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Fishing at Lake Theo has been great the last few weeks. Weldon Griffin is shown here with a 7.5 lb. largemouth bass that he caught on Saturday, 4-26-08. We have had reports of numerous bass caught that weigh from 4 to 9 lbs and crappie up to 2.5 lbs. Water temperature is around 59 degrees. Don't forget, there's no fishing license required to fish at Lake Theo inside Caprock Canyons State Park, but your entrance fee of \$3/person is still required. Photo By Clyde Dudley.

Hall County To Pay \$34,775 To Have Bats Removed From Courthouse

The Hall County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, April 14. Present for the meeting were County Judge Jack Martin, Commissioners Milton Beasley-Pct 1, Terry Lindsey-Pct 2, Buddy Logsdon-Pct 3, James Fuston-pct 4, and County Clerk Raye Bailey. After attending to regular monthly court business the following items were addressed:

- * A motion passed to get rid of public computers in the Courthouse.
- * A motion passed to pass a Resolution supporting expedited development of competitive renewable energy zones in West Texas including infrastructure to export wind power for West Texas.
- * Deputy Tom Heck assured the Commissioners that the Hall County Jail has been brought up to compliance with the minimum jail standards.
- * Cody Sparks, District Conservationist from Briscoe County was present to discuss the O&M Agreement on the Kent Creek Watershed. Operations and maintenance in Kent Creek was discussed and at this time Hall County does not have anything that has to be maintained.
- * A motion passed to accept the bid from United Bat Control in the amount of \$34,775.00 to remove the bats from the Courthouse with Pauline Johnsey in charge of taking care of this.
- * A motion passed to have Pauline Johnsey to contact United Bat Control about the removal of the pigeons by United Bat Control.
- * No action was taken regarding information received on consultants' fees for electrical plan for rewiring the Courthouse.
- * A motion passed to award a grant of \$256.00 to Home Delivered Meals.
- * The commissioners spent the afternoon working on the Hall County Employee Handbook. After this was completed there was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.



Turkey Gem Spotlight Michael Grace

Michael Grace is originally from Oklahoma City and has been a musician for 44 years with various bands and bands of his own, always country and western swing. He met his wife Rosetta Wills at a Bob Wills tribute at the Cains Ballroom in Tulsa and several years later they married in Austin then 6 years ago they returned to Turkey where they now reside. Bob Wills and western swing are his favorites and San Antonio Rose is a song he never gets tired of singing. The Ray Price song "A Way To Survive" is a particular favorite. Michael served 13 years in the Army's Special Forces and saw combat in Vietnam.

Turkey Jamboree This Saturday In Historic Gem Theatre

By RJ Kalafus

The music will continue this Saturday, May 3rd, after a great Bob Wills week, at the Turkey Jamboree in the historic Gem Theatre in beautiful downtown Turkey, Texas.

The show will start at 7 p.m. after a meal benefiting the Quitaque Masonic Lodge. The hamburger supper will start at 6 p.m.. The cost for the full meal will be \$5 per person and will help the good work of the Lodge.

Starting off the night will be the Shannons of Northfield, who are a multi-talented family and were previous winners of the first prize awarded by fan voting.

Following them will be Silverton's and Branson's Jimmy Burson, who always provides a good show when ever he performs.

Closing out the night competition will be Amarillo's Marty Gilbert, a keyboard stylist who has performed in Turkey in the past and had been well received.

There will be a Talent Search open to anyone who would like to participate in entertaining the audience.

The show will conclude with the best band in West Texas, The Turkey Gems, featuring eight great individual musicians who come together once a month to become the Gems. The show will be emceed by Dewayne and Melody Pettiet who really keep the show moving both with good humor and fine voices.

It must be noted that the show is free and is family friendly and no one has ever complained that the show was bad or offensive.

The \$100 prize will be awarded at the end of the show by fan voting and it will be donated by Billy Ray Harcastle and the Masonic Lodge of Quitaque. The \$25 door prize is donated this month by Jan and Joy Turkey of Turkey, There will also be prizes brawn between acts for everything from electronics to cakes and craft work. Hope to see ya'll there!

Senior Car Wash Next Monday

The Senior Class 08 will be holding a car wash this Monday, May 5 at the Allsup's in Quitaque. The car wash will begin at 3:00pm and will conclude at dark. Donations will be accepted. All proceeds will go toward their graduation ceremony. Come out with your car and help make their graduation one to remember.

Bob Wills Day Photos Page 5

Congressman Mac Thornberry Says "No Excuses" for High Gas Prices

Normally I wouldn't quote CBS News, but with oil closing at over \$119.00 per barrel it is worth noting a recent CBS report on gas prices. How fast are gas prices rising? Well, according to CBS they've now nearly doubled in just over three years. A lot of folks in our part of Texas have been asking what Congress is going to do about high gas prices. Unfortunately it seems to me Congress is doing exactly the opposite of what it should be doing to lower energy prices generally and gas prices in particular.

Everyone understands supply and demand. In the past year Congress has passed a bill, which I opposed, to raise taxes on energy and to make production of domestic energy resources more expensive. Just this week another Member of Congress announced a plan to make drilling in parts of the Gulf of Mexico off limits. Saudi Arabia has announced a hold on plans to further increase long-term production capacity from its vast oil fields, and unrest in Nigeria and other oil producing countries has shown how vulnerable supplies from those areas can be. In short, our own government and world politics are making supplies tight and artificially more expensive.

Between price and the use of alternative fuels U.S. oil consumption is projected to fall by as much as 2% over the next year, but world demand during the next five years is projected to rise about 30%. Meaning that while supplies are going down or suffering from artificial inflation through new taxes, demand due to the growing energy consumption of such nations as China and India is increasing, despite our efforts to reduce consumption here in America.

The result is a "perfect storm" of falling world supply, rising world demand, and rising taxes driving prices up for average Americans. What's worse there are some who appear to be quietly happy with this situation believing that rising prices in America will discourage fossil fuel consumption and reduce global warming.

My approach to solving our energy supply problem is to increase production of ALL types of energy here in America. Until we produce more energy of all kinds here at home we will be at

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Quitaque City Council Discuss Disposal Of Brush & Tree Limbs

The Quitaque City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 14. Present for the meeting were Mayor Clyde Dudley, Council members Michelle Pointer, Phil Barefield, Todd Oberheu, and City Manager Maria Merrell. After attending to regular council business the following items were addressed:

* Under public comment council member Phil Barefield discussed progress of tree donated by the Tipps family. Merrell informed the council that Kay Calvert was in touch with family members and was working on this project. Council member Pointer informed the council that she had been approached about disposal of tree limbs. At the present time the city does not have a site due to the building of the water tower. Merrell will look into a possible solution and report back to the council. Council member Todd Oberheu expressed concern over the condition of the city drinking water. Oberheu was informed that a city well had gone down during last weeks lightning storm which caused the water problem. Hydrants are being flushed as well as the wells to alleviate the problem.

* The Ambulance service reported three runs since the last regular meeting. Merrell reported that the service along with the fire department hosted the concession stand of the Enduro races Saturday and Sunday March 29-30. Proceeds from the concession were \$1082.00 per each department.

* The council next discussed the fire department. Merrell informed the council that the service has responded to two fires since last meeting. A replacement pump/motor was purchase for one of the 5 ton brush trucks. Also replacement parts were ordered to repair previous pump to change out old pump on a deuce and a half truck.

* The council next reviewed statement of no election. Barefield discussed making sure that teh city keep the terms as before. Which would mean council member Oberheu would serve one year and Farley, Pointer and Dudley would serve two years. This allowing the city to keep equal number of members on staggered terms. Order will read as mentioned above. Mayor Dudley signed the statement.

* Next the council discussed an Ordinance dealing with LED digital billboards. After much discussion the council would like the ordinance on he next agenda.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Cookin' For A Cure

We are excited about this new event: Cookin' For A Cure!

Look for tickets to purchase for the fun filled evening June 6, 2008 at the Hope Center in Quitaque, TX. The evening will kick off with a delicious meal of brisket, mind & spicy sausage, baked potatoes, beans, salad, Mary Woods' homemade hot rolls, and desserts. There will also be entertainment while you dine, a live and silent auction, bingo, door prizes, and a survivor ceremony.

Only 250 tickets will be sold, adults \$25, 12 years old and under \$15 each. With the purchase of a ticket you will also get a T-shirt to be worn at the event as dress will be casual.

The banks in Quitaque, Silverton and Turkey as well as the committee members will have tickets for sale.

If anyone would like to make a cake for the live auction or donate a prize for bingo or the silent auction please call the contact person in your town.

If anyone would like their name on a T-shirt, with a tax deductible donation of \$50 it will allow your business to be advertised and/or individual names to be on the T-shirts. It will help us to help the victims of cancer fight their battle.

Please call the contact person if you are a cancer survivor.

In Silverton call Juannah Jennings at 823-2370.

In Quitaque call Ann Chadwick at 455-1248

In Flomot call Wadie Clay at 469-5219.

In Turkey call Sandy Fuston at 423-1227.

ON THE QT

By Patsy Herrington

The beauty, magnificence and awesomeness of the past few days has been a blessing. It makes the Texas Panhandle a wonderful place to live!

Bob Wills Day is past and gone, but the happy memories linger on. It was the 37th annual celebration. The beautiful parade was one of the best. The Valley Cheerleaders and Jr. High Cheerleaders sold ice cream as well as other things, and made a lot of money. The arts and crafts exhibits and Kenneth Wyatt gallery of pictures, always add so much. The barbecue lunch, pancake breakfast sponsored by Quitaque-Turkey Lions club, Old Fiddlers Contest, South Plains Cowboys for Level-land, the former Texas Playboys dance were all outstanding and helped entice the huge crowd of people assembled. Of course this many fans helped downtown Turkey and Quitaque too. The restaurants, grocery stores and Lacy's Dry Goods were overflowing. Vickie Lindsey opened her dad's (Harold Ham) old Barber Shop and cut hair. Bob Wills once cut hair there years ago as well as did Clayton Ham, Bob Ham's dad. It was a great day!

We The Women received nice notes from Phyllis Geisler, Helen Hulcy, and June Parish, Earth, Texas who visited Quitaque and Turkey recently. They said, basically, "What a wonderful afternoon we had in Quitaque! It was so inspiring to see what a group of ladies can do when they get together. Thanks for the trip to Caprock Canyons, also We enjoyed it all so much." I'm sure Turkey and Joy Turner received a similar one, too, as they were taken many places there including historic Turkey Hotel and the Bob Wills Center.

Ruby King, Joyce Price, Henrietta Finney Price and Hadelois Carter all went to Lamesa this last weekend to help celebrate Imogene Bethel's 90th birthday. Imogene is the sister of Ruby, and comes here quite often. 143 people registered. They had a wonderful time.

Allen Brummett is recuperating nicely, and feels much better.

Buck and Ann Chadwick went to Snyder, Texas last weekend to a family reunion of Chorn cousins, Candy Kern (daughter), Plano, and family were there among the approximately 50 who showed up.

Earl McDonough preached last Sunday at the Church of Christ. There was a fellowship luncheon following the service. Tim Atchinson preaches the second Sunday, and Earl the fourth. Delos Johnson preaches the first and third Sundays, and Barry Francis preaches the fifth.

The Baptist Church had a note from Ray Gene Hutcheson and Donna about Lela Mae's been having a hard time - several surgeries and spending two months in a nursing home rehab center. She is staying in a home with three other ladies now and doing fine.

Donna Taylor Amarillo, show owns half of the Sportsman Hotel, was here Bob Wills weekend. She remarked that the hotel had people staying there from Maryland, Tennessee, California, Kansas, Arkansas, Georgia, North Carolina and Texas and was completely full.

John David Harmon, Lubbock, and wife Tonya with baby Brannon visited last weekend for three days.

The Randy Starks have been visiting in Europe the last week or two. More later.

Mary Stark, Nacogdoches, had what resembled a stress fracture on her leg, and has to stay off it for awhile. She is doing well.

Well I'm hardly ever sick, but I guess it was my time. Sandra Stark came up to my house Friday, took my blood pressure. "It was very high", she said. She called 911 (I felt very stupid) Maria Merrell and Albert Castillo came also. Maria took another blood pressure, then I was put in the ambulance. I hated to cause so much trouble, and wanted to go in the car, but they insisted. They picked up Sandra Barkley on the way. They all gave me excellent care and took me to Lockney Mangold Hospital where I stayed three days. Scotty and Sandra Stark followed. Son Lex and Dana Herrington, Floydada, were already there. Son Max Ham, Crosbyton, soon came. I was treated royally by all and also Dr. Jamie Cox, M.D., who is very astute, I think. We are fortunate to have him in our little town. I was released Sunday, and Max took me home. First we went to Plainview to have prescriptions filled, and Max treated me to dinner. Then we went home. I wasn't home but a few minutes that Henrietta Price, Joyce Price, and Elaine Harmon came to see me. Henrietta and Joyce had been to Lockney to see me, but missed us. Buck and Ann Chadwick also missed us at the hospital. It's once to have such good friends. Ann Chadwick came later, she does so much for me, it's great to live in Quitaque!

Protection of Historic County Courthouses

The following was excerpted from a letter written by F. Lawrence Oaks, Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission.

The Texas Historical Commission values county courthouses for the significant role they have played in the history of our state. Our concern for protecting these historic resources was embraced by the State Legislature when the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program was created in 1999. Through this very successful program, state funding of \$145 million has been provided to counties throughout the state to restore their county courthouse. An additional \$62 million will be distributed in 2008-09 for construction and planning work to continue the program. We encourage you to consider participating in this program to receive the benefits of increased effectiveness of county operations, heritage tourism and community pride a restored county courthouse will bring to your community.

Due in part to the Preservation Program's, awareness has been raised about the physical condition, function and /or appearance of many county courthouses. Consequently, some county officials are needing to undertake repairs or improvements. In several recent cases, work that is inappropriate for the preservation of the building's historic and architectural value has been undertaken. We would like to remind you that should you need to make any alterations to the courthouse, please contact our office, in conformance with the rules and regulations that have protected county courthouses for more than 30 years. The law requires a county to notify the THC at least 180 days to initiating any work other than basic regular maintenance on a current or former county owned courthouse or its grounds. The THC's involvement helps to insure that the proposed work does not damage the architectural or historical significance of the property.

We look forward to maintaining a strong partnership to preserve the great legacy of Texas' historic county courthouses for the benefit of present and future generations.

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Mac Thornberry

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the mercy of unstable overseas producers and in daily competition with the emerging economies of China and India. I've written to you before about the "No Excuses Energy Act" and I'm honored to report that slowly, but surely, this approach is gaining support. To-date 23 Members of Congress have signed on as cosponsors of the bill and there continues to be media attention as more and more people recognize that conservation has its place, but until we increase domestic supply of ALL types of energy we are only dealing with half the answer to our energy crisis.

WHAT IS LEAF?

LEAF is trying to fill in some of the gaps in services in rural communities. Too many people miss out on getting the services they need due to the time it takes to get in to an agency, fill out all the paperwork or being put on a waiting list! It's frustrating! Also, it seems the rural areas suffer the most from a lack of adequate services for residents.

LEAF stands for the Llano Estacado Alliance for Families. It is a group of entities that are collaborating together to find ways to maximize effectiveness. Some of the entities involved are - two school districts, two juvenile probation departments, mental health, intervention/prevention, consumers and family members, lawyers, teachers, health works, two universities, crisis and domestic violence agencies, migrant worker agency and others.

LEAF represents 11 counties and is presently managing a two of grants that are a good start for dealing with some of those gaps. Other grants have been applied for and could be a big boost toward making some things better.

One thing LEAF wants is input from the public. These folks are called "Stakeholders." They can attend meetings if they wish or they can write or call to provide input.

One board member John Castro described LEAF this way. "I guess the best way to say it would be that LEAF is a group or organizations that have banded together to provide a holistic approach to mental health issues. Treat the whole person not just the symptoms. I feel like I am preaching to the choir when I tell you this but for example, I present with a mental disorder, I am referred and receive MH services, however I am returned back to my environment without anyone checking to see that my environment is conducive to my men

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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Getting out the vote in a kinder, gentler political era is past. The campaign for president in 2008 should break all records for money spent to gain this highly coveted office. Amid the constant bombardment from television, radio, gigantic billboards, bumper stickers, newspaper and magazine ads, it is nice to remember the simpler advertising devices of political campaigns of yesteryear.

Mrs. Jo Ann McFall of Silverton and Mrs. Janice Hughes enjoyed entertainment and the tourist attractions last weekend in Santa Fe, NM.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey Thursday were her sister and family, Bessie and Clifton Reid of Amarillo, their son and family, T.C. and Caressa Reid and Kate of Camas, Washington and daughter, Mrs. Christina Brawder of Amarillo.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson and Cary Franks of Lubbock, Cara Franks of Flomot and Clint Cowart of Post.

Sandra and Jerry Barclay visited in Lockney Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Barclay. His father, S.D. is on the sick list.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton, Mrs. Waydette Clay and Wilburn Martin attended the entertaining Toots Comedy Show & Chicken House Opry presented Thursday afternoon at the Gem Theatre in Turkey.

Mrs. Janice Hughes visited in Floydada, Wednesday with grandson, Brodie in the absence of his parents, Roger and Tiffany Hughes. Janice attended the annual observance of Light-house Electric Co. in Floydada Thursday night.

Kelby Williams of Andrews visited the weekend with aunt and family, Cally and Will Sperry. Daughter, Savannah rode on the Girl Scout float and sons, Gage and Cash on the Valley Fire Truck in the Bob Wills parade Saturday morning in Turkey.

Louis and Beyerly Shorter of Fort Worth attended the Baptist Church services Sunday morning with his father, L.E. Shorter and brother and wife, Clois and Kathy Shorter. They were luncheon guests of Clois and Kathy.

Jack and Nada Starkey were guests Friday night of Christina and Jamie Brawder in Amarillo at a family cook-out.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee enjoyed the Bob Wills parade Saturday morning in Turkey. Their granddaughter Kacey McGraw was the lovely princess in the parade.

Blayne Young visited the weekend in Spur with his father, Jody Young.

Mrs. Darla Gwinn and daughter, Danielle worked at the Valley Pep Squad bake sale at the Bob Wills Day in Turkey, Saturday.



COOK'S CORNER

BY LAURA TAYLOR

This week I have a few excellent ideas for celebrating Cinco de Mayo. Enjoy!

Mexican Stuffed Chicken Breasts

- 6 skinless boneless chicken breast halves
- 1/3 cup cornmeal
- 1/2 package taco seasoning mix
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 ounces Cheddar cheese cut into strips
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 1 can green chiles
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 2 ounces additional Cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese
- 8 ounces salsa

Preheat oven to 375 F. Line a shallow baking pan with non-stick foil. Rinse chicken breasts and pat dry. Pound chicken to 1/8-inch thickness. In a bowl, combine cornmeal and taco seasoning mix. Place egg in another bowl.

For each roll place chili peppers, Cheddar cheese strips, cilantro, and crushed red pepper near edge of one pounded breast. Fold in sides and roll, starting from the cheese/pepper side. Dip rolls in egg, then roll in cornmeal mixture.

Place chicken rolls, seam-side down in prepared pan. Bake uncovered for 25 to 30 minutes. Sprinkle with grated cheese the last 5 minutes of baking. Serve topped with heated salsa. Yield: 6 servings

Mexican Olive Salad

- 1 pound ground beef
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup commercial spicy-sweet French salad dressing
- 1 (2.2-ounce) can sliced ripe olives, drained
- 1/3 cup sliced pimiento-stuffed olives
- 1 large head lettuce, shredded
- 3 medium tomatoes, coarsely chopped
- 3 cups corn chips

Cook ground beef in a large skillet until browned, stirring to crumble meat. Drain, and cool slightly. Combine beef, Cheddar cheese, salad dressing, black olives, and green olives. Chill. Add lettuce, tomatoes, and corn chips, tossing gently. Serve salad immediately. Yield: 8 servings.

What Is Leaf

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tal well being. LEAF is comprised of various organizations that can assist me as an individual. The Work Solutions (Maria Keenmon) can help me develop my work skills to obtain and keep a job, thereby improving my self-esteem. This is just one example of how folks working together and sharing information can assist."

If you have questions or comments you may call Ron Trusler at 806.293.2636 or write him at ron@clplains.org. Ron is the CEO of Central Plains MH & MR and substance Abuse and the President of the LEAF board.

I've always felt that a person's intelligence is directly reflected by the number of conflicting points of view he can entertain simultaneously on the same topic.

Anyone who says you can't see a thought simply doesn't know art.

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1 San Antonio salsa maker

5 TXism: "brains in" (computer)

6 TXism: "is the Catholic?"

7 TXism: "sharp as a tooth"

8 consumed

9 Grande

12 TXism: "hot as a griddle"

17 exerts

19 gentle horse

21 TX Guy Clark CD: "Build"

22 TXism: "life like on a fish"

23 youngsters catch lightning bugs

28 Finnish firearms manufacturer

29 Round Rock public radio station

30 Africa hunter's trip

31 Hawaiian "howdy"

35 dark beers

36 TXism: "plain as the ..."

42 TX "Pretty Woman" singer: Orbison

44 TXism: "easy as shooting ducks on ..."

46 TXism: "he could sell ice cubes"

48 TXism: "straight as a star's leath"

49 Longhorns univ. mower

50 legal pad or notebook paper characteristic

DOWN

1 Houston BBQ eatery: "House"

2 Travis Trill CD: "It's All Change"

3 Cove, TX

4 TX Strait's "All My Live in Texas"

9 the TX wildcatter would take a

10 TXism: "he couldn't drive a nail (incompetent)"

11 "bear" south of the border

12 classified

13 TXism for "nonsense"

14 TXism: "packed like sardines in ..."

15 "in-the-blanks"

16 CSA general: Robert

18 TXism: "as welcome as a skunk picnic"

20 "is" south of the border

23 Austin: "War our only resource"

24 sodium symbol

25 TXism: "piece" (distant)

26 Medar was the first doctor in TX

27 TX Waylon's "Sure Hank Did It This Way?"

32 "and behold"

33 TXism: "mortgage the hoof" (cattle)

34 Yoe-

36 animal found in Guadalupe Mts.

37 pinball violation (2 wds.)

38 modern Greek vernacular

39 "once time"

40 TX Charley Pride's "Never Been So"

41 OK town

43 his Cowboy number was 22 (init.)

45 "of" south of the border

47 TXns would always say "smuck" rather than this word

48 "fair in love and war"

55 hospital or hotel accommodations

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Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Pears, Hot Rolls, Milk

Tuesday, May 6

Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Jelly, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Pigs in a Blanket, Tator Tots, Pineapple & Mandarin Oranges, Milk

Wednesday, May 7

Breakfast: Pop Tarts, OJ/Milk

Lunch: beef Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Salad, Chips & Hot Sauce, Milk

Thursday, May 8

Breakfast: French Toast, Sausage, Syrup, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Chips, Brownie, Milk

Friday, May 9

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Senior Spotlight

Name: Juan Haro

Age: 18

Parents: Martha & Mario Haro

Favorite Color: Black

If you could be a Disney cartoon character who would it be? Batman

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go? Brazil

Most embarrassing moment: Having to give a speech in speech class

Favorite Valley school memory: Chilling at the school

Favorite website: myspace.com

Favorite movie: American Pie

Favorite Food: Seafood

If you were any element on the periodic table, which one would you be and why? Biron

Favorite sport: Soccer and Basketball

Favorite athlete: Michael Jordan

When I grow up I want to be like...why? My brother Mario

Favorite book: Nikki Sixx: Herion Diaries

If you could be any character from a book or movie, who would it be? Stifler for American Pie

Favorite thing to do with your friends: Party

Favorite school subject: Mrs. Phillips English

Favorite beverage: Vitamin water

Favorite TV show: George Lopez

What is your favorite/lucky number: 10

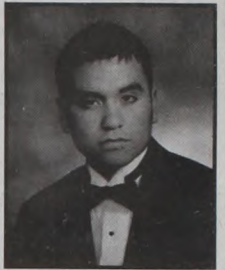
What type of music do you like the most: Rock

What is your best physical characteristic: My hair

Who do you look up to the most? My brother

What is your planned major: Sound technology

In 10 years I will be? Making good money and living in California



Valley FFA - Poultry Judging Team: Payton Price, Kelsey Kelley, Jacy Proctor, Autumn Phillips.

Valley Poultry Team Places 3rd in Area I Contest

The Valley Poultry Judging Team with members Payton Price, Jacy Proctor, Autumn Phillips and Kelsey Kelley advanced to the State Poultry Contest last Saturday after placing 3rd at the Area I contest. Payton Price was the 2nd High Individual of the Area I Contest and Jacy Proctor was 9th at the Texas Tech contest where over 70 individuals participated.

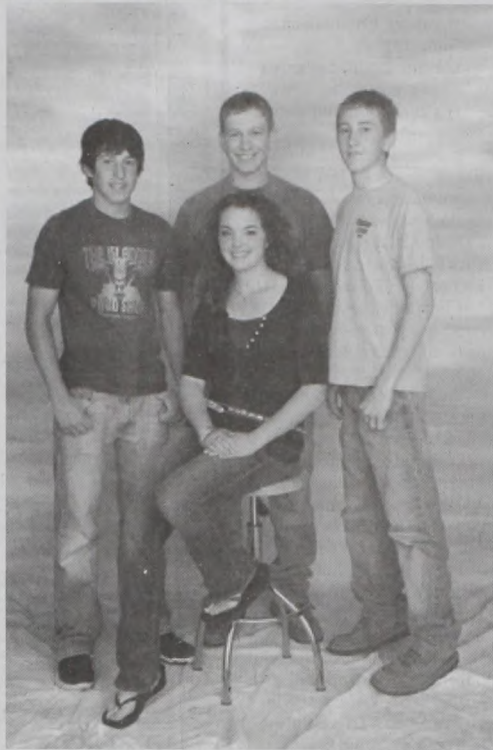
2008 Individual and Team Awards for the Valley Poultry Team include:

Texas Tech University Invitational Contest - March 27, 2008: Valley - 17th Place Team

Clarendon College Invitational Contest -- March 29, 2008: Valley-16th Place Team

Texas Tech University-Area I Judging Contest - April 12, 2008: Valley 3rd Place Team in Area I, 6th Place Team of the contest. Payton Price-2nd Place Individual-Area I, Jacy Proctor-9th Place Individual- Area I, Autumn Phillips-12th Place Individual -Area I, Kelsey Kelley-14th Place Individual- Area I

State Poultry CDE Texas A&M University - April 26, 2008: Valley 44th Place Team.



Valley FFA Livestock Team: Brady Ramsey, Khaki Scrivner, Cade Luckett, and Gavin Luckett.

Valley FFA Livestock Judging

The Livestock Judging Team representing the Valley FFA Chapter participated at the State FFA Livestock Contest last Saturday at Texas A&M University in College Station. The 2008 Livestock Team members were Khaki Scrivner, Cade Luckett, Brady Ramsey and Gavin Luckett. The team placed a formidable 34th of the 85 teams participating at the State FFA Contest. The Valley Team qualified for the State Contest by placing 2nd at the Area I contest held at Texas Tech on April 12th.

2008 Individual and Team Awards for the Valley Livestock Team include:

San Angelo Livestock Show Senior Livestock Judging Contest -March 1, 2008: Valley-7th Place Team; Cade Luckett - 1st High Individual.

Texas Tech University Invitational Contest - March 27, 2008: Valley - 13th Place Team, Cade Luckett-18th Individual, Brady Ramsey-20th Individual.

West Texas A&M University -Canyon March 28, 2008: Valley 5th High Team, Brady Ramsey-16th Individual, Cade Luckett-24th Individual

Clarendon College Invitational Contest -- March 29, 2008: Valley 1st Place Team, Khaki Scrivner-1st High Individual, Cade Luckett - 2nd High Individual, Brady Ramsey - 6th High Individual.

Texas Tech University-Area I Judging Contest - April 12, 2008: Valley 3rd Place Team of the contest - 2nd Place in Area I, Brady Ramsey - 8th Place Individual, Cade Luckett -14th Place Individual, Khaki Scrivner-19th Place Individual.

State FFA CDE Contest -Texas A&M University April 26, 2008: Valley 32nd Place Team



Valley FFA - Farm Business Management: Lauren Young, Landon Allen, Cole Brown and Khaki Scrivner.

Valley FFA Participates In Farm Business Management

Valley FFA Farm Business Management CDE team members participated at the State FFA CDE Contest at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville recently.

The Farm Business Management Team representing the Valley FFA Chapter participated at the State Farm Business Management CDE last Friday, April 25th at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. Team members Cole Brown, Khaki Scrivner, Lauren Young, and Landon Allen represented Valley FFA and the Area I FFA well placing 11th in the contest out of 68 teams at the State Contest. The Valley Team qualified for the State Contest by winning the Area I Farm Business Management Contest held at the Clarendon College Contest on March 29th.

2008 Individual and Team Awards for the Valley Farm Business Management Team include:

Sam Houston State State FBM CDE Judging Contest - April 25, 2008 Valley 11th Place Team

Clarendon College -Area I Judging Contest - March 29, 2008 Valley-1st Place Team, Khaki Scrivner-1st High Individual; Lauren Young-3rd High Individual; Cole Brown - 5th High Individual; Landon Allen-15th High Individual.



Valley FFA - Dairy Products: Mary Kate Davidson, Chancy Campbell, Lauren Young, Justin Todd and Dalton Allen.

Senior Spotlight

Name: Reynaldo Antonio Galvan

Age: 18

Parents: Tony & Leticia

Favorite Color: Blue & Orange

If you could be a Disney cartoon character who would it be? Prince Charming

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go? Travel the world

Most embarrassing moment: When I got hit with a basketball in practice in front of everybody.

Favorite Valley school memory: Spending time with my Princess

Favorite website: ilazy.com

Favorite movie: Scary Movies

Favorite Food: food from IHop

If you were any element on the periodic table, which one would you be and why? Radon, cause it's a quiet element but it may surprise you

Favorite sport: Basketball

Favorite athlete: Tim Duncan

When I grow up I want to be like...why? My parents, because they are just awesome.

Favorite book: Mice & Men

If you could be any character from a book or movie, who would it be? Superman

Favorite thing to do with your friends: Just having a good time with my friends

Favorite school subject: English

Favorite beverage: Tallsups

Favorite TV show: George Lopez

What is your favorite/lucky number: 15

What type of music do you like the most: All kinds

What is your best physical characteristic: My smile

Who do you look up to the most? My little brother, shaq

What is your planned major: Welding

In 10 years I will be? Married with Laura Martinez and having a great family with her, and living in a nice house.



Valley FFA Judging Team Wins State Dairy Foods Contest

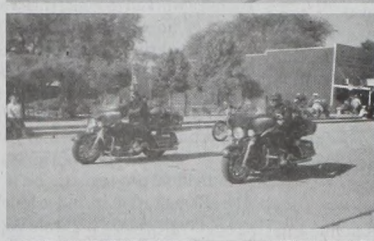
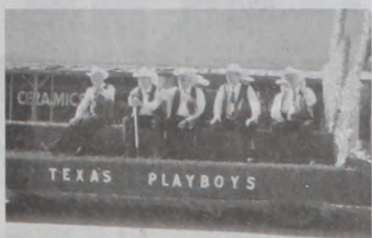
Members of the Valley FFA Dairy Products Judging Team placed 1st at the State FFA CDE (Career Development Events) last Thursday, April 24th, at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. Members of the team including Mary Kate Davidson, Dalton Allen, Chancy Campbell, Lauren Young and Justin Todd posted a team score of 590 points out of a possible 600, defeating the second place team from Plainview who posted a team score of 584. 50 teams and 196 individuals from the 10 Areas of the Texas FFA participated in the State Judging Contest at Tarleton. Tarleton State University sponsors the State Dairy Foods, Dairy Cattle, Land, and Range and Pasture Contest annually for the Texas FFA.

Valley's Mary Kate Davidson was 1st High Individual of the State Contest posting a perfect score of 200. Dalton Allen was the 3rd high individual with a score of 198, Chancy Campbell's 192 was good for 11th high and Lauren Young's 190 was 16th best of the contest. The perfect 200 individual score of Mary Kate's was the first perfect score since the 2004 State Contest when Valley's Katherine Pigg posted a perfect 200 in Valley's winning effort that year.

This team qualified for the State Judging contest by winning the Greenbelt District and placing second at the Area I contest held at Texas Tech University on April 12th. Valley was second at the Texas Tech contest behind eventual state runner-up

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4-H Horsemanship Clinic

There will be a 4-H Horsemanship Clinic held Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cottle County Rodeo Arena in Paducah, Texas. The Clinic is being sponsored by the Cottle County Arena in Paducah, Texas. The Clinic is being sponsored by the Cottle County 4-H Riding club and is open to youth up to 18 years of age. The clinic will feature Mrs. Lana Gabriel, AQHA World Champions Showman and Breeder from Van, Texas. The clinic will provide youngsters with tips on improving their showmanship at halter, western horsemanship, western pleasure and walk-n-trot skills. Participants are asked to bring their hose and lawn chair, the Cottle County Horse Club will provide lunch. Registration is \$20 per kid and you must pre-register by May 1st, late registration will be \$25 each. You may preregister by calling Nicole Thompson at 806-492-2360 or email nthompson@paducahisd.org or Dana Wright at 806-596-4322 or email dwright@lyntegar.com.

Small Acreage Wildlife Management Program Set for May 8

Landowners interested in managing small acreage for wildlife can attend a program on May 8 at the Clarendon College Bairfield Activity Center in Clarendon.

Registration for the program will begin at 8:30 a.m., said Leonard Haynes, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent for Donley County. Pre-registration is required by May 2.

The program is jointly sponsored by AgriLife Extension, the Donley County Soil and Water Conservation District, the U.S. Department of Agriculture/Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Clarendon College.

Haynes said the agencies came together because wildlife management has become a large interest in Donley County and the surrounding area.

Land is being purchased specifically for wildlife management and recreation, he said. And a lot of tourism coming into this region centers around the use of wildlife, whether that is hunting or just seeing wildlife. "Even a lot of our older landowners are starting to convert and use wildlife management practices," Haynes said.

The day-long discussion will start with opportunities offered for small acreages in the farm bill, followed by riparian restoration using a pole (tree cutting) planting technique, invasive riparian brush management, antlerless white-tailed deer harvest and prescribed burning.

Following a catered lunch, the meeting will move to the Taylor Lakes Wildlife Management Area near Lelia Lake, about 7 miles southeast of Clarendon, Haynes said.

Experts will discuss plant identification, forage inventories, grazing small acreages for wildlife habitat improvement, wetland moist-soil management and habitat management practices, he said.

Texas Department of Agriculture approval for continuing education credits for the program is pending, Haynes said.

There is a \$15 fee for program materials and the meal. Reservations can be made by logging into the AgriLife Extension Web site in the Donley County office at <http://donley-tx.tamu.edu/> or by calling 806-874-2141.

We have too many high-sounding words, and too few actions that correspond with them.

-Abigail Adams

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Basic Horse Management Workshop Set For May 21

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Tech University will conduct the "Basic Horse Management 101" workshop from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. May 21.

The workshop will be held in room 101 of the Animal and Food Sciences Building located on the Texas Tech University campus in Lubbock.

The program is being cosponsored by Purina Mills.

"High grain prices have yet to deter many Texans from the dream of owning a horse," said Robert Scott, AgriLife Extension agent in Lubbock County. "Prices over the past year or so for mid-range horses has moderated somewhat which should allow some prospective horse owners to act on that dream."

"The purpose of this workshop is to get new horse owners off to the right start in a number of areas of horse husbandry. We have worked to make this workshop easily understood with plenty of 'horse sense' thrown in," he said.

Topics during the morning session include: - Basic Safety - Approaching, Tying, Restraint, and Picking up Feet. - Pasture and Hay Selection and Usage. - Basic Horse Nutrition. - Basic Horse Reproduction. - General Health Care and Dentistry. - Body Condition Scoring and Estimating Body Weight. - Permanent Identification of Horses. - Basic Hoof Care.

Individual pre-registration is \$40 by May 16 and \$50 thereafter. Registration includes lunch and handout materials.

Mail registration to: Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Attn: Robert Scott, P.O. Box 10536, Lubbock, TX 79408

For more information, contact Scott at 806-775-1680 or rj-scott@tamu.edu <<http://rj-scott@tamu.edu/>>. Details also are available at: lubbock-co.tamu.edu <<http://lubbock-co.tamu.edu/>>

Wheat Production, Profitability Will Highlight Wheat Field Day

Wheat producers from throughout Texas and Oklahoma will have a chance to hear other producers talk about their fertilization successes at the Wheat Field Day on May 15 at the AgriPro Wheat Breeding Facility in Lockett, just south of Vernon.

The annual wheat field day will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m., said Langdon Reagan, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent for Wilbarger County.

"I just think this year's program is going to be real beneficial," Reagan said. "It is an interesting time. For once we are going to have a (good) price for wheat. But fertilizer, diesel and all our inputs are higher."

Producers will hear Dr. Bill Raun, soil science and precision agriculture professor from Oklahoma State University, talk about evaluating nutrient needs and GreenSeeker Technology, a system that utilizes optical sensors for precision fertilizer applications.

Additionally, Reagan said they will have Dr. Gaylon Morgan, AgriLife Extension small grains specialist, discuss the economic impact of rust.

"Last year we (the Rolling Plains) got hit with diseases really hard, so these guys are wondering how much that affected their yields last year," he said. Dr. Todd Baughman, AgriLife Extension agronomist, and Rob Borchardt of AgriPro will view wheat and triticale variety trials with producers.

Field representatives from Syngenta Crop Protection, DuPont and Estes Chemical will talk about maximizing crop profitability.

The highlight of the day will be the producers' panel that will discuss top-dressing wheat with anhydrous ammonia, Reagan said.

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Congress Approves 1 Week Extension As Negotiators Reach Deal On Farm Bill Money

The best news to come out of Washington, DC this week on the farm bill may have been that there was practically nothing newsworthy to report, aside from Congress unanimously passing another one week funding extension, until today.

Everything seemed to break through on the bright side today as multiple reports indicate that House and Senate negotiators have reached an agreement on virtually all of the budget offsets needed to complete the bill and Administration officials signaled President Bush would sign the one week extension, despite asking Congress to scrap two years worth of work in favor of a one year extension of current law earlier in the week.

Farm bill pessimists, including the Bush Administration, had been saying the lack of new information was a sure sign that things weren't going well behind the scenes and the best option was for Congress to "throw in the towel" and pass a one-year extension of current law.

Optimists on the other hand had taken a decidedly "glass is half full" approach to the situation and believed the lack of news really meant negotiators were just too busy getting things done to do anything else.

It appears the optimists had it right and now quite a few farm bill insiders, backed by April 25 press reports that the budget deal has finally been agreed on, seem to believe that conferees will be able to get to work on the few remaining policy differences over the weekend.

Details of the budget agreement aren't yet available, but it appears that the deal will allow all of the \$10 billion that was needed to come from an extension of customs user fees that are classified as negative budget outlays and are not tax increases or revenue raisers. White House officials have not publicly commented on their position relative to the use of customs user fees to fund the extra farm bill spending.

From this point forward the process could actually move pretty fast since some believe the House would like to vote on a final conference report before the May 2 expiration of the latest funding extension to avoid potentially troublesome procedural issues on the floor.

The fact that Congress shrugged off yet another opportunity to backslide on the issue Thursday by unanimously agreeing to a second straight one-week funding extension, appears to be a good omen. Senate leaders opted for a single week extension instead of one lasting two weeks in order to keep the pressure on negotiators to finish the job they started nearly six months ago.

The House quickly followed the Senate's lead and sent the extension to the White House Thursday afternoon. Administration officials, citing the same reasons given for approving the previous week's extension, said the President would sign the measure today and give Congress a few more days to complete the farm bill.

House and Senate conferees and staff have apparently already gone to work on all remaining issues between the House and Senate legislation. In fairly short order conferees are expected to completely close out the first six farm bill titles that have been discussed, and tentatively agreed on, pending the outcome of the budget agreement.

Next on the list will be hashing out the remaining differences that must be taken care of at the conference member level such as the revising farm program pay limits and program eligibility rules involving a revised Adjusted Gross Income limit. Less controversial issues have been turned over to staff with the goal of having them settled over the weekend.

If the activities indicated above are completed on schedule it appears that the last formal conference meeting could occur as early as April 29 and that floor consideration in both the House and Senate could occur late next week.

The way things look now chances are good that a solid piece of agriculture policy could be approved by the end of next week. That result will go a long way toward shoring up the safety net U.S. agriculture so desperately needs heading into the 2008 growing season.

Any way you cut it, though, a slow week of farm bill news has ended with a flurry of activity in Washington. Prospects for completing the bill haven't looked this good in months and it is safe to say that the end can't come too soon for anyone that will be impacted by its provisions.

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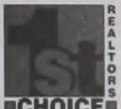
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For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Turkey has prepared complaint and grievance procedures regarding its Texas Community Development Block Grant Programs. These procedures outline the steps for a citizen to follow if he wishes to file a written complaint about proposed or completed TX CDBG activity. Turkey will make every effort to respond fully to such complaints within ten (10) working days. Citizens may obtain a copy of these written procedures at the Turkey City Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Citizens may also request the procedures be mailed to them by calling the City at (806) 423-1033.

PUBLIC NOTICE

POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF HANDICAPPED STATUS

The City of Turkey does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities.

The Mayor, Turkey, P.O. Box 415, Turkey TX 79261, (806) 423-1033 has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8, dated June 2, 1988).

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This Week In Texas History!

May 5, 1983

Voters in Estelline approved the legal sale of alcoholic beverages, 96-61, this made Estelline the only wet community between Amarillo and Electra.

May 5, 1998

The first group of Rough Riders recruited by Teddy Roosevelt while stay at the Merger Hotel arrived in San Antonio.

May 5, 1862

Mexican troops defeated the French near Mexico City. Had the French won, Mexico would have been open to the Confederates, and might have changed the outcome of the Civil War.

May 6, 1929

The first shipment of Helium left Amarillo for the Langley Army Station in Virginia.

May 6, 1914

The Southwest Conference was established.

May 7, 1945

Native Texan Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower accepted the German surrender at Rheims.

May 7, 1842

Mexico established Texas as a province.

May 8, 1880

An election was held to select the count seat in Armstrong County. The vote was a tie between Claude and Washburn. Col Charles Goodnight broke the tie in favor of Claude.

May 8, 1846

U.S. Army troops defeated the Mexican Army at Palo Alto, 18 miles west of present day Brownsville, in the first battle of the Mexican War.

May 9, 1849

Maj. Ripley Allen Arnold selected the site for Camp worth which later became Fort Worth.

May 9, 1846

The U.S. defeated the Mexican Army at Resaca de la Palma, and they retreated across the Rio Grande River into Mexico. This was the last battle fought on U.S. soil.

May 9, 1837

John James Audubon explored Buffalo Bayou by land and boat near the present day city of Houston.

May 10, 1911

Lt. George E.M. Kelly was killed in a plane crash at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. He was the first military pilot to die in a plane crash. Kelly Air Force base is named in his honor.

May 10, 1898

The first Santa Fe train arrived in Amarillo.

May 10, 1865

Confederate Postmaster General John Reagan of Texas was captured along with President Jefferson Davis by Union soldiers at Irwinville, Ga.

May 11, 1970

A tornado struck Lubbock, killing 26 people and injuring over 500. Damage was \$135 million and at the time was the most costly in Texas.

May 11, 1934

A major dust storm over Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Colorado was estimated to have removed over 300 tons of top soil in Texas alone and created the "Dust Bowl".

May 11, 1865

The last battle of the Civil War began. 150 Confederate cavalrymen were surprised by 300 Union soldiers at Palmetto Ranch, 12 miles east of Brownsville. The battle was a standoff until the Confederates received reinforcements on May 13.

May 11, 1861

The State Lunatic Asylum opened in Austin.

POLITICAL CALENDAR

The Valley Tribune is authorized to make the following announcements of candidates for office subject to the March 2008 primaries and the November, 2008 general elections.

- Hall County**
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- Briscoe County**
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Large Crowd Attends Lighthouse Electric's Annual Meeting, Pays Tribute to Director J.W. Jackson

Around 550 members and guests turned out for the 69th annual meeting of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center April 24. 193 members registered for this year's annual event.

Mark Hegi served as master of ceremonies for the evening, awarding more than 50 door prizes to lucky Lighthouse members. Mrs. Stan Foster was the winner of the grand prize, \$500.

In the board election, two new directors were seated. In District 1, long-time director J.W. "Jub" Jackson of Crosbyton decided to retire from the Board after 29 years of service, and Mark Appling was elected by the members to take his place. John Dunlap is the newly elected representative for District 3. Incumbent Ronald Mullin was the director candidate selected by the attendees of the Hall County District meeting in Memphis on March 27, and he was approved by the entire membership to represent District 4.

New officers of the board were elected at the organizational meeting immediately following the membership meeting. Gaylord Groce is now President of the Board, while Tom Cope serves as Vice-President and W.D. "Sandy" Thornberry is the Secretary.

In his audit report to the membership, David Copeland of the Cooperative's accounting firm of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss assured the members that their cooperative is financially in good shape.

Prior to his report, General Manager Bill Harbin introduced the Directors of the Cooperative and their wives, and also introduced three retired Directors and their wives who were present. He paid special tribute to retiring Director Jub Jackson of Crosbyton by calling him to the stage and presenting him with a framed print of "When the Lights Came On". The crowd gave Jub a standing ovation for his many years of devoted service to the Cooperative.

Harbin then recognized the Lighthouse employees, present and retired, before calling several to the stage for service awards. Recognized for 30 years of service were Dan Nixon, Brent Sanders, and Larry Ogden. 35 year service recognition went to Olivia Mercado, Johnny Gourdon, and Billy Hunter, while Cooperative Operations Manager Tony Whitfill received an award for 40 years of service.

In his report to the membership, Harbin talked about "The Bad, the Ugly, and the Good", with the Bad being the weak dollar, the price of oil, gasoline, diesel, natural gas, and the resulting increases in electricity prices. "These high energy costs affect every facet of our lives," he said.

"I recently read where big national chains such as Cosco and Sam's Club are rationing rice. While not for me, it is an important food staple for many, many people in the world, and there is a shortage. Energy costs and food prices are inextricably linked - if energy prices go up, food costs must also go up. That's the law of supply and demand."

"Another word for food demand is hunger," he added. "Current news reports say there is more hunger in the world today than at any time since World War II, and hunger affects the weakest and the most vulnerable - little children. When you think of it in those terms, it's worse than Bad, it's Ugly."

He also addressed the looming public policy decisions regarding climate change which are anticipated out of Washington, and the need to balance environmental concerns with the reality of needed affordable power to prevent devastating the economy and people's lives. "The Good includes renewable energy sources such as wind we are seeing developed in our area. The reality is, though, that we cannot rely on renewables alone. Here in this country, coal is our most abundant fuel resource. We must develop environmentally friendly ways to use it, but in the meantime, with the technologies in place today, there must be a place for conventional fuel sources, coal and natural gas, to meet our energy needs."

Following the General Manager's report, Member Service Advisor Larry Ogden recognized the Annual Meeting Planning Committee members before awarding \$50 electric bill credits to the youngest and oldest members present. The youngest member was Britney Walker of Crosbyton, and the oldest member present was Guy Ginn, 92 years young, of Floydada.

Communities Receive \$92.3 Million in Tobacco Settlement Funds to Offset Health Care Costs

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs has distributed \$92.3 million to Texas communities from the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account. Among those hospital districts that received settlement money were: Hall County Hospital District - \$12,126.75; Childress Hospital District - \$6,688.06; Lockney Hospital District - \$18,683.89; Motley County Hospital District - \$2,970.53; and Swisher Memorial Hospital District - \$31,070.40.

The money will help 2 cities, 159 counties, and 135 hospital districts recover their costs for indigent health care provided during 2007. Indigent health care costs in area hospital districts are as follows: Hall County Hospital District - \$272,274.54; Childress Hospital District - \$150,163.03; Lockney Hospital District - \$419,490.00; Motley County Hospital District - \$66,695.60; and Swisher Memorial Hospital District - \$697,604.75.

"This year the state is sending 12 percent more money to communities responsible for providing indigent care," Combs said. "This money comes from Texas' settlement with tobacco companies and will help communities offset the costs of providing medical care for those who cannot pay."

The Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account, established after the state settled a lawsuit against tobacco companies, as of Dec. 31, 2007, had a balance of \$2.4 billion. The Comptroller manages and oversees the fund, with the guidance of the 11-member Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account Investment Advisory Committee.

This year's distribution to local entities increased by about \$9.6 million over last year's distribution. Since the first distribution of funds in April 2001, local entities have received nearly \$430 million from the trust fund.

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Valley State Dairy Judging

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Plainview. This Valley team has been very successful this year winning 1st at the State Contest, 1st at Clarendon, 1st at the Texas Tech Invitational contest, 2nd at the Texas Tech Area I Contest and 3rd at the WTAMU contest. The Valley Team will participate at the National FFA Dairy Foods CDE in October at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

2008 Individual and Team Awards for the Valley Dairy Products Team include:

Texas Tech University Invitational Judging Contest - March 27, 2008: Valley 1st Place Team, Lauren Young-1st High Individual, Dalton Allen-2nd High Individual, Mary Kate Davidson 4th High Individual.

West Texas A&M University Judging Contest - March 28, 2008: Valley 3rd Place Team, Lauren Young-7th High Individual, Justin Todd-14th High Individual.

Clarendon College Judging Contest - March 29, 2008: Valley 1st Place Team, Dalton Allen-1st High Individual, Lauren Young-9th High Individual, Mary Kate Davidson-14th High Individual.

Texas Tech University - Area I Contest - April 12, 2008: Valley 2nd Place Team, Mary Kate Davidson -2nd High Individual, Justin Todd-9th High Individual, Dalton Allen- 14th High Individual.

State FFA CDE -Tarleton State University Judging Contest - April 24, 2008: Valley 1st Place Team, Mary Kate Davidson-1st High Individual, Dalton Allen-3rd High Individual, Chaney Campbell-11th High Individual, Lauren Young-16th High Individual.

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