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THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2003

Valley Calendar Of Events

- April 3**
 - * Highway 70 Association meeting @ 7 p.m.
 - April 4**
 - * End of 5th Six Weeks at Valley School
 - * Quitaque Senior Citizens meeting @ 5 p.m.
 - April 5**
 - * Turkey Jamboree @ 7 p.m.
 - * St Jude's Bike-A-Thon at Valley School Track
 - * Caprock Canyons State Park ~ Nature Hike @ 9 a.m.
 - * Caprock Canyons State Park ~ Outdoor Sunset Program @ 7 p.m.
 - April 6**
 - * Daylight Savings Time Begins. Set your clock ahead 1 hour
 - April 7**
 - * 6th Six Weeks begins at Valley School
 - * Briscoe County Walk Across Texas begins today
 - * Quitaque Lions Club meeting
 - * Relay For Life Leader Meeting at FNB @ 5 p.m.
 - April 8**
 - * We The Women meeting @ 12 noon
 - * Turkey Senior Citizens meeting @ 6 p.m.
 - * Do-Gooders meeting
 - April 10**
 - * Turkey City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.
 - * WIC Office in Silverton @ 9:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- To Place Your Upcoming Event On The Community Calendar Call 806-455-1101**

Quitaque A "Yellow Ribbon" Town

On Sunday, March 30, fourteen patriotic members of the Quitaque community got together for a "Yellow Ribbon" Rally. These individuals tied over 350 yards of yellow ribbon on just about everything in downtown Quitaque. That 350 yards was not enough, so We The Women is in the process of obtaining more ribbon so that Quitaque can finish tying yellow ribbons on the remaining telephone poles throughout town.

Those who participated were Duke & Mary Woods, Phil & Lynnette Barefield, Donna & Roland Hamilton, Maria Cruz, Jean Mullin, Ann Chadwick, Eunice McFall, JoAnn Reagan, Janice Henson, Arlene Hinkle, and even Donna's little dog.

The "Yellow Ribbon" Rally was a show of support for our troops overseas and the ribbons will continue to announce that fact to everyone who comes to Quitaque. During the next week or so, if you see anyone tying ribbons and want to help, please join in. Those boys and girls overseas belong to us, so please help us make Quitaque, a "Yellow Ribbon" town.



The new Mini-Park in downtown Turkey is a community project that everyone involved should be proud of.

The Easter Bunny Is Coming To Town!

Saturday, April 19 at 2 p.m. the Quitaque Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt in the Quitaque City Park. Children up to 10 years of age are invited to attend, so bring a bag, basket or a box and come join in the fun. Children will be grouped by ages so that everyone has a hunt area.

If you would like to help hide eggs, or help in any way, please call Misti Messer at 455-1268.

Valley Weather Forecast for Next 9 Days

Date	High/Low	%Prec
Thu Apr 03	Sunny 80°/48°	0%
Fri Apr 04	Sunny 73°/44°	0%
Sat Apr 05	Sunny 76°/51°	10%
Sun Apr 06	Sunny 74°/41°	0%
Mon Apr 07	Mostly Sunny 66°/43°	0%
Tue Apr 08	Showers 55°/41°	30%
Wed Apr 09	Mostly Sunny 70°/42°	0%
Thu Apr 10	Mostly Sunny 75°/48°	0%
Fri Apr 11	Partly Cloudy 73°/43°	0%



Ted Kingery Retires From RC&D Board Of Directors

Ted Kingery was recently honored by the North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council for two years of service on the Board of Directors. On March 25 Kingery retired from the board. As a RC&D board member Kingery was responsible for helping with projects that have benefitted Briscoe and the surrounding counties. A partial list of those projects completed while Kingery was on the board include the Briscoe County Museum Bat Relocation Project, Lake Makenzie Fire Fighting Equipment Project, a Fire Act Grant Application with the Silverton VFD, plus several projects in partnership with the Panhandle Tourism Marketing Council. A project recently adopted by the RC&D Council will help find funding for the new Interpretive Center at Caprock Canyons State Park.

Projects with area wide impact have included the Panhandle Tourism Marketing Council, the High Plains Nature Trail, the Texas Prairie River Region and the Texas Plains Trail. These area wide projects help local community leaders promote tourism and economic development in the area.

At the annual membership meeting in Wellington on March 25, Kingery was presented a plaque from the Council recognizing him for his service. Wayne Nance accepted the award for Kingery, who was absent. County Judge Wayne Nance was elected to represent Briscoe County on the board for 2003. The RC&D Council assists with Community development projects in a ten county area that includes Hall, Briscoe, Donley, Wheeler, Collingsworth, Gray, Roberts, Hemphill, Ochiltree and Lipscomb Counties on the east side of the Texas Panhandle.

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What's the only state big enough to have it's own crossword puzzle?

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HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED A Salute To Local Veterans



Joseph B. "J.B." Baker

I was 18 when I went into the Army on May 3, 1945 at Oklahoma City. I was sent to Camp Joseph T. Robinson at Little Rock, Arkansas, this was my very first train ride.

My basic training at Camp Robinson lasted from May through October. We were sent by train from there to Fort Ord, California. We were at Fort Ord about 2 weeks before we were shipped out to Yokohama, Japan on October 31, 1945.

My first day out I was doing fine until everyone was getting sea sick, then of



Delores Price, along with husband, Hubert have worked very hard to make Turkey's new Mini Park a reality

Turkey's Mini-Park Quickly Becomes A Reality Thanks To Overwhelming Community Support

When we reported that Delores Price had decided to take on the empty lot/mini-park project in Turkey, it seemed like a daunting task, that would take a lot of time and hard work to complete. Eagerly, she jumped in head first and began taking the first steps to make her dream of a park to become a reality. Delores wants this little park to be a happy place where people can just enjoy themselves. Her name Turkey's Mini Park will continue to be the name of our little park," said Margie Pinkerton, curator of the Turkey Roost Museum.

She said she was going to need a lot of help, and the response from the community has been overwhelming! Anyone who is a part of this city can say they have helped, because the City has donated the back fence. City Manager Jerry Landry and his helpers have worked so hard to get this little area landscaped. Greg Fuston, Peewee Thrasher and the Wheelers who helped with the leveling of the ground.

Delores' number one helper has been her husband, Hubert Price, and following right behind him is her children and grandchildren. Delores' grandchildren took care of the garage sale that was set up to raise money for this project and did a wonderful job. Hubert has been in there working right along side all those other guys.

The financial backing has been tremendous from individuals and organizations of the community. The following are individuals who donated to this project: B.J. Robison, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Wheeler, Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Colvin, Mr. & Mrs. Mack Seymour, Mr. & Mrs. Doyle Proctor, Cody Bell, Mr. & Mrs. Homer Hawkins, Mr. & Mrs. Mike House, Mr. & Mrs. James Fuston, Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Price, Mr. & Mrs. Stacy Price, Marie Cruse, Mr. & Mrs. Keith Green, Mr. & Mrs. Pat Carson, Mr. & Mrs. Squint House, Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Carson, Dessie Robertson, Mary Jo Barnhill, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Pinkerton, Rita Guest, Jay & Martha Bradshaw, Rex Fuston, Dot Arnold, Annie Shannon, Brent & Lisa Campbell, Lorene Setliff, Mr. & Mrs. Don House. Organizations donating to the project were the Peanut Growers - \$200, Turkey Lions Club - \$100, Turkey Senior Citizens - \$100, Turkey Proud - \$400 and from the Boy Scout fund - \$200. All of these funds went for expense on the project and there is money left for plants, and toward another project Delores is thinking about. Part of the trees were purchased by Jay and Martha Bradshaw Louis and Oleta Randell and Stacy and Koree Price. Others contributing and not listed above will be mentioned in a later article. All persons mentioned in this article are "GOOD GUYS" so next time you see them, tell them so!!



Psalms IV to perform a benefit concert for the Turkey Roost Museum at Turkey's Gem Theatre.

Psalms IV To Present Concert To Benefit Turkey Roost Museum

The Psalms IV, an acappella quartet from the Amarillo and Canyon area, will be presenting a benefit concert on behalf of the Turkey Roost Museum on Saturday, April 12, 2003 at 7 p.m. at the Gem Theatre in Turkey, Texas.

The group consists of Ron Low, Pete Talley, Lyndon Latham and Tim Forrest. This talented group is continually traveling across the Lone Star State and other states lifting spirits wherever they go. If you haven't had the pleasure of hearing them, we invite you to come and enjoy some wonderful gospel music. This will be the third benefit concert that the Psalms IV has performed on behalf of the Turkey Roost Museum.

Plans are under way for a group to serve refreshments before and during intermission. The cost to attend the concert is \$6 for adults and \$3 for ages six through twelve, children five and under are free. For further information you may call 423-1240 or 423-1273.

The Turkey Roost Museum, located at 111 Main Street. Is a heritage museum with the goal of preserving Turkey's community history. You may visit Turkey's web site and see pictures of our building and some of our displays. The museum is open on Saturdays and during special events.

OBITUARIES

Jewel Juanita Henderson Lowrey

Services for Jewel Juanita Henderson Lowrey were held on Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at the United Methodist Church in Silverton, with Rance Young and Randy Mullin officiating. Burial was at Silverton Cemetery under direction of Myers-Long Funeral Home.

She was born September 27, 1913 in Ellenvue, Texas to James Edgar and Evie Henderson. She came to Briscoe County with her parents, two brothers and an uncle from Gunter, Texas in the fall of 1928. She attended schools in Cook and Grayson counties as well as in Silverton.

She married Monroe Lowrey on January 22, 1934 in Silverton. Monroe passed away on February 5, 1979. She was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Roy and James.

A member of Silverton United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Silverton Senior Citizens, she especially enjoyed yard work, quilting, and other handwork at which she remained active until illness came in 2001.

She is survived by one daughter, Loretta Stidham of Perlata, New Mexico; one son, Gordon of Silverton; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Her caregiver was Ursula Yousef.

Alpha Venus Gillespie "Jr."

Alpha Venus Gillespie "Jr.", 56, Rockford, died on Friday, March 28, 2003 at Rockford Memorial Hospital. He was born November 13, 1946 in Lubbock, TX, son of Alpha Sr. and Myrtice Hadaway Gillespie. He was a Rockford resident for 20 years, coming from Missoula, MT. He attended University of Texas in Austin and Southwestern University in Texas. Alpha obtained a BS in Chemistry and Bio-Medical Engineering. He was a certified Medical Technologist and certified Cardio-Pulmonary Perfusionist. He married Susan Bresette in Rockford January 9, 1999. He was employed by Rockford Health Systems as a Chief Perfusionist at Rockford Memorial Hospital for 20 years until January 2003. He was an avid aviator and owned Midwest Air Charter. He enjoyed his family, friends and animals along with his other interests in photography, travel, hunting, scuba diving and computers.

Survivors include his wife, Susan of Rockford; son, Michael Gillespie; daughter, Monica Long, both of Rockford; grandson, Joshua Gillespie of Rockford several cousins, special friends, Dr. Peter Marks and Roger and Debbie Luckey. He was predeceased by his parents.

Services were held Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at Fred C. Olson Funeral Chapels, Ltd. with Pastor Steven Mindrup officiating. Cremation to follow the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials to be established in Jr.'s name at a later date.



Woodrow & Lavonia Mullin of Turkey will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary & Woodrow's 90th Birthday on Tuesday, April 3, 2003 from 6-8 P.M. at their home in Turkey. The Family would like to invite all of their friends to stop by for cake, ice cream and to visit.



Warners To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

A celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Bob and Wanda Warner will be held on April 5th, 2003, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Turkey Senior Citizens Center. Bob and the former Wanda Hudson were married April 4th, 1953 in Weatherford, Texas. Their daughter, Tracy Lambert of Childress, is hosting the event. All friends are invited to attend.

Thank You

Dear Friends in Turkey, Flomot and Quitaque, We hope you all realize how much we, the family of Edna Blakney, appreciate the cards, letters, flowers and phone calls you sent to mother and us.

We thank all the ladies from the Baptist, Church of Christ, Methodist Churches and others for the wonderful meal you prepared and served on Saturday.

Most of all, we thank you for your prayers and love sent our way...God answered those prayers and we felt them.

We wish mother could have stayed at her home in Turkey, but now she is in her heavenly home where she is well again and happy. PRAISE THE LORD!

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Sammy and Laurie Hamilton of Denver, Colorado are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Riley Nicole, on Saturday, March 22, 2003. Riley weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Richard and Patty Machina of Houston, TX; Verlon and Tweedle Hamilton of West Lake, TX. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Moore of Cedar Hill, TX; Cloie and the late Leroy Hamilton of Quitaque.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



April 3

Luke Taylor, Woodrow Mullin, Carson Lane Proctor, Morgan Saul, Beyoucca Barrios

April 4

Lance Fulbright, Kay Calvert, Evan Reed, April Heugatter, Jessie Price

April 5

Alice Shivers, Jeremy Taylor, J.R. Payne, Emilia Martinez

April 6

Bonnie Hill, Cindy House, Billy Roy Fuston, Hector Reyna, Zachary Ramsey

April 8

Brandi Gaddis

April 9

Hilary Flowers, Jimmy Davidson, Audrey Hill

April 10

Ron Eudy, Jarret Pigg, Tommy Pinkerton, Natalie Brooke Hughes, Dustin Morrow, Jo Patrick

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



April 4

Mr & Mrs Bob Warner

April 5

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April 9

Mr & Mrs Billie Farley

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FLOMOT NEWS

BY: EARLYNE JAMESON

OVERHEARD

People who work the land rarely need a digital alarm or a change to Daylight Savings Time to get their day started. The ever moving sun is a constant companion and a marker for the work day.

Mrs. James Gwinn and daughter, Danielle attended the Gymnastics Qualifying meet in Lubbock Saturday. It was held at Talent Plus. Danielle qualified for the State meet. Mr. and Mrs. Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle visited overnight Saturday in Lubbock with his sister, Aly Gwinn.

Mrs. Tim (Gina) Shannon and daughter, Nellie Bly visited recently in Carrollton with her sister and family, Mrs. Rhonda Cowgill and Kacey.

Mrs. Tom Ross had emergency treatment for a nose bleed Friday at the Mangold Medical Clinic in Lockney.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Drowning, Chasity, Malcom and Jessica during the spring holidays were Whitney and Jason Browning of Canadian, Mrs. Virgie O'Daniel and Diane O'Daniel of Childress.

Mary Ellen Barton had lunch with Mrs. Lou Burleson in Floydada, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall visited in Midland from Friday until Sunday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers, Donnie Rogers and daughters, Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Monterey, California visited in Kalgary, Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan.

Dustin Reed of Lubbock is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday for her a medical appointment. They visited Mrs. Bessie Reid and in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington, Saturday were Matt Washington and son, Brazos of Roaring Springs and T y Barclay of Matador.

Lindsay Martin of Panhandle, student at Texas Tech in Lubbock, visited Friday and Saturday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Friday and Saturday with his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey and brother, Johnie Starkey. They are completing a building with conveniences to accommodate the Starkey family members during reunions.

Donnie Rogers accompanied his daughters, Natalie and Brooke to the Amarillo Airport, Sunday for their return flight home to Monterey, California after visiting here during their school spring holidays.

Mrs. Christi Milam, Haley and Emily of Petersburg, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mrs. Kathy Shorter visited from Friday until Sunday in Carrollton with Cindy and Chad Calvert.

Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

I don't often add a cookie recipe to my file. There are so many really good ones in it already that I can always find one to suit any occasion. But this week I was looking for some new ones to serve at a festival later this month, so I baked six different kinds. These are the "keepers", the ones that elicited "ohs and ahs" from the tasters and earned a place in my cookie file. Enjoy!

PISTACHIO THUMBPRINTS
 1 cup margarine, softened
 1/3 cup powdered sugar
 1 egg
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 3/4 teaspoon almond extract
 2 cups flour
 1 package (3.4 oz.) instant pistachio pudding mix
 1/2 cup miniature chocolate chips

FILLING:
 2 tablespoons margarine
 2 cups powdered sugar
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 2-3 tablespoons milk
GLAZE (optional):
 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips
 2 teaspoons Crisco

In a mixing bowl, cream margarine and sugar until smooth. Add egg and extracts; mix well. Combine flour and pudding mix; add to the creamed mixture. Stir in mini chocolate chips. Shape into 1-inch balls; roll in nuts. Place 2 in. apart on greased baking sheet; make a thumbprint in center of each cookie. Bake at 350 for 10-12 minutes. Remove to a wire rack to cool. For filling, cream margarine, sugar, vanilla and milk. Spoon into center of cooled cookies. For glaze, melt chocolate chips and shortening; drizzle over cookies. Let stand until set. Makes about 6 dozen.

Variation: Use chocolate instant pudding, add cocoa to the filling and use white chocolate chips for the glaze.

SLICE AND BAKE COOKIES
 2 cups Crisco
 1-1/2 cups packed brown sugar
 1-1/2 cups sugar
 4 eggs
 2 teaspoons vanilla
 4-1/2 cups flour
 2 teaspoons salt
 2 teaspoons soda
 3 cups any one or combination of these: chocolate, butterscotch, toffee, or peanut butter chips, chopped candied cherries or nuts

In a mixing bowl, cream Crisco and sugars. Add eggs and vanilla. Combine flour, salt and soda; add to the creamed mixture and mix well. Fold in 1-1/2 cups of extras. Shape into two 15x2 inch rolls. Wrap tightly with saran wrap. Chill at least 2 hours or up to one week, or freeze for later use. To bake, cut into 1/2 inch slices. Place 3 inches apart on baking sheets. Bake at 350 for 10 minutes. Cool 5 minutes; remove to wire racks. Makes about 5 dozen.

TIP: If you divide the dough before you add the extras, you can have different kinds of cookies from the same batch. I divided mine into four parts and added 3/4 cup of extras to each part. Toffee chip/almond and peanut butter chips/peanut were the favorites.

Next week I'll have some Easter ideas. Enjoy the beautiful spring weather and remember our troops. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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Turkey Senior Citizens

By Oleta Randell

We had 25 members at our last meeting. President, Louis Randell called the meeting to order. In the absence of Margie Pinkerton, Don Turner did the blood pressure checks. James Brunson led the prayer for the food. We had 2 "Tall Tales" tables, 2 Mexican Train tables and one Spinner table. The group voted to give a \$100 to Delores and Hubert's pretty mini-park on Main Street. (If you haven't seen this you need to go by and see it!)

The next meeting will be April 8th. So come on out and enjoy the Fun! Food! & Fellowship!

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- graduation gown
- TXism: "chew — awhile"
- TX-based hotel chain: — Quinta
- ex-Cowboy Renfro dressed in jeans
- weather maker "El"
- Rangers manager Bobby (1985-92)
- TXism: "hard as putting up — a windstorm"
- famed Aggie coach Bible
- ex-Cowboy CB Waters
- TXism: " — together like chili and pepper"
- Travis Triff's " — Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)"
- breakfast food
- TX-filmed "The — Heaven"
- he starred with TX Zellweger in "Jerry Maguire" (init.)
- govt. medical help
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- TXism: "chompin' at the —"
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- longtime Valley congressman
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- TXism: "it ain't — in cement"
- TXism: "trapped like — possum"
- ex-Cowboy Dorsett
- TXism: "light he squeaks when he walks"
- TX Ginger Rogers mother
- TXism: "got the short — of the stick"
- visor
- bomb
- TXism: " — it in the bud"
- birth mo. of TX Dan Rather
- maker of "Top Hat" with TX Ginger Rogers
- TXism: " — sis's sib"
- TX Tarzan Ely
- Taylor Co. seat
- "whoopie ti yi yo, — doggie"
- TXism: "got less than the widow's —" (broke)
- TXism: "more than you — at"
- Rangers league (abbr.)
- dir. to Houston from Dallas
- Mavs were this for first 14 games in '02-'03 season
- Brer Rabbit met up with — baby
- TXism: "hook, — and sinker"
- TXism: "he couldn't drive a — snow bank"
- many TXns fought in — nam
- meanly
- bet to nick the 1st & 2nd horse at Lone Star Park
- TXism: "horny —"
- actress Colbert of "Texas Lady" (init.)
- TXism: loud — hungry call"
- Big — National Park
- "now you've gone and — it"
- "king" so of the border
- Mrs. Roosevelt
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- TX WWII hero Audie (init.)

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Valley School News



Last Week In Texas History!

Apr. 1, 1813
Gutierrez-Magee Expedition captured San Antonio. Jose Bernardo Gutierrez de Lara issued Declaration of Independence five days later, the first for Texas. Constitution on April 17.

Apr. 1, 1833
Santa Anna inaugurated President of Mexico.

Apr. 1, 1833
Second Convention called by Texas colonists to petition Mexican government for separate statehood.

Benefits Of Eating Breakfast To Be Taught In Silverton OHS / WIC Class

Research has shown that children who eat breakfast perform better in school, concentrate better, are more creative and have a better memory. These and other facts about the importance of eating breakfast will be presented during a quarterly nutrition class called "Breakfast Is For Champions," which will be taught by the staff of Outreach Health Services (OHS)/ Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clinic beginning in April. The Briscoe County class will be held April 12 at the First Baptist Church, 500 Loretta Street, Silverton. Call 806-674-1334 for specific times.

WIC Office Open
Thursday, April 10, 2003
9:15 a.m. - Noon & 1 - 3:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church
500 Loretta St.
Silverton, Tx

The best of all government is that which teaches us to govern ourselves.
—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Menu Subject To Change

Monday, April 7

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Baked Chicken, Broccoli & Rice, Salad, Biscuits, Honey, Milk

Tuesday, April 8

Breakfast: Freedom Toast, Syrup, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Steak Fingers, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

Wednesday, April 9

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Lasagne, Salad, Garlic Toast, Ice Cream, Milk

Thursday, April 10

Breakfast: Blueberry Muffins, OJ/Milk

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

Friday, April 11

Breakfast: Breakfast On A Stick, Syrup, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Chips, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Cherry Cheesecake, Milk



Valley FFA First Place Cotton Judging Team - Clarendon College: L-R Leigh Ann Nielsen, 3rd High Individual; JC Pigg, 1st High Individual; and Scarlett Sperry, 9th High Individual.

Valley FFA Judging Teams Attend Practice Contests

Fourteen Valley FFA students participated in three judging contests last week in preparation for the State Qualifying Contest on April 12th at Texas Tech University. The teams involved and the members are as follows:

Dairy Foods: Chase Maynard, 8th high individual WTAMU, Katherine Pigg, Jennifer Carnes, and Alicia Roys.

Poultry: Zack Ramsey, Matt Whittington, Cody Varnell and Paige Hughes.

Meat: JC Pigg, Jessica Wellman, Randy Farley, and Larissa Payne.

Cotton: JC Pigg, Leigh Ann Nielson, and Scarlett Sperry. "These students judged at Tarleton State University, West Texas A&M, and Clarendon College on Thursday Friday, and Saturday. They are getting in the final practices before attending the contest that determines if they advance to the state level," said Daniel Jenkins, W-Ag teacher at Valley.

Valley Patriot Little Dribblers Dominate Paducah Tournament

The Valley Patriot Little Dribblers had another great weekend of basketball, March 30th at Paducah, Texas.

The 5th grade girl's team took home 2nd place, while the 3rd and 4th grade boys and girls, along with the 5th and 6th grade boys and girls took home 1st place medals! Congratulations To All!

* Due to a gremlin in our e-mail, we were unable to download the Valley Little Dribblers 3rd & 4th Grade Girls. Hopefully we will have their picture next week.



Valley Little Dribblers - 3rd & 4th Grade Boys



Valley Little Dribblers - 5th & 6th Grade Boys



Valley Little Dribblers - 5th Grade Girls



Valley Little Dribblers - 6th Grade Girls

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Dawna Michelle Warren

Age: 18

Birthday: January 2, 1985

Place Of Birth: Fort Worth, Texas

Parents: Sherry and Mark Warren.

My Pet Peeve: Unfaithfulness and selfishness.

My Role Model: My mother.

My Best Characteristic: Unconditional love.

Favorite Pastime: Hanging out with friends, shopping, and painting.

Favorite Style Of Dress: Jeans, T-shirts, and flip-flops.

Favorite Food: Mexican, Chinese, and Italian.

Favorite Movie: Top Gun and Serendipity.

My Favorite Sport: Softball, Volleyball - play, Football - watch

Favorite Subject: Math and Art.

Hobbies: Drawing, painting and hanging out with friends and shopping.

If I could travel anywhere, I would go... Paris, France, Ireland and Australia.

The best advice I ever received was... Never Ever do anything you will regret and Always follow your heart Not your head.

The worst advice I ever received was... Variety is the spice of life.

My worst habit is... Picking fuzz off of my clothes and everyone elses.

I'm thankful for... Freedom, family and God.

If I could change something, it would be... Our world, one step at a time.

I always fall for... Cheesecake, ice cream, and a chance to hang out with friends.

My greatest fear is... Dying before I accomplish my goals.

Someday I want to... Have a family and the career of my dreams.

My most valued possession is... Family and Robert.

After graduation I plan to... Move to Lubbock, begin college at Texas Tech University and get a job.

It is better for a city to be governed by a good man than even by good laws.

—Aristotle



Sammie Dee Ross

Age: 19

Birthday: December 17, 1983

Place Of Birth: Lockney, Texas

Parents: Jimmy & Velda Ross

My Pet Peeve: Stuck up people.

My Role Model: My mom

My Best Characteristic: Being organized

Favorite Pastime: Spending time with Kelsey.

Favorite Style Of Dress: Casual

Favorite Food: Italian

Favorite Movie: Dirty Dancing

My Favorite Sport: -

Favorite Subject: History

Hobbies: Working on my scrap book, cooking and sewing.

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

The best advice I ever received was... "I took the road less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." by Robert Frost

The worst advice I ever received was... -

My worst habit is... Biting my nails.

I'm thankful for... My family.

If I could change something, it would be... -

I always fall for... Tall guys.

My greatest fear is... Heights.

Someday I want to... Be an elementary teacher.

My most valued possession is... My good health.

After graduation I plan to... Attend WTAMU.

There are three faithful friends—an old wife, an old dog and ready money.

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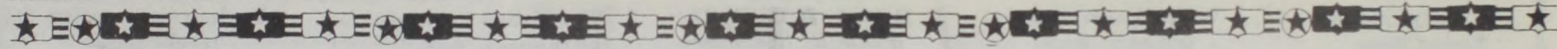
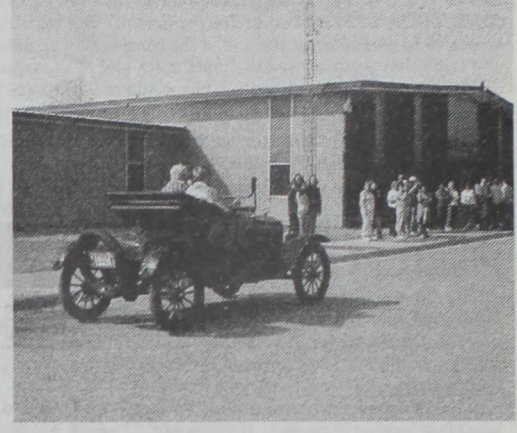
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Walk Across Texas! To Kick Off April 7th

Are you ready to SPRING into health! Then sign up for **Walk Across Texas!** sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County. This year, participants will be hypothetically walking from El Paso to Orange, Texas. We'll stay on Interstate 10 all the way, a total of 828 miles!

Walk Across Texas is an eight week program that will spark some friendly competitions in Briscoe County. Teams of eight will compete to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging, biking, spinning, doing aerobics, doing the stairmaster swimming, or even roller blading.

"Teams will keep track of their miles, which will be posted in the SPHPO Briscoe Community Clinic and the Quitaque Medical Clinic," says Cory Edwards, Briscoe County Extension Agent.

To participate in **Walk Across Texas**, first get a team together and choose a team name. The competition will kick off April 7, 2003. There will be two come and go registration parties that day, the first, at Silverton in the SPHPO Briscoe Community Clinic from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. The second, at Quitaque in the Quitaque Medical Clinic from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Linda Moore, RN will be taking pre-measurements of weight, blood pressure, and blood sugar at both parties. Also, during registration you can enjoy great, nutritious snacks, fill out all of the necessary registration forms, go over all of the rules, and win door prizes. There will be a \$2 registration fee per person. The registration fees will be used to obtain prizes to be presented at the end of the competition on June 1. Prizes will be presented to the team that accumulated the most miles and to the team that loses the most weight.

If you can't attend registration but would still like to participate, please come by or call the Extension Office at 823-2521 by Friday, April 4, 2003 to get your team signed up.

"Participating in **Walk Across Texas** in not only a great way to get involved with our community, it's a healthy habit," Cory added. "This year we'll also be measuring the effects of exercise on weight loss, blood pressure, and blood sugar levels."

Quitaque Chamber Of Commerce Plans City Walking Trail

The Quitaque Chamber of Commerce met on Tuesday, April 1 in the Community Center with seven members present. Business for the evening included discussion on the Panhandle Tourism Luncheon at Caprock Canyons State Park which Quitaque is hosting on Friday April 4th at noon.

A list of people who have rentals for hunters or bed and breakfast lodging is needed. If you would like to be on this list, which will be provided to callers who ask or information. Please call Phil Barefield at 455-1446.

A committee was appointed to see if a Media Day would be beneficial, and if it is deemed to be, to do long range planning. The committee consisted in part of Randy Stark, Jean Mullin, Verla Barrett and Arlene Hinkle. Other appointees are to be confirmed.

A suggestion was made about building a Walking Trail at the west end of town and including part of the Caprock Canyons State Park Trail. The Extension Service will be contacted about providing trees and ideas. All suggestions are welcome.

An Easter Egg Hunt is being planned for Saturday April 19 at 2 p.m. at the Quitaque City Park. Children, up to age 10 are invited to participate.

Another item of business was an entry in the Bob Wills Parade. This idea will be worked on during the next couple of weeks.

Caprock Canyons State Park To Host Nature Hike & Program

On Saturday, April 5 Penelope Fouts, Park Interpreter at Caprock Canyons State Park, will host a Nature Hike at 9 a.m. Join Ms. Fouts for an informative hike along Eagle Point Trail. Learn about mammals, animal signs, birds, plants and the geology of the Park. The hike will last about 1 hour.

That evening at 7 p.m. Ms. Fouts will host an evening program. Join her for a beautiful canyon sunset at the amphitheater followed by a slide show. Topics addressed will include park wildflowers, mammals, birds and night noises.

Regular park fees apply to both events.

Letters To The Editor



Dear Editor:

Like millions of Americans, I am disgusted with our so-called allies such as France and Germany who not only do not support the war in Iraq, but actually take obstructionist actions against the U. S. and its coalition of the willing.

I support a boycott of the products of France and Germany. Why should any of our hard-earned dollars go to our enemies? This is a partial list of companies and products that I urge your readers to boycott:

FRANCE: French Wine, French Cheese, Motel 6 & Red Roof Inns, RCA, Michelin, B.F. Goodrich, Bic, Maybelline, L'Oreal.

GERMANY: Adidas, 8:00 Coffee, BMW, Alka Seltzer, Bayer (drugs and lawn products).

Just think before you make a purchase, and find an alternative product to use. If you are lucky enough to be able to travel overseas, why not choose a country that actually supports the USA to visit? The impact of one person is small, but together we are mighty!

Virginia Sailsbury
Roaring Springs



Valley Bike-A-Thon This Saturday

A Bike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital will be held at Valley School this Saturday, April 5th, starting at 10 a.m.

Most of the children who will be interested in participating in the fund raising event have already received Sponsor and Parent permission forms. The purpose of the form is to make parents aware of the event and asks for the parent or guardian's signature. This form will also be used by each participant to acquire sponsors. Sponsors are asked to pay 25 cents or more per mile for each mile the rider is willing to ride. Each rider may acquire as many sponsors as they wish.

Each participant is asked to register for the event Saturday morning. At registration time, the distance the rider is supposed to ride will be determined and any money already collected will be accepted by event workers and credit will be given to the participant. It is best if sponsors pay by check, not cash. Participants are asked not to go door to door seeking sponsors, unless the people are well known to the rider. Each participant is asked to collect donations following the event.

All bike-a-thon activities should be completed by 12 noon. Refreshments will be furnished for the riders. Prizes will be determined and should be available in a short time.

A good group of riders is expected and it should be a fun day! All community support will be appreciated.

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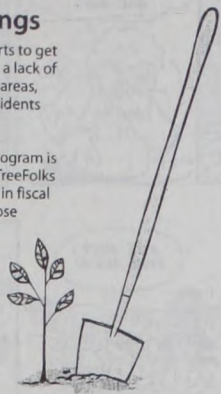
Keeping an Eye on Texas

Growing Energy Savings

Trees can keep things cool when it starts to get hot in the city. Concrete, buildings and a lack of trees can make cities hotter than rural areas, which can drive up cooling bills for residents and businesses.

The city of Austin's NeighborWoods program is working with tree-planting nonprofit TreeFolks and Austin Energy to plant 3,000 trees in fiscal 2003 to provide shade and cut into those high cooling bills.

NeighborWoods provides free trees to residents in neighborhoods that need more trees. More than 20,000 trees have been distributed since 1994.



SOURCES: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and the City of Austin.

Texas Peanut Producers Seek National Peanut Board Nominees

The Texas Peanut Producers Board will seek nominations for a member and alternate to the National Peanut Board at an April 29 meeting in Abilene, Texas at the Ambassador Suites Hotel, 4250 Ridgmont Drive, beginning at 10 a.m.

The terms for the current Texas board member and alternate in Texas expires at the end of this year.

Following the election for two nominees and two alternates, the names of those persons selected are submitted to the USDA. The Secretary of Agriculture then determines the board member and alternate.

After the election for nominees, The Texas Peanut Producers Board will host a peanut marketing seminar. Speakers for the seminar will be Dr. Marshall Lamb, Agricultural Economist, National Peanut Research Lab, Dawson, Georgia and Dan Hunter, Manager, Southwestern Peanut Growers Association.

Texas Moves To Eighth Largest Economy In The World

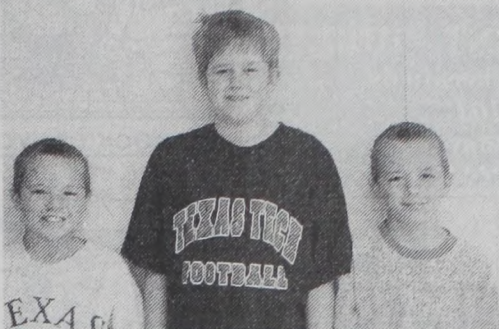
Texas moved from the ninth largest economy in the world to the eighth according to Gross National Product (GNP) statistics from the World Bank Atlas for 2000. With a 2000 Gross State Product (GSP) of \$725 billion, the Texas economy is more than three times the size of the Russian economy, and also outpaces the GNP of countries like Canada, Brazil, Korea and Argentina.

"Texas is not only the eighth largest economy in the world, we are the second largest economy when you look at it on a per capita basis," Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said. "Though Texas is currently experiencing an economic downturn, we have long-term economic strengths most countries wish for."

"We are blessed with abundant natural resources and energy supplies. We have a large, educated work force and state leaders who are committed to improving our public and higher education systems. But most importantly, it's hard working Texas families that have built this state into the eighth largest economy in the world."

The United States has the world's largest GNP, \$9.6 trillion, followed by Japan, Germany, the United Kingdom, France, Italy, China and (if it were a nation) Texas.

Texas Cooperative Extension Briscoe County Cory Edwards, C.E.A. - F.C.S. Brandon McGinty C.E.A. - A.G.



Jayson Pigg, Jacob Pigg, and Luke Shannon won 9th place overall at the 4-H Horse Judging Contest last Saturday held at Clarendon College.

4-H Youth Win Clarendon Livestock Contest

Fourteen Briscoe County 4-H youth participated in the Clarendon Livestock Judging Contest over the weekend, where one Jr. team placed first. There were three Jr. teams consisting of 12 Jr. members, Nichole Schott-first high individual, Townli Zeigler-ninth high individual, Torrey Fuston, Khaki Scrivner, Tanner Schott, True Burson, Dusty-fourteenth high individual, Ory Johnson-eighteenth high individual, Shawn Johnson, Drew Reed, Jacob Hancock and J.T. West. These youth placed First, Ninth, and Seventeenth out of 33 teams at the contest. These youth evaluated cattle, sheep and swine for market and breeding purposes. There were also two individual Sr. contestants, Zack Burson (Tenth) and Will Boedeker (30th) that participated in the same classes but also had to talk three sets of reasons each. We are very proud of all the youth that are participating in the livestock judging events and are looking forward to their participation in the District Contest on April 25 in Canyon.

TDA To Mail Ballots For April 21st Regional Boll Weevil Vote

Cotton farmers and landowners with cotton production are eligible to vote in an April 21 referendum that will determine whether to continue a boll weevil eradication program in the 22 counties of the Northern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

Based on Farm Service Agency records, the Texas Department of Agriculture has mailed 2,028 ballots. Eligible voters in the Northern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone should receive an official ballot by mail after March 28. A postage paid return envelope will be included. Completed ballots must be post-marked on or before April 21 to be counted. Producers who planted cotton in 2002 but do not receive a ballot should contact TDA at 512-463-7593.

In addition to deciding if an eradication program should continue in the zone, voters will elect a board member from the Northern Rolling Plains Zone to serve on the statewide Board of Directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc.

TDA received one nomination for this position before the March 22 filing deadline. The name of John Inman of Childress County will appear on the ballot as a board nominee. Inman is a cotton producer who has farmed in Childress County since 1980.

Growers in the Northern Rolling Plains Zone initially approved a boll weevil eradication program in April 1999 and a maximum assessment of \$15 per planted row acre for irrigated cotton and \$10 per planted row acre for dryland cotton to fund it. The referendum will not affect the current assessment rates.

The Northern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of approximately 350,000 acres in 22 counties: Childress, Clay, Collingsworth, Cottle, Donley, Ford, Gray, Hall, Hardeman, Kent, King, Motley, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, and portions of Archer, Armstrong, Briscoe, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd and Garza.

Sign-Up For Livestock Compensation LCP-II

As a part of the Agriculture Assistance Act of 2003, the LCP program was reopened on April 1st, 2003. Eligible producers who did not sign up in the original stage of this program are eligible to do so now. An eligible producer is an entity or individual who shares in the income from the sale of eligible livestock, possesses a beneficial interest in eligible livestock, has financial risk in the eligible livestock, and did not receive a payment for eligible livestock under the 2002 LCP.

The following are eligible livestock: beef cattle, dairy cattle, buffalo and beafalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle, sheep and goats.

Livestock must have been owned for a minimum of 90 calendar days. June 1st, 2002, must be within the 90 calendar day ownership period. Livestock meeting these requirements, and have been sold or died before sign-up, would be eligible for payment. For more information, contact the Hall County Farm Service Agency at 806-259-3579.

West Texas Quail Study Group Meets April 24-25

The West Texas Quail Study Group, open to anyone with an interest in quail, will hold its inaugural meeting April 24-25 in Taylor County. The program is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension.

Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo and a study group coordinator, said the Quail Study Group is an offshoot of the West Texas Deer Study Group formed in 1998.

"The popularity of the Rolling Plains as a premier quail hunting area has heightened demand for good hunting leases. Accordingly, it's important for landowners to understand how to best mix quail needs into their other ranch goals to optimize profits."

"The issue of grazing has become a contentious one in quail management circles, especially during dry times like we've experienced over the last five years. One of the panel discussions we've planned will include area ranchers who will share their perspectives on how to best balance quail and cattle needs."

The course will cover such topics as organization of the study group; the Texas Quail Index, scoring quail habitat and how quail are influenced by weather and cattle in pastures; discussions on supplemental feeding, prescribed burning, and brush sculpting; and a point-counterpoint session on the role cactus plays in quail management.

For further information on attending this seminar contact: Gary Bomar, Extension agent in Taylor County, at 915-672-6048 or Rollins at 915-653-4576. Registration is \$35 per person until April 21 and \$50 per person thereafter and at the door.

Cotton News

By Shawn Wac -
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

USDA Makes Disaster Announcement

USDA Secretary Ann Veneman has announced that sign-up for the crop assistance program included in the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003 will begin June 6, 2003 with payments going out shortly thereafter.

Among the details announced March 28 was the fact that the law specifies that payments be calculated using the same formula used for the 2000 crop year.

For purposes of calculating the 95% Benefit Cap it means producers will have their expected crop yield valued at the higher of the Actual Production Price (APH) price election or, if that price is not available, a 5-year average price published by the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Consultation with USDA also clarified that the yield used to calculate the 95% Benefit Cap will be the same as the one used to calculate their disaster payment-the higher of the producers APH yield or the 5-year NASS County Average yield. This would be the same yield option as provided in the 2000 crop disaster program to calculate benefits.

Other announcements pertaining to cotton that producers will find interesting are that the \$50 million Cottonseed Assistance program included in the legislation will likely begin sometime after May 1 when the 2002 ginning season has been officially completed.

Additional details on disaster provisions will be reported as they become known.

FEMA/NASA Encourages Farmers And Ranchers To Report Potential Columbia Shuttle Debris

With the coming of spring, trees, bushes, vines and grasses are beginning to grow. Eventually, this growth could cover unfound shuttle material and make it difficult or impossible to find. Several critical parts that will become less valuable if they are not found soon remain unaccounted for.

The Columbia Shuttle Recovery Team is deeply appreciative of those who have helped discover and retrieve shuttle material to date and encourages farmers and landowners to stay alert for potential shuttle debris, especially as they go about the process of preparing land for the 2003 growing season.

To date, the farthest west that Columbia debris has been located and recovered in Texas is in Lamb County, near Littlefield.

Any piece of shuttle material could prove to be an essential piece for investigators trying to understand what happened on February 1, 2003.

If you find something you believe may be shuttle material, please report it immediately to the Columbia Shuttle Recovery Center using this toll-free hotline: 1-866-446-6603.

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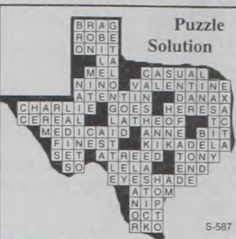
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