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There are still rattlesnakes out there! Dale Ramsey killed this one west of Turkey last Wednesday.

Clarendon College Offers Entrance

Exam For Vocational Nursing Program

Clarendon College is offering an entrance test for individuals interested in applying for admission into the Vocational Nursing Program. The test date for the TEAS will be August 23.

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

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

For more information about Clarendon College Vocational Nursing Program, contact Sharron Rust at (806) 874-3571.

Hall County Commissioners Have Full Agenda In August

Hall County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, August 9, present were County Judge Jack Martin, Commissioners Milton Beasley, Jr, Pct. 1; Terry Lindsey, Pct. 2; Buddy Logsdon, Pct. 3; James Fuston, Pct. 4 and County Clerk Raye Bailey.

After attending to regular monthly Court business the following items were addressed by the Court:

* James Edwards, Fire Chief with the Memphis Fire Department was present and asked the County to consider paying 10% of the grant they received in the amount of \$108,000.00 to purchase a forest truck. This truck would be used as the first responder to grass fires, wrecks and construction outside the city limits. This will be discussed during the preparing of the County budget.

* Bobbie Ariola, representing the Memphis EMS, reported that a financial statement was not available at this time, as the EMS is between directors. She reported that a qualified person has applied. She reported that EMS has brought the billing back in-house and leased the software capable of the job. She said one ambulance is out of service and another one is having a lot of problems. Also the service is having to bring in a lot of out of town people to operate the ambulance until they can get certified personnel.

* Sheriff Neel reported that other counties or cities are being compensated for dispatching, which ever entity is doing it. He reported that 75% of the dispatching was done for the city of Memphis. He asked the Court to look into it and he believes the County should be compensated. The County Jail has to meet State Jail Standards and the dispatchers have to go to school. The sheriff's opinion is if the jail houses an inmate for the City and a medical problem arises the City should be responsible for the medical bill. The sheriff is recommending \$40,000 from the City of Memphis and \$10,000 from the City of Estelline.

Joe Rollo, Mayor of Memphis, reported that the dispatching was moved from the City because of 911. The City offered to pay some on dispatching but the previous Sheriff would not sign a pay voucher so they have the dispatchers themselves to sign a voucher and they pay \$40 to each. He reminded the Court that the people inside the city limits of Memphis pay taxes and that outside the city limits they don't pay any taxes. The County does not pay anything for fire calls at all. The county is not paying anything to the city for fire calls except for the \$3,000 given to the Memphis Volunteer Fire Department each year. Mayor Rollo pointed out that the city could move their own dispatch and that \$40,000 was a little steep for this service. Both the County and city were looking at new budgets and they need to sit down and discuss this. Estelline's Mayor David Walker agreed with what Mayor Rollo said, but also said there is no way Estelline could pay \$10,000. He also states that with a policeman in Estelline, it helps the sheriff's Department out by not having to have a deputy there.

* The Commissioners Court accepted the second highest bid of \$3,002.50 on 2 acres in Estelline because Memphis Independent School District is the moving party. Jimi Vivens was present and stated that he bought the property in 1991 and didn't now there were back taxes. He went on to say there was correspondence from the Memphis Independent School District but it was sent to the wrong address.

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The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

Mexican Dinners To Be Served This Saturday

The Quitaque Catholic Center will once again be serving their delicious homemade Mexican Dinners on Saturday, August 21 at the Catholic Center.

Authentic Mexican plates will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the group will also have other wonderful authentic Mexican entrees such as tacos, enchiladas, chalupas and burritos.

Call 455-1277 to place orders for take out.

Proceeds from this event will go towards the upkeep of the Quitaque Catholic Center.

Motley County Mandated By HAVA Law To Furnish Electronic Voting Machines In Each Voting Precinct By 2006

The Motley County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, August 9, present for the meeting were County Judge Ed D. Smith, Commissioners Ronnie Davis, Pct. 1; Donnie Turner, Pct. 2; Franklin Jameson, Pct. 3; Russell Alexanser, Pct. 4, County Clerk Kate Hurt, and Shreff Jim Meador. After attending to regular monthly Court business the Commissioners attended to the following business:

* The Court approved \$3,221.28 for payment on the Court-house air-conditioning system that was installed.

* Judge Smith reported that the cost to Motley County to install the weigh station scales from the DPS Department would be \$30,441.00. The Court moved to decline this offer based on cost to the County.

* Douglas Campbell from TxDOT met with the Court to discuss the new bridge construction that is in progress in the County. He also reminded the Commissioners' how important it is that all signs are in place on the bridges.

* The Court approved a resolution, #2004-02, based on a request from Market Matador to forgive \$146.01 of back taxes on lots that have been donated to the organization.

* Jeanette Case and Mary Helen Wason representing 'Friends of the Library' met with the Court to invite the elected officials of Motley County to help serve Beans & Cornbread on Friday, August 27 at the Motley County Library.

* Judge Smith informed the Court that counties are getting close to having to comply with the new HAVA laws that have been mandated to all counties. By 2006 all voting precincts have to furnish an electronic voting machine. The State of Texas will give each county some reimbursement but the counties will have to furnish the balance of the cost.

* County Treasurer, Eva Barkely met with the Court to request time sheets on all road hands. The reason for the request is to comply with State Labor Laws on overtime.

* The Court set Thursday, September 2 at 9 a.m. for the Public Budget Hearing and vote on approval of the new fiscal year proposed budget that is on file for viewing at the County Clerks Office.

The meeting adjourned.



World Champion, C Bar C Ranch Chuckwagon Team - Ken & Sue Cunningham, Jean Cates and Peggy Pippin. (Photo By Lynette Barefield)

World Champion Chuckwagon Visits Caprock Canyons

By Lynette Barefield

Last Wednesday evening, the C Bar C Ranch Chuckwagon from Hartley was at Caprock Canyons State Park, feeding approximately 100 people. The fortunate diners were attending a seminar sponsored by Texas Tech, the NRCS, and various chemical companies.

When I visited the chuck wagon in the early afternoon, the award-winning crew of Ken and Sue Cunningham, Jean Cates and Peggy Pippin were busy preparing chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, peach cobbler, and all the fixings.

These cooks are still beaming after their June 2004 prize of "World Champions" in Amarillo. The C Bar C Ranch cooks also claimed the coveted prize in 2002. They were delighted to have won back the title this year.

Each cook has his own specialty: Jean, the breads and crusts; Peggy and Ken, the meat, beans and potatoes; and Sue, the desserts.

Geoff Hulse, Deanna Oberheu and I were thrilled to be taste-testers of the peach cobbler. Anyone could understand how this would win a blue ribbon, or even a belt buckle. They certainly had our vote for first place!

The Cowboy Symposium in Lubbock crowned these cooks National Champions in 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2003. They have been featured in the Food Channel and on Bob Phillips' "Texas Country Reporter."

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Hail last Thursday destroyed cotton in both Motley & Hall Counties. Together both counties had hail damage to over 10,000 acres according to early estimates.

Recent Hail Disaster To Area Cotton Crops

By Earlyne Jameson

A storm of marble to quarter sized hail, hurricane winds and sheets of rain Thursday evening, August 12 caused a complete disaster to feed and cotton crops and even shredded mesquite trees east and northeast of Matador. Rain gauges not broken registered 3 to 5 inches of rain. The storm covered a two mile strip and 3,700 acres of cropland were destroyed.

The Carter and Bill Luckett families reported the biggest loss of 2,000 acres of cotton. Others in Motley county who reported loss of crops were Charlie Renfro, Jade Jones, Bobby Jameson, Moore Brothers, James Taylor, Dean and Craig Turner and H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.

Those that still have cotton crops are wishing for hot, sunny weather to develop and mature cotton blooms on the extra tall cotton stalks!!

In Hall County hail damaged was received the same night. Damage reports came in from the Bridle Bit community east of Turkey and also from southeast of Memphis. According to Billy Foster CED for the Hall County FSA, early estimates indicate that 5,500 acres of cotton had some degree of damage around Memphis and around 2,500 acres were damaged in the Turkey/Bridle Bit area.

Flomot First Baptist Church Will Celebrate 90th Birthday

By Earlyne Jameson

The Flomot First Baptist Church's 90th birthday will have a fish fry supper in tribute at 6 p.m., Saturday, August 28. Sunday services will be at 10 a.m. followed by a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall and Sunday afternoon visiting. You are extended a cordial invitation to attend these event.

Valley Calendar of Events

August 20

* Valley Patriots Varsity & JV vs. Chillicothe- Scrimmage - Here @ 6 p.m.

* Quitaque Senior Citizens meeting @ 5 p.m.

August 21

* The Quitaque Catholic Center will be serving Mexican Dinners dine in or take out. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

August 23

* Quitaque's Weight Watchers meeting @ 5:45 p.m. Weigh-In @ 5:15 p.m.

* Quitaque Fire Department meeting

* Turkey Lions Club meeting @ 7 p.m.

* Briscoe County Historical Committee meeting @ 7 p.m.

August 24

* Turkey Senior Citizens Annual Hamburger & Ice Cream Supper @ 6 p.m.

August 26

* Turkey Economic Board meetig @ 7 p.m.

* Drivers License office open at Briscoe County Courthouse today 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Maples Family gathers in Silverton for a Family Reunion.

Maples Family Get-Together

Plans were made months ago and the main planner for the event was Reba Maple Tipton. Her brother Darrell said Reba was so excited about having all the family together, that they wanted to carry out her wishes. Reba passed away on June 10, 2004. The Maples family gathered at Reba's home on 10th Street on Saturday, August 14, 2004.

Those present: were Bobbie Maples, Pauline Maples, Rick Blankenship, Darlene Blankenship, Dyrle Maples, Virginia Maples, Jean Linville, Melissa Lopez, Kathy Herrin, Katherine Lopez, Harrell Minyard, Shelia Minyard, James Maples, Gloria Maples, Floyd Linville, Kim Linville, Grady Maples, Darlene Maples, and Kelly Vail

Hall County Historical Commission Receives Signed Proclamation From President Bush

The Hall Co, Historical Commission met Aug. 11 with President Tommie Jo Cruse presiding. Before the meeting started, Mike Hughes read a poem. For old business Joann & Cleatus Lebow brought the items they had brought for members to sell for fund raisers. These consist of cards, calendars, purses, & bags on wheels. Joann Lebow read the minutes from the last meeting & they were approved.

For new business Linda Sanders will give info on the Christmas Ozark Trail celebration. She will give the info to a member of the Chamber of Commerce, & let them decide if they want to be a part of this.

Judge Martin would like to get the town & county on the Preserve America Program. He also presented the commission a hand signed proclamation from President Bush. This will be framed & maybe put in the courthouse. It was also brought up that people would like the Memorial Day Celebration to become an annual event.

Members present were Jim Mills, Judge Martin, Karen Crisman, Linda Sanders, Joann & Cleatus Lebow, Mike Hughes, Johnnie Gresham & Tommie Jo Cruse.

Caprock Public Library News

By Arlene Hinkle
Caprock Public Library would like to send a special "Thank You" to the Citizens for Natural Weather of Silverton for their wonderful donation of \$266.66 We will use the donation to purchase books for the Library.

New non-fiction books at Caprock Public Library:
UNDER THE BANNER OF HEAVEN by Jon Krakauer. A story of a violent faith.

A TABLE IN HIS PRESENCE by Lt. Carey H. Cash. The dramatic account of how a U.S. Marine Battalion experienced God's Presence amidst the chaos of the War in Iraq.

BLUE BLOOD by Edward Conlon. A biography by a Harvard educated New York City Police Officer, his story begins with his walking days in South Bronx to his ascent to detective.

Check Them Out!!

This Week's Movie In Review

The Village

Drama, Romance, Science Fiction/Fantasy and Thriller
2 hrs. 00 min.

Set in rural Pennsylvania in 1897, this is the story of the small village of Covington (population 60) surrounded by a woods inhabited by a race of "mythical creatures," and the romance that blossoms between Kitty (Greer), the daughter of the town's leader (Hurt), and Lucius (Phoenix), a young man who questions the policy of keeping Covington's citizens completely confined to the village.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 for a scene of violence and frightening situations.

Starring: Judy Greer, Bryce Dallas Howard, William Hurt, Joaquin Phoenix, Adrien Brody

Princess Diaries 2

Comedy and Romance
After getting over the revelation that she is a princess and part of the royal family of the small and obscure European nation of Genovia (with a population of just 50,000), American teenager Mia (Hathaway) moves to the actual country she represents, with her best friend, Lilly (Matarazzo) tagging along during summer vacation. As she learns the job of being a country's future ruler, one challenge she's faced with is the prospect of being set up in an arranged marriage.

MPAA Rating: G for General Audiences.

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- Pat Magee-Midwest City, OK
- S.T. Bogan-Norman, OK

History is a hill or high point of vantage, from which alone men see the town in which they live or the age in which they are living.
- G.K. Chesterton

If art doesn't make us better, the what on earth is it for?
- Alice Walker

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



August 19
Amy Smith, Rhiana Gaddis, C.L. Hawkins, Maria Ramos

August 20
Bennie Reagan, Bobbie Ortiz, W.E. Hawkins, Archie Artega, Lori Wallendorff

August 21
Ginny Farley, Natalie Wheeler, Joe Edd Smith, Karol Pigg, Susan Davidson

August 22
Clinton Pigg, Clayton Pigg, Bobby Silva, Lisa Fuston, Derek Mullin

August 23
Tony Galvan III

August 24
James Earl House, Callie Fuston, Zack Mills, Ed Hammock, Martha Yorston

August 25
Kodie Saul, Donnie Calvert, Delores Price

August 26
Arianna slankard, Brianna Slankard, Curtis Scrivner, Kristie Leal, Ophie Hinojosa

August 20
Mr & Mrs Kirk Saul

August 21
Mr & Mrs Ben Edwards

August 22
Mr & Mrs Greg Ramsey

August 23
Mr & Mrs Edward Valdez

August 24
Mr & Mrs Brad Schnitker

August 26
Mr & Mrs Mark Allen

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Letters To The Editor

Dear Friends,
Thank You for Texas Best Newspaper!!! I think my subscription is almost out, and I don't want to miss a single issue. Keep up your good work.

In Jesus Love,
Jonnie Weaver

Vince & Laura,
Thank you for putting all the King family reunion in the paper. They all get the paper and I just did that because it was mothers 90th

Thanks so much,
Joy

Valley Tribune,
Please renew my subscription for another year of The Valley Tribune

Thank you,
Mamie Gray

Valley Tribune,
Question? Why is out of town subscriptions more than local? Locals receive their paper before the upcoming events are over. Here it is the 9th of August and I have not received July 29th edition.

Thank you,
Pete Morris

Editor's note: Out of town subscriptions cost more because the USPS charges postage based on the distance from the point of origin (determined by zone classifications). The farther away from Quitaque you live the more it costs us to mail it. The increase to \$24 dollars is the first increase of subscription rates in over 5 years. As for missing or late papers, all papers are mailed on Thursday. If anyone is having trouble with receiving their paper please let us know, so that we can work with the post office to determine the problem and work toward a solution. We want everyone to receive their paper in a timely manner, but once it leaves our hands we are not in control.

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and Mrs. Julie Edwards

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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Recently we took our young grandson to the hospital to visit his mother and new brother.

He was fascinated as he lovingly touched his little fingers and toes. When he spotted the baby's name tag on his ankle, he exclaimed, "Oh look, Mommy, they left the price tag on!"

Surprise Birthday Party

Mrs. Larry (Angelia) Clay of Panhandle, former resident of Flomot, was honored with a surprise birthday party Saturday night at the Country Club in Panhandle. Hosting the courtesy were Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Metcalf, Mrs. Debbie Jones of Panhandle and Janie of Whitedeer. A beautiful decorated cake, finger foods and punch were served. Local residents attending were Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay, Waydette and Ronald Clay and Mrs. Julie Edwards and son, Jaxon.

Recent Trip

Mrs. Betty Simpson of Northfield reported 2.06 total inches of rain for the month of July in Northfield after she and family returned home from a recent trip.

Betty and Billy Paul Simpson of Northfield and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Multer, Cory, Amy and Katy of Garden City, flew to Portland, Oregon recently. Cory participated in the Jr. Olympics discus throw held at Eugene, Oregon. There were 5,600 participants from the nation. Cory went into competition standing at 25th in the U.S.A. and finished 14th, meeting his dream of finishing in the top 20.

The families enjoyed touring Portland and Mount St. Helen. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson accompanied by Katy and Amy, drove to Rogue River, Oregon, where they visited her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Davis and then to Oakley, California where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Joaquin Hays. They toured Sacramento and San Francisco.

Mrs. Gwen Mandrell, daughter, Peyton of Lubock visited the weekend with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Clavert and Glen Calvert.

Coy Franks had fun in Idalou Saturday night when he joined friends at the Lubock Dragway Races in which he competed. Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey, Sunday were son, Michael Starkey of Canyon and daughter, Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, sons, Jere and Jacob attended the college graduation of friend, Jere Banewski, who received his Master's Degree at the Sam Houston University in Houston, Saturday, August 7.

Khaki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Scrivner of Turkey, visited Thursday and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo Tuesday and Wednesday for her medical appointments. They visited overnight Tuesday in Fritch with Mrs. Jackie Davis and son, Michael. They also visited in Amarillo with daughter and husband, Bessie and Clifton Reid.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter met daughter and family, Keri and Kevin Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville in Matador Friday. Keri and Kevin continued to Vernon in their red and white 1955 Chevrolet and attended the Classic and Antique Car Show and were in the Cruise Parade down Wilbarger Street Friday and Saturday night. Mrs. Shorter and Brian visited Friday night in Petrolia with Christi and Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley. She and Brian returned to Flomot Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Sehon visited their Sunday and accompanied Brian home.

Other farmers in the Flomot and Barton communities who had light hail damage to cotton, Thursday, August 12 were Donnie Rogers, Harvey Case, Seab Washington, Bert Whitaker, Kenny Barton, Joe Ike Clay, James Gwinn and Darrell Cruse.

TURKEY TALK

By Martha Bradshaw

Louis & Oleta Randell were in Lubock Thursday on business.

Vicki Lindsey spent the weekend with her children, Cade & Sam Lange & her grandchildren in Tulia. Vicki helped get the children ready for a new school year.

Langdon & Genell Withers of Mansfield, Texas visited Louis & Oleta Randell Wednesday.

Bro. Melvin & Guyretta Clinton & Gladys Hanna were in Canyon for eye doctors appointment Monday. Bob Hanna had Laser surgery on his eyes and can see now.

Guest for lunch on Sunday in the home of Jon & Laura Davidson were Mr. & Mrs. Jim Davidson & Estelle Davidson, Mr. & Mrs. Leck Fuston & Kye, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Moore, Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Burson & boys & Mr. & Mrs. James Fuston.

Don't forget the Jim Ed Brown & Helen Cornelius concert September 11, two Opry stars for the price of one. They were here last year and put on a great show. The Tri County Meals on Wheels will serve the supper.

Lorene Setliff had visitors over the weekend. Alton, Becky and Aaron Setliff, Lily McAdams of El Paso, Kenny, Relda and Adam setliff of de Soto and Stephanie Setliff of Albuquerque, NM

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Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

I am a veteran cookie baker, having made thousands over the years, and I still bake cookies often. As a donation for a fundraiser, I gave a monthly batch of cookies for a year. Along with my favorite recipes, I have been trying some new ones, and these made the grade. Bake some for your family!

Fibber McGee Cookies

- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 1/3 cups sugar
- 1 1/3 cups firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 3/4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 3 1/2 cups quick oats, uncooked
- 1 1/2 cups salted peanuts, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- Beat butter with electric mixer until creamy; gradually add sugars, beating until blended. Add eggs, one at a time, beating just until yellow blends in; add vanilla. Combine flour and soda; stir into butter mixture, mixing well. Stir in oats and remaining ingredients, mixing well. (Mixture will be crumbly). Drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes. Leave on sheets for 1 minutes. Then remove to wire rack to cool. Makes 5 1/2 dozen.

Texas Pecan Cookies

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups chopped pecans
- In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugars. Beat in the egg and extracts. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture. Stir in pecans. Roll into 1-inch balls; place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 9-11 minutes or until set. Cool 3 minutes, then remove to wire racks. Makes about 6 dozen.

Peanut Butter Brownie Cookies

- 1 box (19.5 oz.) brownie mix (I used Pillsbury Brownie Classics Traditional Fudge)
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 4 oz. cream cheese
- 1 egg
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 (16 oz.) can chocolate ready-to-spread frosting
- In medium bowl, beat brownie mix, melted butter, cream cheese and egg 50 strokes with spoon until well blended (batter will be sticky). Drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheets to make 24 cookies. Smooth edges to form a round cookie. In small bowl, mix powdered sugar and peanut butter with spoon until mixture forms a ball. With hands, roll rounded teaspoonfuls peanut butter mixture into 24 balls. Lightly press 1 ball into center of each ball of chocolate dough. Bake at 350° for 10-14 minutes or until edges are set. Cool 1 minute; remove to wire racks and cool at least 30 minutes. Spread thin layer of frosting over peanut butter portion of each cooled cookie. Makes 24 cookies.

Scotch Crunchies

- Melt 1/2 cup smooth peanut butter and 6 oz. butterscotch morsels in microwave. Stir until smooth. Stir in 2 1/2 cups Frosted Flakes and 1/2 cup nuts. Drop by teaspoonfuls and chill until firm. Makes 2 dozen. God Bless America!

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ACROSS

- 1 This Nicklaus won '70 & '71 TX Byron Nelson Classic
- 5 TXism: "mean old range cow"
- 6 TXism: "suit company" (relatives)
- 7 Wichita Falls TV station was among the 1st black legislators in TX
- 17 "one" south of the border
- 18 '24 slogan: "Me for ___"
- 21 TX Joan Crawford: Lucille ___ Sueur
- 22 military service of TX Chester Nimitz
- 23 endangered TX fish: "Fountain ___"
- 24 TXism: "tame ___ dog"
- 29 This Geraldine starred in TX Horton Foote's "Trip to Bountiful"
- 30 TXism: "sidekicks"
- 31 Dallas has a ___ hospital
- 32 body of water on TX-LA boundary
- 34 "sweet laters" (The ___ Tapes)
- 36 TXism: "it's a ___ cinch"
- 37 TX McMurry novel: "Dead ___ Walk"
- 38 Plainview is seat of this county
- 39 TXism: "___ a hot horseshoe"

DOWN

- 1 TX Ginger Rogers married him at 17
- 2 TXism: "dainty ___ bride"
- 3 Dimmitt's ___ County News
- 4 got down on knees
- 9 TXism: "spittin' ___ of"
- 10 Ranger Cordero objective
- 11 8-time bull riding champ, TX Donnie
- 12 health provider at TX hospitals (abbr.)
- 13 TX Carolyn Jones was "Morticia" in this TV family
- 14 liquid containers
- 15 TXism: "still wet behind the ___"
- 16 TXism: "___ a spell"
- 19 this Brand was Reese on "Laredo"
- 20 Branch Davidian event near Waco
- 22 TXism: "___ plucked chicken"
- 24 TXism: "old ___ dirt" (2 wds.)
- 25 "My Gal ___"
- 26 TXism: "it's not ___ of roses"
- 27 "Champion ___ Texas"
- 28 Johnson Co. event: "Pioneers ___ Settlers Reunion"
- 29 TX Roy Orbison's "Pretty ___"
- 30 window glass
- 33 TXism: "he couldn't lick his upper ___"
- 34 TXism: "runs off at the mouth"
- 35 TX actor Corbin
- 37 "false alarm" (2 wds.)
- 38 rassin' grips
- 40 TXism: "more of them than ___ in Texas"
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- 44 sub command
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- 49 Ranger Frank who got Bonnie & Clyde

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Raw Cotton, Harvest Equipment Movement May Be Restricted

Cotton harvest has begun in the southern parts of the state and will begin soon in other areas. Custom harvesters move from area to area as the season progresses, and growers have to move the harvested cotton to the state's gins for processing.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation would like to remind cotton producers and custom harvesters that the commissioner of agriculture declared several areas of the state to be suppressed or functionally eradicated of the cotton boll weevil, and movement of raw cotton products and harvesting equipment into or through these zones may be regulated.

The Rolling Plains Central zone, surrounding Abilene, and the Southern Rolling Plains zone, surrounding San Angelo, are functionally eradicated. The El Paso/Tran Pecos, Permian Basin, Western High Plains, Southern High Plains Caprock, Northwest Plains, Northern High Plains and Northern Rolling Plains zones are suppressed. These zones make up a large portion of the western and northern portions of the state's cotton-growing areas.

Harvesting equipment moving from areas outside of either a suppressed or functionally eradicated zone cannot be brought into one of these areas until the equipment has been thoroughly cleaned. Raw cotton cannot be moved into or through suppressed or eradicated zone unless a protection plan has been filed with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

TDA has developed a protection plan template for growers who fall under these restrictions and wish to gin cotton in a suppressed or eradicated zone. TDA also has developed guidelines for ensuring harvesting equipment is properly cleaned before entering one of these zones. Many of these restrictions are placed on the movement of raw cotton and harvesting equipment from a suppressed area to a functionally eradicated area.

Brochures that provide more specific information on the restrictions are available from TDA or from the boll weevil foundation. Contact your local TDA office, or write the foundation at Box 5089, Abilene, TX 79608 to obtain a brochure.

Starting This Fall Hunters Can Get Their Hunting License Online

Starting this fall, folks can buy a Texas hunting or fishing license over the Internet for the first time.

When new season licenses go on sale Aug. 15, hunters and anglers can buy online via a new service from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department through Texas Online.

It costs an additional \$5 to buy on the Web, which covers shipping, handling and processing.

However, buyers can purchase licenses for as many as five different people in one transaction. This means five hunting buddies or family members could split the cost of the \$5 fee. But be aware that all licenses must be shipped to a single address, and whoever places the order will need to have all the personal data for each buyer, including one of the following forms of identification: their TPWD customer number, Texas driver's license number or Social Security number.

Web buyers can go to the TPWD Web site (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>) and click the "Online License Sales" link in the Licenses box near the top of the TPWD home page. They can then click through the links and pages to get to Texas License Online. The first time a customer goes there, they'll need to register and setup a user account. Web customers may pay by Visa, Mastercard or Discover credit card.

It should take a few days to a week for licenses to arrive to Texas addresses after shipment. Customers can pay an additional fee for second day delivery.

However, for fish or game animals that do not require a tag, customers won't have to wait for the hard copy license to arrive to start hunting or fishing. For each license purchased, buyers will receive a Smart Number by e-mail that uniquely identifies the license and will allow them to hunt or fish before licenses are received in the mail. (This does not cover deer, turkey, red drum and other species where the hunter or angler must tag the animal after it's taken-hunters or anglers for those species must wait for the tags to arrive in the mail.) Lifetime licenses cannot be purchased online.

Web buyers will need to have Internet Explorer version 5.5 or higher or Netscape 6.1 or higher and have Java script enabled. For technical assistance, see the license sales Web page.

Hunters and anglers still have the option to buy licenses the old fashioned way at more than 2,000 vendor locations throughout Texas. These include sporting goods stores, gun shops, department stores, bait and tackle shops, grocery stores and similar locations, plus all TPWD Law Enforcement (game warden) offices. General information about hunting and fishing licenses is also online at (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/licenses/public/>). Or, call the TPWD toll free phone information line at (800) 792-1112.

Turkey Senior Citizens News

By Oleta Randall

The Turkey Senior Citizens had 21 members & 3 guests at their last meeting. Guests were Ruth Moore of Loraine, Vera Hammock & daughter Jayton of Plano. Our next meeting will be Aug. 24th. This will be our annual Ice Cream & Hamburgers Supper. So everyone come on out & enjoy the Fun! Food! & Fellowship!! Come before 6:00 clock for blood pressure checks.

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Colton Russell and team members, Amanda Browning of Childress and Holley Hurt of Guthrie placed 5th overall in Team Penning at the State 4-H Horse Show.

Colton Russell Garner's Top Honors At State Horse Show Winners

Colton and Shane'a Russell, son and daughter of J.D. and D'anna Russell of Matador, grandkids of Dale and Dona Smith of Quitaque, Sonny and Dorothy Russell of Matador and great-grandkids of Lottie Garrison of Silverton competed in the Texas State 4-H Horse Show July 25-31.

Colton was the 9th place overall winner with a total score of 268 in Cutting held on Sunday the 25th and the 4th place winner of the 1st go with a score of 141 with two judges.

Colton and Shane'a both competed Monday afternoon in the Yearling Halter Futurity. There were approximately 40 Yearling Fillies that showed up to compete in this class under 3 different judges. After an hour of standing at attention the placing under each judge were announced. Colton or Shane'a neither one finished in the top ten, but each judge had to place 15 deep and Shane'a finished 13th overall. Each child competing in the futurity classes got a certificate for project completion when they enter the ring. Colton finished 4th and Shane'a finished 7th at the District Horse Show held in Vernon on June 17-19, 2004.

Colton also competed in the 2 yr. old Western Pleasure Futurity. He bought Boon San Waltz aka Coon at the Horse Sale held in the spring of 2003 at his Pop-pa's. Colton and Coon competed three days at the State Show. On Monday, under the first judge Colton was called back from Heat 3 to finish 8th for the day. On Tuesday, Colton and Coon competed under the second judge in Heat 3 and did not receive a call back. On Wednesday, Colton and Coon competed for the last time under the third judge in Heat 2 and received a call back. Colton and Coon finished 6th on this day and then finished 9th overall in the State. Colton won the 2 yr. old Western Pleasure Futurity at the District 3 Horse Show held in Vernon.

Colton and Shane'a were both on Team Penning Teams representing District 3 at the State Show. The heated competition saw 88 team competing in the first go and when all was said and done there were 26 team that made it back to the 2nd go. Colton and his team members, Amanda Browning of Childress and Holley Hurt of Guthrie were one of the 26 teams in the 2nd go. Shane'a and her team members Ty Fox of Guthrie and Kelsey Stokes of Afton made a great try but were only able to get 2 of 3 head of cattle penned in the first go. Colton and his team finished 5th overall and penned all 9 head. They were awarded halters with top ten finalist embroidered on them donated by Chevy Dealers of Texas, one of the many sponsors of the show.

When the team penning was over Pete Bigg and his staff for the open show events presented J.D. Russell of Motley County and Dewayne Daniel of King County, State 4-H Show belt buckles of appreciation for their years of service to the 4-H Horse Program and to the State 4-H Horse Show. Dewayne is the County Judge of King County. J.D. Russell is the Assistant Manager of the Matador Ranch.



Dwayne Daniel, King County and J.D. Russell, Motley County recognized for outstanding service to 4-H Horse Program.

Shipping In Swine To Texas? It's Easier Now

Disease eradication programs really pay off, especially when it comes to shipping livestock interstate! It's much easier to import swine from other states, thanks to the outstanding progress states have made to eradicate pseudorabies, a viral disease of swine; and swine brucellosis, a bacterial infection. Gone are nearly all test requirements, quarantine restrictions and retests. To haul in swine for breeding, feeding or show, follow these steps!

Health papers: Prior to hauling any hogs to Texas, obtain a certificate of veterinary inspection for the animals from an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin. The health papers are valid for 30 days and must include the following statement: "These swine have not been fed garbage; have not been vaccinated against pseudorabies; and were not exposed to pseudorabies or hog cholera."

Until the vesicular stomatitis (VS) outbreak has ended, the veterinarian should include a statement that he or she has examined the animals being shipped and the animals on the premise and they are without lesions indicative of VS.

Identification, vaccinations, and/or tests: All pigs hauled into Texas must be permanently identified with an eartag, ear notch or a tattoo number recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

Regardless of their state of origin, breeding swine more than three months old must have been vaccinated with a 6-way Leptospirosis vaccine to protect against these strains of the disease: Bratislava, Canicola, Hardjo, Pomona, Icterohaemorrhagica and Grippotyphosa.

If breeding swine originate from Florida, they either need to come from a validated swine brucellosis-free herd, or they'll need a negative swine brucellosis test within 30 days prior to entering Texas.

Because of the great progress in wiping out pseudorabies, a test is not required IF:

- the swine originate from a FREE state (all states are free of pseudorabies, except Texas, Florida and Pennsylvania)
- the swine are moved from a qualified herd or farm of origin in a Stage 4 state. (Stage 4 states are Texas, Florida and Pennsylvania.)
- feeder pigs also can enter from any state without the test if, they come through an approved feeder pig market.

Finally, before loading the pigs onto the truck, obtain an entry permit from the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). This coded number is to be written on the certificate of veterinary inspection and can be obtained easily at no cost by calling the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242, ext 777. Please be prepared to provide the final destination address, contact information and the number of animals that will be hauled into Texas. The entry permit is valid for 15 days. Happy hauling!

Cotton **News**
 By Shawn Wade
www.plainscotton.org
 from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

August Crop Estimate Holds Few Surprises; Texas On Pace To Set 2004 Production Record

Throughout the season most cotton discussions have been shaped by the fact that 2004 was shaping up to be a record year for cotton around the globe.

Thursday's August Crop Production report from the National Agricultural Statistics Service did nothing to dispel that sentiment.

Projecting a strong U.S. Upland cotton crop of 19.48 million bales, the NASS report was perhaps a little above the general range of expectations for the first measure of the 2004 crop. On the other hand the reaction by the market and among industry observers, certainly showed that the number is not out of the realm of possibility.

Texas numbers released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service illustrate clearly the excellent shape the crop was in during the late July survey period. Overall Texas is forecast to produce a record 6.3 million Upland cotton bales from 5.5 million harvested acres and set a new yield record of 550 pounds per harvested acre.

Closer to home, the estimated production for the High Plains region was set at a record 3.89 million bales for crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S. Projected yields for 1-N and 1-S were 742 and 498 pounds respectively.

To some these numbers seem a little high when considering the wide range of maturity that comprises the 2004 crop. With cotton ranging from the very early to the very late, the calendar and the September/October temperature pattern become the primary factors driving what may or may not happen.

There is no getting around the fact that a fair number of acres south of Lubbock are non-irrigated and were planted late in June. These acres have generally received the moisture they need. How they turn out is essentially a factor of the calendar and their receiving normal weather the rest of the season.

Cotton acreage north of Lubbock is in essentially the same position, but has a much smaller margin of error. The calendar there is an even bigger factor, due to the fact this area tends to add heat units at a slower pace in September and October.

In order to capture the tremendous yield potential that exists in this area another warm, open Fall is the must have ingredient.

As is so often the case, whether or not the High Plains crop breaks records or hearts in 2004 will depend on the weather pattern that dominates over the next 6-8 weeks.

Warm temperatures and clear, sunny days are the key to breaking records in 2004. Anything less could begin to slowly shave 2004 crop potential one shed boll at a time. This is especially true in northern areas that historically accumulate heat units at a slower rate from mid-August through the end of October.

To illustrate this point, from August 11 through October 31 Lubbock will historically accumulate around 828 heat units. In order to reach the Long Term Average (LTA) heat unit accumulation Lubbock only needs to accumulate 810 Heat units through October 31.

This would seem to indicate that rowers in Lubbock that planted on or before May 15 are 1-3 days ahead of schedule in terms of heat unit accumulations compared the LTA.

A different situation exists north of Lubbock where growers are in a slightly more precarious position.

Looking at the LTA, crops in this region are either running slightly ahead of schedule for acreage planted May 1 or slightly behind if they were planted by May 15. Amarillo area growers should normally expect to receive only about 680 more heat units through October 31.

That number has certainly not been the norm the past few seasons, especially in the Amarillo area.

Most everyone agrees that the crop projected by Texas Agricultural Statistics Service is probably in the field today. What they also need to acknowledge is that regardless of everything that has gone into getting the crop to this point, the final outcome could still leave many shaking their heads and wondering "What if?"

The following tables illustrate where the 2004 crop stands in terms of total heat unit accumulations (DD-60) versus the long-term average and the 2002-2003 seasons.

| From: | LTA HU's through 8/10: | | LTA HU's through 10/31: | |
|----------|------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| | May 15 | June 1 | May 15 | June 1 |
| Amarillo | 1290 | 1169 | 1970 | 1849 |
| Lubbock | 1520 | 1327 | 2347 | 2154 |

| From: | 2004 HU's through 8/10/04: | | 2004 HU's Needed to Reach LTA: | |
|----------|----------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|
| | May 15 | June 1 | May 15 | June 1 |
| Amarillo | 1274 | 1069 | 696 | 780 |
| Lubbock | 1537 | 1260 | 810 | 894 |

Source: National Weather Service, Texas Cooperative Extension

| From: | 2002-2003 Average HU's through 8/10: | | 2002-2003 Average HU's through 10/31: | |
|----------|--------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| | May 15 | June 1 | May 15 | June 1 |
| Amarillo | 1389 | 1239 | 2116 | 1966 |
| Lubbock | 1578 | 1388 | 2524 | 2334 |

| From: | 2004 HU's through 8/10/04: | | 2004 HU's Needed to Reach 2002-2003 Average: | |
|----------|----------------------------|--------|--|--------|
| | May 15 | June 1 | May 15 | June 1 |
| Amarillo | 1274 | 1069 | 842 | 897 |
| Lubbock | 1537 | 1260 | 986 | 1074 |

Source: National Weather Service, Texas Cooperative Extension

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Silverton's All School Reunion Draws Big Crowd

By Lataine Dillard

There were a lot of Silverton exes at the cafeteria on Friday night. From the class of 1938: Wilma Folley (Noble, OK); 1940: James Davis and Pascal Garrison; 1941: Donalita Garrison; Bob Hill (Springfield, OR), Alvie Ivy (Portland, OR); 1942: Freda Seefeldt (Kerrville), Clifford 'D.L.' Young (Lubbock), George Long, Faye Rampley, J.D. Nance; 1944: Buck Hardin, Rex Holt, Doris Holt Dudley (Tulia), Doris Campbell Cook (Plainview), J.C. Fowler, Russell Lee (Temple), Norland Havaan (CO), Lillie Bea Brooks Whitney (Peoria, AZ), Bonnie Dell Chappell (Baptist Memorial Center, San Angelo), Billy Ellis (Amarillo), Ed Hutsell, Shirley Whitehead (Tulia), 1945: J.L. Self, Theta Hold, Anna Francis (Plainview), Nina Martin and Erma B. Folley Ridge (Houston); 1946: Carrie Dale Dickerson, Martha, Billy McWilliams (Quitaque), Faye Self; 1947: Robert Isbell (Grand Junction, CO), Fred Strange, Wilton Whitehead (Tulia), Kenneth Bean; 1948: Lona Stephens Isbell (Grand Junction, CO), Clifton Stodghill, Alvie Morris (Cushing, OK), Eva Lou Younger; 1949: Walter Bean, Sybil Watters King, Bette Arnold Williams, La Rue Garvin, Shirley Whitehead (Tulia), Alvie Francis, Haskell Harmon, Juanita Howard, Weldon Groves (Lone Star); 1950: Joy Stodghill, Elton Cantwell, Robert McPherson, Tresa Crass Sutton, Pat Sorter Patton (Winfield, MO), Flute Hutsell, Don Bean (Floydada), Carol Davis; 1951: Dean McWilliams (Coleyville); 1952: Junis Mercer Hutsell, Mary Davis, Delbert Matthews; 1953: Helen Rose Vaughn Young, Norman Jasper (Austin), Joe Brooks (Belton), Sandra Mallow, Gay Merrell McPherson and Gale Mayfield (Lockney), Mildred Bean, Helen, Kay McWilliams (Colleyville) Janet Turner; 1954: Ann Brown Wright, Duane Wright (Cedar rapids, Iowa), Margaret Stephens Thornton (Ft. Worth), Jeanette Turner Martin (Tulia), Pat Patton, Faye Ruth Bingham; 1955: Sandra Mellow Rampley (Roswell, NM), Jo Ann Hollingsworth Clayton (Cleburne), Jim Baird; 1956: W.D. Rowell; 1958: Karla Weaver Alexander; 1959: Betty Ruth Arnold Williams, Peggy Hollingsworth Rowell, Diane Fogerson Mayfield, La Wanda Reed Baird (Jim); 1960: Dona Garrison Smith (Quitaque), Joanne Turner Griffin (Del Norte, CO); 1965: Wayne Nance, Rocky Curby; 1967: Tina Nance, Cleo Crosslin Ivory (Ft. Worth), Kathy Hughes Moody (Livingston), Connie Dudley Comer, Buddy Comer (Lubbock); 1971: Ricky Stephens; 1972: Lois Stephens Hill, Fred Hill, Loyd McClure; 1979: Terersa Crosslin Hill (Houston)

Erma Folley lost her husband just one month prior to this day. Others at the get-together were Bobbye Bean, Loretta Hardin, Gale McPherson, Floyd Whitney, Christina Barker and T.J., Tatum Ellison, Jeannita Ellison, Betty Stephens, Teresa Sutton, Peggy Stewart, Larita Barkley, Harold Seefeldt, Annelle Davis, Bobbye Bean, Glenda Francis, Laverne Long and Melba Sweek. Jeanette Turner was so cute as she sat on the sidewalk. She had not seen how uneven the sidewalk was and stumbled. She suffered quite a goose egg on her head, but never stopped a minute with information, "Remember us? we're the Turner sisters. I'm Jeanette and these are my sisters!!!" She is quite a trooper.

Cleo Ivory Crosslin and her cousin, Cora Ivory Brown, now of Lamesa, were the first black graduates of Silverton High School in 1967.

Gratitude is when memory is stored in the heart and not in the mind.

- Lionel Hampton

Hall County Commissioners Court

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He also stated that he has never paid taxes on the property since purchasing it in 1991.

* Mr. Joe Burnett appeared before the Commissioners Court regarding access to his farm. This item will be placed on the agenda of the called meeting on August 16 to attempt to purchase a quarter of a mile right of way easement on county Road 8.

* Gene Bruce appeared before the Commissioners Court to discuss County Road 21. He reminded the Court that he met with them on April 12, 2004 on the condition of County Road 21. Bruce stated, "That has been 120 days ago and the road has not been touched. This road has continued to cave off and it is a danger to people using the road." He went on to say he would like to see this road stabilized today. He said he realizes that this is a long term project but the short term would be to fix it where it could be usable. He also stated this in not just the Commissioners of that precinct's problem, but the entire Commissioners Court.

* The Court agreed not to pay Lisa Neighbors vacation pay because she lacked two day employment qualifying for vacation pay by the County's policy manual as brought out by Sheriff Neel.

* The Court accepted the Hall County Appraisal Budget for fiscal year 04-05 in the amount of \$28,494,78, for the County's portion

* Judge Martin informed the Court that the County had been dismissed from the lawsuit styled William E. Plemons v. Mike Amos, et al.

* The Court discussed pooling resources for the 100th Judicial District hiring a public defender. This involves Childress, Collingsworth, Donley, Carson and Hall counties.

* Easement was granted by the Court giving West Texas Gas permission for placing a gas line on County Road G.

* The engagement letter from Gordon D. Maddox CPA firm to prepare the Hall County Audit for 03-04, until the Court gets an amount of cost for this audit, was placed on the agenda for the Called meeting on August 16.

* The Court moved to place head walls on the bridge on County Road 2.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Special Called Meeting - August 16

The Hall County Commissioner Court met in Called session with Judge Martin, Commissioners Milton Beasley-Pct 1, Terry Lindsey-Pct 2, Buddy Logsdon-Pct 3, James Fuston-Pct 4, and Raye Bailey-County Clerk. The Court attended to the following business.

* The Court agreed to pay 10% of the fire department's grant for a rural fire truck which would be \$10,800 for the County's part.

* The Court agreed to have County Attorney, John M. Deavers, II look into the procedures to declare 25' by a quarter of a mile on southeast of George Ferris' farm as eminent domain.

* The Court agreed to accept the amount of \$11,000 to \$12,500 for preparing the Hall county audit for budget year ending September 30, 2004.

* The Court approved a motion to renew the county's health insurance with Blue Cross, Blue Shield.

* The Commissioners received a copy of the proposed budget. After discussion with each department official, everyone was in support of the proposed budget. The Court then set the Public Hearing on the budget for August 30, 2004.

With no further business the Court adjourned.

World Champion Chuckwagon

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The C Bar C Ranch cooks are especially proud of being invited to demonstrate their cooking skills at the Oklahoma City Cowboy Hall of Fame celebration each year since 2001. Before that year, no women were allowed to be part of the event. But when the prizes and awards kept coming for the C Bar C Ranch cooks, the Cowboy Hall of Fame committee finally agreed that it was time to change tradition. Sue and Jean were the first women invited to demonstrate chuckwagon cooking there.

Yet another laurel has recently been awarded to Sue and Jean. They have been nominated as a team to the Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Fort Worth. Just to give an idea of how prestigious this award is, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor was inducted on June 2, 2002, during opening ceremonies for the facility.

The nomination process to the Hall of Fame sometimes takes as long as 20 years, but Sue and Jean are hopeful that they will be able to enjoy the recognition in the not-too-distant future.

When asked how long they have been cooking on the open fire, the reply was, "Forever." Sisters Sue and Jean inherited their first wagon from their father, Dick Shepherd, who cooked for the ranches in the Matador country.

Dick Shepherd (1904-1984) worked the large ranches of this area in Texas and New Mexico, including the Matador Ranch. When the Matadors sold out in the early 1950's, Dick was given the chuckwagon to use. He cooked for fall and spring round-ups on many of the ranches where he had worked in his earlier years.

Dick later acquired an XIT Ranch Wagon and put his chuck box and other equipment on it and kept on cooking. This family heirloom has been untouched since Dick passed away.

Dick Shepherd started setting up his chuckwagon and cooking for the ex-Matador cowboys on Friday night before the Matador Cowboy Reunion in Channing. The year was 1960, and this is when Sue and Jean started helping their dad cook on the chuckwagon.

It was with fond remembrance that Ken told of "Fish" Wilson, who would load up his bedroll into his car at Quitaque and head to the Matador Cowboy Reunion. Upon his arrival, he would claim his camping spot next to the chuck wagon and throw out his bedroll and spend the night at the reunion.

For those cooks wanting a look at the award-winning recipes, there are two cookbooks ("Chuckwagon Recipes" and "More Chuckwagon Recipes") available for sale, with a third edition expected to be in print by Thanksgiving. Both books are illustrated by Amarillo cowboy artist Justin Wells. Jean and Sue have numerous anecdotes about their family throughout both books.

The C Bar C Ranch Chuckwagon cooks have, in the past, donated their cooking to benefit various charities, including St. Jude's Children's Hospital and the Dalhart trail ride.

You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club.

- Jack London

Anything will give up its secrets if you love it enough.

- George Washington Carver

Wealth consists not in having great possessions but in having few wants.

- Ester de Waal



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| COMBO NO. 4 | HOMESTYLE POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP | \$2.49 |
| COMBO NO. 5 | SPICY POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP | \$2.49 |
| COMBO NO. 6 | 3 TAMALES, HOWLERS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP | \$2.39 |
| COMBO NO. 7 | 2 HOT LINKS WITH BREAD & 32 OZ. TALLSUP | \$2.39 |
| COMBO NO. 8 | 2 CORN DOGS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP | \$2.19 |
| COMBO NO. 9 | CHIMICHANGA & 32 OZ. TALLSUP | \$2.19 |
| COMBO NO. 10 | 2 BEEF & BEAN BURRITOS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP | \$2.19 |



THE PATRIOT

Valley School News

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Menu Subject To Change

Tuesday, August 24

Breakfast: Blueberry Muffins, OJ/Milk

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

Tuesday, August 24

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Baked Chicken, Ranch Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuits, Honey, Milk

Wednesday, August 25

Breakfast: Biscuits, Jelly, Sausage, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Caesar Salad, Mixed Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk

Thursday, August 26

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

Lunch: Chili Cheese Burritos, Corn, Pears, Milk

Friday, August 27

Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Apple Sauce, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Pickles, Chips, Apples, Milk

VALLEY WEATHER

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| AUG 12 | 84 | 61 | |
| AUG 13 | 85 | 61 | .88 |
| AUG 14 | 84 | 60 | |
| AUG 15 | 79 | 59 | .22 |
| AUG 16 | 84 | 61 | |
| AUG 17 | 86 | 60 | |
| AUG 18 | 87 | 60 | |

Back To School Essentials: Pens, Pencils, Erasures, & Eye Exams?

"Many elementary schools provide routine eye examinations, and as long as they are done correctly, they are a sufficient way to detect vision problems," says Dr. Evelyn Paysse, an associate professor of ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) in Houston. "These examinations check for a certain level of visual acuity based on a child's age. For example, literate children are tested with lettered vision charts, while younger children are tested with picture charts."

In between eye examinations, parents can monitor their child's eye health by detecting problematic symptoms. According to Paysse, also a pediatric ophthalmologist at Texas Children's Hospital, the following are common indicators of eye disorders:

- * Drooping of an eyelid.
- * Intermittent or constant drifting of one or both eyes.
- * Involuntary movement of the eyes.
- * Misalignment of the eyes.
- * Squinting of one or both eyes.
- * Staring closely at visual material.

If parents suspect their child has an eye disorder, they should discuss their concerns with their primary care physician who can perform a vision and eye health screening. If any abnormalities are found, an appointment with an eye care specialist for diagnosis and treatment options should be made.

"If an eye problem is left untreated, permanent vision loss can develop," says Paysse.

Sophomore's Elect Class Officers

The sophomore class at Valley school elected officers on Tuesday, the first day of the new school year. President: Amber Ortiz, Vice-President: Molly Davidson, secretary/Treasurer: Kayla Kelly, Reporter: Macy Davidson, Ctudent Council Representatives: Maddie Ramsey and Britany Peck.

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Jaws re-occurring nightmare, "the forbidden forest"!



Tom Ross recently makes pilgrimage back to Alaska & boy have things changed.

Alaska Now & Then

By Tom Ross

Since moving back to Texas from Alaska in 1968, we only made three trips back there, one in 1978 another in 2002 and again in June & July 2004.

Our plane boarded 6/28/04, noon. Amarillo to Denver to San Francisco to Anchorage. We arrived in Anchorage the same day with neighbors, Don & Judy Cruse.

The following day we drove a rental car to our homestead north of Anchorage to the Kenny Lake-Chitina area, about 235 miles.

Many changes in Alaska were noted since we last visited there. Alaska State had grown to over 600,000 residents. Anchorage alone had 310,000 + population. When we lived there in the 1950's, Alaska Territory had a population of some 137,000 residents. Anchorage boasted of almost 50,000 residents. There were some 35,000 natives (Eskimos, Indians and 'Aleuts', natives of the Aleutian Islands) and about 100,000 "outsiders", mostly from the "lower 48" states.

All highways are paved now, where only dirt and gravel highways and roads existed years ago.

Glaciers are receding. In the 1950's, highways were constructed around the edge of each glacier. We saw a glacier near Valdez, AK (where we shopped at the time). With the glacier bordering the edge of the highway, there was an interesting sign; "FREE ICE Compliments of the Valdez Chamber of Commerce".

Not nearly as many bear, moose and other wild animals were seen along the highway as in years past. Alaska Fish and game Department reported that with improved wildlife management and more strict game laws the number of animals and birds have actually increased. Activity of men, women and machines during the construction of the Alaskan Pipeline caused the animals to go deeper into the woods.

My one-half day flight from Amarillo to Anchorage gave me time to reminisce.

One year in the late 1950's, while farming in Texas, Aleda & I harvested a 'bumper crop' of cucumis sativus (better known as cucumbers), our irrigated crops of cotton and grain sorghum were coming along nicely too.

The several acres of cucumbers were contracted for by a Texarkana and Wiggins, Mississippi company who came through with their pledge to purchase. That year with those bumper crops, I was able to get completely out of debt (the first time since returning from serving in the military during WWII).

We set about making plans to drive to the Alaskan Territory and possibly homesteading there. Our Ford station wagon was equipped with food, twin mattresses, a chuck box, Coleman cook stove and an ice chest. The rear door allowed the chuck box to open into a table. Telescoped rods were driven into the ground to support a canvas awning for cooking during rain or other adverse weather. Canvas folding stools were also taken along. For this Alaskan trip we intended to cut expenses to the bone. We allowed; "Don't go first class (motels, restaurant eating, souvenir buying, and guided tours, ect.) and you can stay longer!"

Our young daughter, Elisa Ann was left in the care of Aleda's parents, the Paschals who had moved from Tennessee to Texas to be near their only daughter and grandchild.

This first trip to Alaska was an exciting experience. Road signs of town's we'd never heard of were seen throughout Oklahoma, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. Our interest in seeing signs and towns we'd never been to or heard of was increased when we got into Canada. We crossed the border at Sweetgrass, Montana and soon reached Lethbridge, Alberta.

In Alberta Province, along with the cities of Calgary and Edmonton some of the smaller towns were, Coutts, Carstairs, Didsbury, Little Smokey and Okotoks. In British Columbia Province we passed through Dawson Creek, at the beginning of the Alcan Highway, other towns and cities were, Ft. St. James, Ft. St. Johns, Ft. Nelson and others.

There were only eleven towns in the Yukon Territory at that time; White Horse was the capital along with Ross River Teslin and Watson Lake.

As in the book of Genesis, our trip to Alaska spanned forty days and forty nights. We traveled all highways and most roads, from Tok, Ak (port of entry between the Yukon Territory and AK- it was some 80 miles west of the Alkan border). Traveling on to Anchorage and continuing to the Kenai Peninsula, we drove to Hope, Seward, Kenai-Soldotna and Homer.

This was in the month of June when there was some twenty-one hour of sunshine. To sleep in our vehicle, window blinds were fashioned to be placed in the windows and on the windshield to make it dark enough during our sleeping hours. At the time the sun came up around 2:00 a.m. and went down at about 11:00 p.m.

(Story to be continued next week)



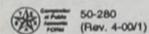
Ryan Spates and Susan Stromer, PhD, Trail Doctors for Texas Bicycle Coalition.

Trail Construction Workshop To Be Held At Pole Canyon Ranch

There will be a Trail Construction Workshop held September 11-12, 2004 at the Pole Canyon Ranch near Quitaque. Ryan Spates and Susan Stromer, PhD, Trail Doctors for Texas Bicycle Coalition will be the guest speakers for the event.

The Texas Bicycle Coalition has launched a new program that will be of great benefit to mountain bicyclist as well as other trail user in Texas - the Subaru/Bike Texas Trail Doctors. Modeled after the highly successful Subaru/IMBA Trail Care Crew - the Subaru/Bike Texas Trail Doctors will travel across Texas to lead trail workdays and to host trail construction workshops, like the one being held here in Quitaque. These workshops will give area landowners an opportunity to learn more about developing trails, to help entice tourists to our area.

The Coalition is proud to be able to provide Texas mountain bicyclists the opportunities to increase their skills in the latest in sustainable trail design and construction. Not only will these newly gained skills help to improve current trails and increase trail mileage but will provide a great opportunity to add tourist attractions to our area..



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The TURKEY-QUITAQUE CISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES will hold a public meeting at 8:00 P.M. AUGUST 30, 2004 in VALLEY SCHOOL

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

| | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate | \$ 1.35 | \$ 0 | \$ 1.35 | \$ 1,786 | \$ 5,728 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.3309 | \$ 0 | \$ 1.3309 | \$ 1,773 | \$ 5,741 |
| Proposed Rate | \$ 1.38 | \$ 0 | \$ 1.3800 | \$ 2,009 | \$ 5,917 |

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Average Market Value of Residences | \$ 17,119 | \$ 18,841 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 5,627 | \$ 7,095 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.35 | \$ 1.38 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$ 75.96 | \$ 97.91 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | \$ 21.95 |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.50. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.50.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$ 380,000. |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) | \$ 0 |

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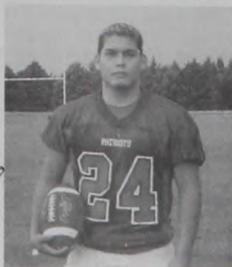
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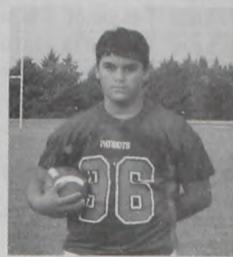
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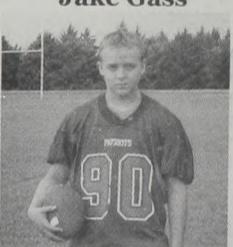
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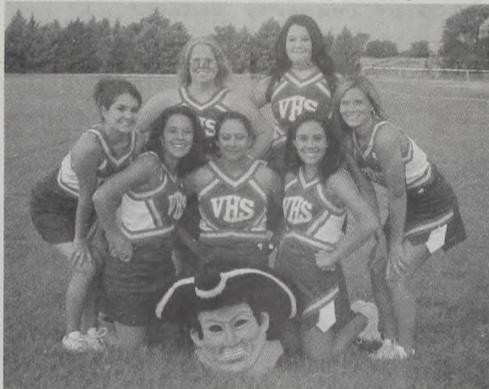
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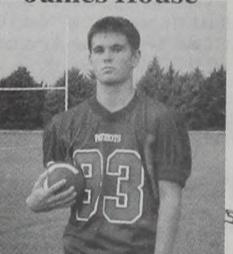
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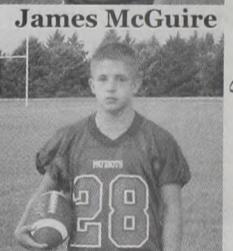
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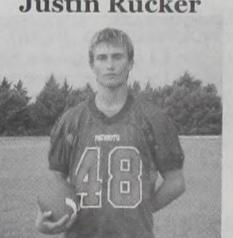
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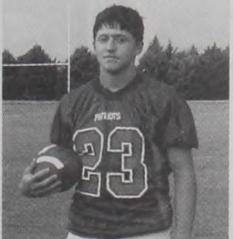
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Kye Fuston



Cole Brown



Zack Ramsey



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Roger Ramos



Matt Dozier

July Area Sales Tax Collections

| City | Current Sales Tax Rate | Net Tax Payment This Period | Comp. Tax Payment Prior Year | % Of Change | 2004 Tax Payments To Date | 2003 Tax Payments To Date | % Of Change |
|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Quitaque | 2.00% | \$4,174.04 | \$3,888.11 | 7.35% | \$22,969.90 | \$20,431.25 | 12.42% |
| Silverton | 1.00% | \$1,922.89 | \$1,461.24 | 31.59% | \$11,301.44 | \$11,411.80 | -0.96% |
| Turkey | 2.00% | \$3,286.01 | \$4,069.39 | -19.25% | \$18,852.37 | \$18,701.70 | 0.80% |
| Memphis | 2.00% | \$21,310.82 | \$21,095.56 | 1.02% | \$147,085.07 | \$143,527.57 | 2.47% |
| Lakeview | 1.00% | \$127.99 | \$130.78 | -2.13% | \$1,530.98 | \$1,450.14 | 5.57% |
| Estelline | 1.00% | \$1,313.80 | \$1,293.29 | 1.58% | \$9,517.01 | \$9,172.32 | 3.75% |
| Matador | 2.00% | \$5,198.40 | \$5,548.62 | -6.31% | \$34,390.49 | \$24,210.18 | 42.04% |
| Roaring Spgs | 2.00% | \$3,073.18 | \$3,385.18 | -9.21% | \$24,638.50 | \$19,929.24 | 23.62% |

Strayhorn Reports 9.6 Percent Increase In July State Sales Tax Collections

Local Governments Receive \$431.4 Million

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today said the state collected \$1.27 billion in sales tax revenue in July, up 9.6 percent compared to July 2003. So far in fiscal year 2004, state sales tax revenue is up 7.9 percent.

"State sales tax collections have risen for 11 consecutive months," Strayhorn said. "After seeing sales tax revenue decline for an unprecedented two consecutive fiscal years in 2002 and 2003, I am looking forward to closing the books on fiscal year 2004 at the end of August with a solid gain in sales tax."

"Our state's economy has finally rebounded after the sharp decline that began in the third quarter of 2001," Strayhorn said. "My Texas Index of Leading Economic Indicators points to additional economic acceleration in the coming months. One component of the index, Consumer Confidence, jumped 52.5 percent in March and by 35.4 percent in July, compared to the prior year."

Many local governments will see increases in their August sales tax allocations. Strayhorn today sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$431.4 million, up 11.9 percent compared to August 2003. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are running 8.3 percent higher than last year.

Strayhorn sent sales tax payments of \$291.9 million to Texas cities, up 10.8 percent compared to last August. Sales tax payments of \$25.6 million went to Texas counties, 19.2 percent higher than last August.

In addition, \$13.2 million in sales tax revenue went to 86 special purpose taxing districts, 25.3 percent more than in August 2003. Nine local transit systems received \$100.6 million, up 11.8 percent compared to a year ago.

July state sales tax revenue and August allocations to local governments represent sales taxes collected in June by businesses that report sales taxes monthly, and sales taxes collected in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

USDA Rural Development Announces Grant Funding For Panhandle Community Services

Bryan Daniel, Texas State Director, USDA Rural Development today announced that Panhandle Community Services was awarded a \$122,959 Housing Preservation Grant (HPG). USDA Rural Development 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.

"USDA Rural Development is very pleased to be able to provide housing rehabilitation funding for rural Texans," said Daniel. "It is our goal to ensure rural residents are afforded an opportunity to live in decent housing that meets basic health and safety standards and provides the benefits of energy efficient features."

USDA funds will be used to rehabilitate 27 very low-income households in 26 Panhandle counties.

The purpose of the HPG program is to promote sustainable economic development in rural communities by making grants to sponsoring organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of low and very-low income housing. Grants are competitive and are made available in areas where there is a concentration of need.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Amarillo Local Office at (806) 468-8600, ext. 4.



Theta and Rex Holt really love their grandchildren!! And their daughter and her husband, Karne and Dee really love their son, Chat Turner. On the 28th of July they all went to Phoenix, Arizona to see Chad for his birthday. They also took along ice chests filled with dry ice and Blue Bunny ice cream because Chad loves it and they don't have it there!! Congratulations to "Theta and Rex on their 60th anniversary on August 5. Rex said he wanted to take Theta out to lunch or dinner and she refused!! Theta!!

Kenneth Wyatt's special showing of his art at City Bank on Friday was a great success. All who came in got a 30% discount on paintings and books. I got the one called "Pictures I wanted to paint and Things I wanted to say about The Cowboy". It is very nice. One particular one I like was the one of persons representing President Bush and his daughter Jenna and Barbara. One of the representative girls was my cousin's granddaughter. Kenneth Wyatt is a great painter, isn't he? We were glad to his son Mark who represented his dad. He is a very nice person.

Roberta Griffin is recovering very nicely after knee replacement surgery. She is doing so well. You just can't keep a good gal down!! I had not seen her in quite awhile. Mary Brown, her daughters and grandson were also there. Madelyn Stone's daughter and granddaughter Morgan were there. J.L. and Faye Self also enjoyed the art.

I had not seen Jackie Mercer in so long either. She enjoyed the art show also. With her were Harold and Freda Seefeldt from Kerrville. They were all going to visit Louie Kitchens.

Garner and Dorcas Kyan Garrison were at the Kenneth Wyatt Show. It was good to see Garner's mom Bessie Garrison out and around again. She said she is getting better every day. Good for you Bessie! Mary Brown and daughter and grandson were there. Dorinda Patton's mother, Tommie Cruse was there from Flomot.

Melba Gillihan and her sister from DeQueen, Arkansas enjoyed the grand opening of Silver City Mercantile. Valda has been ill, but is feeling great now. Valda was here with her son William Ferguson, his wife Mary and daughters, Kensie and Amanda. They enjoyed visiting with their mother and grandma Edna Estes and Valda and Melba's brother Dewey and his family.

The Bed Couch home was full this weekend. Kay and Dean McWilliams came from Colleyville. Mary and Harold King spent the week; they are from Canto, Oklahoma. Julia couch came over on Saturday from Plainview. Jim and Martha McWilliams came from Amarillo. Mary Ann couch Carisle and Marve jined in the fun too. we are so glad to have them here in Silverton. I'm glad they deserted Las Vegas!! Our gain, their loss! On Sunday, the family gave a family wedding shower for Coulton and Linda Gilmore.

Pill A Day Keeps Gray Away

Someday, gray hair may be a thing of the past, thanks to a pill that would keep the estimated 100,000 hairs on the average human head from turning gray.

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For more information, contact Kyonggeun Yoon, kyonggeun.yoon@jefferson.edu

2004 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN THE CITY OF QUITAQUE

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for the City of Quitaque. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's "Effective" Tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's "Rollback" rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Last year's operating taxes | \$ 46,226 |
| Last year's debt taxes | \$ -0- |
| Last year's total taxes | \$ 46,226 |
| Last year's tax base | \$ 8,811,847 |
| Last year's total tax rate | \$ 0.5246/\$100 |

THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) | \$ 46,083 |
| / This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) | \$ 8,784,447 |
| = This year's effective tax rate | \$ 0.4302/\$100 |

x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing

\$ 0.4431/\$100

THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE:

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) | \$ 80,818 |
| / This year's adjusted tax base | \$ 10,712,284 |
| = This year's effective operating rate | \$ 0.7544/\$100 |
| x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate | \$ 0.8147/\$100 |
| + This year's debt rate | \$ -0- /\$100 |

= This year's rollback rate

\$ 0.8147/\$100

- Sales Tax Adjustment Rate

\$ 0.3242/\$100

= Rollback Tax Rate

\$ 0.4905/\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If the City of Quitaque adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.4302 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2003 taxes by \$139.00.

SCHEDULE A

UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

| Type of Property Tax Fund | Balance |
|---------------------------|---------|
| All Funds | \$ 0.00 |

SCHEDULE B

2004 DEBT SERVICE: None

SCHEDULE C

EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX:

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the City of Quitaque estimated that it will receive \$34,735 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Briscoe County Tax Appraisal District, 415 Main (Courthouse), Silverton, Texas.

The person providing the above information is:

Pat McWaters Chief Appraiser August 5, 2004
Signature Position Date

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Texun Tawk

By Bill Sperry

Alright, Which One of You Did It?

I know I'm getting older but I'm not gonna' blame everything on old age. Someone moved the ground farther away and I want to know who did it. I had it just right when I was a kid all the way up to, when did I first notice it, about in my thirties somewhere. It wasn't that noticeable at first, just a little here and there but it's become so pronounced that it's beginning to tick me off. Someone is downright mean to move the ground further away and make it harder for a senior citizen to reach it. I always enjoyed just plopping down anywhere on it but now it's not that easy and I gotta' be sure I sit down (I don't plop anymore) next to something that's rigid enough to help me get back up.

Which brings up another thing. When the wife and I moved to Arkansas some years back, I noticed something that reared its ugly head. We refer to it as the Arkansas Syndrome. Things fall off the dash of my pickup easier than it used to and hide in corners of the floorboard so I can't get 'um. It's always something I need and it hides the best. You pick up something and drop it two or three times. I've spilled more things in the last three years than I have all my life. I can be out in the country and get tangled up in some little bitty vine or get hung up in a fence trying to cross it. I've bumped my head in the last few years so much I'm gonna' have to contact the school for my 'ole football helmet. I don't like hittin' my head, it makes me mad. I jumped out of the bed of my pickup the other day and it felt like I'd fallen twenty feet when I landed, vibrated all the way to the top of my head.

I'm pretty easy goin' but if I find out who made all this happen he's gonna' be in dog trouble.

THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM...

BY: LAURA TAYLOR

The following was sent to me by Floyd Gafford. He said he found this last will and testament of a farmer in an old antique trunk he bought in Riverton WY. I thought ya'll might find some humor in it.

'Last Will & Testament Of A Farmer'

I leave:
To my wife... My overdraft at the bank. Maybe she can explain it.
To my son... Equity on my car. Now he'll have to go to work to meet the payments.
To my banker... My soul. He's got a mortgage on it anyway.
To my neighbor... My clown suit. He'll need it if he continues to farm as he has in the past.
To FHA... My unpaid bills. They took some real chances on me and I want to do the same for them.
To ASCS... My grain bin. I was planning to let them have it next year anyhow.
To SCS... My farm plan. Maybe they can understand it.
To the junk man... My machinery. He's had his eyes on it for years.
To my undertaker... A Special request - six implement and fertilizer dealers for pallbearers, please - they're used to carrying me.
To the weatherman... Rain, sleet, and snow for the funeral, please. No sense in having nice weather now.
To the grave digger... Don't bother. The hole I'm in should be big enough.
And last:
To the monument-maker... Set up a jig for the epitaph - "Here lies a farmer who has now properly assumed all his obligations."
HMMM....

This Week's Area Crop & Weather Report

The following livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:
PANHANDLE: soil moisture is short to surplus with most areas reporting adequate amounts. A midweek cool front with rain was reported. Corn is rated mostly fair to excellent. Cool temperatures and periodic rain have been beneficial for this crop. Spider mite infestations are light. Corn borer moth activity continues. Sorghum is heading and rated mostly fair to good; it could use additional heat. No major pest problems have been reported. Land preparation for wheat planting is under way. Range conditions are rated mostly fair to good. Cattle are in good body condition; they continue to be pestered by horn flies and mosquitoes.
SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture is adequate. Cooler temperatures and scattered rainfall were reported.

Corn is in good condition. Cotton is in good condition and is beginning to have some boll shed due to cloudy weather. Sorghum is reported to be in good condition; dryland fields could make exceptional yields. Peanuts are in good condition. The peanut crop is benefiting from rains, but sunshine and warmer temperatures are needed. Range and pasture lands are in good condition and continue to improve due to recent rains. Livestock are reported to be in good condition. Pumpkins are developing rapidly; some will begin harvesting next week.
ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Temperatures have been ranging from the upper 60s to low 90s. Cotton continues to look good to excellent. Range and pastures are rated fair. Hay harvest continues with yields above average, but quality is low. Livestock conditions remain good; grazing is rated better than average. Cattle continue to be bothered by heavy fly populations.



Last Week In Texas History!

- Aug 12, 1929**
Country singer Buck Owens was born in Sherman, Texas.
- Aug 12, 1917**
Gov. James E. "Pa" Ferguson was impeached by the Texas Senate.
- Aug 12, 1860**
Temple Houston, the youngest son of Gov. Sam Houston, was the first child born in the Governor's Mansion in Austin.
- Aug 12, 1840**
Texas Army troops and volunteers set a trap for Comanche Indian Chief Buffalo Hump at Plum Creek on the San Marcos River. During the running gun battle, 80 Indians were killed and only one Texan died in a fight that left the Indians much weaker in South Texas.
- Aug 12, 1812**
The Gutierrez-Magee expedition started from Louisiana for Texas in an effort to capture Texas from the Spanish who were involved in the Mexican uprising. There were about 700 men in the expedition.
- Aug 13, 1932**
A hurricane struck Freeport, killing 40 people and causing \$7.5 million in damage.
- Aug 13, 1927**
A group of young white youth attacked an African-American youth in an alley in downtown Childress setting off a near race riot.
- Aug 13, 1912**
Golfier Ben Hogan was born in Dublin.
- Aug 13, 1521**
The Spanish explorer Hernando Cortez captured Mexico City from the Aztec Indians. Thus paving the way for the Spanish exploration of Texas and the Southwest.
- Aug 14, 1952**
The Gulf Freeway between Houston and Galveston was dedicated.
- Aug 14, 1945**
Actor/comedian Steve Martin was born in Waco.
- Aug 14, 1927**
Faced with a possible race riot, Childress Mayor Will P. Jones sent a telegram to Gov. Dan Moody requesting assistance.
- Aug 14, 1874**
Col. Nelson Miles left Fort Dodge, Kan., for the Panhandle in the first step to end the Indian domination of the Plains.
- Aug 14, 1819**
Filibuster, James Long published the "Texas Republican" newspaper in Nacogdoches in an effort to record his expeditions.
- Aug 15, 1959**
A steam locomotive left Dallas for the Greenbelt Bowl Football Classic in Childress. It was the only steam "fan trip" ever operated by the Fort Worth and Denver and was the last time a steam locomotive was used by the rail line.
- Aug 15, 1935**
Will Rogers and Grand Saline-native Wiley Post were killed in the crash of Wiley Post's plane at Point Barrow, Alaska.
- Aug 15, 1927**
Texas Ranger C.O. Moore arrived on the morning train and Ranger Sgt. M.T. "Lone Wolf" Gonzauillas arrived on the afternoon train in Childress. They held meetings about the racial problems with Childress Mayor Will P. Jones.
- Aug 15, 1921**
Testimony began in Hollis, Okla., on hearings to establish the true boundary between Texas and Oklahoma.
- Aug 15, 1824**
The first Coahuila-Texas State Congress met in Saltillo, Mexico.
- Aug 16, 1924**
The actor, Fess Parker star of television's "Davy Crockett", was born in Fort Worth.
- Aug 16, 1918**
An unnamed hurricane struck Galveston. The death toll reached 275 people from the 120 mph winds and 16 foot high tides.
- Aug 17, 1786**
David Crockett was born in Greene County, Tenn.
- Aug 18, 1983**
Hurricane Alicia struck Houston and Galveston. The death toll reached 22 with damage estimates in excess of \$1.2 billion.
- Aug 18, 1916**
A hurricane struck Corpus Christi, killing 20 and causing over \$1.6 million in damage.
- Aug 18, 1846**
Gen. Stephen W. Kearney and his U.S. forces captured Santa Fe from the Mexican army.
- Aug 18, 1813**
The Gutierrez-Magee filibustering expedition or the Republic of the North, was defeated by Spanish royalists under Gen. Arrendondo at the Medina River near San Antonio.

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Farm Bill Changes To Benefit Playa Lakes

Playa lakes are getting long-deserved attention thanks to a recent push for more wetlands protection under the Farm Bill. President Bush recently directed the U.S. Department of Agriculture to implement the new Wetlands Restoration Initiative. The initiative aims to restore up to 250,000 acres of wetlands and playa lakes through the Farm Bill's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Of those acres, 56,600 will be allocated to Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas where more than 60,000 playa lakes occur.

The initiative will allow more playas and other large wetland complexes to be enrolled in the CRP. Previously, only wetlands that fell within the 100-year floodplain or sites less than 40 acres were eligible for the program.

"The playa portion of this initiative is the direct result of a culmination of efforts by many conservation groups, state and federal wildlife agencies and legislators," said Bob McCready, PLJV chairman and director of The Nature Conservancy's Prairie Wings program.

PLJV partners set the wheels in motion about a year ago when the organization began putting together a Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) proposal focused on the playa lakes region. Then in November of last year, Sen. Pat Roberts (KS) introduced legislation to amend the Farmable Wetlands Program to enhance playas' eligibility. Soon after, Rep. Randy Neugebauer (TX) introduced companion legislation in the House, co-signed by Reps. Mac Thornberry (TX), Dennis Moore (KS) and Jerry Moran (KS).

The FSA, which administers the CRP, estimates the program will provide \$200 million in payments to participants through 2007. Payments will include: a wetland restoration incentive payment equal to 25 percent of the cost of restoring hydrology of the site; an annual rental payment; and cost-share assistance of up to 50 percent of eligible practice installation costs. Full details and rules of the program will be announced by the FSA at a later date.

Sign up will begin October 1 and will run on a continuous basis until 250,000 acres have been enrolled or December 31, 2007 - whichever comes first. Of the 56,600 acres available to playa lakes states, 1,600 have been allocated for Colorado, 11,000 for Kansas, 14,000 for Nebraska, 3,500 for New Mexico, 1,500 for Oklahoma and 25,000 for Texas. Interested landowners should contact their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office to enroll.

EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: How can I attract wildlife to my backyard? — Joshua Adam, Castine, ME

The key essentials for attracting wildlife to your property include an abundance of native plants as a food source, a water supply, and some form of shelter to encourage nesting. Birdbaths and fountains work well in the likely event that you don't have a natural stream or pond in your yard. And, while it may be tempting to remove dead or dying trees, woodpeckers depend on them, as do cavity-nesting birds such as owls and chickadees. Likewise, rotting logs and mulch piles may seem eyesores, but they provide excellent habitat and nesting sites for small mammals, reptiles and amphibians.

In regard to plantings, the more native perennials and annuals you plant, the more success you'll have attracting birds, butterflies and other wildlife. Further, if your plants are truly native to your region, they will require little maintenance, as they have evolved to succeed there. They are adapted to local soil, rainfall and temperature conditions, and have developed natural defenses to many insects and diseases. Because of these traits, native plants will grow with minimal use of water, fertilizers and pesticides. Wildlife species evolve with plants and use native plant communities as primary habitat, helping to preserve the balance of the local ecosystem.

Beyond the thrill of viewing wildlife out your window, there are other reasons to create a mini-refuge in your backyard. Back in the 1960s Harvard biologist Edward O. Wilson likened backyards to wildlife "bridges" between protected areas that improved the chances of survival for many species. "The average American garden is home to hundreds of species of wildlife and acts as a vital corridor for migrating animals such as songbirds," agrees Jake Scott, an educator with the Backyard Wildlife Habitat program of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). Since 1973, NWF has been encouraging everyone from homeowners to teachers to community leaders to plan their landscapes with the needs of wildlife in mind. Since the program started three decades ago, NWF has certified thousands of backyard habitats all over the U.S. and Canada as "wildlife-friendly." Their program provides tools and resources that make getting started a snap.

The first step is to track down a good assortment of plants native to your region. NWF offers an easy-to-use online Native Plant Guide that covers the continental U.S. and Alaska. Similarly, the Canadian Wildlife Federation's book, Backyard Habitat for Canada's Wildlife, is available for \$19.95 plus shipping and taxes. If you're a novice, finding a store manager at a nearby nursery to serve as your personal advisor might be the best way to go, as there's nothing like local experience to make the most of attracting native wildlife to your yard.

CONTACTS: National Wildlife Federation Backyard Wildlife Program, (800) 822-9919, www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat; Canadian Wildlife Federation, (613) 599-9594, www.cwf-fcf.org/.

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