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## Clarendon College Offers Entrance Exam For Vocational Nursing Program

Clarendon College is offering an entrance test for individuals interested in applying for admission into the Vocational Nursing Program. The first test was on Wednesday, July 7th. Other test dates for the TEAS will be July 13th and August 23.

Cost for the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is \$40 and will be given at the Vocational Nursing Program classroom located at 313 South Kearney. Achieving a passing score on the TEAS is one of the admission requirements for the program and individuals may only take the test a maximum of two (2) times. Test times are by appointment only!

Vocational Nursing is a one-year program being offered in Clarendon. Satisfactory completion of the program entitles the student to receive a Certificate of Completion and to take the examination required by the State Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse in the state of Texas.

To register for the TEAS test or for more information about Clarendon College Vocational Nursing Program, contact Sharron Rust at (806) 874-3571.

## Quitauque Vandals Break Into Pickup

Jon Pigg of Quitauque reported that on Monday, June 29 vandals broke out a side window of his '93 Chevy pickup, which was parked at his shop in downtown Quitauque. The vandals stole approximately \$500 of large hand wrenches and a satellite GPS antenna.

Jeff Fuston, Briscoe County Sheriff was contacted this week concerning the incident. No report was available from his office concerning this matter as of press time.

## Valley Calendar of Events

### July 8

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

### July 12

\* Quitauque's Weight Watchers meeting @ 5:45 p.m.

\* Weigh-In @ 5:15 p.m.

\* Valley School Board meeting

\* Quitauque City Council meeting @ 5 p.m.

\* Quitauque Fire Department meeting

\* Turkey Lions Club meeting @ 7 p.m.

\* Briscoe County Commissioners Court @ 10 a.m.

\* Hall County Commissioners Court @ 10 a.m.

\* Motley County Commissioners Court @ 10 a.m.

### July 13

\* We the Women meeting @ 12 noon

### July 14

\* Quitauque EMT meeting

## THE CAPROCK CAFE

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The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD



Participants in the Turkey Library Summer Reading Program enjoyed a hot dog picnic at the Turkey City Park last Wednesday as a reward for all of the books read during June.

## Turkey City Council Meets In Regular & Special Session In June

The Turkey City Council met June 10 in regular session. Present were Mayor Pat Carson, Council members Homer Hawkins, Doyle Dean Proctor, Brian Wheeler, Brenda Seymour, Mary Fierro, City Manager Jerry Landry, City Secretary Gail Hanna and guests Gary Johnson and Bryan Grimes, of Grant Works.

After attending to regular monthly Council business the following items voted on by the Council:

\* The Council reviewed Ordinance #0106 concerning drilling water wells in the City limits. The Council voted to allow Gary Johnson to drill a well on his property.

\* The Council voted to hire Grant Works to write grants for the City.

\* The Council voted to reject all property bids and to place the bids in the paper again. All bids received will be opened at the special meeting to be held on June 29.

\* The Council voted to table property and liability insurance decisions until the next meeting.

\* The Council voted to accept the engagement letter from Gordon Maddox to perform City audits.

Special Session, June 29

The Turkey City Council met in special session on June 29. Present were Mayor Pat Carson, Council members Doyle Dean Proctor, Brian Wheeler, Brenda Seymour and Mary Fierro, City Manager Jerry Landry, City Secretary Gail Hanna, guests Cody Bell and Bryan Grimes.

After the meeting was called to order Justice of the Peace Cody Bell administered the oath of office to Mayor Pat Carson and Council members Brenda Seymour and Mary Fierro.

The Council then attended to the following business:

\* The Council voted to approve a resolution of the City of Turkey authorizing the award of 'service provider' contracts for the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP), contingent upon the receipt of a TCDP Grant award.

\* The Council voted to accept the property bid of Albert Greene for lots 4,5,6 & E 1/2 of 7, Block 7, Hillcrest Addition, Turkey, TX

\* The Council voted to accept the property bid of Keith Lane for lot 3, Block 7, Hillcrest Addition, Turkey, TX.

\* The Council voted to close the south end of Riona Street.

\* The Council voted to accept a resolution creating a Capitalization Policy for the Capitol Assets of the City of Turkey.

The meeting was then adjourned.

## DOVE HUNTING, TEXAS STYLE

Fast-flying dove are a fickle lot as every wing-shooter knows. They're often here today in droves ahead of early autumn cold fronts and gone tomorrow by the time the dew dries.

But Rob Hailey, a Shackelford County rancher, has learned to entice the birds to linger on his place, and he's cashing in on that knowledge.

"It boils down to the same old 'food, water and habitat' mantra," said Hailey. "There's nothing new there. The real secret is to enhance each of these factors to the point that the birds actually want to stay here rather than migrate."

Rocky Vinson, Texas Cooperative Extension agriculture agent in Shackelford County, works closely with Hailey. He said Hailey knows what it takes to attract and keep doves on a place.

"He's observed them for years," said Vinson. "His dove hunting operation is not the usual brief field-hunting scheme many farmers offer following grain harvest. Hailey actually manages for the birds year-round along with his other wildlife ventures of deer, quail and Rio Grande turkey."

"He's a manager who meets the birds' needs by making good use of the natural and material resources he has on hand," said Vinson. "He's the most innovative person I know. He plants about 400 acres in food plots annually to try and meet the doves' needs all year. But he also relies heavily on the forbs seeds found naturally in the soil. He 'activates' croton, ragweed, snow-on-the-mountain and other plants whose seeds doves love by disking strips, or what he calls 'zigzags' through the rangeland. These zigzags done in late winter along with roadside disking, stimulate germination and result in an explosion of natural dove fodder. The birds greatly benefit, and Hailey is not out much more than a little fuel and tractor-time."

"By studying the habits of doves, he's figured out the birds like to rest and roost in large dead trees. So he has killed many mesquites that border his food plots and left them standing for the doves' use. He's even strung artificial 'power lines' near sunflower patches because he noticed the birds love to rest and stage on the real thing before they begin to feed. It's this type of attention to detail that has made Hailey's wildlife venture the success it is."

Hailey is also a big proponent of providing water for the birds. He's made and installed shallow concrete troughs 50 feet from the 21 livestock water troughs on the place.

These bird troughs are 2 feet square with a water-holding depression formed with an old, worn 22-inch disk from a harrow. These are located on the east side of a bush or tree which gives the birds some protective cover and helps shade the water from the hot afternoon summer sun.

Hailey said people often wonder why the birds can't drink from the livestock troughs.

"The cattle trough is too high for the baby, not-able-to-fly-yet birds," he said. "And when they are able to fly up to the rim of the cattle trough, they might fall in and drown. So I designed the shallow bird waterer to be fed from the cattle trough at ground level. This setup has worked very well. They are used a lot by all types of wildlife." Hailey's September dove hunts are on weekends. The place is then rested during the week to give the birds time to settle down and return to the area. Most of these hunts are comprised of business firms entertaining clients and personnel. There may be as many as 70 people involved in one weekend. Hailey also hosts a youth hunt the first weekend of October.

"The kids are screened through a rather intensive process and must be certified through the hunter safety course," said Hailey. "A parent must accompany the youth and be side by side with them at all times while they are in the field. No hunting is allowed by the parent the first evening. The following day, both parent and child can hunt together."

The 2,500-acre ranch is located 15 miles northeast of Abilene in western Shackelford County. The property was originally owned by Hailey's grandfather. It's been in the family for more than 100 years. It and two adjoining sections he and his wife, Jo, lease were once a cattle operation. Today the only cattle on the place are longhorn steers kept mainly for aesthetics. The ranch is now managed for a balance of game and non-game birds and deer, a challenge Hailey said is much more enjoyable than the cattle business.

Hailey tries to attend every Extension and Natural Resources Conservation Service meeting he can. "These folks have helped me a lot," he said. "There is always something to be learned. If I believe something I've heard will work, I will try it. Both agencies have been helpful in planning and executing prescribed burns and plant identification. They're also good sounding boards for ideas I might have. They are a great tool and resource for me and my operation."

To learn more about Hailey's operation and other innovative dove-related ventures, attend one of a series of Dove Symposiums in August. Dates and the general locations are: -Aug. 12-13 in Wichita Falls; -Aug. 19-20 in Coleman; and -Aug. 26-27 in Uvalde.

The symposiums are sponsored by Extension, Texas Wildlife Association of Texas, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and Dove Sportsman Society. Co-sponsors are Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society and Texas Farm Bureau.

For more information on the dove symposiums, check out <http://texnat.tamu.edu>, contact the Extension office in any of the host counties or Dr. Dale Rollins at (325) 653-4576.

## Delinquent Taxpayers List From Briscoe County Tax Appraisal District Is On Page 6

## Briscoe County Commissioners Court Discusses Selling County Owned Land

Briscoe County Commissioners Court met in regular session on June 14. Present were County Judge Wayne Nance, Commissioners, Terry Grimland Pct #1, Danny Maynard Pct #2, Larry Comer Pct #3, Gary Weaks Pct #4 and County Clerk Bena Hester.

Along with attending to regular monthly Court business the Court attended to the following business:

\* Bill Smith, County Attorney, presented an overview to the Court on the procedure of selling County owned land and the procedure for attaching restrictions. The Court decided to table advertising any County owned land for sale at this time.

\* The Court voted to restrict parking on the north side of the Courthouse with the details to be worked out by the County Judge, County Attorney and the County Sheriff. When prepared, the new rules are to be published in the local newspapers.

\* The Court will consider the dispatch fee paid to the Tulia Police Department at the upcoming budget hearings.

\* The Court voted to replace 1/2 of the sidewalk on the west side of the Courthouse and 150 ft. of the north side.

\* The Court voted to have Secure Tech, Systems, Inc. install a security system in the courthouse. The system is to be paid for out of Courthouse security funds.

\* The Court voted to approve a private work contract #04-010 for Eddie Roderick located in Pct. #1.

The meeting was adjourned after completion of the above stated business.



## Silverton's Bits & Spurs

By Lataine Dillard

It is really awesome to be in the birthplace of our country!! Washington D.C!! Just hearing the name makes me feel patriotic. It is such an honor to be a citizen of the United States of America!!!

Faith was driving into the city to work at George Washington University Hospital where she spent her medical residency. She has, as of June 30, finished and has been hired at Reston Hospital, about ten minutes away. She no longer has to get on the Beltway that goes around D.C or get on the toll road to go to work. Even though it was only 30 miles, the traffic is sometimes so bad that it may take more than an hour to get to where you are going.

I rode in with her on one of her work days. She said that was good since she could take the HOV lane and get out of a lot of traffic. That is High Occupancy Vehicle which means there is more than one person in the car. We arrived in D.C. in about an hour. We had a quick breakfast and then parted for the day.

I had a metro ticket, the high speed trains that go under or above ground at times. I got off at Union Station, only about four blocks from the capital building. I stopped at the Supreme Court building first. There was a lecture about the building and the meeting of the highest court in the land. They hear cases from October until April and then hand down decisions from April through June. There are sometimes over 8000 a year submitted to the court. Every member reads all these cases to see if they are worthy of hearing in court. There are lawyers who review all these and research them and then they present them. There is a pro and con lawyer. When your case is being heard, you may come to the court. Sometimes, when it really concerns a lot of people, which I suspect is most of the time, people will sometimes sleep outside to get in the next morning.

After this I went to the Dirksen Building to see if I could visit with Kay Bailey Hutchinson. Since she is the senior majority leader, she was very busy so I signed her book and talked with Ann, one of her gals. She gave me literature and let me make some phone calls. I stopped for a mid-morning snack in the basement restaurant is.

Next I went to the Sam Rayburn Building where Mack Thornberry and Randy Naughabauer is located. Mack was not in as they were taking a vote, but Randy was in for a minute. He welcomed me in and the girls took a picture of me with him. He chatted for a minute, but had to go vote also. He is a very nice person. I had lunch in the courtyard.

You can walk under ground from this building to the Longworth building where other congressmen and representatives are. In each of the buildings, when I saw the Texas flag flying, I stopped to visit. I really enjoyed visiting with Dee Buchanan who is an aide to Ron Eaasterling. Dee is Riley Byers cousin. He said he was going home to Lubbock that weekend for a visit.

I walked to the National Gallery of Art and looked for awhile. It was nearing five when I stopped at the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden. My feet were kinda tired as I had already walked over 11 miles. I thought how I would love to put my feet in that huge fountain. And then I saw them!! Some youth had their feet in it!! Figuring the kids did, and that I was a senior citizen, surely they would let me do it. It felt so good!!

It was fun, but time to leave, so I rode the Metro back to WHO to ride home with Faith. Will write again next week!! God still reigns!!!

## TURKEY TALK

By Martha Bradshaw

Visiting Gladys Hanna last week were brother-in-law, Clifton Hanna, Wichita, KA, her sister Colleen Stone, Lubbock and friend Bea until Monday. All attended the Jamboree and cookout Sunday night and played games.

Nadine Davis took Belle Davis to the doctor in Plainview last week. The Dr. gave Belle a shot in her knees to help relieve the pain.

Nadine went to Childress the 4th to visit her Aunt, Uncle, and Cousins for the day.

Jimmy Robertson of Amarillo visited his mother, Dessie Mae over the weekend. They went out to eat and visited the graveyard.

Visiting J & Martha Bradshaw over the weekend were J's daughter and husband, Bylnda and Duncan Hare and daughter Christina from Plano and J's son David Bradshaw and friend Victoria from Dallas.

Clara Mae and J Royce Bradshaw were here Saturday eve to attend J's birthday dinner at Hotel Turkey.

Rex, Charmaine, Aaron and Ashley Adamson from Lubbock and Charles and Karen Moore from Childress visited this past weekend with Mr. & Mrs. James Fuston and family.

Visiting in the home of Izell Proctor over the 4th of July holiday were Lesa & Dwayne Proctor of Wolforth, Alvin, Georgia and Scott Proctor of Tulia, Justin, Cindy and Garrett of Oklahoma City, Lee, Lesa, Sam and Alison of Amarillo, Wes, Tammy, Kinsley and Kailey of Childress, Kirk and Lesa Proctor of Amarillo, Lowell and Sue Proctor and Gail Hanna of Turkey.

Lacy Shannon was the winner of the Fire and Ice Grill and Frank Cruz the Lawn Furniture given away at the Fire Dept's Cookout the 4th.

Volunteers needed to help with the Highway 86 Ozark Trail Christmas lights theme planned for December 11, 2004. Contact Marjorie Bell for more information.

Gary Johnson and Carolyn Oper had dinner with Manard and Brenda Johnson in Connecticut July 1st. They safely arrived at Bangor, Maine.

Brent and Jana Guest hosted a birthday party for granddaughter Elise Grimland. She came from Utah to celebrate her first birthday. Those attending were her parents Amy and Jeff Grimland, her granddad Lyn Payne and great-grandmother Ernestine Payne, great-grandparents Betty and G.P. Driskill, Jason Payne and Misty Wilkinson.

Approximately 160 people attended the Jamboree Saturday night - a record crowd. Cory Multer from Garden City won the \$50 for the favorite entertainer for the evening. If you missed the jamboree, you missed a good one. The Jamboree will be at the Gem Theatre August and September.

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~ Douglas Adams

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R.B. Gafford - Floydada  
Joyce Smith - Roaring Springs

## July Non-Local Subscriptions Due

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JULY 5	94	67	.....
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JULY 7	88	68	.....

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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Tim Brown
- July 9**  
Wes Musgrave
- July 10**  
Phillip Hancock, Joe Taylor, Tucker Lowrance, Christine Gilbert
- July 11**  
Narciso Hinojosa, Richard Castillo, Megan Whittington
- July 12**  
Clay Lowrance, Lucy Jenkins, Mary Dowd, Guy Young
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Billie Jeane Griffin, James L. Kimbell
- July 14**  
Theresa Clinton, Kevin Henry, Jerry Bob Smith, Paula Scoggins
- July 15**  
Ora Lee King, Doyle D. Proctor, Inetha Blankenship, Ruby King, Macy Valdez

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- July 8**  
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## Look Who's New



### Frank Joseph Bellino

Frank Joseph Bellino proudly wears his Turkey Tee-Shirt. Frank Joseph is the grandbaby of R.J. & Marion Kalafus of Turkey. Frank Joseph is the son of Joseph & Maria Bellino of Bronxville, NY. He was born on June 1, 2004

## Turkey Roost Museum News

By Margie Pinkerton

Work is continuing on the bathrooms at the museum. We are making room for more displays and have had several new items donated to the museum. We have received several more family histories. Visitors this week were from Lockney, Denver, CO and North Carolina. The visitors from Denver, CO were looking for information regarding their father who was born in Turkey but left in 1909. The couples from North Carolina were on their way to the Grand Canyons and were directed to Caprock Canyons State Park. They stopped in Turkey because they thought it was a pretty place.

One thing life has taught me: if you are interested, you never have to look for new interests. They come to you. When you are genuinely interested in one thing, it will always lead to something else.  
~ Eleanor Roosevelt

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# FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

## OVERHEARD

Change is what keeps the world going. However, when faced with a change of one sort or another, we have different reactions. Sometimes we embrace it, especially if it is something that we have been hoping and praying for. Eagerly we say, "Atlast!" At other times, we are not ready for a change; things seem to be fine as they are and we do not want to rock the boat. Change comes along anyhow.

### Motley County Had Good Rainfall and Escaped Hail Storms In June

The month of June entered with rain and made a departure with rain. Recent rainfall has covered dryland acreage in Motley County. Even after hail and strong winds inflicted severe crop damage in portions of northern High Plains, Dougherty and South Plains, standing feed and cotton acreage in Motley County is heading into July.

Above average rainfall for June was reported by Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 7.70; Kelly Meyer, Matador 7.52; Betty Simpson, Northfield 7.10; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat 6.85 and Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot 10.27 inches.

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Natalia and Brooke Rogers of Williamsburg, Virginia are visiting their father, Donnie Rogers and grandparents, B. and Howard Rogers. Mrs. Keri Schon and son, Brian of Ropesville visited overnight Thursday with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin.

Kendal Hughes, daughter of Tasha and Rickey Hughes of Floydada, visited last Friday and Saturday with her grandparents, Janice and Butch Hughes. Janice and Butch enjoyed the Fireworks in Turkey Saturday night.

Mrs. Aleda Ross had a medical appointment in Lockney, Saturday and continued to Plainview to attend business.

Visiting Danielle Gwinn and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn Saturday night was Kortni Carnes of Turkey and Visiting Wednesday night was Katie Fuston of Turkey.

Flomot residents attending the beautiful Fire Works Display at Jackie and Terry Sperry's in Quitaque Saturday night where Linda and Travis Kendall, Melissa and Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob; Will and Callie Sperry, Blayne, Savannah and Gage; Shawn Williams, Kelby and Pecos; C.L. Hawkins, D.D. Payne, Laura, LaRissa and Leslie; Carolyn and Arnold Johnson and Junior and Barbara Payne.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Billie D. Washington Sunday and celebrating July 4th were Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock, Tim and Deana Washington of Roaring Springs and Mrs. Lacy Clarey, Caleb, Kenzie and Mickey of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shannon had a fun filled cook out and Fire Works Display at their home Saturday night. Many relatives and friends attended.



Abilene, TX - July 7, 2004 - Logsdon Leadership Scholars were honored by Terry Hamrick at the recent Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly, June 24-26, in Birmingham, Alabama. Shown with Hamrick (at left) are Marnie Sellers, Danyel Rogers, Walt Henson, Brian Edwards, and Alan Rogers. Logsdon School of Theology is a part of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. (Photo by Janie Sellers)



## Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

I got two new recipes from an exceptionally good friend bring a dish dinner on July 4. If you're planning a cookout, try Southwestern Ribs with a Rub for the main dish. A zippy sauce over a well-seasoned rub makes these ribs a spicy delicacy. Four pounds of ribs makes about six servings, but the recipe can be easily doubled or even tripled for company or great leftovers.

### Southwestern Ribs With a Rub

- 4 cups mesquite wood chips
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1/2 cup light Karo
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 2 tablespoons prepared mustard
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoons coarse black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 4 pounds pork loin back ribs

**1 recipe Rib Rub**  
At least 1 hour before grilling, soak mesquite chips in water to cover. Drain before using. In a medium saucepan combine ketchup, Karo, sugar, onion, vinegar, mustard, Worcestershire, garlic, black pepper, Tabasco, chili powder and cayenne. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, for 25-30 minutes until thickened, stirring occasionally. Mix Rib Rub (recipe follows) and rub evenly on ribs. In a grill with a cover arrange preheated coals around a drip pan. Test for medium heat above the pan and adjust coals as necessary. Sprinkle half the chips over coals. Place ribs, bone side down, on grill rack over drip pan. Cover and grill for 1 1/2 to 2 hours or until ribs are tender, brushing once with sauce the last 10 minutes of grilling. Add more coals and chips as needed. Reheat the remaining sauce and serve with ribs. Serves 6.

### Rib Rub

In a blender container combine 2 teaspoons each dried rosemary, crushed; dried thyme, crushed; dried minced onion; and dried minced garlic; 1 teaspoon coarse salt; and 1/4 teaspoon black pepper. Cover and blend until coarsely ground. This rub is also good on pork chops.

### Marble Pound Cake

3 cups sifted cake flour  
2 cups sugar  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
1-1/2 cups Crisco butter flavored shortening  
1/2 cup milk  
6 large eggs  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
1/2 cup Hershey's chocolate syrup  
Combine first 8 ingredients in a large mixing bowl; beat at low speed with an electric mixer until blended. Beat at high speed 20 minutes. (Yes, it really says 20 minutes.) Combine 1 cup batter and chocolate syrup; set aside. Divide remaining batter in half; pour one portion into a greased and floured 12-cup Bundt pan or 10-inch tube pan. Spoon half of reserved chocolate batter on top; repeat layers. Gently swirl batter with a knife. Bake at 350° for 1 hour; cover loosely with foil after 50 minutes to prevent excess browning. Cool in pan on a wire rack 10 minutes; remove from pan and allow to cool completely on wire rack. Serves 16.

It's garden vegetable time, so in the next few weeks, I'll give you some new recipes I have to use that great bounty. I have only tomatoes, squash and quay growing this year, but I'll include some ideas for other crops, too. If you did not do it on July 4, please remember our troops. God Bless America!

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**ACROSS**

- 1 TXism: "ain't" \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 TXism: "useless as a saddle on \_\_\_\_\_"
- 6 Livingston is seat of this county
- 7 TX \_\_\_\_\_ Stevenson sang "My Maria"
- 8 TXism: "gave \_\_\_\_\_ song and dance"
- 9 TXism: "close but no cigar"
- 15 famous '50s Dallas stripper Candy
- 16 TXism: "he's too lazy to \_\_\_\_\_"
- 19 buildings style at Fair Park (2 wds.)
- 21 "Beaver's" brother
- 22 stout-bodied beetles
- 27 a brother of TX "Hoss" on Bonanza
- 28 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ than a boarding-house cat"
- 29 TXism: "a mess of"
- 30 Kay Hutchison title
- 32 "my" south of the border
- 33 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ a snake's belly" (scoundrel)
- 36 Metroplex sports-caster Hitzges
- 37 TX Vikki Carr's "With \_\_\_\_\_ In Hand"
- 38 "permanent" TX professors
- 39 shattering
- 41 "King" Cole
- 42 TX Renaissance Festival re-enacts medieval
- 45 TXism: "hard as putting tooth \_\_\_\_\_ back into the tube"
- 46 volcanic residue
- 47 TX Sonny Davis starred in "Last Night in the Alamo"
- 48 TX "Turtle Lady" Loetscher
- 49 San Antonio's Japanese sister city
- 52 TX Nokona baseball gloves are \_\_\_\_\_ by hand
- 53 TXns like it iced
- 54 abbr. for division in a TX PD
- 55 former regional TV network that aired TX sports

**DOWN**

- 1 Buffalo \_\_\_\_\_ TX
- 2 "bear" south of the border
- 3 TX historian Frank X. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ out of water"
- 8 4th planet from the sun
- 9 Gov. Ann T-shirt: "\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_"
- 10 "hasta \_\_\_\_\_ vista"
- 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Vernon, TX (abbr.)
- 12 TX John Garner said being VP "isn't worth a bucket \_\_\_\_\_"
- 13 bed support
- 14 TX fair favorite: "\_\_\_\_\_ O-Whirl"
- 15 baseball great who inspired TX Didrickson's nickname
- 16 look over quickly
- 17 light bulb wire
- 18 doc's needle
- 20 this Barbara was TX Hagman's "Jeannie"
- 22 this Garvey got a lot of hits off Astro pitching (init.)
- 23 this Farley started TX's Boy's Ranch
- 24 TXism: "got \_\_\_\_\_ of corn to shuck"
- 25 in Runnels Co. on hwy 67
- 26 TX Stadium, et al
- 28 TXism: "no hill \_\_\_\_\_ stepper"
- 31 TXism: "it belongs \_\_\_\_\_ and the bank"
- 34 TX historian \_\_\_\_\_ Fehrenbach
- 35 TX Buck's "\_\_\_\_\_ Haw"
- 37 leaning tower city
- 40 angel ring
- 43 this Cortez started TX Hispanic radio
- 44 store offer: "mix \_\_\_\_\_"
- 50 Gettysburg general
- 51 what TX Janis Joplin died of (abbr.)

If there is anything that we wish to change in the child, we should first examine it and see whether it is not something that could better be changed in ourselves.  
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"The voluntary Grassland Reserve Program helps preserve and conserve our nation's grasslands by providing financial and technical assistance to the landowners," said Joe Potter, County Executive Director for the Briscoe County FSA Office.

Grasslands eligible for enrollment in this program may be native grassland, improved rangeland or improved pastureland. Other acreage which may qualify for enrollment includes land containing forbs or shrubs, or land located in an area historically dominated by grassland. Offers for participation in GRP must include 40 or more contiguous acres.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will evaluate each offer and rate the eligibility of the land according to specific criteria, including current vegetative cover, susceptibility to urban sprawl, and the potential for conversion to cropland. Landowners whose applications are selected for enrollment in GRP will receive assistance to support grazing operations, to increase and maintain plant and animal biodiversity, and to protect grass and range lands under the greatest threat of conversion.

Payment on approved applications will be administered through local FSA offices.

For more information regarding GRP and other FSA programs, contact the Briscoe County FSA office at (806)823-2431 or visit the USDA Web site at <http://www.usda.gov>.

### South Plains Cotton Thriving In Face Of Harsh Weather

The 3.6 million-acre South Plains cotton crop has so far survived a gamut of harsh weather since producers broke out their planters in May. Rain, hail, wind, blowing sand and lack of rainfall in some areas have taken an estimated 100,000 acres of the crop.

Even so, a Texas Cooperative Extension agronomist says the bigger picture is pretty bright.

"We have seen cooler, wetter conditions with higher humidity during the past two weeks, but the crop is still above normal in heat unit accumulation," said Randy Boman, Extension cotton agronomist based at Lubbock. "The rainfall from recent storms has put the crop north of Lubbock in very good to excellent condition."

"We do have some ragged-up cotton out there, but by and large, most fields are doing very well. In my eight seasons at Lubbock, I haven't seen overall stands and crop conditions as impressive as they are now. Many fields that were planted in a timely manner in May are now squaring."

Texas farmers planted approximately 6 million acres of cotton this year, from the Rio Grande Valley near Brownsville to the Texas-New Mexico border in the west, and as far north as some counties near Amarillo.

The 20-county area surrounding Lubbock is often known as "the world's largest cotton patch," because farmers there typically plant more than 3 million acres of upland cotton each year. Approximately 10 percent of that acreage, never makes it to harvest due to weather, insects, disease or other causes.

Wind, driving rain and hailstorms in June took about 85,000 acres of cotton in Randall, Castro, Briscoe, Swisher, Floyd, Hockley and Lamb counties. In contrast, many dryland acres in counties south of Lubbock may be lost, or teetering on the edge of survival, due to lack of rainfall.

"We believe that up to 200,000 acres of dryland cotton south of Lubbock was dry planted and likely did not receive any significant rainfall," Boman said. "Some dryland fields have received little rainfall and may not have emerged to a good stand. The situation is changing daily, as evening thunderstorms continue to work across the region. As we move into July, the cotton calendar is now working against us."

Producers hit by recent storms should carefully evaluate their damaged fields before making any replant decisions, Boman said. There is a host of information on evaluating damaged crops, making replant decisions, and choosing catch crops to replace failed cotton on the Internet at: <http://lubbock.tamu.edu>.

"Making Replant Decisions" and "2004 Alternative Crop Options After Failed Cotton" in the cotton section of the Lubbock Web site may be particularly helpful for producers with crop damage.

Overall, the 2004 Texas cotton crop is off to a strong start and is progressing well, according to Carl Anderson, Extension economist based at College Station. In the June edition of his monthly "Cotton Market Comments," Anderson rates half the crop in good to excellent condition and only 11 percent as very poor.

About one-third of this year's six-million-acre crop is irrigated and two-thirds is dryland. Excellent sub-soil moisture conditions give the crop a yield potential of at least 5.3 million bales, compared to last year's 4.3-million bales, Anderson said.

Cotton harvest has begun in the Rio Grande Valley, while producers elsewhere are waiting for drier conditions to finish out their growing season. Meanwhile, South Plains producers will be watching the skies for evening storms that could bring more rainfall or crop damage.

A weekly update on crop conditions across the South Plains is available through Extension's "Focus" newsletter - published electronically at <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/focus>.

### UNGLUED By Clint Harmon



HOLD ON OOMOG!!... Are you sure those things are in season?

### TASS Reports 2004 Planted Acreage; May Marketing Figures Added To CCP Calculation

USDA's release of the first survey-based accounting of the acres planted in 2004 should help clear the picture of just where the Texas High Plains stands, or more accurately where the crop started acreage-wise, in 2004.

Based on an early June sampling of cotton producers, the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS) has projected the High Plains region, or more specifically Teas crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S, began 2004 with 3.72 million acres of cotton and indicates a 159,000-acre increase over 2003 acreage.

This is, perhaps, a slightly different number than some were expecting. Strong prices for corn and other crops that are options for producers in mostly irrigated, northern areas of the High Plains had been expected to take acreage away from cotton.

That does not seem to be the case as crop reporting district 1-N is estimated to have planted some 890,000 acres in 2004, 64,000 acres more than were planted in 2003 for a projected increase of 8 percent.

TASS district 1-S, which includes the majority of the cotton acres on the region's number one filed crop. If these figures hold true it will amount to an acreage increase of 95,000 acres from 2003.

The TASS report has significantly refined the picture of how many acres the High Plains planted to cotton in 2004. Attention will now begin shifting to the production side of the equation, even though it is still too early to really begin talking about what the region might produce in 2004.

Early season estimates of how the Texas high Plains cotton crop is faring are usually a mixture of educated guesses, fact based rumors and information gleaned from casual conversation. The 2004 crop year has been no different up to this point.

As PCG reported last week, cotton acreage lost so far continues to tally below the long-term average for the region. Most estimates at this time point to somewhere between 300,000 and 400,000 acres that have either been lost or are likely to be written off due to insufficient moisture to establish the crop.

Splitting the difference on that range and subtracting 350,000 acres from the TASS planted acreage figure indicates as many as 3.37 million acres are standing on the High Plains.

### May Numbers Add Little to 2003 CC Payment Calculation

The addition of 360,000 bales of production at an average price of 60.6 cents did little to move USDA's weighted average price calculation, which now includes 10 months of information.

Some adjustments may be made to individual months before the final weighted average price is announced and that figure is plugged into the 2003-Counter-Cyclical payment formula that determines the final payment rate.

Based on current estimates, the final 2003-crop Counter Cyclical payment rate would be approximately 3.13 cents per pound. Producers who received an advance CCF payment would receive the difference between the advance payment rate and the final payment rate.

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 price and bales marketed for the 2003 marketing year. The 2003 cotton marketing year began August 1, 2003 and ends July 31, 2004.

The following table shows the average price received each month by farmers and the associated Weighted Average Price based on cumulative bales marketed through May 2004.

Average Price Received Through May 2004 For 2003-crop Upland Cotton				
(Weighted by bales marketed)				
Month	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	473	10,430	61.20	62.67
May	360	10,790	60.60	62.60
June	---	---	60.60*	---

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service; \* = preliminary

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~ Kobi Yamada

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**PCG News**  
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

### RMA Denies PCG Request; Promises To Work Toward Solution On Non-Emerged Seed Issue

USDA's Risk management Agency has denied a request from Plains Cotton growers to waive the agency's 8-day deferred appraisal period for non-emerged seed in several Texas High Plains counties. In a letter sent to PCG, RMA officials said that they believe the agronomic data they reviewed supports their position to leave the rule unchanged for 2004.

PCG officials note that a combination of a complicated issue and a rapidly advancing calendar eventually created a situation that would have limited the benefit a producer could have derived from a late deviation announcement. Had it been granted the deviation would have allowed for appraisal and release of dry planted cotton acreage at the end of the region's late planting periods.

Even though the agency's decision and the calendar have closed the door on the issue for the 2004 growing season, RMA officials have expressed a willingness to sit down and discuss a permanent solution that addresses the concerns raised by PCG.

Both groups have agreed to keep discussions open and work toward an equitable solution. PCG officers, traveling to Washington as part of a Texas cotton Producers contingent are working to set up a meeting with RMA to begin the process.

Under current rules, seed planted into dry soil that does not receive adequate moisture to emerge cannot be appraised or released to an alternate use until 23 days (15-day late planting period plus 8-day deferred appraisal period) after the final planting date for the crop.

PCG's concerns with the imposition of the deferred appraisal period were originally voiced in 2002 when the rule was first enacted. Since that time the rule has been modified, but not in a manner that fully addresses the issues raised by PCG.

Of primary concern in the potential that a rainfall event after the end of the late planting period can bring dry planted seed to a stand. A late emerging stand creates a situation where the producer can be involuntarily required to grow and care for a crop with significantly reduced yield potential and little chance of producing a positive economic return.

Looking at the issue of a late emerging stand from a different angle, a producer who wanted to plant after the end of the late planting period and achieved a stand on the same rainfall would be considered uninsurable by RMA.

A second PCG concern is that even though the crop does not emerge by the end of the deferred appraisal period, the producer has been unnecessarily forced to delay time sensitive management activities necessary to switch to an alternate crop.

### Hail Adjustment Procedures Driven By RMA Rules

Producers across the Texas High Plains are in the process of receiving adjustments on hail damage received over the past few weeks. The largest area dealing with this process now is in Floyd, Swisher, and Briscoe counties.

The first thing people seeking adjustments need to be aware of is that the procedures used to appraise damaged cotton, either by hail or other causes, is dictated by rules developed by RMA personnel. Individual companies are responsible for carrying out the appraisal process according to the guidelines provided to them with relatively little leeway.

Among the rules that all companies must follow are the minimum number of days (seven) that must pass before an adjustment can be made following a hail event. Individual companies have the leeway to either allow producers to leave representative strips that can be adjusted, or to require the entire field to be intact at the time of adjustment.

Specific adjustment procedures used at this time of year are based on a combination of stand reduction evaluation and then a hail damage evaluation to determine the overall level of plant destruction that occurred in the field.

The method is quite involved and is designed to take into account both the percentage of a stand that remains in the field and the average condition of the plants that are left.

The final appraisal is then computed to estimate either the amount of yield potential that remains or the amount of potential yield that was lost depending on the viewpoint.

As with any procedure some judgment calls have to be made in the field by the adjuster. Probably the most frustrating of these calls is how each adjuster determines what is or is not a live plant for purposes of determining the amount of stand reduction and then evaluating the level of damage to the plants considered to be alive and their chances for recovery.

RMA adjustment procedures are fluid from year to year and the agency attempts to improve and simplify them to provide the most accurate evaluation of a crop's potential at any given time during the growing season. PCG is constantly working with the agency to evaluate and develop appraisal procedures, and to identify areas where current procedures could be made better or replaced with better methods.

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BY LAURA TAYLOR

Cute, Clean Jokes!

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought about this for a moment, then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He said, "Call for backup."

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?" The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your dad."

HMMM..... Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) Confirmed In Texas Cattle

This year's outbreak of vesicular stomatitis (VS) now has been confirmed, not only in horses in Texas and New Mexico, but also in two head of cattle in Starr County, about 225 miles south of San Antonio. The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency, received notification of the positive laboratory results late Tuesday, June 29.

"The two infected cattle are on separate quarantined premises in Starr County and are the first confirmed cases in cattle in the U.S. since the 1997 VS outbreak involving New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Utah. The 1998 outbreak involved only horses," said Dr. Max Coats, deputy director for the TAHC's Animal Health Programs.

"On one of the premises in Starr County, one cow among a handful of cattle tested positive for VS, and no other susceptible animals are on the site. On the second premise, the owner has an infected cow and horse, and there are about 30 other head of cattle and several horses that, at this point, have no clinical signs of VS and they have tested negative for the disease," he said.

As of June 30, VS infection in 2004 has been detected on a total of 15 premises in Texas and New Mexico. Disease investigations also are continuing. With the exception of two sites in Starr County, all cases involve horses.

VS, a viral infection, occurs sporadically in the southwestern U.S. and is thought to be transmitted by sand flies and black flies. This painful, but short-term disease can cause blistering and erosions in and around the mouth, and around the muzzle, teats or hooves of horses, cattle, goats, swine, deer and some other livestock. Infected animals with open sores can expose herd mates to the disease through close contact or by the sharing of feed buckets or bits. As a precaution, all infected and susceptible livestock on a premise are quarantined until at least 30 days after all infected animals have healed.

"The signs of VS mimic those of foot-and-mouth disease, a dangerous and highly contagious foreign animal disease that can strike cattle, swine, sheep, deer and other cloven-hooved animals, but not affect horses," he said. "When livestock develop blistering or erosions, it is imperative that the animals be evaluated and laboratory tests be conducted to differentiate between the two diseases - or to determine if there is a caustic substance, toxic weed or poison that is causing the irritation. A regulatory veterinarian from the TAHC or U.S. Department of Agriculture should be notified by the owner or private veterinary practitioner, so small snippets of tissue can be collected from the sores laboratory submission."

Samples from horses are tested at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) at Ames, Iowa. As a safety measure, samples from cloven-hooved animals are shipped to Foreign Animal Disease Laboratory (FADDL) on Plum Island, New York, where they are subjected to testing for both vesicular stomatitis and foot-and-mouth disease.

To report potential signs of VS, owners and practitioners in Texas can call the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242, anytime, day or night. In New Mexico, reports should be made to the New Mexico Livestock Board at 1-505-841-6161. The TAHC urges livestock transporters to check with their intended state of destination to obtain the latest information on testing requirements, movement restrictions or other VS-related regulations.

Texas Tech Women's Football Clinic Scheduled

"Event sold out each of the first three years."

A facilities tour, offensive and defensive instruction and an equipment demonstration highlight the Fourth Annual Texas Tech Women's Football Clinic, which has been scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 5, at 6 p.m. on the Jones SBC Stadium turf. The event is presented by ASCO.

Entry fee for the clinic is \$25 before Aug. 1 and \$30 after. Groups of four or more may sign up for \$20 per person. For more information, please contact the Texas Tech Football Office at (806) 742-4260. Applications for the Women's Football Clinic are available at www.texastech.com and www.mikeleach.net. The first three clinics sold out prior to August 1.

The primary purpose of the clinic, which will be divided into beginner and advanced levels, is to provide the female football fan with an in-depth insight to the game. The previous three clinics sold out quickly.

"The first three years were successes and everyone had a great time," said Dennis Simmons, Tech Assistant Athletic Director of Football Quality Control and clinic coordinator. "Most clinics cater to men, not allowing women the same opportunity. We want to provide the female football fan with the same knowledge of the game that men receive in these types of clinics."

The goal of the Texas Tech Football Clinic for Women is to educate female fans with an opportunity to gain perspective into the world of a Division I football player. Texas Tech football coaches will be on hand throughout the clinic and provide instruction.

In addition to the x's and o's, the clinic also will feature a dinner from 5:30-6:35 p.m. and a tour of the press box facility on the west side of Jones SBC Stadium. Members of the Texas Tech football team will be on hand to demonstrate the proper use and wear of equipment. The evening will conclude with an auction featuring Texas Tech memorabilia. Participants are encouraged to dress comfortably for warm weather. It is recommended that participants wear tennis shoes and a t-shirt.

A favor well bestowed is almost as great an honor to him who confers it as to him who receives it.

- Sir Richard Steele

If we do not succeed then we run the risk of failure.

- Dan Quayle

Briscoe County Veteran's Memorial Update

Here's an update on the Briscoe County Veterans Memorial. They have poured the concrete slabs that the tablet's with the names, will be placed on. Once they bring them over and place them on the slabs, then they will pour the rest of the concrete. Everything will be completed by August 14th!

Everyone who has given money, or who has helped in anyway to get this monument built is listed below (taken from deposit slips). Without your support, this could not have been done. At the present time we have \$40,000 collected, the cost will be around \$50,000, so if you have not donated, please do so by the 14th of August.

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"What Tree Is That?", a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available from The National Arbor Day Foundation.

The 84 page guide will help you identify 157 different trees found in the western U.S. Well known trees are included: oaks, maples, firs, and pines. Also species such as golden chinkapin and peachleaf willow, redbuds and redbedar, sycamore and saltcedar and sequoia and spruce.

Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods, cones, and other identifying features. "What Tree Is That?" is organized to make it easy to identify trees in a simple step-by-step fashion.

"Helping people enjoy and appreciate trees is central to the educational mission of the Arbor Day Foundation," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "Being able to identify trees is important to knowing how to care for them and how to plant the right tree in the right place."

To obtain your tree ID guide, send your name and address and \$3 to "What Tree Is That?", the National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410 or go on-line to arborday.org.

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### Health Care Discount Cards and Referral Plans

Many Texas families and small business owners are actively seeking ways to lower their health care costs. For those without health insurance, one tempting option is a discount health referral plan or health discount card. These plans promise that participating doctors and other health care providers will offer a discount on their regular charges. Unless the participating doctor and other health providers have a current agreement with the discount plan, such discounts may not be available.

Offers for discount plans or discount cards can be found online, on fax machines, in direct mailings and in the standard media. What often attracts people to these plans is their low price, especially when compared to the cost of a legitimate health insurance plan. We've seen discount plans offered for as little as \$9.99 to well over a hundred dollars a month. At the high end, these plans approach the cost of insurance coverage without providing the same types or levels of protection. Typically discount plans promise a savings of 10 to 40 percent for doctor's visits, hospital stays or prescription drugs.

Before you decide to spend money on one of these discount plans here are some facts to consider: Remember that discount plans are not insurance. Carrying one of their cards only entitles you to a discount from participating physicians and providers who currently agree to provide the discount. You will be held responsible for most of the bill for any medical procedure or hospitalization even if you receive the promised discount. Getting a 15 percent discount on a \$75,000 procedure still leaves you owing \$63,750. Some doctors or hospitals may not be willing to treat an expensive condition without full payment up front or proof of your ability to pay the bill.

Some consumers have complained that they have trouble finding providers who will accept discount cards. Before signing up for one of these plans, ask for a list of local physicians and providers who have agreed to honor the discount. If your doctor is on that list, call the office to verify that he or she indeed grants discounts to patients who have this particular card. There have been many instances in which physicians and providers were unaware they were listed by discount card sellers.

If you are considering joining a discount program, ask your doctors to tell you their usual fee for uninsured individuals and the fee they would charge someone who presented the program's discount card. Compare the cost and benefits of the discount plan to health coverage from a standard insurance company. The Texas Department of Insurance web site includes a list of all authorized companies that offer individual health insurance in Texas. The link is: [www.tdi.state.tx.us/company/llhah\\_lst\\_incl.html](http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/company/llhah_lst_incl.html)

Consumers who believe that a discount plan has misrepresented benefits or treated them unfairly should contact the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General at 1-800-621-0508.

Employers looking for affordable health insurance plans for their employees should also be careful to avoid unlicensed companies claiming to offer health insurance below market prices. These unauthorized insurers often collect fees for a short while and then disappear when claims are made. A call to TDI's Consumer Help Line at 1-800-252-3439 can verify whether a company is a licensed insurer. You can also verify whether a company or agent is licensed by visiting TDI's website at [www.tdi.state.tx.us](http://www.tdi.state.tx.us).

TDI's Web site also has a small business page that includes information about small employer health plans and a rate comparison guide for such plans. The link to the small business page is [www.tdi.state.tx.us/commish/smbiz.html](http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/commish/smbiz.html).



Jennifer Carnes and Matt Whittington at the Area I Leadership Conference held at Clarendon College represented Valley FFA. Not pictured is Zack Ramsey.

### Valley FFA Members Attend Conference

Clarendon, Tx. - The Valley Chapter of the FFA recently attended the Area I Leadership Conference held at Clarendon College on June 21-23. The conference focused on helping the FFA chapters develop leadership skills and activities. 285 outstanding young men and women who serve as chapter officers and presidents, as well as, 45 vocational agricultural teachers were in attendance. Those attending from the Valley school were: Matt Whittington, Zack Ramsey, and Jennifer Carnes.

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**Mr. & Mrs. Robert Thomas Darsey, III  
Nielsen ~ Darsey Exchange  
Vows In Garden Ceremony**

Stephanie LeighAnne Nielsen and Robert Thomas Darsey, III exchanged vows at 7:00 p.m. May 15, 2004 in a beautiful garden ceremony at the home of Scotty and Sandra Stark of Quitaque. Stuart Smith of Turkey officiated.

Parents of the bride are Jerry Allen and Kellye Payne of Quitaque. Grandparents W. E. and Shirlee Hawkins of Quitaque and Roger and Oveta Nielsen of Robert Lee. Great-grandmother is Artie Mae Gilbert of Turkey.

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas Darsey, Jr. of Matador. Grandparents are Mrs. Robert Thomas Darsey, Sr. of Matador, Dolores Fox of Dickens, and Mr. and Mrs. Dumont Bridge of Plainview.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride arrived at the wedding in a white horse-drawn carriage provided by Odie Reagan of Quitaque.

Hunter Sturgess of Seminole, nephew of the bride, served as the messenger "cowboy" who rode his stick horse in and carried the message that announced the arrival of the bride.

Maid of Honor was Mindy Leal of Quitaque. Bridesmaids were Amanda Roys of Lubbock, Crystal Bain of Mangum, Okla., Sally Smith of Goodlett, and Dawna Warner of Lubbock.

Jr. Bridesmaids and flower girls were Dodie Payne, sister of the bride, of Quitaque and Audrey Kos, cousin of the bride, of Amarillo.

Ring bearers were Chester Kos of Amarillo and Colton Smith of Lubbock, both cousins of the bride.

Paige Davis of Seminole registered the guests.

Best man was Nathan Shannon of Matador. Groomsmen were Dumont Darsey, brother of the groom, of Matador, Clay Bridge, cousin of the groom, of Afton, Aaron Green of Matador, and Rob Gillispie of Lubbock. Ushers were Terry Simpson of Matador and J.C. Pigg, cousin of the bride, of Quitaque.

Music for the wedding and reception was provided by Billy Kaine Robison of Turkey and Brody Davis of Amarillo. Photographer for the wedding was Michael Kos, uncle of the bride.

The reception was held in the garden after the wedding. Members of the house party were Cindy Kos of Amarillo and Susie House of Turkey, both aunts of the bride, Cheri Davis of Lubbock and Sandra Stark of Quitaque. Servers were Sammie Dee Ross of Quitaque, Randa Green of Matador, and Laura Payne of Flomot, Tammy Simpson and Brittany Moore of Matador.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Valley High School. She is attending Clarendon College majoring in Agriculture Education.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Motley County High School and attended South Plains College. He is presently a councilman for the City of Matador and is a partner in South Plains Contracting of Matador.

After a honeymoon trip to Pagosa Springs, Colorado, the couple made their home in Matador.

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*Thank you for the cards, telephone calls, visits and prayers following my recent heart surgery. Your thoughtfulness, friendship and concern are truly appreciated.*

Billy Shannon

**EARTH  
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From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

**Dear EarthTalk: I've heard that some foods are now being irradiated. Why is this and what are the implications for our health and safety?** — Emily Worden, Monroe, CT

Food irradiation—used to kill bacteria, parasites and insects in food and to retard spoilage—is actually not new. Research began early in the 20th Century and picked up in the 1950s as part of the U.S. government's "Atoms for Peace" effort to find non-war-time uses for nuclear technology. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) began approving food irradiation in 1963 to rid wheat and flour of insects, and to control the sprouting of potatoes. It later approved irradiation of spices and seasonings to fight insect infestations, then pork (to prevent trichinosis), poultry (to prevent salmonella and other food-borne bacterial pathogens) and more recently beef, lamb and pork (to kill E. coli).

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization (WHO) both endorse food irradiation, and over 40 countries have approved its use. WHO calls the practice "sound food-preservation technology...badly needed in a world where food-borne diseases are on the increase."

In recent years a series of highly publicized events led to increased use of irradiation. In 1998, Sara Lee recalled millions of pounds of hot dogs and deli meat after 21 people died in a Listeria outbreak. In 2000, a young Milwaukee girl died after eating watermelon splashed with E. coli at a Sizzler restaurant. The E. coli, which made 600 other people sick, was traced to a Colorado meat plant. In 2002, ConAgra recalled 19 million pounds of E. coli-contaminated beef. There are some 33 million cases of food-related illnesses each year, and 9,000 deaths. Food poisoning caused by E. coli affects up to 20,000 people annually.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) says irradiation is safe, but critics charge otherwise. Irradiation does not make food radioactive, but it can create toxic byproducts and some "unique radiolytic products" that haven't yet been identified or tested, says Dr. John W. Gofman of the University of California at Berkeley. "We know that irradiation causes a host of unnatural and sometimes unidentifiable chemicals to be formed within the irradiated foods," he says. "Our ignorance about these compounds makes it simply a fraud to tell the public 'we know' irradiated foods are safe to eat." The Organic Consumers Association (OCA) claims that irradiation saps food's nutritional value, and charges that irradiation deactivates raw food's natural digestive enzymes and encourages fats to turn rancid.

Caroline Smith DeWaal, Director of Food Safety at the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), says that irradiation's benefits outweigh its risks, but fears irradiation may be seen as a "silver bullet," leading to neglect of effective sanitation measures in the production of food in the first place. Patty Lovera of Public Citizen agrees: "People are getting sick because cattle are crowded into small pens, sleeping in their own waste. Then they move through slaughter so quickly that mistakes cause fecal matter to contaminate the meat." Even the pro-irradiation American Dietetic Association says: "the process is not a replacement for proper food handling practices."

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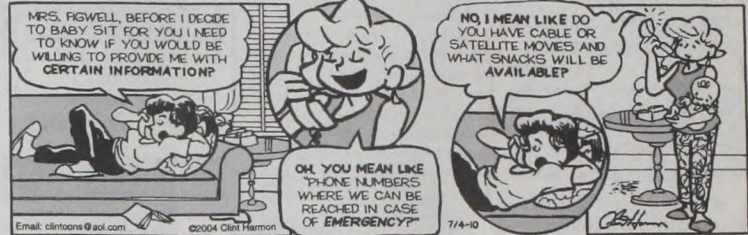
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