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## December Jamboree To Feature Christmas Classics

By RJ Kalafus

Make no plans for Saturday, December 1 as the Gem Theatre will be holding its Christmas season Jamboree beginning at 7 p.m. Before the show a ham dinner and fixings will be served, which will benefit the great works of the Turkey Heritage Foundation.

Starting off the night will be Dewayne and Melody Pettiet, the harmonious duo always impress the crowd with their songs and their funny wit. Following will be John and Maybell Frances of Silverton. They will do a Christmas season medley. Closing out the competition will be Matador's Pat Siegler, who's style and voice are reminiscent of Jim Reeves.

There will be a real treat for the crowd as the Sherry Fogelson Dance troupe will perform their routine, prior to their December 16 appearance at the Dallas Cowboy's game. The troupe includes Turkey's Haylee Wheeler. As always there will be a Talent Showcase and we encourage anyone who would like to perform to see Marie or Tommie Jo Cruse prior to the show.

Closing out the show will be the best band in West Texas, the Turkey Gems, with 8 of the finest individual musicians who come together and make great music. We are especially proud that they appear for free and their only payment is applause and fan appreciation, so give them both.

For first timers to the Gem Theatre, it is in beautiful downtown Turkey, where there is plenty of free parking and there is no admission for the show. The meal will be served at 6 p.m. and the show will start at 7. Don't forget to bring a friend or a stranger to the show, they will thank you for it. See ya'll there.

## Valley School Named One Of High Performing School In Texas

It is the fourth time Texas Monthly has published a list of the top public schools in Texas, and the second year in a row that they have presented the higher-performing schools ranked according to the number of subjects (such as reading, writing, math, science, and social studies) in which they excel. Our partner in this effort is once again the National Center for Educational Accountability (formerly Just for the Kids), which analyzed student test results for the past three years as the basis for this year's ranking. Students at the elementary schools that are included here performed better, across all grades, on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test than did their counterparts at other schools around the state. Middle schools and high schools made the list because their students' improvement on the TAKS test was higher than predicted by their previous test scores. For a detailed explanation of the methodology behind the ranking, go to [just4kids.org](http://just4kids.org).

Congratulations to Valley School, who was eligible in writing only and had 100% High Performer ranking. The only other schools in the area named were Childress Jr High, who was eligible in 4 subjects, reading, math, writing and social studies. They were high performer in social studies with a 25% High Performer ranking. Clarendon High School was eligible in reading and math and were high performers in reading with a 50% High Performer ranking.

The National Center for Educational Accountability (NCEA) looked at student test results for the past three years to create this year's higher-performing schools list. Using NCEA's own College and Career Readiness (CCR) benchmark as a measuring stick, the top 5 percent of schools are automatically included. The rest are added because they perform better than predicted using statistical analyses. For elementary schools, this means students in all grades perform better on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) than in similar elementary schools in the state. Middle schools and high schools are on the list because their students' academic growth on the TAKS is higher than predicted based on their previous test scores. For more information, please visit [just4kids.org](http://just4kids.org).

### What's Happening In The Valley Area This Week?

#### November 29

\* Basketball: Valley Patriot Varsity Boys & Girls - Idalou Tournamnet/TBA

#### November 30

\* Valley Patriots vs Rule, at Lowrey Field in Lubbock, TX for Quarter Final Play-Off Game @ 6 p.m.

\* Valley Patriot Tailgate Party at Lowrey Field Football Parking Lot in Lubbock, TX @ 4-5 p.m.

#### December 1

\* Caprock Country Christmas Craft Show in Quitaque at Hope Center 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

\* Silverton Clothes Closet Open Today

\* Turkey Jamboree @ 7 p.m. Supper @ 6 p.m.

#### December 3

\* Basketball: Valley Patriot Jr High Boys & Girls vs Silverton, there @ 5:30 p.m.

\* Quitaque Lions Club meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

#### December 4

\* Basketball: Valley Patriot Varsity & Jr Varsity Boys & Girls vs Ralls, there @ 4 p.m.

\* Quitaque Masonic Lodge meeting @ 7 p.m.

\* Turkey Volunteer Fire Department meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

\* Do Gooders Club meeting

#### December 6

\* Basketball: Valley Patriot Varsity Boys & Girls - Spur Tournament TBA

## Quitaque Craft Show This Saturday

Mark your calendars for Saturday December 1 that's the date for the Quitaque Juan Diego Catholic Church's annual craft show at the Hope Center in Quitaque. Get your booth space early as spaces are limited and going fast. There will be plenty of homemade crafts, baked goods, and gifts available just in time for Christmas. The church will also be serving Mexican food all day, take out orders are welcome. The Craft show will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information contact Maria Merrell at 455-1456 day, 455-1466 after 5 p.m. or 269-1010 anytime. There will more information available at a later date.

## Only 26 Shopping Days Left Until Christmas



Santa's elves have placed Santa's Mailbox in front of The Valley Tribune, located at 111 Main Street in Quitaque. Children have until Friday, December 14 to get their letters mailed. According to the elves Santa is currently making his list and will soon be checking it twice, to find out just who has been naughty and who has been nice!

## Motley County Oversight Committee To Help Landowners, Farmers & Ranchers During Appraisal Process

The Motley County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, November 13, 2007. Present for the meeting were County Judge Ed D. Smith, Commissioners Ronnie Davis-Pct 1, Donnie Turner-Pct 2, Franklin Jameson-Pct 3, Russell Alexander-Pct 4 county Clerk Kate Hurt, Sheriff Michael Crutchley, County Attorney Tom Edwards and assistant Carol Campbell, guests Betty Simpson and Mary Sue Potts-Powell. After attending to regular monthly court business the following items were addressed:

\* Judge Smith presented line item transfers that need to be approved to balance the 2006-2007 budget. A motion passed to approve the following transfers: \$5,481.28 from General Misc. to C/H Maint & Furniture, \$1,773.68 to Election, \$2,964.57 and \$743.03 Legal Advertising. A second motion passed to transfer \$350.09 from General Misc to Sec./Co. Judge/Co. Attorney, \$198.63, \$138.67 to C/H utility electric and \$12.79 to Gen maint. Supplies.

\* TxDOT requested \$662.12 for payment on Right of Way & Utility relocation cost over run for Motley County. A motion passed to pay this out of Lateral Road Funds Pct 1&2. Motley County will receive allotment of surplus materials in the amount of \$7,349.00. Commissioners requested Judge Smith to request curve signs, dead-end signs and RAP from the State.

\* County Attorney Tom Edwards gave a wind energy update to the court. Mr. Edwards is still very optimistic that they will be major activity in Motley County by the end of 2008.

\* The court discussed a burn ban for the county. The court tabled enacting the ban for 30 days.

\* A briefing on Senate Bill 387, which prohibits transporting loose material on county roads was given to the court. This Bill regulates the transportation of loose materials, aggregates and refuse. It states that a person transporting loose material must cover the load, with the covering firmly secured at the front and back. This requirement applies to an individual operating a motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer on a public highway, except the following: (1) construction equipment or a vehicle moving between construction barricades on a public works project or crossing a freeway (2) a vehicle moving at less than 30 m.p.h. or (3) a vehicle with a load-carrying compartment that is completely enclosed or contains a load that does not blow or spill over the top. Loose material is defined as dirt, sand, gravel, or wood chips that can blow or spill from a vehicle due to movement or exposure to air, wind currents, or other weather. A violation of the chapter is considered a misdemeanor with a fine of up to \$500.

\* The court was informed of the Lubbock Avalanche Journal bill of \$64.48 for advertising for the STEP program for the Flomot Water Grant.

\* Sheriff Michael Crutchley gave a report on the status of the county radar equipment. The court favored continuing the lease on the radar equipment for the trooper vehicle. Sheriff Crutchley informed the court TCLOSE now requires all personnel files to be forwarded on former employees when requested.

\* The court will meet on Monday, November 19, 2007 to canvass the vote from the November 6 election.

\* Betty Simpson and Marisue Potts-Powell informed the court of the formation of a new committee formed to provide representation of landowners, ranchers and farmers during the appraisal process. The Motley County Oversight Committee will include one person from the Soil Conservation Service office, and a minimum of two or three citizens from the county. Commissioner Turner, Chairman of the Appraisal Board welcomed the input of the committee, and reminded members to attend the meeting set for November 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the District Courtroom.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## Bake Sale This Saturday In Quitaque

The Briscoe County Children's Protective Services Board will be having a bake sale at the Quitaque annual craft show Sat. Dec.1st at the Hope Center. Come by and pick up some tasty treats!!

## Birthday Party For Jesus

The First United Methodist Church of Quitaque will host a birthday party for Jesus on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the church. All kids in the area are invited. Everyone is asked to bring canned food as a birthday gift. The food will be used to fill food baskets to help make Christmas brighter for various community members.

Lots of fun activities are planned. Kathy Taylor is baking a birthday cake. Todd Oberheu is in charge of the music, and John Dorn will tell the Christmas story. There will be a craft project for the kids to make.

For more information contact any Methodist Church member or call Dianne Washington at 347-2636 (work) or 469-5278 (home).

**OBITUARIES**

**Bruce "Pete" Blankenship**

Bruce "Pete" Blankenship of Quitaque died Friday November 23, 2007. Services were held Monday November 26, 2007 at the First Methodist Church in Quitaque with Brother Steve Ulrey officiating and Brother John Dorn assisting. Burial will follow in Resthaven Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Chancellor Funeral Home.

Pete was born February 11, 1920 in Erath County to John and Edna Price Blankenship. He married Inetha Chandler January 13, 1949 in Whiteface Texas.

Pete was a veteran of World War II receiving many decorations and citations.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Pete is survived by his wife, Inetha, one daughter, Karol Pigg and husband Bill of Quitaque, two nephews, Ken Chandler and wife Lisa and their daughter Kaci, Kirby Chandler and wife Tammy and their children Madison, Karson and Cooper all of Frisco, Texas and one granddog, Sammy.

**Morrison Wins Most Talented Scholarship**

Julia Morrison recently competed in the Miss Wayland pageant on Saturday, November 3, 2007. She was fourth runner up and won a scholarship for most talented by playing Beethoven's Tempest on the piano. She is the daughter of Colvin and Tish Morrison, former Turkey residents.

*If you want to be respected by others, the great thing is to respect yourself.*

- Fyodor Dostoyevsky

*It isn't important to come out on top, what matters is to be the one who comes out alive.*

- Bertolt Brecht

**Charles Louis Tanner**

Charles Louis Tanner, 73, of Tulia died Friday, November 23, 2007 in Tulia. Funeral services were held Monday, November 26, 2007 at the Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Eddie Helms and Rev. James Sain, officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Charles was born in Quitaque, Texas on February 4, 1934 to Austin Louis and Lillie Belle (Morris) Tanner. He grew up in Flomot and graduated from Flomot High School in 1951. He enlisted in the US Army in 1955, where he served in the 11th Airborne Division "Angels" and was discharged in 1958. He moved to Tulia in 1959 and married Sue Potter on June 30, 1960. Charlie worked in agriculture around Tulia for over 30 years as a farmer, rancher and manager of Lively-Bagley and Tule Creek Gins. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, the Tulia VFW, American Legion and the Masonic Lodge.

Charles is survived by his wife Sue, two daughters Kim Caraway and husband Randy of Tulia and Jamie Villegas and husband Bob of Tulia, two sons Robert Tanner and wife Pam of Tulia and Chad Tanner of Austin, four sister Geneva "Bo" Martin of Flomot, Joy Barham of Hart, Anna Beth Clay of Flomot and Carolyn Ewing of Matador, two brother-in-laws Danny Potter of Dumas and Joe Ike Clay of Flomot, special family members Rusty and Tonya Ray of Idalou, thirteen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**Florea Ruth Jones**

Florea Ruth "Jonsie" Jones, 83, of Tulia died Friday, November 23, 2007 in Tulia. Funeral services were held Monday, November 26, 2007 in the Cornerstone Funeral Directors Chapel in Tulia with Mr. Colquitt Nash, Chaplain of Area Community Hospice officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Florea was born in Flomot, Texas on February 9, 1924 to Harvey Orville and Annie Lee (Morris) Washington. She grew up in Flomot and graduated from Flomot High School in 1942. She married A.B. "Burl" Jones on May 2, 1942 in Matador. They lived in Flomot and farmed and later moved to Floyd, New Mexico where they owned and operated a dairy. They moved to Tulia in 1958 where they farmed for many years. Mr. Jones died on October 3, 2007 and she is also preceded in death by a son, A.B. Jones, Jr. in 1969.

She is survived by two sons, Rex Jones and wife Kay of Dumas, Max Jones of Tulia; a daughter-in-law, Judy Clark and husband Dickie of Happy; a sister Zelma Radney of Sanger; nine grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.



**Stella Conner**

Funeral services for Stella Conner, 94, of Levelland were held Saturday, November 24, 2007 at the Quitaque Church of Christ with Steve McLean, Minister of the West College and 3rd Church of Christ in Lockney, Texas, officiating. She died at 10:30 am, Thursday, November 22, 2007 at Lynwood Manor, Levelland, Texas.

Born on April 18, 1913 in Wolf Flat, Texas to James Arthur and Lizzie Holland Johnson, she was a longtime resident of Turkey, Texas and moved to Levelland, Texas in January of 1998 from Turkey, Texas. She married C.M. Doc Conner on October 26, 1932 in Wolf Flat, Texas. He preceded her in death in June of 1985. She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, R. V. Johnson and Eiland Johnson, a sister Gladys Johnson, and a daughter in law, Ruth Ann Conner. She was a homemaker and a seamstress and a member of the Turkey Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Elgin Conner and his wife Cathryn of Levelland, Texas, a daughter, Patsy Lyles and her husband, Billy of Turkey, Texas, two brothers, Ellmore Johnson of Lubbock and Delos Johnson of Quitaque, Texas, two sisters, Kaleta Corder of Lubbock, Texas, and Kathryn Blessen of Amarillo, Texas, four granddaughters, Beth Lyles, Elgina Dollar, Lori Salyer, and Karyn Heffron, and five great grandchildren.

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**Look Who's New**

**Grayson Wade Anderson**

Grayson Wade Anderson was born at 10:06 a.m., November 19, 2008 in BSA Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 5 lbs, 1 oz and was 17 3/4 inches long. Parents are Adam and Mindy Anderson of Hartley. A group was there to welcome him and were thankful and excited. Grandparents are Ray and Rhonda Martin of Amarillo and Larry and Tracy Anderson of Sunray. Great-grandparents are Harold and Karen Moore of Sunray; Ron and Karen Kaiser of Amarillo; Jimmy and Katie Evans of Mingus; and Henryetta Price of Quitaque. There was an abundance of aunts and uncles also-Ryan and Monica Griffin of Panhandle, and Shane Hunter and Carson Anderson of Sunray.

**Myleigh Denise Montgomery**

Myleigh Denise Montgomery was welcomed into the world by her sisters Kaitlyn and Alyssa, and brothers Kylan and Kaiden. She was born on Saturday, November 24, 2007 at 1:46 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs, 13 ozs and was 21 inches long at birth.

Myleigh's proud parents are Robert and Jennifer Montgomery of Olney, Texas. Grandparents are Karen and Joe Farmer; Eddie and Robin Montgomery and the late Dennis Ott. Great-grandparents are Glen Dale and LaVerne Tiffin and Robert and Delores Rees.

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# FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

## OVERHEARD

Love is the thing that enables a woman to sing while she mops up the floor after her husband has walked across it in his barn boots.

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Mrs. Brenda Browning and daughter, Jessica visited Wednesday and Thursday in Rising Star with Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Browning. Guests in the home of Brenda and Lee J. Browning Sunday were Lawrence and Beverly Rose of Amarillo; Barbara Holland of Kirkland; Virgie O'Daniel, Malcolm O'Daniel, T.J. and Caharty Hoffman of Childress.

Mrs. Erma Washington, Connie and Coy Franks and Cara Franks were guests Thanksgiving day in Roaring Springs of Tim and Dena Washington. Other guests were Cory, Amy, Hudson and Madison Franks of Lubbock, Cary Franks of Idalou and Clint Cowart of Post.

Visiting during the Thanksgiving holidays with Janice and Butch Hughes were Bengie Hughes and Kaitlynn of Royce City, Rickey, Tasha, Kendal and Kason Hughes, Roger, Tiffany, Tara and Reagan Hughes of Floydada, Billy Hughes and Mrs. Marsha Blake of Lubbock.

Thanksgiving day guests of Linda and Travis Kendall, Melissa, Tim, Jere and Jacob Kendall were Janet, Cory, Chancey and Connor Kendall of Midland.

Bessie and Clifton Reid of Amarillo, Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch, Michael and Virginia Davis of Bushton, Kansas and Jack Davis of Plainview visited during the holidays with Jack and Nada Starkey.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton joined Marisue and Ralph Powell of Mott Creek Ranch and Mrs. Judy Renfro of Matador for a delicious Thanksgiving day lunch at the Hotel Matador.

Shonda and Roger Lee and their houseguests, Jessica and Jordan Schubbach and Waveland of Denver, Colorado were Thanksgiving day guests of her parents, Wanda and Rex Davey in Plainview. Other guests were Ron, Shanna, and Joseph Purnell of Lubbock, Jenne and Paxon of Dallas, Penny and Bud Taylor of Floydada, Kandice, Hunt, Hayden and Harrison Whitehead of South Lake, Mrs. Martha Taylor an Barbie Fowler of Plainview.

Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock visited her mother, Mrs. Tom (Aleda) Ross from Thursday until Sunday. They visited in Crowell, Friday at the cemetery where Tom Ross is buried and took flowers to his gravesite and took pictures of his marker.

Visiting during the holidays with Roger and Doris Vinson were Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Vinson, Kaitlyn, Morgan and Bubba of Lubbock. Other guests Thanksgiving day were Mr. and Mrs. Dana Vinson, Allison and Elise and Mrs. Mildred Cantrell of Lubbock. They also visited Mrs. Beverly Vinson.

Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay and Mrs. Geneva Martin attended the funeral Monday of their brother, Charles Tanner held at the Calvary Baptist Church in Tulia. Others attending were Mrs. Kathy Shorter and Mrs. Waydette Clay.

## Briscoe Co. Commissioners Court Holds Brief November Meeting

The Briscoe County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, November 13. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Terry Grimland, Pct 1; Dale Smith-Pct 2; Larry Comer-Pct 3, John Burson-Pct 4; County Clerk Bena Hester and County Treasurer Mary Jo Brannon. After attending to regular monthly court business the following items were addressed:

\* A motion passed to accept the bid of \$1,000.00 from Art Flores for the following property. Tract 1: The south one-half (S/2) of Lot Number Five (5) and all of Lot Number Six (6), in Block No. sixty four (64) in the town of Silverton, Briscoe county, Texas. Tract 2: The North one-half (N/2) of Lot Number Five (5) and all of Lot Number Four (4) in Block Number sixty-four (64), in the original town of Silverton, Briscoe County, Texas.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned.

## Silverton City Council Reports Slow Progress On Junk Car Ordinance

The Silverton City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 12. Present for the meeting was Mayor Protem, Kyle Fuston, Council members Delane Smith, LaQuetta Schott and Dwain Tipton, and City secretary Jerry Patton. After attending to regular monthly council business the following items were addressed:

\* Jerry Patton reported that progress on the junk vehicle ordinance has been very slow during the summer months due to the overall work load of the employees. As the winter weather set in the employees will be

## Ex-local Elected To National Board

Former Quitaque resident James (Buster) Taylor was elected to the Board of Directors of the National League of Cities (NLC) at its annual Congress of Cities meeting in New Orleans in mid-November. The NLC mission is to strengthen and promote cities as centers of opportunity, leadership, and governance, and serve as a resource and advocate for 19,000 U.S. cities representing 218 million people.

Taylor was the Program Chair for the meeting attended by over 3,000 local government leaders. The four day conference included more than 80 sessions and workshops ranging from economic vitality to creating strong local infrastructure.

"The Board works to ensure that local elected officials are prepared to meet the challenges facing each of us daily, regardless of the size of the city or town," said Taylor, a city council member from Littleton, Colorado. "It is a tremendous honor to be elected to this prestigious national board."

Taylor completed a term as mayor of Littleton, a first tier southern suburban city of approximately 41,000 people in November. "I have been a very active member of my community, the region and the Colorado Municipal League for a number of years, so I am pleased to move to the next level," he said.

James is the son of the late Dick and Opal Taylor. His sister, Barbara Duncan, lives in Panhandle, Texas.

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**ACROSS**

- this legislator
- Glenn was against the lottery in '91
- Big Bend Ranch Natural
- TX school test
- Cybill of TX-filmed "The Last Picture Show" (init.)
- TXism: "got a \_\_\_ of arrows in his quiver" (capable)
- Cuban "two-step" in Hamilton Co. on hwy. 6
- Marlon Brando is a TX sheriff in this '66 film
- acorn product (2 wds.)
- goodnight gal in song
- TXism: "she has to sneak up on \_\_\_ to fix her hair" (homely)
- TXism: "useless as party \_\_\_ to a pig"
- works bread dough
- TXism: "up \_\_\_ without a paddle"
- Dodger Carl who signed TX Nokona ball gloves
- Gen. Zachary who fought in TX in Mex.ican-American War (init.)
- lineage
- she sheep
- Sidney \_\_\_ Howard wrote the screenplay for "Gone With the Wind"
- TX Willie's "Farm \_\_\_" was in Indianapolis, Ind.

**DOWN**

- TX Stone Phillips' \_\_\_ NBC
- "believe \_\_\_ not"
- TX H.L. Hunt aired his political \_\_\_ on "Life Line" in late 50s
- Indian pole
- spy novelist Deighton
- humorist Bombeck
- mined TX metals
- official rebuke
- TX youngsters learn 'em in school
- business abbr. for complete loss
- TXism: "active as a fox in a \_\_\_ house"
- decades (abbr.)
- TXism: "smart as a bunhouse \_\_\_"
- historical period
- TXism: "proud as a \_\_\_"
- El Paso's early name meant "\_\_\_"
- the north" to
- TXism: "him and the truth ain't going steady"
- Guadalupe River juniper thickets are habitat for golden-
- TXism: "\_\_\_ blazes a wide trail" (large)
- TX cooler (abbr.)
- TXism: "useless as speaking \_\_\_"
- "mule"
- long-eared rabbit
- on the briny
- TX B.J.'s "\_\_\_ A Feeling"
- TX Harper of "Tender Mercies"
- places where Cowboys Romo & "T-O" like to be
- 19 this Calhoun starred with TX Martha Hyer in "Red Sundown"
- high respect
- Alpine h.s. class
- Allen, TX
- retire, nest egg
- drive the spike again
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**Lunch:** Polish Sausage, Mac & Cheese, Corn on Cob, Apricots, Biscuits, Milk

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**Lunch:** Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

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Valley School News



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Coach Tyler is interviewed after big win.

**Lady Patriots Defeat Kress**

**By Susan Ramsey**  
The Valley Lady Patriots traveled to Kress Tuesday night and came away with a 72-27 win. The victory moves Valley to 4-1 for the season.

The Lady Patriots had a fairly balanced scoring attack, as nine of the ten players were able to score. The top two scorers for Valley were Jasmin Ivory and Savannah Smith, with 26 and 17 points, respectively. Others scoring for Valley were Payton Price-7, Leslie Payne and Lacie Pointer-6, Mariela Mendoza-4, and Mary Kate Davidson, Jordan Jenkins, and Jacy Proctor each with two points.

The Lady Patriots will next be in action this Thursday at the Idalou Tournament.



Patriots show off their trophy as they advance to Quarter Final game this Friday.

**Patriots Outrun The Greyhounds**

**By Susan Ramsey**

The potent Patriot ground attack proved to be lethal to the Throckmorton Greyhounds as Valley wore them down enroute to a 61-38 victory. The game was back and forth for almost three quarters, until Valley outscored Throckmorton by a 33-14 count, including shutting the Greyhounds out in the fourth quarter, to seal the victory.

Valley accumulated over 400 yards rushing, led by the tandem of Jacob Hancock and Justin Rucker. Jacob had 14 carries for 211 yards and Justin had 11 carries for 118 yards. The Patriots also did some damage through the air as Cole Brown was 9 of 16 passing for 161 yards and three touchdowns. Jeffery Addison also added a touchdown on a ten yard scoring run.

Defensively, Valley was led by two of it's senior players. Armando Mendoza and Roger Ramos had 13 & 12 tackles, respectively. Justin Rucker also had 12 tackles, and Cole Brown had ten. Brady Ramsey added nine to round out the top defenders for the Patriots.

The victory propels the Patriots into the state quarterfinals against the Rule Bobcats. The game will once again be played at Lowrey Field in Lubbock this Friday night. Game time will be 6:00 with the tailgate party starting around 4:00. Let's all get to Lubbock Friday, fill the stands for our boys, and cheer them on to victory!



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# ON THE QT

By Patsy Herrington

Thanksgiving is over but we all need to continue to count the blessings in our lives. There are so many. This is the time of year when panic sets in as we all realize the holidays are near and there is so much to do! Maybe we need to set our priorities on what is really necessary.

Venita Hrcir and Gus phoned me from Amarillo saying how much they loved hearing about Quitaque folks. They lived out there west of town in the big house with the red roof. They talked like they'd like to move back, but probably won't. They are such nice people.

Jessie and Odie Reagan had Thanksgiving dinner at their home Thursday. There to enjoy the feast was Elois Edmundson from Tulia, Elaine and Rex Harmon, Quitaque along with baby Kyleigh Kennedy. Also Courtney and Jerrica Galvan of Quitaque, from Amarillo was Crystal Price, Shawn and Tiffany Darnell and children, from Canyon was Chastity Lane, Keillye and McKenzie.

We were all saddened by the death of Pete Blankenship. He leaves behind his wife, Ineatha, daughter Karol and husband Bill Pigg. Kirby and Kenny Chandler and families were here from Frisco along with a host of other friends and relatives. He will be missed by so many.

The Honorable Judge Tom Bacus of Wichita Falls and daughter, Kristen Bacus public relations director of Greenberg-Travig, Dallas were recent guests at the Sportsman Lodge. Judge Bacus won the bid at the recent Judicial Conference for a stay at the Sportsman Lodge, a ribeye steak dinner at the sportsman Cafe, and a hunt at the McWilliams place. They hunted on the McWilliams place and loved the scenery and hunting deer.

Donna Taylor, Amarillo, and part owner of the Lodge, was here along with her aunt, Mary Sue Bingham. They reported that two doctors and their wives were staying at the Lodge now. Great! We need everyone we can get to come here and see how great Quitaque is!

Jimmy Boyette reported that his daughter, Tara Hultgren, along with her husband, Bubba, and grandson, Dakota, Ft. Worth, spent Thanksgiving with him.

Rex and Elaine Harmon had their Thanksgiving dinner Sunday. Present were John David and Tonya Harmon, Lubbock, Dee Dee Galvan, Courtney, Jerrica, and Kyleigh, Quitaque, and Crystal Price, Amarillo.

Johnny Griffin spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Lubbock at sister-in-law Jean Griffin's home. Others attending were Donna Burt and children Kristen; Ryan, Tom, Christy, Kaleb and Bethany Griffin all of Lubbock and Beth and Frank Ruffa of California.

Visiting with Weldon and BJ Griffin Thanksgiving weekend were their daughter and family, Steve, Cindy, Emily, and Ben Venable of Canyon. Emily is going to school in Waco and was home for the Thanksgiving holidays. Cindy has been really sick with pneumonia, but is feeling much better.

Also visiting were Weldon's nephews, Tom and his son, Caleb Griffin of Lubbock. Other recent visitors at Weldon and BJ's house were Weldon's cousin and her husband, Curtis and Vermelle Sessions of Houston.

Jean and Jarrell Rice former residents, were here for Pete Blankenship's funeral. Jarrell was our former Postmaster and Jean helped run Rice Dry Goods. They love at Lake Leon close to Eastland-great people!

Ina Mae Baird, former 3rd grade teacher for over 20 years was here with her son, Mike, from Lubbock. She still looks wonderful with that magnificent smile and cute laugh.

Delos Johnson, he and Sammie are my neighbors, lost both his sisters this past week, Kaleta Corder and Stella Conner from Levelland. Stella was also the mother of Elgin Conner. They were both in their nineties. Delos preaches often at the Church of Christ. They are outstanding people, and are feeling better.

Thanksgiving dinner for Delos and Sammie Johnson was in Canyon with his niece, Iris, and husband, Dr. Tim Atcheon, professor of psychology at WTAMU. Another sister of Delos, Katherine, was there also.

Bob and Ruth Hayes of San Angelo were in town over the holidays visiting family.

Scotty Stark, my nephew, told me that Bea Rogers and Donnie, her son, who are good friends of his, produced a module of cotton that produced 18 bales of cotton. The normal is 8-10 bales. Quite a record and very unusual.

I had my son, Lex Herrington, along with his wife, Dana, kids Everett and Emory, Floydada, up for Thanksgiving. All the rest were either working, visiting in-laws or too far away. However, they all expect to be here for Christmas.

Now it's time to start thinking about Christmas! My mother always said 'Christmas comes but once a year, so lets' enjoy it while it's here!'

## Palo Duro Basin Oil & Gas Update

By Tom Musser

At Tyner Resources' annual meeting on October 2nd, 2007 the following update of drilling in the Palo Duro Basin was presented.

The Palo Duro has not advanced as quickly as hoped this summer, with delays being experienced in delivering gas to market in the basin.

Much has been reported on the discovery of natural gas from the Barnett Shale located in the Fort Worth Basin in north central Texas. After much experimentation, about ten years ago, drillers perfected the technology to extract the gas from the shale. The field has since produced vast amounts of profitable and badly needed gas.

Two years ago, Tyner, along with several other companies, determined that the shale in the Palo Duro Basin in northeast Texas displayed many of the same geological characteristics as found in the Barnett Shale. Accordingly Tyner raised in excess of US \$14,000,000 in equity capital. It then acquired rights to 19,000 acres in the Basin. Tyner drilled two vertical wells to test for commercial gas. Five other companies drilled 14 test wells. Schlumberger logged a portion of these wells and all but one (not ours) indicated natural gas, ranging from 75 Billion Cubic Feet (BCF) to 140 BCF per section.

Additionally Basa, Apollo and Tyner have jointly drilled a horizontal leg to Basa's Foster well. The partners experienced difficulties in delivering the propellant to the shale formation and the well will require additional engineering to prove up commercial gas.

Last year PetroGlobe Energy USA Ltd., drilled 5 wells in the Palo Duro Basin. It drilled its first well using an underbalanced drilling system which minimizes formation damage. The results of the prolonged flare that was visible during drilling confirm the belief of PetroGlobe and Tyner, that the Palo Duro Basin gas potential is significant. Surprisingly this well has not yet been placed in production, however a pipeline was built to connect the well to a local gas delivery system.

Tyner still believes there to be two significant milestones for success. Are sizeable quantities of natural gas resident in the shale and sand of the Palo Duro Basin? And, can Tyner economically extract the gas?

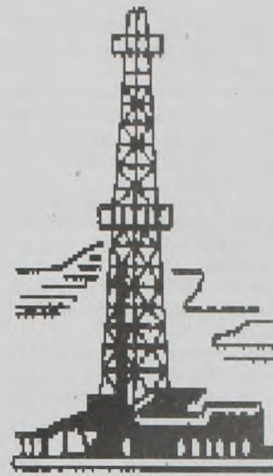
Tyner passed the first milestone last year. Its clear from the wells already drilled that considerable natural gas is in place in the Lower Penn Shale and associated sands, which are located at the 9,000-10,000 foot depth in the Palo Duro Basin.

They've yet to pass the second milestone. The operators drilling in the Palo Duro basin have used a variety of techniques to penetrate and commercialize the shale formation. Some worked better than others. To date the most promising is underbalanced drilling. Experimentation of drilling and fracturing techniques will continue until the optimums are discovered. Earlier shale penetrations have had to undergo a similar procedure. They believe that the answer is near.

It was management's hope at this stage of development that the Palo Duro would have demonstrated commercial production and a pipeline to deliver gas would be in construction. This has yet to occur, but continued activity in the basin by Bankers Petroleum and Palo Duro Energy has recently shown encouragement.

Tyner has fulfilled their commitment to fund their share of the horizontal leg of the Foster well, and completed the drilling of the Maurice Campbell, a well on one of the sites near the highly promising PetroGlobe McIntosh #1-77 well. Tyner intends to reserve some cash for an investment in a potential pipeline venture aimed at transporting the natural gas from multiple wells to the major pipeline some twenty miles to the west.

Tyner's Stephens well is producing both oil and natural gas liquids, from a shale horizon, by stripping the liquids before venting the gas.



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MONDAY (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)

United Methodist Women.....4:00 p.m.



## Pigeonpea May Fill Seasonal Forage Gap

By Luis Pons

Livestock producers across the Great Plains could one day have the benefits of nutritious forages year round, thanks in part to pigeonpea.

Agricultural Research Service scientists, led by agronomist Srinivas C. Rao at the Grazinglands Research Laboratory in El Reno, Okla., found that the legume has the potential to fill a gap in forage availability that affects livestock farms between late summer and fall.

Pigeonpea, or *Cajanus cajan*, is a summer legume with excellent drought tolerance. Used extensively in Asia for human food and livestock feed, it ranks sixth in the world in dryland legume production.

Research showed that pigeonpea yields and nutritive values during the summer equaled those of other forage crops reported for the region.

Potential benefits to the farmer would include lowered costs of livestock production and improvements in soil fertility, thanks to the ability of this productive legume to transform nitrogen from the atmosphere into a form plants can use to fuel their growth—a process called “nitrogen fixation.” Pigeonpea could also reduce vulnerability of soils to erosion by wind and water during the summer fallow period between winter wheat crops.

A goal of grazing research programs is to provide high-quality forage year round to reduce the costs associated with harvesting and storing forage and of purchasing concentrate feeds for use when green forage can't be grown.

Since no single crop has the potential to provide year-round forage, identifying new forage species that can be grown when others aren't productive makes this pigeonpea alternative important.

The primary forage resources for livestock production in the Great Plains are winter wheat during early winter and spring, and perennial grasses during spring and summer. But high-quality forage is often scarce from late July through late November, because the quality and quantity of grasses decline and winter wheat forage is not yet available.

Learn to...be what you are, and learn to resign with a good grace all that you are not.

~ Henri Amiel

## Mapping Prairie Grass Protein, Yield and Carbon

By Don Comis

A study by the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and the University of North Dakota lays a foundation for eventually allowing ranchers to get Web-based information on the quality and quantity of forage plants in their fields. Ranchers could use this information to determine stocking rates, as well as how much carbon is stored in their forage plants.

Scientists Rebecca Phillips and Ofer Beeri have developed a way to measure rangeland forage plant yields in pounds per acre, and their quality in percent of protein content, over many acres. They're using commercial HyMap hyperspectral imagery taken by airplane, which lets them capture images at more than 200 wavelengths—all of the light in the visible wavelength bands and invisible near-infrared and short-wave infrared wavelength bands.

Phillips is a plant physiologist at the ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory in Mandan, N.D. Beeri is an assistant professor of space studies at the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

Phillips and Beeri used images of two 32,741-acre ecoregions on opposite sides of the Missouri River near the center of North Dakota, representing the Northwestern Glaciated Plains and the Northwestern Great Plains ecoregions. Although the regions are markedly different, the technique's accuracy across regions remained the same: 82 percent for yield predictions, and 92 percent for protein content.

The scientists were able to measure the quantity and protein content of both live and dead plant material, which often can't be distinguished by conventional remote sensing. Dead grass and other plants are important in this part of the country, where cold weather hinders decomposition. Cattle get some protein out of dead grasses as well as live ones.

Using the images, Phillips and Beeri developed mathematical equations to estimate rangeland plant biomass. They also applied and validated a previously published algorithm for computing plants' carbon-nitrogen ratio. By combining the equations, they were able to compute and map the percent of protein in plant leaves over entire pastures of northern prairie grasslands.

Further research is needed to determine if the results apply in other regions of the country as well.

It is enough that I am of value to somebody today.

~ Hugh Prather

The man with insight enough to admit his limitations comes nearest to perfection.

~ Johann von Goethe

**Cotton** **PCG** **News**  
By Shawn Wade  
www.plainscotton.org  
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

### Texas State Support Program Adds Extra Punch To Grower Directed Research

Keeping growers involved in the cotton research process has been a key ingredient in the success of the Cotton Incorporated Research Program since the establishment of the U.S. Cotton Research & Promotion Program in 1966.

Leading the way in that effort is the Cotton Incorporated State Support Program, which returns a percentage of each year's Cotton Incorporated Operating Budget to each U.S. cotton producing state to fund locally oriented research projects.

In Texas this responsibility is vested in the Texas State Support Committee, which includes representatives from each of the nine cotton producer organizations in the state.

In 2007 the Texas State Support Committee approved a total of 48 research projects and distributed just over \$1 million dollars in Cotton Incorporated State Support funds.

Growers interested in learning more about this program, and the research that is being conducted on their behalf, are invited to attend the 2007 Texas State Support Program Project Review meeting in Lubbock December 4-5. Presentations will begin at 9:00 a.m. each day.

The review, which provides researchers an opportunity to discuss the preliminary results of their 2007 research projects with members of the Texas State Support Committee, is open to anyone who wants to attend. This year's meeting is being conducted at the USDA Cropping Systems Research Laboratory, located at 3810 4th Street in Lubbock, Texas.

Although less heralded than Cotton Incorporated's promotional activities, the Cotton Incorporated Research Program is a key part of the U.S. cotton industry's success. Cotton Incorporated's research activities are coordinated from the organization's Cary, NC headquarters.

Encompassing everything from textile processing to the development of new cotton varieties Cotton Incorporated research is working to fine-tune the tools, management practices and marketing strategies that growers utilize on a daily basis.

### Commodity Organizations Ask U.S. Senate To Oppose Effort To Gut Farm Bill Safety Net

Twenty-six organizations representing farmers and ranchers from coast to coast are calling upon the U.S. Senate to oppose an effort to gut the safety net provided to America's farmers in the 2007 farm bill.

The November 16 letter urged Senators to oppose the Farm, Ranch, Equity, Stewardship and Health (FRESH) Act (S. 2228) as either a stand-alone bill or as an amendment to the 2007 farm bill. "The FRESH Act eliminates the current safety net provided to US producers... It is critical to remember that farm bills are written for the long-term rather than short-term," the letter stated.

According to the groups, the commodity title of the farm bill has already been reduced by \$57 billion: "All told, the commodity programs are projected to be about 10 percent of total farm bill spending, while more than 80 percent of the farm bill spending is already slated for nutrition and conservation programs."

Trade is also a major concern for U.S. producers: "US farm policy should continue toward a more level playing field in the global market by providing assistance to America's farmers. However, this goal is not achieved by writing a farm bill that complies with what someone assumes will be the potential outcome of the WTO negotiations."

The letter concluded, "While we support strong conservation, nutrition, and energy programs, additional support for these programs should not come at the expense of adequate funding for the safety net for American farmers."

The letter was signed by the following groups: American Farm Bureau, National Farmers Union, National Association of Wheat Growers, Southern Peanut Farmers Federation, USA Rice Federation, American Soybean Association, Peanut Growers Marketing Cooperative, North Carolina Peanut Growers, Virginia Peanut Growers, American Beekeeping Federation, Rice Belt Warehouses Inc., United Dairymen of Arizona, American Association of Crop Insurers, National Sorghum Producers, US Rice Producers Association, Crop Insurance Professionals Association, American Sheep Industry Association, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Western Peanut Growers Association, National Cotton Council, American Sugar Alliance, National Barley Growers Association, National Sunflower Association, USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council, US Canola Association, and the American Honey Producers Association.

### HAC Chairman Collin Peterson To Address 7th Annual Texas Commodity Symposium

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin C. Peterson (D-Minnesota) will address the 7th annual Texas Commodity Symposium on November 28.

The symposium, held in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show in the Grand Plaza Room at the Amarillo Civic Center will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. The Symposium program will begin at 9 a.m. The symposium is free to all and will conclude with a catered lunch at noon.

The Texas Commodity Symposium is hosted by Corn Producers Association of Texas (CPAT), Texas Grain Sorghum Association (TGSA), Texas Wheat Producers Association (TWPA), Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) and the Texas Peanut Producers Board (TPPB).

Chairman Peterson has agreed to join the meeting via telephone at 11 o'clock a.m. CDT and present Symposium participants his thoughts on the 2007 Farm Bill process and his expectations when Congress returns to work on December 3.

In addition to Chairman Peterson, other featured speakers include Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, former Congressman and House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest, and Bryce Anderson, agricultural meteorologist and market analyst with the Data Transmission Network (DTN).

Also addressing the Symposium will be Don Gohmert, State Conservationist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and John Fuston, State Executive Director for the Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA).

All producers are encouraged to register early for a chance to win special door prizes. For more information, please contact Rachel Myers, Vice President and Director of Producer and Legislative Affairs for the Texas Wheat Producers at (806) 352-2191 or email (rmyers@texaswheat.org).

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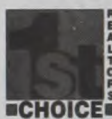
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## Things That Make You Go Hmmm...

By Laura Taylor

It has long been contended that there are male jokes and there are female jokes. And there are unisex jokes. Here is a joke I consider a true female joke. I offer it to you in the hopes that women will love it and men will pass it along to a woman who will love it.

A woman was sitting at a bar enjoying an after work cocktail with her girlfriends when an exceptionally tall, handsome, extremely sexy middle-aged man entered. He was so striking that the woman could not take her eyes off him. The young-at-heart man noticed her overly attentive stare and walked directly toward her, as all men will.

Before she could offer her apologies for so rudely staring, he leaned over and whispered to her, "I'll do anything, absolutely anything, that you want me to do, no matter how kinky, for \$20.00.....on one condition."

Flabbergasted, the woman asked what the condition was. Then he replied, "You have to tell me what you want me to do in just three words."

The woman considered his proposition for a moment, then slowly removed a \$20 bill from her purse, which she pressed into the man's hand along with her address. She looked deeply into his eyes, and slowly, and meaningfully said....

"Clean my house."

**HHMMM.....**

*I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble.*

- Helen Keller

*Faith in oneself...is the best and safest course.*

- Michelangelo

### Thank You

*Words could never express the amount of love and gratitude that we have for each and every person that has been there for us during this hardship. We would like to thank everyone for all the food, flowers, cards, phone calls, visits, and monetary gifts. I know daddy would have been so honored by all the hard work and devotion that was put into his services. We want to give a special thanks to the ambulance crew, fire department, and the sheriff's department. Ya'll will always hold a special place in hearts. Thank you so much to Bea for leading the songs and everyone else that participated. Thank you to the ladies who helped with the dinner at the church, the food was wonderful! We would also like to thank Brother Melvin Clinton for being here with us every step of the way. We are blessed to have you by our side. We deeply appreciate all the kindness and especially all of the prayers, we are truly thankful to everyone for everything.*

*Thank you from the bottom of our hearts the Steve Farley Family.*

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A world record gar alligator weighing 279 pounds was caught in the Rio Grande River by Bill Valverde of San Juan.
- Dec 2, 1922**  
Daredevil Chubby Watson and his wife performed aerial stunts over Quanah.
- Dec 2, 1850**  
The Masonic Female Institute was chartered with one teacher and four students.
- Dec 3, 1919**  
Coal dealers in Amarillo met in order to see what could be done to stop a shortage if a nationwide coal miners strike continued.
- Dec 3, 1859**  
John S. "Rip" Ford was appointed major-in-charge of all Texas forces on the Rio Grande border with Mexico.
- Dec 4, 1938**  
J. G. McDougall, The co-founder of the City of Hedley died.
- Dec 4, 1835**  
Angered by the inaction of the Texas Army, patriot Ben Milam appealed to his fellow volunteers to capture San Antonio. He asked them, "Who will follow old Ben Milam?" Over 300 men responded.
- Dec 5, 1835**  
The siege of San Antonio began. Led by Ben Milam, the Texans captured one adobe house on the edge of town. The Mexican Army continued to fire on the Texans and "Deaf" Smith was wounded in the battle.
- Dec 5, 1805**  
Texas Revolutionary hero Micheal B. Menard was born. Menard County and the county seat are named in his honor.
- Dec 5, 1803**  
San Jacinto hero Thomas Rusk was born. Rusk County was named in his honor.
- Dec 6, 1946**  
Four soldiers from the San Marcos Army Helicopter School were killed in the first reported crash of a helicopter.
- Dec 6, 1898**  
Benjamin Lee Boynton was born in Waco. He became the first Texan to be named All-American in football.
- Dec 6, 1835**  
The siege of San Antonio continued. During which time each of the armies were in the process of trying to straighten their battle lines.
- Dec 7, 1846**  
Ben Milam's body was exhumed and reburied with full military honors in a cemetery in San Antonio.
- Dec 7, 1835**  
The siege of San Antonio continued as fighting broke out at daybreak. By the afternoon, the Mexican garrison had started returning the fire, Ben Milam was killed by a rifle shot from the Mexican garrison.
- Dec 8, 1888**  
The Texline post office was established.
- Dec 8, 1842**  
The Somerville expedition captured Laredo.
- Dec 8, 1835**  
The siege of San Antonio began its fourth day with Texans slowly forcing the Mexican soldiers back. Heavy fighting begins at 10:30 p.m. and continued until the next day.
- Dec 8, 1659**  
The mission Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe was founded on the present day site of Juarez, Mexico. It marked the beginning of settlements in far West Texas.

### Filing Deadline For 2008 March Primary Elections

The first day to file for a place on the ballot for the March Primary is December 3, 2007. Deadline for filing is January 2, 2008. In Briscoe, Hall and Motley Counties the following positions are up for re-election: Sheriff, Tax-Assessor/Collector, County Attorney, Commissioners for Precinct 1 & 3. Last day to register to vote in the March Primary is February 4, 2008.

### Senator Duncan Named to Medicaid Reform Legislative Oversight Committee

AUSTIN - Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, is honored to be appointed by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst to an important committee designed to facilitate reform efforts in Medicaid. The Medicaid Reform Legislative Oversight Committee manages substantial responsibility over Medicaid reform, especially in the issue of uncompensated hospital care and the establishment of programs addressing the uninsured.

*No one is expected to achieve the impossible.*  
~ French Proverb.

*I can't write a book commensurate with Shakespeare, but I can write a book by me.*

~ Sir Walter Raleigh

### Letters To The Editor



Dear Editor,  
I have really enjoyed the Valley Tribune this year. It makes me feel good to read about all the things going on down there. I know all of the people there are so nice and friendly. I grew up there in Quitaque, so I know a lot of the people I read about, and I'm related to some of them.

I am enclosing my renewal check for my subscription. Keep up the good work.

Thanks Ina Gale Rowell  
Fritch, TX

Dear Editor:  
I'm glad to see the John Birch Society is continuing their nationwide campaign to secure our borders by opposing any NAU (North American Union) legislation (which will combine America, Mexico, and Canada into one regional government with NO borders) and opposing ANY open borders legislation in Congress or the Senate such as amnesty or "guest worker" bills, etc., being perpetually promoted by the anti-American leaders we have been cursed with in The White House and Congress.

The Birch Society, I also notice, is leaving no stone unturned warning Americans about legislation threatening our borders, and through educational efforts is providing back-up public pressure on Congress to stop this scandalous open borders sell-out of our republic by our own leaders who are obviously front men for their New World Order Globalist bosses.

Congressman Tom Tancredo, R-Colorado has warned that scores of Mid-east terrorist suspects have been arrested crossing our borders which obviously indicates the clear and present danger. I wish to absolutely urge ALL concerned citizens to go to JBS.org and click on "Take Action!" (or call: 1-800-JBS-USA-1 for free petition and new immigration report) and also call Congress and Senate toll free: 1-877-851-6437 to stop the NAU, and secure our borders NOW in this on-going struggle to force our own leaders to simply secure our borders!

Sincerely,  
Ed Nemechek  
Landers, Ca.

Letter to Editor: How illegal immigration was stopped in 1954

Many of our citizens believe that we cannot get rid of the millions of illegal immigrants we now have in our country and eliminate the cost and problems they cause. Fortunately, President Eisenhower showed us how to do it in 1954 and it worked for many years.

Eisenhower appointed retired General Joseph Swing to head the program called Operation Wetback. Because some immigration officials had political connections with special interest groups, Swing transferred them away from the border. Then officials conducted sweeps that rounded up many illegals. This caused many more illegals to leave our country voluntarily.

Illegals that were rounded up were not released at our border where they could quickly re-enter our country. They were put on buses and trains and released many miles into Mexico. Many others were put on ships and released at a Mexican port more than 500 miles south of our border.

All we need is the political will to do the same thing today. This means that we must get congress to repeat what Eisenhower and Swing did. This includes enforced penalties for those who hire illegals. Without jobs, illegals won't enter. It can be done! Go to [www.thenewamerican.com](http://www.thenewamerican.com) for more information.

Larry William Bradbury  
Reseda, CA

### Giving Thanks For Pecans All Year Long

COLLEGE STATION - Going without rich, sweet pecan pie this holiday may be unthinkable, so indulge.

But after the feast, keep pecans in the diet - minus a sugary coating - advises Dr. Leo Lombardini, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station pecan researcher.

"Pecans should not be associated only with Thanksgiving or Christmas holidays," Lombardini said. "We usually recommend just a couple of ounces per day. They are loaded with antioxidants. And they have vitamins, a lot of fiber and a lot of protein. So it is a very, very good food."


Pecans have gotten a bad rap, he said, because they mingle so well with ingredients of dubious health benefit and because of their fat content. But science now makes a distinction between good and bad fats. Pecans have jolly good fat, Lombardini noted.

"It is true that pecans, like many other nuts, are rich in fats. That makes a lot of people stay away from them. But this is the good category of fat. It's mainly monosaturated fatty acids," he said. "The two most important fatty acids that are present in pecans are oleic acid and linoleic acid. That is the same two that are present in olive oil."

A good-health license to eat pecans will tickle consumers who may find tempting prices on the new crop this season, according to Jose Pena, Texas Cooperative Extension economist at Uvalde.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that almost 320 million pounds of pecans will be gathered in the nation's 15 most producing states. That's a whopping 55 percent increase over last year's crop. Texas growers! are currently harvesting what likely will total 70 million pounds - a bout 49 percent more than last year - Pena added.

Lombardini said to find fresh pecans for a good price now through December, especially at farmers' markets. Buy enough for holiday pies but also stock up for the year. Pecans can be refrigerated for up to two years in the shell or one year if shelled, he said. They also freeze well because they have a low water content.



## Valley Patriots VS Rule Bobcats

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