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Everywhere you look the 'Bear Grass' is in full bloom, a beautiful sight waving like tall white flags over the rolling West Texas landscape.

## Free Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Clinic At Courthouse

Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County is collaborating with Linda Moore, RN of the South Plains Health Provider Briscoe County Community Clinic in Silverton to provide a free Blood Pressure / Blood Sugar Clinic. The clinic will be held in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse on Tuesday, May 18, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to take advantage of this free service!

## Valley Calendar of Events

### May 13

\* Turkey City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.

### May 14

\* Valley School student holiday

### May 16

\* 'Relay for Life' Baked Potato Dinner at the Quitaque Community Center @ 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### May 17

\* TEC meeting  
\* Quitaque Lions Club meeting  
\* Weight Watchers meeting at FBC in Quitaque. Weigh in @ 5:15 p.m. & meeting starts @ 5:45 p.m.

### May 18

\* Turkey Fire Department meeting @ 7:30 p.m.  
\* Valley FFA Banquet @ 6:30 p.m.

### May 19

\* Rabies Vaccination Clinic at Turkey Fire Hall 10 a.m. - 12 noon  
\* Rabies Vaccination Clinic at Quitaque Fire Hall 2-4 p.m.  
\* Panhandle Community Services will be in Silverton, Quitaque & Turkey today by appointment only. (Call 806-874-2573 to make an appointment)

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CROSSWORD

## Valley Tribune Rates To Increase Effective May 13

Effective today, May 13 the Valley Tribune will raise the non-local subscription rate to \$24.00 per year, due to the climbing cost of production and distribution. Briscoe and all surrounding counties will remain at \$18.50 per year.

The price for all new display advertisement will increase to \$3.00 per column inch, up from \$2.75 per column inch. All current regular advertisers will remain at their current rate.

We regret having to make these increases but the current economic climate demands it, but will continue to strive to make the increase worth every penny for our customers. Thank you for your continued support and readership.

## Hall County Historical Commission Plans Memorial Day Service

The Hall Co. Historical Commission met May 3, with Tommie Jo Cruse, chairman, presiding. Subjects discussed were the Memorial Day service in Turkey & Memphis. The Turkey service will be the 30 of the month at 2:00, held in the cemetery. The service for Memphis will be on the 31. Weather permitting, there will be a small parade around 10 close to the courthouse, then the laying of the 2 wreaths at the War monuments. Around 1, people will go to the football field for hamburgers & afterwards, a show with music & a fly over by the Confederate Air Force.

Also discussed, where possible fund raisers for September Hall Co. Picnic. These might be pumpkins for sale & pumpkin or pumpkin flavored cupcakes.

Members present were Karen Crisman, Tommie Jo Cruse, Cleatus & Joan Lebow, Johnnie Gresham, Judge Martin, & Mike Hughes.

For the program, Cleatus Lebow talked about going to a concert, done by the Oak Ridge Boys. One of the had written a book about WW II.

A big thank you to Tommie Jo & Mike for moving trophies to the basement of the Heritage Hall Museum.

## Silverton Chamber of Commerce Cookbooks Are Here!

By Lataine Dillard

President John Burson presided at the regular meeting of the Silverton Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, May 4, 2004. Treena Burson said the Silverton Chamber of Commerce Cookbooks are here and for sale at city Bank, Main Street Dollar and from any chamber member. They are really nice!! Call Treena at 822-2020 if you want to have one sent to someone.

Discussion ensued about the July 4 concert. Also the Highway 86 garage sales to be held in September. Call about this if you are interested.

A city wide cleanup was discussed as was the Briscoe County Celebration.

This year is Homecoming.

The Holiday Lights on the Ozark Trail is to be in December. This will be a colorful display held in all the cities from Tulia to Estelline. Walk to Bethlehem here will be featured. You are invited to participate. It was suggested that downtown around the square would be an excellent place for folks to see and in the buildings nearby. If you, your business or your church is interested, call and let Treena know. A live Christmas scene going on inside a store would be very nice. This would take place on the same night as the "Walk". If you want to have folks come and see your home decorated, the chamber will offer a map to visitors with your home highlighted. Write or call for suggestions.

The lunch for the 75th Artillery Brigade was such a success. The Fire Department donated cokes and baggies and many other things. Bags of ice, napkins, and other things were given by the State of Texas Highway Department and Allsup's. The townsfolk were most generous in giving many ice chests full of sandwiches, cookies, brownies and other goodies. "They will always remember this," said Treena.

The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m. Others attending were Kyle Fuston, Kathy Kingery, James Mayfield and Lataine Dillard. YOU are invited to come and help make Silverton a better place to live. Be sure and call us with any suggestions you may have or come and join us on Tuesday, June at 7 p.m. at City Bank Pioneer Room for our next meeting.

## Quitaque City Council Hears Citizens Concern About Dilapidated Structures In Town Harboring Wild Animals

The Quitaque City Council met in regular session on May 10. Council members present were Phil Barefield, Arnold Castillo, Randy Stark, members absent were Tena Bearden and Janice Henson. Also present for the meeting were Water Superintendent Walter Skinner, City Manager Maria Merrell and guest Henrietta Scoggins.

Under public comment Scoggins discussed her concerns about the dilapidated condition of the Austin residence, located just to the north of Scoggins's home. Scoggins stated the condition of the house is an attraction for bob cats, skunks, snakes, and rats. She was informed that a phone call had been made to the Texas Health Department and the best avenue for the City to take is currently being researched.

Next the Council was informed that the Texas Forestry Service, had been in Quitaque to research the damage to the Johnston property, the site of the future Quitaque Community Center. A report with his official findings will be sent to the City as soon as possible.

Water Superintendent Skinner reported the new water well project is currently at a standstill, due to all the other work being done in the City. Council member Castillo offered to help with the cement work. The well project will be a priority now that water usage is climbing.

\* In regular business the minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. Reports were then presented by the Library, Fire Department and EMS Service.

\* The Council then reviewed the qualification statement submitted by Kendall Construction, they unanimously voted to accept the statement. Next they reviewed the bid submitted by Kendall Construction for the building of the new community center, the Council unanimously passed a motion to accept the bid minus the \$4,700 allowed for stained concrete.

\* The Council then reviewed and passed a resolution authorizing the City's participation in the Panhandle Region Mutual Aid Agreement and designated the City Manager to serve as the City's Chief representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the agreement.

\* The Council next discussed the various options for replacing the cooling unit at the current community center. It was unanimously approved that Hammond Sheet Metal will replace the unit.

\* Members serving on the Economic Development Board were reviewed and two more members have been added, Tena Bearden and Phil Barefield.

\* Next the Mayor informed the Council that Jacquelyn Ham had suggested the possibility of We The Women taking over maintenance of the planters at the monument site. After much discussion the Council appointed We The Women to take over the maintenance of the monument after completion of the signage and art work by the Chamber.

\* The Council discussed dividing the \$1,637 donated by the Post Enduro Association. The money will be divided as follows: For the use of machinery, manpower, and equipment the City will receive \$637; Mayor Hamilton will be reimbursed \$100 for wire purchased for the event. EMT's Fire Department, Lions Club, We The Women and the Chamber of Commerce will each receive \$180.

\* Council member Barefield asked the Council to consider applying for a Texas Parks and Wildlife grant for the purchase of the Panhandle Compress property and buildings for the purpose of putting in a Motorize Recreational Trail. He states the grant is an 80/20 match with in kind labor being a possibility. The Council passed a motion to apply for the grant.

\* The Council was informed that the gravel for the street work was ready for hauling. They discussed various options on how to proceed. It was decided the City will look into the cost of having gravel hauled in versus the City hiring an individual using City equipment to haul it in. The Council also discussed paving the roads running north and south only for now because of the limited funding.



The Quitaque City Council is currently researching avenues regarding this property on the north side of Quitaque which has been known to harbor wild animals such as bob cats, skunks etc.

## Dr David Fuston's

### Annual Rabies Clinic

### For Dogs & Cats

### Wednesday,

### May 19<sup>th</sup>

### At The Firehouse

### In Turkey -

### 10 a.m. - 12 noon

### Quitaque -

### 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### \$9 per animal

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## Dispute Over Sheriff's Salary Tops

### Motley County Commissioners Court

The Motley County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, May 10, 2004. Present were County Judge, Ed D. Smith, Commissioners Ronnie Davis, Pct #1; Donnie Turner, Pct #2; Franklin Jameson, Pct #3; Russell Alexander, Pct #4 and County Clerk Kate Hurt.

First order of business was the reading and approval of minutes from the previous Commissioners Court meeting. Outstanding bills were then reviewed along with the reports by the Treasurer, Tax-Collector, County Agent, Justice of the Peace and Library. After the approval of bills to be paid, Treasurer Barkley presented for the Court's approval a line item transfer, from Prisoner Up-Keep to Professional Services in the amount of \$300 for Sheriff Department expenses.

Next the Court discussed and acted on the 2003-2004 Sheriff's salary. During the last County Budget Hearing, the Court voted to raise the Sheriff's salary from \$21,440 to \$24,000. This was then reconsidered and voted to be raised to \$25,836. By law every elected official's salary must be publicly published. The Sheriff's salary was published at \$24,000. The budget was later adopted at \$25,836. After this fact was brought to the Court's attention they, the Court, sought to correct the error at the next regularly scheduled Commissioners' Court by amending the budget to the published amount. County Attorney, Tempie Francis, requested and received the State Attorney General's opinion on the matter. In the Attorney General's opinion, according to Francis, the Sheriff's salary should remain at the original amount of \$21,440. Sheriff Meador has already been paid for seven months salary based upon an annual salary of \$24,000, according to county records. It was discussed that no one opposed the increase at the Public Budget Hearing. It was then brought to the Court's attention, by Francis, that the \$24,000 was voted on out of Budget Session and thus the reason for the Attorney General's opinion.

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**THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM...**  
BY: LAURA TAYLOR

Next time you are having a bad day and feel that what you do doesn't matter or that you are just wasting your time on a project take a minute to regain your perspective on things. And remember this.

**The Value Of Time**

(Author Unknown)

Imagine there is a bank that credits your account each morning with \$86,400.  
It carries over no balance from day to day.  
Every evening it deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day.  
What would you do?  
Draw out every cent of course!  
Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME.  
Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds.  
Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to a good purpose.  
It carries over no balance.  
Each day it opens a new account for you.  
Each night it burns the remains of the day.  
If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours.  
There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow".  
You must live in the present on today's deposits.  
Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness and success!  
The clock is running. Make the most of today.  
To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed one grade.  
To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.  
To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.  
To realize the value of ONE DAY, ask a daily wage laborer with kids to feed.  
To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.  
To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who missed the train.  
To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask a person who just avoided an accident.  
To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.  
Treasure every moment that you have. And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time.  
And remember that time waits for no one.  
Yesterday is history.  
Tomorrow a mystery.  
Today is a gift.  
That's why it is called the present!

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**BEANS & CORNBREAD FUNDRAISER SUPPER**  
Monday, May 17  
7:00 P.M.  
Silverton School Cafeteria  
*Special Guest for the Evening*  
State District 28 Committeewoman  
**JANE CANSINO**  
The funds raised from this event will help send two Briscoe County Republican Delegates to the State Convention in San Antonio.

**Quitaque City Election will be held Saturday, May 15 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Quitaque City Hall**

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**BOLETA OFICIAL**

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CIUDAD DE QUITAQUE

May 15, 2004  
15 De Mayo 2004

CITY MAYOR  
Eleccion de Mayor Para la Ciudad

INSTRUCTION NOTE: (Nota de instruccion)  
Vote for the candidate of your choice by placing an "X" in the square beside the name of the candidate of your choice.  
(Votar por el candidato de su preferencia marcando con una "X" en el cuadro al lado del candidato.)

CITY MAYOR  
Eleccion de Mayor Para la Ciudad

Vote for ONE  
(Vote por uno)

CLYDE DUDLEY  
 ROLAND HAMILTON

**Haro Graduates From Amarillo College**

Amarillo College will award degrees and certificates to more than 1,000 students at Commencement ceremonies on May 14 at the Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum.  
Graduating from Quitaque with a spring 2004 Certificate of Completion is Mario Alberto Haro, Jr.  
Amarillo College, a two-year community college, is located in the Panhandle of Texas. It served more than 10,090 academic credit students during the fall semester, 2003. During the 2002-2003 academic year, 31,125 Continuing Education students attended classes at AC's five campuses.

**Farley Awarded Scholarship**

The West Texas A&M University Pickens College of Business recognized outstanding graduates and announced scholarship recipients for the 2004-2005 academic year at its annual Convocation on April 22.  
Wendell V. Farley, a junior computer science major, of Quitaque was awarded the American Legion of Lubbock Scholarship.

**Mindy Proctor Honored With Bridal Shower**

A bridal shower honoring Mindy Proctor and Donnie Cagle was recently held in the home of Patsy and Ross Herrington on Saturday, May 1. A lovely and large array of gifts were displayed throughout three bedrooms of the house. Almost eighty friends and relatives attended, including many out of town guests.  
The refreshment table featured an antique lace tablecloth, Fostoria crystal punch bowl and tea set belonging to Patsy's mother Mrs. Orlin Stark. An assortment of delicacies were featured.  
Hostesses for the occasion included Nancy Price, Patsy Herrington, Brenda Yeary, Rebecca Wheeler, Mary Fierro, Kathy Taylor, Carol Ramsey, Audrey Hill, Michelle Pointer, Lillie Leal, Kay Calvert, Linda Morrison, Kathy Shorter, Zeldia Leeper, Anne Marie Ham, Inetha Blankenship, Karol Pigg, Maria Merrell, Janine Brooks and Donna Pigg.  
The wedding date is set for June 12 at the First Baptist Church, Quitaque.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- May 13**  
Tina Bearden, Cathy Purcell
- May 14**  
Jay Hawkins, Sammy Ortiz, Juanita Skinner, Shawn Collier, Veta Colvin
- May 15**  
Jayton Hammock, Robin Williams, Jess Yeary
- May 16**  
Robertta Carson, Rex Morgan, Gerald Williams
- May 17**  
Lillie Leal, Todd Payne, Ian Farley, Erica Pigg
- May 18**  
Betty Farley, Karen Allen
- May 19**  
Author Beck
- May 20**  
Trey Gear



- May 15**  
Mr & Mrs Ron Yorston  
Mr & Mrs Harvey Mullin
- May 16**  
Mr & Mrs Pat Carson
- May 17**  
Mr & Mrs U.F. Coker, Jr.
- May 19**  
Mr & Mrs Jim Messer

**Obituaries**  
**Therma Lois Farley**

Therma Lois Farley, 95, died Friday, May 7, 2004. Services were held Wednesday, May 12, 2004 at the Church of Christ in Turkey with Rev. Melvin Clinton and Rev. Stuart Smith officiating. Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery. Services provided by Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Turkey.  
Mrs. Farley was born in Nashville, Arkansas on November 24, 1908. She was preceded in death by her husband Bun Farley and son, Revis Farley. She was a lifelong resident of Turkey. She was a dedicated employee of the Green Thumb and worked in the Turkey Library until 2001.  
Survivors include two sons, Bill Farley of Alamogordo, NM and Steve Farley of Turkey; two daughters, Gayetta Martino of Sacramento, CA and Kathy Phipps of Alamogordo, NM; one sister, Connie Townsend of Oxnard, CA; 13 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

**VALLEY WEATHER**

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MAY 7	89	57	.....
MAY 8	85	56	.....
MAY 9	86	59	.....
MAY 10	85	60	.....
MAY 11	91	63	.05
MAY 12	86	64	.....

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**The Employees of the First National Bank will hold a Live Auction on the night of June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004**  
**Auctioneer - Kenneth Helms**  
Some of the items to be auctioned are;  
Two night stay in Red River, N.M., 3 bedroom - 2 bath Condo,  
1-Large Woolrich Classic Thermolite coat, 1 pair size 10D Danner Cross Hiker boots, and lots of other items to numerous to list.

All Proceeds from the event will go to support the **RELAY FOR LIFE** American Cancer Society

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# FLMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

## VERHEARD

Congratulations to the 2004 graduates! Education is not the filling pail, but the lighting of a fire. Count no day lost in which you had your turn, took only your share and sought advantage over no

### ibues Given To Mothers At Do Gooders Club Meeting

Opening the program at the Do Gooders' Club meeting Tuesday, May 4 at the Community Center in Flomot, Mrs. Waydette Clay, Mrs. ary Jo Calvert and Mrs. Anna Beth Clay related loving and amusing ibutes to Mothers. Waydette closed the club meeting reciting the words to the song, "Mother" and then had the members join her singing this traditional Mother's Day song.

Mrs. Calvert, president, announced a Work Day to be Monday, May 10 to beautify the landscape around the Community Center. Those unable to work outside would choose fabric designs for the Bazaar quilt at the Center.

Anna Beth and Waydette Clay presided at novel tin appointments and a blue service. They served chips in tin cans, dips in blue bowls, assorted fruit on tin plates and punch in lime green glasses. The table was laid with a lace cloth and centered with hydrangea with large showy clusters of blue and lime green blossoms in a beautiful silvery tin vase. Flickering candles inside tin designed holders added to the well arranged decor.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse was pleased her name was drawn for the hostess raffle gift of two scented candles. Others attending were Mesdames Suzie Shannon, B. Rogers, Geneva Martin, Anna Beth Clay, Kathy Shorter, Mary Jo Calvert, Alma Shorter, Barbara Payne and Waydette Clay. Guest was Mrs. Judy Stark of Whiteface.

### In Critical Condition

Mrs. Edith Washington, a patient at Mangold Hospital in Lockney, is listed in critical condition. At her bedside are son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Max Washington, who left their mobile home in Kentucky with daughter and husband, Laura and Matt Hamilton, and arrived in pickup two weeks ago. Other sons and families with her are Bill D. and Erma Washington and Seab and Dianne Washington of Flomot, her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Light and daughters of Amarillo. Many friends have also visited with the family.

With Mrs. C.W. Starkey, who is in a weakened condition, are daughters, Mrs. Phylis Gladson of Austin, Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, Oklahoma, Mrs. Nola Long of Winnemond, Oklahoma, Mrs. Ersie VanCleave and daughter, Shelly Martenez of Dougherty, sons, Johnnie Starkey and Jack and wife, Nada Starkey of Flomot.

B. and Howard Rogers were guests Mother's Day of son, Donnie Rogers for luncheon in Quitaque. The Rogers other son, Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock had recent detached retina eye surgery in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited the weekend in Clyde with her grandmother, Mrs. Orlie Gray. Joining them there were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray of Fort Worth.

Morris and Lou Degan of Medicine Mound visited Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Leona Dega.

Mrs. Charla Marricle of Snyder and Mrs. Brenda Cruse accompanied their mother, Mrs. Marhelen Wason of Matador to Lubbock Saturday for a Mother's Day luncheon and entertainment. Joining them was her granddaughter, Leah Cruse of Lubbock.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse was in Rising Star during the weekend to observe Mother's day with her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning.

Guests Mother's Day of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were Mrs. Cody Barclay, Ashton and Lane of Borger and Ty Barclay of Matador.

Visiting from Thursday until Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were daughters adn children, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emiklyh and Haley of Petrolia and Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville. Other guests at a pre-Mother's Day dinner Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin and her sister, Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney enjoyed a Mother's Day luncheon in Plainviews, Sunday.

Derrick Cruse, student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, arrived home this weekend for the summer.

Ruth and Orville Lee enjoyed Mother's Day in Lubbock with lunch and entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock visited Mother's Day weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks.

Michale Starkey, of canyon, visited Mother's Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were in Lubbock, Tuesday for him a medical appointment and visited daughter and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley.

Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas visited Mother's Day with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Kathy and Clois Shorter were in Lubbock Sunday to celebrate Mother's Day and her birthday.

The Washington Blue Grass Festival was delcared a success during the weekend. Anita Hunter and Brad Carter of Lubbock served cafe meals at the former Hunter Gin office. Travis and Linda Kendall worked at the concession stand of Dianne and Seab Washington after they were called to, his mother, Edith Washington's bedside Saturday night. The many that attended were pleased with the location and good music provided.

## Open Letter To The Voters Of Hall County

If your are a resident and/or a property tax payer in Hall County we would like for you to be aware of our reasons for running for the Board of Directors of the Hall County Hospital District.

A complete and comprehensive audit of the financial condition of the hospital district should be completed. It should be undertaken by a firm familiar with hospitals, hospital districts and all phases of the medi-care program and located outside of the district. Once this audit is completed it should be made available to any interested individual. In addition, a full disclosure of the current status of the bankruptcy proceedings should be made available to any interested individual.

Every effort must be made to locate a financially stable medical facility which may be interested in working with our district to provide medical services utilizing our current hospital and clinic. We feel that the Childress Hospital District could still be approached with a proposal that might interest them. It is important that some form of medical service be available to each of us locally for, at the very least, emergency treatment. At this time, the newly reorganized ambulance service is a blessing and may be the only emergency treatment service available.

In the event that no other medical facility is interested in the utilization of our existing property then a comprehensive effort should be undertaken to locate an entity that would be interested in the purchase of the property, for any legitimate purpose, in an effort to reduce the existing debt and tax burden.

Finally, it is our opinion that no one should be taxed for the purpose of paying expenses to continue and maintain a facility or entity that provides no service or product. Our children and our grandchildren will continue to pay taxes, unless the existing bankruptcy is satisfied and the issue of the existing hospital, clinic and hospital district is resolved.

We will make every effort to work with the public and to consider any and all suggestions in these matters. We will also disseminate, to the public, all financial matters pertaining to the Hall County Hospital District. We ask for and hope to receive your support in the election on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Don Ferrel  
Zack B. Fisher

(Paid political adv. Paid for by Don Ferrel and Zack B. Fisher)



## Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

Four of my ten projects are done, and I'm well into the other six, but the time I spend cooking dinner still must be kept to a minimum. Whether you are tired or just too busy to spend much time in the kitchen, a 30-Minute Meal will come to the culinary rescue. Try an entire menu, or just one of the easy side dishes or desserts to serve with what you're already fixing.

### Apricot Ham Rolls

1-2/3 cups apricot nectar, divided usage  
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup uncooked Minute Rice  
1 tablespoon dried parsley  
8 thin slices fully cooked ham  
2 tablespoons maple syrup  
In a saucepan over medium heat, combine 1-1/3 cups apricot nectar, mustard, and salt; bring to a boil. Stir in rice. Remove from heat; cover and let stand for 6-8 minutes until liquid is absorbed. Add parsley and fluff with fork. Place about 1/4 cup of the rice mixture on each slice of ham. Overlap two opposite corners of ham over rice mixture. Secure with a toothpick. In large skillet combine syrup and remaining nectar; bring to a boil. Add ham rolls; reduce heat. Cover and simmer about 5 minutes until heated through, basting occasionally with sauce. Remove toothpicks to serve. Serves 4.

### Broccoli Stir-Fry

3 cups fresh broccoli florets  
1/4 cup butter or margarine  
1-1/2 teaspoons lemon pepper  
In a skillet over medium-high heat, stir-fry broccoli in butter and lemon pepper until crisp-tender, about 2-3 minutes. Serves 4.

### Microwave Cherry Crisp

1 can (21 ounces) cherry pie filling  
1/4 cup packed brown sugar  
2/3 cup quick-cooking oats  
1/3 cup flour  
1/4 cup butter or margarine  
Vanilla ice cream, optional  
Spoon filling into greased 9-inch pie plate. In a bowl, combine brown sugar, oats and flour; cut in butter until crumbly. Microwave on high for 12-14 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream, if desired. Serves 4-6.

### Crispy Chicken Cutlets

4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves  
1 egg white  
1/4 cup finely chopped pecans  
3 tablespoons flour  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1 tablespoon butter  
1 tablespoon oil  
Flatten chicken to 1/4 inch thickness. In a shallow bowl, lightly beat egg white. In another shallow bowl, combine pecans, flour, salt and pepper. Dip chicken in egg white, then coat with pecan mixture. In a large skillet, brown chicken in butter and oil over medium heat for 4-6 minutes on each side or until juices run clear. Serves 4.

### Stir-Fried Asparagus

3 tablespoons butter  
1 teaspoon chicken bouillon granules  
1/8 teaspoon each celery salt and pepper  
1-1/2 pounds fresh asparagus, cut into 2-inch slices (4 cups)  
1 teaspoon soy sauce  
In skillet, melt butter. Add bouillon, celery salt, and pepper. Add asparagus and cook for 2 minutes over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally. Stir in soy sauce; serve immediately. Serves 4.

Next week, I'll have more 30-Minute Meals for your busy days, then we'll grill up some Memorial Day food. God Bless America!

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### TEXAS CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

1 TXism: "get to brass tacks"  
5 song: "Texas When..."  
6 TX Roddenberry  
7 Texan or Cowboy objective (abbr.)  
8 Dallas city hall architect: I.M.  
9 purse held while sitting? (2 wds.)  
15 flowerless plant  
18 SMU's Raymond Berry played for  
19 roped  
21 flax plant thread  
22 TX Charley Pride's "Where Do... Memory"  
27 TX Roy Orbison's "The Lonely"  
28 first-born  
29 Conway Twitty's "After the... Gone"  
30 this Field was once Fort Worth airport  
32 this "Teddy" trained his "Rough Riders" in TX (init.)  
33 TXism: "more than you stick at"  
36 TXism: "useless as partly to a pig"  
37 TX bullriding champ Don  
38 TXism: "thing (gadget)"  
39 TXism: "gentle as a horse on a round"  
41 TXism: "couldn't find an egg under a sitting..."

**DOWN**

1 TXism: "don't your own grave"  
2 TX Robby film: "to Billie Joe"  
3 in Runnels Co.  
4 Conway Twitty's "Somebody's"  
8 TX fruit tree  
9 UT has original of  
10 Rangers league (abbr.)  
11 JFK commanded a... Boat  
12 this announcer & Don Drysdale broadcasted 1st Ranger season  
13 surrounded by  
14 "to Texas"  
15 TXism: "he's my own blood" (related)  
16 this Karolyi trained TX Mary Lou Retton  
17 produce a play again?  
18 TXns are subject to search upon  
20 Morton h.s. class  
22 TXism: "will miss it you blink"  
23 short for "picture"  
24 fictional sister of TX Ima Hogg  
25 in Shelby Co.  
26 TX group: "Jim Boyd and... of the West"  
28 "at..." (military command)  
31 TXism: "bring the bacon"  
34 this Blocker designed XIT brand  
35 Houston FM radio  
37 high school BB or PE rooms  
40 this Calhoun was a TXn in "Domino Kid"  
43 ark builder  
44... of vittles  
50 shoestrings  
51 TXism: "happy a kid on Santa's lap"

*Don't be afraid to take a big step when one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small steps.*  
-David Lloyd George

*Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.*  
-Herman Cain

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- Cello Packed Carrots...1 lb..... 2 for \$1<sup>00</sup>
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- Red Ripe Strawberries.....1 lb..... \$1<sup>99</sup>
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6 Pack V8 Cocktail...6 oz cans..... \$2<sup>29</sup>

Gebhardt Regular Refried Beans...15.5-16 oz..... 69¢

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Hunt's Tomato Sauce...8oz.....4 for \$1<sup>00</sup>

Fudge Brownies, Donut Sticks, Zebra Cakes, Filled Chocolate Cupcakes, Honey Buns, Cosmic Star Crunch, Oatmeal Creme Pies, Nutty Bars or SwissCake Rolls Little Debbie Snacks...each..... \$1<sup>00</sup>

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Mama Rosa Assorted Mini Mamas Pizzas...4 ct..... 2 for \$5<sup>00</sup>

Assorted Enchiladas Patio Dinners...12-13 oz..... 79¢

Patio Burritos...5 oz..... 3 for \$1<sup>00</sup>

Select Ice Cream or Fudge Bars Carb Freedom .....6 ct..... \$3<sup>69</sup>

Blue Bunny Assorted Frozen Dessert Carb Freedom ...1/2 gal..... \$3<sup>69</sup>

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# THE PATRIOT

Valley School News

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Menu Subject To Change

### Monday, May 17

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

**Lunch:** Meat & Cheese Nachos, Pinto Beans, Salad, Orange Slices, Milk

### Tuesday, May 18

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

**Lunch:** "CLEAN OUT THE FREEZER DAY", Milk

### Wednesday, May 19

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

**Lunch:** Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Caesar Salad, Mixed Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk

### Thursday, May 20

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

**Lunch:** Fish Sticks, Tartar Sauce, American Fries, Hush Puppies, Fruit, Milk

### Friday, May 21

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

**Lunch:** Ham & Cheese Hoagies, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Chips, Orange Slices, Milk

It's Almost Summertime!!  
THE LUNCHROOM LADIES



L-R: 2004-05 Area Officer Matt Whittington and Greenbelt District President Zack Ramsey.

## Valley FFA Sweeps Greenbelt District Elections

The 2004-2005 Greenbelt District officer elections were held at Memphis High School where Matt Whittington and Zack Ramsey won their respective elections.

Whittington will represent the Greenbelt district of 16 schools, at the Area 1 FFA Convention, to be held at Amarillo Tascosa May 14-15, as the Area Officer candidate.

Zack Ramsey was elected by the district to be the 2004-2005 Greenbelt District President.

Both of these young men will be responsible for coordinating and conducting leadership training for the 700+ members in the Greenbelt district. They will oversee elections at the Area and State FFA Conventions and develop and teach leadership workshops at the Area 1 Leadership Conference to be held at Clarendon College June 20-23.

They will also preside over several District and Area functions throughout the year.

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Name: Anthony Ryan Ortiz

Age: 17

Birthdate: 06-20-86

Place of Birth: Lockney, TX

Parents Name: Rick & Dubelia Ortiz

My Pet Peeve: People who lie to you & you even know they're lying but they still be lying.

My Role Model: Mother

My Best Characteristic: My health

Favorite Pastime: Chillin with my friends

Favorite Style of Dress: Any clothes I like

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Movie: Bad Boys II

My Favorite Sport: Basketball

Favorite Subject: Mrs. Pointer's English

Hobbies: Playing Basketball

If I could travel anywhere, I would go... To Cancun

The best advice I ever received was... Don't take anything for granted, always appreciate what you have & be thankful because things could be worse.

The worst advice I ever received was... They won't find out.

My worst habit is... Biting my nails.

I'm thankful for... My family

If I could change something, it would be... Putting effort into school, instead of barely getting by.

I always fall for... Girls that catch my attention.

My greatest fear is... Losing one of my family members.

Someday I want to... Find a job I'm happy & satisfied with, so money won't be an issue.

My most valued possession... My car

After Graduation I plan to... Further my schooling.



## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Name: Francisco Rodriguez, Jr.

Age: 18

Birthdate: September 16, 1985

Place of Birth: Plainview, TX

Parents Name: Pancho Rodriguez & Juanita Rodriguez

My Pet Peeve: Stupid People

My Role Model: My parents

My Best Characteristic: Being myself

Favorite Pastime: Chilling with my friends having a good time.

Favorite Style of Dress: Casual

Favorite Food: Chicken Fajitas

Favorite Movie: American Wedding

My Favorite Sport: Football

Favorite Subject: English

Hobbies: Playing tennis & working on my truck.

If I could travel anywhere, I would go... To Africa

The best advice I ever received was... Don't ever give up on what your doing.

The worst advice I ever received was... We won't get caught or nobody will find out.

My worst habit is... Picking on Robert.

I'm thankful for... My parents and the friends I have.

If I could change something, it would be... To teach Robert how to spell.

I always fall for... Beautiful legs and a good smile.

My greatest fear is... losing my family.

Someday I want to... Have a big family and lots of friends.

My most valued possession... Would be my family.

After Graduation I plan to... Go to college and have a family and live a good life.



## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Name: Miguel Santos

Age: 19

Birthdate: 07-23-1984

Place of Birth: Mexico

Parents Name: Estela & Abelino

My Pet Peeve: Stupid people

My Role Model: My parents

My Best Characteristic: My eyes

Favorite Pastime: Chillin with friends

Favorite Style of Dress: Don't have one

Favorite Food: Menudo

Favorite Movie: Blood In, Blood Out

My Favorite Sport: Soccerball

Favorite Subject: English

Hobbies: Playing Football.

If I could travel anywhere, I would go... To China

The best advice I ever received was... Never give up

The worst advice I ever received was... We won't get caught.

My worst habit is... Basketball

I'm thankful for... Parents

If I could change something, it would be... Dumb people

I always fall for... A smile.

My greatest fear is... Losing my family.

Someday I want to... A Dad.

My most valued possession... My family

After Graduation I plan to... Go to work.



## WTAMU Offers

### New Student Conferences

### For Beginning Freshmen

Beginning freshmen at West Texas A&M University can get a taste of college life during the University's New Student Conferences.

The conferences are set for June 3-4, June 24-25, July 8-9 and July 29-30 on the WTAMU campus.

A one day conference is scheduled for June 19.

The conferences offer orientation and preregistration opportunities for incoming freshmen and will help new students learn the campus, meet friends and discover resources available at the University.

Registration deadline for the first conference is Thursday, May 27. Those attending must have completed admission requirements, application for admission, ACT or SAT scores, high school transcript and THEA scores or proof of exemption.

For more information about the WTAMU New Student Conference, call 806-651-2833 or 806-651-5287 or visit [www.wtamu.edu/newstudentconference](http://www.wtamu.edu/newstudentconference).



## Katherine Pigg Awarded FFA Foundation Scholarship

Out of 6390 students nation wide, Katherine Pigg of the Valley FFA chapter was one of 1600 recipients to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the National FFA Foundation.

Katherine's scholarship was provided by NAPA Auto Parts. The National FFA Foundation awarded over \$2,000,000 to deserving FFA members in 2004.

These incoming applicants have had to develop a strong resume' over four years of high school membership. The scholarship selection is based on The quality of a students Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (livestock project or work program) as well as involvement in; leadership contests, judging contests, public speaking, livestock shows, community service, agricultural mechanics. The ability of the member to develop and then use leadership skills to help others is the final piece to a strong FFA students' resume'.

The National FFA Foundation encourages the development of leadership, evaluation and critical decision-making skills and the importance of youth being contributing members of their communities.

For more information about local, area, state and national FFA opportunities contact the Valley FFA Chapter at 806-455-1411.

**Brett Schneider's SWEAT WITH SUCCESS Basketball Camp**

Dates: July 5-7, 2004  
Site: Valley High School  
For: Boys and Girls (ages 7-18)

Early Registration: \$75 per camper  
Payment must be received by June 20, 2004.

On-Site Registration: \$85 per camper  
Camp Director: Brett Schneider,  
Associate Head Coach at West Texas A&M

For more information, contact  
Brett Schneider at 806-651-2918 or  
E-mail at [sweatwithsuccess@yahoo.com](mailto:sweatwithsuccess@yahoo.com)  
Contact Coach Greg Ramsey at  
Valley High School for an application.

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**Maynard Leaps To Fourth Place**

Chase Maynard used a career high jump on 42' 7" to place fourth in the Triple Jump at the Class A Region I Track Meet last weekend. Maynard blasted his previous best of 40' 4" as he defeated all three jumpers that he lost to at the Area Meet.

Douglas Payne made his second appearance at the Regional Meet competing in the High Jump and the 110 High Hurdles. Rodney Fuston also competed for the second time in the Shot Put.

"We're proud of these boys," Coach Clay said. "All three of these seniors have had outstanding athletic careers at Valley and superb Senior years. It was a lot of fun to watch Chase put in his best effort at Regional."

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**PRE-K REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2004-2005**

PRE-K REGISTRATION FOR THE 2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE WEDNESDAY MAY 12, 2004. FROM 1:00-3:00 P.M. PLEASE BRING BIRTH CERTIFICATE, SHOT RECORD AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. NEEDS TO BE 4 YRS. OLD BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2004.

**REGISTRACION PARA PRE-K 2004-2005**

LA REGISTRACION DE LOS NINOS DE PRE-KINDER PARA EL ANO 2004-2005 SERA EN LA ESCUELA DE VALLEY EL MIERCOLES 12 DE MAYO 2004. SERA A LAS 1:00-3:00 P.M. POR FAVOR DE TRAER PAPEL DE NACIMIENTO, DE VACUNAS Y SEGURO SOCIAL. NECESITA TENER 4 ANO PARA EL PRIMER DIA DE SEPTIEMBRE 2004

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**Motley County Commissioners Court**

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 After much discussion by the Commissioners Court the motion was made by Commissioner Alexander and seconded by Commissioner Davis to continue to pay the Sheriff's salary at \$24,000. This was done due to the fact, that in the Court's opinion, there was no intent to make a mistake by the Judge or Commissioners' and the Sheriff would be punished unduly if they reduced his salary. Judge Smith is to draft a Court Order #2004-01 to this effect. The vote was 4 in favor and 1 abstained. The motion passed.

The County Clerk requested the Court to reinstall the Warrant System in the County Clerk's office for the Payroll only. This action will take any responsibility off of the Treasurer for issuing the payroll. This motion was approved unanimously by the Court.

Judge Smith then informed the Court that the \$780 for penalty and waivers had been received by the State for County elevator violations. The County has now received their Compliance Certificate. The Court was also informed of an insurance inspection on the counties buildings. Several problems were revealed on various buildings. The major problem being the outdated electrical wiring in the courthouse. The Court was also informed of the Courthouse air-conditioning problems. Judge Smith is to request various prices on the repair.

County Extension Secretary Greta Smallwood met with the Court to present Lonnie Jenschke, Motley County Extension Agent's resignation effective June 1, 2004. He has taken the Extension position in Childress County. Smallwood also presented her letter of resignation effective June 1, 2004. She has represented Motley County and the Extension Service faithfully for 25 years and will be greatly missed. Both resignations were accepted by the Court.

The meeting was then adjourned, as there was no further business.

*(Editor's Note: According to the Open Meetings Act the State Attorney General can only issue an opinion on matters such as these and has no enforcement role. District courts have original jurisdiction over any criminal violation of the Open Meetings Act as misdemeanors involving official misconduct.)*

**Public Hearing Scheduled For Rural & Small Urban Transportation Funding**

TxDOT will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on proposed amendments to Chapter 31, Texas Administrative Code. The proposed amendments affect the state and federal funding formulas used for rural and small urbanized public transportation providers.

The public hearing in our area will be held on June 4, 2004 4 p.m. at the Citibus Transfer Plaza, 801 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas.

Currently, the state and federal formulas allocate funding for public transportation for 40 rural transit providers and 29 small urbanized areas of the state, which accounted for more than 21 million rides last year.

Citizens of Texas are encouraged to provide comments to TxDOT at the public hearing on the proposed amendments. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who need auxiliary aids or services (such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or Braille) are required to contact Ginie Grayson at 512-416-2867 at least three work days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

**Turkey-Quitaque CISD Board Reviews Summer Programs**

The Turkey-Quitaque CISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, April 19, 2004. Present were board members Dusty Hill, Susan Young, Max Meyer, Lisa Campbell and Curtis Scrivner, members Rex Fuston and Belinda Barrett were absent.

In regular business the minutes of the previous meeting were approved, bills were reviewed and approved for payment and the financial report was given.

Since there was no one running against the two Board of Trustee incumbents a motion was passed unanimously to approve an Order of Cancellation of the School Board of Trustee Election.

Student transfers for the 2004-2005 school year were reviewed and approved.

A motion was approved unanimously to approve the contract with Canines of West Texas, drug dog services, for the new school year. Also a purchasing contract with West Texas Purchasing Co-op was approved.

Next Superintendent Jerry Smith explained to the Board the Migrant Summer School Program (SMARTS) and the Reading First Summer School Program.

The Board unanimously approved the First Baptist Church of Quitaque's use of the school gymnasium for an upcoming Youth Rally.

With no further business, the meeting was then adjourned.

**Storm Shelter Funding Announced By USDA Rural Development**

Temple, Texas - USDA Rural Development State Director Bryan Daniel announced today that the Agency is offering low interest Section 504 loans to help finance storm shelters for very-low income homeowners living in rural Texas.

"Severe weather can strike Texas unexpectedly, and with serious personal consequences. As Texans know, violent storms and the unfortunate loss of life underscore the need for improved home safety measures. The installation of an approved storm shelter can provide rural Texans added safety and security," said Daniel.

Eligibility requirements for this program includes a family income of less than 50% of the median income for their respective county, an applicant must live in their own home, and the family must reside in an eligible rural community. The USDA Rural Development financed shelters must also meet Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) standards in design, construction and installation.

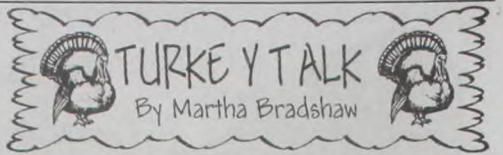
State Director Daniel encourages individuals interested in USDA Rural Development's Section 504 loan program to contact their local office. The USDA Rural Development local office that serves your area can be located at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/officeinfo.htm>.

USDA Rural Development is the economic development agency for USDA, and the lead federal entity for rural development. For additional program information, you may also log onto the state's Rural Development website at: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx).

USDA Rural Development is an Equal Opportunity Lender, Provider, and Employer. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 and includes Business Programs, Housing Programs, and Utilities Programs. Its mission is to use the resources of USDA to provide an improved quality of life for the nation's rural residents.

For more information on USDA Rural Development programs in Texas, check our web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.



On Saturday Night the Psalms IV Gospel Quartet of Amarillo entertained a crowd of about 80 people at the Gem theatre. The show was dedicated to Mrs Therma Farley who had passed away May 8th. at the age of 95. A video of the performance was made and will be given to the Farley family.

The show was well received by the audience. The proceeds benefitted the Turkey Roost Museum.

Nadine Davis went to Amarillo Monday. She come back thru Canyon to visit her sister-in-law Imogene Price.

Belle & Nadine Davis spent Mothers day with Joe, Cheri, & Brody Davis.

Richard, Jannet & David spent Sat. in Amarillo, & Sunday in Childress.

Men of the First Baptist Church are cooking lunch for the ladies Sunday. They do this every year

Clifton and Joy Stodghill, Jimmy Burson, Robert and Billy McPherson, all of Silverton and Louis and Oleta Randell of Turkey, entertained the residents of Prairie House in Plainview Tuesday.

**UNGLUED By Clint Harmon**



*For man, as for flower and beat and bird, the supreme triumph is to be most vividly, most perfectly alive.*

~ David H. Lawrence

*It's not your blue blood, your pedigree or your college degree. It's what you do with your life that counts.*

~ Millard Fuller

*Too often the strong, silent man is silent only because he does not know what to say, and is reputed strong only because he has remained silent.*

~ Winston Churchill

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 Quitaque, Texas  
 Pastor: Glenda Johnson

**SUNDAY**  
 Church School.....9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship.....10:50a.m.  
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Flomot, Texas  
 Pastor: Nathan Mulden

**SUNDAY**  
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
 Discipleship Training...5:00 p.m.  
 Worship.....6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Prayer Meeting.....7:30 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Turkey, Texas  
 Pastor: Samuel Holloway, Plainview, Texas

Pastoral Days: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

**MONDAY**  
 Mission.....4:00 a.m.

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 Prayer Meeting.....8:00 p.m.

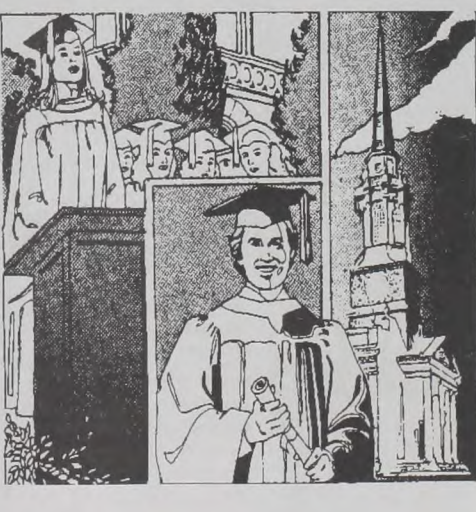
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 Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
 Singing.....5:00 p.m.  
 Training Union.....6:00 p.m.  
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

**MONDAY**  
 Women's Missionary Society.....4:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Prayer Meeting.....8:00 p.m.

*Graduation is the time when students of all ages share the euphoric belief that they have now learned everything they will ever need to know in order to make their way in the world; and this may well apply to English, math, computer technology and whatever can be called finite subjects at the moment. However, it is not true when it comes to learning about our faith, or even the history of it and its effects on the growth of civilization. Faith is a subject about which there will always be something more to learn, because of its application to new problems that continually arise. Our House of worship is the place to learn it, and there is never any graduation from the course. In fact, it's the ongoing story of human progress in all its diversity, and the study of it is as viable and eternally fascinating as life itself.*



**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 Flomot, Texas  
**SUNDAY**  
 Worship.....10:30 a.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 Turkey, Texas  
 Minister: Stuart Smith

**SUNDAY**  
 Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Evening Service.....7:00 p.m.

**GOSPEL LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH**  
 Silverton, Texas  
 Rev. Joyce Greer Cooper

**SATURDAY**  
 Worship.....10:00 a.m.

**FAIRMONT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Fairmont, Texas  
 Pastor: Arnie Smith

**SUNDAY**  
 Worship.....11:00 a.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 Quitaque, Texas  
 Minister: Delos Johnson

**SUNDAY**  
 Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**The Sportsman Cafe**  
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**Valley Farm Store**  
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 Turkey, Texas  
 Rev. Fern Couture

**SUNDAY**  
 Mass.....11:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Bible Study.....7:30 p.m.

**IGLESIA BAUTISTA LA TRINIDAD CHURCH**  
 Quitaque, Texas  
 Pastor: Salvador Bernal

**SUNDAY**  
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Quitaque, Texas  
 Pastor: Jeff Addison

**SUNDAY**  
 Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship.....10:30a.m.  
 Training Union.....5:00 p.m.  
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Mission Program.....5:00 p.m.  
 Prayer Meeting.....6:00 p.m.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Turkey, Texas  
 Pastor: Glenda Johnson

**SUNDAY**  
 Morning Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
 Church School.....10:30a.m.  
 Evening Worship  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.....6:00 p.m.

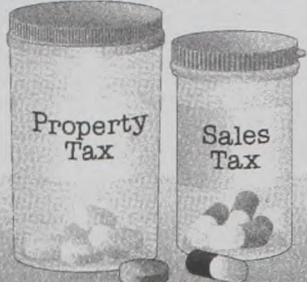
**MONDAY**  
 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
 United Methodist Women.....4:00 p.m.





### The Texas tax total

The total tax burden on Texans in 2002 topped \$55.5 billion. Property taxes made up the largest share, and that share has been growing steadily since 1985.



\* Figure is 2001 local property tax levy collections from which local governments spend in 2002.

SOURCE: Carol Keeton Strayhorn, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Rx PRESCRIPTION			
Type of tax	Amount in billions	Percentage of total taxes	
Property tax	\$25.3*	45.6	
State sales tax	14.5	26.1	
Local sales tax	4.0	7.1	
Other state taxes	11.8	21.2	

Type of taxing unit	Number of units	Tax levy in billions	Percentage of levy
School districts	1,033	\$16.4	60.1
Cities	1,031	4.2	15.3
Counties	254	3.8	14.1
Special districts	1,337	2.9	10.5

### Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted In Hall County

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought and excessive temperatures that occurred from July 1, 2003 and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Hall County, Larry J. Goetze said today.

Hall County is one of the 321 contiguous disaster counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought, high winds and static electricity.

Mr. Goetze said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan need to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Mr. Goetze said. "Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss."

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until October 12, 2004 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Mr. Goetze said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Memphis is open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

### Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted In Motley County

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought and excessive temperatures that occurred from July 1, 2003 and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Motley County, Larry J. Goetze said today.

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"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until December 23, 2004, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Mr. Goetze said.

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### Combs Calls For Specialty Crop Funding From Congress

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced recently that the Texas Department of Agriculture is seeking funding from Congress for a specialty crop block grant program that would boost research and development for specialty crops in Texas and nationwide.

Congress first approved a \$159.4 million specialty crop block grant program in 2001 and those states to administer the program. Texas received \$2.66 million of the funding and put the money to work by launching significant programs and initiatives to assist specialty crop farmers in the state. Based on the success of the original program, state departments of agriculture are calling for additional funding in the fiscal year 2005 Agricultural Appropriations Bill.

"Specialty crop have become increasingly more important to Texas agriculture. We must support this industry and help specialty crop growers help themselves," Combs said. Nationwide, Texas is a top producer of such specialty crops as spinach, watermelons, cabbage, cantaloupes, honeydew melons, onions, carrots, sweet potatoes, bell peppers and cucumbers. Greenhouse and nursery products also are important Texas specialty crops, and they are the second largest agricultural sector, just behind cattle and calves, in our state, earning \$1.3 billion in sales in 2002.

Under a federal law that made the funding available, specialty crops are defined as, "Any agricultural crop, except wheat, feed grains, oilseeds, cotton, rice, peanuts and tobacco."

"I sincerely hope Congress gives this funding its full consideration. It is an investment in not only the economic health of the specialty crop industry but also in the health of the people who consume fruits and vegetables," Combs said. "We must be equipped to remain competitive and ensure that agriculture can continue to feed the world."

### Briscoe County Texas Cooperative Extension News

#### Save Water, Save Money

Conserving water can do more than preserve a natural resource. It can also help consumers save money. The average home uses between 66 and 118 gallons of water every day. The best way to conserve water is to not waste it. Some suggestions for saving water are to limit shower time to four minutes; turn the water off while shaving; and only wash full loads of clothes and dirty dishes. For more information over water conservation visit [fes.tamu.edu](http://fes.tamu.edu) and click on housing and environment.

#### Fit-It-In Exercise Program

"Fit-It-In" is an Extension exercise program aimed at anyone who wants to exercise, but cannot easily fit it into a busy schedule. "Fit-It-In" develops strategies to make time for any type of exercise. There are hidden opportunities every day to be active. For example, participants can walk between loads of laundry. It is also suggested to store regularly used items in out of the way places. Participants will get a work out every time the item is needed.

#### Organic Fire Ant Control

As fire ant mounds continue to pop up, help is only two steps away. The best way to control the red imported fire ant is the Texas Two Step method. This plan follows an integrated pest management approach that involves minimal risk to people, pets, and the overall environment. The first step is to broadcast bait. The bait should contain a food source and an insecticide. This is carried by the worker ants to the rest of the colony, where it becomes a shared food source and kills the entire colony. The second step is to treat mounds individually. Applying a mound drench will provide immediate control but should only be done in mounds around a home's foundation or in high traffic areas.

**Cotton** **PCG** **News**

By Shawn Wade

[www.plainscotton.org](http://www.plainscotton.org)

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

### House Passes School Finance Bill Senate Consideration Moving Forward

The Texas House of Representatives approved its version of school finance reform legislation earlier in the week and placed the onus squarely on the shoulders of the Texas Senate to put together its vision for reform.

Once the Senate's version is completed, the two bodies can begin what may be an even bigger challenge, combining the two bills into a single piece of acceptable legislation.

Several views have been put forth regarding the action taken by the House this week. Some say the stripped down bill is nothing but a "Punt" by the House leadership designed to put the determination of success or failure squarely on the Senate.

Others view the legislation as just a placeholder that will allow House and Senate conference committee members to come together and develop a "real" school finance reform bill outside the environment of an open and contentious floor debate.

Either way all eyes are on the Senate. Agriculture has been a proactive participant in the debate to date and the industry continues to work on behalf of Texas farmers and ranchers to make sure an unfair share of the burden does not get pushed on rural Texas.

Plains Cotton Growers has been a visible part of the coalition through Executive Vice President Steve Verett. Earlier in the week Verett and current PCG Secretary-Treasurer Barry Evans made the rounds at the State Capital in Austin to reiterate the views of the agricultural industry on school finance reform and how the proposals being debated would affect the industry.

While in Austin, Verett and Evans participated in a meeting of the Texas Agricultural Council. They also visited with a number of legislators including Representatives Carl Isett (R-Lubbock) who is a member of the House Public School Finance Select Committee, Pete Laney (D-Hale Center), Rick Hardcastle (R-Vernon) Chairman of the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee, Warren Chisum (R-Pampa), David Swinford (R-Amarillo), Senator Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo), and Senator Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock).

### Voluntary Survey Process Is Basis For Average Price Received Calculation

Anyone trying to keep track of the 2003 Counter-cyclical Program payment calculation have probably developed lots of questions and gotten relatively few answers during the course of the 2003 marketing year. What most have discovered is that it is not nearly as easy a task as they first imagined.

In fact, trying to understand what the figures used to make the calculation really mean involves understanding the landscape in which the figures are sought and then learning more about how they are derived.

The first thing producers need to know is that the Weighted Average Price Received by farmers published by the National Agricultural Statistics Service is not a tally of every bale marketed. In fact, there are no laws or other mechanisms that require the reporting of actual cotton sales information to USDA.

In order to develop this important data the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service must solicit the voluntary cooperation of merchants and marketing associations to submit sales volume and price data as part of a monthly survey process.

Through the years this process has done an excellent job of keeping producers informed. It provides the estimated volume of cotton marketed and the prices paid during the month.

It appears, however, that the 2003 crop is breaking the mold somewhat in that the estimated level of marketings developed through the survey process is lagging the volume of sales indicated by other components of the cotton program.

Of the 18 or so million bales estimated to be produced in 2003, some 14-15 million bales can now be counted as sold and shipped either to domestic end-users or to the export market since the start of the marketing year through the month of March. In contrast the bales estimated to have been marketed by NASS during that same period adds up to just under 10 million bales.

NASS can, and does, adjust the number of bales marketed and the prices received at the end of the marketing year before publishing the final estimate. It is this number that will be used to calculate the final CCP payment rate. Until that time there is really no way to determine what effect any potential adjustments may have.

The 2003 Counter-cyclical payment rate authorized under the 2002 Farm Bill will be based on the 12-month Weighted Average Price Received by growers. For cotton the 12-month weighted Average Price will reflect the estimated price and bales marketed during the 2003 marketing year. The 2003 cotton marketing year began in August 1, 2003 and ends July 31, 2004.

The following table shows the estimated marketings and average priced received each month by farmers and the associated weighted average price based on cumulative bales marketed through March 2004.

Average Price Received Through March 2004 For 2003-crop Upland Cotton				
	Bales Marketed (000's of Running bales)		Prices (cents/Lb.)	
	Monthly	Cum.	Monthly	Weighted
August	420	420	46.30	46.30
September	769	1,189	55.70	52.38
October	1,783	2,972	68.00	61.75
November	1,912	4,884	63.40	62.40
December	1,938	6,822	64.10	62.88
January	1,546	8,368	62.50	62.81
February	1,422	9,790	62.70	62.79
March	167	9,957	59.40	62.74
April	na	na	59.50*	na

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service. \* = preliminary

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## Last Week In Texas History!

**May 6, 1929**  
The first shipment of helium left Amarillo for the Langley Army Station in Virginia.

**May 6, 1910**  
Earl Rudder was born in Eden. He became a general, founder of the Army Rangers, Texas Land Commissioner (1955-1958) and president of Texas A&M University.

**May 7, 1824**  
Mexico established Texas as a province.

**May 8, 1880**  
An election was held to select the seat of government in Armstrong County. The vote was a tie between Claude and Washburn. Col. Charles Goodnight broke the tie in favor of Claude.

**May 8, 1846**  
U.S. troops were victorious over the Mexican Army at Pala Alto, 18 miles west of present-day Brownsville. This was the first battle of the Mexican War.

**May 9, 1849**  
Maj. Ripley Allen Arnold selected the site for Camp Worth which later became Fort Worth.

**May 9, 1846**  
The United States defeated the Mexican Army at Resaca de la Pama and the Mexicans retreated across the Rio Grande River. This was the last battle fought on U.S. soil.

**May 10, 1911**  
Lt. George E.M. Kelly was killed in a plane crash at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. He was the first military pilot to die in an aviation crash. Kelly Air Force Base was named in his honor.

**May 10, 1898**  
The first train from Santa Fe arrived in Amarillo.

**May 10, 1865**  
Confederate Postmaster General John Reagan of Texas was captured along with President Jefferson Davis by Union soldiers at Irwinville, Ga.

**May 11, 1970**  
A tornado struck Lubbock, killing 26 people and injuring over 500. Damage was estimated to be about \$135 million and at the time was the most costly tornado in Texas history.

**May 11, 1900**  
Col. Charles Goodnight owned 36 pure blood buffalo at his ranch near Goodnight. At the time this was over 10% of the total known buffalo in the world.

**May 11, 1865**  
The last battle of the Civil War begins. 150 Confederate Cavalry men were surprised by 300 Union Soldiers at Palmetto Ranch, 12 miles east of Brownsville.

**May 11, 1858**  
Senior Ranger Capt. John S. "Rip" Ford and his company of Texas Rangers discovered a large Comanche Indian camp in Oklahoma Territory.

## Silverton's Bits & Spurs

By Lataine Dillard

Those Power Parachutes who came last week to Mackenzie Lake were from near and far. Charles and Patricia Klinkerman came from Burkburnett. Craig and Cathie McPherson came from Blum. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Jaroaz, Shelby and Toya Marten came from Wichita Falls. Bob and Robin Hawkins came from Claremore, Oklahoma. Tim Payne came from Happy. Scott Pipkin and Bruce DeFoor came from Clovis, New Mexico. Eddie Miller, organizer of the Power Parachutes came from Friona and with him was Keith Blackburn. Jeff and Zanea Carpenter and Kyle and Mandy Whitaker came from Muleshoe. Tery Clarkson came from Cimarron, Kansas. Alvis Moore came from Graham. Ronnie Hamilton came from Abernathy. Steve, Kathleen, Travis, Andy and Jose Arnold came from Johnson, Kansas. Charles Tanner came from close to home, Tulia. They were such a friendly group and some even invited us to come see them. We look forward to having them here again next year and hope for good flying weather.

Juanita Howard called last Thursday with a great idea. She said there used to be some beautiful vases on Main Street filled with plants. She was wondering where those vases were and if we might get them back. Juanita and some other folks would like to make our town beautiful with flowers and plants at the courthouse. We have some dedicated individuals who want this. Call Juanita if you can help locate these vases.

I'm so glad to have my cataract removed from my right eye!! It is great to see plainly now. I did not realize that it was shutting out the light in my eye!! Now I can see so well and wow!! the light is so bright!! I just praise the Lord for this. My father in law, John Wesley Dillard had a cataract removed in the 60's or early 70's. He had to lie still for 24 hours and then had to wear thick glasses because they did not implant lenses then.

Doris Grimland Yates is at the Tulia Hospital and invites everyone to come visit her. Luree Burson was to come home on Monday. I went over with Lottie on Saturday and met Iwana Monroe too. She is a neat lady!

Lallie Patton's birthday party was very nice. I met her daughter in law, Mary Jane West Patton. She told me she was friends with Jack's brothers Ronald and Donald. Lallie's sister is very sweet. She reminds me of Lallie. Lallie is now 90!! She is a fantastic lady!! I got to see Brenda's mother Elsie Cornett there too and she is quite a lady too. What a sweet family!!

Elzora Gallington was given an 86th birthday party on Saturday too. Wow!! She has a nice big family! She was having lots of fun. She told Lottie and me that she used to think her folks were old and she said, "Now I'm at that place." She is doing very well now.

Julia Couch drove over from Plainview to spend Mother's Day with her mom, Glenda Couch and go to church with her and Bud. Julia told us a worm got into the computer at Excel and knocked out computers from here to Australia!! She worked 70 hours last week trying to get everything back online and going. Julia works the sound system in her church at Plainview.

Mother's Day is a great day!! You get to talk with or see your children and that's what it is all about anyhow. Wyoming and Washington, D.C. is so far away. I really miss our two daughters and their families.

The couple was 85 years old, and had been married for sixty years. Though they were far from rich, they managed to get by because they watched their pennies. Though not young, they were both in very good health, largely due to the wife's insistence on healthy foods and exercise for the last decade. One day, their good health didn't help when they went on a rare vacation and their plane crashed, sending them off to Heaven. They reached the pearly gates, and St. Peter escorted them inside. He took them to a beautiful mansion, furnished in gold and fine silks, with a fully stocked kitchen and a waterfall in the master bath. A maid could be seen hanging their favorite clothes in the closet. They gasped in astonishment when he said, "Welcome to Heaven. This will be your home now." The old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost. "Why, nothing," Peter replied, "remember, this is your reward in Heaven." The old man looked out the window and right there he saw a championship golf course, finer and more beautiful than any ever-built on Earth. "What are the greens fees?" grumbled the old man. "This is heaven," St. Peter replied. "You can play for free, everyday." Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch, with every imaginable cuisine laid out before them, from seafood to steaks to exotic deserts, free flowing beverages. "Don't even ask," said St. Peter to the man. "This is Heaven, it is all free for you to enjoy." The old man looked around and glanced nervously at his wife. "Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods, and the decaffeinated tea?" he asked. "That's the best part," St. Peter replied. "You can eat and drink as much as you like of whatever you like, and you will never get fat or sick. This is Heaven!" The old man pushed, "No gym to work out at?" "Not unless you want to," was the answer. "No testing my sugar or blood pressure or..." "Never again. All you do here is enjoy yourself." The old man glared at his wife and said, "You and your bran muffins. We could have been here ten years ago."

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**Psalm IV Concert Draws Large Crowd At Gem Theatre**

By Margie Pinkerton

The Psalms IV concert was a great success. We had around sixty in attendance and everyone truly enjoyed themselves. The group took our requests a step further, they made sing along booklets to be passed out and invited everyone to join in the singing. As a tribute to the life of Therma Farley they dedicated "Because He Lives" in her memory. The museum appreciated everyone who supported us in this effort.

The toughest thing about success is that you've got to keep on being a success. Talent is only a starting point in business. You've got to keep working that talent.  
- Irving Berlin

Goals...There's no telling what you can do when you get inspired by them. There's no telling what you can do when you believe in them. There's no telling what will happen when you act upon them.  
- Jim Rohn

The important thing to recognize is that it takes a team and the team ought to get credit for the wins and the losses. Successes have many fathers, failures have none.  
- Philip Caldwell

**American Cancer Society Helps On Local Level To Benefit Our Neighbors**

In July of 2003 I received the news that I had cancer of the colon. Of course you always think the worst when we hear that dread word, "Cancer!" When I went to the specialist in Amarillo, they suggested that I have chemo as well as radiation. They told me that even 5 years ago I would not have had a choice of treatment, it would have had to have been radical colon surgery with a colostomy for the rest of my life. But thanks to the research being done constantly there are now other choices.

The chemo was a continuous flow type and the radiation was for 32 treatments. I drove back and forth to Amarillo as long as I was able to do so but when I could no longer do it for myself, friends stepped in and took me to get the radiation. The last weeks of the radiation, I stayed with my son and his wife and they took me for the treatments as they live closer to Amarillo than we do. But still, friends drove me to meet them at Amarillo and came and got me on Fridays that I would be able to spend the weekend at home with my husband. During this time I was told about a program that the American Cancer Society has to help out those that are unable to drive to the cancer centers for their treatments that would pay volunteers for their driving patients to and from the treatment center. Since my husband does not drive in Amarillo, this was my only option, to have someone drive me up there.

The American Cancer Society paid these volunteers for transporting me to and from the cancer center in Amarillo. These lovely people will never know how very much I and my family appreciated their time and effort in helping me out. And I so appreciated the American Cancer Society providing funds to these volunteers for their great effort.

Transportation is just one of the many services that are available through the American Cancer Society. If you qualify, they can also furnish rooms near the cancer centers so that you will not have to travel back and forth each day for your treatments. They furnish wigs free of charge for those in need of them. They will provide ostomy supplies, comfort pillows and blue pads or other materials related to rehabilitation programs for cancer patients.

They also assist cancer patients with home medical equipment in area of Texas where there is a local licensed, equipment company. All of this is in addition to all the research that is going on constantly to help find a cure for this dread disease.

I have much to be thankful for friends, family, medical research that will one day conquer this dread disease, cancer, not to mention all the many prayers that were lifted in my behalf for my recovery. My last CAT scan showed no cancer cells anywhere. So as you can see I have much to be thankful for!

Eunice McFall  
Cancer Survivor  
Quitaque, Texas

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