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Country Great Tommy Allsup To Headline Gem Theatre Concert This Saturday

There is a terrific show coming to the Gem Theatre this Saturday, August 18th with two shows beginning at 2 PM and 7 PM. The Turkey Heritage Foundation will present in concert two Grammy award winning musicians, Tommy Allsup and Bob Boatright. The show will also feature Cody Dodson, who currently has the #5 country album, self-titled "Cody Dodson," and Lee Smith, a very talented performer and D.J.

A brisket dinner with all the trimming, dessert and tea will be served for only \$6 per plate beginning at 5 p.m. in the courtyard beside the Gem Theatre.

The admission for this show will be \$15. Call 806-423-1420 or 806-423-1113 for tickets. Remember seating is limited, so call and get your tickets today.

Silverton Council Sets Wheels In Motion For Silverton Economic Development Alliance, Inc.

The Silverton City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 13. Present for the meeting were Mayor Garvin, Council members Kyle Fuston, Wayne Reed, LaQuetta Schott, Delane Smith, Dwain Tipton, City Secretary Jerry Patton, MMWA General Manager Van Breedlove and First Southwest Co. representative Vince Viaille. After attending to regular monthly council business the following items were addressed.

* Vince Viaille, representative of First Southwest Co. and MMWA financial advisor presented information on the city's financial obligations for the repair of the Rock Creek water storage tank. The City's part of the repairs is \$26,006. The \$26,006 will be funded by a bond issue from the Texas Water Development Board. A motion passed to approve resolution #8-A-07 approving the filing of an application for financial assistance with the Texas Water Development Board by Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority in connection with the improvement to the water storage facilities.

* The secretary presented information from the Briscoe Co. Appraisal District in regards to the City's 2007 Certified Appraised Value. The 2007 Total Taxable Value is \$14,360,082. An increase of \$6,072 over the 2006 Taxable Value. The 2007 Tax Rate will be considered at the September 10th meeting.

* The secretary presented an Application for Authorization and Approval for Section 4B Corporation and Appointment of Directors. The application requests the City Council authorize and approve the creation of Silverton Economic Development Alliance, Inc. as a Section 4B Corporation, approve Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and appoint seven persons as initial Directors of the Corporation. A motion passed to approve this.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

**TURKEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT
WILL HOLD A
BENEFIT DINNER FOR
STEVE FARLEY
SUNDAY, AUGUST 19TH
BRISKET, CHICKEN, BEANS,
AND CORNBREAD WILL
BE SERVED FOR DONATIONS
STARTING AT 11:30 AM
AT THE
BOB WILLS CAFETERIA
TAKOUTS WILL BE AVAILABLE**

Quitauque Residents Asked To Limit Water Use

The City of Quitauque is asking resident to limit their use of water for a week to allow the city wells time to catch up after the leak last week. Maria Merrell, City Manager, stated "At the current time we are running our wells at full capacity and not catching up. This is taxing our system and could cause serious problems in the near future. We are asking Quitauque residents to do this on a voluntary basis. If the need arises the city will have to get to a mandatory limit on water usage. We would appreciate everyone's cooperation on this matter."

If you need more information please contact Quitauque City Hall at 455-1456. Be advised that watering in the heat of the day is a waste of water.

Seitz, Green, Bradshaw and Price Re-appointed To Turkey Economic Board

The Turkey City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 8, 2007.

Members present were, Mayor Pat Carson, Council members, Doyle Dean Proctor, Danny Stewart, Vickie Lindsey, City Manager Jerry Landry, City Secretary Gail Hanna, also present were Billy Roy Fusto Turkey EMS representative, Melvin Clinton representative of the Turkey Economic Board and Donnie Allison with Grant Works.

After attending to regular monthly council business the following items were addressed.

* A resolution passed authorizing the award of professional service provider contracts for the 2007-2008 Texas Community Development Block Grant Community Development/CDS Fund to Grantworks for project related administration services to Brandt Engineers for professional engineering services.

* A resolution passed that designated signatories for its Texas Community Development Block grant Program Contract 727469.

* Melvin Clinton from Turkey Economic Board presented their 2007-2008 budget.

* A motion passed to re-appoint the following members to the Turkey Economic Board: Wendell Seitz, Keith Green, J. Bradshaw, and Peggy Price.

* Billy Roy Fuston, Turkey EMS, reported 5 ambulance calls and 1 grass fire since last meeting.

* An ordinance passed that the goods-in-transit, as defined by the 80th Texas Legislature in Regular Session, shall remain subject to taxation by the City of Turkey.

* A motion passed to nominate Glen Metcalf as a candidate to the TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Board of Trustees for Region 2.

* A motion passed to table Atmos GRIP filing.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Quitauque's Water Woes Continue, Council Discusses Options

The Quitauque City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 13. Present for the meeting were Mayor Dudley, Council members Phil Barefield, Janice Henson, Michelle Pointer, Dennis Farley, City Manager Maria Merrell, Water Superintendent Walter Skinner and Homecoming Committee representatives Dale Smith and Kay Calvert. After attending to regular monthly council business the following items were addressed.

* Merrell reported the ambulance service had responded to three calls since the last meeting. The service had also been on call for the weekend of August 11 to support the Jasper Hubbert Memorial Bike Ride. Those on call were Sandra and Jerry Barclay and Jim Weeks.

* Merrell reported that Fire Chief Roland Hamilton had attended the meeting held in Tulia that pertained to the formation of a regional fire fighting task force. She had not received a report on the meeting from Hamilton at present.

* Merrell reported to the council that Dianne Washington CPA had called and cancelled the city audit report until the next council meeting.

* Kay Calvert, with the Homecoming Committee, informed the council that Cody Bell had discussed with her allowing the homecoming committee access to the old Quitauque school marker that was over the entrance to the high school building. He had the foresight to save the marker when the school was being torn down and felt that the marker should be displayed in Quitauque. Dale Smith furnished the council with a picture of the monument. They suggested the monument be placed west of the entrance to the Hope Center. A motion passed that the monument be placed at the Hope Center in cooperation with the city.

* The council passed a motion to advertise for sealed bids on the following properties.

Property 1-The estate of Mrs. J. A. McKay ADA Gertrude P McKay. All of Lot No. Twelve (12) and the East one half (E/2) of Lot No. Thirteen (13) in Block No. Two (2) of the B.L. Jago Addition of the Town of Quitauque, in Briscoe County, Texas.

Property 2- All of Lot No Nine (9) in Block No. Twenty-three (23) in the town of Quitauque, Briscoe County, TX.

* Next the council passed a motion changing the time for council meeting to 6:30 p.m.

* The council then discussed the old fire truck, now being housed at the sanitation barn between Silverton and Quitauque. Mayor Dudley discussed displaying the old truck on the property purchased from Billy Mott where kids could play on it. Skinner suggested the truck could be put on blocks so kids could sit and play on it. Council member Barefield suggested the possibility of selling the truck on E-Bay and proceeds used to pay some of the cities debt. The condition of the truck was discussed and value as well. After much discussion the council suggested Barefield do more research on the value and condition of the truck before the council makes a final decision.

* Merrell provided the council with the Certification of 2007 appraisal Roll for the City of Quitauque. Council reviewed the total taxable value for 2007.

* Skinner informed the council that a new pump had to be purchased for use during water leaks. The current one went out last Thursday during the water break on FM 1065 and the city had to borrow Turkey's. He also informed the council of the current water shortage. At this time we are still trying to find the problem. We had a lightning strike last month but do not believe this had anything to do with it as the breaker box was replaced and the controls were also repaired. Merrell then informed the council a lawyer had called form Oklahoma regarding the water tower and wanted to talk to Mayor Dudley. He was referred to Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, who is helping with the situation.

* Merrell informed the council that the \$12,000.00 set aside for the city's match on the water tower project had been transferred to the general fund for operating cost.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jake Hooker & The Outsiders To Headline Motley Co. Old Settlers Dance

Jake Hooker is all about tradition and the Pecos-born musician from Paradise is about to once again bring his music back to Roaring Springs, Texas during the Motley Co Old Settlers Reunion.

Hooker

and his band,

The Outsiders,

will play

both Traditional

Country and

Western

Swing music

from 9 p.m.

to 1 a.m. at

the Roaring

Spring's Rodeo

"slab" Friday

and Saturday

nights, August

24 and 25

from 9 p.m.

to 1 a.m.

This outstanding

performance

is expected to

draw a diverse

crowd. Tickets

will be \$10

per person.

"He's got a

great following,

and he's popular

not only with

the younger

crowd but with

the older crowd

too," said

Russell Alexander,

Old Settlers

board member

and the person

responsible

for bringing

this first class

act back to

Roaring Springs.

"It ranges from

18 to 80,"

Hooker said.

His popularity

with younger

fans is on the

upswing.

"I'm a younger

guy doing it,"

he said. "Maybe

that's why they

come out." Hooker

is only 31, but

older fans

appreciate his

renditions of

their Western

Swing favorites.

"He also plays

in the Johnny

Bush style,"

Alexander said.

"It's good

dance music."

Other musicians

who have strongly

influenced Hooker

are Ray Price,

Farron Young,

Curtis Potter,

Leon Rausch

and Darrell

McCall — not

to mention his

own father,

Tommy Hooker,

a West Texas

country musician

who first introduced

his son to the

world of music.

Young Jake

learned to play

bass guitar at

age 7. At age 14

he formed his

own band. When

he reached 18,

he launched his

career as a full-

time musician.

For the last few

years, he's

played a stand-

up bass. The

instrument is

one of his

trademarks.

So's his suit

and tie.

"For me, it's

a class thing,"

Hooker said.

"We play the

real stuff the

right way, and

we try to put

some class

back in it too."

A stint in

Levelland

gave Hooker

the opportunity

to study music

and theory at

South Plains

College. He

continues to

study the

styles of the

musicians he

admires —

styles he

keeps alive

with his own

artistry.

Hooker and

his wife,

Sheila, live

in Paradise,

Texas, but a

busy schedule

keeps them

on the road.

Hooker

performs

with three

other

musicians —

drummer

Jeff Croy,

fiddle

player

Anthony

Wilson

and steel

guitarist

Rick Price.

For more

information

contact

806-348-7958.





THE PATRIOT

Valley School News

Valley School Begins Tuesday, August 28

BACK TO SCHOOL

- Pre-Kindergarten**
- 1 pkg. of #2 pencils
 - 4 boxes of crayons
 - 4 glue sticks (big ones)
 - 1 pair of scissors (blunt end please)
 - 1 pkg. of washable markers
 - 1 box Kleenex
 - 4 folders with pockets & brads
 - 1 small school box (please no big ones)
 - 1 spiral notebook
 - 1 bottle of school glue (big one)
 - 1 pkg. glossy photo paper (8-1/2 by 11)
 - Surprise bags treats (pencils, erasers, party favors etc.)

- Kindergarten**
- 2 packages of #2 pencils
 - 3 sets of 8 color crayons
 - 1 set of markers
 - 3 folders with pockets and brads
 - 1 box of gallon ziplock bags
 - 2 boxes of quart ziplock bags
 - 3 big Glue sticks
 - 1 bottle of glue
 - 1 pair of scissor
 - Photo paper
 - Prizes for Treat box---please no candy!
 - Sleeping mat (pillow, blanket--Optional!)

- Reading/English/Math Grades 6-7-8**
- 3 spiral notebooks
 - 1 box Kleenex
 - Map colors
 - 3x5 lined index cards
 - 3x3 sticky notepad
 - 3 pocket folders with brads red, blue, & black-pens
 - pencils
 - ziplock bags
 - ruler for math

- 1st Grade**
- 1 pkg. #2 pencils
 - 2 pkgs. 8 ct. crayons
 - 1 pkg. of crayons of any count
 - scissors
 - glue
 - 2 glue sticks
 - eraser
 - 1 spiral notebook
 - SMALL school box for supplies
 - 1 box of baggies (quart or gallon)
 - 2 pocket folders with brads
 - 2 pocket folders
 - clear ruler (inch/cent.)
 - 1 index box (this will be used to store flash cards)
 - markers
 - Prize box treats
 - 1 pkg. of 8 1/2 by 11 glossy photo paper
 - 2 red pencils or pens
 - 50 Pennies

- 2nd Grade**
- 1 pkg. of #2 pencils
 - 1 eraser
 - 1 box crayons
 - 1 pkg. washable markers
 - 1 pair sharp-point scissors
 - 1 clear metric/standard ruler
 - 1 glue stick
 - 1 bottle liquid glue
 - 2 red pens or pencils
 - 1 pocket folder
 - 1 composition notebook (for journal writing)
 - 1 index box (to store flash cards)

- 3rd Grade**
- 1 pkg. #2 pencils
 - 1 box crayons
 - 3 boxes Kleenex
 - 1 pair sharp point scissors
 - 1 metric/ standard ruler
 - 1 large glue stick
 - 1 box ziplock baggies
 - 2 pkg notebook paper
 - 1 toothbrush
 - 1 tube of toothpaste
 - 2 subject notebooks
 - 2 folders, no brads
 - Items for treasure chest

- 4th Grade**
- 2 spiral notebooks
 - 1 pkg. #2 pencils
 - 1 box crayons
 - 2 pkg. Magic markers
 - 2 boxes Kleenex
 - 1 pkg. Map colors
 - 1 pair sharp-point scissors
 - 1 metric/standard ruler
 - 1 large glue stick
 - 1 supply box
 - 1 pkg. Black pens
 - 3 red pens
 - 8 pocket folders with brads
 - Trapper keeper (optional)
 - 1 small box ziplock baggies
 - 2 packages of notebook paper (Wide-ruled)

- 5th Grade**
- 1 pkg. #2 pencils
 - 2 black or blue pens
 - 1 box crayons
 - 1 pkg. Magic Markers
 - 1 box map colors
 - 1 ruler (metric/standard)
 - 1 bottle glue
 - 1 glue stick
 - 6 folders with pockets (different colors)
 - 3 spiral notebook (single subject)
 - scissors
 - erasers
 - 2 pkgs. notebook paper
 - 2-3 large boxes of tissues
 - 1 bottle antibacterial hand gel
 - Don't forget your P.E. clothes & small P.E. bag!!

- 3rd Grade**
- 1 pkg. #2 pencils
 - 1 box crayons
 - 3 boxes Kleenex
 - 1 pair sharp point scissors
 - 1 metric/ standard ruler
 - 1 large glue stick
 - 1 box ziplock baggies
 - 2 pkg notebook paper
 - 1 toothbrush
 - 1 tube of toothpaste
 - 2 subject notebooks
 - 2 folders, no brads
 - Items for treasure chest

- 4th Grade**
- 2 spiral notebooks
 - 1 pkg. #2 pencils
 - 1 box crayons
 - 2 pkg. Magic markers
 - 2 boxes Kleenex
 - 1 pkg. Map colors
 - 1 pair sharp-point scissors
 - 1 metric/standard ruler
 - 1 large glue stick
 - 1 supply box
 - 1 pkg. Black pens
 - 3 red pens
 - 8 pocket folders with brads
 - Trapper keeper (optional)
 - 1 small box ziplock baggies
 - 2 packages of notebook paper (Wide-ruled)

- 5th Grade**
- 1 pkg. #2 pencils
 - 2 black or blue pens
 - 1 box crayons
 - 1 pkg. Magic Markers
 - 1 box map colors
 - 1 ruler (metric/standard)
 - 1 bottle glue
 - 1 glue stick
 - 6 folders with pockets (different colors)
 - 3 spiral notebook (single subject)
 - scissors
 - erasers
 - 2 pkgs. notebook paper
 - 2-3 large boxes of tissues
 - 1 bottle antibacterial hand gel
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82 kids from all over the area attended a Youth Meeting held at the Turkey Church of Christ last weekend.

Turkey-Quitaque CISD

Career and Technology Education

1. Turkey-Quitaque CISD offers career and technology education programs in Agriculture, Homemaking, and Business. Admission to these programs is based on assessed need, need, interest, and legal age.
2. It is the policy of Turkey-Quitaque CISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
3. It is the policy of Turkey-Quitaque CISD not to discriminate on the basis or race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI or the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
4. Turkey-Quitaque CISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
5. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Jerry Smith, at Valley School, P.O. Box 397, Turkey, Texas, 79261, (806) 455-1411, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Jon Davidson, at Valley School, P.O. Box 397, Turkey, Texas, 79261, (806) 455-1411.

Forma De Muestra

1. Turkey-Quitaque CISD ofrece programas vocacionales en Agricultura, Homemaking, and Business. La admision a estos programas se basa en interes, y need.
2. Es norma de Turkey-Quitaque CISD no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, en sus programas, servicios o activades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Titulo VI de la Ley de deprechos Civiles de 1964, segun enmienda; el Titulo IX de las Emmiendas en la Educacion, de 1972, y la Seccion 504 de la Ley de rehabilitacion de 1973, segun enmienda.
3. Es norma de Turkey-Quitaque CISD no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento o edad, en sus procedimientos de empleo, tal como lo requieren el titulo VI de la Ley de Derchos Civiles de 1964, segun enmienda; el Titulo IX de las Enmiendas en la Educacion, de 1972, la ley de discriminacion por Edad, de 1975, segun enmienda, y la seccion 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitacion de 1973, segun enmienda.
4. Turkey-Quitaque CISD tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todos las programas educativos y vocacionales.
5. Para informacion cobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuniquese con el coordinador del Titulo IX, Jerry Smith, en P.O. Box 397, Turkey, Texas, 79261 (806) 455-1411, y/o el coordinador de al Seccion 504, Jon Davidson, en Valley School, P.O. Box 397, Turkey, Texas, 79261 (806) 455-1411.

Turkey Youth Meet A Big Success

The Turkey Church of Christ hosted a Youth Meeting August 10-12, 2007. The theme of the youth day was "Welcome to Faithful Turkey—What goes on in Turkey, does NOT stay in Turkey—Return home and tell what God has done for you—Luke 8:39"

The Church had 82 kids from Lubbock, Ft. Worth, Dallas, Indiana, Arkansas, Houston and the Turkey Area! They enjoyed each other and fellowship during the weekend.

On Friday, the youth had Mexican Stack along with church, games and a campfire devotional.

Saturday, They had breakfast—followed by Stuart Smith leading them in group activities in the church. They also participated in water games, hotdog lunch, games at the lumberyard, church services with Allen Ketchersid, a hamburger supper and a night at the movies! The weekend ended on Sunday with breakfast and talk about the movie "Evan Almighty", church services with Allan Ketchersid, and a pot luck lunch.

We appreciate the families that hosted the youth in their homes, and for Stuart, Vivian and the Church of Christ family that hosted this weekend for the Youth. We hope that all the kids that participated in the youth day will start to school with God in their minds and hearts and will always remember what God has done for them!!

Letters To The Editor



Dear Editor:

Did you know that there are over 23 million Americans considered to have substance abuse problems right now? Did you know that there are over 1 million people in this country receiving substance abuse treatment right now? Did you know that the United States has the highest jail/prison population in the world and that roughly 80% of that population is incarcerated either directly or indirectly for issues involving substance abuse?

My name is Emily Milburn, I am 19, and I used to be a statistic. I was 13 years old when I first started using drugs. My substance abuse problems finally landed me in jail.

My family was devastated. They did not understand why I was making such poor choices. They did not know what to do or where to turn. They were confused, they were disappointed, but more than anything they just wanted to get me some help!

Fortunately for my family and ultimately for me, there are avenues readily available for people to get help in our great country. Newspapers, television stations, radio broadcasts, the internet, all of these outlets made it possible for my family to do their research and find the right program for me. And it worked!

I want your readers to know that there is always hope and there is always something that can be done about addiction issues. If you are tired of watching someone you love lose everything in life that matters then do something about it now!

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On the QT

By Patsy Herrington

Visitors this past week in the Junior, Betty and Cindy Bearden home were Shawn, Perry, Kamrin, and Chaden Varnell from Portales, New Mexico. They had a birthday party for five year old Kamrin. This weekend other visitors of the Beardens were Max, Dan and Brice Bearden of Ropesville. They enjoyed visiting and fishing at Caprock Canyons State Park.

Jill Johnson and Delene Tyler visited Felix Johnson at the Prairie House, Plainview, this week.

Following services at the Methodist Church last Sunday, there was a meal followed by a baby shower for the new baby of Rosie and Ann Hernandez.

Wesley and Stephanie Woods came from Plainview this week to tend to the beautiful grounds of the Hope Center, and spray and mow yards for others. They visited Buck and Ann Chadwick while here.

Kim, and son, Parker, Eudy drove from Austin this past week to visit Bob Ham and Patsy Herrington, parents and grandparents. Kim went to Crosbyton to work in the bank for two days and returned home. 15 year old Parker remained for a few days visit. Patsy took him to the airport Monday for his return home.

Eunice McFall says that her husband, Sid, who is in the Childress Healthcare Center is feeling better and making progress.

Jack and Edwina Johnson are enjoying the cool weather of Colorado. They plan to visit his brother, John Lyn Johnson of Cripple Creek while there.

Delene Tyler has been on the sick list. Jill Johnson drove her to her doctor when she became ill Friday. She is feeling better.

Ruby Mae Woods flew to Tennessee by way of Midland to see her brother, who is ill. Another brother and sister and their spouses accompanied her.

Henrietta Finney Price went to a gospel meeting in Flomot Thursday night and saw some of her Church of Christ friends from Plainview while there. While traveling there she noticed that the State had put up two Gasoline City Limits signs.

It was so good to see Johnny Morrison who was here for the Gasoline reunion. She lives in Amarillo with her son, Joe Morrison and family. She misses everyone here and would love to move back. She remarked "Joe just lets me have two tiny little cookies every day for sweets," but says, "she's feeling much better."

The road construction is coming along very good on the south part of main. The sidewalks have been taken up and will soon be poured. It won't be very long until our town will be beautiful!

Donna Taylor and Mary Bingham, Amarillo, opened up the Quitaque Hotel this weekend for guests going to the bicycle races held here. Many remarked on the charm of the hotel decor. Later Donna and Mary attended the 115th birthday Celebration of Briscoe county at Silverton. Mrs. Bingham lived at Silverton some years ago.

Amber Stark of Waco surprised her parents, Randy and Linda Stark, and was here over the weekend.

One of the prettiest yards in the area is that of Misti and Jim Messer with its abundance of gorgeous flowers and plush green lawn. I walk by there almost every day with my dig, and it is indeed a pleasant sight.

Phone 455-1239 to report news!



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Small Taxing Unit Notice

The Hall County Hospital District will hold a meeting at 7:00 P.M.

on August 28, 2007 at Hall County EMS, 618 W. Main to consider

adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2007.

The proposed tax rate is .1784 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the

Hall County Hospital District by 0

(Percentage by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the effective tax rate)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The TURKEY-QUITAQUE CISD will hold a public meeting at 8:00p.m. August 27, 2007 in VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.040	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	3	% Increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	0	% Increase	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	3	% Increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 38,877,180	\$ 39,461,450
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 644,810	\$ 461,720
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 37,694,630	\$ 38,211,440
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 644,810	\$ 461,720

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0

* Outstanding principal.

59-280 (Rev. 8-16-02) (Back)

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.260	\$ 0	\$ 1.260	\$2,076	\$ 8,608
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.163	\$ 0	\$ 1.163	\$2,119	\$ 8,980
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040	\$ 0	\$ 1.040	\$1,958	\$ 9,486

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$17,784	\$17,812
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 5,600	\$5,551
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.260	\$1.040
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 70.56	\$57.73
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$(12.83)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.040. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.040.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 900,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0



Agriculture Adds Fuel To Food, Feed and Fiber Supply

Agriculture has a challenge in front of it: the opportunity to help meet the energy needs of the future, said the director of Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Dr. Mark Hussey, speaking at the "Alternative Energy Sources from Agriculture" field tour on Aug. 8 at research facilities near Bushland, said agricultural research has helped meet the food, feed and fiber needs of this nation for more than a century.

Now it is being called on to help meet another need. "I'm confident, as we look to the future, agriculture will be looked to as a provider of food, feed, fiber and fuel," Hussey said.

The challenge by President George W. Bush is to replace 30 percent of the current petroleum use in this country by 2030, he said.

Grain-based ethanol production will begin in the Texas Panhandle early next year, Hussey said. This, and other ethanol production nationwide, is important in meeting the country's short-term need for renewable fuels.

But the entire corn crop produced in the nation is not enough to meet the president's goal, he said. It is going to require the conversion of biomass from grasslands, shrublands and dedicated energy crops, such as sweet and high biomass sorghums.

Meeting the 30 percent goal will take 1 billion tons of biomass per year, Hussey said. That is 140,000 tractor-trailer loads full of biomass delivered to a refinery 365 days a year.

"It's a tremendous challenge," he said. "Some folks liken it to the Manhattan Project. The research we saw today was really setting the stage."

Issues such as logistics still have to be researched and worked out, Hussey said. "How do you move those feedstocks to the refinery, and how do we store, pretreat and convert it to liquid fuels efficiently?"

How long before conversion of these grasses and sorghums into ethanol is realistically possible? "Some folks think three to six years," he said.

Pilot plants are going to be in place soon and once the logistics of harvesting, moving and storing biomass are determined, it will happen, Hussey said.

What's beyond that? Within 15 years, he said, these feedstocks and bio-based fuels will be converted directly to gasoline and diesel. Ethanol will continue to be essential, playing a role in oxygenating the fuels.

"Today we saw dedicated feedstocks ù sorghum, perennial wheat ù and the conversion of byproducts such as distiller's grains in support of the feeding industry," Hussey said. "We had a chance to look at native grasslands and shrublands."

No single crop or method of fuel conversion is the answer to meeting future energy needs, he said. Regional-based solutions will be best, with a combination of feedstocks considered.

"We talk about agriculture being from field to fork," Hussey said. "In the future, I think we'll be talking about field to fuel tank."

PALO DURO BASIN OIL AND GAS UPDATE

FLOYD COUNTY: Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. vs. PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd.: On August 9, 2007 PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. Filed their Original Answer and Counter Claim against Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc.'s Petition filed on July 16, 2007 with the Floyd County District Clerk's Office as Cause Number 9947. PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. Inc. Denies all of the Allegations contained in the Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Original Petition. PetroGlobe Energy states a dispute has arisen between PetroGlobe Energy and Bankers Petroleum concerning their respective Rights and Obligations under their Joint Operating Agreement. PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. Seeks a Judicial Declaration that Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. has No Legal Right to forfeit PetroGlobe Energy's existing and future Working Interest and Rights in the Cogdell Ranch leases and PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. Seeks a Judicial Declaration that Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. be Removed as the Operator of their Joint Operating Agreement.

FLOYD COUNTY: At the PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. McIntosh Lease Well #176 the mechanical repairs have been concluded and the Well has been placed back on Pump, currently off Frac Fluid.

MOTLEY COUNTY: On August 9, 2007 Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. issued their 2007 Second Quarter News Release reporting on both their Black 4 Lease Well #1 and on their Cogdell "64" Lease Well #1.

Bankers Petroleum reported the Black 4 Lease Well #1 "encountered a more thermally mature 280 feet thick Bend Shale Interval as well as numerous potentially productive Granite Wash Sand intervals." Bankers Petroleum plans to test the Granite Wash Sands and Fracture Stimulate Bend Shale Zone.

Bankers Petroleum reported the Cogdell "64" lease Well #1 had been Fracture Stimulated in the Granite Wash Sand Zone and was able to flow at the rate 325 mcf per day. Bankers petroleum further reported that a casing problem had been encountered after the Fracture Stimulation, but the well was still able to flow back.

On August 10, 2007 Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. filed an Amended Application for Permit to Recomplete the Cogdell "64" Lease Well #1 as a Horizontal Wellbore. The Horizontal Recompletion Formation Penetration Point will be located 1593 feet from the North Line and 1230 feet from the West line of Section 64, Block T, and the Terminus Location will be 4519 feet from the North Line and 715 feet from the West Line of Section 64, Block T. This would Permit a Horizontal Section of approximately 2990 feet in length. This would place the Terminus Location of the Cogdell "64" Lease Well #1 Horizontal Re-completion 115 feet Northeast of the 1962 Plugged and Abandoned Wellbore of the General Crude Oil Company F.M. Eiring Lease Well #1 which was drilled to a total depth of 9256 feet. The 1962 F.M. Eiring Lease Well #1 was located 660 feet from the South Line and 660 feet from the West Line of Section 64, Block T.



Cotton
By
Shawn Wade

PCG News
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

USDA Issues First Survey-based Production Estimate for 2007 Growing Season

The season's first USDA production estimate based on in-field surveys shows the 2007 crop is within striking distance of the four million bale mark for the fourth straight season, and adds support to the cautiously optimistic stance many growers are taking on this year's High Plains cotton crop.

According to the numbers released for Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS) crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S, the High Plains has the potential to produce 3.95 million bales of cotton from an estimated 2.99 million harvested acres. Projected yield per acre across the region is pegged at 634 pounds per acre.

Nationally USDA forecasts All Cotton production in the United States at 17.137 million bales and Upland Cotton production at 16.5 million bales. USDA estimates Texas will produce 6.1 million bales of Upland cotton in 2007.

This year's initial High Plains cotton production forecast is 3.95 million bales, a slim 100,000 bales shy of the area's 2006 production level of 4.05 million bales.

In the August 10 report, TASS also made slight revisions to the area's planted and harvested acreage figures that were released June 30. According to the latest figures, the High Plains region appears to have planted 3.2 million acres of cotton and is projected to harvest 2.99 million acres. This provides a current abandonment estimate of right at 210,000 acres, or 6.5 percent.

The High Plains region's estimated 3.2 million planted acres is a 17.5 percent decrease in cotton acreage from the 3.89 million acres planted to the crop in 2006. This year's initial 3.2 million cotton acres is also the lowest number of acres initially planted to cotton in the region since the early 1990's.

Breaking the USDA Crop Report for Texas down to the district level shows that district 1-N counties planted 600,000 acres, down 40 percent from 2006 plantings of 994,700 acres. Harvested acres in district 1-N are forecast to be 10 percent below plantings at 540,000 acres.

Yield-wise the northern High Plains crop appears to be down somewhat as well compared to last year with field surveys indicating potential yield at 796 pounds per acre, 93 pounds below 2006's average yield of 889 pounds.

It should be no surprise that most of the projected production decline in this area is attributable to the shifting of a significant amount of the area's better, irrigated land to grain crops and the slow start many fields experienced. Despite the acreage shifts and delays, total production in district 1-N is forecast at a respectable 895,000 bales.

Looking south, cotton producers in district 1-S planted 2.6 million acres according to TASS, an increase of 110,000 acres from USDA's June Planted Acreage Report. The 2007 planted acreage figure is 283,000 acres less than the area 1-S producers planted to cotton in 2006, a decrease of 10 percent.

Based on the revised acreage forecast, this months report indicates harvested acres in 1-S will total 2.45 million, a difference of 150,000 acres or 5.7 percent. District 1-S yields are forecast at 599 pounds per acre, slightly below the 637 pounds per harvested acre achieved in 2006.

Taking into account the improved moisture situation in the majority of the 1-S production region and the continuation of favorable weather conditions, district 1-S yields appear to have the potential to rise to 2006 levels with just a little help from Mother Nature.

As noted in recent weeks through a variety of sources, the 2007 crop has the potential to provide another outstanding result for High Plains cotton producers. Summer-like conditions punctuated by one or two seasonal rainfall events are the key to pushing the 2007 crop over and above USDA's current forecast.

Whether the region's prospects increase or diminish are, as usual, dependent on the weather and the pattern that establishes itself between now and late September.

This week's USDA Crop Production report verifies why there is a lot to optimistic about regarding the 2007 crop and sets the stage for measuring its progress from this point forward.

The counties located in districts 1-N and 1-S, which include most of the counties in the Texas Panhandle and above the Caprock, closely mirror the composition of the 41-county Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. membership area.

Texas Upland Cotton Production Forecast August 10, 2007

District	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Pounds		1,000 bales	
1-N	994.7	600.0	850.1	540.0	889	796	1,575.2	895.0
1-S	2,883.2	2,600.0	1,880.4	2,450.0	637	599	2,497.1	3,055.0
2-N	426.3	360.0	251.2	340.0	497	544	260.2	385.0
2-S	548.0	470.0	265.6	450.0	311	501	171.9	470.0
4	157.9	100.0	156.5	95.0	482	455	157.0	90.0
7	189.0	160.0	92.8	155.0	679	635	131.2	205.0
8-N	109.2	60.0	58.7	55.0	885	742	108.2	85.0
8-S	455.8	330.0	147.1	320.0	716	750	219.4	500.0
9	236.6	150.0	228.5	145.0	881	612	419.2	185.0
10-S	266.2	100.0	85.4	90.0	687	613	122.3	115.0
Other	133.1	70.0	83.7	60.0	793	920	138.3	115.0
STATE	6,400.0	5,000.0	4,100.0	4,700.0	679	623	5,800.0	6,100.0

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

Corn Prices Have Little To Do With Food Price Increases

Farmers across the nation are taking a bad rap as strong corn prices fueled by the increasing demand for ethanol are being blamed for higher food costs.

"When crude oil moved from \$40 to \$70 a barrel, consumers faced a 75 percent increase in fuel prices," Cortese said. "Farmers faced those same increases and were hit even harder as oil is used in everything from fuel to fertilizer and other inputs."

More important, however, high oil prices are causing significant increases in the largest costs of food production—processing, packing and shipping each food product to market. In fact, Cortese said, the value of corn is just a tiny fraction of a product's cost. And only a small segment of the food market relies on corn as an input.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2708

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF Turkey TO TAX TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN TRANSIT WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE EXEMPT PURSUANT TO TEXAS TAX CODE, SECTION 11.253

WHEREAS, the 80th Texas Legislature in Regular Session has enacted House Bill 621 to take effect on January 1, 2008, which added Tex. Tax Code §11.253 to exempt from taxation certain tangible personal property held temporarily at a location in this state for assembling, storing, manufacturing, processing or fabricating purposes (goods-in-transit) which property has been subject to taxation in the past; and

WHEREAS, Tex. Tax Code §11.253(j) as amended allows the governing body of a taxing unit, after conducting a public hearing, to provide for the continued taxation of such goods-in-transit; and

WHEREAS, the City Council (or Commission) of the City of Turkey, having conducted a public hearing as required by Section 1-n (d), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is of the opinion that it is in the best interests of the district to continue to tax such goods-in-transit;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL (OR COMMISSION) OF THE CITY OF Turkey THAT: The goods-in-transit, as defined Tex. Tax Code 11.253(a)(2), as amended by House Bill 621, enacted by the 80th Texas Legislature in Regular Session, shall remain subject to taxation by the City of Turkey, Texas.

Dated this 8 day of August, 2007.

[Signature]
Mayor

Attested:

[Signature]
City Secretary

2007 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN THE CITY OF QUITAQUE

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for the **CITY OF QUITAQUE**. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's "Effective" Tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's "Rollback" rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 61,014
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-
Last year's total taxes	\$ 61,014
Last year's tax base	\$ 9,621,989
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.6341

THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:

Last year's adjusted taxes	\$ 60,834
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(After subtracting taxes on lost property)	
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 9,593,709
(After subtracting value of new property)	

= **This years effective tax rate** **\$ 0.62509**

THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$ 60,834
(After subtracting taxes on lost property)	
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 9,732,068
= This year's effective operating rate	0.993753
X 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	1.073253
+ This year's debt rate	\$ -0-/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	1.073253
- Sales tax adjustment rate	.368529
= Rollback Tax Rate	.704724

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If the City of Quitaque adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of .62509 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2006 taxes by \$158.

SCHEDULE A

UNENCUMBERED FUNDS BALANCES:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	-0-

SCHEDULE B

2007 DEBT SERVICE: None

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Briscoe County Tax Appraisal District, 415 Main (Courthouse), Silverton, Texas.

The person providing the above information is:

[Signature] *[Signature]* 8-13-07
Signature Position Date

Garrison Family Holds Reunion

Thirty-eight members of J.B. and Mary Ellen Davlin Garrison family met Saturday, August 4, at the Senior Citizens building in Matador.

Seven families of their 11 children were represented. The group visited and shared a delicious meal together.

Kay Garrison came from Oregon, son of Walter and Flora Wilkerson Garrison. From Frank and Lena Garrison were Cotton and Joyce Fisher Thomas. Dixie Campbell and Evelyn Garrison represented the Coke and Bertha Day Garrison family. Ronnie, Carla and granddaughter Tori, represented the Ray and Ina Latham Garrison family. Edna Ruth and Virginia Green represented Finis and Emma Bourland family. Chip Garrison represented the Charlie and Dollie Keltz Garrison family. Special guests were Dorothy Day, Beverly, Roger and Doris Vinson and Winifred Dorsey.

Hosts for the reunion were from the Gabe and Susie Hudson Garrison family.

Second, third and fourth generations of the J.B. Garrison family attended the reunion: Pascal and Donnie Garrison, Chuck and Weymon Saul, Lottie Garrison, Gordon and Carolyn Lowery, Max and Kay Garrison, Dale and Dona Smith, Joe Kirk, Angie and Dakota Smith, Shavonne, Brennen and Gentry George, Frank Lowery and Crystal Smith, J.D., D'anna, Shane'a and Colton Russell, Devona Smith.

By discussion and voting by show of hands, the decision was made to discontinue the J.B. Garrison reunion and each family to have their own reunion, with the understanding that all eleven families of J.B. and Mary Ellen Garrison will be notified of the meetings of other reunions.

We The Women

We The Women met on Tuesday, August 14 with 14 ladies present. Great potluck and good desserts! After the meal, President Patsy Herrington brought the meeting to order and asked for a financial report.

It was noted that the Chamber of Commerce will be having a work day on September 15 from 9-12. All are invited to come and help.

Arlene will check on signs for lots next week.

We The Women will be installing a new basketball goal set at the tennis courts as soon as possible.

The ladies voted to help the Lions out with their project of painting the playground equipment at the City Park. A monetary donation to help purchase pain was given.

Sherry McKay will check on the prices of a marquee at the Community Center.

The Bag Sale at the Thrift Shop will begin on Monday, August 20. The price \$3 per bag, clothing and shoes only.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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599	2,497.1	3,055.0
544	260.2	385.0
501	171.9	470.0
455	157.0	90.0
635	131.2	205.0
742	108.2	85.0
750	219.4	500.0
612	419.2	185.0
613	122.3	115.0
920	138.3	115.0
623	5,800.0	6,100.0

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2007 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN THE CITY OF TURKEY

This notice concerns property tax rates for the **City of Turkey**. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$	40,040.
Last year's debt taxes	\$	0.
Last year's total taxes	\$	40,040.
Last year's tax base	\$	7,744,740.
Last year's total tax rate	\$.517/ \$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes(after subtracting taxes on lost property) \$ 39,995.

This year's adjusted tax base(after subtracting value of new property) \$ 7,858,890.
 = *This year's effective tax rate* \$.50891/\$100
 (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function,tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) \$ 45,604.
 ~ This year's adjusted tax base \$ 7,858,890.
 = This year's effective operating rate \$.58028 /\$100
 x **1.08** = this year's maximum operating rate \$.62670 /\$100
 + This year's debt rate \$ /\$100
 = This year's total rollback rate \$.62670 /\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If the City of Turkey adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of .50891 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2006 by \$.97.00.

SCHEDULE A

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines.

-Sales tax adjustment rate n/a
 -Rollback tax rate n/a

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Hall County Tax Appraisal District, 512 Main, Suite 14, Memphis, Texas. The person providing the above information is:

Marlin D. Felts,
Chief Appraiser
August 10, 2007

Property Tax Rates in Hall County

This notice concerns

2007 property tax rates for **HALL COUNTY**.

It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

GENERAL FUND

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$	1,030,081.
Last year's debt taxes	\$	
Last year's total taxes	\$	1,030,081.
Last year's tax base	\$	163,504,960.
Last year's total tax rate	\$.63 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes(after subtracting taxes on lost property) \$ 1,026,776.
 ~ *This year's adjusted tax base(after subtracting value of new property)* \$ 182,569,420.
 = *This year's effective tax rate for each fund* \$.63159/\$100
Total effective tax rate \$.63159/\$100
 (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function,tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) \$ 1,026,776.
 ~ *This year's adjusted tax base* \$ 162,569,420.
 = *This year's effective rate* \$.63159 /\$100
 x **1.08** = *this year's maximum operating rate* \$.68211 /\$100
 + *This year's debt rate* \$ 00/\$100
 = *This year's rollback rate for each fund* \$.68211 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Hall County adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of .63159 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2006 taxes by \$7,774.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund

Balance	
General Fund	\$1,350,000.

Schedule B: Debt Service

None

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations.

You can inspect a copy of full calculations at the Hall County Appraisal District office, 512 Main, Suite 14 (Courthouse) Memphis, Texas.

The person providing the above information is:

Marlin Felts, **Chief Appraiser,** **August 10, 2007.**



Billy and Margie Pinkerton have had a busy time since the middle of July. They spent two weeks helping care for their youngest granddaughter following her accident. From there they went to Lake Brownwood to attend the big family reunion that they look forward to each year. This is the GA and Ruby Moore family. This year they had 226 family members present. While at the reunion they made a quick trip to Duncan, OK to help Billy's brother Leland and wife, Linda, celebrate their 50th anniversary. They did this following a Friday evening meal with Margie's brother and all his children and her sister, and most of her family, Vera and family and Tommy and family. They had Mexican food and a large cake to celebrate August birthdays and anniversaries. Brum was unable to attend because he was in Farmington working. Crissie returned home with them Sunday afternoon to spend more time in Turkey.

Wednesday Billy had a doctor's appointment in Amarillo. Jan and Joy Turner recently attended Jan's Cousin's Reunion in San Jon, New Mexico. They enjoyed a wonderful meal and a fun auction with the group. There were just over 100 in attendance this year. After the reunion they drove on to Ruidoso for a few days which they enjoyed very much. While in Ruidoso Jan had a short visit with John Tempher, his wife and friends who were there for the horse races. John was owner Peoples State Bank in Turkey a few years back. They returned to Canyon in time for the Townsley family to leave for their vacation to Boston and New York City. Joy spent the next week house and dog setting. She also had lunch and visited with long-time friends Jim and Zona Christopher and visited by phone with several other friends and ex-Turkey and Quitaque citizens. Jan went up on Tuesday and visited until Thursday before coming home. It had been nine days since Joy had left, so she was glad to get home.

Volunteers Needed For Age Related Macular Degeneration Study

Could fish oil and vitamin supplements slow the leading cause of vision loss in older Americans? Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) and the National Eye Institute want to find out.

They are seeking the help of 4,000 volunteers between the ages of 50 and 85 who are diagnosed with the early stages of age-related macular degeneration (AMD) in both eyes or have advanced AMD in at least one eye.

The Age-Related Eye Disease Study 2 (AREDS2) will look at the effects of vitamins supplemented by lutein/ zeaxanthin and/ or omega-3 fatty acids on the progression of the disease. Lutein and zeaxanthin are plant-derived yellow pigments that accumulate in the area of the eye's retina that is responsible for central vision, the same area where people with AMD begin to lose sight. Omega-3 fatty acids are the active components found in fish oil and are lauded for their heart-health benefits.

This study builds on a previous NIH study - AREDS - that found high dosages of vitamins C and E, beta-carotene, zinc and copper reduced the risk of developing advanced AMD by 25 percent and the risk of moderate vision loss by 19 percent.

"We hope the results of this study will give us better information about which vitamins and minerals offer the best sight protection for people with this disease," said Dr. Richard Lewis, professor of ophthalmology at BCM and director of the study in Houston.

Volunteers will be provided two initial eye examinations followed by annual examinations for five years. All medications and daily multivitamins will be free of charge. Some people in the study will receive the active forms of the vitamins and omega-3 fatty acids. Others will receive an inactive form called a placebo. Results from the groups will then be compared at the end of the study.

AREDS2 is sponsored by the National Eye Institute. To enroll in the study or for more information call 713-798-1501. The National Eye Institute's information line is 1-877-273-3780

Expert: Security Freeze Can Help Chill Identity Theft

Beginning Sept. 1, Texans will have another layer of protection for their personal identities, said a Texas Cooperative Extension expert.

As of that date, all residents of the Lone Star State will be able to request a security freeze on their credit reports, said Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Extension family economics specialist. Until that date, only victims of identity theft can request that protection.

A security freeze on your personal credit report prevents creditors from accessing your information as long as the freeze is in effect, she said.

"If (identity thieves) have your name and Social Security number, and you have a security freeze on your account, they will be unable to open any accounts in your name," Cavanagh said.

Establishing a security freeze on personal information takes a little time and money, but could be worth the effort, she said.

According to Consumers Union, as of Sept. 1, "Any consumer in Texas may request a security freeze in writing by certified mail to the credit reporting agency."

The certified letter should contain: name (including middle initial and any designation such as Sr., Jr. or III), address, Social Security number, date of birth, residential addresses for the past five years, proof of current address (such as a utility or phone bill), photocopy of a government-issued identification card such as driver's license or military identification. A \$10 fee payable to each of the credit reporting bureaus, for a total of \$30, is payable by check, money order or credit card. The fee is waived for victims of identity theft, who should also enclose a copy of a report of the incident.

The addresses of the three credit reporting bureaus are:

- Equifax Security Freeze: P.O. Box 105788, Atlanta, Ga. 30348.
- Experian Security Freeze: P.O. Box 9554, Allen, Texas 75013.
- Trans Union Security Freeze: P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, Calif. 92834-6790.

"The freeze takes effect five business days from when the credit bureau receives your request," Cavanagh said. "Within 10 days you will get a confirmation letter with an identification number or password. Keep this safe where you know where it is. In order to have the security freeze lifted, you need to know your identification number or password."

For more information visit the Consumers Union Web site at <http://www.consumersunion.org>. Type "Security Freeze" into the search field and click on the search link.

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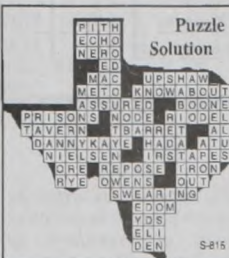
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We would like to thank Quitaque EMS for their effort and love they gave to our son, Joseph. Thank you Sandra and Jerry Barclay, Maria Merrell, Albert Castillo and Walter Skinner. A special thanks to Susy, Scott and Kodie Saul for your extra support with Joseph's grandmother. An extra special thanks to Cassie Anderson, Cory Pointer and the people of the community for your prayers, support, and love you have given our family during a difficult time.

Thank you, Hernandez Family Rosey, Ann and Joseph

Tri-County Meals would like to thank the Rolling Plains Motorcycle Club for sponsoring the Briscoe County Celebration Poker Run. All proceeds were for the benefit of Tri-County Meals and we appreciate all the work before and during the Poker Run. A special thank you to Rick and Bena Hester for allowing us the use of their building all day.

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BID NOTICE

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Property 1

The estate of Mrs. J.A McKay ADA Gertrude P. McKay, All of lot No. Twelve (12) and the East One-half (E1/2), of Lot No. Thirteen (13), in Block No. Two (2) of the B.L. Jago Addition to the Town of Quitaque, in Briscoe County, Texas.

Property 2

All of Lot No. Nine (9), in Block No. Twenty-Tree (23) in the Town of Quitaque, Briscoe County, Texas.
Formerly owned by Monty Beavers

Notice Of Sheriff Sale The State Of Texas The County Of Briscoe

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court Of BRISCOE County in the following cases on the 7th day of August, 2007, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 A.M. on the 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2007, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICAL door of the Courthouse of said BRISCOE County, to-wit:

Cause No.

3144 BRISCOE COUNTY VS ORTIZ FELIX JR

All of the West one-half (W/2) of Lots Numbers Nineteen (19), Twenty (20) and Twenty-one (21) in Block Number Twenty-eight (28) of the Original Town of Quitaque in Briscoe County, Texas.

Cause No.

3145 TURKEY-QUITAQUE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS ORTIZ SAM
All of Lot No. 13, the South 25 feet of Lot No. 14, and the South 75 feet of the West 32 feet of Lot No. 16, all in Block No. 11, in the Town of Quitaque, Briscoe County, Texas.

Cause No.

3146 TURKEY-QUITAQUE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS RAMOS RAMIRO

All of Lots Seven (7), Eight (8), and the East Fourteen Feet (E/14') of Lot Nine (9), Block No. Thirteen (13) in the Original Town of Quitaque, Briscoe County, Texas.

Levied on the 7th day of August, 2007 as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgements rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of BRISCOE COUNTY, CITY OF QUITAQUE AND TURKEY-QUITAQUE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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Sheriff, BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS

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~ John Stuart Mill

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July Area Sales Tax Rebates Shows Ups & Downs Of Area Businesses

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs today said the state collected \$1.6 billion in sales tax revenue in July, up 5.3 percent compared to July 2006.

"Growth in sales tax collections eased in July, but moved ahead at a steady pace," Combs said. "In particular, receipts from the mining, construction, manufacturing, and service sectors reflect a Texas economy resisting the cooling seen in the national economy."

Combs sent \$534.2 million in August sales tax allocations to local governments, up 5.1 percent compared to August 2006. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are up 6.6 percent compared to last year.

Combs sent sales tax payments of \$364 million to Texas cities, up 4.1 percent compared to last August. Calendar year to date, city sales tax revenues are surpassing 2006 by 6.9 percent. Sales tax payments of \$31 million went to Texas counties, 5.6 percent higher than last August. So far in calendar year 2007, county sales tax allocations are up 7.8 percent compared to last year.

In addition, \$17.6 million in sales tax revenue went to 121 special purpose taxing districts, 20.3 percent more than in August 2006. Ten local transit systems received \$121.5 million, up 5.9 percent compared to a year ago.

July state sales tax revenue and August allocations to local governments represent sales taxes collected in June by businesses that report sales taxes monthly, and sales taxes collected in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

It is not down in any map; true places never are.
- Herman Melville

Area Wide July Sales Tax Allocations

City	Current Sales Tax Rate	Net Tax Payment This Period	Comp. Tax Payment Prior Year	% Of Change	2007 Tax Payments To Date	2006 Tax Payments To Date	% Of Change
Quitaque	2.00%	\$4,009.23	\$4,410.01	-9.08%	\$23,932.93	\$23,650.13	1.19%
Silverton	1.75%	\$4,470.86	\$4,342.86	2.94%	\$29,315.80	\$19,047.17	53.91%
Turkey	2.00%	\$3,711.85	\$4,331.03	-14.29%	\$20,967.55	\$23,183.51	-9.55%
Memphis	2.00%	\$24,696.28	\$23,599.49	4.64%	\$163,056.94	\$165,692.60	-1.59%
Lakeview	1.00%	\$232.04	\$131.72	76.16%	\$1,361.49	\$1,746.57	-22.04%
Estelline	1.25%	\$1,638.41	\$1,697.88	-3.50%	\$12,017.85	\$12,080.50	-0.51%
Matador	2.00%	\$7,123.63	\$6,164.50	15.55%	\$44,587.23	\$41,391.03	7.72%
Roaring Spgs	2.00%	\$1,223.55	\$4,570.07	-77.22%	\$11,954.42	\$25,081.89	-52.34%

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- Daniel J. Boorstin

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