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**Turkey's Annual
Spring Clean Up
Thursday & Friday
March 27 & 28
Place Things In Your Alley
That Needs Hauling Off**



Master Gardener To Present Program At Motley County Library

Master Gardner, Nell Rains, of Kress Texas, will present a program on Xeriscaping, More Than Dry Gardening, at the Motley County Library Annex Building on Saturday, March 29, at 2:00 P. M. Xeriscaping is landscaping for water conservation. She will talk about the philosophy of plants, water and soil, and the seven elements of xeriscaping, also known sometimes as smartscaping. Drought resistant landscaping has a lot of benefits. And these are the reasons why people prefer this kind of garden to the usual ones. If you plan to build a drought resistant landscaping today, you will enjoy these advantages:

1. It conserves water. Since all plants and flowers capable of either used to living in drier areas or keeping nutrients on their own, less water is needed. And if that is the case, you will really save on your water bill.

2. Has minimal pests. These types of plants are not really prone to pests. You need not worry about bugs and similar insects if you choose to install a drought resistant landscaping.

3. Lesser plant disease problems. If there are lesser pests, then there would be lesser contaminants and organisms to be transferred to the plants enough for it to acquire a common plant disease.

Xeriscaping does not mean no water, it means that once established, the plants do not have to be watered as often. They are drought tolerant.

We encourage you to come to learn more about the elements of saving water in your vegetable and flower beds and your lawns. Learn about mulching, use of particular plants, and watering systems.

There will be a question and answer session after the program. So bring your gardening or lawn questions with you.

Ryan Martin, Motley County Extension Agent, will speak to us before the program about testing your soil and its importance. This is very important for gardeners.

The purpose of the Master Gardener program is to present current and accurate information and to be a liaison between the horticulturist and Texas Extension Services. They represent their sponsor, Texas A & M University.

You can go online to look up drought tolerant plants for the South Plains of Texas, drought tolerant plants for our zone (7) or you can check with nurseries in the area. There are numerous drought tolerant plants available for this area.

Shop At Home

WARNING PHONE SCAM IN AREA

The Amarillo Police Department has received numerous calls from senior citizens who are being contacted by telephone and advised that they need to apply for a new Medicare card because the old one is now obsolete. The caller claims to be from National Medical Care and he demands personal and banking information. If questioned about why he needs personal information, the caller says that he must have it to verify your information.

MediCare does NOT call citizens on the phone and demand information. This is a common form of scam called "Phishing". It is possible that hundreds of area citizens receive these types of calls every day. A caller identifies him/herself as a credit card, banking or other business representative. They will identify a problem with your account and offer to fix it if only you will supply the proper information. If you do provide that information, your identity can be used, without your permission, in just a matter of minutes.

Never provide identifying or personal information over the phone or internet unless you know who you are giving it to. Don't listen to a long explanation about why you must give the information. Simply hang up the phone. Don't give in to threats.

Love Fund

Mission Bautista el Calvario has opened a love fund account for Irene Luna of Kress at the Kress National Bank. The public is invited to help raise funds to cover her medical expenses.

She is currently a Spanish teacher for Tulia ISD and has been battling cancer for quite some time. She is the daughter of Jose Chavez of Quitaque.

Any financial help will be appreciated. Call the church at 806-684-2736 if you have questions.

Tri-County Meals Needs Baked Goods

Tri County Meals will be serving BBQ sandwiches at the Turkey Jamboree on Saturday, April 5. They are requesting donations to help toward the purchase of meat or if any would like to make cookies or brownies or anything to serve for dessert it will be greatly appreciated and go for a worthy cause.

You can contact: Kathy Shorter in Flomot at 469-5279; Ann Irwin in Quitaque at 455-1380; Trina Burson in Silverton at 823-2020; or Sandy Fuston in Turkey at 423-1227.

Quitaque VFD Needs Your Help

Quitaque Volunteer Ambulance and Fire Department Services are asking for your help. On Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30 we will be hosting the concession stand for the Enduro races. We are asking for your donation of brownies, rice krispie bars, or cookie bars to help with our concession stand. Desserts can be taken to Albert at Merrell Food or bring them by the Fire Department Bay.

On Saturday will be at the bay from 9 a.m. till late that night and all day Sunday till late afternoon. Come by and enjoy a grilled burger with the ever famous homemade ballpark sauce. We will be serving burgers from 11 a.m. Saturday until late. On Sunday we will start with breakfast burritos at 6 a.m. and burgers thereafter until the crowd stops coming late that afternoon.

If anyone would like to volunteer their time to work in the concession stand please let us know or just show up at any time. We can always use the help.



Spring Has Sprung!



Family Portraits At Valley School

All day Saturday, April 5 and Monday, April 7 in the afternoon you can get your family portrait made at Valley School. Call Valley School at 806-423-1348 ext. 2615 to schedule an appointment. Several portrait packages and options are available. There will be no sitting fee.



Turkey Gem Spotlight Jimmy Adams

Jimmy Adams is a fiddle player from Clarendon, Texas. He is also a retired farmer and rancher. Jimmy, the Gems fiddler, has been playing for at least 66 years and was taught by his granddad, who was his teacher and inspiration.

He and his brother Les have played together at dances, fairs, festivals and anywhere they have been asked to perform. Jimmy and Les have performed at the Gem Theatre and have been real fan favorites.

Jimmy cites Willie Nelson and Bob Wills as his favorite artists and "Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain" as his favorite song and loves playing "Faded Love" and "San Antonio Rose".

Man Dies In One Car Rollover West Of Estelline

Friday, March 21 at approximately 10:40 p.m., Troopers responded to a one car rollover 3.6 miles west of Estelline on TX Hwy 86

A 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee driven by Charles Rambo, 19, of Colleyville, has rolled several times and ejected Michael Dean Rambo, 52, also of Colleyville. Michael Rambo was pronounced dead at the scene by Hall County Justice of the Peace Thomas Tippet.

The driver of the Jeep lost control and veered into the south lane of the road. The driver then overcorrected and the Jeep overturned and rolled several times ejecting the rear seat passenger. Also in the vehicle were passengers Mary Rambo, 50, of Colleyville and Aaron Rambo, 16, of Colleyville. All occupants except Michael were wearing their safety belts.

The other three occupants of the Jeep were taken to Childress Regional Medical Center where they were treated and released.

DPS Troopers along with the Hall County Sheriff's office and the Memphis Volunteer Fire Department responded to the accident. The Hall County EMS and Childress EMS transported the injured parties to the hospital.

"This is a very sad reminder of how safety belts save lives," said Trooper Daniel Hawthorne, Information Officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety in Childress. "I hope people will take notice of the accident and remember to buckle up."

Turkey Jamboree Set For April 5

By RJ Kalafus

Saturday, April 5th will be the first Jamboree of Spring 2008 and it will feature three performers who have all competed before and were crowd pleasers. The show will be held at the historic Gem Theatre in downtown Turkey, Texas.

Preceding the show there will be a BBQ Sandwich meal with drink and dessert benefiting Tri-County Meals. The meal will cost only \$5 and serving will begin at 6 p.m.

Starting off the show will be the mother and daughter duet of Jamie and Kelcy Timmons of Guthrie, Texas. They are both country stylists and were previous winners. UP next will be the brothers Jacob and Jordan Hackett of Plainview, who also were winners and are pure country and great musicians. Ending the competition will be Quanah's Darryll Sparkman, a fine and talented singer who also was a past winner. Darryll has a strong voice and was well received by the audience on his last appearance.

There will also be a Talent Showcase where anyone can perform for the crowd strictly for the joy of entertaining. Closing out the night will be the best band in West Texas "The Turkey Gems" all of whom are super talented and their love of music shows with each performance.

The show starts at 7 p.m. and as always it is free and there is plenty of parking. It is guaranteed that no one will leave the theatre without having been entertained!

There will be a \$100 first prize to the best act, donated by Billy Ray Hardcastle and the Quitaque Masonic Temple. There will also be a \$25 door prize for guests. See ya there and bring a friend!

Quitaque Community Blood Drive

Friday, April 4th

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Briscoe County Commissioners Hold Brief March Meeting

The Briscoe County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, March 10. Present for the meeting were County Judge Wayne Nance, Commissioners Terry Grimland-Pet 1, Dale Smith-Pet 2, Larry Comer-Pet 3, John Burson-Pet 4, County Clerk Bena Hester, County Treasurer Mary Jo Brannon, Sheriff Gene Smith, and County Attorney Emily Roy Teegardin. After attending to regular monthly court business the following items were addressed:

* During open forum County Treasurer Mary Jo Brannon updated the court on IRS laws pertaining to Fringe benefits and Attorney Emily Roy Teegardin discussed tax abatements.

* A motion passed to accept the Sheriff's Office 2007 Racial Profiling Report.

* A motion passed to approve the bonds of Deputy Clerk, Nancy Price and Sheriff Gene Smith.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

OBITUARIES

Harlon Eugene Martin

Harlon Eugene "H.E." Martin, 75 of Turkey, died Thursday, March 20 2008 in Amarillo. Services were held Monday, March 24 at the First Baptist Church in Turkey with Brother Melvin Clinton officiating. Burial followed in memory Gardens in Pampa under the direction of Myers-Chancellor Funeral Home.

Harlon was born March 7, 1933 in Palmer, Texas to W.T. and Fay Williams martin.

He served in the Army during the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita; two daughters Terri Castillo and Linda Reynolds of Monte Vista, Colorado; a brother Jerry martin of Roby; two sisters Marie Brown of Wichita Falls and Velma Lee of Virginia Beach, Virginia. five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

It is a mistake to regard age as a downhill grade toward dissolution. The reverse is true. As one grows older, one climbs with surprising strides.

- George Sand

Maggie Florene Sweek

Maggie Florene Sweek, 91, of Silverton died Monday, March 24, 2008 in Lockney. Graveside services, under the direction of Myers-Chancellor Funeral Home was held Wednesday, Mary 26, 2008 in Silverton Cemetery with Rance Young officiating.

Maggie was born November 8, 1916 in Wise County to John J. and Nellie Cordelia Loudermilk Vardell. She was a lifetime member of the First United Methodist Church in Silverton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard E. Sweek in 1999, daughters, Jerry Sue Perkins and Veneta Darlene Chappell, son-in-law Donald Perkins, great-granddaughter Trashelle Maciel, great-grandson Brandon Valdez, five brothers and tree sisters.

She is survived by two daughters Fay Perkins of Silverton, Rhonda Williams and husband Terry of Silverton, sons-in-law G.W. Chappell of Canyon and Floyd Perkins of Silverton, thirteen grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren and thirteen great-great-grandchildren.



Ronald L. Eudy

Ronald L. Eudy, age 71, of Austin, Texas, died Sunday, March 23, 2008. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Mozelle Eudy, of Turkey, Texas. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2008, at First United Methodist Church in Turkey, Texas. Interment will follow at the Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey.

Ronald, known by many as Ronnie or Ron, was born December 7, 1936 in Turkey. He attended Turkey High School where he excelled in several sports and graduated in 1955. He married the love of his life, Kay, on June 23, 1956 and moved to Dallas, Texas to train to become a funeral director. He attended the Dallas Institute-Gupton Jones College of Mortuary Science and graduated as the salutatorian of his class in 1957. After graduation Ronnie and Kay returned to their hometown of Turkey.

Ronnie was an owner of Eudy-Seale Funeral Homes in Turkey and Matador, Texas. He was also engaged in farming in the Turkey area for approximately 27 years. In 1984 he moved to DeSoto, Texas and served as the manager of West Funeral Home. Wanting to be closer to their grandchildren led Ronnie and Kay to Austin in 1988. Ronnie was employed by and served as a manager for the Cook-Walden Funeral Homes and Rockwood Amey Funeral Home in the Austin area until he retired in 2002.

Ronnie was always very active in his community. He served as a school board member for the Valley I.S.D. for nine years, including six years as President, and served on the Farmers Home Administration County Board and the Hall County A.S.C.S. Board. He was a 32... Mason and a member of the Quitaque Masonic Lodge #1248 AF&AM, the Scottish Rite Bodies, and the Khiva Temple Shrine. While living in DeSoto, Ronnie served on the Board of Directors of the Dallas County Funeral Directors Association and was a member of the DeSoto Rotary Club. In Austin he was a member of the Austin Rotary Club and spent many volunteer hours instructing and counseling hospice care providers. Ronnie, along with Kay, was a member of Westover Hills Church of Christ in Austin.

Ronnie is survived by his wife of 51 years, Kay Eudy, of Austin; son, Ron Eudy and wife, Kim, of Austin; daughter, Angela Browder and husband, Mark, of Austin; grandchildren, Marshall Eudy, Gracie Eudy, Parker Eudy, Gunner Linhart, Brodee Browder, and Stormee Browder, all of Austin; and many other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in honor of Ronnie may be made to Special Olympics Texas, Area 13, 7715 Chevy Chase Drive, Austin, Texas 78752, (512) 835-9873.

Robert A. Birchfield

Funeral Services for Robert A. Birchfield were held Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at the First United Methodist Church in Matador with Larry Brewer of Andrews, Texas, officiating. Interment followed in the East Mound Cemetery in Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home. Mr. Birchfield passed away Saturday March 22, 2008 in Odessa.

Robert was bon November 16, 1913 in Matador to Jerry M. and Elizabeth 'Lizzie' Meador Birchfield. He was married to Dorothy Markham in Matador on Sept. 17, 1946 she preceded him in death on August 2, 1997. Mr. Birchfield has lived and worked throughout the Texas Plains in the oil field. He has resided in Andrews for the last 23 years. Robert Joined the Army in 1940 and was a WWII Veteran. Mr. Birchfield trained and was one of the last to serve in a horse artillery unit. He was a Baptist and a member of the Matador Masonic Lodge. Robert was preceded in death by 2 Brothers Jerry 'Red' Birchfield and William 'Rusty' Birchfield.

He is survived by: 2 Sons: Bobby Birchfield of Andrews, Texas and Bill Birchfield of Eules, Texas; 1 Sister: Etta Marie Doty of Morton, Texas; 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Faith is an excitement and an enthusiasm: it is a condition of intellectual magnificence to which we must cling as to a treasure, and not squander on our way through life in the small coin of empty words, or in exact and priggish argument.

- George Sand

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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

The government has enacted so many laws doing so much in our "best of interest" to protect us they say. Now they are trying to outlaw certain types of light bulbs and what you are allowed to eat! Some of these may be noble ideas, but when did our freedom of choice go by the wayside? Not to be an alarmist, but how long until we cross a line where these "helpful" laws begin to control our behavior so much that we are no longer a free people? Just a thought.

Geneva Martin Honored On Her 80th Birthday

Mrs. Geneva Martin was honored on her 80th birthday Saturday afternoon, March 22 at the Community Center in Flomot. Her daughter and husband, Kathy and Clois Shorter put sunshine in her life by hosting this happy celebration. She was presented a pink and white colorful flower decorated cake with the inscription, "Happy 80th Birthday". Floral arrangements were on tables throughout the Center complementing the Easter theme.

Granddaughters Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Istanbul, Turkey, Mrs. Christi Milam of Petersburg and Mrs. Keri Sehon of Ropesville presided at the crystal service. The table was laid with a lace cloth over pink and centered with a beautiful pastel spring floral arrangement. They served cake, an assortment of pink and chocolate decorated cupcakes on a stand with fruit punch and coffee.

Approximately 100 guests attended. Special guests were Geneva's sisters, Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador, Mrs. Joy Barham of Hart, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay of Flomot and sister in law, Mrs. Charles (Sue) Tanner of Tulia and her late husband, Herb Martin's family, Mrs. Nita Merritt of Granbury, Mrs. Waydette Clay and Wilburn Martin of Flomot.

Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Brenda Browning for the decorated birthday cake and cupcakes and Mrs. Shonda Lee for assisting with the Center's floral and decor arrangements.

Starkey Family Easter Reunion

The C.W. Starkey family held their annual Easter reunion from Thursday until Monday at the Starkey rural homestead west of Flomot. Mobile homes and tents dotted the scenic landscape. Campfire cookouts included weiner roasts, steaks and hamburgers and a covered dish luncheon Sunday. They enjoyed hiking and Easter egg hunts in the Quitaque Peaks at the Starkey location.

The 119 relatives registered from Lebanon, Missouri; Wichita, Kansas; Warner, Sallisaw and Winwood, Oklahoma and in Texas, Austin, Ralls, Dougherty, Amarillo, Fritch, Trent, Lockney, Hart, Lubbock, Canyon, Clyde and Abilene.

Anna Beth Clay and Joe Ike Clay visited in Clifton last weekend with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Karla and Kycler.

Visiting during the Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter and enjoying Sunday's luncheon and Easter Egg hunt were Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Sehon and Brian of Ropesville, Mrs. Chad (Cindy) Calvert and Cade of Istanbul, Turkey, Mrs. Geneva Martin and L.E. Shorter of Flomot. Mr. and Mrs. Shorter met Cindy and Cade at the Lubbock Airport Wednesday and accompanied them here for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Keane Cruse and Reese of Turkey were luncheon guests Sunday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse. After lunch they went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Cruse and joined their guests for an Easter egg hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Brand Cruse, Branson, Baylor and Brason of Turkey, Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Smith, Cutter and Jaxon of Floydada, Mr. and Mrs. Chancey Cruse of Clarendon and Roegan Cruse of Flomot.

Tim and Melissa Kendall and sons, Jere and Jacob enjoyed the spring holidays skiing at Angel Fire, NM.

Mrs. B. Rogers visited in Roaring Springs, Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hand. Mrs. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers were Easter day luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Trent McKay of Quitaque.

Guests of Mrs. Erma Washington Easter Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay and their houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton of Borger and Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks of Flomot and their houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Hudson and Madison of Lubbock, Cary Franks of Idalou, Cara Franks of Flomot and Clint Cowart of Post; Mr. and Mrs. Tim Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Washington, Brazos and Blu of Roaring Springs and Calib, Kenzie and Mickey Clary of Matador.

Aleda Elaine Ross of Tilden visited from Wednesday until Saturday with her grandmother, Mrs. Tom Ross. Her daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock visited from Thursday until Sunday. They visited in Crowell, Friday with Mrs. Isophene Blackburn.

Sherrlyn and Dan Foster of Lubbock visited Easter Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and brother, Glen Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner, daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Blunt of Lubbock visited during the Easter holidays at their home in Flomot. They attended the Methodist church services in Matador Sunday morning.



COOK'S CORNER

BY LAURA TAYLOR

Here are a few cookie recipes for you to try. The next time you have to take cookies to a party, or get-together take a fresh hot batch of one of these, they are sure to be a big hit.

Quick & Easy Cookies

Choose your favorite cake mix and add 1/2 cup vegetable oil and 2 eggs. To jazz it up, you can add other ingredients like raisins, nuts or chocolate chips. Mix well, then drop teaspoonfuls of dough about 2 inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet.

Place in an oven that has been preheated to 350 degrees. Bake about 8-10 minutes and cool.

Lemon Crisps

1 c. Margarine
1 c. Sugar
1 Egg
1 1/2 tsp Lemon Extract
1 1/2 c. Sifted Flour
Heat oven to 375 degrees. Cream margarine and sugar, then add egg and lemon extract until fluffy. At low speed add flour. Drop by level tablespoon at least 2 inches apart. Bake until brown around edges (approximately 10 minutes). Let cool a minute and remove from cookie sheet.

Banana Cookies

1/2 c. Butter
1/4 c. Sugar
1 tsp. Vanilla
1/8 tsp. Salt
1 Egg
1 Banana (3/4 c.)
Grated Lemon Zest
1 1/4 c. Flour
1 tsp. Baking Powder
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter, sugar, vanilla and salt. Add egg, banana, grated lemon zest. Mix flour and baking powder, stir in. Drop by teaspoon full. Bake 12-15 minutes. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Hawaiian Drop Cookies

2 c. Sifted Flour
2 tsp Baking Powder
1/2 tsp. Salt
2/3 C. Shortening
1 1/4 c. Sugar
1/2 tsp. Vanilla
1/2 tsp Almond Extract
1 Egg
3/4 c. Drained Pineapple
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together. Cream shortening, sugar and extracts. Beat in egg until light and fluffy. Blend in pineapple and dry ingredients. Drop by teaspoon full 3 inches apart. Bake 20 minutes.

Peanut Jumbles

2/3 c. Shortening
1/2 C. Peanut Butter
2/3 c. Sugar
2/3 c. Brown Sugar
2 Eggs
1/2 c. Milk
1 tsp. Vanilla
2 c. Sifted Flour
2 tsp. Baking Powder
1 tsp. Salt
1 c. Salted Peanuts
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix shortening, peanut butter sugars, and eggs. Stir in milk, and vanilla. Add dry ingredients and peanuts. Mix thoroughly. Drop by tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes.

Happy is he who dares courageously to defend what he loves.

- Ovid

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- county prosecutor (abbr.)
- TXism: "she'd argue with ___"
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- fish propeller
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- chore
- a cut in the skin
- this Robbins sang "El Paso"
- Yoko ___
- TXism: "___ take a faith healer to fix it"

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- TXism: "he's a good man not ___ with" (mean)
- ___ gallon hat
- Dallas Stars league
- TXism: he's ___ loop man" (good roper)
- TX nine-___ armadillo
- "light ___"
- Superman's vision
- 1st live entertainment on TX TV: "The Flying ___ Boys"
- cook's protection actor Robert of "The Deep" with UT grad Eli Wallach
- TXism: "cough ___ up" (pay me)
- folks who go around "nekkid"
- belonging to "Our Gang" member, TX George McFarland
- feeling of contempt "___ Dal"
- TXism: "he's full ___ spit and vinegar"
- this Kenneth was SMU pres. ('87-'94)
- TXism: "Cowboy ___-Aid" (beer)
- TXism: "suits me to a ___-thee-well?"
- medicine holders (2 wds.)
- Colt .45: a gun that ___ the west"
- abbr. for a Tuesday & Thursday class
- TXism: "wampum" 44 the present time
- "Steak ___"
- TXism: "attacked like conventioners on ___ buffet"

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Area youth, Chancy Campbell won big at two major livestock shows this season. Her Chianina steer 'Rebel' placed 1st in his lightweight class of 48 steers at the San Antonio Livestock Show. This was Chancy's first year to exhibit a show steer.

Then last week at the Houston Livestock Show she exhibited her lightweight Hampshire barrow and was chosen first in a class of 50 barrows.

Chancy is the daughter of Brent and Lisa Campbell and a proud member of the Valley FFA.



To believe all men honest would be folly. To believe none so is something worse.

- John Quincy Adams

TURKEY LIBRARY NEWS

By Roberta Carson

The Turkey Library is preparing for a giant annual used book sale. There are many current like-new best-sellers by authors such as Jan Karon and James Patterson selling for one dollar and hundreds of older paperbacks and hard back books selling for fifty cents a stacked inch. Donations this year have been great and we have a large selection.

We always appreciate donated books and magazines because our book sale supports the summer reading program as well as paying for supplies for the library. Donated books and magazines can be brought to the library or if you would like to have books picked up, please call Gail at 4231033.

The library has many new books on the shelves. New books by Sandra Brown, Khalid Hosseini, and Catherine Coulter have been very popular with our readers. We continue to add to our western collections of Louis L'Amour, Elmer Kelton, and Ralph Compton. We also have a complete set of the Lemmy Snicket and Harry Potter books.

If tax time has you making new resolutions about financial matters, get Dave Ramsey's advice. Two of Dave's books on money management are in the library.

Mysteries by Martha Grimes and J. A. Jancé have just arrived. There are also new novels by Debbie Macomber.

In addition to over 5000 books, the library has many books on tape that can be checked out. Listening to a taped book can make long trips go quickly.

Letters To The Editor



Letter to Editor: USA sovereignty is being destroyed

The United States was created by the 13 individual states that existed in 1789. They established a federal government with limited powers and very few duties. Each state was to remain independent in most areas.

The people could control federal spending because they elected the members of the U.S. House of Representatives where all money bills must originate. The state legislatures could control federal interference because they elected the members of the U.S. Senate. In 1913, 36 states passed the 17th Amendment to allow voters to directly elect their U.S. Senators.

Since then, the federal government has usurped many powers of the states. We are rapidly becoming a police state. The President is now allowing warrantless seizures and searches, torture, and many other unconstitutional activities. He also is suspending habeas corpus, our right to face criminal accusations in a court of law.

The feds also plan to merge the United States with Mexico and Canada into a sovereignty-destroying regional government with open borders called the North American Union (NAU) by 2010. Go to www.thenewamerican.com for NAU details. Americans need to demand that the feds obey our Constitution now, or we soon will be governed by officials we did not elect, just like the European Union is today.

Richard and Gloria Hampton
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Valley School News

Valley Basketball Players Garner Post Season Honors

By Susan Ramsey

The District 5-A All-District squads were recently announced, and Valley was well represented on both the boys and girls teams.

Cole Brown, Roger Ramos, Brady Ramsey, and Jacob Hancock were named All-District for the boys squad, with Armando Mendoza, Dalton Allen, and Isaac Smith each receiving Honorable Mention. Cole was also recently named 2nd Team All-Region.

On the girl's side, Jasmin Ivory was named the District MVP. Lacie Pointer, Jordan Jenkins, and Savannah Smith were named All-District, with Mary Kate Davidson receiving Honorable Mention. Jasmin was also named First Team All-Region.

Great job and congratulations go to these Valley Patriots! We are proud of you!

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-Friedrich Nietzsche

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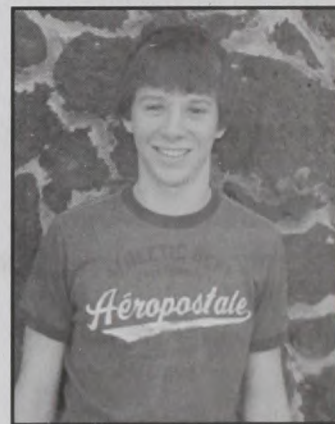
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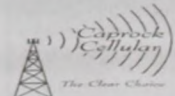
Dalton Allen

Dalton Mark Allen is a 17 year old Junior at Valley High School. Dalton is the son of Mark and Karen Allen of Quitaque. As an active Patriot, Dalton has excelled in many activities. Dalton has participated in Football, Basketball, and Track, as well as the FFA. Dalton has been a member of the State qualifying Sr. and Jr. Chapter Conducting and Dairy Products Judging Teams in FFA. Dalton was a Top Ten individual at the State FFA Judging Contest last spring scoring 197 out of a possible 200.

Dalton is a member of the Valley National Honor Society and is a regular name on the Valley High School "A" Honor Roll. Dalton is a reliable leader in our school. Dalton is dedicated to the activities that he participates in and always gives 100%. Dalton was chosen for this recognition because of his dependability, his hard work, and his consistent effort to improve to be perfect at all of the things that he does. He is a great example of a "Valley Patriot" and we are very proud of him.

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Strong Markets Could Keep Farmers Out of Fields

As the sun rises over wheat fields across the nation, many producers look on with hope of a bountiful, golden harvest. However, unfavorable weather conditions and skyrocketing production costs leave most producers on the losing end of strong markets.

While reports of rising wheat prices are headlining every newspaper, in the ears of every radio listener and on the tip of every analyst's tongue, wheat producers are not reaping the lavish gains as reported, nor are they solely responsible for the escalating cost of grocery products.

As the cost of food and other consumer goods rise, many have forgotten the intricate details of food pricing, yet they are quick to place blame at the farm gate. In reality, the actual cost of wheat and other commodities contribute very little to the final retail cost. Along the food chain, food prices are ratcheted up by transportation, labor, energy, packaging and marketing costs, to name a few.

"The current upward trend in wheat prices is the result of several global factors," said Foy Gibson, president of the Texas Wheat Producers Board. "Last year, many key wheat exporting nations, including the U.S., faced severe crop failure. We now have the lowest U.S. ending stocks in more than 60 years, and prices have rallied because of short supply. In addition, strong demand abroad has remained insatiable in recent months, which is positive news for the long-term viability of our industry."

The farm value of wheat in a loaf of bread, for example, changes each day as the wheat market fluctuates. Even with this volatility, it is estimated one loaf of bread contains approximately 20 cents of wheat when calculated based on this season's average price of approximately \$10.40 per bushel. Last year, wheat contributed 12 cents on average per loaf of bread, even though wheat prices averaged roughly \$4.71 per bushel during this same benchmark in the season.

The actual eight cent cost variable is insignificant in comparison to escalating production and post-production costs. Despite their animosity toward rising food costs, consumers do not forego fuel that has risen well over eight cents per gallon in the last year. Just as consumers absorb rising fuel costs, producers must do the same to keep their products on grocery store shelves.

Although this season has seen a dramatic average of about \$10.40 per bushel, many wheat producers sold or contracted their harvested crop for much less. The strength of the wheat market today does not reflect the profitability of most producers. Aside from fuel, producers are experiencing increased energy, fertilizer and many other input costs to meet demands. In some areas of the country, fertilizer alone is estimated at more than \$800 per ton, compared to \$200 per ton in years past.

While farm input production costs continue to skyrocket, wheat producers are unable to pass on these increases to other segments of the food chain. Producers sell their crops according to the volatility of markets, and the ever present concept of supply and demand. While today's wheat prices are at all-time highs, so are input costs. With the added risk of the volatile market, many producers may be kept out of the field.

Seven Tips to Having a Healthy Computer

Whether we are part of a small business, a multinational, or are just trying to find a recipe online at home, we seem to spend just as much time fixing 'issues' and 'conflicts' on our computers as we do working on them. For the home user this is merely an inconvenience, but to a business it can add up to tens of thousands of dollars lost to decreased productivity or repairs.

1. **Old Hardware.** "Studies have shown that the likelihood of physical problems with computer equipment goes up significantly after 24 to 36 months," says Reaves. "Consider replacing computer systems every three years - considering how inexpensive computers have become, one major repair bill could easily cost more than purchasing an entire new system."

2. **Power Protection.** "Surges and power drops can cause data loss and are always damaging to sensitive components, reducing their lifespan. Most people do use surge protectors, but what many don't realize is that surge protection wears off over time. For the best protection make sure that the surge protectors for all your computer equipment are replaced every 2 to 3 years."

3. **Illegal Software.** "Many businesses don't realize that they don't 'own' software; just the licenses to use it on a specific number of PC's. Many software programs automatically report their usage via the internet, and breach-of-license letters and audits from software manufacturers to businesses are on the rise."

4. **Training.** "Having to spend money training your staff might sound like a waste, but most employees understand less than 20% of the software packages they use. The gain in productivity far outweighs the training costs."

5. **Firewall and Security.** "The internet is full of hackers who regularly try to access computers for nefarious purposes. If they get in (either directly, or with the help of exploits from malware or viruses) the list of problems they can cause is pretty big; including stealing files or customer records, and deleting important data. It's important to be sure that all computers in your organization are updated with the latest security patches from Microsoft or Apple, and that firewalls are installed and maintained properly."

6. **Backup Data.** "It sounds so obvious but most companies fail to keep 100% of their important data backed up 100% of the time - there are often gaps in what's being backed up which are only discovered when it's too late. The consequences of lost data can put a company out of business on the spot, and data retrieval is frighteningly expensive."

7. **Spam, Viruses and Spyware.** "80% of all Computer Troubleshooters' service calls worldwide are from people with problems directly linked to these issues. You should consider good virus protection, spam filters and anti-spyware programs as mandatory if you want a trouble-free computer."

With a small amount of common sense, weekly maintenance (much of which we can set our computers to do themselves) and some small financial outlays, we can have many more trouble-free workdays and spend far less on the IT repair man. This will allow us more 'up' time to complete our work and give us the chance to explore the myriad other technology opportunities that can help us improve our businesses, or our lives. Now that's technology in action.

Higher Retail Beef Prices Caused by Rising Production, Transportation Costs

Rising feed and transportation costs continue to keep retail beef prices edging higher, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist said.

The annual average retail beef price for 2007 was \$4.16 per pound, which was 5 percent higher than 2006 and exceeded the previous 2005 record of \$4.09 per pound, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture-Economic Research Service data. Factoring into the high beef prices is record-priced crude oil, which is increasing transportation costs for many beef suppliers, he said.

Another reason is a leveling of beef production across the U.S., Anderson said. With fewer cows and calves in national inventory, and increased export demand for U.S. beef, "that's keeping pressure on beef prices," he said.

At the producer level, calf prices have been forced lowest by rising feed costs which are tied to ethanol production. Lighter-weight calves are getting the most discounts because they require more feed to add weight before slaughter, Anderson said.

Anderson described the current calf market as a "tug of war." USDA inventory indicates 1 percent fewer beef cows, which will lead to a smaller calf crop, he said.

"From a supply standpoint, that means fewer calves, and fewer calves usually means better prices for calves," Anderson said. "I like to describe it as a tug of war going on in the calf market this year. You have feed on one side and high prices pressuring calf prices lower, then tight supply of calves on the other side pushing them higher."

"Still for 2008, we should see calf prices where they were in 2007, but a little bit lower due to the high feed costs. Given where we are in inventory, we should expect to see fewer cows in 2009, so tighter supplies keeping upward pressure on calf prices."

Meanwhile, profit margins have also been tough for stocker producers. Recent USDA data indicated there were fewer calves on wheat pasture.

"That (report) confirmed what we all knew," Anderson said. "That's down 30 percent or basically one-third fewer calves. What that means for stocker producers is typically they see the lowest prices for 700-800 pound steers in March. They come off wheat then and go to feedlots."



"There were not a lot of calves on wheat pasture this year, so what is a seasonal low may hold up and we could see some moderation in the springtime that we usually don't see. Consequently, we could see some heavier calf weight prices over the next couple of months simply because there's not that much supply." Editor's Note: The following information can be used as a breakout graphic.

- Factors Affecting the Beef Industry:
- Rising feed and transportation costs are having a ripple effect throughout the beef supply chain.
 - Continued decline in U.S. beef cow inventory could drive calf prices upward, but higher feed costs will weigh heavily in pricing outcome.
 - Calf prices for 2008 are predicted to be lower due to high feed costs.
- Source: Texas AgriLife Extension Service

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We live in a world of eternal change, where nothing seems to remain constant. The seasons come and go, the weather varies from day to day, rivers alter their courses, mountains rise, coastlines submerge, the earth rumbles from its molten interior and the very continents shift their positions; all of which man must learn to endure. However, God would not have subjected him to these unstable conditions without first providing him with the intelligence and resourcefulness to survive them. Therefore, since the earth itself is but a part of God's moving universe in which even the stars revolve through the infinitude of space, we must learn at our House of Worship that God alone remains steadfast and immovable; a reliable, ever-present source of help and guidance which is always available to us, no matter where we are in this restless world.

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Enrollment Deadline Nears For First Rangeland Carbon Credits Pool

Ranchers in 15 Great Plains and Western states who want to earn extra money related to the first pool of carbon credits from American rangeland have until Friday, April 4, to get their signed contracts in the mail.

Dave Krog, CEO of AgraGate Climate Credits Corp., said the four-year contracts, signed and postmarked by the early April date, would be eligible for credits retroactive to 2007.

"With carbon credits recently trading at record highs of \$5.50 a ton or more, this is a good time to enroll eligible rangeland in this program, especially with the opportunity to get payments for last year," he noted. "While a cropland program has been in place for some time, this is the first rangeland program to be initiated."

AgraGate collects credits from ranchers, farmers and private forest owners, combines them into sizable pools, and then sells them on the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX). Proceeds are returned to the carbon credits owners, less a 10 percent service fee, verification costs and CCX fees.

The CCX launched trading in December 2003 in a program allowing companies to purchase carbon credits to offset a portion of their greenhouse gas emissions. Research shows that sustainably managed rangeland is very good at taking atmospheric carbon and converting it to a sequestered, stable form in the soil.

The states currently eligible for the rangeland program include California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

According to Lowell Mesman, an aggregation specialist for AgraGate, the number of credits earned from rangeland varies from 0.12 to 0.52 tons per acre, depending primarily on soil types and precipitation.

To be eligible for the rangeland carbon credit program, Mesman said, the land must meet the CCX definition of rangeland, it must be in a CCX-approved area, and the project must include use of light or moderate stocking rates, sustainable livestock distribution, and an approved rangeland management plan.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Field Office Technical Guides include guidelines for managing the controlled harvest of vegetation with grazing animals. Eligible rangeland must be managed "in a manner such that it restores desired vegetation to degraded lands, improves the overall health and vigor of good stands and increases the overall biological intensity of the land." Stocking rates and livestock distribution criteria are defined according to county and state in the NRCS "Prescribed Grazing Specification" code.

A copy of the rangeland carbon credits contract can be downloaded from the AgraGate Web site at www.agragate.com. More information on the rangeland program is available from Mesman at 605-280-1319, by emailing him at lmelman@agragate.com, or by calling the company's toll-free client service number: 866-633-6758.

AgraGate, a subsidiary of the Iowa Farm Bureau, is the leading aggregator of carbon credits from agriculture. On behalf of farmers, ranchers and private forest owners, the company has marketed carbon credits from more than 1.5 million acres in 24 states on the CCX.



Dryland grazing on the Great Plains in Colorado. Each cow on a pasture can emit about 350 liters (230 grams) of methane per day.

Heat Stress Model Keeps Cows Cool

By Laura McGinnis

It's hard to relax if your cattle are stressed, so the ability to predict and avoid potential stressors is essential.

Fortunately, an online model developed by scientists with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) provides information to help cattle—and producers—keep their cool when temperatures rise. ARS is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief scientific research agency.

For years, producers relied on the National Weather Service for livestock weather warnings. When that service was discontinued in the mid-1990s, many producers turned to university websites. The university warnings, like those they'd replaced, were based on temperature and humidity predictions, but did not account for other influential factors.

Elevated temperature is obviously the driving force behind dangerous heat levels, but other parameters—such as humidity, sun intensity and wind speed—are influential as well. The ARS model, developed by Tami M. Brown-Brandl and Roger Eigenberg at the agency's Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center, Neb., considers all four parameters in its calculations.

The model, which is updated twice daily, makes predictions for South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, western Colorado and northern Texas. It analyzes weather forecast information, assesses the danger of incurring heat stress and displays that information as a color-coded map, which can be viewed at: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/Main/docs.htm?docid=16750>

Ranchers and other cattle managers can consult the map to gauge the heat threat level in their region. More than 200 visitors used this site during the critical heat stress months of July and August in 2007.

Cotton Best Management Practice Workshops Scheduled for Dumas, Lubbock

Harvesting, irrigation and pest management methods will be discussed at two free Best Management Practices training seminars being offered by Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the National Cotton Council.

The meetings will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 1 at Moore County Community Building in Dumas and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 2 at Reece Technology Center in Lubbock, according to Randy Boman, AgriLife Extension cotton agronomist in Lubbock.

"I think this is a good opportunity for producers to hone in on very important subject matter within the realm of cotton production," Boman said. "The format of these meetings will allow producers and consultants to ask questions of the speakers. Really, it is encouraged."

Extension and research personnel from various states, as well as crop consultants from across the Cotton Belt, worked together to produce a set of best management practices, said Bill Robertson, Cotton Council manager. This was done with the overall goal of helping cotton growers increase the efficiency and cost effectiveness of their production systems.

Two papers generated as a result of this collaboration—"The First Forty Days" and "Fruiting to Finish"—will be utilized during the workshops to generate in-depth discussions of variety selection, pest management and harvest practices, such as stripper versus picker harvesting.

Presenters will be from AgriLife Extension, Texas AgriLife Research and Texas Tech University.

"We certainly want to encourage producers to attend this, as well as crop consultants," Boman said. "It won't be a regular Extension meeting, but more of a discussion-oriented meeting."

Continuing education units will be offered for certified crop advisors and for those who need credits from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico departments of agriculture, he said.

Seating is limited, Robertson said. Those planning to attend should RSVP to BMP@cotton.org and provide information concerning the meeting they want to attend, along with an e-mail address and phone number.

Lunch will be provided at both workshops, he said. Bayer CropScience sponsored the two papers and will sponsor the workshops.

For more information, contact Boman at 806-746-6101 or rboman@tamu.edu, or Robertson at BMP@cotton.org.



CFTC Set To Address Agricultural Market Issues At April 22 Stakeholder Forum

Recent disruptions in U.S. agriculture markets have prompted the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to schedule a public meeting of market stakeholders - including exchanges, traders, merchandisers and producers - on April 22, 2008. The meeting will be held at the CFTC's Washington, DC headquarters beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the turbulent events of the last few weeks and their ongoing impact on agriculture markets. Topics to be discussed include the lack of convergence between the futures and cash prices, higher margin requirements and their impact on market participants, and the role of speculators and commodity index traders.

The forum is a welcome response from the CFTC says Plains Cotton Growers Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

"Recent events have caused a significant upheaval in the cotton marketing system that needs to be addressed to insure the future viability of the futures market as a functioning price discovery tool for buyers and sellers," explains Verett. "Our request to the CFTC, which echoed the concerns of other segments of the cotton industry, was that the CFTC look into the situation and do what it can to insure the functionality of these markets in the future."

In describing the need for the forum, CFTC Chairman Walter Lukken said, "These historic market conditions, particularly in wheat and cotton, require the CFTC to hear firsthand from participants to ensure that the exchanges are functioning properly to discover prices and manage risk."

NASS Extends Deadline For Ag Census Forms

The deadline for farmers to turn in 2007 Census of Agriculture forms has been extended until June 1, according to National Agricultural Statistics Service Deputy Administrator Carol House. She says the extension from February 4 is because a large number of the census forms have not been returned.

"We are sending another form out there again with encouragement to fill it out," House said. "We'll give a little bit of time and then we're going to start calling people. Of course calling costs money, it's taxpayer dollars, so hopefully producers out there will go ahead and fill it out before we have to make a phone call."

Responding to the census - conducted every five years - is required by law and the privacy of answers given is protected.

"If a producer is not filling it out because they have a question, they're not quite sure how to go about it, they're not sure whether they're required to fill it out or not, please call," House says. "We've received 130,000 calls since census forms were sent out."

A toll-free help line is available at (888) 424-7828. The census also can be submitted online at the following address: <http://www.agcensus.usda.gov>

Cotton Inc To Offer Free Cotton Marketing Workshop; Reserve Your Spot Today

Get your calendars out and plan to attend this year's "Cotton Price Risk Management and Pricing Strategies Seminar" sponsored by Cotton Incorporated in cooperation with Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

The free seminar is designed to help producers develop and sharpen their individual cotton marketing skills and develop market-based strategies for managing price risk for the 2008 marketing season.

This year's workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Towers, located at 801 Avenue Q in Lubbock. The workshop will run from 8:30 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided to all workshop participants.

Workshop topics include: "Why are options on cotton futures critical to your business?"; "What can options do for you and how?"; and, "Actionable hedging strategies."

Instructors for this year's seminar will be retired Texas A&M Extension Economist Dr. Carl Anderson and Mr. Mike Stevens of Swiss Financial.

The program will also include a 2008 Production Cost Outlook by Dr. John Robinson of Texas A&M University; a Market Outlook by Cotton Marketing Specialist Dr. O.A. Cleveland; a presentation on hedging Counter-cyclical payments by Kelli Merritt, from CropMark, Inc., in Lamesa; and a session on practical application of the skills and information provided during the workshop by Cotton Specialist Mike Stevens.

For information about the conference contact Jeanne Reeves at Cotton Incorporated (919-678-2370) or Shawn Wade at Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (806-792-4904).

Registration is required for the conference and participants can register by telephone or email. Telephone registrations should be directed to Kay Wriedt (919-678-2271). Email registrations should be addressed to: kwriedt@cottoninc.com

PCG's 2008 Seed Cost Calculator

An updated version of the 2008 Plains Cotton Growers Seed Cost Calculator is now available. Growers interested in comparing prices for their 2008 planting seed options can download the calculator at <http://www.plainscotton.org>.

The 2008 version includes 129 conventional, Roundup Ready, Roundup Ready FLEX, Liberty Link, Bollgard and Bollgard II and Widestrike varieties, as well as numerous stacked gene versions of these technologies that will be available for sale in West Texas in 2008. Should information on additional varieties become available, an update to the spreadsheet will be developed and posted on PCG's website.

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Jimmy Burson

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Sincerely,
Briscoe County Sheriff's Deputy James Hart

Thank you so much for the outpouring of love, support, and encouragement that everyone extended to our family during our loss. We also appreciate all the food, flowers and cards. Mr. Martin truly loved his community and may God bless each and everyone of you.

The H.E. Martin family
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Dear Friends,
I want to thank each one of you for your concern while I was in the hospital. Your prayers were very much appreciated. I love each one of you and it's such a blessing to call ya'll my friends.

Sybil King

Public Notice

Notice of Drinking Water NITRATE Violation

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the City of Quitaque water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for NITRATE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for NITRATE at 10 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for NITRATE indicates a level of 14.9 mg/L

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TEXAS CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM

The City of Quitaque will hold a final public hearing on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 10:30a.m. The hearing will be held at City Hall in Quitaque, TX, in regard to the Water System Improvements Project that was recently completed with a Texas Capital Fund grant. Topics to be discussed will include the specific program improvements completed and the costs associated with the Texas Capital Fund and the City of Quitaque. Handicapped citizens needing assistance to attend this hearing should contact Maria Cruz Merrell, City Manager, at (806) 455-1456.

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- Mar 31, 1866**
Floyd V. Struder, who discovered the Alibates Flint Quarries along the Canadian River north of Amarillo in 1925, died at the age of 73.
- Mar 31, 1861**
The Union Army surrendered Fort Bliss near El Paso, to the Confederates.
- Mar 31, 1836**
Gen. Sam Houston's army began two weeks of military training at Groce's Plantation.
- Apr 1, 1940**
The Texas Railroad Commission ordered daily oil wells in the state to cease production for one day in an effort to boost oil prices.
- Apr 1, 1868**
Col. Ranald S. MacKenzie re-occupied the abandoned Fort McKavett, rebuilt it and made it his headquarters.
- Apr 1, 1833**
Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna became president of Mexico.
- Apr 1, 1813**
The Gutierrez-Magee Expedition was captured in San Antonio.
- Apr 2, 1932**
Cowboy bulldogger Bill Pickett died.
- Apr 2, 1836**
Gen. Santa Anna's army reached Gonzales. The Colorado River was at flood stage and the Mexican Army was forced to build rafts. The delay helped Gen. Sam Houston.
- Apr 3, 1965**
Gov. John B. Connally signed legislation designating the official pledge to Texas flag.
- Apr 3, 1891**
The Texas Railroad Commission was created by the Texas Legislature.
- Apr 3, 1883**
Cowboys from various Panhandle ranches met in a dug-out in Tascosa and settled the "cowboy strike." The strikers received a raise from \$1.18 per day to \$1.68 per day. This amounted to \$50.40 for 30 days of work.
- Apr 3, 1865**
Confederate troops captured 98 Confederate deserters along with 150 stolen horses on the Little Wichita River.
- Apr 3, 1817**
Texas Ranger William A. "Big Foot" Wallace was born in Lexington, Va.
- Apr 3, 1813**
Filibusters under Antonio Delgado herded 17 Spanish prisoners of war, all officers, out of San Antonio to a place called "La Tablita" where they tied the officers hands and killed them.
- Apr 4, 1917**
Gov. James E. Ferguson signed legislation creating the Texas Highway Department. The state took over road building between towns in Texas.
- Apr 4, 1788**
David G. Burnet, the provisional first president of the Republic of Texas was born in Newark, N.J.
- Apr 5, 1997**
The Texas Motor Speedway opened in Fort Worth.
- Apr 5, 1976**
Howard Hughes, Texas born billionaire, died aboard his private jet which was taking him to Houston from Mexico for medical treatment.
- Apr 5, 1836**
Scouts told Capt. Mosley Baker and his 125 men stationed at San Felipe the advance guard of the Mexican Army was approaching the burned-out town. Capt Baker and his men had been ordered to remain in the community after Gen. Houston had burned it to the ground.
- Apr 6, 1836**
Capt. Mosley Baker's men fought with the advanced guard of the Mexican Army at San Felipe.
- Apr 6, 1830**
The law of "April 6" was passed by the Mexican Congress. It prohibited further immigration of Anglo settlers from the United States to Texas.

Thornberry Says Democrat's Budget Unrealistic

"The House Democrats' budget is business as usual in Washington," said Congressman Mac Thornberry. "The Democrat budget is full of promises that can't be kept without the money to pay for them, and it uses the gimmick of 'reserve funds' to hide the truth that the only way to get that money is to raise taxes."

Thornberry noted that according to the House Republican Budget Committee the Democrat budget contains 16 "reserve funds" that call for an unspecified total in spending increases, if offset with commensurate savings or - as is far more likely - higher taxes. The only identified spending amount is a proposed \$50-billion increase for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). None of the reserve funds accommodates the health care proposals of the two Democratic presidential candidates.

"We need to be serious about confronting our budget and economic problems, not play more Washington games," said Thornberry. "The Democratic budget fails to address our energy supply problems, fails to fully budget for Iraq and Afghanistan, fails to rescue Social Security and Medicare, and proposes a record-setting (\$82 billion) 1-year appropriations increase."

Congressman Thornberry, sponsor of H.R. 1586, a bill to permanently repeal the death tax, said "I have sponsored or cosponsored a dozen bills to rein in spending, hold the line on taxes and balance the federal budget. The people are demanding change and the Democratic Leadership in Congress needs to give these bills a vote to enact real budget, spending, and tax reforms."

"The federal government should only tax what is necessary to perform its constitutional functions. When the budget comes up I always try to remember that every dollar spent by the federal government is taken out of the wallet or purse of an American who earned it - a taxpayer who is also trying to feed a family, pay for health care, or send a child to college," Thornberry concluded.

If You Hit Livestock On The Highway Are You At Fault?

In response to multiple inquiries that the Valley Tribune has received in recent months regarding stray livestock on the highway and who's responsible if someone hits the livestock while it is in the road. Hopefully this will clear up any confusion. The following comes from the Texas Agriculture Code.

Livestock Laws of The State Of Texas

Texas Agriculture Code - Chapter 143 - Range Restrictions Acts 1981, 61st Legislature, P. 1350, Chapter 388, Sec. 1 Effective September 1, 1981. Amended by Acts 1987, 76th Legislature, Chapter 380, Effective August 31, 1987, Updated June 21, 2004.

Subchapter E: Animals Running At Large On Highways

Section 143.101: Definition - In this subchapter, "Highway" means a U.S. Highway or a State Highway in this state. But does not include a numbered Farm-To-Market Road.

Section 143.102: Running At Large On Highway Prohibited - A person who owns or has responsibility for the control of a horse, mule, donkey, cow, bull, steer, hog, sheep, or goat may not knowingly permit the animal to traverse or roam at large, unattended, on the Right-Of-Way of a highway.

Section 143.103: Immunity from liability - A person whose vehicle strikes, kills, injures, or damages an unattended animal running at large on a highway is not liable for damages to the animal except as a finding of: (1) gross negligence in the operation of the vehicle; or (2) willful intent to strike, kill, injure, or damage the animal.

Section 143.106: Enforcement - Each state highway patrolman or county or local law enforcement officer shall enforce this subchapter and may enforce it without the use of a written warrant.

Section 143.107: Conflict With Other Law - This Subchapter prevails to the extent of any conflict with another provision of this chapter.

U.S. Hwy 86, the entire length of Briscoe County (East to West) is a state highway. Owners of livestock are required by state law to keep that livestock off the highway right-of-way regardless of any free range elections.

Section 143.021: Petition for Election - (a) In accordance with this section, the freeholders (any person who holds a title to real property in that county) of a county or an area within a county may petition the commissions court to conduct an election for the purpose of determining if horses, mules, jacks, jennets, donkeys, hogs, sheep, or goats are to be permitted to run at large in the county or area. (b) A petition for a county wide election must be signed by at least 50 freeholders. Except as otherwise provided by Subsection (c) of this section, a petition for an election in an area within a county must be signed by at least 20 freeholders. (c) A petition for an election in an area may be signed by a majority of the freeholders in the area if the area has fewer than 50 freeholders and is between two areas of the county that have previously adopted this subchapter or is adjacent to another area, in that county or another county, that has adopted this subchapter. If the petitioning area is adjacent to an area in another county, the freeholders shall petition the commissioners court of the county in which the petitioning area is located. (d) The petition must: (1) clearly state each class of animal that the petitioners seek to prohibit from running at large; and (2) describe the boundaries of the

area in which the election is to be held, if the election is to be less than county wide.

Section 143.072: Exceptions; County wide Elections - The following counties may not conduct a county wide election on the running at large of cattle: Andrews, Coke, Culberson, Hardin, Hemphill, Hudspeth, Jasper, Jefferson, Kenedy, Kinney, LaSalle, Loving, Motley, Newton, Presidio, Roberts, Schleicher, Terry, Tyler, Upton, Wharton, or Yoakum.

This information can be found at: http://www.thecattlemagazine.com/livestock_laws_Texas_cattle_texas.asp.

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