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## Combs Offers National Agriculture Week Salute To Texas' Agricultural Legacy

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that March 16 to 22 is National Agriculture Week in Texas.

"Agriculture starts with the growing and harvesting of food and fiber and ends with almost everything we eat, wear and use," Combs said. "This week we honor the hard work and dedication of Texas farmers, ranchers and many other agriculture professionals in our state's food and fiber industry. These are the people who ensure that we have an abundant, reliable and affordable supply of food, natural fiber, horticultural, forestry and other agricultural products."

Combs kicked off National Agriculture Week in Texas by signing a proclamation and presenting a display at the state capitol that recognizes more than two centuries of Texas agriculture and the families that are part of that history. The display is a tribute to Texas' farm and ranch families who for generations have helped to cultivate the state's rich agricultural heritage. On Friday, March 21, she will wrap up National Agriculture Week by honoring more than 130 of those families during the 28th annual Family Land Heritage Ceremony.

"It is easy for us to take for granted our agricultural abundance, which is why it is important that we recognize the rich legacy that makes this all possible," Combs said. "These are the people who have worked hard to build Texas agriculture into the second largest industry in Texas. It is important that everyone is aware of their reliance upon farmers and ranchers whose stewardship ensures a substantial resource base for future generations."

From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is the most agriculturally diverse state. Agriculture generates \$80 billion annually throughout the state's economy with one out of every five Texans working in an agriculture related industry.

"Texas agriculture plays a major role in health and nutrition as well as in water conservation, rural economic development, global trade and the preservation of the environment," Combs said. "National Agriculture Week gives us a chance to recognize the people who consistently enrich our lives in so many ways."

"Whether you produce the food and fiber, prepare and deliver the finished products, or consume them," Combs said, "you are part of Texas' agriculture heritage and should take pride in that legacy."



### National Agriculture Week In Texas - March 16 - 22, 2003

WHEREAS, the week of March 16 - 22, 2003, is NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK IN TEXAS, as proclaimed by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, and

WHEREAS, agriculture starts with the growing and harvesting of food and fiber and ends with almost everything we eat, wear and use, and

WHEREAS, we all must appreciate the role agriculture plays in maintaining a strong economy and in providing a safe, abundant and affordable food and fiber supply now and for years to come, and

WHEREAS, increased knowledge of agriculture helps us to understand the vital impact that our state's second largest industry has on our daily lives, especially as we make informed personal choices about diet and health, and

WHEREAS, it is important that everyone is aware of their reliance upon farmers and ranchers whose stewardship ensures a substantial resource base for future generations, and

WHEREAS, agriculture plays a key role in the lives of everyone in this country. Now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners, Court of Briscoe County declares this National Agriculture Week in Briscoe County and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the commissioners' court urges everyone in our area to learn more about the role of agriculture here, share that knowledge with the young people in our area, and recognize the farmers, ranchers and their families who contribute so much to this country, this state, this nation and the world.

THEREFORE, IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, we, the undersigned do hereby affix our signatures this 10th day of March 2003.

*Wayne Jones* *Earley Maynard*  
*Larry Cover*  
*Levy Simland*

## Wanted:

### Would You Like To Honor Your Veteran?

If you would like to honor a family member in our series of "Honoring Those Who Served", whether it was in WWI, WWII, Korea or Vietnam, please contact us here at The Valley Tribune. We will be happy to help you, this series will be ending soon if we do not have any more submissions. Call us at 806-455-1101.

### Bob Wills Day Videos

The Bob Wills Foundation has asked that anyone having videos of past Bob Wills day celebrations contact Pat Carson at 423-1289. The videos will be used for a TV commercial and will be returned to the owner.

## Rick Perkins Coming To The Gem Theatre In April

By Lawana Cruse

Rick Perkins began his theatrical career at Pine Tree High School in Longview, Texas. He was the class clown and would not be quiet during Miss Gibson's English class. She finally walked over and put a book of O. Henry short stories on his desk and said, "Please Rick, just sit quietly and read this short, two page story." He quickly read "After 20 Years", a wonderful example of O. Henry's twist ending style, then promptly, stood up and acted the story out for the whole class. The teacher walked Rick across the hall to the drama teacher and said, "You've got a live one here!" From that very moment, Rick went on to win the state UIL Championships in Poetry Interpretation and the One Act Play as well as Best Actor in the state and he also won the Samuel French Award, the state's most coveted, prestigious, and noble acting award. No one in the history of UIL competitions has ever matched all these achievements, to this day.

Rick went to the University of Texas at Austin, with 5 scholarships, and majored in Theatre in the Drama Department. After college he went to New York City for 5 years and performed in many theatres and shows there. He then moved to Los Angeles and did some work in movies, television, and commercials. He finally came back to Austin, Texas where he has been working in movies, theatre, and TV.

Throughout all of his career, Rick has always come back to his love of O. Henry and has toured his one man show "O Henry's Will Porter, The Rolling Stone" to high schools, colleges, prisons, community, and senior centers. Anywhere people love to laugh and learn about the man who was O. Henry, Rick tells the short story of William Sydney Porter, the man who became the world famous short story writer.

Rick will be bringing his one man show to the Gem Theatre in Turkey, Texas on Saturday, April 29th. Showtime is 7 p.m. and admission will be \$6.

This is one show you won't want to miss. For information or tickets call (806) 423-1273.

### Valley Weather Forecast for Next 9 Days

Date	High/Low	%Prec
Thu Mar 20	58°/40°	20%
Fr Mar 21	62°/38°	30%
Sat Mar 22	56°/40°	60%
Sun Mar 23	73°/43°	20%
Mon Mar 24	74°/49°	0%
Tue Mar 25	74°/41°	30%
Wed Mar 26	67°/33°	20%
Thu Mar 27	67°/33°	0%
Fri Mar 28	66°/38°	20%

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### HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED A Salute To Local Veterans



#### Glynn E. Barker

Glenn Edward Barker entered the Armed Forces on November 19, 1942. He served in U.S. Army and achieved the rank of Corporal.

He was killed on September 22, 1943 in England. He was the son of Rev. and Beulah Barker of the Buffalo Flat Community near Turkey



#### Preston H Jouett

Preston Harding Jouett entered the Armed Forces on April 4, 1941. He served in the U.S. Army after completing his training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Preston was decorated with the Good Conduct Medal. He achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Preston was discharged on December 12, 1944 after serving a total of three years, eight months, and eight days.

## St Jude Bike-A-Thon To Be Held At Valley April 5

Wilburn Leeper will serve as coordinator of a Bike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude Research Hospital. The event is scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 5th at Valley School. It is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. By participating or attending the event, the community will help raise funds for the internationally recognized hospital.

Anyone can participate in the event either as a bike rider or as a sponsor of riders. Participating riders will be asked to acquire sponsors and sponsors will be asked to donate money when the rider completes certain distances. At this event, sponsors will be asked to pledge twenty-five cents per mile or four trips around the school track. Each rider can get an many sponsors as they would like. Friends, family or businesses are likely sponsors. Raising funds is important but it does not have to be excessively expensive. Everyone involved can have fun.

Posters for the event are exhibited around the community which describes prizes which participants can win. Each participant is asked to pick up a sponsor form and start signing up sponsors as soon as possible. Sponsor forms will be made available at school or from event workers. Each participant will be asked to register on the day of the event and if younger than 18 it must be signed by a parent or guardian. Sponsors will not be asked for money until the event is completed.

Our goal in holding this event is to help the children of the world who are stricken with diseases like cancer, AIDS, and sickle cell anemia. St. Jude Hospital is a leader in the fight against these diseases and is making great progress because of the help from people like the citizens of Turkey and Quitaque. When treatment for these diseases is needed, all costs for medical treatment not covered by insurance is free.

This event is for a good cause and needs our support. Participate on April 5th and have fun! If anyone would like to work at this event you can contact Wilburn Leeper. Your effort would be appreciated.

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# "TEXUN TAWK"

Observations On Life From A Fellow Texan  
By Bill Sperry

## A Fishing Trip Down On The Pecos

A few years back, my brother-in-law, my older brother, and myself decided to go fishing on the Pecos at Lake Amsted. February is kind of a frosty month to go fishing but when you get the itch, you just have to go wet a hook. It's kind of a long haul down there, but we wound up in some little one horse town, out on the middle of the barest prairie I'd ever seen, at the only motel in the burg. It wasn't the best place I'd ever stayed at, you could throw a cat through the crack at the bottom of the door. The rooms were so small that the mice were stoop shouldered and every night the roaches got up a game of racquetball, as you could hear them scurrying across the tile floor.

Early the next morning, after feeding at the only greasy spoon in town, we struck out for the lake. The boat had a 150 horse motor on it and would really fly, but it thought that gas was still 30 cents a gallon, and just drank the stuff. We unloaded, got the boat in the water, and spent all day out on the lake, not catching a thing but the sniffles.

About sundown, we pulled the boat out of the water and thought we'd try our luck out on the jetty. We had to park the truck and boat about a quarter of a mile from the jetty and had to lug all the gear down there. We had a marine battery for the light we were gonna put in the water. That thing musta weighed a hundred pounds. About this time, one of the guys developed a problem with not being able to breathe too good and the other's leg was just killing him. After I got that battery down to the jetty apparently the fresh air coming off the lake, revived those two guys and their ailments disappeared. The brother-in-law immediately caught a plastic chair, hooked it off the bottom, so one of us had something to sit on. While he was sitting in that chair, he snagged something else off the bottom. He pulled up a wire basket, apparently someone had let get away from them, and lo and behold, it had three fish in it that were still alive! I ask him to stop fishing off the bottom as I was afraid he would pull up the fisherman that had lost all that stuff. Well, that light started attracting minnows and they attracted a swarm of white bass. We started pulling those babies in right and left and before too long, ran out of minnows. I guess the cold off the lake started getting to those guys as their ailments reappeared and I had to get the dip net, catch some of those minnows that were swirling around, and bait their hooks while I wasn't busy taking fish off their lines.

We, or they, caught so many of those white bass that we had to quit as we, or they, were afraid that the basket that was caught off the bottom, would burst open and we would lose all those fish. Now one of us, namely me, had to carry that battery back to the truck, which was up the hill, I had to pick gravel out of my tongue when we finally got to the truck, it was lolled out so far from toting that battery.

We cleaned fish up there on top of that canyon for the longest, scales flying and the wind blowing, I bet 50 miles per hour. I was so cold and had so many scales on me that I looked like one of those bass. We went back to the motel, fell into bed, fish scales and all. We were really pooped!

The next day, since we'd caught so many fish, we decided to cruise the Pecos, go up to a place called Panther Cave. It was named that because some Indian long ago, had painted in red, a big panther on the ceiling of that cave. I forgot to mention that we had run over the rope with the anchor the day before so we needed to find something to hold the boat in place. There was a junkyard next to that roach motel, so we had snatched an intake manifold that must have come off a caterpillar. The brother decided that he would like to drive my boat and guess who could handle the anchor/intake manifold.

We got to the cave and checked out that 'ole panther. I ask my brother, reckon where that Indian got that red paint? He told me it was probably ochre. "You know, ochre?" I told him, yes, I've eaten ochre before, lot's of times and preferred it fried. His humor and mine apparently wasn't running in parallel that day, you could tell by the look he gave me.

We/they had a good time on that trip and I don't think any of us ever had that kind of luck fishing again. I still think they were sandbagging me with those ailments.



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## Valley Calendar Of Events

- March 20**  
\* District 3-1-A Academic UIL at Lazbuddie
- March 21**  
\* Valley H.S. Track Meet at Jayton  
\* Quitaque Senior Citizens meeting @ 5 p.m.
- March 22**  
\* Baker Brothers Concert at Gem Theatre @ 7 p.m.  
\* Caprock Canyon Enduro begins  
\* Caprock Canyons State Park - Nature Hike @ 9 a.m.  
\* Caprock Canyons State Park - "Trails of Caprock Canyons" @ 7:30 p.m.
- March 24**  
\* Quitaque Fire Department meeting  
\* Turkey Lions Club meeting @ 7 p.m.
- March 25**  
\* Turkey Senior Citizens meeting @ 6 p.m.
- March 27**  
\* Drivers License Office at Briscoe Co. Courthouse @ 9:30a.m. - 3 p.m.

To place your upcoming event on the Community Calendar call 806-455-1101.



## Colton Ryan Martin

Ryan and Jamie Martin are proud to announce the birth of their son, Colton Ryan, born February 17, 2003. Colton weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Clinton and Joan Pigg and Hal and Kelly Martin. Great-grandparents are Jan and Joy Turner, Jack and Johnnie Pigg, Art Green and Katheryn Martin. Great-great-grandmothers are Ora Lee King and Josie Martin.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- March 20**  
Don Brummett, Keri Kathlyn House, Billy Pinkerton, Vera Ruth Hammock, Patsy Herrington, Ross Ortiz, Lina Whittington
- March 21**  
Joshua Galvan
- March 22**  
Natalie McFarlan, Tomas Hinojosa, Sr.
- March 23**  
I.D. Mullin, Johnny Griffin, Lani Adamson
- March 24**  
Hannah Boedeker, Janice Henson, Nancy Price, Eunice McFall
- March 25**  
Jerry Green, Larissa Payne
- March 26**  
Johnnie Rogers, Patrick Jenkins, Christy Withers, Debra Zanardi, Lee True Burson
- March 27**  
Freda Hughes, Roy Beavers, Twila Clark



- March 20**  
Mr & Mrs Joe Ike Clay
- March 22**  
Mr & Mrs Ryan Dickman
- March 25**  
Mr & Mrs Ross Harrington

## OBITUARIES

### J.T. Mullin

Services for J.T. Mullin, 83, of Turkey were held Tuesday, March 18 at the Church of Christ in Turkey with Stuart Smith, Steve McLean, and Ellmore Johnson officiating.

Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey, under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

J.T. died Saturday, March 15, 2003. He was born June 4, 1919 in Tampico near Turkey. He graduated from Turkey High School in 1938 and attended Lipperts Business College in Plainview in 1939. He entered the Armed Services on April 6, 1942. He received the Purple Heart after being wounded in New Guinea. He married Frances Case May 28, 1944. He was a Ford car and truck dealer in Turkey and Childress for 48 years.

He is survived by his wife, two sons: James T. (Bunkey) Mullin of Breckenridge, CO; Rodney Vance Mullin of Lubbock; one daughter: Gleena Carol Elmare of Lubbock; three brothers: Woodrow, I.D. Jr., and Bill Mullin of Turkey; three sisters: Mary Byars of Lakeview, Leana Coffee of Camarillo, CA and Bobby Christian of Edna, TX; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Lubbock or the Turkey Church of Christ.

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Mr. and Mrs. Don Monday. Visiting her daughter of Quitaque and Junior Stan and Elisa W. Monday with her parents Mrs. Lance Barclay at the home of Mrs. L. Barclay. They also visited from Wednesday through Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Barclay. They also visited from their rural home. Mrs. Marlee Cooper and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. were hosts of a waffle supper beside Marlee's home. Ronald Clay, Mrs. Kathryn and Mrs. Tim Ke. Friday until Sunday in Gray. Joining them there and Mrs. Harry Gray of Visiting Mr. and Mrs. and Richard Rogers of wheelchair.

Tom Ross was in Ar from his hip following surgery. On the sick list are in ton. They have received Clinic in Matador.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Crum her mother, Mrs. Donna Mrs. E.J. Browning. Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Clifton returned home parents, Mr. and Mrs. and children. They also Carson and children at Richard Rogers, Tr. ers, Sunday. Mrs. Donnie and Donnie Rogers visited, Mrs. Merle Nal. tal.

Mrs. Jimmy Hunt House, where she is recovering. She is progressing well. Center in about 2 weeks.

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Valley School News

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Menu Subject To Change

### Monday, March 24

**Breakfast:** Breakfast on a Stick, OJ/Milk

**Lunch:** Spaghetti, Fried Okra, Garlic Toast, Fruit, Milk

### Tuesday, March 25

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

**Lunch:** Pork Roast, Gravy, Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

### Wednesday, March 26

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

**Lunch:** Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Texas Toast, Strawberries & Bananas, Milk

### Thursday, March 27

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

**Lunch:** Chicken Ravioli, California Blend Vegetables, Fruit, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

### Friday, March 28

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

**Lunch:** Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chips, Orange Slices, Milk

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## Book Fair At Valley School

Would you encourage your child's love of reading if you could? Of course. What's more, you can!

Next week, March 24-28, Valley School is going to have a Book Fair. Our Book Fair will offer many books for ages preschool through junior high, as well as posters, bookmarks, calendars, pencils and other items. All of the items are reasonably priced and the school will receive 25% of the profit, which will in turn be used to purchase new materials for our library.

A Book Fair is a great opportunity to introduce students to books and to promote reading excitement. Children become better readers by reading more, and better readers make better students. The real profit from our Book Fair will be the motivation it will provide to encourage reading, to get students caught up in the "magic" of reading.

The entire community is welcome to come and shop at the Book Fair. The hours will be during regular school hours, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

## Texas Businesses Have April 15 Deadline For Filing Property Tax Renditions

The State Comptroller's office is reminding Texas businesses to render their property with county appraisal districts by April 15. To render is to list the taxable inventory furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other property that a business owned or managed as of January 1, 2003. Appraisal districts use the information to set property values.

Business owners and operators are required by law to file an annual property tax rendition, but any property owner, including homeowners, farmers and ranchers, may render their property with county appraisal districts. Rendering allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before placing a higher value on their property.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property the property owner should render in each appraisal district office.

The Comptroller's office also announced that owners whose property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills. Property owners have until April 15 to file the decreased value report, which indicated their property's condition on January 1, 2003.

For more information about rendering property deadline extensions and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact their county appraisal district office, email the Comptroller's property tax division at [ptd.cpa@cpa.state.tx.us](mailto:ptd.cpa@cpa.state.tx.us) or call the property tax hotline at 1-800-252-9121 for general property tax information.

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## Quitaque Chamber Of Commerce

The Quitaque Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday, March 4 at the Community Center in Quitaque. There were 5 members present.

The Chamber Banquet was discussed and expenses were given. Everyone reported that the feedback had been good. A financial report was given by Arlene Hinkle.

There will be a Panhandle Tourism meeting on Friday, April 4 at the Interpretive Center at Caprock Canyons State Park. The event will be catered by Joe and Virginia Taylor. Jimmy Burson will provide the music and Cindy Wills will have a display of her artwork. There will be a park tour available for those who want to participate. Cost of the event is \$10, but please call 455-1446, if you would like to attend.

Plans to have a Media Day during April 2004 were tabled until a later date.

## NFIB Scholarship Deadline Extended To March 31

National Federation of Independent Business/Texas State Director Jeffrey Clark announced this week that the application deadline for the 2003 Free Enterprise Scholars Award has been extended to March 31. NFIB Free Enterprise Scholars Awards are offered to high school seniors who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit and initiative.

The scholarship is open to students across the nation, and Clark is working to ensure that young entrepreneurs from Texas have every opportunity to continue their education with a helping hand from NFIB. The program is the first of many which the NFIB Education Foundation will implement to encourage young people to consider a career in small business and pursue their own entrepreneurial endeavors.

The Free Enterprise Scholars Award program will award a minimum of 100 nonrenewable scholarships, each for \$1,000. Eligibility is limited to those entering their freshman year of an accredited two or four year university/college, community college or vocational/technical institute. Each applicant must obtain the nomination of an NFIB member.

Applications are available on-line at [www.nfibeducationfoundation.org](http://www.nfibeducationfoundation.org). School officials, students and parents should contact Laura Martin at 1-800-NFIB-NOW for more information.



## Last Week In Texas History!

Mar. 15, 1836

Provisional government of Texas adopted at Washington-on-the-Brazos.

Mar. 15, 1852

Camp Johnston established as a temporary federal post on the south side of the north branch of the Concho River, abandoned November 1852. Troops moved to Fort Chadbourne.

Mar. 16, 1861

Governor Sam Houston refused to take the oath of allegiance to the Confederate States of America. The Secession Convention replaced him with Lt. Governor Edward Clark on March 18.

Mar. 16, 1896

Supreme Court decision ceded Greer County to Indian Territory, declaring it to be under the sole jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Mar. 17, 1836

Convention provisionally adopted constitution, then adjourned to Harrisburg, fleeing before the advancing Mexican army.

Mar. 18, 1849

Fort Croghan established on the north bank of Hamilton Creek, about ten miles from its junction with the Colorado River, abandoned in December 1853.

Mar. 18, 1937

New London school explosion.

Mar. 19, 1836

Battle of Coleta Creek between Texan forces led by Colonel James Fannin and the Mexican army.

Mar. 20, 1721

Marquis of Aguayo and his men crossed the Rio Grande. He established East Texas Missions and established a new presidio at Los Adaes.

Mar. 20, 1836

Colonel James Fannin and his men captured. All but 20, who escaped, were executed on March 27.

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Coke R. Stevenson born in Mason County (Speaker, Lt. Governor, Governor). He died in San Angelo on June 28, 1975.

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## Only Hunters Safety Class To Be Held In This Area For 2003 Slated For March 28 & 29 In Tulia

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will have a 10 hour Hunter Safety Class on Friday, March 28th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and concluding on Saturday, March 29th from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Tulia, Texas. This will be the only class held in this area for 2003 and will be conducted by Audie Hamm, Tulia and Mark Collins, Plainview both Texas Game Wardens.

This course is required for hunters born on or after September 2, 1971, before they can legally hunt. The minimum age for participation in this class is 12 years old. Any hunter who is caught hunting and has not taken this class can be fined between \$85-500. Cost of the class is \$10 and included materials. Saturday's lunch will be for those participants that made reservations prior to the event. Lunch will be a "Wild Game Cook", prepared by Hamm and Collins. Contact Hamm at 806-668-4437 to make reservations.

This years class will have five guest instructors talking on the following topics: \* Survival \* First Aid \* Primitive Fire Arms, Black Powder \* Archery \* Hunter Ethics.

Another new feature of this years class will be the new Laser Hunting Shoot System. This state of the art program will be presented by Hamm and Collins, two of the only a handful of state certified officers qualified to provide this type of training. The Hunting Shoot System consists of seven laser sights and a 7' x 9' screen. Various hunting scenarios are then presented and the hunter has to use his new found knowledge to decide if the situation is safe for hunting.

## Texas Golden Spread High School All Star Games

The 33rd annual Texas Golden Spread High School All-Star Games will be held on the campus of West Texas A&M at the Event Center in Canyon, Texas on April 3, 4, and 5, 2003.

Teams divided into North, South, East and West squads will be coached by volunteers. Players will be represented from the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle, along with Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, and Cottle Counties, and the Counties of Eastern New Mexico bordering Texas.

Games will be scheduled at 6 & 8 p.m. on April 3rd, 6 & 8 p.m. on the 4th, and at 1, 3, 6, & 8 p.m. on April 5th.

There will also be a three point shooting competition. Any senior girl or boy, regardless of whether they are selected for the All-Star Games, is eligible for this competition. Please submit entries to Brent Sherrod, P.O. Box 19395, Amarillo, TX 79109, or phone (806) 352-7348.

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## TEEA District Conference

Marjorie Bell, Marie Cruse, Maurice Fuston, Sandy Fuston and Oleta Randell of Turkey traveled to Quanah to the Texas District Extension Education Association Conference Tuesday, March 4.

The district consists of 16 counties with Childress and Hardeman Counties hosting the meeting with 112 ladies in attendance. The theme of the meeting was "Stepping Into Spring" - feeling good and looking good.

Fashion workshops on styleshow, nail and skin care, and jewelry sessions were provided for the women in attendance.

Marjorie Bell, Marie Cruse and Sandy Fuston served as voting delegates. The issues to be considered were new officers for the upcoming year, and funds for 4-H Club camp at Lake Brownwood and scholarships for 4-H Club participants.

Informative sessions about women and heart disease in association with stroke and diabetes was presented by Dr. Carol Rice from Austin, TX.

Hall County had the most members in attendance, Turkey is the only club in Hall County.

## Turkey Senior Citizens

By Oleta Randell

The Turkey Senior Citizens had 25 members at their last meeting. Margie Pinkerton and Don Turner administered blood pressure checks. J.D. Nance led the prayer for the food. Table games were played, and we had 2 "Tall Tale" tables. The next meeting will be March 25th so come on out and enjoy the Fun! Food! & Fellowship!

## ON THE QT

Rub King was visited this week by her granddaughter, Beth Vercher, her husband Bob and daughters Paula and Blair. The Verchers, of Palmer, TX, were on spring break. They enjoyed a day visiting the Caprock Canyons State Park.

Other recent visitors of Ruby King were Jerry, Michael, Pauline and Alex King of Odessa, Texas and Imogene Bethel of Lamesa, Texas. All visitors rested, ate well and had a good time visiting with their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Mary Polk, of Cedar Park, TX met her daughter Dr. Linda Bass, of El Paso, TX in Quitaque for spring break, where they visited with neighbors and friends

## Quitaque Senior Citizens

The Quitaque Senior Citizens met Friday, March 7, 2003 for their first meeting of the month. Following the pot luck supper the group discussed plans for future meetings. The ladies have put up a quilt once again. If you enjoy quilting, come on down and give them a hand.

Ernestine Payne said that she would be teaching a class in quilting if there was anyone interested in learning this fast fading art. If you are interested please contact Ernestine at 455-1468.

The group plans to have a free game night for the public on May 16. Pick up your favorite game and come to the Senior Citizens building for an evening full of fun and fellowship starting at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Mark your calendar now and come join in the fun.

The next meeting for the Quitaque Senior Citizens will be on March 21, 2003 at 5 p.m.



Quitaque has received their new trash dumpsters. City employees work to ready them for use by residents, hopefully by April 1st.

## USDA Rural Development Announces Grants For Rural Economic Development In Texas Panhandle

USDA Rural Development State Director, Bryan Daniel announced last week the awarding of a grant for an economic development project in Texas, as part of the Bush Administration's ongoing commitment to invest and bolster programs for rural America.

Texas A&M University received a Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) for \$48,936 to document, in conjunction with the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, the growth of the Texas cattle feeding industry and the need for additional packing plant capacity in the Texas Panhandle.

The Rural Business Cooperative Service, an agency that falls under the USDA Rural Development mission area, administers programs designed to strengthen the economy and infrastructure of rural areas. Through its support of the sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality of life in rural America.

The purpose of the Rural Business Opportunity Grant program is to promote sustainable economic development in rural communities by making grants to pay the cost of providing economic planning for rural communities, technical assistance for rural businesses, or training for rural entrepreneurs or economic development officials.

To be eligible for a RBOG applicant must be a public body nonprofit corporation, Indian tribe, or cooperative with members that are primarily rural residents (any area in Texas that is not within the boundaries of a city with a population in excess of 10,000 inhabitants). Availability of funds is \$2.1 million. The size of grants approved is limited by the amount of program funds available but are generally \$50,000 or less.

For more information regarding the RBOG program, please call Mr. J. Pat Liles, Director, Rural Business-Cooperative Service at (254) 742-9780. The regulation for this program is available at [http://rdinit.usda.gov/regs/regs\\_toc.html](http://rdinit.usda.gov/regs/regs_toc.html) (Click on Part 4284 - Grants, click on 4284 - G).

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## Briscoe County Afghans

We have had several inquiries about purchasing the Briscoe County Afghans that were sold about four years ago as a 4-H fund raiser. We have found out that we can still order them, but we MUST have at least 25 orders first. If you are interested in purchasing an afghan, please call the Extension office to place your order before March 31, 2003. After all orders are placed we will contact you if we have met the 25 order minimum. Payment will need to be made for your afghan(s) before we place the order. The price is \$50 and funds will still go to our 4-Hers.

## 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 competition 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 Clinic, says Cory Edwards, Briscoe County Extension Agent.

Many people are unaware of the positive benefits of exercise. According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is the No. 1 problem in the United States. The risk of heart disease could be significantly reduced by regular exercise.

According to the Texas Department of Health, the positive effects of physical activity are not limited to lowering the risk of heart disease. Not only does regular exercise help relieve stress and anxiety, "physically active people outlive inactive people," a TDH report states.

"Participating in Walk Across Texas is 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."

To participate in Walk Across Texas, first get a team together and then choose a team name. The competition will kick off April 7, 2003. We will have two come-and-go registration parties this year. The first one will be in Silvertown at the SPHPO Briscoe Community Clinic from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. The second one will be at the Quitaque Clinic from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Linda Moore, RN for the SPHPO Community Clinic will be taking premeasurements of weight, blood pressure, and blood sugar at both the Silvertown and Quitaque 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 is 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 accumulates the most miles and to the team that loses the most weight.

For more information, call the Extension Office at their New phone number: 806-823-2521.

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The federal universal service fund program is designed to help keep local telephone service rates affordable for all customers, in all areas of the United States.

Ricky Martinez, Public Affairs, Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative.

## Letters To The Editor



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Please renew my subscription. Thanks a lot, you are great. I really enjoy my paper. I miss getting to Quitaque as often as I used to.

Ruby K. Smith  
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## TURKEY TALK

Marie Cruse, Belle Davis, Nadine Davis and Oleta Randell were in Childress Friday.

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## South Plains Health Provider Organization Briscoe County Community Clinic

**Clinic Notes:**  
 Spring is just around the corner and the SPHPO Briscoe County Community Clinic would like to encourage everyone to get outside and back in shape! Obesity is on the rise in this country and many are not aware that obesity itself is a strong risk factor for premature death. In addition, by fighting obesity, we may be able to prevent other diseases such as diabetes and heart disease.

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. The 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.

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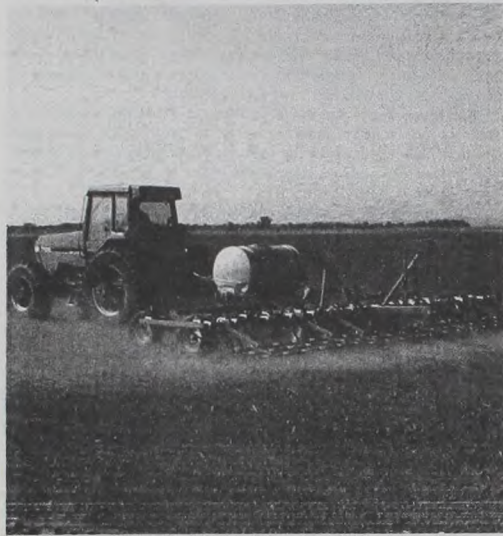


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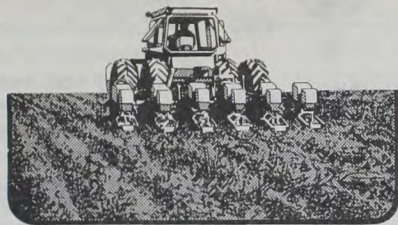
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**Should You Put A Floor On  
Your Cotton Cash Price?**

Growers who are concerned about how planting intentions may affect the bullish cotton market should consider putting a floor under their cotton cash price, said a Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

USDA projections for domestic carry over stocks have declined in the past two years, and the world ending stocks-to-use ratio has finally fallen below 40 percent for the first time since 1995. These conditions make the cotton market more bullish than it has been in some time, said Jackie Smith, Extension economist based at Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock.

"The 'A' index, which is considered the 'world' cotton price, currently exceeds 60 cents per pound, the highest it's been in two years. Higher new crop futures prices since October 2002 reflect that price optimism," Smith said. "When the December 2003 futures contract trades above 60 cents, we are concerned that next year's counter cyclical price (CCP) may be reduced by a national average price that exceeds 52 cents per pound."

"A lower CCP should weigh in our financial decisions. You may want to consider hedging that CCP. Adding to the confusion is the prospect of higher planting intentions (more cotton acres) and the potential for larger than expected cotton crop this year."

Hedging is one way to protect your cash price when higher than expected planting intentions threaten to drive new crop futures prices lower. Even so, many producers seem to have little interest in hedging to protect their cash price, Smith noted.

"Many of these growers may not completely understand the marketing loan program. The marketing loan program has been with us for at least three farm bills, but the loan rate provided by this program does not guarantee your cash price," Smith said. "The marketing loan is designed to help producers achieve a total cash price, plus other program benefits that total close to the loan rate for your lint quality."

"For example, the South Plains November cash price for base loan quality cotton will usually be six to seven cents below December futures. During the last two years, the marketing loan program has resulted in a total price near the loan, but not with just the cash price."

In November 2001, cash prices were at or below 30 cents per pound and the loan deficiency payment (LDP) was almost 20 cents, which gave producers roughly the loan price. In November 2002, the same thing occurred except cash prices were just over 40 cents and the LDP was around 10 cents, Smith noted.

"During both of the last two years, we could have set a floor of about 40 cents on our cash price and earned an extra 10 cents on our 2001/2002 crop. Producers who enhance their price through hedging get the same market loan benefits, but they also achieve a higher total price that can boost their profitability," the economist said.

In the current market, producers could employ a simple strategy of using put options to set a floor cash price of about 50 cents net of premium and expected basis. In other words, a 59 put at 2.5 cent premium and an average basis of -6.5 cents.

"There are other pricing strategies that would work, too, such as window or option spreads," Smith said. "But the simple strategy of using put options to set a floor cash price is especially relevant for producers who plant cotton when conditions favor a potentially large crop that could severely reduce market prices."

Smith and Carl Anderson, another Extension economist, will teach a workshop on evaluating and implementing pricing alternatives on April 10-11, at the Lubbock center. They will discuss marketing plans and risk management tools that apply to cash prices and the CCP.

The workshop runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, and costs \$150 per person. The registration fee includes all course materials and lunch.

You can register for the workshop by calling Smith at (806) 746-6101, or by visiting your local county Extension office to obtain a registration form.

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As winter comes to a close and spring begins to emerge, homeowners and agricultural producers alike begin to plant trees and shrubs. The best time to plant hardy native trees and shrubs is when the weather is not frosty, or excessively windy and drying. Ideally, months such as March and April also provide much needed rainfall to help water newly planted trees and shrubs.

The first step in planting trees and shrubs is to find a species that is most tolerant of the climate in your area. For help in finding the right trees or shrubs for your home, office, recreational area, farm, or ranch, you can call your local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Site selection is the next important step in planting trees and shrubs on your chosen property. First, test soil drainage before planting. Dig a test hole to determine drainage in the area. Also, consider weed control in the planting area, as weeds compete for water and nutrients that are beneficial to your young tree or shrubs. Soil should also be examined for compaction before planting. If soils are compacted, consider replacement with a good loam, or incorporating several inches of an organic material such as composted yard waste.

Site preparation, first dig a shallow planting hole two to three times as wide as the root ball. Wide, shallow holes encourage horizontal root growth that trees and shrubs naturally produce. Next, backfill half the soil, the water thoroughly to settle out air pockets. Finish backfilling, then water again. Cover any exposed root ball tops with mulch. You may choose to incorporate slow-release granular fertilizers into backfill soil to provide nitrogen or other nutrients. Avoid using fast-release agronomic fertilizers that can dehydrate tree roots. Your local SWCD can perform a soil test for your chosen planting area.

Tree care after planting can also help to increase tree health and hardiness. First, remove tags and labels from trees and shrubs to prevent girdling branches and trunks. Following up with good watering helps promote root growth. Two to three inches of mulch around the new tree or shrubs helps prevent weed growth and retain moisture. Finally, only stake trees with large crowns or those situated on windy sites or where they can be easily knocked over. If your tree must be staked, only stake for a maximum of one year and allow for a slight amount of flex.

For more information on soil surveys and trees native to your area, contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District, or call the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board headquarters at (254) 773-2250.

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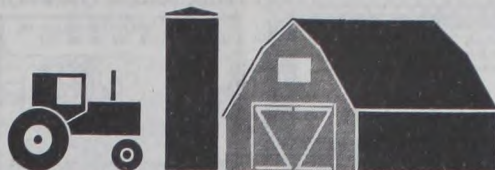
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**TBWEF Assessment Dates, Rates Set For Northern Rolling Plains Zone**

The Texas Department of Agriculture has established the 2003 assessment rate, due date and discount date for the Northern Rolling Plains Zone of the Boll Weevil Eradication program.

The assessment for 2003 in the NRP is \$10 per dry row acre and \$15 per irrigated row acre. Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit of 50 percent of their assessment on those acres completely destroyed prior to the final certification date. Qualifying failed acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the credit. Assessment notices will be mailed by September 4, and payment is due October 8. Growers who pay by September 23 are eligible to receive a 2 percent discount on their assessment.

**April 1 Last Date To Update Bases And Yields**

April 1st, 2003 is the final date to update bases and yields to be used for the DCP program. Landowners are reminded that this deadline will not be extended. PFC participants are eligible for DCP because your farm has a crop acreage base. If you elect not to update by April 1st, you will be able to rollover your PFC bases and yields. Bases established for PFC will become effective on April 2nd, yield updates are authorized in these cases.


Non PFC participants have until April 1st to establish a base and yield if you grew any covered commodity on your farm between 1998-2001. Your four year planted acreage average will be your base. Crops not reported may be late, filed with documentation to support the existence and disposition of the crops. After April 1st, you will be ineligible for the program. Peanut producers must designate peanut average acreage and yields that will be attributed to the respective tracts on their farms to receive a peanut base acreage. March 31st is the final date to distribute peanut history to farms and there will be no extension of this date.

For further information or to set up an appointment please contact the Hall County Farm Service Agency at 806-259-3579.

**March 31 Last Day To Designate Peanut Acres**

March 31, 2003 is the final day to designate peanut acres and yields to farms. Historic peanut producers must designate peanut acres to specific farms and tracts in order to receive a peanut base. If you are a historic peanut producer, you must complete a 2002 peanut DCP contract before peanut acreage can be designated. These steps must be completed by March 31, 2002.

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**Cotton**  **News**  
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**Budget Battle Looms; PCG Working On Disaster Assistance, Pay Limits & CSP**

Less than a year has passed since the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 became law. In that time, budget forecasts have continued to go downhill and Congress is looking to tighten the budget belt.

For agriculture, it appears that the predictable and repetitious assault on Farm Bill provisions that usually comes from those with little or no real concern for the well being of the U.S. farmer has already begun.

First to step up to the plate and make good on his pledge to renew a seemingly constant assault of Farm Bill provisions is Iowa Republican, Senator Charles Grassley. Senator Grassley successfully added an amendment to the Senate's FY2004 Budget Bill during deliberations by the Senate Budget Committee.

The new Grassley amendment would target changes in the area of farm program payment limits and do away with several key provisions.

Topping the changes included in the latest Grassley payment limit proposal is the idea to completely gut the current three-entity rule. The amendment would aggregate the payments from all entities back to the individual and place a hard cap on the amount the individual could receive.

Grassley's amendment would also leave the \$40,000 limit on direct payments as is, but drop the payment limit on the counter-cyclical program to \$60,000. Finally the Grassley amendment would put a \$200,000 cap on LDP/MLG payments and stop the availability of generic certificates beyond the \$200,000 cap.

Approval of the amendment required the cooperation of all the Democratic members of the Senate Budget Committee, plus Senator Grassley and two other Republican members.

The offering of the amendment was not unexpected, since Senator Grassley has taken every opportunity to renew his pledge to submit a payment limit bill.

Grassley proposes to shift the estimated \$1.398 billion in saving to the Conservation Security Program.

Plains Cotton Growers will be working hard to keep the Grassley amendment from becoming law on the basis that payment limitations were thoroughly debated less than one year ago during development of the Farm Bill and their effectiveness in relation to the new programs is still unknown.

Payment Limitations are also a hot topic at the United States Department of Agriculture as the agency works with the Congressionally authorized Commission of Payment Limitations to study the effects and structure of current payment limitation rules and to make recommendations to Congress for possible changes.

Plains Cotton Growers will join the National Cotton Council and other cotton organizations in submitting comments to the Commission.

Switching gears to conservation programs; the new Conservation Security Program is gradually taking shape and USDA is currently accepting comments on various aspects of the program.

PCG has been actively involved in the development of the CSP. The goal has been to give producers from the High Plains region the ability to fully participate in the program and receive a positive incentive to employ new and innovative management practices.

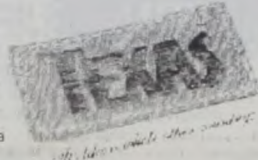


Sophomores Chris McBee of Quitaque and Chantell Lewellen of Friona team up on a soldering project during welding class, part of the ag education curriculum at West Texas A&M University.

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The Texas Department of Economic Development has authorized eight Texas-based manufacturers to use that agency's Texas patch logo on consumer items in return for a share of the profits.



The logo, which consists of a leather patch bearing the name "Texas" and the slogan, "It's Like a Whole Other Country," will be used on items such as denim jackets, denim shirts, t-shirts, hats, key chains and refrigerator magnets.

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The items are available at retail locations across the state and also at TDED's Tourism website at [www.traveltexas.com](http://www.traveltexas.com).

Source: Texas Comptroller Carol Keeton Strayhorn ([www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)) and the Texas Department of Economic Development.

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