West Nile virus is commonly found in Af-rica, West Asia and the Middle East. It is closely related to the St. Louis encephalitis virus, and it can infect humans, birds, mosquitoes, horses and some other mammals.

West Nile fever is usually a mild disease in people and is char acterized by flu-like symptoms, it typically lasts only a few days and does not appear to cause any long term health effects, the CDC said.

Olson said West Nile virus is bird borne; to date more than 1 10 species of birds have been found to be infected with and have the ability to serve as the source of the virus

"Mosquitoes feeding on infected birds become infected them elves and then pass that on to other birds," he said. "Or if, by chance, if they feed on horses and humans they could infect those." State health officials are still encouraging horse and mule own-ers to vaccinate their animals. If the animals were vaccinated last

year, a booster is recommended, Olson said.

"Consult your veterinarian and get them vaccinated now," he said. "There is a delay time form when the vaccination starts and when the horses will build a high enough immunity to be consid-ered protected. That delay time can be up to six weeks."





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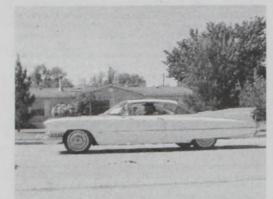
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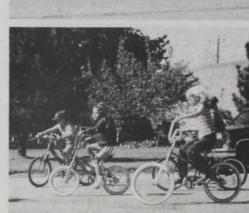
















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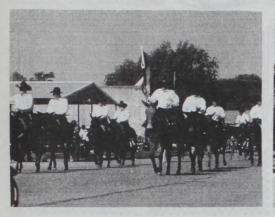
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#### **Taxpayer Information Booklet Available** From Briscoe County Appraisal Office

the first year that the homeowner receives the over 65 homeowner exemption," Mrs. Fleming continues. "But, it may increase if the homeowner improves or adds to the house, such as adding a patio or adding a bedroom, etc."

The law provides an additional school tax benefit for certain homeowners. If the surviving spouse of an over 65 homeowner is at least 55 years old at the time of the older spouse's death, then he or she can keep the school tax ceiling. The tax ceiling, however, does not apply for other taxing units, such as the county and city

The Chief Appraiser pointed out that homowners age 65 or older do not need to reapply for the exemption this year if they received the exemption and tax ceiling last year. Only those who became 65 during 2003 and those who have

never had the exemption and tax ceiling, such as the surviving spouse age 55 or older, must apply in 2003. The taxpayer pamphlet also describes other exemptions avail-able, such as those for disabled veterans and other disabled per sons

She said the "Remedies" pamphlet also contains information about protests to ensure that property values are fair and uni-

Productivity appraisal is another type of tax relief available to

agricultural or timber land owners. "I urge all property owners in the Briscoe County Appraisal Turge all property owners in the Briscoe County Appraisal District to read the pamphlet and learn about the property tax system and all possible property tax relief," Mrs. Fleming said. "Remember, taxpayers must file exemption applications with the appraisal office by April 30 and any protests by May 31 of this

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#### **Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures**

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- \* the market or special value place on you property
- \* the unequal appraisal of your property
- \* the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- \* any exemptions that may apply to you
- \* the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- \* the taxable status of your property
- \* the local governments which should be taxing you property
- \* the ownership of property
- \* the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- \* any action taken by the Chief Appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

Information Review: A copy of the APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD HEARING PROCEDURES, are available at the HALL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT. Contact any employee of the HALL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Review by the Appraisal Review Board If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

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If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing You'll recieve written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. You'll recieve written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a bearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send a notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 512 main, Hall County Courthouse, Second Floor, Mamphic Texas 7915. Memphis Texas 79245.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review By the District Court After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you recieve the ARB's order.

#### Tax Payment

More Information

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

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m hu Hall County Courthouse-Memphis Texas 79245 (806) 259-2393 you can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin Texas 78711-3528

#### Deadline for Filing Protest with the ARB\*

#### **Usual Deadline**

The ARB is an inden

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more

#### Special Deadlines

or change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of you land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the

For the ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest your filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice memory of the terms. was mailed to you.



