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## Local Boy Bitten By Rattlesnake

An 18 month old boy was bitten by a rattlesnake at his home south of Quitaque in the evening hours of October 13. Colby Burgess was playing in his garage with his brother when the boys encountered the snake. Colby was bitten once on the arm but showed no immediate reaction to the wound.

"His brother told their mom that there was a snake," Thomas Clay said. "She looked for the snake and at the boy and couldn't find anything. It was a little while before Colby started to cry."

April Burgess took her son to Quitaque where Karen Allen assisted her in getting medical help. It was determined that Colby had been bitten by a snake and he was transported to Tulia where a helicopter airlifted him to Lubbock.

Clay said that his cousin, John Burgess, had just recently relocated to Quitaque from Fort Worth. Burgess had been working at Excel in Plainview only a week when the incident happened.

"John wanted to move the boys someplace smaller where things are a little safer," Clay said. "We had told him how much we like it here so he decided to move up."

Colby did not require surgery but has needed an extensive amount of anti-venom to combat the snake's bite. The family is hopeful he will leave the hospital one day this week.

"They have really been upbeat about it all," Clay said. "It's an unfortunate situation but Colby is doing well and should recover completely. What more could you ask for?"

A fund to help the young family combat their mounting hospital bills has been set up at the First National Bank in Quitaque.

"They are in obvious financial need. They made a long move and now had this happen," Clay said. "Complete strangers have visited them and made them feel like this is their home. They are a long way from our family and this was a traumatic experience. They are experiencing one of the benefits of living in the Quitaque-Turkey area and they appreciate it greatly."



Billy Neal Shannon is the producer of Quitaque's first bale of 2003. "The bale was ginned on October 15, 2003 at the Paymaster Gin", said Ronnie Carpenter, manager, in Quitaque.

The cotton for this bale was stripped off the "Ham" place south of town, which made approximately 1 bale to the acre after receiving 60% hail damage earlier in the year.

This first module produced 17 bales with a 27.27% turnout. The Paymaster Gin ginned the first bale for free and bought it for \$1 per pound.

### Broom & Mop Sale This Saturday In Quitaque

The Quitaque Lions Club will sponsor its annual Mop and Broom Sale this coming Friday, October 24 beginning at 8:30 AM.

This Caravan Sales for the Blind is one of the fund raising functions the Lions Club uses to support community projects.

The items for sale are good proven products and can be used around the home for a long time.

Stop by Merrell's Food parking lot and take a look. The Lions Club will appreciate your help. The sale will continue until 4:30 p.m.

### VALLEY WEATHER

DATE	HI	LO	PREC
OCT. 16	87	50	.....
OCT. 17	95	49	.....
OCT. 18	76	47	.....
OCT. 19	91	49	.....
OCT. 20	94	58	.....
OCT. 21	95	56	.....
OCT. 22	94	53	.....

## Valley Calendar of Events

### October 23

- \* Turkey Economic Board meeting
- \* Drivers License Office Open at Briscoe Co. Courthouse 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon & 1-3 p.m.
- \* Valley Jr High vs Happy, here @ 5 p.m.
- \* Valley JV vs Happy, here @ 6:30 p.m.

### October 24

- \* Valley Varsity vs Happy there @ 7:30 p.m.

### October 25

- \* Quitaque's Fall Festival Health Fair
- \* Turkey Halloween Carnival @ 5 p.m.

### October 26

- \* Daylight Saving Time Ends - Set Your Clock Back 1 Hour

### October 27

- \* Quitaque Fire Department meeting
- \* Turkey Lions Club meeting @ 7 p.m.
- \* Caprock Partners meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- \* Quitaque's Weight Watchers meeting @ 5:45 p.m. Weigh-In @ 5:15 p.m.

### Trailway Challenge This Saturday

Trailway Challenge - Join a group of bikers at 9 a.m. this Saturday, October 25 to ride the entire 64 mile Trailway.

The 2003 event includes refreshments along the way, a sag wagon and a shuttle back to the start. Those not up to a 64 mile ride may join anywhere along the way. Participants completing the entire 64 miles will receive an exclusive patch.

Reservations and mountain bikes required. Adults - \$20.00/ TCP Members, Senior Citizens and Children 12 & Under - \$15.00.

## Quitaque Suspends Effective Date Of Atmos Energy's Requested Rate Changes

On Monday, October 13 the Quitaque City Council met in regular session. Mayor Roland Hamilton called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM. Council members present Arnold Castillo, Janice Henson, Phil Barefield, and Randy Stark. Representative from Atmos Energy, Dwight Ramsey, was also present along with Maria Cruz, City Manager and Walter Skinner, Water Superintendent.

Council member Rhonda Farner was absent. During public comment the Council was presented figures of cost for repairs to leaky roofs at community center, City Hall, and the Library. Council discussed other options will be looked into at the next meeting. Also presented to the Council was an estimate of the cost to do the work necessary for conversion of test hole to a working water well. Cruz informed the Council that Jamie Johnson was checking into TCEQ requirements for conversion. Cruz also reported to the Council that plans for a water line to the Caprock Canyons State Park should be in TCEQ hands at this time.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved the Library report was accepted as presented. The Ambulance Service reports seven ambulance runs since the last regular meeting. Also reported 3 stand-by at football games Richard Wellman is now certified and a member of our service. It was also reported that the Martha Ann Cogdell Foundation had donated \$10,000.00 to the Quitaque Ambulance Fund.

Skinner reported no fires since last meeting, he also reported FEMA had approved all necessary paper work for direct deposit of grant funds. It was reported that South Plains Communication was working on our new frequency license. As soon as it is complete the City can order their new radios.

The Council agreed to adopt a resolution suspending the effective date of Atmos Energy's requested rate changes. Ramsey discussed rate-change increases and informed the Council of what the Resolution would mean for the City.

The Council then unanimously agreed to nominate Rusty Henson to the Appraisal Board. Regular business was then taken care of before the meeting was dismissed.

## Gene Watson Concert Is Almost Here

There are people who sing and then there are the singers that are respected throughout the music industry. One of them is Gene Watson, singer's singer. Ask Alan Jackson, Clint Black, Randy Travis, Marty Stuart and Martina McBride, or any other number of country entertainers.

Gene Watson started his recording career in 1974 with his first hit called "Love In The Hot Afternoon." From that point on, Watson has had over 20 top 10 singles including "Farewell Party," "Fourteen Carat Mind," "Memories To Burn," "Paper Rosie," "Nothing Sure Looked Good On You", and "Should I Come Home (Or Should I Go Crazy)".

Born in Palestine, TX, Watson was one of seven children of a sawmill worker and crop picker. In his late teenage years, Watson became an auto body worker. On weekends he began singing in Houston nightclubs where he was met with immediate popularity and was later discovered and was signed to a recording contract. Robert K. Oermann, the dean of country critics says it best, "The world stops spinning when Gene Watson sings. In his voice is all the ache of existence."

The Turkey Heritage Foundation, Turkey, Texas proudly presents in concert, Gene Watson & The Farewell Party Band at the Bob Wills Gymnasium November 8th at 7:00PM. For Reservations or ticket information, call (806) 423-1420.

From 4:00-6:30PM that evening, there will be a Brisket Supper with all the trimmings at the Bob Wills Cafeteria, sponsored by the Turkey Extension Club.

## Quitaque, Silverton & Turkey Receive Donations From The Martha Ann Cogdell Trust

Connie Cogdell Clark, chairman of the board of the Martha Ann Cogdell Trust, announces that donations were recently made to the following entities:

- City of Turkey Ambulance Fund - \$10,000.00
- City of Quitaque Ambulance Service - \$ 10,000.00
- Silverton Voluntary Ambulance Service - \$10,000.00
- WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital - \$10,000.00
- City of Claude Volunteer Ambulance Service - \$5,000.00
- Caprock Hospital District Ambulance Fund - \$10,000.00
- The Wayside Emergency Team, Inc. - \$5,000.00
- Hall County EMS Ambulance Service - \$10,000.00
- City of Lockney Ambulance Fund - \$10,000.00
- Swisher Memorial Hospital District - (no amount states)
- Tulia Rural Health Clinic - \$20,000.00

For many years the Martha Ann Cogdell Trust has purchased ambulances for various cities and hospital districts in this area, including the Caprock Hospital District Ambulance Fund, the City of Wayside Emergency Team, the City of Claude Volunteer Ambulance Service, the City of Turkey Ambulance Fund, the City of Quitaque Ambulance Service, the Silverton Voluntary Ambulance Service, the City of Lockney Ambulance Fund, and the Motley County Ambulance Service. In addition, many thousands of dollars have been made in annual gifts to these various ambulance services to assist in operation expenses. The Trust has also built clinics in Floydada, Lockney, and Silverton.

The members of the board of directors of the Martha Ann Cogdell Trust are Connie Cogdell Clark, Gaylon Clark, Billy Rank Cogdell, Bette Cogdell, and Norma Birdwell.

## Local Sales Tax Rebates For September Recently Released

City	Current Rate	Net Pymt This Period	Comp Pymt Prior Year	% Change	2003 Pymts To Date	2002 Pymts To Date	% Change
Quitaque	2.00%	\$2,291.99	\$1,957.87	17.06%	\$25,699.95	\$22,183.58	15.85%
Silverton	1.00%	\$1,233.91	\$1,185.53	4.08%	\$14,257.03	\$15,019.72	-5.07%
Turkey	2.00%	\$2,076.43	\$1,984.01	4.65%	\$23,129.33	\$20,469.44	12.99%
Memphis	2.00%	\$19,310.64	\$19,613.70	-1.54%	\$180,878.50	\$185,714.63	-2.60%
Lakeview	1.00%	\$227.59	\$135.22	68.31%	\$1,881.81	\$1,451.75	29.62%
Estelline	1.00%	\$1,468.02	\$1,271.82	15.42%	\$12,064.77	\$10,905.22	10.63%
Matador	2.00%	\$3,884.06	\$2,063.35	88.24%	\$32,122.16	\$24,358.72	31.87%
Roaring Springs	2.00%	\$3,512.25	\$2,774.46	26.59%	\$29,710.91	\$24,104.44	23.25%

## Comptroller Strayhorn Delivers \$302 Million in Sales Tax to Local Governments

(Austin)—Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn this week delivered \$302.2 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 1.1 percent increase compared to October 2002. Since January, local sales tax rebates are down 0.3 percent compared to the same period in 2002.

October sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in August and reported to the Comptroller in September. The state's share of sales tax reported in September was \$1.12 billion, up 2.1 percent compared to a year ago.

"The September 2003 uptick in sales tax receipts may be largely attributable to the Advance Child Tax Credits that the U.S. Treasury mailed out to 1.8 million Texas families in late July and early August. This pumped about \$1.12 billion into the Texas economy," Strayhorn said. "In addition, the Sales Tax Holiday during the first weekend of August was once again a success. Sales tax reported by clothing and apparel stores rose 3.6 percent, or \$1.6 million, for the month."

Comptroller Strayhorn sent sales tax rebates of \$207.6 million to Texas cities, 2.9 percent more than October 2002. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax rebates are up 0.9 percent. Texas counties received October sales tax rebates of \$17.5 million, down 1.1 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 0.6 percent higher than last year.

Eighty special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$8.3 million in sales tax, up 1.9 percent compared to last October. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to special purpose districts are up 1.3 percent compared to 2002. Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems received \$68.7 million in October sales tax rebates, down 3.7 percent compared to a year ago. Year-to-date, transit sales tax revenues are down 4.1 percent.

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# FLOMOT NEWS

BY EARLENE JAMESON

### OVERHEARD

A prisoner was being led down the hallway to his doom, the electric chair and his fellow prisoners yelled and waved goodbye between the bars of their cells.

One prisoner wanting to say something encouraging to the ill fated man, shouted, "More power to you, buddy"

### Attend Army Reunion

Alma and Everett Shorter and son, Clois Shorter visited in Poteau, Oklahoma from Thursday until Saturday. Everett met four of his friends with whom he served in World War II in the 168th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion. They enjoyed renewing memories and friendships.

Before returning home Saturday, they visited and located family gravesites of Alma's at the Claborn homestead cemetery west of Mansfield, Arkansas. Among the relatives were Alma's great grandfather, James Claborn and wife who homesteaded this land.

### Suffered Rattlesnake Bite

Cody Burgess, 18 month old son of John and April Burgess, was bitten by a baby diamond back rattlesnake Monday afternoon, Oct 13 when in the garage by their home. He was conveyed by ambulance to Tulia and then airlifted by helicopter to the Covenant Children's Hospital in Lubbock. He has been moved from ICU, but is still hospitalized under medical care and having blood transfusions.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess moved recently from Fort Worth into the former Glyn and Jennifer Pigg rural home located west of the Fairmont Baptist Church.

### Birthdays Celebrated

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse honored his mother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot and his sister, Mrs. Darla Gwinn of Whiteflat on their birthdays Saturday night with a family supper, decorated cakes and gifts.

Those attending the celebration were Mrs. Dona Browning Of Rising Star, Leah Cruse of Lubbock, Keane Cruse of Turkey, Derrick Cruse of Canyon, James Gwinn and daughter, Danielle of Whiteflat. Anita and Kenneth Baldwin of Santa Fe, N.M. were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert, Wednesday.

Ryan and Jamie Martin and son, Colton moved this week from Matador to the former Juanita Cooper rural home southwest of Whiteflat.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited in Higgins Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Kennedy, Tanya and Jackie Lee. They attended the Higgins Junior High football game in which Jackie Lee played and his team outscored the McLean team 49-21. They also enjoyed Tanya with her cheerleader performance.

Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Kaigary visited overnight Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse were children, Leah Cruse of Lubbock, Keane Cruse of Turkey and Derrick Cruse, student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Mrs. Judy Stark has been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse.

Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks and daughter, Madison and Cary Franks of Lubbock visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and Cara and Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington.

Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch visited the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert were Tim and Owen Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock and Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas. They attended the Lyle family reunion held in Turkey, Saturday.

Members of the Flomot Baptist Church had a lunch and an old fashioned pounding following Sunday morning church services as a courtesy of appreciation for their minister and wife, the Rev. Nathan and Kathy Molder of South Plains.

Attending the Mrs. Annie Shannon's birthday celebration held in Turkey, Friday were Mesdames Tommie Jo Cruse, Mary Jo Calvert, Judy Cruse, Gina Shannon and daughter, Nellie Bly.

Larry and Angelia Clay of Panhandle attended to business and visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, Saturday and Sunday.

Do Gooders' Club members met Monday afternoon at the Community Center in Flomot to work on their stuffed animals' project.

## Fall Foliage Health Fair Is Saturday

By Cory Edwards

The Fall Foliage Health fair is a fun event for all ages. Discounted and free health services and information will be provided, and lots of freebies and door prizes will be given away. This event is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe county, The Turkey Extension club, and the Quitaque Lions club and will be held on October 25 at the First National Bank in Quitaque from 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

Special services that are to be offered include: Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar checks; Bone Density Screenings; Flu, Pneumonia, and Tetanus/Diphtheria shots; glaucoma Screenings; Mammograms; and retina Tests. Information will be provided on Home Health Services; Panhandle community Services; Men's Health & Skin Rejuvenation; Breast Health; Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation; Investing; 911; Youth Counseling Services & Marriage & Family Counseling; Alcoholism & drug Abuse; Texas Specialized Telecommunications Assistance Program; Breast Self Exams & Car Seat Safety; and Alzheimer's Disease.

The Texas Department of Health will have Flu and Pneumonia shots available for the general public. The Flu shots will cost \$12 this year, and Pneumonia shots available for the general public. The flu shots will cost \$12 this year, and Pneumonia shots will be \$17. TD shots will also be available. Medicare, Medicaid, and chip will be accepted.

Two new services will be offered this year. Covenant Hospital of Plainview will conduct bone density screenings for women ages 30 to 90 years old. This screening is done on a clean bare foot. The Quitaque Medical Clinic, under the supervision of Dr. Ontai, will be using a new piece of equipment called a "Fundoscope" which can take pictures of the retina and determine if there is any deterioration.

The 2002 Health Fair saved the participants almost \$2,500 considering the costs of these services at a doctor's office or hospital. The Health Fair also saves lots of money on gasoline for local participants. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity for health care and information in our area.

Modeling The Cure Breat Cancer Survivor Style Show and Luncheon will also be held Saturday beginning with lunch at 12 noon and the Style Show beginning at 12:45 p.m. Door prizes will be given away during the show.

Please make plans to attend this informative day of events.

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## Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

One of the best things about fall and winter is having a pot of soup simmering on the stove. Not only will it give you a nice lunch or dinner but also leftovers, often more flavorful than the original. Don't be put off by the long ingredient list; some are just chopped vegetables, cans to be opened or spices. The result is well worth the effort.

Try Garlic Parmesan Breadsticks with your soup. Delicious!

### ZIPPY CORN CHOWDER

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 can (14-1/2 oz) chicken broth
- 2 large red potatoes, cubed
- 1 jalapeno pepper, chopped
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 3 cups frozen corn
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 3 cups milk, divided
- 1/4 cup flour

In a Dutch oven, saute onion and green pepper in butter until tender. Add broth and potatoes. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 15 minutes or until potatoes are almost tender. Stir in jalapeno, mustard, salt, paprika and red pepper flakes. Add corn, green onions and 2-1/2 cups milk.

Bring to a boil. Combine flour and remaining milk until smooth; gradually add to soup. Bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 2 minutes until thickened and bubbly. Makes 2 quarts (8 servings).

### GARLIC PARMESAN BREADSTICKS

- 1 tablespoon active dry yeast
- 1-1/2 cups warm water
- 2tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 cup melted butter or margarine, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4-1/2 cups flour
- Garlic salt
- Grated Parmesan cheese

In a mixing bowl, dissolve yeast in water. Add sugar; let stand for 5 minutes. Add 1/2 cup melted butter, salt, and 2 cups flour; beat until smooth. Stir in enough remaining flour to form a soft dough. On a floured surface, knead until smooth and elastic, about 6-8 minutes. Place in greased bowl. Cover and let rise in warm place until doubled, about 45 minutes.

Punch dough down. Turn onto a lightly floured surface; roll into a 24 inch x 10 inch rectangle. Cut dough in half lengthwise, then into 5 in. x 1 in. strips. Twist each strip and place 2 in. apart on greased baking sheets. Brush with remaining butter, sprinkle with garlic salt and Parmesan cheese. Cover and let rise until doubled, about 20 minutes. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from pans to wire racks. Serve warm or cold. Makes 4 dozen.

Fall is zipping along, and Halloween is next week. I'll have some ideas for some treats to serve at parties or to pass out to little goblins. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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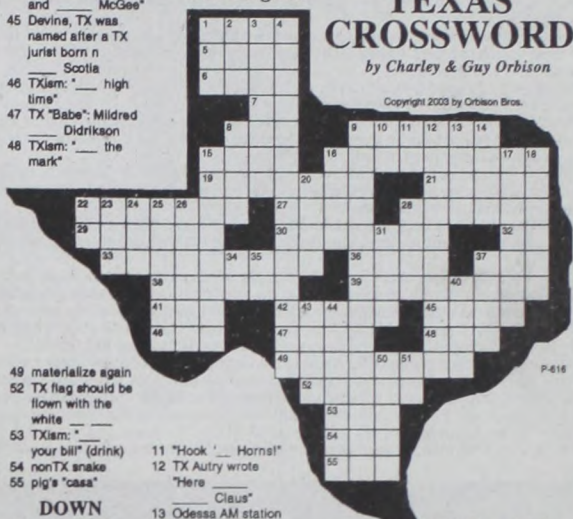
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- 1 TX "Big Bopper" hit: "Chantilly"
- 5 TXism: "bone" (study)
- 6 Oldham Co. seat
- 7 TX Mandrell (init.)
- 8 payable now
- 9 car crashes
- 10 hair ringlet
- 16 TXism: "them than Carter has liver pills"
- 19 after WWII, "Field" became part of the Dallas Naval Air Station
- 21 Mexican maize field
- 22 Astro or Ranger hitter's woe? (2 wds.)
- 27 phone type
- 28 NE Fort Worth suburb
- 29 actress Whelan of film "San Antonio"
- 30 TXism: "ran like a burning stump"
- 32 western neighbor (abbr.)
- 33 TXism: "the camps out in the armen corner"
- 36 "no" votes in the TX legislature
- 37 regional sports net. (abbr.)
- 38 house that is built before and then assembled on site
- 39 more handsome
- 41 San Antonio street: "Ben"

- 42 TX Janis hit: "Me and McGee"
- 45 Devins, TX was named after a TX jurist born n Scotia
- 46 TXism: "high time"
- 47 TX "Babe": Mildred Didrikson
- 48 TXism: "the mark"

### The Original



## TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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- 49 materialize again
- 52 TX flag should be flown with the white
- 53 TXism: "your bill" (drink)
- 54 nonTX snake
- 55 pig's "casa"

### DOWN

- 1 bumper snicker: "Foal Wuth, I Year"
- 2 TXism: "fits like ugly on an"
- 3 "True Girl" character: "Rooster"
- 4 TXism for "toothbrush"
- 6 TX Kris & Rita Coolidge in 70s
- 9 Plainview, TX University
- 10 Skelton of "Texas Carnival" (init.)

- 11 "Hook" Horns!
- 12 TX Autry wrote "Here Claus"
- 13 Odessa AM station
- 14 TX King: "Buy land and never"
- 15 remote controls: "channel"
- 16 "TX Rose Festival" is at Tyler
- 17 Port of Galveston is 30 minutes steaming from this (2 wds.)
- 18 TXism: "plov chaser"
- 20 Levi's competitor
- 22 Tim Curry's job in Tarrant Co. (abbr.)

- 23 "to is human"
- 24 TX eatery: "Steak and Bay: Raven"
- 25 sacred Greek city
- 26 Lebanese capital station in Tye, TX?
- 28 a natural radio station in Tye, TX?
- 31 TXism: "a scratch" (unharmed)
- 34 TXism: "the creek don't rise"

- 35 TX "Bum" Phillips
- 37 swarming "casa"?
- 40 Houston's summer home on Trinity Bay: "Raven"
- 43 TX cottonseed oil is used to make this spread
- 44 TXism: "beans without salt pork"
- 50 endangered TX plant: "mallow"
- 51 "The King" (init.)

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### TURKEY

Annie Shannon  
Ora Geissler  
Wayne Self  
Pat Carson  
QUITAQUE  
Joe Edd Helms  
Jana Guest  
Ellen Skinner  
Kerry Bearden  
Peggy Brannon

October Non-Local Subscriptions Due - \$21.50 Per Year

### OUT OF STATE

Guy P. Smith - Tulsa, OK  
Owana Turner - Rio Rancho, NM  
IN TEXAS  
Melvin Cobb - Georgetown  
Ronnie Richmond - Anson  
Joe Kirk Smith - Shallowater  
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General Fund	\$469,883.19	\$540,193.04	\$628,474.67	\$390,602.15
Jury Fund	\$62,051.50	\$83,010.19	\$27,863.95	\$97,197.74
Proclnd 2	\$110,321.81	\$82,772.88	\$148,900.83	\$28,193.58
Proclnd 3	\$44,896.77	\$67,907.11	\$59,764.65	\$53,039.33
Proclnd 4	\$58,792.98	\$67,706.66	\$50,665.19	\$75,833.45
J.P. Admin Fees	\$54,655.29	\$50,132.83	\$42,236.65	\$62,451.47
	\$4,720.15	\$4,098.00	\$565.19	\$8,282.98
Total	\$805,221.69	\$894,820.01	\$956,481.03	\$713,560.87

(THE STATE OF TEXAS) (COUNTY OF BRISCOE)

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Mary Jo Brannon, County Treasurer of Briscoe County, who being by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

Mary Jo Brannon  
Mary Jo Brannon, Briscoe Co. Treasurer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 17th day of October, 2003.

Bene Hester  
Bene Hester, Briscoe Co. Clerk





# THE PATRIOT

Valley School News

## Patriots Claim Victory Over Patton

Valley remained in first place with a win over the previously undefeated Patton Springs Rangers 28-24 last Friday night. Fidel Valdes rushed for 130 yards and Albert Espinosa scored two touchdowns to lead the offensive assault.

"They are a very good ball club and we needed this win in a big way," Coach Tyler said. "We feel that this puts us in the driver's seat in the district race. It's all up to us now."

Clif Yeary carried the ball 21 times for 89 yards, softening up a defense that had been allowing only 70 yards of offense through their first six games. Valdes made quick work of the weary defense, carrying the ball 11 times for his 130 yards, including four runs over 19 yards and one touchdown.

"There was no doubt that they struggled with his quickness," Tyler said. "I think they were geared up to stop Clif and you have to bring the big boys to do that. That allowed Fidel to use his quick running style to get to the outside."

Defensively, the Patriots were led by Sophomore Charlie Walden, who recorded 14 tackles and hounded the Patton Springs passers. Anthony Ortiz and Yeary each recorded 13 tackles. Ortiz also scored a touchdown and had an interception.

"We played very good defense," Tyler said. "We had two plays where their running back got away from us, but if you take those two away, we were very solid."

The Patriots scored on the second play of the game on a long Clif Yeary run after a Chase Maynard pass, but the play was called back on a penalty. After turning the ball over on downs, the Valley defense held the Rangers and took over deep in their own territory.

Anthony Ortiz scored on a 6 yard reverse and Valdes kicked the extra point to make the early score 8-0. Patton Springs Shawn Adams intercepted a Cody Barrett pass minutes later and raced 22 yards for the Rangers only first half touchdown.

Espinosa scored two straight touchdowns, first on a 4 yard run and his second on a 1 yard plunge. The Patriots took a 21-7 halftime lead after out gaining the Rangers by 100 yards and recording 8 more first downs.

Patton's Mason Pierce cut the lead to 21-16 in the third quarter when he broke for a 23 yard touchdown. Fidel Valdes answered with 46 seconds left in the third quarter with a 36 yard touchdown run. Pierce's 51 yard run around the right end ended the scoring for both teams and left the score at 28-24.

"They rallied in the second half," Tyler said. "We knew they wouldn't quit, but we knew we wouldn't either. This was a game between two very good and very determined ball teams."

Ortiz made the biggest play of the game in the fourth quarter when he made a spectacular interception of an option pitch. The Rangers had one last chance but the Patriots defensive front put big pressure on Pierce and the defensive backs covered up the receivers as Patton Springs ran out of downs.

For the game, the Patriots gained 306 yards of offense and 13 first downs, compared to Patton's 204 yards and 5 first downs.

The Patriots have another huge game tomorrow as they battle for first place with the 2-0 Happy Cowboys.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Menu Subject To Change

**Monday, October 27**

**Breakfast:** American Toast, Syrup, Sausage, OJ/Milk

**Lunch:** Pizza, Salad, French Fries, Fruit, Milk

**Tuesday, October 28**

**Breakfast:** Blueberry Muffins, OJ/Milk

**Lunch:** Baked Potatoes & Cheese, Broccoli & Cheese, Strawberries, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

**Wednesday, October 29**

**Breakfast:** Biscuits, Sausage, OJ/Milk

**Lunch:** Meat & Cheese Nachos, Salad, Fruit, Milk

**Thursday, October 30**

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, OJ/Milk

**Lunch:** BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Corn on the Cob, Garlic Bread, Milk

**Friday, October 31**

**Breakfast:** Breakfast Pizza, OJ/Milk

**Lunch:** Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomatoe, Pickles, Chips, Carrot Sticks, Milk

**VALLEY PATRIOTS RULE!**

**THE LUNCHROOM LADIES**



Photo by Robert Mendoza

The Patriots charge on to the field.



Photo by Robert Mendoza

Clif Yeary gets the ball to run it.

## Turkey-Quitaque CISD Receives Superior Rating With District On Financial Accountability

The Turkey-Quitaque CISD Board of Trustees met in Regular Session, Monday, October 13, 2003, at 8:00 p.m. at Valley School. Members present were Max Meyer, Susan Young, Rex Fuston, Curtis Scrivner, Dusty Hill and Lisa Campbell. Member absent was Belinda Barrett. A quorum was established and President Dusty Hill called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the previous were read and approved. The bills were reviewed and the Board unanimously agreed to pay them. Donna Pigg presented the financial report.

In other business Brenda Smith, Jerry Smith and Donna Pigg were named as Child Nutrition Officers for the 2003-2004 school year by the Board.

Superintendent Jerry Smith gave a progress report in the Reading First Program for grades K-3rd. Teachers have received training on Voyager, the new reading program, and have begun using the program.

The Board then voted to approve the sell of WADA (89 to Jayton ISD and 1 to Guthrie ISD) under Option 4 Agreement.

The decision on the Impact Amendment of Eagle Academy of Texas was tabled by agreement until the next meeting.

The Board also agreed to let bids for the sell of two old buses. Curtis Scrivner was approved by the Board as a nominee for the Board of Directors for Hall County Appraisal District.

Superintendent Jerry Smith presented the Board with the District's FIRST Rating (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas). This is the first year for the TEA rating. This is a system of rating the financial management of the local school district.

Turkey-Quitaque CISD received a superior rating. Superintendent Jerry Smith informed the board that the repairs on the gymnasium floor was almost completed. Just a few items and the floor will be completed. One of the items was replacing the old base around the floor with new base.

Superintendent Jerry Smith presented the board with Board Training dates. The date in February was selected by the Board.

There being no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

## Valley 4-H

By Khaki Scrivner, 4-H Reporter. On October 13, 2003 the Valley 4-H Club had its monthly meeting. Our program was arranged by our president, Seth Fuston.

Kathy Fuston explained about her job as a registered nurse. She explained many of the jobs that she did, such as bandaging and cleaning wounds and the rules about patient confidentiality.

Our recreation was presented by Jason and Jacob Pigg. The game that they presented was called the spoon game. There were multiple rounds and prizes for the winners.

Refreshments were provided by Payton Price.

We discussed unfinished business and upcoming events, such as the trap shoot, share the fun and the horse quiz bowl.

4-H handbooks were given out and signed for. Our secretary, Payton Price, read the last meeting minutes and they were approved. We also talked about the point system, and were given a form to fill in for meetings and events we attend so that our records will be more efficient.

## Kids In The Kitchen

### Kid-Easy Treats

(NAPS)—Fast, fun and yummy. Here's a trio of kid-friendly treats from Mrs. Smith's Bakeries. Each starts with a Mrs. Smith's Cream Pie (Oreo, Moose Tracks, Chocolate Chip Delight or Caramel Caribou). Add a few additional ingredients and the fun begins.

To create Pie-Scream Sandwiches, mix a softened pie and crust together. Use mixture as filling between soft chocolate or vanilla cookies (3" to 4" diameter) and decorate with icing, candy corn, gummy worms, etc.

For Jack-O-Lantern Ice Cream Cones, bake a Pumpkin Pie according to package directions and let cool. Then mix pie (crust and all) with 1/2 gallon vanilla ice cream and refreeze. To serve, scoop into ice cream cones and create jack-o-lantern faces using candy corn and string licorice.

Lastly, whip up Pie-sicles by scooping a thawed pie into paper cups lined with plastic wrap. Insert popsicle sticks and refreeze.

For more fun recipes, visit [www.mrssths.com](http://www.mrssths.com).

## Spooky Specials FOR HALLOWEEN

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- Candies  
**Tootsie Roll Minis** ...101 ct..... **2 for \$5<sup>00</sup>**

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| Washington Extra Fancy, Red Delicious or Granny Smith<br><b>Apples</b> ...1 lb..... <b>69¢</b>                                     | Family Pack 73% Lean<br><b>Ground Beef</b> .....1 lb..... <b>\$1<sup>29</sup></b>                                 |
| Concord<br><b>Apple Wraps</b> ...6.5 oz..... <b>2 for \$3<sup>00</sup></b>   | Small Pack 73% Lean<br><b>Ground Beef</b> .....1 lb ..... <b>\$1<sup>49</sup></b>                                 |
| Concord Candy or Caramel<br><b>Apple Kits</b> ...ea..... <b>99¢</b>  | Boneless Skinless (Previously Frozen)<br><b>Chicken Breast</b> ...1 lb..... <b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b>               |
| Litehouse Regular or Fat Free<br><b>Caramel Dip</b> ...16 oz..... <b>2 for \$6<sup>00</sup></b>                                    | Preferred Trim Center Cut<br><b>Pork Chops</b> ...1lb..... <b>\$2<sup>49</sup></b>                                |
| General Mills Cinn. Toast, or Cheerios<br><b>Cereal</b> ...14-15 oz..... <b>2 for \$4<sup>00</sup></b>                             | Preferred Trim Boneless Beef<br><b>Chuck Roast</b> ...1 lb ..... <b>\$1<sup>79</sup></b>                          |
| Shurfine Regular<br><b>Hot Cocoa Mix</b> ...10 ct pkg..... <b>99¢</b>  | Preferred Trim Boneless Beef<br><b>Chuck Steak</b> ...1 lb ..... <b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b>                          |
| Assorted Top<br><b>Ramen Noodles</b> ...3 oz pkg... <b>10 for \$1<sup>00</sup></b>   | Fresh Pork<br><b>Spare Ribs</b> ...1 lb..... <b>\$1<sup>79</sup></b>  |
| Demmings<br><b>Pink Salmon</b> ...14.7 oz can..... <b>99¢</b>  | Wright Brand Assorted Stack Pack<br><b>Bacon</b> ...1.5 lb pkg..... <b>\$3<sup>99</sup></b>                       |
| Sunny Assorted<br><b>Sandwich Cremes</b> ...13 oz pkg..... <b>99¢</b>  | Wisconsin Longhorn<br><b>Cheddar Cheese</b> ...1 lb..... <b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b>                                  |
| Assorted (Reg. \$2 <sup>99</sup> )<br><b>Lay's or Wavy Lay's</b> ...13 oz ..... <b>2 for \$4<sup>00</sup></b>                      | U.S. No. 1<br><b>Russet Potatoes</b> ...15 lb..... <b>2 for \$5<sup>00</sup></b>                                  |
| Frito Lay Assorted<br><b>Sack Snacks</b> ...12 ct..... <b>2 for \$5<sup>00</sup></b>   | Jack-O-Lantern<br><b>Pumpkins</b> ..... <b>2 for \$5<sup>00</sup></b>   |
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| American Beauty Wide or Ex. Wide<br><b>Egg Noodles</b> .....12 oz pkg..... <b>99¢</b>  | Cello Wrapped<br><b>Carrots</b> ...1 lb..... <b>2 for \$1<sup>00</sup></b>  |
| Shurfine Assorted<br><b>Ice Cream</b> ...5 qt pail..... <b>\$3<sup>99</sup></b>  | Crispy<br><b>Celery</b> ...ea..... <b>69¢</b>   |
| Cool Whip<br><b>Topping</b> ...16 oz..... <b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b>  | Hearts of Romaine, Very Veggie or Spring Blend<br><b>Dole Salad</b> ...5-12 oz..... <b>2 for \$4<sup>00</sup></b> |
| Blue Bunny SW. Fr. Ice Cream Bar, Yogurt Smoothie or Hmd. Vanilla Ice Cream Bar<br><b>Novelties</b> ...12 pk..... <b>2 for \$6</b> | Dole Fresh<br><b>Cranberries</b> ...12 oz..... <b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b>  |
| Little Juan Select Group<br><b>Frozen Burritos</b> ...5 oz pkg... <b>3 for \$1<sup>00</sup></b>                                    | Shurfine 16 oz.<br><b>Plastic Ware Cups</b> ...20 ct..... <b>99¢</b>  |
| Shurfine Premium Quality Homogenized<br><b>Milk</b> ...1 gal..... <b>\$2<sup>49</sup></b>  | Shurfine 9 inch<br><b>Plastic Ware Plates</b> ...16 ct..... <b>99¢</b>  |
| Florida's Natural Assorted<br><b>Orange Juice</b> ...64 oz ct..... <b>\$2<sup>29</sup></b>   | Shurfine<br><b>Bath Tissue</b> ...24 roll pkg..... <b>\$4<sup>99</sup></b>  |
| Pillabury Assorted Hungry Jack<br><b>Biscuits</b> ...3.5-10 oz..... <b>2 for \$3<sup>00</sup></b>                                  | Western Family<br><b>Firelogs</b> ...3 lb pkg..... <b>99¢</b>   |

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2003 Valley Jr. Football Schedule

Sept. 4	Aspermont
Sept. 11	Meadow
Sept. 18	OPEN
Sept. 25	Spur
Oct. 3	Cotton Center
Oct. 9	Silverton
Oct. 16	Patton Springs
Oct. 23	Happy
Oct. 30	Hedley
Nov. 6	Motley Co.

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# VALLEY PATRIOT FOOTBALL

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2003 VALLEY PATRIOT FOOTBALL TEAM  
CHEERLEADERS & MASCOT

2003  
VALLEY PATRIOT  
HIGH SCHOOL  
FOOTBALL ROSTER

Player	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pos.
Rodney Fuston	5-8	210	Sr	C-DE
Chase Manard	6-0	170	Sr	QB-LB
Adam Ortiz	5-9	180	Sr	OE-DE
Douglas Payne	5-11	170	Sr	OE-DB
Ramiro Ramos	6-0	220	Sr	OE-DE
Juan Regalado	6-1	175	Sr	OE-DB
Kellan Roberts	5-8	165	Sr	RB-LB
Frankie Rodriguez	5-7	190	Sr	RB-DE
Cliff Yeary	5-9	195	Sr	RB-LB
Anthony Ortiz	6-2	175	Sr	OE-DE
Jorge Alanis	5-8	160	Jr	OE-DE
Albert Espinoza	5-9	185	Jr	RB-LB
Jake Maupin	5-6	150	Jr	OE-DE
Zack Ramsey	5-8	165	Jr	QB-LB
Fidel Valdes	5-9	175	Jr	RB-LB
Mat Whittington	5-7	155	Jr	OE-DE
Cody Barrett	5-10	165	So	QB-DB
Alex Espinoza	5-11	165	So	RB-DE
Randy Farley	5-10	250	So	C-DE
Chance Maynard	5-6	135	So	OE-DE
Ruben Ramos	5-10	210	So	OE-DE
Fernando Regalado	5-8	155	So	RB-LB
Derek Roys	5-8	160	So	RB-DB
Charlie Walden	6-1	175	So	OE-DE
Fannin Gwynn	5-8	175	Fr	C-E
Mat Dozer	5-6	210	Fr	RB-E
Maguel Santes	5-10	160	Fr	OE-DE
Jake Glass	5-5	130	Fr	E-CB

2003 Valley Jr. High  
Football Schedule

Sept. 4 Aspermont	T - 5:00
Sept. 11 Meadow	H - 5:00
Sept. 18 OPEN	
Sept. 25 Spur	T - 5:00
Oct. 3 Cotton Center	H - 5:00
Oct. 9 Silverton	T - 5:00
Oct. 16 Patton Springs	T - 5:00
Oct. 23 Happy	H - 5:00
Oct. 30 Hedley	T - 5:00
Nov. 6 Motley Co.	H - 5:00

**VALLEY PATRIOTS  
VS  
HAPPY COWBOYS  
AT HAPPY  
Friday, October 24, 2003  
At 7:30 P.M.**

2003 Valley J.V.  
Football Schedule

Aug. 29 Benjamin(V)	H - 7:30
Sept. 4 Aspermont	T - 6:30
Sept. 11 Meadow	H - 6:30
Sept. 18 OPEN	
Sept. 25 Spur	T - 6:30
Oct. 3 Cotton Center(V)	H - 7:30
Oct. 9 Silverton	T - 6:30
Oct. 16 Patton Springs	A - 6:30
Oct. 23 Happy	H - 6:30
Oct. 30 Silverton	H - 6:30
Nov. 8 Patton Springs	H - 6:30

2003 Valley Varsity  
Football Schedule

Aug. 30 Blum @Bryson	4:00
Sept. 5 Aspermont	H - 7:30
Sept. 12 Meadow	T - 7:30
Sept. 19 Follett	T - 7:30
Sept. 26 Spur (#)	H - 7:30
Oct. 3 OPEN	
Oct. 10 Silverton*	H - 7:30
Oct. 18 Patton Springs*	H - 7:30
Oct. 24 Happy*	T - 7:30
Oct. 31 Hedley*	H - 7:30
Nov. 7 Motley Co.*	T - 7:30

(#) - Valley Homecoming Game  
\* - District Games

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## Texas Cooperative Extension Briscoe County

Brandon McGinty CEA, AG & Cory Edwards CEA, FCS

### CORY EDWARDS NAMED TO EXTENSION POST IN HALL COUNTY

Cory Edwards began her new position as family and consumer science agent with Texas Cooperative Extension effective Oct. 1. Edwards also holds the same position in Briscoe County, where she has served for more than two years.

Extension recently combined the agent's responsibilities in both counties under the agency's new restructuring plans that foster program excellence now implemented across the state, according to Donna Brauchi, Extension program administrator of Amarillo. She announced Edwards' appointment jointly with Judge Jacky Martin of Memphis.

"Cory will expand her excellent educational programming efforts to the residents in Hall County," said Brauchi. "She is an energetic and talented Extension professional whose programs will maximize available resources to meet the needs of both adult and youth audiences."

"I am excited to begin new programs in family and consumer sciences and encourage everyone in Hall County to use Extension's 'Real Learning for Real Life' information and educational resources whenever possible," Edwards said.

The agent earned a master of science degree in family and consumer science education from Texas Tech University. She holds a bachelor of science degree in animal science also from Tech. She was a student employee of Extension's Better

Living for Texans program in the South Plains district office at Lubbock for a year before her graduation.

Edwards was a 10-year member of the Wilbarger County 4-H organization. She also worked at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood for three years as a counselor, program assistant and office assistant

### Texas FFA Launches Project To Reconnect With Former Members

Austin-The Texas FFA Association has launched a program to reconnect with the hundreds of thousands of students that have worn the distinctive blue and gold FFA jacket over the last eight decades. "The Texas FFA is celebrating 75 years of success through youth leadership development and agricultural education," said Tom Maynard, executive director of the Texas FFA program. "We want to hear from our former students about how their lives have turned out and how their FFA training helped them."

Maynard said the 75th annual observance of the FFA's birthday in Texas is an excellent opportunity to locate the students that have been in FFA over the years. The organization plans to do that with a website, and a media campaign encouraging former students to make contact with the organization.

To assist alumni in reconnecting with the organization, the Texas FFA has launched a new website: www.texasffa.org. Alumni can visit the website and click on the 75th Anniversary logo to submit their contact information.

What started as an organization for farm boys in 1929, has grown into a large and sophisticated program that trains both boys and girls in agricultural science, public speaking, parliamentary procedure and a solid work ethic. "We believe FFA has matured into a progressive, inclusive and diverse youth organization teaching leadership, technology, career and character development," said Tobin Redwine, this year's student president of the Texas FFA Association. "We are eager to hear from all generations of former FFA members about how FFA has impacted their lives."

The Texas FFA initiated this project to reunite former Texas FFA members with the organization, to keep them informed about the organization and to let current members know how the Texas FFA can impact their own lives, through the experiences of others.

The Texas FFA is the nation's largest state FFA association with a membership of 58,753 and 977 local affiliates.

### Marketing Workshops Explore Futures, Options

Farmers and ranchers can gain a better understanding of futures and options, and how to effectively use them as marketing tools at two, one-day workshops slated in December, 2003, and March, 2004, said a Texas A&M agricultural economist.

"These workshops are designed to help producers improve their pricing and marketing strategies through the study of futures and options," said Dr. Jackie Smith, Texas Cooperative Extension ag economist-marketing specialist based in Lubbock. "In order to take advantage of profitable pricing opportunities, producers must know how to evaluate market alternatives."

"These workshops will focus on evaluating price alternatives. All pricing alternatives are directly or indirectly linked to the futures market. So, we will be closely studying the basics of futures and options, fundamental and technical analysis, and pricing strategies using these tools."

Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock will host both one-day workshops. The center is north of Lubbock on Interstate Highway 27&mdash;exit 11, turn right on FM 1294 and drive one-half mile east. Smith will teach both workshops - which are designed for those with a beginning knowledge of the futures market.

"Each workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.," Smith said. "Registration costs \$30 per person for each workshop."

Producers can register, or get more information, for these workshops by calling Smith at 806-746-6101; or by contacting their local county Extension office.

### NOTICE TURKEY CITY HALL Has New Office Hours

The Turkey City Hall will have new office hours until further notice. They will be open from 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00 Monday thru Friday

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## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### A National Outcry Against Breast Cancer

October marks the 19th annual national Breast Cancer Awareness Month—a campaign that has boosted mammograms, pushed for better treatments, and saved lives. The American Cancer Society estimates that in Texas in 2003, about 13,700 new breast cancer cases will be diagnosed and 2,600 Texans will die from breast cancer. For more information, go to <http://www.cancer.org> or <http://www.susankomen.com/>.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas Comptroller ([www.windowstate.tx.us](http://www.windowstate.tx.us)) and the American Cancer Society.

## 2004 Election And Referendum: Voting Region Two

By Brandon McGinty, Briscoe County CEA-Ag. TCE

Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) will be conducting a referendum on the assessment of corn silage during the 2004 Biennial election. Eligible voters will decide if an assessment of .037 cents per ton of silage, which is produced and sold in Texas, would be collected and submitted to the Texas Corn Producers Board. (This is based on .005 cent per bushel dry corn kernels with the factor for silage being equal to 7.94 bushels of dry corn kernels per ton of silage. This amount is based on factors that can be used by the Farm Service Agency when production has not been proven on a farm.)

According to the Texas Commodity Referendum Law, Texas Agriculture Code, Title 3, Chapter 41, Subchapter A, Section 41.034, a person is eligible to vote in the referendum if he or she is or, for at least one production period preceding the date of the referendum, has been a producer of the commodity whose production occurs within the area described in the petition. This includes owners of farms and their tenants or sharecroppers, in which, this person would be required under the referendum to pay the assessment

The purpose of our 2004 biennial election, which concentrates on three of its five regions, is to elect five new TCPB board members whose current members' seats have expired. There are a total of fifteen TCPB voting board members.

These elections will be conducted in 58 Texas counties while the referendum on corn silage will be held in all counties statewide. This referendum does not alter the assessment currently in place for dry corn kernels in Texas. Both proceedings are held pursuant to the Texas Commodity Referendum Law, Texas Agriculture Code, Title 3, Chapter 41, Subchapter A, Section 41.032.

In reference to the 2004 election Voting Region Two consists of Andrews, Archer, Armstrong, Bailey, Baylor, Borden, Briscoe, Castro, Callahan, Childress, Clay, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Eastland, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hall, Hardeman, Haskell, Hockley, Howard, Jack, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Mitchell, Motley, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Parmer, Randall, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Swisher, Taylor, Terry, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Yoakum and Young counties; and there are Three Seats open for election of TCPB board members in Voting Region Two.

A person is eligible to vote in the board election if he or she is, or for at least one production period during the three years preceding the date of the board election has been a producer of, or caused to be produced, corn for commercial purposes. This includes owners and their tenants or sharecroppers, if the person would be required to pay the assessment for a producer to vote in this region and for this TCPB seat, such producer must reside within the counties stated above.

Any eligible voter-producer as defined above may place his or her name in nomination to serve as a director on the TCPB. Nomination applications must be submitted to the TCPB signed by the applicant and ten other eligible voters. Nomination forms will be available in all 58 counties where elections are to be held or can be obtained by writing TCPB, 4205 North I-27, Lubbock, Texas 79403. Please state your county of residence if you request a nomination form in writing. Nomination forms will be available November 4, 2003 and must be filed with the TCPB no later than December 19, 2003.

The election in three voting regions will be held by mail ballot along with the referendum question on the assessment of corn silage. Producers from all five regions are eligible to vote on this referendum of corn silage, which will be held statewide by mail ballot. As Election ballots containing the nominations of all persons who have validly filed petitions under Section 41.025 of the above

Stated code will be available December 31, 2003. Ballots will be available at grain elevators in each of the appropriate voting regions, county agent offices in each of the 58 counties where elections are to occur, or by writing TCPB at the address stated above. For a ballot to be counted, such ballot must be postmarked no later than January 12, 2004. A voter must reside within a county contained within the voting region that the voter is casting his or her vote and a voter must meet the definition set forth above as a qualified voter. Voters may also vote for board members by &ldquowriting in&rdquo; the name of any eligible persons.

Texas Corn Producers Board is certified under Section 41.011 and Section 41.012 of the Texas Commodity Referendum Law to conduct this election and has obtained all approvals and determinations required by law from the Commissioner of Agriculture, Texas Department of Agriculture.



The European country of Monaco is named for Hercules. Its name comes from Monikos, Hercules' Greek surname. The Phoenicians, and later the Greeks, had a temple honoring the legendary strongman on the Monaco headland.

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## Cotton News

By Shawn Wade  
[www.plainscotton.org](http://www.plainscotton.org)  
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

### RMA Administrator Set To Address Texas Commodity Symposium-December 3

United States Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency Administrator Ross J. Davidson, Jr. has agreed to speak at the 3rd Annual Texas Commodity Symposium on December 3, 2003.

The Symposium will be held Wednesday, December 3, 2003 in the Heritage Room at the Amarillo Convention Center in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show.

Davidson, who assumed RMA's head position in February 2002, is expected to update symposium attendees on RMA activities and discuss RMA's vision for improving current products and the development of new products to meet agriculture's evolving risk management needs.

Sponsors for the Commodity Symposium are the Corn Producers Association of Texas, Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Association, Texas Wheat Producers Association, and Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

### Slow Start To Harvest Season Indicative Of Late High Plains Crop

With weather patterns continuing to fluctuate from warm and mild to cool and wet every few days, High Plains cotton producers appear to be taking more of a wait and see approach to the 2003 harvest season.

Part of that attitude is fueled by an overall reluctance to sink even more money into a late crop that is having a tough time reaching the finish line.

That being said, most observers think activity will increase steadily through the end of the month and that November should see the remainder of the area into full harvest mode.

A key to changing producer sentiments is that the cotton that sits in the field today is worth significantly more than it was just a few weeks ago.

With the December 2003 New York futures contract above 70 cents, and opportunities to contract new crop cotton for 70 cents, producers are no doubt rethinking whether the investment in harvest aid treatments will improve their chances of capturing the market prices currently available.

As it currently stands, the majority of the cotton defoliated resides in the areas south of Lubbock. Additional treatments are being made each and every day and ginning activity appears to be on the upswing. Activity at USDA Cotton Classing offices is one of the better barometers of harvest progress early on. To date, neither the Lubbock nor Lamesa Classing offices have classed more than 20,000 bales of the 2003 crop.

Compared to last season, the delay in 2003 harvest activity is dramatic. To date the Lubbock office has classed just under 13,000 bales of 2003 crop cotton. Through the same time period in 2002 the Lubbock office had already eclipsed the 200,000-bale mark.

Early quality measurements recorded at the Lubbock Classing office have also been good with a majority of the bales having 21 or better color readings and premium range readings in other HVI categories.

As more cotton is received a clearer picture of the crops overall quality will emerge.

### Nuegbaner To Bring House Ag Committee Chair to Visit 10th District

Nineteenth Congressional District Representative Randy Nuegbaner has announced that he will be bringing current House Agriculture Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte of Virginia to Lubbock to tour the district and to interact with agriculture representatives and producers from the area.

While the full schedule is not yet finalized, a producer forum is being planned for 6:30 p.m., Saturday, October 25, at the Merket Alumni Center on the campus of Texas Tech University.

The meeting will provide Chairman Goodlatte the chance to visit with all sectors of agriculture, including area cotton, grain, peanuts and livestock producers.

### House Ag Committee Schedules Lubbock Hearing

December 1 The House Agriculture General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Subcommittee will hold a field hearing in Lubbock, Texas Monday, December 1. The purpose of the hearing will be to review crop insurance and commodity programs and is expected to also include testimony from commodity groups.

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Roaring Springs attracts highway visitors with their new road sign designating the Frank Mitchell Memorial Loop, in honor of

their fallen son, Marine First Lieutenant Frank N. Mitchell. Mitchell, who lost his life in the Korean War, November 26, 1950 was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, posthumously. Senator Robert Duncan and the Roaring Springs City Council were instrumental in assisting with the efforts to have this Loop renamed to honor a local War Hero.

## A Look Into The Past Letters of A West Texas Pioneer Girl

Letters written by Dora Merrell Stroup  
From the age of 7 to 17  
Late 1800's - early 1900's

As time went on things became worse. Mother said, "Alex, you and Bill will be among the ones killed. What will Roda and I do with these children?" She had six, cousin Roda had five. So Billy Merrell and Father left for the plains with some of the cattle. This was a free range. They came to the Yellow House Canyon south of where Floydada is now. Bill was just a little boy but he could ride a horse well and knew how to drive cattle. They came back and Father gathered the rest of his cattle and sold his land and old home to a nephew named Jim Neil. Jim had been a sheep man but the big cattlemen had put him out of business. They moved in the house with us and helped Father and Mother make preparations to come to the West.

Around the first of April in 1888, we left the home we loved so well. It was hard to say goodby to so many of our good friends and neighbors. Father had four men to help drive the cattle. Bill drove the horses. We had two wagons and a two seated hack. One man drove one of the wagons and father drove the other. Of course he took the lead. We spent our first night on the river.

While mother was cooking supper, she told us to take a good look at the river as we might not see it again. We went down and broke some limbs off the dogwood trees and took it back to camp for Mother. When we had gone three days, a good neighbor, Jim Baker, rode into our camp. He said that the reason he didn't come out to wish us well as we left was because he didn't think he could stand to tell us good-by. But he had since found out that he could not let us leave without saying good-by. He had a little daughter, Marie. She and I were almost the same age. We played together so much of the time. He said, "Dora, do you suppose you will ever see Marie again?" That was too much. I could not say a word, but the tears I shed told the tale. I never did see Marie anymore. She died while she was a young woman.

It was a slow and tiresome trip. Many times water and grass were scarce for the cattle and calves. Some people did not want anyone to go over their land with a herd of cattle. Some did not want them to drink their stock water. Some were nice and reasonable. Sometimes Father would have to reason with the men, but he always drove on. Some would say, "I know you have to go on. While it hurts me, move on as fast as possible." Father always did.

There were some instances that still stand out in my mind. One was crossing Salt Fork. Father had lost some cattle there before. Father told the wagons to go on and stop at the creek and wait for the cattle to come. He told us children to be ready when the cattle came. We helped the men rush the cattle over the water so they would not drink it. For one time we thought we were being helpful and the men gave us credit for being so. We moved on to Gip Creek. There we drank our first gip water. There we stayed over to see if the men could find some of the cattle they lost on the other trip. That morning Mother reminded us that we had not had any red beans since we had been on the road. She put on a big cast iron kettle of beans. She cooked them til noon.

She told us children we could go and fill our plates with beans and eat our lunch. We took the beans out in our tin plates and they were just like they were when she set them on the fire that morning. She said she would cook them some more. About sun down when the men came, she told them about the beans.

They weren't done even then. Father said, "Mary, I forgot to tell you that you cannot cook beans in this gip water." She was so disappointed that everyone felt sorry. But we learned gip water made good coffee. The men began to tell Mother the interesting things they had seen that day and she soon forgot the pot of old beans.

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The class will be held Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will run from October 27-November 7. Cost of the class is \$275 for tuition and \$44 for textbooks. All enrolled students will need a copy of their immunization records. Financial Aid may be available for individuals who qualify through the Texas Workforce Commission. Contact the TWC for more information.

### Have You Signed "Fish's" Card Yet?

Maynard "Fish" Wilson is currently residing at the Lockney Care Center. If you would like to sign a Community Card to let him know everyone misses him and is thinking about him, please stop by Merrell's Food in Quitaque. Just ask Donna or Albert. The card will be there for approximately one-two weeks, allowing everyone to sign it if they would like. He would love to hear from you.

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