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Monsantos Donates \$5,000 to Quitaque Community





America's Farmers Grow CommunitiesSM is sponsored by the Monsanto Fund to support local farming communities. The program, which launched in 2010, allows farmers to enter to win a \$2,500 donation for their favorite community nonprofit organization, such as 4-H, FFA, schools, fire departments and other civic groups. One winner will be selected in each of 1,271

eligible counties in 39 states. To further support counties that have been declared disaster areas by the USDA due to drought, winning farmers in these counties can choose where to direct an additional \$2,500 donation based on community needs that surfaced because of the drought. The Monsanto Fund will invest over \$5 million to local nonprofit organizations across the country through Grow Communities this year.

Walter "Rex" Henson entered the contest for Briscoe County. Rex chose Tri-County Meals as the chosen organization to receive the \$2,500 check and the Quitaque EMS was chosen to receive the other \$2,500 donation due to droughts in our area. Kyle Lawes, Territory Agronomic Advisor for Monsanto Company met on Friday, March 8 to distribute donations.

Other 2013 winners in our area were: Jim Stewart of Memphis, TX; Chosen Organization, Hall County 4-H; Drought Or-

ganization, Hall County EMS.

AgriLife Extension to Host Wildfire Safety Program April 9 in Canyon

CANYON - With recent high winds and drought conditions, it's imperative that land owners and homeowners alike be knowledgeable of precautions and proper actions to take in case of a wildfire outbreak, according to J.D. Ragland, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent in Randall County.

The AgriLife Extension office in Randall County will be providing an educational program to address safety tips and action plans necessary for family and property in the event a wildfire occurs, Ragland said.

The program will be at 7:30 p.m. April 9, 2013 at the AgriLife Extension office for Randall County, located at 200 N. Brown

Road in Canyon and is open to anyone interested.

Program presenters will include Ragland as well as representatives from Texas A&M Forest Service. The cost will be \$10 per participant. This program will be held in conjunction with the annual Randall County Noxious Weed District Meeting.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by April 5 to the AgriLife Extension office at 806-468-5543.

Fierce Threads To Expand Business

Quitaque Economic Development Corporation is proud to announce the expansion of Fierce Threads in Quitaque. Fierce Threads is a small manufacturing company that started operation locally in March 2011. The company shows a steady growth pattern and now employs one full-time position and one part-time contract position. The planned thirty-six month expansion project will include adding additional embroidery machinery, increase vinyl sign manufacturing capacity, rhinestone embellishments, expanding the present building and adding a screen printing division.

The first phase of expansion includes: Increasing market share, increasing and speeding up production and creating another part-time position that will work into a full-time position over the next twelve months.

Quitaque EDC has agreed to grant Fierce Threads \$3,000 to assist in the first phase of this expansion.



Turkey Now Has Cell Phone Service

The citizens of Turkey that have been having problems with a "degraded" AT&T tower in the area are now connected. Although the residents of Turkey were unable to get a signal from their local tower, customers still had service 8 miles to the west in Quitaque and 40 miles to Memphis. After days without cell phones many residents in Turkey contacted the BBB after contacting AT&T, feeling that the rural community was not receiving the same treatment as the bigger cities. According to AT&T, the projected repair date was March 5. As of March 7, the tower was still not fixed.

On Friday, March 8, AT&T made changes in the software and hardware for the tower and were able to get the phones up and running. AT&T is now working with Cap Rock Telephone to get the line locates to install new fiber optics in the area that will eventually have 4G coverage.

AT&T will have the lines installed to have 3G coverage by the end of April and hope to have 4G coverage by the end of

Texas Adds 310,900 Jobs Over the Year 10,400 jobs added in January

AUSTIN - Texas employers continued to expand their payrolls in January with the addition of 10,400 total nonfarm jobs for a total of 310,900 jobs added over the year. In January 2013, Texas reported more than 11 million total nonfarm jobs.

After declining for six consecutive months, the unemployment rate in Texas rose slightly in January to 6.3 percent, and was down nine-tenths of a percentage point over the year. It remained well below the nation's January unemployment rate of 7.9 percent.

Eight out of 11 major industries saw positive growth over the month, with Leisure and Hospitality leading the way in hiring for January with 8,900 jobs added. This industry has added 62,500 jobs over the last year for a 5.9 percent annual growth rate.

"It's good to see so many different opportunities continuing to arise here in Texas," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "For example the Trade, Transportation, and Utilities industry alone has grown by nearly 64,000 jobs over the past year. That's more than any other industry

The Mining and Logging industry, which includes oil- and gas-related jobs, added 19,700 jobs from January 2012 to January 2013 for a 7.6 percent annual growth rate. The Construction industry grew by 28,500 jobs over the last year for a 5.0 percent annual growth rate.

Private industries in Texas added 15,400 jobs in January, for a total of 304,700 private sector jobs added over the past year. Over the last year the private sector has grown at a rate

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had t' lowest January unemployment rate in the state at 3.4 per The Odessa MSA came in second at 4.1 percent and the rillo MSA third at 4.9 percent (not seasonally adjusted

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FLOMOT NEWS By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

A time with someone who will listen and talk and laugh, and sing may be the very thing that will someday cure this old world and make it a better place.

The Green of Ireland Featured At Do Gooders' Club Meeting

The green of Ireland in observance of St. Patrick's Day, the patron saint of Ireland, greeted members of the Do Gooders' Club Tuesday afternoon, March 5 at the Community Center in

Mrs. Connie Franks, Vice President, conducted the business meeting. It was debated if they would even have their monthly meeting with so many members on the sick list. Anna Beth Clay, Secretary and Treasurer, read the minutes that were approved. They voted to meet Monday, March 11 at the Community Center and work on the Antique Shoe Club's designed quilt. They got assorted buttons to put as decoration on the shoes.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay presided at green crystal appointments. A green and white table runner featuring leprechauns was over a white cloth. The centerpiece was a candle in a large green and gold vase sitting with a gold base. A flowing arrangement of green and yellow beads depicting blarney stones around the table completed the Emerald Isle décor.

She served refreshments of miniature smokey sausages, vegetable tray with chips, spinach dip and cookies with green and white icing and coffee.

Mrs. Connie Franks had "The Luck of the Irish" when her name was drawn for the hostess gift, a beautiful wall plaque.

Those attending were Mesdames Barbara Payne, Erma Washington, Anna Beth Clay, Connie Franks and Kathy Shorter.

Brenda and Darrell Cruse were in Lockney Monday and Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador, a patient at Mangold Hospital. Mrs. Wason returned home Wednesday.

By Ace Reid

"Now if we hadn't spent a bunch of money improvin' this place it shore would look like heck!"

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TEXUN TAWK

By Bill Sperry

Tri-County Meals

I really enjoy having lunch at Tri-County meals. Lots of older heads congregate there for lunch and the meals are great. Even if they weren't, it's a hoot to listen to some of the conversa-

The discussion had dialed down and then the General said, "Hey, looks like the Enduro's getting' set up, there's the guy with the Porta Potties." Bennie Reagan said, "You have to know this is a small town, everyone went to the window to see how many he had on board."

I seen a young guy come in that had to hunker down to get in the door and I told one of the ladies there that he was so tall, that he could go duck hunting with a rake. If he was a kid of mine, I'd have rented him out for playground equipment.

I get a kick outta' Duke Woods as he is fulla' beans and tells some funny stories. He said that when he was a boy his Dad asked him why he was putting on a clean shirt and he told him it was Saturday and he was going to town. His Dad told him they still had work to do and he told his dad HE was going to town. He said he changed his mind when Pop picked up a sapling and suggested that he might think about that some. He said that going to town became not near as important as it had been a moment before.

I've been cutting trees around the house and took the logs out to the Imp's house and stacked them. The Imp called me a bit later wanting to know what was going on and I told him he could have the wood to burn or whatever and that I thought I'd stacked it really neat. In a few choice words he told me that was fine, but his dog, which he has disagreements with quite a bit, was dragging all that wood up in the front yard faster that the Grandsons could re-stack it. I asked him if he was sure that dog was doin' some of that as some of the wood was heavy. He said that was nothing, the dog had been draggin' window weights up there also. This is one stout dog I reckon.

Blizzard-Cancelled Certified Food Manager Course Reset for March 25-26 in Amarillo By Kay Ledbetter

AMARILLO - Blizzard conditions forced the cancellation of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service food manager certification training course. The new dates for this training will be March 25-26.

By law, food establishments are to have at least one staff member with a valid food manager certification, said Amy Wagner, AgriLife Extension family and consumer science agent in Pot-

AgriLife Extension officials from Potter and Oldham counties will offer the two-day course, "Food Safety: It's Our Business," at AgriLife Extension's office in Potter County, 3301 E. 10th St., Amarillo. The registration deadline is March 19. If successfully completed, this course allows establishments to meet the state requirement,

Wagner said. The training includes materials and the state food manager certification examination. Cost of the course is \$125, or for individuals wanting to test only, the cost is \$65.

Food-borne illnesses affecting an establishment are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance and medical bills, Wagner said.

By attending the course, food service managers will learn about:

- Identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling. - Preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food.
- Teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees.
- Complying with government regulations.
- Maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings.

- Controlling pests.

Menu Subject

For more information, call Wagner at 806-373-0713, or Charli Weatherford, AgriLife Extension family and consumer sciences agent in Oldham County at 806-267-2692.

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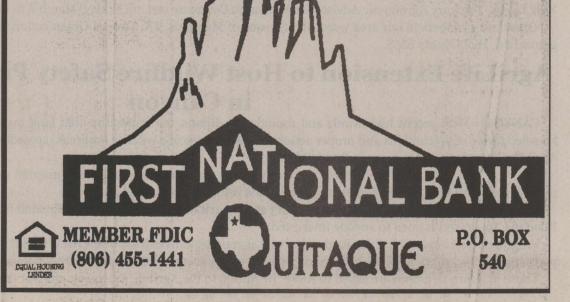


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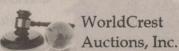
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Things That Make You Go Hmmm.... By Laura Griffin

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- 1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always
- 2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
- 3. If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
 - 4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
- 5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in
- 6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all
- 7. Business conventions are important . . . because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate with-
- 8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
- 9. Scratch a cat . . . and you will have a permanent job. 10. No one has more driving ambition than the teenage
- boy who wants to buy a car. 11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more pub-
- 12. There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong
- number at 4 a.m. like, it could be the right number. 13. No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team
- is winning. 14. I've reached the age where 'happy hour' is a nap.
- 15. Be careful about reading the fine print . . . There's no way you're going to like it.
- 16. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket. 17. Do you realize that, in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos in strange
- places? (And rap music will be the Golden Oldies!) 18. Money can't buy happiness -- but somehow it's more
- comfortable to cry in a Cadillac than in a Yugo. 19. After 60, if you don't wake up aching in every joint,
- you're probably dead. 20. Always be yourself because the people that matter
- don't mind and the ones that mind don't matter. 21. Life isn't tied with a bow... but it's still a gift.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Turns 50 This Year

AUSTIN - In the late summer of 1963, the most popular show on television was "The Beverly Hillbillies," a gallon of two large living argas cost 29 cents, the University of Texas Longhorns were headed toward their first national football championship, "My Boyfriend's Back" was the top hit on AM radio and Texas had a new state agency called the Texas Parks and Wildlife Depart-

Earlier that year, Texas lawmakers had begun consideration of House Bill 21, introduced by Weatherford State Rep. James M. Cotton, an attorney descended from a Parker County pioneer. The measure, called for by Gov. John B. Connally as part of his campaign to modernize state government, would merge the Game and Fish Commission with the State Parks Board to create a new agency dedicated to conservation, parks and outdoor recreation. The final bill passed in the Senate in early April and Connally later signed it into law with an effec-

This year, TPWD will mark its 50th anniversary using technology not even imagined in 1963. The department has set up a 50th anniversary web page at www.lifesbetteroutside.org where people can share stories and photos about their memorable moments in the Texas outdoors, and thereby inspire others to enjoy nature.

While online, the agency hopes people will sign up to become a Texas Parks and Wildlife ambassador and pledge to do things like visit state parks, take a kid hunting or fishing, and watch and share a video showcasing what's made life better outside in Texas.

"With all the bounty and beauty of our natural places, our parks, our wildlife, and with everything that's at stake in our state today, we are excited about our 50th birthday," said TPWD Executive Director Carter Smith, "but we don't want it to be all about us, and we want to look to the future as we celebrate our past."

While acknowledging the many contributions of former and current TPWD employees, Smith says the agency wants the half-century celebration to focus on the people who support the department, and to inspire a new generation of sup-

"We're a successful organization in large part because of those who support us," Smith said, "and we can't fulfill our mission without help. If you love wildlife and parks, step up to be a TPWD ambassador and join us in shaping the Texas outdoors we want to see in the next 50 years.'

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This Week In Texas History

Mar 12, 1914

The Battleship "Texas" was commissioned at Norfolk, VA. Mar 12, 1861

The last Butterfield Overland stage arrived at Fort Chadbourne to find the fort occupied by Confederate soldiers. Mar 12, 1836

Gen. Santa Anna continued to rest his troops after the battle at the Alamo. At Goliad, Col. James Fannin sent a small force to Refugio to remove several familes to safety. Their they encountered the Mexican cavalry and barely escaped with their lives.

Mar 13, 1842

Republic Pres. Sam Houston ordered the capital moved from Austin to Houston because he feared an attack by the Mexican forces.

Mar 13, 1836 Gen. Houston sent three scouts toward San Antonio. One of the socuts, Deaf Smith, found 18-year old Angellina Dickinson and her child, two of the Alamo suvivors. Houston then ordered the evacuation of Gonzales. That was the start of the "Runaway Scrape."

Mar 14, 1964 A Dallas jury found Jack Ruby guilty of killing Lee Harvy Oswald.

Mar 14, 1888

The last spike was driven linking the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad at a site 8 miles north of Folsom N.M. the site was named Union Park.

Mar 14, 1852

Fort McKavett was established on the south bank of the San Saba River in Menard County. It was the headquarters for Gen. Ranald MacK-Mar 14, 1840

Josiah Gregg camped on dry Wild Horse Lake in presentday N.W. Amarillo. Mar 14, 1836

Mrs. Dickinson and the scouts arrived at Gen. Houston's camp where she told the first authentic account of the fall of the Alamo. Mar 15, 1932

Alan L Bean, the astronaut who made the second landing on the moon, was born in Wheeler. Mar 15, 1840

Josiah Gregg found water at Antelope Creek in Carson

Mar 16, 1954

The Texas Highway Department began widening U.S. 287 (Ave. F) through Childress. Mar 16, 1861

Gov. Sam Houston refused to sign a loyalty oath to the Confederate States of America and his office was declared vacant. He was replaced by Lt. Gov. Edward Clark.

Mar 16, 1758

Comanche Indians massacred Spanish missionaries at the San Saba mission. 2,000 Comanches on horseback took part in the attack. Mar 17, 1938

The first St. Patrick's Day Celebration was held in Shamrock.

Mar 17, 1864 Col. John S. "Rip" Ford and his Cavalry of the West left San Antonio on a mission to protect South Texas from Union troops.

Mar 17, 1836

Gen. Sam Houston's army reached the Colorado River near present-day La Grange. Because of high water they were unable to cross the river. Mar 18, 1959

Native Texan President Dwight D. Eisenhower sign legislation making Hawaii the 49th state.

Mar 18, 1949

Horse racing great Willie Shoemaker made his first ride. Mar 18, 1878

A.H. Belo had a private telephone line installed between his home and office of the Galveston News. It was the first telephone connection in Texas.

The Dora Merrell Stroup Story Part IX

We had many men for company. They would come down to get post (wo)od. They would come to the house to sleep. A family moved in (?) F Ranch after we had been here two and a half years. We were (?) to have neighbors. Al Barton, the boss over the men of the (F Ran) ch, married Molly Sams who lived at Della Plains. Mr. Goodnight (and) Mr. Moore gave them a big supper for entertainment. They had a (party) and everyone was invited in those days. The parents went and (brought) the whole family. They went in the late evening to get there (befor)e dark, as there were not roads to speak of. They usually (staye)d til daylight. Father and Mother and all of us went. It was (?). The dining room was so large. They had an enormous table. (?) Gardner, I believe that was her name, wanted everyone to see the (table) before it was used. She opened the doors and let us pass by (where) it was. The table was the first I had ever seen dressed for (an oc)casion. It was beautiful. The dishes were beautiful. I had (not) seen them before not did I see them again. Later I found out(they)were loaned from some large store to be used for the occasion. (Ther)e were three large cakes on the table. The wedding cake was set in the middle. It was such a beautiful cake. All had no doubt it had been baked at a bakery. The other cakes were not so large. They were covered with white icing trimmed with mixed candy. We went home sometime after midnight as we had a very good road to our home. Mother always found a way if she wanted to go. When Mother got the invitation to the supper she began to think of clothes for us to wear. She finally came to the conclusion that she could find clothes for all of us except Ernest. He had outgrown all he had to wear. And this was not much for we had very few clothes. Mother said that she would make him a suit out of her nice black skirt. And she did just that. She did a good job on it. He

Soon after that people began moving in. They camped in their wagons, some slept on the ground, and some just propped the wheels to keep the wagon from rolling if a storm came up. A few had tents. All cooked on the open fire, cold or hot weather. If it rained several days, they would sit in the wagons. Some built dugouts and moved in. We had drought then as well as now. Some stayed on during the dry spell and others sold their land and went on to greener pactures.

looked so cute. So we all went and had a good time.

Time rocked on til they organized the counties. I am speaking for my own community. Our community decided to build a school house. Six men got lumber and built what they called the Fairmont school house. They took whatever they had to build it. It was a very small room with four windows and two doors in the east. It was a boxed and stripped house set about two feet above the ground. Miss Rose Thomas was the teacher. Miss Rose was a sweet woman. She was a large person. She boarded at the F Ranch. She rode horseback. She was not very particular what kind of horse she rode as she was a good rider. There are many happy memories and some that I don't like to think about. We had seats made of two boxing planks without backs that set up around the wall. The desks were made with planks also. We learned to write on a slate. Water was a problem. Most everyone rode a horse to school. I remember one day it was hot and we had no water. The little children began to ask for water. The teacher said for us to eat our lunch and maybe that would help. We ate and then were thirstier than ever. She told us bigger children to take the little ones and go down to the lake and see if we could find some water for them. We did not find any water. The teacher was standing in the door waiting for us. All the little children were crying then. She told us to saddle our horses and go home, and she would see that we had water the next day. The next day Mr. Hawkins brought us a bucket of water at noon. After that he and Mr. Smith took day about bringing us water until the school got a water wagon. Then the men took week about hauling water We children decided we would put our dinners together so we could have more variety. We always had plenty of butter. The others had no milk cows except the Hawkins. We would take butter for all of us and sometimes the beans. Some brought bread, cornbread, milk potatoes, and eggs. We had a picnic at mealtime.

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Disaster Preparedness Includes Being Ready for a Storm



Preparing for a disaster is important. A car kit and a home kit contain necessary items for you and your family after disaster strikes your area. Equally important is preparing for a storm, like the one predicted to hit the area this weekend. Now is the time to make a list, research companies and make decisions about how you will handle repairs.

BBB is the first place you will want to turn to before and after a storm. When you don't know what to do or who to call to help with both temporary and permanent repairs, BBB resources come in handy and BBB staff are ready to help.

"Waiting until you need these services may result in hasty decisions that could cost you later," said Janna Kiehl, BBB CEO. "Knowing who to trust when your roof is in bad shape or your trees are down, helps keep your mind at ease during a storm.

Tips to prepare before the storm:

· Check with your insurance company now about what is covered, how to file a claim if necessary and any deductibles.

• Start with Trust. Start with BBB. Look up company reports ay www.txpanhandle.bbb. org. Industry specific lists of accredited businesses are also available. If a company has a low rating or unaddressed complaints, move on to a company that has a better rating or an accredited business.

Obtain bids from several companies. Review the bids and compare like services and remember the lowest bid is not always the best price.

Immediately after a storm, you will want to get things back to normal in a hurry and you're guard may be down. Be patient and ask if temporary repairs can be made. "It takes time for everyone to get back to normal," said Kiehl.

Beware of:

"Too good to be true" offers.

Companies who will not submit information in writing, or do not put their promises in a contract.

Blank contracts or holes in the contract.

Paying cash or making a check out to an individual, instead of a company.

Paying money BEFORE the work is started.

Paying all the money before the work is finished.

Companies who won't give you straight answers to your questions.

Claims that your home is unsafe. If you are concerned have an engineer, architect, or building official inspect it.

Companies offering a bargain price for left over materials. Established, reputable companies do not utilize left over materials this way.

Don't give in to attempts to pressure you into making an immediate decision. After a storm, make temporary repairs if possible and wait for the company to do business with that's right for you!

Caprock Canyon State Park Spring Break Program Dates and

Times
Tell Tale Tracks:
March 11 at 10:00 a.m.
All About Bison:

March 12 at 2:00 p.m. The Texas State Bison Hero slide-show:

March 12 at 8:00 p.m.

March 13 at 2:00 p.m.
Bats of the Texas Panhandle:
March 13 at 8:00 p.m.
Skins, Skulls, & Scat:
March 14 at 10:00 a.m.
Remarkable Raptors:
March 14 at 2:00 p.m.
The Park after Dark;
March 14 at 8:00 p.m.

Sensational Snakes:
March 15 at 2:00 p.m.
Caprock Critters slide-sho
March 15 at 8:00 p.m.
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