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## Madelyn Fern Ramsey Valedictorian Valley Eighth Grade

Madelyn Fern Ramsey is the Valedictorian of the Valley Eighth Grade Class of 2003. Her grade point average is 97.679. She is the fourteen year old daughter of Greg and Susan Ramsey of Quitaque.

Maddie has participated in UIL, cheerleading, basketball, tennis, track, cross country, and county and state stock shows.

She is looking forward to high school. She states, "I want to strive to be Valedictorian of my Senior class." She is also looking forward to joining FFA, pep squad, and participating in sports in high school.

Maddie's advice to her fellow Junior High classmates, especially incoming sixth graders in August, is "to be sure to read your AR books, don't waste your time, and have lot's of fun."

The most influential people in her life are her parents because they have set a good Christian example for her.

After Maddie graduates from high school, she wants to attend Texas Tech University and study orthodontics.

## Briscoe County 'Criminals' To Be Rounded Up On May 17<sup>th</sup>

It's that time again, the Briscoe County Bail Busters are fixing to start rounding up 'criminals' for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. The Bail Busters are accepting donations for "Warrants" to be issued and "Hoosgow" Insurance is also, for those who think they might need it.

The fee to have a Warrant issued is \$3 or you can get four (4) of them for \$10. Insurance fees are \$15 but if the Warrant(s) are issued before the Insurance is purchased the "Fines" will be added to the price of the insurance.

Once the insurance is purchased, no Warrant(s) can be issued for your arrest. So come one, come all, step up and get even for Warrants that were issued last year. Win friends, influence people, or just get even and have a little fun with the Bail Buster on May 17, 2003 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

## Turkey Gem Theatre To Feature Jimmy Burson In Concert

On Saturday, May 24th, Jimmy Burson of Silverton and his "Texas In The Swing" band will be performing at the Gem Theatre. Jim is a multi-talented entertainer who plays several instruments. He can also sing just about any kind of song, including western swing, gospel, pop, cowboy etc. "Texas In The Swing" is a group of very fine musicians who are also very talented. This combination is sure to be an ear pleasing evening of great entertainment.

The show starts at 7 p.m. and admission is \$8. You can purchase your tickets at the ticket window at the Gem Theatre. So make plans to attend this show, you won't be disappointed!

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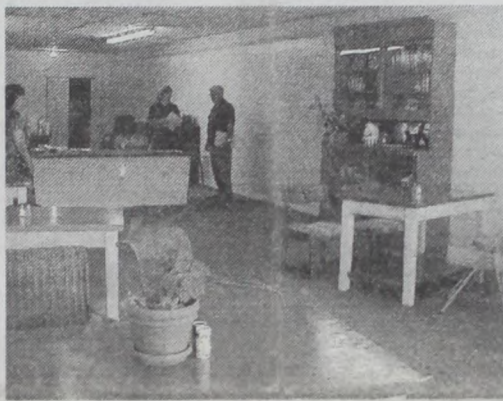
## Eighth Grade Class Of 2003 Graduates Into VHS

On Thursday, May 22, the Eighth Grade Class of 2003 will graduate into Valley High School. Commencement ceremonies for the eighth grade class will begin at 8:00 p.m. and will be held in the school gymnasium. Serving, as ushers are Mary Kate Davidson, Savannah Smith, Cole Brown, and Danny Carnes.

Eighth grade honor students are Maddie Ramsey with a grade-point average of 97.679, Macy Davidson - 94.464, Molly Davidson - 93.857, Ana Karen Mendoza - 92.321, and Fannin Gwinn - 90.571.

Class officers are President - Maddie Ramsey Vice President - Fannin Gwinn, Secretary/Treasurer - Macy Davidson, and Reporter - Molly Davidson. Class sponsor is JoAnn Reagan.

The parents of the eighth grade class extend an invitation to a formal reception honoring the graduates in the cafeteria following the commencement program.



Lacy's Too is now open for business in downtown Turkey.

## Lacy's Too Opens In Downtown Turkey

If you haven't been to downtown Turkey in the last few weeks, it might just be worth your while to make the trip. Lacy Shannon has recently opened up Lacy's Too, a sandwich & baked goods shop. Lacy's Too is located just west of Lacy Dry Goods on Main Street.

Lacy had been wanting to open this shop for some time. With the help of her family they fixed up the building and she began making preparations for opening day.

Lacy's Too features fresh homemade deli sandwiches and an assortment of baked goods. "Just like Mom and Grandma Lacy used to make" Lacy stated. "Some of the recipes I use have been in my family for several generations." Coming soon, Lacy's Too will be serving fresh baked pizza, for eat-in or take-out. So stop by Lacy's Too in downtown Turkey, they are open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Turkey Heritage Foundation is selling tickets on an afghan to raise money for new roof on Gem Theatre.

## Heritage Foundation Selling Tickets On Afghan

By Lawana Cruse

Janet Greene of Turkey has donated a large, beautiful white afghan to the Turkey Heritage Foundation to sell tickets on as a fund raiser to help repair the roof on the Gem Theatre. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing for the afghan will be held July 19th at the Terry Davis Concert at the Gem Theatre. You do not have to be present to win but this is really going to be a good show. Terry is from Amarillo and is a regular at the Big Texas.

You may order tickets from the Gem Theatre Fund, Box 74, Turkey, Texas 79261. Janet is a wonderful crafts lady and has numerous afghans, stuffed animals, etc. for sale.

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 vtaylor@caprock-spur.com



## Macy Clare Davidson Salutatorian Valley Eighth Grade

Macy Clare Davidson is the Salutatorian of the Eighth Grade Class of 2003. Her grade point average is 94.464. She is the fourteen year old daughter of Jon and Laura Davidson of Turkey.

Macy has participated in cheerleading, basketball, track, cross country, UIL, and county and state stock shows.

Macy is looking forward to her high school years. She plans to be very busy participating in all sports, cheerleading, and stock shows. She states, "I plan to be either Valedictorian or Salutatorian of the Class of 2007."

Her advice to her fellow Junior High students is "to be the very best you can be and to read your AR books!"

The most influential people in Macy's life are her parents "because they always are pushing me to do good." She goes on the state, "As a result, life has been very good for me."

After graduating from high school, Macy plans to attend Lubbock Christian University and study to be a "school nurse like her Aunt Lana."

## Woodstock Benefit To Be Held At Lake Mackenzie

Woodstock is an annual outdoor event taking place at Lake Mackenzie on Father's Day weekend each year. This will be the fifth consecutive year!

This benefit began when Todd Holly's cousin, Woody Miller, was killed in an industrial fire at work. Because he left behind 5 children, Todd organized a fund-raiser for the family and it has been carried on in Woody's honor ever since.

Each year, 100% of all money raised has gone to a different burn victim from this area. Last year's Woodstock was a huge success to benefit little Levi Cantrell, who was flown into University Medical Center's Burn Unit as a victim of abuse and was later adopted by his UMC nurse Lori Cantrell.

This year, Woodstock is in coordination with UMC's Occupational Therapy Department and the Lubbock Firefighters to send area children to Camp Amistad. It is the mission of Camp Amistad to provide a free summer camp experience to children ages 6-16 who have sustained a burn injury.

June 13-14 will be a weekend long campout full of live music by a variety of bands who volunteer their talent, fishing, various contests, and a silent auction of donated merchandise and art. There is no charge to be a part of Woodstock, but donations are the heart of our fund-raising efforts and a lake permit is required.

Mark your calendars now to come out and support this worthy cause. Bring an item for the silent auction...yes, any item.

## Senior Citizens Game Night To Be Held

The Quitaque Senior citizens will be sponsoring a Game Night on Friday, May 16, 2003 starting at 6 p.m. for anyone who would like to come and join them for a fun night. Refreshments will be served.

So pick out your favorite game and bring it on down to the Senior citizen's building in Quitaque for a fun evening with your friends and neighbors. There will be no charge. This is an evening of free entertainment. Come on down and join in the fun!

## Valley Weather Forecast for Next 9 Days

Date	High/Low	%Prec
Thu May 15	83°/63°	60%
Fri May 16	78°/50°	20%
Sat May 17	85°/51°	0%
Sun May 18	95°/61°	0%
Mon May 19	97°/63°	0%
Tue May 20	89°/57°	30%
Wed May 21	87°/53°	20%
Thu May 22	83°/57°	20%
Fri May 23	88°/61°	30%

**OBITUARIES**

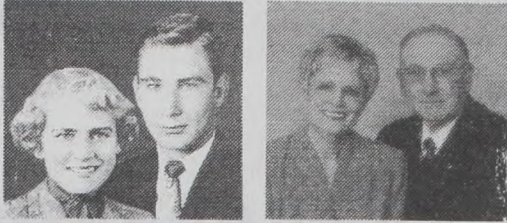
**Nicholas Elizabeth Eddleman**

Services for Nicholas Elizabeth Eddleman, 81, of Estelline, TX were held Monday, May 12, 2003 at the First Baptist Church in Estelline, TX with R.C. Elliott officiating. Burial was in Estelline Cemetery under the direction of Hughs Funeral Home Memphis, TX.

Miss. Eddleman died Friday, May 9, 2003 in Childress, TX.

She was born on January 26, 1922 in Estelline, TX to the late Mr. Arthur Eddleman and Mrs. Lura Greene. She graduated High School in Estelline and also graduated from the University of North Texas. She moved to Estelline in 1983 from Ft. Worth, TX. She worked as an elementary school teacher in Ft. Worth for over 30 years and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Estelline.

She is survived by numerous cousins.



**John & Maebelle Francis**

John & Maebelle Francis will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and their children request that all friends of the couple will honor them with a card or letter of Congratulations. The couple both were raised in Briscoe County. John attended schools in Silvertown while Maebelle attended in Quitaque. They are parents of Lori House, Levelland and Lesa Johnson of Lubbock.

**TURKEY ROOST MUSEUM NOTES**

By Margie Dinkerton

On Saturday, May 10th we had a visit from some of the nicest, most interesting people you could ever hope to meet. We had a deaf congregation from a Baptist Church in Amarillo who really seemed to enjoy being in Turkey. One of the women grew up here; a Mrs. Wilcoxson.

We also had a couple from Wichita Falls who were in Turkey for the first time. We had another group come in with Dee Seitz. Some of these folks were from Colorado and some were from England.

Many people enjoy museums and even though ours is still a ways from being complete, we like having people drop by to visit and see what we are working on and what we are trying to get done. So feel free to stop in anytime we are open.

**ON THE QT**

Patsy and Ross Herrington had the privilege of having all their children and most grandchildren visit them during Easter and Mother's Day.

First, on Easter, daughter Kim and Ron Eudy, Marshall, Parker and Gracie of Austin spent the weekend and attended church with them on Easter Sunday.

Next on Mother's Day weekend, Lisa Welborn and Betsy of Austin, their daughter and granddaughter, flew in for the weekend. Their son, Lex Herrington with wife, Dana and children Emery and Everett of Floydada, visited on Saturday and had supper with them. On Mother's Day, son Max Ham, Ann Marie and Chase came from Crosbyton and they all went out to dinner. Lisa and Betsy attended church with them and returned home Sunday evening to Austin.

Mother's Day evening, granddaughter, Traci Ham Dykstra, phoned from Durant, Oklahoma, and also sent a Hallmark Mother's Day greeting on E-mail.

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The history of the building of the American nation may justly be described as a laboratory experiment in understanding and in solving the problems that will confront the world tomorrow.  
—Nicholas Murray Butler  
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A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.  
—Josh Billings  
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Jess Yeary, Robin Williams
- May 16**  
Gerald Williams, Roberta Carson, Rex Morgan
- May 17**  
Ian Farley, Erica Pigg, Lillie Leal, Todd Payne
- May 18**  
Karen Allen, Betty Farley
- May 19**  
Author Beck
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**Valley Calendar Of Events**

- May 16**  
\* Quitaque Senior Citizens Game Night @ 6 p.m.
- May 17**  
\* Armed Forces Day
- May 19**  
\* TEC meeting
- \* Quitaque Lions Club meeting
- May 20**  
\* Turkey Senior Citizens meeting @ 6 p.m.
- \* Turkey Fire Department meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- May 21**  
\* Caprock Partners meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- May 22**  
\* Economic Board meeting

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The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends 30 minutes of moderate activity most days of the week in order to maintain one's weight. A person may achieve significant weight loss if that time is increased to 60 minutes. This activity may include walking, jogging, biking, or hiking.

Eat a diet rich in fruits, vegetables and fiber and limit your intake of fats and sweets. Don't forget to include your children! The best way to prevent obesity is to begin a healthy lifestyle at a young age. Encourage or invite a friend to take a walk and together we can all enjoy the benefits of good health.

If you have questions or would like to have a physical before starting an exercise program, feel free to call the clinic at (806) 823-2283 or come by at 701 Commerce St. in Silvertown.

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**Do Gooders Club**  
Care Center  
The Do Gooders' Club throws the Lockney Care Center the Floydada Care Center. Mrs. B. Rogers entertained topics and then conducted sense of president, Mrs. Wayne Alma Shorter read their were approved, they voted on projects. It was reported repairs with new PVC pipes completed.

Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Leonard served canapes, centerpieces was a beautiful They sang Happy Birthdays. Mrs. Judy Stark raffie ticket drawing.

Those attending were Mrs. tin, Kathy Shorter, Alma Sh Degan and Anna Beth Clay. and daughter, Mrs. Mable Shorter.

**Mother's Day**  
Mother's Day and the first daughter of Gina and Tim Sunday with a family luncheon of Turkey. Nellie had an and entertained everyone who Those enjoying the happy of Mrs. J.W. Eubank of Farewell Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shannon of rell Martin of Tulsa; Mr. and Mr. Mrs. Billy Neal Turkey, Mrs. Katherine Wall and Mr. Mrs. Bill Shannon

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Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Mar Berger of daughter and husband

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay Cody Barclay, Ashton and Lane celebrated Mother's Day.

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# FLOMOT NEWS

BY: EARLYNE JAMESON

## OVERHEARD

I hate to admit, but every once in a while these days I have a 'senior moment.' Though it is still keen memory, I stumble with a name, a face, maybe even a word, the most horrible of lapses for a newspaper reporter!

### Do Gooders Club Continue Projects Benefiting Care Center Residents

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, May 6th at the Flomot Community Center. They continued working on 35 lap throws for the Lockney Care Center and 50 clothes protectors for the Floydada Care Center.

Mrs. B. Rogers entertained with amusing anecdotes on various topics and then conducted the business meeting in the absence of president, Mrs. Waydette Clay.

Mrs. Alma Shorter read the minutes and business report that were approved, they voted to return Wednesday, May 7th to work on projects. It was reported the Community Center water system repairs with new PVC pipes and rerouted water lines had been completed.

Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Leona Degan presided at pewter appointments and served canapes, cake and iced tea. The table was laid with a lace cloth complemented with a multicolored runner. The centerpiece was a beautiful Spanish Heather plant.

They sang Happy Birthday to Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Kathy Shorter. Mrs. Judy Stark won the Heather plant following the raffle ticket drawing.

Those attending were Mesdames Mary Jo Calvert, Geneva Martin, Kathy Shorter, Alma Shorter, Judy Stark, B. Rogers, Leona Degan and Anna Beth Clay. Guests were Mrs. Oma Lee George and daughter, Mrs. Mable Sue Barrett of Bovina.

### Mother's Day And Birthday Celebrated

Mother's Day and the first birthday of Nellie Bly Shannon, daughter of Gina and Tim Shannon of Flomot, was celebrated Sunday with a family luncheon in the home of Mrs. Annie Shannon of Turkey. Nellie had a beautifully decorated Barney cake and entertained everyone when opening her gifts.

Those enjoying the happy occasion were grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Eubank of Farewell and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Shannon of Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Martin of Silvertown; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shannon of Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Martin of Tulsa; Mr. and Mrs. Stan Price, Emily and Tiffany and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Neal Shannon, Chisum and John Luke of Turkey, Mrs. Katherine Walker, Adrian and Martin of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shannon of Flomot.

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Mother's Day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell, Shae and Peyton of Lubbock, Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas and houseguest, Dustin Reed of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stark, who live four miles southeast of Flomot, reported a half an inch of rain and small hail Wednesday night May 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin attended to business in Hillsboro, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Visiting Mother's Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were daughter and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley, his mother, Mrs. Eva Wigley, and Mrs. Ruth Williams, all of Lubbock.

Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock and Donnie Rogers hosted a Mother's Day luncheon on Quitaque for their mother, Mrs. B. Rogers and husband, Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Eubank of Farewell visited Saturday and Sunday with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Shannon and Nellie Bly.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited last weekend in Fritch with daughter and son, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were guests Mother's Day in Berger of daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper.

Visiting Mother's day weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were daughters and children, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg and Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville. Joining them for a Mother's Day luncheon were their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Mother's Day with his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay met son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Ashton and Lane of Berger in Amarillo, Sunday and celebrated Mother's Day.

A Mother's day luncheon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Derrick was enjoyed by her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador, Keane Cruse of Turkey and Leah Cruse of Lubbock.

Visiting Mother's Day weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were children, Cara Franks of Canyon and Cary Franks of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee enjoyed Mother's Day in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and daughter, Danielle attended the music recital held Saturday night at the United Methodist Church in Floydada, Danielle was a featured vocal student singing solo "The Wayward Wind".

# Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

Everybody is so busy these days with end of school activities, summer plans and gardening added to our already busy days. That's why I decided to give you some more of the popular 30-Minute Meals, which can be prepared even dessert- in 30 minutes or less. For this meal, work backward and fix the Cookies 'N' Cream Fluff first so it has time to chill until after dinner. Pineapple Chicken Stir-Fry uses frozen vegetables and canned pineapple chunks for convenience without sacrificing taste. Creamy Coleslaw rounds out the meal and uses a package of shredded cabbage and carrots which really cuts down on prep time. Enjoy!

**COOKIES "N" CREAM FLUFF**  
2 cups cold milk  
1 package (3.4 oz.) instant vanilla pudding mix  
1 (8 oz.) carton Cool Whip, thawed  
15 Oreos, broken into chunks  
Additional broken cookies for topping  
In a bowl, whisk milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes until slightly thickened. Fold in Cool Whip and Oreos. Spoon into dessert dishes. Top with additional cookies. Chill until serving. Serves 6.

**CREAMY COLESLAW**  
1 package (18 oz.) coleslaw mix  
3/4 cup mayonnaise  
1/3 cup sour cream  
1/4 cup sugar  
3/4 teaspoon seasoned salt  
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard  
1/4 teaspoon celery salt  
Place coleslaw mix in a large bowl. Combine the remaining ingredients in another bowl; stir until blended. Pour over coleslaw mix and toss to coat. Refrigerate until serving. Serves 6.

**PINEAPPLE CHICKEN STIR-FRY**  
1/4 cup soy sauce  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1 tablespoon cider vinegar  
1 tablespoon ketchup  
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into strips  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 package (16 oz.) frozen stir-fry vegetables  
1 can (8 oz.) pineapple chunks in juice, drained  
Hot cooked rice  
In a small bowl, combine the first six ingredients; set aside. In a large skillet or wok, stir-fry chicken in oil for 5-6 minutes or until juices run clear. Add the vegetables; stir-fry for 3-4 minutes until crisp tender. Stir in pineapple and soy sauce mixture; heat through. Serve over rice. Serves 6.

Next week, I'll give you another 30-Minute Meal to make your family think you fussed when you didn't. May God continue to BLESS AMERICA!

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- Andrew Carnegie \_\_\_ funds for many TX libraries
- Ector Co. seat
- graduated marks on a scale
- TXism: "he's \_\_\_ bricks shy of a load"
- sheep (females)
- people of northeast Africa
- "Diez \_\_\_ de Septiembre" is celebrated in many TX towns
- get rid of a computer virus?
- french for TXism "know how"
- Johnson Space Center has a shuttle (trainer)
- Alamogordo, TX was once named "\_\_\_ Eye" for a saloon fight

**DOWN**

- what you might hear at the Ennis Polka Festival? (3 wds.)
- popular New Braunfels park was once known as "\_\_\_ Pasture"
- actress Taylor of TX-based "Giant"
- 50 homecoming flowers
- TXism: "keep your saddle \_\_\_"
- some TX soldiers in Iraq (abbr.)
- TX Toomay's "On \_\_\_ Given Sunday"
- ex-Ranger "Pudge"
- San Antonio's Mexican market "El \_\_\_"
- TXism: "hungry as concrete pasture"
- USS Texas supported landing on Oki \_\_\_ in WWII
- jetset
- TXism: "quick as \_\_\_"
- TXism: "at the \_\_\_ my rope"
- licitious sister of Irma Hogg
- TX Martin sang about "King \_\_\_"
- 911 responders (abbr.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ in with the tumble-weeds" (arrived)
- "what \_\_\_ is new?"
- TXism: "bid \_\_\_" (business)
- British air military (abbr.)
- TXism: "dance with who bring \_\_\_"
- TX Sissy (init.)
- no. Atlantic fish
- IA or TX town
- TX Kenny sang: "\_\_\_ Have Eyes For You"
- TXism: "evil mannered"
- mild oath
- TX golfer Lanny (init.)
- ex-Cowboy star RB (init.)
- TXism: "tight \_\_\_"
- TX rock singer Meat
- TXism: "he's feeling his \_\_\_" (frisky)

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## Turkey Senior Citizens

By Oleta Randell  
We had 3 guests, Ruth Moore of Lorraine, Guss and Vinita Hrnir of Quitaque and 23 members at our last meeting. We had 2 tables of Mexican Train, one Table of Spinner and one table of 42. The Tall Tales Table was going strong even though several were absent from it.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 20 so come on out and enjoy the Fun! Food! & Fellowship!

## TURKEY TALK

John & Maebelle Francis of Silvertown visited Louis and Oleta Randell last Friday night, Louis and Oleta Randell were in Amarillo Sunday for Mother's Day with their daughter JoAnn and Ronnie Blythe and family.

Louis and Oleta were in Lubbock Wednesday for Oleta's eye Dr. appointment.

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**Keeping an Eye on Texas**



**Exporting Texas**

According to the United States Department of Commerce, The Lone Star State is now No. 1 in exports. Texas products make up 13 percent of all goods that the U.S. sells to other nations. Last year, Texas exports totaled \$88 billion, mainly machinery, slightly edging California and New York.



SOURCE: Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the San Antonio Express-News.

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**USDA Announces State EQIP Funding**

USDA has announced State allocation levels for the 2003 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The EQIP application process is currently underway. NRCS will accept EQIP applications from producers through June 13, 2003.

Some \$1.9 Billion in EQIP funds are available nationwide for 2003. The funds will provide cost share and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers to initiate conservation practices that will provide environmental benefits.

Texas is slated to receive slightly more than \$130 million in EQIP funds. According to USDA fact sheets, the Texas allocation will provide approximately \$69 million in technical assistance and \$61 million in financial assistance.

EQIP funds are being made available to provide both cost-share assistance and to provide technical assistance to farmers and ranchers wanting to initiate conservation practices on their operations.

In addition to the regular EQIP finding, additional funds will be available to Texas counties under special allocations targeted at the Ogallala Aquifer and through the EQIP program's animal feeding operations/confined animal feeding operation (AFO/CAFO) provisions.

A breakdown of EQIP funding allocations for various Cotton Belt states appear on the table below.

**Cotton Belt EQIP Funding Allocations**

State	Technical Assistance	Financial Assistance
Alabama	\$18,354,076	\$10,701,700
Arizona	\$13,239,397	\$11,887,400
Arkansas	\$21,381,976	\$31,138,800
California	\$37,308,389	\$60,965,800
Georgia	\$25,140,444	\$16,793,000
Louisiana	\$19,043,763	\$33,240,600
Mississippi	\$31,285,078	\$28,169,000
Missouri	\$33,905,156	\$27,558,400
New Mexico	\$16,249,584	\$17,013,700
North Carolina	\$19,232,458	\$18,787,400
Oklahoma	\$28,651,827	\$21,519,900
South Carolina	\$13,658,925	\$14,537,700
Texas	\$69,201,376	\$61,774,700
Virginia	\$16,210,595	\$9,333,100

In Texas NRCS works with 216 local Soil and Water Conservation Districts to address local natural resource issues and to identify conservation practices that are most beneficial to the producer and the community. For more information about the 2003 EQIP program, contact the local SWCD district office or NRCS field office. Additional information is available on the agency website at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill>.

**26th CRP Sign-Up Underway**

The Conservation Reserve Program's 26th sign up began May 5 and runs through May 30, 2003. This is the first general CRP sign up to be held since the 2002 Farm Bill was signed into law May 13, 2002.

To be eligible a producer or landowner must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to the close of the CRP sign up period.

Exceptions to this criteria include a new owner acquiring the land due to the previous owner's death, the ownership change occurred due to foreclosure where the owner exercised a timely right of redemption in accordance with State law, or the circumstance of the acquisition resented adequate assurance to FSA that the new owner did not acquire the land solely for the purpose of placing in CRP.

Also, current CRP participants with contracts that expire on September 30, 2003 or September 30, 2004 may submit offers during this sign up period. Producers must visit their local Farm Service Agency office to submit CRP offers.

Offers submitted during the 26th CRP sign up will be ranked according to the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). The EBI score cutoff will be determined after the sign up ends. Offers that have previously met the EBI threshold are not guaranteed a contract under this sign up.

Producers can consult with local USDA experts on steps that can be taken to maximize the EBI points of their offer and increase their chances of having that offer accepted.

A USDA fact sheet is available that explains the Environmental Benefits Index and how points are awarded for each factor.

The Fact Sheet can be found at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/crpebio3.htm>.

**NRP Cotton Growers To Continue Eradication**

Northern Rolling Plains cotton growers overwhelmingly approved continuing boll weevil eradication in their area by nearly a 10-1 margin. The vote represented the highest approval of any zone that has voted on retaining an eradication program. State law requires cotton growers in eradication zones to reaffirm their commitment every four years.

Foundation trapping data show the zone has experienced a 99.7 reduction in average weekly catches of weevils, meaning the zone is close to achieving its goals.

"I want to commend the cotton producers and their leadership in helping make this program so successful," said Lindy Patton, the Foundation's executive director. "The Zone Steering Committee and Rolling Plains Cotton Growers worked hard to make sure the producers and landowners were well informed about the value of the program and the importance of the vote."

**On-line Nitrogen Calculator Helps Producers Nourish Their Cotton**

What do you get if you combine the accuracy of a soil test with the utility of a desktop calculator? If you have Internet access and a current version of Microsoft Excel software, you can use the Cotton Nitrogen Fertilizer Calculator, now on-line at <http://lubbock.tamu.edu> under the "What's New" heading.

The calculator is a basic spreadsheet that allows you to enter up to seven production variables to generate a total recommended nitrogen fertilizer application rate. Along with this rate, users can get recommendations for applying liquid nitrogen in split applications through center pivot sprinklers, or as daily injections of liquid nitrogen in a subsurface drip irrigation system.

Kevin Bronson, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Soil Scientist, and Randy Boman, Texas Cooperative Extension Cotton Agronomist, made the calculator available to producers and others through the home page/website of Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock. The calculator comes with a handy set of instructions for using the calculator accurately.

"One of the factors we can plug into this calculator is a projected yield goal...for dryland or irrigated acreage. We have to use a realistic yield goal, however," Boman said. "Beyond that, the number of factors we use to generate a recommended nitrogen application rate depends on our production system."

"A producer with a very basic dryland system, for example, will probably enter a yield goal, followed by a soil-test "N" value, and a soil texture value, three factors altogether. A producer with an irrigated system could add in a "N" value for their irrigation water, and the inches of irrigation water they expect to apply, five factors. Either producer could also plug in values for soil amendments such as manure or compost, and the "N" found in those amendments."

A dryland cotton producer could apply the total nitrogen fertilizer recommendation generated by the calculator (expressed as lbs. of "N" per acre) with a ground rig in one single dose, shortly after a stand is established.

Irrigated producers should apply one of the calculator's recommended split applications at first square, another at first bloom, another at mid-bloom, and the final split application at peak bloom. A 120 acre center pivot sprinkler using a typical 1,000 gallon chemical tank to inject a 32-0-0 ammonium nitrate solution will provide about 30 lbs. of nitrogen per acre in each of these split applications, Boman noted.

For subsurface drip irrigation, the calculator generates a daily injection rate (lbs. per acre) for mid-June through mid-August. "We have to divide that number by 3.5 to get the gallons of liquid 32-0-0 to inject each day, because there are 3.5 lbs. of nitrogen in each gallon of 32-0-0," the agronomist added. "With drip systems, it's important to remember to turn off the injection pump one hour before turning the irrigation off. This flushes the fertilizer solution out of the drip irrigation lines."

Boman and Bronson also recommend having a soil test run each year, in winter or early spring, and pulling multiple samples to composite into one representative sample for each field. The multiple samples are best taken with a shovel or soil probe, to a depth of 24 inches. It's also a good idea to keep the amount of soil the same for the upper and lower portions of each 24 inch deep sample.

The instruction sheet that accompanies the cotton nitrogen fertility calculator should answer most questions about how to use this on-line production tool, but producers can call Boman at the Lubbock center (806-746-6101) if they require additional guidance.

**Wheat Field Day, Greenhouse Dedication Set For May 22**

Brandon McGinty TCE, AG

Wheat has been the crop of choice for High Plains farmers for nearly a century and a Panhandle production staple for decades. Putting wheat quality research, production techniques and breeding under the microscope is a natural for the Panhandle Wheat Field Day scheduled at the Bushland Experiment Station on May 22.

The station is just ten miles west of Amarillo in I-40. registration will start at 8:30 a.m. in the Kenneth Porter Seed Processing and Storage Building, adjacent to a recently constructed state of the art greenhouse complex operated by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. A formal dedication ceremony to name each greenhouse will be held during a luncheon program with the meal courtesy of Texas Wheat Producers Board.

The site is the regional headquarters for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, a part of the Texas A&M University System, and the Conservation and Production Research Laboratory, a unit of the USDA's Agricultural Research Service.

A total of five continuing education unit credits will be available, three for certified crop advisors and two for pesticide applicator licenses holders.

Bindweed mites will be available for participants to take home, courtesy of the successful biological control program developed by Experiment Station entomologist, Gerald Michels at Bushland. The mites have been distributed at past field days. Mite nurseries have been previously established around the Panhandle by Michels' project with cooperation by Extension's county agricultural agents.

Field tours will begin by 9 a.m. with buses taking participants to see research close up. Stops will showcase crop comparison results, new varieties under development in outdoor wheat nurseries, drought tolerance trials and plant disease updates, trials, and water use efficiency and conservation.

For details about the field day, contact Brent Bean or John Sweeten at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Amarillo at 806-677-5600.

**Walk Across Texas Update**

By Cory Edwards, TCE, F&CS

Walk Across Texas! participants have been making their way from El Paso to Orange for one month now. With 833.1 total miles, the "To Health & Back" team has made it all the way to Orange, and they are now on their way back!

With 606.4 miles, the "Road Warriors" are still in second, but "The Double-Nickels & Older" are hot on their tail with 601.5 miles. "The Leftovers" are making good progress with 575.9 miles, and "Ankle Express" is not far behind with 416 miles. The "Fairmont Flyers" are holding their own with 390.74 total miles. Still in the game are "ASKEBAT" with 309.5 miles and "The Scraps" with 197.1 miles.

Keep up the good walking!

**Walk Across Texas Update**

Cory Edwards TCE, F&CS

After the 5th week of the Walk Across Texas! competition, the "To Health & Back" team is still in the lead and on their way back to El Paso! Their team has accumulated a total of 982.6 miles.

Almost to the Orange, TX destination are the "Road Warriors" with 782.2 miles, "The Double-Nickels & Older" with 779.5 miles, and "The Leftovers" with 749.9 miles. "Ankle Express" is not far behind with 521 miles, and the "Fairmont Flyers" are still doing well with 497.74 miles. "ASKEBAT" has accumulated 382 miles and the "The Scraps" are holding their own with 234.6 miles.

Keep up the good walking!

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Observations On Life From A Fellow Texan  
By Bill Sperry

## Goin' To The Movies

Before we had a TV, we went to the movies every time it changed. This seemed a natural enough thing to do, there wasn't much entertainment on the farm, just scads of work. With so many brothers and sisters I'm sure we looked like a baseball team that just arrived in town or the Joads out of the movie, Grapes of Wrath. For some reason, it always embarrassed me because there were so many of us.

As soon as we got to town, I was out on the street, never to be seen again except to collect my quarter, fifteen cents for the movie and ten cents for a coke. I liked seeing Mrs. Hamm at the ticket window, as she was a pretty lady and always smelled of perfume. A fellow couldn't get into too much mischief as she knew that I was one of "Jeff's boys" and my life wouldn't be worth a plug nickel if I did cause any problems.

I would wonder all week how Rocket Man or Buck Rogers would get out of the jam they got into the previous Saturday. They always did, but it kept this young man guessing, I tell you. The comedies were great, not like the ones you see today, as they had lots of color and Tom and Jerry would crack me up. I don't remember when I first saw the Coyote and the Roadrunner but I was hooked immediately. Foghorn Leghorn and Yosemite Sam also rated right up there with me, but that coyote was a hoot. He spent more money on equipment to catch that bird than if he would go to a good restaurant and have a sit down meal.

I never could figure out his motivation but my youngest sister said I thought too much anyway. I knew lots of that stuff really wouldn't work as I tried some of them when I got home. Some of them worked however but I laid that off to my younger brother not being as fast as that roadrunner. He also didn't heal as fast as that coyote, either.

Sitting down front was the best place to see the movie, down there with all the rest of the kids. For some reason, there was a pit in front of that huge screen and you could throw your cups and popcorn sacks into it. Once, I saw a lady come down there to get her child and as he stood up, she backed up, and you guessed it, right into that pit she went. Sacks and cups boiled up and floated gently back down. Reminded me of a volcano erupting, but then again I've never seen one first hand. Next week, we were without our popcorn pit as it had been filled up.

I remember that there would be drawings at the movie and Mom and Dad won a few times but I never seen what they won. Just hearing my Dad's name suited me anyway.

Later on, when the drive-in movie was built, we started going to it. Let me tell you, you can't get comfortable in a car with that many people in it. I usually had to sit on my sister's knee and if you tried to get comfortable you would get the aft side of your pinched. Being next to the youngest and declared the one with the least sense, I was elected to go get the soft drinks. Did you ever try to balance eight drinks in one of those flimsy cardboard boxes? I never remember not making it but I had to look like the Hunchback of Notre Dame trying to get back to the car. I got mixed up once and got into the wrong car. When I looked up and didn't see any faces I knew, brother I was out of there like a pistol shot. I still wonder who they were and how much laughter I supplies them with.

My folks were big fans of detective stories and when they seen that West Side Story was to show, they were really anxious to see it thinking this was gonna be a good 'un. We set through that musical and my Dad groused about that for a couple days. He said all those people dancing looked like they had heel files after them. If it hadn't been for the Coyote and Roadrunner, that move would have been a complete bust.

My Dad's favorite move was Red River. It would be brought back every once in a while and a herd of horses couldn't have kept him away, as he thought John Wayne hung the moon. The best part of going to the movies was the ride home. I would get up on the ledge above the back seat and snooze. Something in you told you this was the best it was ever going to be, surrounded by people that you love and that, after a fashion, loved you back. I think families miss a lot today, not going to the moves together.



## HEROISM AND SACRIFICE

President Bush spoke to the Nation recently to mark the end of a major conflict in Iraq and acknowledge the heroism and sacrifice of our brave men and women in the armed forces. I know I speak for the people of Texas and for all Americans when I give thanks that this operation has reached such a swift end, with so few coalition lives lost.

Last month, I took the opportunity to visit most of the military bases in my home State, along with my distinguished colleague, Senator Hutchinson. One in 10 active duty military personnel call Texas their home. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I am dedicated to looking after their interests and the interests of all of our military personnel.

We must ensure that the United States military continues to have the training, the equipment, and the facilities they need to remain the greatest fighting force the world has ever known, both in war and in peace. The military bases we have in Texas are some of the strongest components of our nation's military readiness in the current war against terror, from Afghanistan to Iraq and across the world. We must use these valuable assets to maintain our status as the world's lone superpower, as we transform our military to face the challenges of the future.

Seeing our soldiers face to face reminds us that they are not just numbers or statistics. They are real Americans, true patriots, with real families. When someone leaves their home to fight for American interests abroad, it affects their entire community; it affects their friends and, most profoundly, it affects their families.

We must remember not just the sacrifices of the brave men and women who fight on the battlefield but the sacrifices of the families they leave behind. I remember, most poignantly, as the deployment was occurring from Camp Lejeune, on CNN a young mother with her child was saying goodbye to her husband, the father of that child. I will never forget the comments she made. She said:

"I used to think that if he loved us, he would never leave us. But now I know that he is leaving us because he loves us."

We must remember the sons who have never seen the faces of their fathers, and mothers who are separated from their children. We must remember the families whose loved ones will not be coming back, who paid the ultimate price so that others can live free.

Our own freedom was not won without cost but bought and paid for by the sacrifices of generations that have gone before. We must honor these heroic dead for their courage and their commitment to the dream that is freedom.

On this same trip with Senator Hutchinson, visiting our Texas military bases, I had the chance to meet with several of the former prisoners of war who had just returned to their homes. It was especially meaningful to me, because my dad was a POW in World War II. On a bombing mission over Mannheim, Germany, he was shot down and captured and spent 4 months in a prison camp before General Patton and his Army came along and liberated him and others. Knowing the impact of my dad's experience, I have sensed a glimmer of the pain, the anxiety, and ultimately the joy of the families of these former POWs.

I know, in time, as both the former captives and their loved ones learn the names of the rescuers, they will want to express their gratitude in person and continue to be thankful to a nation that recognizes the value of each and every human life.

It strikes me that the Iraqi people's experience was much the same. No doubt the captivity of their nation was longer, more brutal, and more terrible than what our soldiers experienced. The pain of the Iraqi people was immeasurable. But now, at long last, their country has returned to them.

There is a lot of work to be done in Iraq. But the difference our forces have made in such a short time is undeniable. Just a few short months ago, the idea that the Iraqi people could live free was a concept that some found hard to treat seriously. Now the dream of a free Iraq is in sight. The day of thanksgiving is not here yet, but it is coming. And thanks to the sacrifices of American families and America's warriors, it is coming soon.

We as a grateful nation continue to wish our men and women in uniform Godspeed, and we hope and pray for their swift return to the loving arms of their families.

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## Jack Wellman Graduates From Amarillo College

Amarillo College held their spring commencement exercises, Friday, May 9, 2002, at the Amarillo Civic Center. Jack Wellman was among 800+ graduates receiving degrees or certificates. He has been a student of AC for several years, attending night classes to complete his Associates Degree in Applied Science for Automotive Technology.

Jack graduated with highest honors, receiving his honor cords at the commencement. He maintained a 4.0 GPA for his last semester and achieved a total GPA of 3.803 for his college career.

He has had a lot of support in achieving this goal, including Jackie Jenkins, Walter Wayne Taylor, Wendell Seitz, Vance Farley, and Jessica Wellman, who tutored him through various classes.

Those attending the graduation were Deborah, Richard, Ryan, and Jessica Wellman, Roberta Farley, Dennis, Randy and Mitchell Farley, all of Quitaque, Jamie Wellman of Tulia, Lloyd and Margie Wellman of Shallowater, Kenneth Wellman of Wichita Falls, Larry and Linda Farley of Amarillo, and Melody Farley of Canyon.

## TDH Urges Parents To Have Children Screened For Lead

A culprit lurks in the dust created when some imported vinyl miniblinds "break down" in the sun. It can show up in marionette candies or leach into food from some types of pottery. It can hide in the flaking paint on a windowsill, waiting for a small child to explore and taste from dirty hands, a toy or a pacifier. And it can steal a child's future by causing learning disabilities, lower IQ scores or other physical or behavioral problems.

This culprit is lead, and young children are particularly vulnerable to damage from lead because their bodies and brains are still developing.

The Texas Department of Health estimates that if all Texas children ages 1 through 5 were tested for lead poisoning, we would find 59,300 of them with a blood lead level of concern (10 - 19 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood). "Damage from lead in the blood cannot be reversed, but treatment is available to stop further damage," said Lisa Collins, health educator with the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at TDH. "That's why screening and prevention are so important."

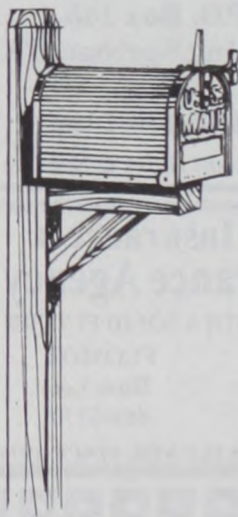
The screening for lead is a simple blood test that can be done during a routine visit to a health care provider. "Since lead is a problem in both urban and rural parts of the state, we encourage parents of all children age 6 or under to ask their doctors to screen for lead," said Collins. In addition, other children should be tested if any child in the family tests positive for lead exposure or if a member of the household works with lead.

Some of the most common symptoms of lead poisoning are irritability, abdominal and muscle pain, anemia, diarrhea or constipation. Severe cases can result in seizures, nerve damage or coma. Unfortunately, the culprit often is silent. "It is important to realize that children can be lead poisoned without showing any symptoms," says Collins. "The only way to know for sure is to have a blood lead test."

Some vinyl miniblinds imported from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Mexico or Indonesia are common sources of lead in the home. Parents of small children may want to remove or replace them with miniblinds made in the United States.

Another source is old paint. Prior to 1978 lead was a component of paint, so houses built before that time may have some lead based paint. Lead based paint on woodwork, furniture or toys also is a concern. Lead may be found in folk medicine such as greta, azarcon and pay-loo-ah or in food that is cooked, stored or served in pottery with lead based glaze or in lead crystal. Some Mexican candies may contain lead leached from wrappers. Lead also may be found in car batteries and radiators, bullets, sinkers used in fishing tackle and even the soil.

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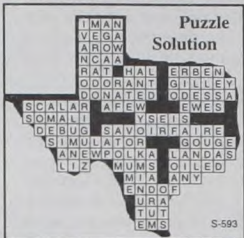
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