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Amber Stark will travel to Atlanta, Ga. as a finalist in the Coca-Cola Scholarship competition.

## Amber Stark Selected To Compete For One Of The Country's Most Prestigious Scholarships

Amber Stark, an outstanding senior, from Valley High School will start college next fall with the help of our local Coca-Cola Bottling Company and The Coca-Cola Company.

Amber is one of 252 high school seniors selected nationwide to compete for a cash scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. On April 25, Amber will join 251 other outstanding high school seniors as they travel to Atlanta, the headquarters for The Coca-Cola Company, to compete for 52 four-year college scholarships of \$20,000 and 200 four-year scholarships for \$4,000. Over a three day period, the Scholars will interview with a National Selection Committee, tour the city, meet with former Coca-Cola Scholars and participate in a wide range of activities including a community service project. In addition, the 2002 Class of Coca-Cola Scholars will be recognized at a banquet hosted by Coca-Cola, educators, local dignitaries and friends of the Scholars Foundation.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, a joint effort of Coca-Cola Bottlers and The Coca-Cola Company is one of the largest corporate sponsored, merit based scholarship programs of its kind in the United States. The program recognizes a diverse group of outstanding high school seniors who have demonstrated academic and civic excellence in their schools and communities. The 2002 Coca-Cola Scholars were chosen from an initial applicant pool of over 91,000 high school seniors representing more than 15,000 high schools nationwide.

Amber, a senior at Valley High School was selected based on her academic excellence, school and community extracurricular activities. She plans to attend Hardin-Simmons next fall.

Amber is the daughter of Randy and Linda Stark of Quitaque



Hall-Childress SWCD member, Curtis Scrivner, with local firefighter and EMT Jim Weeks.

## Turkey VFD Receives \$1,000 Donation From Hall-Childress SWCD

The Hall-Childress Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to give \$1,000 to the Turkey Volunteer Fire Department. This donation is for them to use in maintaining or upgrading their range fire fighting equipment. The Hall Childress SWCD has also donated to the Memphis, Childress, and Tell Fire Departments.

The Hall-Childress SWCD believes the local volunteer fire departments, through their wild fire fighting, help save producers rangeland. The local fire departments have also helped protect neighboring land when control burns have been used to promote new grass growth and control brush.

The Soil and Water Conservation Districts strive to assist producers in their conservation efforts by providing conservation information, education, and assistance to other entities that help promote the conservation of our natural resources.

## The Baker Brothers & Former Texas Playboys To Perform At Gem Theatre

The Turkey Heritage Foundation is proud to present in concert at the Historical Gem Theatre in Turkey, Texas the world famous Baker Brothers and former Texas Playboys. This tribute to the music Bob Wills made famous will be an evening of Western Swing you will never forget!

Entertainers for the evening will be Glenn Duncan, Tommy Perkins, Bennie Garcia, Curley Lewis, Wayne Glassen, Stogie Buckhorn, D.C. Barlow, Dana Wills, Ramona Reed, Doris Baker, Henry Baker, and Bobby Baker.

Dr. Charles Townsend will be M.C. for this exciting event which will take place on Wednesday, April 24 at 8:00 p.m. at the Gem Theatre. Tickets are \$10 and we predict this will be a sellout. For tickets or information call (806) 423-1273. See you at the Gem!

## Caprock Public Library Receives \$1,673 Grant

By Arlene Hinkle

Caprock Public Library has received the "City of Quitaque Loan Star Libraries Grant" in the amount of \$1,673.00 from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The grant stipulates that it is to provide funds to maintain, improve, and enhance local library services and to provide Texans who are not residents of a particular local community access to and services from the many participating libraries.

This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase books and materials that we do not routinely buy, such as audio books and large print books. We will also be able to purchase reference books, both juvenile and adult, and Hispanic books. The grant is solely for the purchase of books, and may not be used for the building.

If you have noticed the cement dust flying out the door and windows, that will soon cease. Bob continues to volunteer to work on the room next door, and although the door is cut in the concrete, the rooms are not yet connected. He wants to keep most of the dust out of the Library. We are working toward a June grand opening to celebrate our first 10 years!

Please don't let the noise keep you from coming to the Library...we have so many new children's books and will soon be receiving the new books from the Lone Star Grant. Come by and take a book.

## Reminder

The First Baptist Church of Quitaque would like to invite everyone to their upcoming Area Wide Gospel Music Fellowship. The event will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 21 at the Church.

Singers from all around the area will be on hand to entertain you with some wonderful and moving gospel music. There will be singers from Quitaque, Turkey, Flomot and Silverton. Please join us for an afternoon filled with music and fellowship.

## Free Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Clinic

Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County is collaborating with Kathy Fuston of Covenant Home Health Care to provide a free blood pressure & blood sugar clinic. The clinic will be held in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse on Wednesday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Everyone is invited to take advantage of this free service!

### E-Mail

The Valley Tribune  
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### Calendar of events

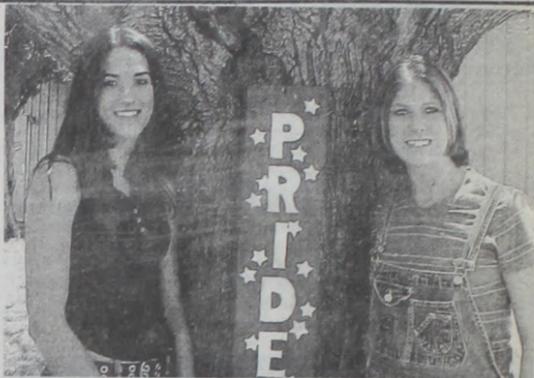
- April 18**  
-Senior Citizens Exercise Program at Quitaque Senior Citizens @ 6:30 p.m.
- April 22**  
-Turkey Lions Club at Hotel Turkey @ 7 p.m.  
-Quitaque Firemen Meeting at Fire Hall
- April 23**  
-Senior Citizens Exercise Program at Quitaque Senior Citizens @ 6:30 p.m.  
-Turkey Senior Citizens @ 6 p.m.
- April 24**  
-Turkey's Gem Theatre presents The Baker Boys & former Texas Playboys in concert @ 8 p.m.
- April 25**  
-Economic Board Meeting at Turkey Senior Citizens Building @ 7 p.m.  
-Drivers License Office open at Briscoe Co Courthouse from 9 a.m. - 12 noon & 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.



## Martin Wins Runoff For Hall County Judge

Hall County voters in the recent Democratic Party's runoff election Tuesday, April 9 selected Jacky Martin with 484 votes over J.H. "Jimmy" Bownds with 388 votes for the office of Hall County Judge.

Turkey voters cast 65 votes for Martin and 59 votes to Bownds in this close race.



Natalie Wheeler & Leigh Ann Nielson will compete at Regionals next weekend.

## Wheeler & Nielsen Advance To Regional Track Meet

Natalie Wheeler and Leigh Ann Nielsen, two outstanding young athletes from Valley School will advance to the Regional Track Meet to be held next Friday and Saturday April 26 and 27 at South Plains College in Levelland. Natalie will be competing in the Long Jump, Triple Jump, 100M Dash, 100M Hurdles and the 200M Dash. Leigh Ann will be throwing the Discus. If they win at Levelland they will advance to the State Meet. Way to Go Natalie & Leigh Ann!

## Turkey City Council Meet

The Turkey City Council met on April 1, 2002 for a Special Meeting. Present were Mayor Pat Carson, Council members Louis Randell, Doyle Dean Proctor, Homer Hawkins and Mary Fierro along with City Secretary Theresa Clinton.

The council moved to increase rates to the maximum rate for telecommunications right-of-way access line which is .30¢ per residential and .79¢ for nonresidential customers.

The Council discussed making improvements to the City Park to benefit the citizens of Turkey and to add RV hookups to use during special events. The Council also moved to have two 20' x 30' shelters built, one with a concrete floor and one without, and to set 5 poles for RV hookups on the south of the park and to update the hookup that is on the west side of the park.

The Council met for their regular meeting on April 11 with Council members Louis Randell, Homer Hawkins and Mary Fierro present. City Secretary Teresa Clinton and City Manager Jerry Landry also attended.

The Council was informed that William (Pat) Carson, Mary Fierro, and Brenda Seymour had filed for Council member position within the required time limit and are unopposed. The City of Turkey will not have an Election on May 4, 2002. Regular monthly business was taken care of and the meeting was adjourned.



Matt Schaefer, from U.S. Senator Phil Gramm's office presents Arlene Hinkle with a certificate of appreciation.

## Gramm Honors Local Library

Matt Schaefer, West Texas regional director for U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, presented Arlene Hinkle, librarian at the Caprock Public Library in Quitaque with a certificate of appreciation from Gramm. Schaefer also read a letter from Senator Gramm recognizing the library's vital contribution to the community.

"In every city across America, libraries are making a commitment to help promote literacy and learning," Gramm said. "But a library would be nothing without the hard working volunteers who have made education awareness and reading a priority. National Library Week is a time to recognize them and encourage others to volunteer their time, talents, and resources to their local library."

National Library Week is being celebrated April 14 - 20. Sponsored by the National Library Association, it was initiated to promote the use and support of all types of libraries and to make the public aware of the many services libraries provide to their communities.

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# FLOMOT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

## OVERHEARD

When a lady was in high school in the late 20's, a student who had used her Latin textbook in a previous year had written a poem on the back page that she has never forgotten.

Latin's a dead language,  
Dead as it can be.  
First it killed the Romans,  
And now it's killing me.

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Mrs. Karen Kenny of Akron, Ohio is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen D. Tiffin. Joining her to visit is her daughter, Mrs. Jennifer Ott and new baby daughter, Kaitlyn of Hutchinson, Kansas.

Mrs. Ruth Lee visited in Clarendon, Sunday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joey Lee. They attended the annual meeting of the Germania Insurance Co. held at the Senior Citizen building in Clarendon.

Raymond Kendall of the Care Center in Lockney visited Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall and family, Sunday.

Johnie Starkey attended to business in Missouri this past week. Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks was daughter, Cara Franks of Canyon.

Stanley Degan of Kalgary, Shay and Jimmy McDaniel and son, Seth of Lubbock visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner visited the weekend in Lubbock with children and families, Heather, Scott and Skylar Blount and Cobey and Janell Turner.

Joe Edd Carson of Hale Center and Don Carson of Olton visited Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Tim Ross and Aleda Elaine.

Luncheon guests of Mrs. Leona Degan, Sunday was son, Stanley Degan of Kalgary and granddaughter and family, Shay and Jimmy McDaniel and baby son, Seth of Lubbock.

# COOK'S CORNER

BY VIRGINIA SAILSBURY

EEK! April 15 is barely over and already it feels like summer! This week's menu is cool and delicious, not to mention at only \$1.30 a plate, frugal. Roast Beef and Potato Salad, Strawberries Supreme and Banana Custard Pudding will fill up your family without heating up your kitchen.

## ROAST BEEF AND POTATO SALAD

- 2 cups cubed cooked roast beef
- 2 cups cubed peeled potatoes, cooked
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced celery
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped pimento
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 2 teaspoons prepared horseradish
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- Lettuce leaves
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley

In a large bowl, combine beef, potatoes, green pepper, celery, onion, and pimentos. Combine the next five ingredients; mix well. Pour over beef mixture and toss to coat. Cover and chill for at least 1 hour. Serve on lettuce; sprinkle with parsley.

## STRAWBERRIES SUPREME

Buy a quart of California strawberries, 1/2 pint of sour cream and have on hand 1 cup of brown sugar. Just before serving, wash the berries, but leave whole with stems on. Put the sour cream and brown sugar in two bowls. To eat, pick up a berry by the stem, dip into sour cream, then into brown sugar. Enjoy!

## BANANA CUSTARD PUDDING

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/2 cups milk
- 3 egg yolks, beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 medium firm banana, sliced

In a saucepan, combine sugar, cornstarch, and salt. Gradually add milk; cook and stir over medium heat until mixture comes to a boil. Cook and stir 2 minutes longer. Stir a small amount into the egg yolks; return all to pan. Cook and stir until thickened. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla. Chill for 1 hour. Just before serving, fold in banana. Makes 4 servings.

# THE SPORTSMAN BAR & GRILL

The Sportsman Bar & Grill is now under new ownership, and just because we've added the words Bar & Grill doesn't mean that we have quit serving our daily lunch buffet or that all you can get is burgers and beer! It's way better than that. We are totally committed to serving you the finest quality food at the best prices. We are working hard every day to serve you, and at the same time improve our place of business. Please feel free to stop by and see all the improvements we have already made and while you here wrap your lips around some of the best food on the planet!

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## ACROSS

- 1 Goddess of Liberty sits in Capitol
- 5 TXism: "crazy as a" skunk by the tail
- 6 branding or shooting
- 7 TXism: "crazy as a" gravel" (fell)
- 8 a big beater? (2 wds.)
- 12 TXism: "some" "brown or red tide" of the TX coast (2 wds.)
- 21 TX Ellerbe book: "And It Goes"
- 22 TXism: "big" in the pond
- 23 TXism: "dancing like a" on a line"
- 24 TX Beach Program
- 29 Dallas' Mountain College
- 30 Gulf deep sea catch Blackfin
- 31 this Henry was 1st American governor of TX (init.)
- 32 TX "Bandit Queen"
- 34 TXism: "sicker" (dude)
- 35 Fresno, TX
- 36 TXism: "orneryness"
- 37 Arthur, TX former San Antonio mayor Cockrell
- 39 TXism: "so green he could hide" patch"
- 41 Aggie university
- 42 sneaker of choice for many TX teens

## DOWN

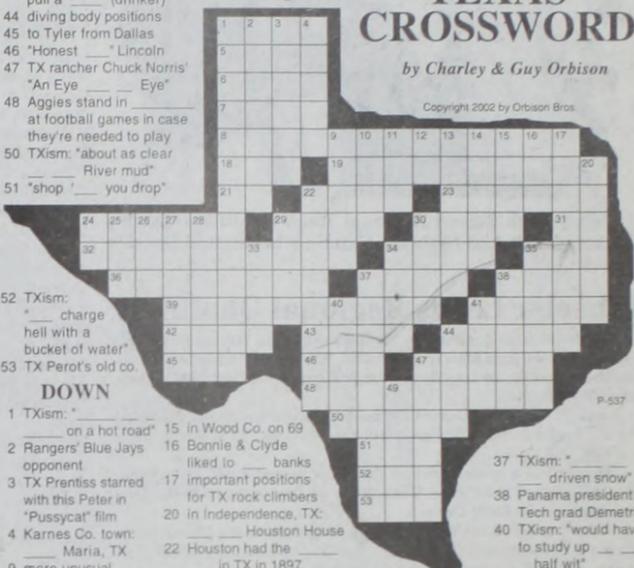
- 15 in Wood Co. on 69
- 16 Bonnie & Clyde liked to banks
- 17 important positions for TX rock climbers
- 20 in Independence, TX: Houston House
- 22 Houston had the in TX in 1897
- 24 this Blocker designed XIT's brand
- 25 Bob Bullock's party (abbr.)
- 26 Grand Oprey
- 27 Callahan Co.'s 1st seat: Belle
- 28 Trinity Univ. was 72 NCAA champ
- 29 flower holder
- 30 pickup rubber
- 33 Houston had 1st phones in TX
- 34 fights are legal in OK, but not in TX
- 35 bed sheets

## The Original

# TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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# Turkey Roost Museum News

The Museum Project was the host for the Turkey Jamboree supper Saturday, April 6. Thanks to all the great supporters of the Jamboree and the wonderful ladies of the community it was a success! The money raised will be used for improvements to the Turkey Roost Museum building.

The Museum Project will be participating in the Highway 70 Garage Sale with a garage sale booth and a bake sale Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5. The booth will be located in the Turkey Roost Museum's new home, formerly The Peanut Patch, in downtown Turkey. Another upcoming fund raiser will be in July when the Psalms IV will return to the Gem Theatre for a gospel concert.

Another painting which was promised to the museum a couple of years ago by Jean Yeary of Lubbock has now been completed and framed and will be placed in the museum. Jan and Joy Turner have donated one of the first electric refrigerators to be made to the museum. These donations are greatly appreciated and are excellent additions to the Museum.

If you are interested in helping with the Museum or have suggestions call Margie Pinkerton at 423-1240.

Some people are still unaware that reality contains unparalleled beauties. The fantastic and unexpected, the ever-changing and renewing, is nowhere so exemplified as in real life itself.

-Berenice Abbot

YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN OUR OLDER SISTER,  
NOW YOU'RE OUR OLD SISTER!  
**LOOK WHO'S 40!**



Love, Sissy, Brother & Little Brother

Some people seem as if they can never have been children, and others seem as if they could never be anything else.

-George Dennison Prentice

# Turkey Senior Citizens News

By Oleta Randell

21 members were present at the last meeting. Margie Pinkerton did the blood checks. Cleo Jordan led the prayer for the food. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all. Table games were played. The next meeting will be April 23rd so come on out and enjoy the fun, food and fellowship!

Everyone has talent. What is rare is the courage to follow the talent to the dark place where it leads.

-Erica Jong

# Fuston Family Reunion

The annual Fuston Family Reunion was held Saturday, April 6, at the turkey Senior citizens Room. A good time of visiting and eating was enjoyed by all. Two door prizes were won by Reid T. Strode and Laura Davidson.

Those attending were: John and Joanie Fuston of College Station; Sherry Abendschan of Lewisville; Cameron, Emily and Bryce Betzen of Hereford; Claudia Strode and son Reid Tanner of Flagler, CO; Joan Crowell and grandson Jaydin Blake Heddlston, Eldon and Ruth Lyles of Childress; Bruce and Lea Ferguson of Claude; Jerry Don and Sue George of Plainview; Ronnie and Lynda George of Tulia; Melinda Lollar and Allison Andrews of Stephenville; Bryan, Dusty and True Burson of Silverton; Lesia and J.D. Schnitker, Lynn Davis of Memphis; along with Denny, Mitchie and Mike Fuston, James and Wilda Fuston, Jon, Laura, Molly, Macy and Mary Kate Davidson, Billie and Maurice Fuston, Ricky and Sandy Fuston of Turkey.

All human actions have one or more of these seven causes: chance, nature, compulsion, habit, reason, passion, desire.

-Aristotle

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HWY. 70 & 114, CALL - KAY LASTER AT 623-5275

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CALL - ALEX CROWDER AT 348-7336

MATADOR - COURTHOUSE SQUARE  
CALL - SHIRLEY SMITH AT 347-2003

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CALL - MARGIE PINKERTON AT 423-1240

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<p><b>Fritos or Chee-tos</b> 3 \$5</p>	<p><b>Blue Bonnet Spread</b> 1 LB. TUB 2 \$3</p>	<p><b>Post Cereals Honey Combs</b> 2 \$9</p>	<p><b>Red Ripe Strawberries</b> FRESH 1 LB. PKG. 1 \$9</p>
<p><b>Vienna Sausage</b> 1 LB. CAN 2 \$1</p>	<p><b>Shurline Sodas</b> 99¢</p>	<p><b>ASSORTED VARIETIES Shurline Ice Cream</b> HALF GALLON 50 1 \$69</p>	<p><b>Knaf Assorted Barbecue Sauce</b> 18 OZ. BTL. 89¢</p>
<p><b>ASSORTED GRINDS Folgers Coffee</b> (DECAF EXCLUDED) 11.5-13 OZ. 2 \$3</p>	<p><b>ASSORTED SHURLINE Ice Cream</b> HALF GALLON 50 1 \$69</p>	<p><b>Health &amp; Beauty</b> ASSORTED Degree Invisible Solid 1 \$69</p>	<p><b>WASH. EX. FANCY FUJI OR RED Delicious Apples</b> 1 \$99</p>
<p><b>Dairy Case</b> JALAPENO FRENCH ONION OR GREEN CHILI Plains Dips 16 OZ. 2 \$3</p>	<p><b>Butterfly Shurline Biscuits</b> 16 COUNT CAN 3 \$1</p>	<p><b>Sirain Cut Pork Chops</b> 1 \$19</p>	<p><b>ASSORTED SHURLINE Chicken Dreads</b> ThermaSik 0.13 OZ. 2 \$99</p>
<p><b>Frozen Foods</b> Shurline Apple Juice 12 OZ. CAN 89¢</p>	<p><b>Colby Jack Cheese</b> 2 \$49</p>	<p><b>FRESH 1 LB. PKG. Carrots</b> 2 \$1</p>	<p><b>LARGE GREEN Bell Peppers</b> 99¢</p>
<p><b>Venture FOOD STORES</b> PRICES EFFECTIVE April 19 - 20, 2002 NOT ALL ITEMS AVAILABLE AT ALL STORES WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TYPOGRAPHIC OR PICTORIAL ERRORS</p>	<p><b>MERRELL FOOD</b> QUITAQUE, TEXAS</p>	<p><b>ASSORTED SHURLINE Kid's Kitchen</b> 1 \$89</p>	<p><b>YEAR'S BEST Yellow Onions</b> 2 \$1</p>
<p><b>ASSORTED SHURLINE Potted Meat</b> 3 OZ. CAN 3 \$1</p>	<p><b>ASSORTED SHURLINE Tortilla Chips</b> 20 OZ. BAG 2 \$29</p>	<p><b>ASSORTED SHURLINE Pitted Prunes</b> 1 \$29</p>	<p><b>ASSORTED SHURLINE Real Bacon</b> 1 \$23</p>



# The Patriot

NEWS OF AND ABOUT VALLEY SCHOOL



Valley High School Regional Track Qualifiers Ramiro Ramos, Leigh Ann Nielson, Natalie Wheeler, and Derrick Cruse.

## Wheeler Leads Regional Qualifiers

Natalie Wheeler qualified for the Regional Track Meet in five events last week at the Area Meet in Abernathy. Wheeler will compete in Levelland next week in the Long Jump, Triple Jump, 200M Dash, 100M Dash, and 100M Hurdles.

Leigh Ann Nielson, Derrick Cruse, and Ramiro Ramos also qualified for the Regional Meet. The meet will run April 26 - 27 at South Plains College.

Wheeler had a splendid day as she placed second in the Long Jump, Triple Jump, and 100M Dash. She also placed third in the 100M Hurdles, and fourth in the 200M Dash.

Nielson qualified for Regionals by placing third in the Discus, while Ramos placed second in the Shot Put and Cruse placed third in the High Jump. Cruse also placed sixth in the Long Jump.

Rodney Fuston placed fifth in the Shot Put, Douglas Payne placed sixth in the High Jump, Tyler Messer placed sixth in the 100M Hurdles, and the 1600M Relay placed sixth.

Relay members include Daniel Alanis, Fidel Valdez, Adam Ortiz, and Gary Chavez. Justin Wilks and Cliff Yearly placed seventh and eighth in the 300M Hurdles.



## This Week In Texas History!

**April 19, 1861**  
U.S. blockade of Texas ports went into effect.

**April 20, 1836**  
Mexicans burn New Washington.

**April 20, 1836**  
First skirmishes fought between Texans and Santa Anna's army at San Jacinto.

**April 21, 1836**  
Texan forces defeated Mexicans at San Jacinto.

**April 21, 1861**  
Colonel Earl Van Dorn assumed military command of Texas.

**April 21, 1867**  
Baseball teams, the Stonewalls of Houston and the Robert E. Lees of Galveston played. Houston won 35-2.

**April 21, 1888**  
Capital first formally opened to the public.

**April 22, 1689**  
Alonso de Leon discovered remains of La Salle's Fort St. Louis. Subsequently he explored Matagora Bay and discovered a river which he named the San Marcos.

**April 22, 1836**  
Santa Anna captured by the Texans. War with Mexico effectively ended.

**April 23, 1836**  
Mexican retreat beyond the Rio Grande began.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

### Monday, April 22

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

**Lunch:** Beef Burritos & Chili, French Fries, Pickles, Dessert, Milk

### Tuesday, April 23

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Orange Slices OJ/Milk

**Lunch:** Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes Gravy, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

### Wednesday, April 24

**Breakfast:** Cinnamon Rolls, Apple Sauce, OJ/Milk

**Lunch:** Pigs in a Blanket, Salad, Corn, Jello, Milk

### Thursday, April 25

**Breakfast:** Pop Tarts, OJ/Milk

**Lunch:** Shrimp & Fish Sticks, Hush Puppies, Tartar Sauce, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Milk



## HONOR ROLL

### Mrs. Hill's 1st Grade

**All A's:** Kameron Buchanan, Sierra Burleson, Sunny Helms, Abby Hill, Hayden Meyer, Ben Seth Ramsey, Pecos Williams

**A's & B's:** Daniel Valdez, Macy Valdez, Christy Clardy

### Mrs. Brown's 1st Grade

**All A's:** Andrew Gonco, Jose Mendoza, Brennan Allen, Sarah Clay, Blake Pigg

**A's & B's:** Samantha Sanderson, Colleen Hancock, Dodie Payne, Carson Proctor, John Pigg

### Mrs. Ramsey's 2nd Grade

**All A's:** Caitlyn Brown, Kortni Carnes, Ezekiel Clay, Tanner Clark, Courtney Galvan, Danielle Gwinn, Kristen Jenkins, Madison Meyer, Jacob Pigg, Jayson Pigg, Alyssa Pointer, Jessie Price, Kammi Warr

**A's & B's:** Yesenia Chavez, Natalie Fierro, Keri House, Enrique Mendoza, Jesus Mora, Jeffrey Thibodeaux, Chambray Smith, Jose Valdez

### Mrs. Pigg's 3rd Grade

**All A's:** Grant Wheeler, Jarrette Valdez, Khaki Scrivner, Autumn Phillips, Kati Fuston, Landon Allen, Desiree Casillas

### 4th Grade

**All A's:** Lauren Young, Payton Price, Lacy Pointer, Jacob Hancock, Kelsey Clay

**A's & B's:** Sadie Valdez, Courtney Thibodeaux, Isaac Smith, Rebecca Ramos, Jacy Proctor, Mariela Mendoza, Salvador Bernal

### 5th Grade

**All A's:** Dalton Allen, Chancy Campbell, Mitchell Farley, Callie Helms, Jordan Jenkins, Brady Ramsey

**A's & B's:** Dulce Chavez, Cesar Mendoza, Leslie Payne, Frankie Pozos, Alexandra Skinner, Maria Valdez

### 6th Grade

**All A's:** Cole Brown, Mary Kate Davidson

**A's & B's:** Danny Carnes, Juan Haro, Justin Rucker, Savannah Smith, Ana Iris Valdes

### 7th Grade

**All A's:** Molly Davidson, Maddie Ramsey

**A's & B's:** Macy Davidson, Alysa Leal, Ana Karen Mendoza

### 8th Grade

**All A's:** Randy Farley

**A's & B's:** Elisa Cagle, Jennifer Carnes, Anna Rosa Pozos, Ascencion Pozos

### Freshmen

**All A's:** A's & B's: Guadalupe Mendoza, Juan Mendoza, Zack Ramsey, Matt Whittington

### Sophomores

**All A's:** Katherine Pigg, Juan Regalado

**A's & B's:** Chase Maynard, Jessica Wellman

### Juniors

**All A's:** Cydni Walden, Natalie Wheeler

**A's & B's:** Erika Chavez, Derrick Cruse, Amanda Roys

### Seniors

**All A's:** Jana Merrell, Christopher Taylor

**A's & B's:** Hannah Boedeker, Gary Chavez, Skylar Clifton, Wes Henson, Marcos Mora, Amber Stark, Lydia Valdez, Magan Whittington, Emily Woods

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### Allison Clardy

**BIRTHDAY:** 10-29-82

**AGE:** 19

**PARENTS:** Raymond & Lillie

**FAVORITE QUOTE:** Never give up!

**IF I COULD TRAVEL ANYWHERE, I WOULD GO...** Las Vegas

**IF I COULD BE ANY ANIMAL, I WOULD BE A...** Anaconda

**MY PET PEEVE?** Talking behind my back.

**BEST ADVICE?** Don't do drugs

**WORST ADVICE?** No one will never find out

**WORST HABIT?** Rolling my eyes.

**ROLE MODEL?** Coach Tyler

**I'M THANKFUL FOR?** My Dad

**WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE ...** Singer

**BEST CHARACTERISTIC?** Smile

**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Friends



### Danny Hinojosa

**BIRTHDAY:** August 25, 1983

**AGE:** 18

**PARENTS:** Christina and Tony Hinojosa

**FAVORITE QUOTE:** Don't hate the player hate the game.

**IF I COULD TRAVEL ANYWHERE, I WOULD GO...** Ireland

**IF I COULD BE ANY ANIMAL, I WOULD BE A ...** Lion.

**MY PET PEEVE?** Two faced people

**BEST ADVICE?** Live every day like it is your last.

**WORST ADVICE?** You won't get caught.

**WORST HABIT?** Showing up late.

**ROLE MODEL?** My Dad

**I'M THANKFUL FOR?** My family

**WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE A...** Highway Patrol

**BEST CHARACTERISTIC?** Sense of humor

**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Hanging out with Amanda.

## ATTENTION!

### ALL JR. HIGH STUDENTS

You are invited to a Volleyball Tournament and Hamburger Supper. The big event will be held Sunday, April 21, 2002 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Turkey Church of Christ. The evening's devotional will be "I Want to Serve!" Please come and join us for lots of fun, food and fellowship.

Effective April 1  
The Valley Gym  
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At 9 p.m. Daily

## Boys & Girls Win District

On Monday, April 8 the boys and girls Golf Teams traveled to Hereford to compete in the District 3-A Golf Tournament.

On the girls side, Chelsea Wheeler shot a 110 to win the District Title. The girls team shot a 483 to win the District championship by one shot. Other team members were Jessica Wellman (120), Paige Hughes (126), and Katherine Pigg (127). The girls edged out Lazbuddie who shot a 484 and Happy who shot 507.

The boys also won District shooting an impressive 334. Winning the title by 24 shots over Nazareth. Derrick Cruse grabbed the 1st Medalist honors with a 76. Justin Wilks placed 2nd with a 79, and Cliff Years was 5th with a 86. Other Team members were Kellan Roberts (93), Matt Whittington (93), and Cody Varnell (98).

Both Teams will compete in the Regional Tournament on April 22 and 23 in Levelland.

## How I Feel About The TAAS Test

(By Several Valley Third Grade Students)

### Pound The TAAS

By Khaki

TAAS, is very important. The way I feel about taas is nervous. The way it feels is that Taas is the hammer and I'm the nail. On Taas day tomorrow I'll try to think the opposite. I feel that I can tackle taas I'm sure of it. But I think about if I wasn't so fortunate for if my teacher or parents didn't teach me all the things I know now, think. The taas would be the hammer and it would hammer me into my desk I would sit there and let it hammer me as I would rot in my third grade seat. I know if I do my best and concentrate on everything I learned I will do well. We study and study so I know I can do it. But I am so lucky that I will always have someone to love me. Or teacher told us to relax so I will. Taas I doubt will be not loved by me but if I pass it will bring joy to my family and nervous or not if that brings joy to my family that is enough for me. The second, thing is that it will tell me if I'm a good student that will also be satisfying.

### How I Feel About The Tass Test

By Autumn

I feel that I'm gral relaxed about it. Also I feel it's going to be hard but I'm ready for it. While were taking a T ass Test the first and second are going to see the Rookie. but the good things about T ass is that you get to eat snacks during class. Also you get to watch moovies the rest of the week and we get a trip to the science spectrum. By ourselves not with the second graders. Yeepee! I hope every one makes a good grade!

### How I Feel About the TAAS Test and Why?

By Landon

I feel nervous, but I'm trying to be relaxed so I will do good. We are having 44 problems on math a 6 to 8 pages on reading. I hope I make an A. I am getting 11 or 12 hours of sleep. It is going to be very hard for some people. I am going to take my time and check over it as much times as I can. I like TAAS because we don't have homework and I don't like TAAS because it is hard. We have been studying for about 3 to 4 years. I will try my hardest. I hope I make it to 4th grade, but I will miss 3rd grade if I make it the 4th grade.

# "PATRIOT SPIRIT" EXTRA MILE RECOGNITION



## Sammie Dee Ross

Sammie Dee Ross like many students who attend Valley High School participates in a variety of school activities. She plays basketball, is a member of the Pep Squad team & Parliamentary Procedure team, and is also a state board FCCLA member. Sammie Dee was chosen as this months Student of the Month because of the work she has done with elementary students. She spends one class period a day in Mrs. Proctor's fourth grade class. Sammie Dee attributes much of her success with these students to the fact that she too was once a struggling reader and can therefore empathize with those who have special needs. Sammie Dee plans to major in Elementary Special Education at Harden Simmons University in Abilene. Sammie is truly a great girl with a lot to offer, and we are very proud of her.

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**THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM...**

By Laura Taylor

With all of our technological breakthroughs in communication we are rapidly becoming a true "Global Community". With that said I feel it is our duty as TEXANS to make sure that everyone that we come in contact with knows exactly what we mean, when we say it.

Now, if you're gonna say things Texans say, you've got to be sure to get the pronunciation right. Here are a few tips.

\* **In Texas, the "g" in the suffix "ing" is silent. Thus, "fixing to" becomes "fixin' to".**

\* **Chester drawers: that piece of furniture you put your socks in..**

\* **Nuther thing: another thing**

\* **Hairyew: a greeting used when one wants to discern the physical and emotional wellbeing of his/her companion.**

\* **ah'mo: I am going to E.g.: "Ah'mo get back to work."**

\* **sure'nuff: (one word) Used as a superfluous question in place of "Really?" or "Is that right?" Also used as an adverb in sentences.**

\* **rench: the process of laving with water, possibly to remove soap or shampoo. You can also "rench out" socks, if you've a mind to.**

\* **warsh: the process one engages in before reching.**

You don't want to hear a Texas say you're:

\* **plug ugly \* all hat and no cattle \* dumber than dirt \* tighter than bark on a tree \* like ugly on an ape \* older than two trees \* dumb as a box of rocks \* crooked as a barrel of snakes.**

Emotional states in the state of Texas differ from other folks as well:

\* **Like a one-legged man at a butt-kicking contest - means your extremely frustrated.**

\* **Like a long-tailed cat in a room full of rocking chairs - means Nervous, very, very nervous.**

\* **Somebody who looks like he/she has been rode hard and put up wet - means a tired individual who looks somewhat the worse for wear.**

Here are a few other useful texisms to pass along to those who have difficulty talking to the natives.

\* **blinky - adjective used to describe milk that has begun to sour**

\* **catty whompus - used to describe something that doesn't fit properly or is out of line.**

\* **turd-floater - a very heavy downpour, this is not used very often in West Texas.**

\* **fixins - food, the rest of the meal, excluding the main dish.**

\* **hissy fit - a state of extreme agitation and not a pretty thing to see.**

\* **lit out-took off, started out going somewhere.**

\* **nu-uh - no.**

\* **over in through there - a directional phrase, you must watch the speakers hands to know which way to go.**

\* **wamperjaved - when something is not fitting properly**

This shud be enuf to git ya' started in thu rit derrection. Pass it on.

HMMM...



**Full Field Access Saves Time, Money & Protects Employees**

Cotton growing season had begun in Texas as growers in the southern part of the state have begun planting and those in other areas will begin soon. Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation officials want to remind growers of the importance of providing full vehicular access to all sides of cotton fields. When cotton producers begin planting, Foundation employees place boll weevil traps around the perimeters of the fields. The traps contain a pheromone attractant that lures boll weevils into the traps and an insecticide strip that keeps them from leaving.

The traps serve two important functions: eliminating weevils from fields and providing data on weevil activity. The Foundation uses the data to measure the progress of eradication and to make treatment decisions. Employees check the traps weekly.

Placing the traps around all sides of the fields provides better data on weevil activity, making treatment decisions more accurate. Without this data, weevil infestations may go unnoticed, and the length of time to complete eradication is extended. Field edges may also need to be treated from the ground using truck mounted mist blowers. Without full access to fields, the edges cannot be treated. This untreated cotton provides a haven for boll weevils to feed and reproduce in, which again extends the time necessary to complete eradication.

The most efficient method for checking the traps is for employees to drive around the perimeter of the field. Access makes it possible for the employees to easily place the traps around the fields and later to check the traps, record the data and service the traps from the pickup. Without access, the employees' ability to check a large number of traps quickly is reduced and more employees may need to be hired to check the traps.

Employee safety is also an issue in full field access. The Foundation is committed to a safe work environment for its employees. Checking traps from a pickup protects employees from slips and falls that may occur from walking in fields, crossing ditches and other hazards. Injured employees often cannot work for a period of time, increasing the load on other employees and decreasing the efficiency of the effort. Reducing the number of injured employees has a positive effect on the Foundation's insurance costs, and the saving can be used to shorten the amount of time needed to pay off a zone's obligations.

Foundation employees are willing to work with growers within program guidelines to place traps in the most accessible and efficient location that has the least impact on farming operations. Growers with questions should contact their field unit supervisors or the nearest district office.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.



**Have You Heard?**



A people who are prosperous and happy, optimistic and progressive, will produce much slang; it is a case of play; they amuse themselves with the language.

—William Graham Sumner



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		Averages and Records	Hi (°F)	Lo (°F)
Thu Apr 18	Partly Cloudy	UV Index: 9 High	89°F	58°F
Fri Apr 19	Partly Cloudy	UV Index: 9 High	84°F	46°F
Sat Apr 20	Showers	UV Index: 8 High	74°F	46°F
Sun Apr 21	Partly Cloudy	UV Index: 9 High	73°F	46°F
Mon Apr 22	Partly Cloudy	UV Index: 9 High	75°F	52°F
Tue Apr 23	Partly Cloudy	UV Index: 9 High	84°F	51°F
Wed Apr 24	Mostly Sunny	UV Index: 9 High	78°F	48°F
Thu Apr 25	Partly Cloudy	UV Index: 9 High	81°F	54°F
Fri Apr 26	Partly Cloudy	UV Index: 9 High	82°F	55°F

Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home—so close and small that they cannot be seen in any map of the world.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

The attempt to combine wisdom and power has only rarely been successful and then only for a short while.

—Albert Einstein

**Customer Notice**

Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Cap Rock or the Cooperative) has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) seeking approval to implement minor rate changes to residential and business Monthly Local Exchange Access Line Service, Pay Telephone Access Service, Rotary Service, and PBX Trunk Service. In addition, Cap Rock proposes to bundle its residence and business Monthly Local Exchange Access Line Service rates and Tone Dialing charges. Residential customers who presently do not have Tone Dialing Service and who currently pay \$7.10 in Dickens, Matador, Quitaque, Roaring Springs, and Turkey Exchanges will pay \$7.80 until the customer(s) move or change service. Cap Rock also proposes to remove Outside Base Rate Area charges and Key System Service from its tariff. Current Key System Service customers will be moved to Rotary Service since these two services are technologically similar, and those Key System Service customers who are moving to Rotary Service will see a rate decrease. The proposed effective date for the proposed rate changes is July 1, 2002 for all exchanges served by the Cooperative. The estimated annual revenue decrease recognized by the Cooperative is \$41,193 for the first year of service, which is 1% of the Cooperative's gross annual intrastate revenues.

Current and proposed rates are:

	Current Rates				Proposed Rates *			
	(1)	(2)	(3)**	(4)	(1)	(2)	(3)**	(4)
Residence	\$ 7.90	\$ 8.90	\$ 7.10	\$ 8.20	\$ 8.65	\$ 8.65	\$ 8.65	\$ 8.65
Tone Dialing	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Business	12.50	14.00	18.35	21.30	13.75	13.75	13.75	13.75
Tone Dialing	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rotary Access	17.50	17.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00
PBX Trunk	26.10	27.60	29.40	34.55	27.60	27.60	27.60	27.60

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(3) Dickens, Matador, Quitaque, Roaring Springs, and Turkey Exchanges  
(4) Paducah Exchange

\* Proposed residence and business rates include Tone Dialing charges  
\*\* Current residence customers who presently do not have Tone Dialing will pay \$7.80

	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Pay Telephone Service	\$22.15	\$22.10

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	Current Rate			Proposed Rate		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
Outside Base Rate Area	\$ 2.00			Remove		
Key Access Service *	22.00	22.00	25.50	19.00	19.00	19.00

(1) Matador and Quitaque Exchanges  
(2) Dickens, Roaring Springs, and Turkey Exchanges  
(3) Paducah Exchange

\* Existing Key Access Service customers will move to Rotary Service and will pay the lower Rotary Service rate of \$19.00

**Customer Notice (Continued)**

Persons with questions or who want more information on this application may contact the Cooperative at P.O. Box 300, Spur, TX 79370-0300 or call (800) 692-4242 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the application is available for inspection at the address listed above. The Commission has assigned Tariff Control Number 25636 to this application. Persons who wish to formally participate in the Commission's proceedings concerning this application, or who wish to express their comments concerning this application should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136 or reach the Commission's toll free number through Relay Texas at (800) 735-2988. Requests to participate in the proceedings and comments should reach the Commission no later than May 31, 2002. If the Commission receives a complaint(s) relating to this application signed by the lesser of 5% or 1,500 of the affected local service customers to which this application applies by May 31, 2002, the application will be docketed. The 5% limitation will be calculated based upon the total number of customers of record as of the calendar month preceding the Commission's receipt of the complaint(s).

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Children's Entertainment by:  
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Business Meeting .....7:00 p.m.  
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The Valley Tribune, Quitaque, Texas, Thursday, April 18, 2002

**Cotton**  
By Shawn Wade

**PCIP Research gaug**  
Despite a significant level of...  
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# Cotton News

By Shawn Wade

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

## PCIP Research gauges Variety Performance

Despite a significant level of uncertainty about what federal programs will look like in 2002, cotton producers across the South Plains are busy getting fields into shape and fine tuning planters in preparation for the 2002 growing season.

Of the many critical decisions a grower makes at this time of year, variety selection has the potential to ruin a grower's chances to show a profit at seasons end.

Research conducted for the past two seasons by Texas Cooperative Extension specialist Dr. Randy Boman, of Lubbock, provides the best available view of how different varieties and production systems perform under normal field conditions. These large plot tests are also coordinated with normal variety testing projects carried out by Dr. John Gannaway at numerous locations across the South Plains region.

Boman's Systems Testing Program has proven to be a tremendous success after its second full year of support by the Plains Cotton Improvement Program.

The program is designed to do side by side comparisons of conventional and genetically enhanced cotton seed varieties. The research is conducted on large, replicated plots and grown utilizing the specific chemical and/or pesticide programs to which the varieties are adapted.

Plots are large enough to provide cotton that can be harvested using commercial harvesting machinery and ginned with commercial ginning equipment. Bales from each variety are then classed to determine quality characteristics and market value. Total costs and returns to produce each variety on a per acre basis are calculated and the results compared to each other.

The program has proven to be a valuable asset to growers seeking information to aid in their variety selection decisions. The research provides growers the ability to see how particular production systems compare side by side and how those systems can fit into their own operations.

Final results have been reported at a number of producer information meetings and can be obtained from county Texas Cooperative Extension offices. Online publication of the 2001 results is in progress.

To view the final project report, summary and data tables click on the following link: <http://www.plainscotton.org/ew/pcip/var2001.html>

Dr. Boman is encouraging all producers to look through the data collected in 2001 and compare each production system to their own combination of weed pressure and irrigation capacity in order to make the best possible variety choices in 2002.

In addition to the Systems Variety Test information Dr. Boman is also encouraging producers to look through a new publication developed through the Cotton Incorporated State Support Program on cotton root disorders. The publication is available on line at this address: <http://pestdata.ncsu.edu/cottonpickin/disorders/>.

Boman notes that much of the work that went into developing the guide was coordinated at the USDA-ARS Plant Stress Lab in Lubbock by Dr. John Burke.

## Negotiations Continue Through Weekend

Even though the House/Senate Conference had no official meeting last Friday, April 12 or over the past weekend, work continues on reaching agreement on provisions of the Farm Bill.

"Serious meetings have already begun," said Dirk Fillpott, spokesperson for Representative Larry Combest in a telephone conversation Friday morning, April 12.

"Progress in getting the much needed Farm Bill to producers has been, and is being made, outside the formal hearings," commented Fillpott.

"Meetings between conference committee members outside the formal setting have been successful in resolving many issues," continued Fillpott.

"Chairman Combest is hopeful that this past weekend's meetings will work toward similar success on the more contentious issues."

The conference reconvened Monday, April 15. The location and links to hear audio from the conference is available on the House Agriculture Committee website.

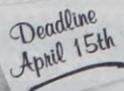
## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### The Taxman Cometh

Federal income tax forms are due to be postmarked no later than midnight, April 15.

But, according to the IRS, taxpayers can get an extension by filing Form 4868. By filing the extension, taxpayers avoid the late filing penalty. However, Form 4868 does not extend the time to pay federal income tax. Taxpayers must make an accurate estimate of their tax and send any necessary payment with Form 4868. If taxpayers cannot pay the full amount due with Form 4868, they can still get the extension. But they will owe interest on the unpaid amount.

Sources: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller; Internal Revenue Service, <http://www.irs.gov>



By: Brandon McGinty, CEA-Ag, Briscoe County

## Weed Resembles Wildflower, Threat To Ag Production

This spring wildflowers growing along Texas' roadways will be enjoyed by many, but looks can be deceiving. Nestled among these spring flowers is a blue flowered form of branched broomrape. That is a parasitic weed that looks much like a wildflower, but is a threat to agricultural production if not properly contained. Broomrape can actually lower crop productivity. The branched broomrape stands 4 to 12 inches tall. It's best recognized by its yellow straw colored stems and blue snapdragon like flowers. Major spreading of broomrape has been done by highway mowers. Department of Transportation officials are currently experimenting with different chemical applications on roadways in an attempt to contain branched broomrape.

## Do You Really Know What You Are Feeding Your Horse?

Top quality roughage is vital in equine nutrition. Quality roughage assists in maintaining a healthy digestive system. However, maturity is the main contributing factor in the nutritional value of hay. Characteristics of good quality roughage include a high leaf to stem ratio, cleanliness, and a fresh smell and appearance. Bales that are bright green in color are normally full of vitamins and calories. Moldy hay should never be fed. In addition, check the bales for dirt, dust, or trash. This may indicate careless harvesting and may be harmful to the horse. The harvest season also affects the quality. Horse owners may also mix grass hays with legumes to provide a tasty meal for their horses that is safe, palatable, and moderate in nutrient content.

By Cory Edwards, Briscoe County Extension Agent, FCS

## Keep Insect Pests Out Of Pantry & Closets

Sooner or later nearly every home will have some kind of insect infestation. There are two kinds of household insects likely to be found in the home. First are insects that feed on plant material. They are usually found in kitchens and pantries. Second are insects that feed on products that contain animal proteins, such as wool, leather, feathers, and even some pet foods. However, with a little effort and some common sense, but won't become permanent residents. One way to combat infestation is to control the points of entry. Locate and eliminate infested foods. Also, shake or beat rugs and blankets, and expose them to bright sunlight. Thoroughly vacuum storage areas and rugs. Store susceptible clothing in airtight boxes or garment bags and use cold storage to protect furs and other items.

## Where Have All The Grandma's Gone?

*In the dim and distant past, When life's temp wasn't fast; Grandma used to rock and knit, Crochet, tat, and babysit. When the kids were in a jam, they could always call on Gram. In that day of gracious living, Grandma was the gal for giving. But today she's in the gym, Exercising to keep slim. She's off touring with the bunch, Or taking clients out to lunch. Going north to ski or curl, All her days are in a whirl. Nothing seems to stop or block her, Now that grandma's off her rocker!!* -author unknown

If you want to get off your rocker, come exercise with us at the Quitaque Senior Citizens Center on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. You don't have to be a Senior Citizen to come! Cory Edwards, Briscoe County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences has instigated an 8 week exercise program. She will lead an exercise routine every Tuesday for the 8 weeks, and Ellen Skinner will lead them on Thursdays. If you have any questions, please contact Cory at the Extension Office, 823-2131.

## Upcoming Peanut Marketing Loan Seminars Will Benefit Growers

Area peanut growers are urged to attend upcoming seminars designed to answer questions about growing and marketing peanuts under a marketing loan type program expected in the new federal farm bill.

Sponsored by the Texas Peanut Producers Board (TPPB), the seminars will be April 22 - 25. They will highlight how the new program, which will feature a target price and loan guarantee, will differ from the peanut quota marketing program that has been in place for years.

The seminars will be presented by Dr. Marshall Lamb, agricultural economist for the USDA Agricultural Research Service National Peanut Lab in Dawson, GA. He will be assisted by Dr. Ken Stokes, director of the Southern Region Risk Management Education Center, Texas Cooperative Extension in Stephenville.

"The new farm bill will change the way all segments of the industry do business," says Mary Webb, TPPB executive director. "At the request of Texas peanut growers, the board has scheduled these marketing loan seminars."

Meetings are set for Wellington-Wednesday, April 24 at 2 p.m. at the Wellington Activity Center. Then again in Brownfield-Thursdays, April 25 at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

"TPPB feels it is very important for Texas peanut growers to begin educating themselves on how the transition from marketing under the quota system to marketing loan system will impact their peanut operations," says Webb. "These grower meetings are the first steps in that education process."

Ted Higginbottom, TPPB chairman and a peanut grower in Seminole, notes that cotton farmers and growers of other commodities have worked in a marketing loan system for several years. "But for many peanut growers, the marketing loan system is a totally new concept," he says. "I want to encourage these growers and others to come out to these seminars, learn, then ask questions about how the marketing loan will effect them. This should make the transition from the quota system to the marketing loan much easier."

Refreshments will be served at the seminars. For further information, contact the TPPB office at 1-800-734-0086.

There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: when he can afford to and when he can't. —Mark Twain

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