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Troy Phillips Resigns As Hall County Emergency Management Coordinator

The Hall County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday September 10. 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:

* At 10:05 a.m. the court went into executive session to discuss personnel matters and reconvened at 10:35 a.m. with no action being taken.

* JP Thomas Tippet discussed that his cell phone could be paid from the Justice Court Technology Fund and that the County needed to set up a temporary morgue. A motion passed the have Tippet's cell phone bill paid from the Technology Fund when it is due. A motion passed to use Precinct Barn #1 and Precinct Barn #4 as temporary morgues.

* The Hall County Commissioners Court adopted a resolution recognizing September 2007 as being National Preparedness Month and to encourage local residents to take notice of the purpose of this national awareness campaign.

* A motion passed to let Loyd Riddlespurger keep the first floor of the Courthouse open from 8 a.m. to 12 midnight on September 15, 2007 during the Hall County Picnic celebration as requested and paid for by the Chamber of Commerce.

* A motion passed to skip Item #7 - a letter from Foster & Lambert, LLC regarding the audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

* A motion passed to accept the telephone system contract from Jones Communication.

* Judge Martin stated he had received a resignation of the Hall County Emergency Management Coordinator, Troy Phillips.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Called Meeting, September 10 @ 1 p.m.

The Hall County Commissioners Court met in a called session at 1 p.m. Monday, September 10, 2007. 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.

* The proposed budget was reviewed and discussed. A motion passed to keep the fiscal year 07/08 tax rate at .63 per \$100 - Roll Call Vote-All Yeas

* A motion passed to ratify the budget as follows: This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$5,161 or .5%, and of that amount, \$5,161 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

* A motion passed to adopt the budget for fiscal year 07/08. Roll Call Vote: Fuston-Nay, Everyone else-Yea

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Work Day In Quitaque

Come help the Chamber and Beautification Committee as we start cleaning up four buildings recently purchased by several groups in town to be used as a mini park in the middle of town. We will be cleaning the old nursery previously owned by Billy and Bonnie Mott and converting it into a mini park, hopefully displaying the real Ozark monument, or at least a replica in the future.

We will begin work around 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 15 and work until about noon. If it is raining, we will try again on Saturday, September 22.

Turkey-Quitaque CISD Board Sets Tax Rate At \$1.04/\$100

Down From \$1.26/\$100 Last Year

The Turkey-Quitaque CISD board of Trustees met in a called meeting on Monday, August 27. Members present for the meeting were Curtis Scrivner, Bad Schnitker, Belinda Barrett, Susan Young and Dusty Hill, absent was Max Meyer. Business addressed during the meeting follows:

* A motion passed to amend the 2006-07 budget by \$32,981.05 in function #81.

* A motion passed to approve the insurance quote from Carson Insurance for general liability, legal liability and property insurance for the new school year as follows:

- General Liability \$1,065.00
- Legal Liability \$13,876.00
- Property \$15,270.00

* A motion passed to let bids for sale of the old school tractor with a minimum bid of \$2,800.00.

* A detailed explanation of the proposed 2007-08 budget was given by Superintendent, Jerry Smith and business manager Donna Pigg. A motion passed to approve the new 2007-08 school budget as presented.

* The M&O tax rate for the 2007-08 school year was considered. A motion passed unanimously to adopt a tax rate of \$1.04 per \$100 value. Last years rate was \$1.26.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Briscoe County Producer's Turn Row Meeting

Wednesday, September 19th
10 to 11:30 a.m.

Meet at Wayne Reed farm,

Located 4 miles east of Silverton on County Road 19
1 CEU for Private Applicators

10 a.m. - Insect Identification and Management - Corn, Milo, Cotton presented by Dr. Roxanne Bowling, IPM Extension Agent
10:30 a.m. - 2007 Cotton Variety Result Demonstration Overview presented by Seth Manney, CEA-Briscoe County
10:45 a.m. - Cotton Harvest Aid Chemicals/Cotton Variety Critique presented by Mark Kelley, Extension Cotton Specialist

Valley Booster Club Meets Every Monday @ 7 p.m. Valley Cafeteria Please Join Us!

USDA Unveils Sign-Up Dates For New Livestock and Crop Disaster Programs

Billy Foster, Executive Director for the Hall County farm Service Agency this week announced that eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) beginning September 10, 2007. Eligible farmers can sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) beginning October 15, 2007, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops. USDA will announce and conduct CDP sign-up for quality losses as soon as possible

The three ad hoc disaster programs provide benefits to farmers and ranchers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in recent years.

"Between 2005 and early 2007, agricultural producers across the country experienced financial difficulties as the result of devastating drought, floods, blizzards, tornadoes and other natural disasters," said Foster. "I am pleased to announce that FSA is delivering these benefits to America's farmers and ranchers at a time when many need it the most."

Livestock Compensation provides benefits to livestock producers for feed losses occurring between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster, including producers who suffered losses resulting from blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Livestock producers may elect to receive compensation for calendar year 2007 grazing season losses that are attributable to wildfire natural disasters occurring during the applicable period as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007 are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties. Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration made by President Bush may also be eligible.

Livestock indemnity compensates livestock producers for livestock losses between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007, that resulted from natural disasters, including losses due to blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties. Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration made by President bush may also be eligible.

CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops from natural disasters if the crop was planted before February 28, 2007 or in the case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before February 28, 2007. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year. Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP.

Foster emphasized, "For LIP, LCP and CDP, producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006, or 2007 qualifying years must choose only one year for which they want to apply for benefits."

In an effort to expedite the application process and provide efficient, quality customer service, Foster recommends that producers call their respective FSA County Office to schedule an appointment for disaster program assistance.

For detailed application and eligibility information, please contact the Hall County FSA at (806) 259-3579. Interested producers can also access LCP, LIP and CDP fact sheets on the FSA's website <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; click on Disaster Assistance Programs.

Oberheu Appointed To Fill Vacancy Left By Myers On Quitaque City Council

The Quitaque City Council met in regular session/public hearing on Monday, September 10. Present for the meeting were Mayor Clyde Dudley, council members Phil Barefield, Michelle Pointer, Dennis Farley, Janice Henson, city manager Maria Merrell and auditor Dianne Washington, CPA. After attending to regular monthly council business the following items were addressed:

* Under public comment Dianne Washington informed the council that a PAWA Trade Days has been scheduled for October 26, 27 & 28 at the old Paymaster Gin yard. This year no charge for booth space unless you need electricity, then a \$10 charge will be assessed. Washington also stated that all items are welcome from trinkets to caterpillars and that they hope to make this an annual event. She also informed the council that Flomot was applying for a \$350,000.00 STEP grant for water system improvements. Next Phil Barefield asked about the progress of the water tower. Merrell informed the council that a letter had been sent to the president of Circle P. Welding signed by the mayor requesting that the foundation be removed and replaced. Barefield also asked if wells were covered by insurance. Merrell informed him that they were.

* Merrell presented the ambulance report, stating 4 runs since last regular meeting. The council was also informed that 6 new tires were purchased for Unit 1 after a blowout to one of the front tires during a return trip from a run.

* The council reviewed audit for FY 05/06 with Dianne Washington CPA. Washington stated the city was doing well. The council expressed the wish to have the next audit report before the end of the year. Washington stated she would try and have it done before or in January. She also stated that new requirements call for a person other than the one who writes the checks at this time, Merrell, review the bank statements and compare them with a transaction report and initial the review before Merrell reconciles them. A person will be voted on by the council to do this task at the called meeting to be held September 17, 2007.

* No action was taken on the tax rate at this time. Another public hearing has been posted and a called meeting scheduled for September 17 to adopt a tax rate.

* The council next reviewed the FY 07/08 Budget. A motion passed to adopt the FY 07/08 budget as presented.

* A motion passed to appoint Todd Oberheu to fill the vacancy on the city council left by Deloy Myers until the end of his term.

* The council reviewed the ballot for TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Board of Trustee election. A motion passed that the City of Quitaque cast it's vote for Glen Metcalf, City Manager, City of Canyon.

* A motion passed adopting Resolution #910071, recognizing September 2007 as being National Preparedness Month and encouraging local residents to take notice of the purpose of this national awareness campaign.

* A motion passed adopting a Resolution suspending the September 25, 2007 effective date of the proposal by Atmos Energy, West Texas Division to implement interim GRIP rate adjustments for gas utility investment 2006.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

What's Happening In The Valley Area This Week?

September 13

- * Matador City Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- * Turkey City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Matador Masonic Lodge meeting
- * Open House at Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador @ 1-7 p.m.
- * Valley Patriots Jr High vs Lorenzo, there @ 5:00 p.m. - Valley JV-OPEN

September 14

- * Valley Patriots vs Follett, there @ 7:30 p.m.

September 15

- * Quitaque Volunteer Clean Up Day @ 9 a.m.

September 17

- * Quitaque Lions Club meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Turkey Extension Club meeting

September 18

- * Turkey Volunteer Fire Department meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- * Turkey Senior Citizens meeting @ 6 p.m. BP Checks at 5:30 p.m.

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Mrs Keith Null, nee Natalie Wheeler
Wheeler-Null Wedding

Natalie Wheeler of Turkey and Keith Null of Lampasas were married on June 16, 2007 at Ranch House Weddings in Canyon, TX. Stuart Smith, pastor, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Barry and Rebecca Wheeler of Turkey. Grandparents of the bride are Billy and Janice Wheeler of Turkey, TX and James Warren Reid, Jr. and the late Betty Reid of Silvertown.

Groom's parents are Kenny and Linda Null of Lampasas, TX. Grandparents of the groom are Juanita and the late Coyne Watts of Lampasas and Vivian and the late James Null of Lampasas.

Maid of Honor was Chelsea (Wheeler) Parish, cousin of the bride. Bridal attendants were Elaine Wheeler, Stephanie McCormick, Whitney Null, Haley Wheeler, Dixie Bell and Tawni Smith.

Best Man was Chase Kuker. Groom's attendants were Matt Henderson, Matt Manley, Rowdy Walker, Christopher Snapp, Dale Davis, Nathan Wheeler and Grant Wheeler.

Flower girls were Presley Wheeler, Hannah Smith and Gracie McCormick. Ring bearer was Landon Mulcahey. Ushers were Brody Conner, Chase Hopson and Zane Richardson.

Music was provided by soloist LeAnn Conner and guitarist Gilbert Hernandez.

The bride wore a white strapless Oleg Cassini satin two-piece gown. It featured a beaded lace chapel length skirt and a corset bodice with a lace up back. The veil detailed a white beaded flower with a scalloped edge. The tiara was a bursting pearl design with rhinestone flowers.

The bride carried a colorful bouquet adorned with Gerber daisies and roses. Three of her grandmother's wedding bands dangled beautifully from ribbons tied onto her bouquet.

The bridesmaids wore yellow, strapless, A-line dresses with a white ribbon around the waist. They carried a bouquet of pink, yellow, and orange Gerber daisies. The flower girls wore yellow and white spaghetti strapped dresses with flowers in their hair.

The couple honeymooned in Cozumel, Mexico. They currently reside in Canyon TX.

Letters To The Editor



Dear Editor,
We want to thank Marie Leibe-Harkert for bringing to our attention the tax increase we are all facing in Motley County.

The purposed tax rate is .79689. Our elected officials would not admit to a tax increase.

The new county wide appraisal is increased \$6,149,796.00 With the purposed rate of .79698. Motley County residents will pay an increase of \$49,012.65.

If the elected court keeps last years budget the same this year's rate should be .73796/\$100

We checked with the following counties on their tax rate.

- Briscoe County - .69
- Hall County - .63
- Childress County - .768
- Cottle County - .7244
- Dickens County - .40

The complete total purposed budget is available to every citizen who requests it.

If you are concerned with your tax increase the next budget hearing has been moved to Friday, September 21 at 2 p.m. and the final hearing has not been set yet.

Thank you,
Betty Simpson & Wayde Clay

Turkey Senior Citizens News

Turkey Senior Citizens met Tuesday night with 13 members. Tom Eudy said the prayer before the delicious pot luck dinner. After dinner, a table of Spinner and Mexican Train were played.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 6:00pm. Nurses from Accolades Home Care will be here to do blood pressure checks, cholesterol checks, and blood sugar checks for anyone interested starting at 5:30 pm.

If you are a senior, we welcome you to come and enjoy the fun! food! and fellowship!

Obituaries

Clayton Densil Wood

Clayton Densil Wood passed away at the age of 77 on Sept. 2, 2007 in Kilgore, Texas after a long illness which he had faced, as he had all challenges in his life, with love, laughter, strength and a stiff upper lip.

Clayton was born in Silvertown, TX on July 7th, 1930 to Johnny Floyd and Ethel Wood and had two brothers, Bill and Keith. He was very proud of the opportunity to play for the local high school football team, the Silvertown Owls, where he played fullback and was known as "Tater" throughout the area. He frequently spoke of the time when he worked on the Matador and JA ranches as a cowboy. It was also in Silvertown that he met and married his life long love of 57 years, his red-haired beauty. Her name was Miriam Joy Brown.

Clayton and Joy lived in the Panhandle, TX after their marriage and had their first daughter Jan. During this time Clayton worked in a smelter during the day and attended barber college during the evenings. He then moved his young family to the west Texas town of Dell City where he opened a barbershop, and he and Joy built their home. In Dell City, his son John and daughters Tracy and Kelli were born. He was also Justice of the Peace and for more than 40 years, farmed cotton, and alfalfa hay. While there he taught himself to speak Spanish so that he could communicate with the Spanish speaking people in the community.

Clayton's family requests that you remember the "gusto" with which he lived his life and have the peace in knowing that he lives today with the Lord.

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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

To believe with certainty we must begin with doubting.
The Do Gooders Club of Flomot Made Plans For Annual Fall Bazaar

The Do Gooders' Club of Flomot met Tuesday afternoon September 4th at the Community Center in Flomot. Mrs. Kathy Shorter, president conducted the business meeting. The club will have their annual Fall Bazaar Saturday, November 17 at the Community Center. Members are already accepting consignments and reservations from people in the area including Plainview and Lubbock that have been pleased with their sales in the past at this location. They are continuing their work on the club's Bazaar quilt.

Mrs. Erma Washington and Mrs. Brenda Browning, hostesses presided at an autumn designed service. The table was laid with an orange cloth centered with a beautiful autumn floral arrangement in a metal pitcher. They served chips and dips, savory blueberry pound cake and a cinnamon pound cake with punch.

Due to illness of club members and family members the attendance was limited to Mesdames Geneva Martin, Kathy Shorter, Erma Washington, Brenda Browning, Nada Starkey, B. Rogers and Connie Franks.

Celebrates Birthday

Cash Sperry, son of Cally and Will Sperry, celebrated his second birthday with a fun filled party Sunday afternoon, September 9 at the Roaring Springs Ranch. He had a John Deere decorated cake and gifts. Refreshments of chili cheese dogs, cake, ice cream and soft drinks were enjoyed.

Those attending were his siblings, Savannah, Blayne and Gage; his grandparents, Mrs. Jackie Sperry of Quitaque, Mrs. Christi Yates of Andrews and Ken Poole of Dougherty.

Others attending were Bill and Janene Brooks of Silverton; Kelly Williams of Andrews; Kip and Joy Pool and Scarlett Sperry of Lubbock; Jack and Presley Brooks of Floydada; Josh, Janet and Braylee Brooks of Parnell; Susie, Max, Madison, Hayden and Sydnee Meyers of Quitaque; Randi Ham of Turkey; Mandy, Jeremy, Brooke and Jaren Hughes and Brenda and Jesse Browning of Flomot.

Reported rainfall in Flomot September 6-9 was over four inches. Whiteflat reported .50 to three inches of rain. Sept. 6 both communities reported 60 mph winds and broken tree limbs. Betty Simpson of Northfield registered 3.43 inches of rain in July and 2.84 inches in August.

Wilburn Martin visited during Labor Day holidays in Borger with daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper.

George and Phylis Gwinn of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma visited from Wednesday until Saturday with his brother and family, James and Darla Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin.

Visiting Friday and Saturday with Kathy and Clois Shorter were daughter and family, Mrs. Christi Milam, Haley and Emily of Petersburg.

Jack and Nada Starkey attended to business in Plainview, Thursday and Friday following an electrical storm Thursday night at their home. Streaks of lightning damaged their television set and the inside connections to telephone and outside telephone pole.

Tim, Melissa, Jere and Jacob Kendall visited in Clyde Saturday and Sunday in the home of Mrs. Shirley Gray. Joining them therefore a family get together were Melissa's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray of Fort Worth.

Ruth and Orville Lee enjoyed lunch in Plainview, Sunday and attended to business before returning home.

Visiting Sunday with Sandra and Jerry Barclay were son and family, Ty and Brittany Barclay, Tylee, Trent and Trevor of Matador.

Visitors of Mrs. Aleda Ross from Friday until Sunday was daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock and granddaughter, Aleda Elaine of San Antonio.

ON THE QT

By Patsy Herrington

Warren Lee and Maria Merrell have gone to California to attend the wedding of his brother, Jerry Merrell.

Jimmy Davidson had gallbladder surgery last week, but is doing well and is up and about.

Debbie Cagle and Ruby Mae Woods went to Plainview last Monday shopping.

Caprock Canyons State Park has a new paved road section going to the new Visitor Buffalo Center which is nearing completion. The park crew are in the process of moving to the new center this week. It is going to be so nice. Many visitors are expected at this formal dedication on October 20 - among them will be Durward and Mary (Stark) Henry.

Joyce Price went to Plainview this week for an appointment.

Quitaque has had torrents of rain; reports have come in of 2 1/2 - 5 1/2 inches, depending on your location. More rain is in the forecast. Everything is so pretty and green.

Patsy Herrington drove to the Lubbock Airport early Saturday morning to pick up her daughter, Kimberly Eudy. From there they drove to Post, Texas for Old Mill Trade Days. In almost perfect, cool weather they had quite an enjoyable time looking and shopping at the various unique displays. They spent the night at the Garza Hotel in Post which has been restored from a neglected state to one of small town charm and hospitality. Adjoining was a pleasant waterfall garden. Kim also visited Bob and Jacquelyn Ham.

Jack Johnson took his sister Jill to Amarillo Friday. The next day her cousin Homer took her to the airport for a flight to Denver, Colo. where her brother John Lynn Johnson met her and took her to his home in Cripple Creek, Colo. for a few days visit and sightseeing in the cool climate of Colorado.

The paving and sidewalk restoration on Main Street is coming along nicely. They hope to be finished by the end of October. Yea!

Dr. Tim and Iris Atcheson were here Sunday from Canyon and he preached at the Church of Christ. They visited with Delos and Sammie Johnson. Iris is Delos' niece. She teaches in Amarillo public schools and Tim is a psychology professor at WTAMU. He was one of Delos' student preachers at Arlington when they lived there.

Robin Brown is a unique character who can be seen often riding his bicycle down Main Street with is two dogs trailing him, not far behind. He occasionally stops to chat with store owners and passersby with a friendly word and happy smile. Not only is Robin a pleasant person to be around, he's very intelligent and interested in the history of the area, having written an article for the Valley Tribune with much research for a long time. Also he is talented musically and sometimes sings and plays his guitar for the Jamboree. What a joy he is!

Weldon Griffin and his son-in-law, Steve Venable of Canyon, spent Labor Day weekend in the beautiful Jemez Mountains in New Mexico. They were there for a family camp sponsored by the YMCA of Albuquerque. Steve worked the challenge/ropes course for the camp and Weldon enjoyed a weekend of fishing. B.J. spent the weekend in Canyon with daughter and grandson, Cindy and Ben Venable.

Last Wednesday Weldon and B.J. spent the day in Lubbock with the family of their friend Joyce Hilton who has knee surgery. Joyce is the mother-in-law of Weldon's nephew Tom Griffin.

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- 7 TX-born journalist Donaldson (init.)
- 8 TXism for "female"
- 9 TX Cyd Charisee's songs in musicals were _____
- 15 TXism: "can't carry a _____ in a bucket" (bad singer)
- 16 people who hang their hats in Big Ben city
- 19 site of the Olympics in 776 BC
- 21 Looney Tune character at Six Flags: _____ Coyote
- 22 TX TV show biz reporter for ABC
- 27 Okie healer Roberts
- 28 a big wave at Galveston in 1900
- 29 TXism: "_____ as boot heels on a bare floor"
- 30 TX George H. in '88 and TX George W. in 2000
- 32 Rangers play in _____ West
- 34 human food tube
- 37 TXism: "chew the fat"
- 38 TXism: "table grazed"
- 39 state park near Port Arthur
- 40 ditch digger
- 42 building wing
- 43 this Erwin is a TX TX "Dixie Chick"
- 46 TX Trini's "If _____ Hammer"
- 47 TXism: "good _____ boy"
- 48 short letter or memo
- 49 TXism: "hissey _____"
- 50 TXism: "big enough _____ an elephant"
- 53 TXism: "nary a soul"
- 54 breakfast fiber
- 55 non TX snake

DOWN

- 1 TX Kenny's "_____ I Can Make It On My Own"
- 2 TXism: "tough row to _____"
- 3 TXism: "if _____ better, I couldn't stand it"
- 4 Dalhart cowboy memorial: "Empty _____"
- 8 Galveston bird
- 9 TXism: "_____ tradin' " (dicker)
- 10 TX George Strait tune: "_____ wound"
- 11 this Darin starred in TX-filmed "State Fair" (init.)
- 12 weapon of choice of Alamo's Jim
- 13 Oklahoma town
- 14 Seur _____ Salle led 1st French expedition into TX
- 15 home of TX eccentric Stanley Marsh
- 16 this Neeson starred with TX Martin in "Leap of Faith"
- 17 TXism: "they climb the same family tree"
- 18 dir. to Bryan from Waco
- 20 Romo, Nowitzki, Oswalt, & Duncan
- 22 Gov. _____ Culberson
- 23 once a cable sports network (abbr.)
- 24 TX Neiman and actor Pacino
- 25 hangin' loop
- 26 Caddo Lake tree: _____ gum
- 28 beginning of phone or vision
- 31 TXism for "none"
- 33 this Thomas was 1st TX woman in U.S. House
- 35 Jerry Jones' home state (postal abbr.)
- 36 _____ Joe
- 38 TXism: "at the drop of _____"
- 41 TX George H. was shot down in WW II over _____ Chi Jima
- 44 TXism: "born under a honky tonk _____ (partier)"
- 45 TXism: "want _____ I could split"
- 51 TXism: "fits like ugly on _____"
- 52 TX rattler's home

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Lunch: BBQ on a Bun, Pickles, Apples, Chips, Milk

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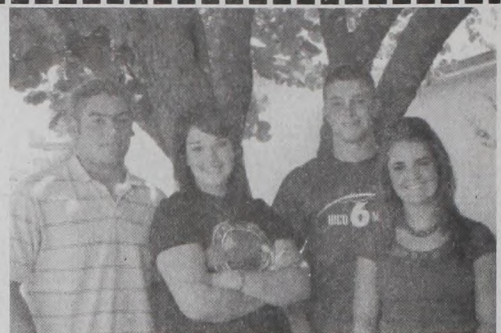
Valley JV Ties Happy

By Susan Ramsey

The Valley J.V. football team traveled to Happy last Thursday to open up the season against the Cowboys. After falling behind early by two touchdowns, the J.V. Patriots came roaring back to tie the score on the last play of the game. The end result was a 39 to 39 final score.

Grant Wheeler led the team by playing a part in four different touchdowns. Grant had a 70 yard kick-off return, two rushing touchdowns, and also threw the last second tying touchdown pass to Alejandro Valdez. Cord Stidham and Chisum Shannon also had a rushing touchdown a piece.

All that were in attendance said it was a very exciting game and that the boys fought hard to come back, including driving the length of the field with 1:40 left on the clock, as well as converting the extra-point kick to tie the game. Great job J.V. Patriots!



Valley Senior Class Officers are: Roger Ramos—Sec./Treas, Savannah Smith—Reporter, Cole Brown—Vice President, and Mary Kate Davidson—President.



Valley Jr. Class Officers pictured: Justin Todd—Sec./Treas., Leslie Payne—Reporter, Callie Helms—Vice President, and Jordan Jenkins—President.



Valley Patriot Football 2007

Valley Patriot Varsity Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sep 14	Follett	Away	7:30
Sep 21	*Silverton	Home	7:30
Sep 28	Meadow	Home	7:30
Oct 5	Happy	Away	7:30
Oct 12	*Crowell	Away	7:30
Oct 19	*Chillicothe	Home	7:30
Oct 26	OPEN		
Nov 2	*Hedley	Away	7:30
Nov 9	*Paducah	Home	7:30

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* Homecoming Game

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Valley School Principal:
Jon Davidson
Valley Head Coach:
Bret Tyler
Valley Asst. Coaches:
Craig Hamilton, Greg Ramsey, Stuart Smith



Valley Patriot JV Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sep 13	OPEN		
Sep 20	Silverton	Away	6:30
Sep 27	Meadow	Away	6:30
Oct 4	Happy	Home	6:30
Oct 11	Crowell	Home	6:30
Oct 18	Petersburg	Away	6:30
Oct 25	Sannorwood	Home	6:30
Nov 1	Hedley	Home	6:30
Nov 8	Paducah	Away	6:30



Valley Patriot JR. High Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sep 13	Lorenzo	Away	5:00
Sep 20	Silverton	Away	5:00
Sep 27	Meadow	Away	5:00
Oct 4	Happy	Home	5:00
Oct 11	Crowell	Home	5:00
Oct 18	Chillicothe	Away	5:00
Oct 25	Motley Co.	Away	5:00
Nov 1	Hedley	Home	5:00
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Vice-President, M
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Caitlyn Brown—P
dent.

Bobcats Ra

by Patriot

By Susan Ramsey
Valley traveled to Ru
day to take on the Be
Rule came in ranked #2
state, and showed that
deserved the lofty ranki
Bobcats flashed superio
at nearly every position
feat the Patriots by a
margin.

Rule jumped out to
lead until Jacob Hanco
the Patriots on the score
with a 42 yard run. Rule
score two more times
the Patriots would find t
zone again with a Roger
one yard run. This would
the halftime score Ru
Valley 15.

Valley's only other t
down came in the fourth
ter on a 25 yard run by
Hancock. The final
ended up at 60-23 in fa
the Bobcats.

Offensive leaders for
were as follows:
Hancock—19 rushes for
yards, Justin Rucker
rushes for 42 yards.
Brown—3 for 15 passing
yards.

Defensively, Valley
players with 9 tackles.
were: Cole Brown, J
Rucker, and Jacob Ha
Roger Ramos added 8 t
while Armando Mend
Brady Ramsey added 5
tackles, respectively.
Rucker also had two int
tions for the Patriots.
The loss moves Valley
on the year. The Patrio
next be in action at 1:0
urday afternoon in Foll
pep rally will be at 12:1
day, in front of the schoo
all make an effort to con
and support the Patriot
week as they get back o
winning track!



TDA Market Recap September 10, 2007

AUSTIN - (September 10, 2007) The Texas Department of Agriculture market recap for the week ending September 8, 2007, shows higher cash prices for the major commodities covered by this report. Fed cattle prices were up on a continued tight supply of finished cattle. Cash feeder cattle increased along with the higher fed market and weak feed grain markets at mid-week. The fall run of feeder cattle has begun in some areas. Sheep and goat prices were up seasonally. Cash wheat markets closed the week sharply higher amid continuing strong demand and concerns about world supplies. This spilled over into other grain markets and helped corn and grain sorghum close higher after trading lower at times during the week. Cash cotton was higher with continued good export demand. As for futures markets, cattle, wheat and corn futures closed the week higher, but cotton was lower. Scattered showers were reported over much of the state last week with areas of North Central and North East Texas receiving the most rainfall. The cotton crop remains in mostly good to fair condition with harvest now underway in South Central Texas and the Coastal Bend. Corn and grain sorghum harvest are well underway in all areas of the state with corn condition rated mostly good to excellent and grain sorghum mostly good to fair. Winter wheat land preparations and planting are underway with 2 percent of the acreage seeded, compared with 15 percent on average. Pastures and rangeland remain in mostly good to excellent condition.

----- Week Ending -----

Cash Markets:	09/08/2007	09/01/2007	09/09/2006
Feeder Steers (\$/cwt)	119.00	117.86	119.77
Finished Cattle (\$/cwt)	94.99	94.62	90.58
Slaughter Lambs (\$/cwt)	110.00	102.00	97.00
Slaughter Goats (\$/cwt)	116.00	107.25	106.50
Cotton (¢/lb)	55.00	53.75	50.50
Wheat (\$/bu)	7.32	6.50	4.38
Corn (\$/bu)	3.66	3.46	2.63
Grain Sorghum (\$/bu)	5.67	5.36	3.97
Watermelons (¢/lb)	15.0	12.5	15.0

Futures Markets:

Feeder Steers (\$/cwt)	118.80	117.48
Finished Cattle (\$/cwt)	96.10	94.10
Cotton (¢/lb)	57.90	58.87
Wheat (\$/bu)	8.10	7.21
Corn (\$/bu)	3.31	3.24

The cash prices above are market averages for locations covered by the TDA Market News program and do not reflect any particular sale at any specific location. Feeder cattle prices are for 500-600 pound medium and large #1 steers. Futures prices are quoted for the nearest month contract on the last trading day of the week.

This Weeks Crop Report

Scattered storms brought rain to some parts of Texas, with many counties seeing warm days and cooler nights, reported Texas Cooperative Extension agents and specialists across the state.

Range, pastures and home lawns remained in good condition in most areas. But there have been reports of armyworms. In some cases, reports are of the proportion of "invasions."

Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension entomologist at San Angelo, said the reports of armyworm infestations are not surprising as conditions are ideal for the pest.

Farmers and ranchers are actively treating for the pest. However, Sansone noted, that once the caterpillars become large enough to see, control becomes much more difficult.

ROLLING PLAINS: Weather conditions remained great for cotton growers all across the region. Cotton vegetation was a beautiful green, and plants were loaded with bolls. Provided the weather holds out, producers should have a good cotton harvest. Wheat was being planted, with some early plantings already up. Rain showers were expected, which will help to get the ground ready and wheat sown. Low levels of greenbugs were already showing up in some wheat and oat fields. Hay producers were trying to bale in between showers. Pastures looked good, and livestock were in good condition. Working of fall cattle and shipping has begun. Pecans were loading very heavy with some limb breakage due to excess weight of fruit. Peanuts were looking good.

Cotton  **News**
By **Shawn Wade** from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

USDA Announces Final 06 CC Payments

USDA Secretary Mike Johanns' announcement of final 2006 Upland Cotton and Peanut Counter-cyclical (CC) Program payment rates earlier this week was welcome news to cotton and peanut producers across the High Plains.

According to Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., USDA's decision to go ahead and issue the final 2006 CC payments provides timely cash infusions for growers preparing for the final leg of the 2007 growing season. In the announcement, USDA officials noted that eligible growers would begin to receive their final 2006 CC payments beginning September 5.

USDA's announcement also provides an opportunity to go over when payments from several other USDA programs will be made and what producers should receive when they do arrive.

In this week's announcement, USDA noted that the final CC payment rates for Upland Cotton and Peanuts would be the maximum amounts allowed under the 2002 Farm Bill. USDA also announced that there would be no 2006 Counter-cyclical program payments for Corn, Grain Sorghum, Rice and Soybeans due to the strong market prices for those crops in 2006.

The final 2006 Upland Cotton payment rate was set at 13.73 cents per pound based on the fact that Upland Cotton market prices averaged well below the 52-cent-per-pound loan rate for the marketing year. This made it unnecessary for USDA to wait until October when the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) announces the final weighted average price for cotton.

Cotton producers who received first and second advance 2006 CC payments totaling 9.61 cents will receive an additional 4.12 cents per pound when final payments are issued. Growers that did not request advance 2006 CC payments will receive the full 13.73-cent payment rate.

The following table shows the average price received each month by farmers and the calculated weighted average price based on prices and cumulative marketings from August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007. With the addition of the July 2007 price and marketing figures the calculated Weighted Average Price received by growers for Upland Cotton during the 2006 Upland Cotton marketing year was 47.25 cents.

Average Price Received for 2006-crop Upland Cotton
(Weighted by Marketings)

	Marketings (000's of Running bales)		Prices (cents/Lb.)	
	Monthly	Cum.	Monthly	Weighted
August	1,970	1,970	45.80	45.80
September	182	2,152	47.30	45.93
October	994	3,146	46.10	45.98
November	1,117	4,263	47.60	46.41
December	2,062	6,325	49.30	47.35
January	1,557	7,882	49.70	47.81
February	1,253	9,135	48.00	47.84
March	1,566	10,701	47.40	47.77
April	1,155	11,856	47.30	47.73
May	1,550	13,406	44.80	47.39
June	1,067	14,473	46.40	47.32
July	1,277	15,750	46.50	47.25*

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service; * = calculated

Based on the final weighted average national price reported by USDA NASS on August 31, the final Peanut payment rate will equal \$104 per ton. Peanut producers who received the first and second advance Peanut CC payments for 2006 will receive a final 2006 CC payment of \$31.20 per ton.

2007 Direct and CC Program Payments Also In The Works

Growers across the country will also soon be receiving the final installment of their 2007 Direct payment. For cotton the 2007 Direct payment rate equals 6.67 cents, 22 percent of which a grower could have elected to receive as an advance payment beginning December 1, 2006.

Based on information issued by USDA when the advance 2007 Direct payment rate was announced, the remaining 78 percent of the 2007 Direct payment will be paid beginning October 1, 2007. Growers who received the 22 percent advance can expect their final 2007 Direct payment to equal approximately 5.2 cents per pound.

In regard to the 2007-crop Counter-cyclical Program, previously released USDA information reminded growers that the 2002 Farm Bill altered the timing and amount of 2007 CC advance payments.

Through the 2006 program year growers had the option to request either two 35 percent advance CC payments in December and February, respectively, during the marketing year or a single 70 percent advance in February.

The 2002 Farm Bill changed that for the 2007 CC Program, replacing the dual advance payment option with a single 40 percent advance payable in February of 2008 following the first six months of the 2007 Upland Cotton marketing year that began August 1, 2007. The maximum possible 2007 Upland Cotton CC program remains 13.73 cents. As noted in recent weeks, USDA has also announced that sign-up for the 2005/2006 Crop Disaster Program (CDP) is supposed to commence on or around October 15. Actual sign-up dates in individual counties could be different depending on how quickly USDA can train State and County level Farm Service Agency employees to administer the new program.

The good news for growers that participate in the upcoming disaster assistance program is that disaster assistance payments should be processed as soon as the sign-up process is completed. Growers that qualify for assistance under the 2005/2006 CDP should reasonably expect to have these payments delivered shortly after they complete and submit their application package. hpcottonharvestaidguide07.pdf

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Public Notice

Notice of Drinking Water NITRATE Violation

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the City of Quitaque water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for NITRATE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for NITRATE at 10 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for NITRATE indicates a level of 14.2 mg/L.

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. If your child is under the age of six months, the child *must* be given an alternative water supply for any consumption. Boiling the affected water is **not** an effective treatment for nitrate removal.

Most consumers do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you. At this time, the health effects to fetuses to pregnant women is unclear. If you are pregnant, you may also choose to use an alternative source of water for drinking and cooking purposes.

We are working to correct the problem. By checking into new wells to blend with existing water wells.

For further information contact; Maria Merrell or Walter Skinner at 806-455-1456, Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Public Water System ID# 0230002

Bid Notice

NOTICE

The Turkey-Quitaque CISD is accepting bids for the sell of a 3 cylinder diesel 1980's John Deere tractor with bucket. There is a minimum bid of \$2,800.00. All bids must be submitted by 1:00 p.m. October 8th, 2007. Bids may be mailed to Jerry Smith, Supt. Valley School, P.O. Box 397, Turkey, TX 79261 or faxed to Jerry Smith, Supt. at (806) 455-1718. For additional details contact Jerry Smith at (806) 455-1411 ext. 2606.

Turkey-Quitaque CISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Quitaque is accepting Depository Bids for a four-year period. Bids will be opened at the regular council meeting October 8, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 105 North 1st Street, Quitaque, Texas.

Maria Merrell, City Manager
City of Quitaque

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Thank You

We would like to say Thank You to The Turkey Fire Department and everyone who helped make the benefit dinner for Steve so successful. Words cannot express how very thankful we are. We are all so lucky to live in a community that is always right there to help out in any way possible. We want to thank all who are praying for Steve, and thanks to everyone who has given money or brought food to our house. Thank you for all the calls asking about Steve. Right now the doctors are trying to get him built up enough for surgery to remove his stomach. So please just keep him in your prayers. God Bless You All, and again THANK YOU.
Steve and Kathy Farley and Family

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This Week In Texas History!

Sept 16, 1844

The last of the Texas Mier Expedition prisoners were released from a Mexican prison.

Sept 16, 1835

Mexican Gen. Martin Perfecto de Cós made San Antonio his headquarters in the growing rebellion by the Texans.

Sept 16, 1810

Father Miguel Hidalgo began the first major move in the revolt against Spain by almost capturing Mexico City.

Sept 17, 1942

The Pantex Ordnance Plant produced its first bomb load.

Sept 17, 1911

The first airplane to fly from the east coast to the west coast, landed in Waco.

Sept 17, 1879

Andrew "Rube" Foster, the "father of Black baseball," was born in Calvert.

Sept 17, 1842

225 Texan Volunteers fought Mexican Gen. Adrian Woll at Salado Creek.

Sept 18, 1964

The Beatles played at the Dallas Auditorium.

Sept 18, 1861

Brig. Gen. Paul O. Hebert assumed command of all Texas Confederate troops.

Sept 18, 1842

Texas Ranger, John C. Hays with volunteer Matthew Caldwell and 225 Texans pushed Mexican Gen. Woll and his 1,200 men out of Salado Creek and toward Mexico. 100 Mexican soldiers were killed while no Texans were lost. The Texans were angry over Woll's capture of San Antonio a few days earlier.

Sept 18, 1841

Member of the Texas-Santa Fe Expedition ended a three week camp near Quitaque when the rescue party arrived with provisions and guides. Since they had first arrived at the confluence of the Quitaque and Los Lingos Creeks, the Texans had lost dozens of volunteer soldiers and merchants and 83 horses to Kiowa Indian raids. The expedition made camp at three other sites on Quitaque Creek before moving on to their eventual capture by Mexican soldiers at Santa Fe.

Sept 18, 1841

Sam Houston refused to sign the Texas-Yucatan Defense Treaty, the Republic Congress agreed to defend the Mexican state for \$8,000 per month!

Sept 19, 1874

Col. Ranald MacKenzie camped at the Freshwater Fork of the Brazos River in Kent County, here he organized the Southern Column and prepared them for battle. MacKenzie's Seminole Indian scouts told him they had found three Indian trails at the head of the Pease River northwest of present day Matador.

Sept 19, 1854

A hurricane struck Matagorda, demolishing all the houses and sinking several ships in the bay.

Sept 19, 1819

Jim Bowie used his knife for the first time in the bloody Vidalia Sandbar duel and the legend was born.

Sept 20, 1910

The first class at West Texas State Normal College was enrolled. Mamie Conner, the first child born in Randall County, was the first student enrolled. 227 students were enrolled after the first day.

Sept 20, 1899

A tornado struck Newlin, Loco, and Arlie. The "ill wind" caused considerable damage to farm houses and out buildings. Only minor injuries were reported.

Sept 21, 1884

The city of Quanah was established in honor of the Kiowa Indian Chief Quanah Parker.

Sept 21, 1882

The Fort Worth and Denver City Railway ran out of funds as the tracks reached Wichita Falls.

Sept 22, 1860

Gov. Sam Houston spoke at a mass meeting of Union supporters in Austin. At the age of 60 and ill, Houston made what was said to be the finest speech of his career, but was misunderstood by the crowd.

Sept 22, 1554

The Spanish explorer Francisco Vasquez de Coronado died in Mexico City at the age of 44.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

Last year, the Briscoe County property tax rate was \$0.6900. That rate raised \$617,577.00, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as:

County Operations

This year, Briscoe County is proposing a property tax rate of \$0.6827. That rate would raise \$616,883.00, which is \$694.00 less than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearing to consider that decrease. The first public hearing will be held on Monday, Spetember 17 at 1:30 p.m.. The second hearing iwll be held on Thursday, Spetmeber 20 at 10:00 a.m.

**Supper Before Game
September 21**

The Class of 2009 will be sponsoring a supper on homecoming night, Friday, September 21. The meal will consist of Fiesta Stack with all of the trimmings, dessert & drink. The meal will be served from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm. The prices are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under.

Labels are for filing. Labels are for clothing. Labels are not for people.
- Martina nNuratilova

Patriots Open With a Big Win!

By Susan Ramsey

Once again, the Valley Patriots traveled to Hico, Texas to take part in the Annual 6-Man Kick-Off Classic. This year the Patriot's opponent would be the Strawn Greyhounds. Strawn is a perennial powerhouse in the 6-man classification, and would prove to be an early test for this young Patriot squad.

Valley opened the scoring with a 17 yard touchdown pass from Cole Brown to Justin Rucker. Rucker added the extra point kick. After holding the Greyhounds on their first possession, Valley struck again on a 35 yard scamper by Justin Rucker. Justin added the kick to give Valley an early 16-0 lead. The rest of the first quarter saw both teams scoring once. Valley's score came on a Cole Brown to Armando Mendoza pass which covered 15 yards. That made the first quarter score, Valley-24, Strawn-6.

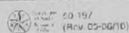
The second quarter saw Valley adding two more touchdowns. One was another Justin Rucker run of 5 yards. The second was an electrifying 71 yard screen pass and run from Brown to Jacob Hancock on the last play of the half. Strawn also scored once to make the halftime score, Valley-38, Strawn-14.

The third quarter turned into a defensive struggle, with both teams holding the opposing offense out of the end zone.

The fourth quarter saw Strawn scoring twice, and the also Patriots scoring twice to make the final score, Valley-50, Strawn-30.

Offensive leaders for the Patriots were as follows: Cole Brown—7 out of 11, passing for 166 yards and 3 touchdowns, Justin Rucker—10 carries for 134 yards and 3 touchdowns, Jacob Hancock—10 carries for 110 yards, 1 reception for, 71 yards, and a touchdown. Defensively, Cole Brown led all defenders with 15 tackles. Other tackle totals were as follows: , Justin Rucker—11, Roger Ramos—10, Jacob Hancock—9, Armando Mendoza—8, Jeffery Addison—5, and Brady Ramsey with 4 tackles, and one interception.

The victory moves Valley to 1-0 on the season. The Patriots will next be in action this Friday in Rule against the #2 ranked Bobcats. Let's all make the drive to Rule Friday night and get behind our Patriots. Game time is 7:30.



Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Quitaque will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 3.99% percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on Sept. 17, 2007 at Quitaque City Hall 6:30 p.m.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: ALL
AGAINST: NONE
PRESENT and not voting: NONE
ABSENT: ALL

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	2%	% (increase)	or	% (decrease)
Debt service	0	% (increase)	or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	2%	% (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	\$ 10,869,344.00	\$ 10,790,488.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 270.00	\$ 3,500.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 9,654,634.00	\$ 9,735,568.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 270.00	\$ 3,500.00

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ 0.00

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year \$.6341 per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year \$.6500 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year \$.0159 per \$100 in value

Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year 2.51% % Increase OR 0 % Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

* "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 26.01(2)(7), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

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One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at www.powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

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**Your Joke For The Week
Bubba At The Revival**

Bubba goes to the revival and listens to the preacher. After a while, the preacher asks anyone with needs to come forward and be prayed over.

Bubba gets in line, and when it's his turn the preacher asks, "Bubba, what you want me to pray about?" Bubba says, "Preacher, I need you to pray for my hearing."

So the preacher puts one finger in Bubba's ear and the other hand on top of his head and prays a while. After a few minutes, he removes his hands and says, "Bubba, how's your hearing now?"

Bubba says, "I don't know preacher, it's not until next Wednesday."

NOTICE

The City of Quitaque will hold a called meeting to vote on a proposed tax rate of .65 an increase of 3.99% at Quitaque City Hall, 105 North First Street on Monday, September 17th, 2007 at 6:30 p.m..

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