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Jimmy Ross, of Quitaque, meets with Lions clubs members in Africa during a recent trip. Photo courtesy of Lyon Photography, Inc. by Mark Lyons.

Jimmy Ross Visits Ethiopia & Witnesses Historic Moment

Nicole Brown, Manager Lions Clubs International Foundation

AWI ZONE, AMHARA REGION, ETHIOPIA. . . Recently a group lead by Lions Clubs International Foundation Chairperson Jimmy Ross witnessed a historic moment in trachoma control when the 10 millionth dose of azithromycin (Zithromax®) was dispensed to a person in Awi Zone. The antibiotic, donated by Pfizer Inc, is a main strategy in the fight against the blinding disease in poor, rural areas. Representatives from The Carter Center, Lions clubs of Ethiopia, Pfizer, the national trachoma program, government of Ethiopia, and other partner organizations joined the celebration.

"As Lions, we are passionate about the need to end preventable blindness," said Ross. "It is heartening to see Ethiopian Lions making such a difference in their community."

Awi Zone is located in the most trachoma-endemic area of the country. Together with the Amhara Regional Health Bureau, the international coalition is working to eliminate trachoma as a source of blindness from the region by 2012.

A disease caused by bacterial infection, trachoma is the leading cause of preventable blindness worldwide.

The Lions Clubs International Foundation has been involved with blindness prevention and treatment for more than 80 years through their SightFirst program. In addition to supporting tens of thousands of cataract operations, training ophthalmic nurses and surgeons, and strengthening eye care centers in rural and underserved areas, Lions educate communities on sight diseases and help to distribute azithromycin to fight trachoma.



Jack Stone

Jack Stone In Concert At First Baptist Church February 10

Jack Stone will be in concert at First Baptist Church in Quitaque on February 10 at 6 pm.

Jack Stone grew up in West Texas as a preacher's kid. He began his singing career in 1994. Jack has had several appearances on Primetime Christian Broadcasting in Midland, Texas. He has six recorded projects and has written a couple of the songs on those projects. In March of 2007, Jack was able to release his first single nationwide entitled, "Jesus is Enough" written by the award nominated writer, Russ Murphy. This single went to number 16 on the Christian Country Music Charts in August.

The concert is free, there will be a love offering taken to help support Jack Stone's ministry.

Jimmy Burson Is Candidate For Briscoe County Commissioner, Precinct 1

Jimmy Burson has authorized The Valley Tribune to announce he is a candidate for Briscoe County Commissioner of Precinct 1 (Voting Precinct 6-Quitaque), subject to action of the Republican Primary.

He said, "I would consider it a privilege to be able to serve as Commissioner of Precinct 1. It seems many changes are ahead for Briscoe County, and the Commissioners Court will be making decisions that affect these changes. In addition to the regular duties of the court, I would like to serve and be part of making sure those changes are positive for Briscoe County and its citizens."

"My hope is that I can visit personally with each voter in Precinct 1 before the march Primary election." Burson said.

Briscoe County Primaries

By Katie Estes

The Briscoe County Democrats and Republicans will vote at the same locations as last election year. Both parties will vote together, same room. The new electronic voting machines were very expensive and places with handicapped entrances are few. It worked great last election.

The new voting machines have a cartridge for each party's ballot. To vote the party of your choice, chose the Democrat or Republican cartridge, it brings up the proper ballot. You vote, then the cartridge is removed, your vote is electronically counted therefore both political parties can use the same machines. The machines worked great last election year.

Briscoe County Polling Places:

Pct. 1 - City Hall, Silverton

Pct. 2 - Hope Center, Quitaque

Pct. 3 - City Bank, Silverton

Pct. 4 - O.C. Rampley Field House, Silverton

Pct. 6 - City Hall, Quitaque

Pct. 5 - Voting for Pct. 5 was put back into Voting Pct. 4

Early Voting - County Courthouse, February 19-29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Valentine Dance At Church Of Western Swing

The Church of Western Swing, in Turkey, Tx will hold it's annual Valentine Day Dance on Saturday, February 16 beginning at 7 p.m. The "Church" is located one block south and one block east of Allsups.

Henry, Doris and the whole gang invite you to bring your sweetie and your favorite dish, if you have one and come join them for an evening full of fun, food, fellowship, music and dancing. Everybody's welcome!



National 4-H Congress

2007



Texas

Hyatt Regency
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November 23-26, 2007

Emily Garcia, a sophomore at Silverton High School, was one of 32 Texas delegates attending the National 4-H Congress held November 23-26, 2007, in Atlanta, Georgia.

You are cordially invited to attend a presentation of her experience on Sunday, February 24, 2008 at 3:00 pm at the Silverton Church of Christ Annex. Light refreshments will be served.

Lynn Alexander Wows Turkey Jamboree Audience

By RJ Kalafus

This past Saturday the February edition of the Turkey Jamboree was held at the historic Gem Theatre. A crowd of music enthusiasts were treated to three great hours of music and again no one left disappointed in the talent or the show. There were 15 first timers including 6 from Dallas.

The show began with Lubbock's Lynn Alexander, who has performed in Turkey before. Both as a solo and once with his great band "8 Second Ride". Lynn started the set with Johnny Horton's "Honky Tonk Man" which was followed by Merle Haggard's "Big City" and continued with a great mix of old and new country from Alan Jackson's "Don't Rock The Jukebox" to Marty Robbins hit "Begging To You". Lynn received a great and deserved ovation.

Turkey's Michael Grace was next to perform and he opened with "San Antonio Rose" followed by a great variety of music that was exceptional including Floyd Tilman's "Cold War", Hank William's "Cheating Heart". In between songs he told stories and jokes that really lived the crowd. He ended his set with "My Window Faces The South". His set was also given a loud and long applause.

Closing out the competitive part of the show was New Mexico native Cora Gunn-Trent. She started off her lively set with the audience participating in the "Eyes of Texas" and then "Chattanooga Shoeshine Boy". Her selection of songs was well thought of going from lively to ballads including "You Don't Know Me" and finishing with a patriotic narration and ending with a wonderful "God Bless America". She was also well appreciated by the audience.

The Talent Show Case was next and there were two outstanding performances by Robin Brown of Quitaque and Turkey's Monte Green.

The Jamboree Committee would like to especially thank Michael Grace, who volunteered to emcee the show when Dewayne and Melody Pettiet felt ill and did not feel well enough to perform. Also Benny Brown, the lead guitar called in that he was also not feeling well. After a search was conducted to replace him as lead, he showed up and toughed it out for the night and as always was great. Special thanks to these two performers whose only pay is applause. Lynn Alexander also stayed and played with the band just in case.

Jimmy Adams started the Gems off with a lively breakdown which had feet tapping through out the theatre. JM Dickson did his harmonica version of "Golden Slippers" and Lucy Dean Record did "It Had To Be You". Benny Brown did a Chet Atkins medley and was flawless.

This month's cash winner was Lynn Alexander. The cash was donated by Billy Ray Hardcastle and Ted Crom. The \$25 door prize was donated by Imogene Molloy of Memphis and we thank them.

The next show will be held on March 4th at 7 p.m.

What's Happening In The Valley Area This Week?

February 11

- * Silverton City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Quitaque Volunteer Fire Department meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Valley Board of Trustees meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Quitaque City Council meeting @ 6 p.m.
- * Quitaque Volunteer Fire Department meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Briscoe County Commissioners Court meeting @ 10 a.m.
- * Hall County Commissioners Court meeting @ 10 a.m.
- * Motley County Commissioners Court meeting @ 9:30 a.m.

February 12

- * Hall County Hospital District Board meeting @ 2 p.m.
- * We The Women meeting @ 12 noon
- * Silverton Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 7 p.m.

February 13

- * Turkey City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.

February 14

- * Valentines Day
- * End of 4th Six Weeks at Valley School
- * Matador City Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- * Matador Masonic Lodge meeting

February 15

- * Student Holiday at Valley School

Obituaries

Wade H. Berryman

Graveside services for Wade H. Berryman, 85, of Matador were held Saturday, February 2, 2008 at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador with Rev. Winfield Davenport, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. Berryman passed away January 31, 2008 in Matador.

Wade worked at a number of occupations over his lifetime, including water well drilling, movie theater operator, delinting plant operator, and more recently a farmer/stockman. He was a member of the American Legion, Masonic Lodge, and the First Baptist Church of Matador. Mr. Berryman was a longtime resident of Matador and had lived in Meade, KS and Paducah, Texas for short periods of time. Wade married Nell Webb on April 21, 1981.

He was preceded in death by his first wife: Hoy Nan Lacy, 1 son: Mike Berryman, 1 Daughter: Sharlene Rattan, 2 Brothers: Al and Hardy Berryman, and 1 sister: Tommie Stafford.

He is survived by: His wife: Nell of Matador, Texas; 1 Son: Jeff Berryman and wife Becky of Meade, Kansas; 1 Sister: Nancy Harcrow of Hughson, California; 3 Grandchildren: Thomas Wade & J. Edward Berryman and Dax Rattan.

New Regional Coordinator Joins The Texas Plains Trail Region

BORGER, Texas -- The Plains Trail Region board recently named Deborah Sue McDonald to the position of regional coordinator. The heritage region is part of the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Heritage Trails Program, the award-winning regional tourism initiative that helps Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies and foster community leadership through historic preservation.

McDonald will assist with heritage tourism development and promotion in the heritage region's 52 counties, which include: Briscoe, Hall, and Motley.



Danny Mack Morris

Danny Mack Morris, 81, of New Braunfels, TX passed away Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at the McKenna Memorial Hospital. Church services were held Sunday February 3rd at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque, TX with Jeff Addison officiating. Burial will follow at the Rest Haven Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Chancellor Funeral Home of Quitaque.

Danny was born to Jesse Leroy and Edith Leona in Sudan TX. May 30, 1926. Danny served his country by enlisting in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a corporal when discharged. After leaving the service he moved to California and was a salesman for Mothers Cake and Cookies.

He is survived by his wife, Veda of New Braunfels TX.; daughter, Debra Reininger of Canyon Lake TX.; sons, Ron Morris of New Braunfels TX. Kevin Morris and wife Kathy of New Braunfels TX.; stepson Arlin Blakeman and wife Tammy of Port Lavaca TX.; Michael Ramsey and wife Glenna of Brackenridge TX.; Jack Morrison and wife Diana of Canyon Lake TX.; stepdaughters Melidia Elliott and husband David of Arlington TX., Sherri Morrison of Olatha Ks., Barbara Ramsey and husband Trinity of Breckenridge TX.; sister Nadine King and husband Bill of Colorado Springs Co.; brother Corkey Morris and wife Wanda of Bardsdale TX.; one nephew and one niece; two aunts Evelyn Eaton of Ripon Ca, Irene Witcher of Las Vegas NV; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Frankie McWhorter

HIGGINS - Frankie McWhorter, 76, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008.

Services were held Tuesday, February 5, 2008 in the Higgins High School Auditorium with David Jenkins, officiating. Burial will be in Higgins Cemetery.

Frankie McWhorter was born June 13, 1931, in Memphis, TX to Evelyn Tucker McWhorter and the late John McWhorter. He attended grammar school and high school in Memphis. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army. He moved to Lipscomb County in 1963 from Memphis. He worked as a foreman for the Cooper Ranch from 1984 until retiring in 2002. He married Virginia Salamino on Dec. 30, 1989, in Higgins. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 509, Masonic Lodge No. 820, Eastern Star No. 300 all in Higgins.

Frankie was inducted into the Western Swing Society in 1987 in Sacramento, Calif. In 1999, he won the Western Music and all around Cowboy Culture Award, at the Lubbock Symposium. In 2005, he won the Will Rogers Range Riders Award and at sometime he was also inducted into the Nebraska Western Swing Hall of Fame. He was inducted in Western Swing Music Society of Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 2004 and numerous other awards. Having several of his own bands and playing for dances he always drew a crowd. The last band he was playing with was the Thomas Country Opera.

He was preceded in death by a son, Larry McWhorter; a brother, Joe David McWhorter; two sisters, Betty New and Johnnie Bice; and a grandson, Heath Bishop.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia McWhorter; a son, Sammy McWhorter and wife Bonnie of Bastrop; a daughter, Denise Lackey and husband Gary of Keller; his mother, Evelyn McWhorter of Lela; two brothers, Gary McWhorter of Lela and Keith McWhorter and wife Barbara of Panhandle; six grandchildren, Amanda Farrington of Austin, Kimberley McWhorter of Rogers, Ariz., Shelby McWhorter, Bailey McWhorter and Macey McWhorter all of Bastrop and Abi McWhorter of Illiff, Colo.; and a great-granddaughter, Shyra Bishop of San Angelo.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

It is the flag just as much of the man who was naturalized yesterday as of the men whose people have been here many generations.

- Henry Cabot Lodge

I wish that every human life might be pure transparent freedom.

- Simone de Beauvoir

Antonio Martinez

Funeral Mass for Antonio Martinez, 68, of Flomot was held Monday February 4, 2008 at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Matador. Interment followed in Flomot Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. Martinez passed away Jan. 31, 2008 in Lubbock.

Mr. Martinez had been a resident of Flomot since 1962 and had been employed by Degan Ginning in Flomot.

He is survived by: 1 Sister: Maria Moreno of Flomot, Texas; 1 Brother-in-law: Teodoro Moreno of Flomot, Texas; 3 Nieces: Gloria Moreno Rodriguez of Plainview, Texas, Dora Moreno Cruz of Crosbyton, Texas, Vicky Moreno Cruz of Tulia, Texas; 2 Nephews: Fidencio Moreno of Tulia, Texas, Roy Moreno of Matador, Texas

Pallbearers were: Fidencio Moreno, Johnny Lee Rodriguez, Ted Cruz, Brent Cruz, Brad Cruz, and Roy Moreno.

If you take advantage of everything America has to offer, there's nothing you can't accomplish.

- Geraldine Ferraro

Sometimes people call me an idealist. Well, that is the way I know I am an American. America is the only idealistic nation in the world.

- Woodrow Wilson

America is another name for opportunity. Our whole history appears like a last effort of divine providence on behalf of the human race.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in.

- Theodore Roosevelt

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FLOMOT
 By Earlyne Jameson

OVER
 A fellow breathlessly dashed three pieces of baggage and said, "I'd like to check this bag to Dallas and this one to New York, please." "I'm very sorry, but we can't." "What happened?" the traveler asked. "January Was A Cold Month." "Winds In My Face." "After a cold dry month with January exited with a quick blizzard on 31 in Motley County. Low temperatures prevailed and dipped to 7 degrees. 54 mph were registered January 31st." "Tarp covered modules continued to run to catch up with need of moisture. Fields active and ranges in fair condition with feeding of supplements complete." "Total rainfall for January 0.00." "County National Weather Service Roaring Springs-0.02; Betty Shorter, Matador - 0; Lawrence Shorter, Flomot - 0."

Boy Scout Troop Competition
 Tim Kendall, Scout Master and crew in Plainview, Saturday and Sunday. It was held at the Ollie Liner Center across the South Plains entrance. Jere Kendall won third place and Young won third place in the Birthday Party.

Savannah Young celebrated a fun filled day in Lubbock. Her friend, Sydnee Meyers of Quitaque, invited her to a movie, shopping and overnight in Lubbock and returned Sunday.

Kathy and Clois Shorter, Matador celebrated the birthday of their grandson, Brian Sehon of Roaring Springs in Lubbock. A decorated cake and all the trimmings added to the fun. Friends attending, Brian is the Ropesville.

Janice and Butch Hughes celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Show Wednesday. Their granddaughter had her Floydada Show in the line-up. Janice and Butch visited son and family, Benjamin and Kaithynn until Saturday.

Jay and Gay Henderson of Roaring Springs celebrated the birthday of their son, Reese of Turkey. Brenda and Darrell Cruse, Mr. Cruse at the Church of Christ service. Mrs. Sherry McKay of Quitaque, Donnie Rogers was in Lubbock for congested lungs.

Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger, Wilburn Martin, The Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin. Doyle Calvert has been moved to a rehabilitation unit in Lubbock since January. Visiting during the week were Tim and Dena Washington, Brazos and Blu of Roaring Springs, Mickey, Caleb and Kenzie of Flomot and their houseguests, Madison and Anissa Huot of Idalou.

Clois Shorter attended to the funeral of his wife, Kathy accompanied to Lubbock Tuesday for more services. Ruth and Orville Lee were an optical medical appointment. Anna Beth and Joe like Clark enjoy the girls PHS basketball team. Granddaughter, Kelsey Clay is the Canadian girls team. The team is undefeated in all of their district games.

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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A fellow breathlessly dashed into the airport. He dropped three pieces of baggage and said, "I'd like a ticket to Denver...and I'd like to check this bag to Dallas, this one to San Francisco and this one to New York, please."

"I'm very sorry, but we can't do that," the attendant said. "What happened?" the traveler asked. "You did it last week!"

January Was A Cold Dry Month and Gusting Winds In Motley County

After a cold dry month with gusting winds, the month of January exited with a quick blowing snow Thursday, January 31 in Motley County. Low temperatures in the 20's and 30's prevailed and dipped to 7 degrees January 19. Winds of 47 to 54 mph were registered January 28-30 with sand causing zero visibility.

Tarp covered modules still dot the landscape and gins continued to run to catch up. Winter wheat in poor condition in need of moisture. Fields activity at a stand still in January. Pastures and ranges in fair condition. Cattle conditions mostly good with feeding of supplements continuing.

Total rainfall for January 2008 recorded by the Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs-0.02; Betty Simpson, Northfield -0; Ronnie Bailey, Matador - 0; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat -0; and Clois Shorter, Flomot - 0.

Boy Scout Troop Competes In Pine Wood Derby

Tim Kendall, Scout Master and his Boy Scout Troop 273 were in Plainview, Saturday and competed in the Pine Wood Derby. It was held at the Ollie Liner Center and many boy scout troops across the South Plains entered this Derby.

Jere Kendall won third place in the Webelo division. Blain Young won third place in the Outlaw Class.

Birthday Celebrated

Savannah Young celebrated her ninth birthday Saturday with a fun filled day in Lubbock. Her mother, Mrs. Cally Sperry and friend, Sydnee Meyers of Quitaque enjoyed Alvin and Chipmunks movie, shopping and restaurant meals. They visited overnight in Lubbock and returned to their respective homes Sunday.

Kathy and Clois Shorter, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Everett Shorter celebrated the birthday of their grandson and great grandson, Brian Sehon of Ropesville with a bowling party Saturday in Lubbock. A decorated cake with eight glowing candles and all the trimmings added to the enjoyment of his many friends attending. Brian is the son of Keri and Kevin Sehon of Ropesville.

Janice and Butch Hughes attended the Fort Worth Stock Show Wednesday. Their granddaughter, Kendal Hughes of Floydada had her Floydada Stock Show grand champion steer in the line-up. Janice and Butch continued to Royce City and visited son and family, Bengie and J.J. Hughes and daughter, Kaitlynn until Saturday.

Jay and Gay Henderson of Plainview and Keane and Lacy Cruse and Reese of Turkey were luncheon guests Sunday of Brenda and Darrell Cruse. Mr. Henderson was the guest speaker at the Church of Christ services in Flomot Sunday.

Mrs. Sherry McKay of Quitaque visited Mrs. B. Rogers, Monday. Donnie Rogers was in Lockney, Tuesday for medical treatment for congested lungs

Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger visited Sunday with her father, Wilburn Martin. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin.

Doyle Calvert has been moved from Covenant Medical Center to a rehabilitation unit in Lubbock. His wife, Mary Jo has been at his bedside since January 2.

Visiting during the weekend with Mrs. Erma Washington were Tim and Dena Washington, Matt and Ashley Washington, Brazos and Blu of Roaring Springs; Lacy and Conway Clary, Mickey, Caleb and Kenzie of Matador; Connie and Coy Franks of Flomot and their houseguests, Cory and Amy Franks, Hudson and Madison and Anissa Huckert of Lubbock and Cary Franks of Idalou.

Clois Shorter attended to business in Amarillo, Friday. He and wife, Kathy accompanied her mother, Mrs. Geneva Martin to Lubbock Tuesday for more biopsy medical tests.

Ruth and Orville Lee were in Lubbock, Monday for Orville an optical medical appointment.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay were in Panhandle Tuesday to enjoy the girls PHS basketball game against Fritch in which their granddaughter, Kelsey Clay is an PHS basketball team defeated the Canadian girls team. The Panhandle girls basketball team is undefeated in all of their district games!



Cook's Corner

By Laura Taylor

Burrito Casserole

This casserole is quick, easy and your whole bunch will like it!

Meat mixture:
1 1/2 to 2 lbs. hamburger—fry and crumble with...

1 med. onion, chopped
Add and then simmer:
1 envelope Taco Seasoning
1 can bean dip
1 jar taco sauce (mild)

Roll mixture up in large flour tortillas (10 large.) Cover with cheese sauce and bake until hot and bubbly. (Glass baking dish works best.)

Cheese sauce:

1 jar hot taco sauce
Grated cheese (enough to make sauce thick)
1/3 cup catsup
2/3 cup water

Mix all the above together and heat. You may want to add sliced black olives, fresh, chopped tomatoes and/or cheese to the top. Bake at 350 degrees or until heated through — about 30 minutes.

Grilled Onion Salad

This salad of greens and delectably charred onions makes a perfect accompaniment to the Burrito Casserole.

2 yellow onions or 12-16 green spring onions, depending on size

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
Pinch of crushed red pepper flakes

Pinch of salt and pepper
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

1 clove garlic, sliced
1 bunch arugula leaves, mizuna, or mustard greens, or a mixture (about 5 ounces)
1 cup chopped fresh parsley leaves

2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan or pecorino cheese
Fresh lemon juice

Preheat a grill pan to medium-high heat (or give your grill a wake-up call from its winter rest). If using yellow onions, slice thinly; if using green spring onions, trim to about 8 inches in length, then remove roots and split lengthwise. Place in a large serving bowl and toss with 2 tablespoons of the olive oil, red pepper flakes, salt, and pepper, making sure everything is well-coated. Place in grill pan or on grill and cook until nicely charred on both sides.

Remove onions from grill and return to the same bowl. Toss in remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil, vinegar, and garlic. Leave to marinate (the heat will continue cooking the onions and soften the garlic's flavor). When cool, toss in greens and parsley, making sure everything is well-coated. Taste and adjust for seasoning. Garnish with cheese and a squeeze of lemon juice.

Sauce Cake

This cake will top off your meal and satisfy everyone's sweet tooth.

2 cups flour
1 1/2 cups sugar
4 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. vanilla
1 cup milk
4 tbsp. (1/4 cup) melted margarine

Mix all ingredients together. Pour batter into 9 x 13" pan. Mix up one of the following sauces and carefully pour over batter. (...so it doesn't splatter all over; the sauce liquid will start out sitting on top of the cake batter...)

BUTTERSCOTCH:
1 1/2 cup brown sugar
3 cups hot water
4 Tbsp. (1/4 cup) melted margarine

CHOCOLATE:
1 1/2 brown sugar
1/3 cup chocolate Quik
3 cups hot water
...and end up, after baking at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes, with a thick sauce on the bottom with the cake floating on top of it! Wait 20 to 30 minutes before serving.

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- TXism: "just a ___gen" (small amount)
- "up ___ good"
- TXism: "plain as the top line ___ eye chart"
- San Antonio AM 8 " ___ More Beel"
- TX-filmed "Middle ___ Crazy"
- in downtown Dallas: John Neely Bryan's
- TXism: "hungry as ___ a concrete pasture"
- TXism: "packed like sardines ___"
- things unrevealed
- TX-born Carolyn Jones was "Morticia ___ on TV series"
- where a team logo is found (3 wds.)
- Jayton is seat of this county
- TX Gary Morris' "Sweet Red ___"
- LB's defense sec. Robert Mc ___
- TXism: "according to ___ (play by the rules)"
- more "hekkid"
- Conway Twitty's " ___ God Is Gone"
- crude oil
- early name of TX salsa maker: "Paco ___"
- TXism: "ought not!"
- TXism: "busy as a one-armed paper ___"
- needle pulling thread
- dried and withered
- Houston's Second Baptist has huge pipe ___
- tenor ___
- TXism: "you've kicked over a hornet's ___"
- TX-born Al Freeman was " ___ Hall" in "One Life to Live"
- lall grain storage bin
- "bravo" south of the border
- charged by 16-down
- TX George H. was dir. of this agcy.
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- TX Ross Perot, ___
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- TXism: "she don't eat enough to ___"
- mixture of elements
- TXism: "sank like an anvil ___"
- actress Drake in film "Down Laredo Way"
- ___gallon hat
- TXism: " ___ alley cat" (sinner)
- TX Perot's first naval rank (abbr.)
- TXism: "want it so ___ could spit"
- TX Nash's " ___ See Clearly Now"
- "Racehorse" is nick ___ of TX Richard Haynes
- TXism: "his facts ___ elastic" (liar)
- TX singer Stuckey (init.)
- TX Perot film: " ___ Wings of Eagles"
- seize suddenly
- it's free at a TX information center (2 wds.)
- tender touch
- TXism: "the bigger they ___ harder they fall"
- "now ___ never"
- TX CB ___ Tittle
- TX Sissy Spacek in "Coal Miner's Daughter" (init.)

My God! How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!
~ Thomas Jerrerson

Our country, right or wrong. When right to be kept right; when wrong to be put right.
~ Carl Schurz

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In the last few weeks, a good number of the citizens of Hall County have indicated their support for me in the upcoming Democratic Primary Election for Sheriff. I can't tell you how much I appreciate those who have encouraged me. Many citizens, as well as owners and operators of businesses throughout the County, have come forward to tell me of their satisfaction with the job I have done these past four years.

As we get closer and closer to the March 4th date of the election, I find it incumbent upon me to remind each and every one of you who are eligible to vote how important it is that you go to the polls. The only way you can have input into who is to be your Sheriff is to VOTE!

This campaign has been a clean one. No mud slinging on the part of either myself or my opponent. And that is good. Especially in a time when many politicians are so willing to tell outright lies, start rumors, and do everything possible to degrade their opponents. You have seen both candidates' political advertisements, and the County is small enough that everyone can know the people involved. And that too is good. It is a job that should be given on the basis

It is no smear to my opponent to say that I am the best qualified to do the job. I have more experience in the various facets of law enforcement, and I am certainly more aware of the operation of the current Sheriff's Department and Jail. I have had more professional education relating to the job, and am more familiar with the personnel and agencies in the area that the Sheriff must deal with every day. I have excellent relationships with other area law enforcement personnel. I have worked with and developed an outstanding staff, each of whom is always willing to go the extra mile for anyone in need. I have ensured that they were properly trained and well supervised.

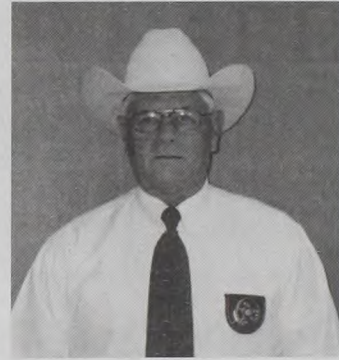
Administratively, I have run a tight office, and am prepared to continue to meet the budgets allocated by the County. I am very well qualified as a leader of people, and a manager of facilities, equipment, time, and resources.

My record is clean, there have been no complaints filed against me, and no inspection by any agency has shown me to be derelict in any duty or function under my responsibility. I was elected with 80 percent of the votes cast in the last election. No one who voted for me then has said they will not do so again this time. I was the man for the job then, and I am the man for the job today.

I RESPECTFULLY SOLICIT YOUR VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ON MARCH 4th

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Valley School Lunch Menu

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Monday, February 11

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Peaches, Milk

Tuesday, February 12

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

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuits, Milk

Wednesday, February 13

Breakfast: French Toast, Sausage, Syrup, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Meat & Cheese Nachos, Pinto Beans, Hot Sausage, Pears, Milk

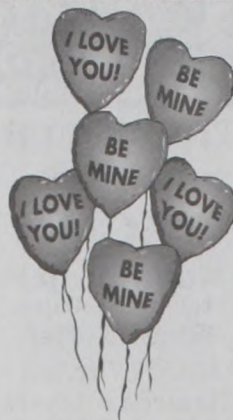
Thursday, February 14

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Ham & Cheese Hot Pockets, Salad, Apricots, Milk

Friday, February 15

Student Holiday



"To All Our Sweethearts!"
THE LUNCHROOM LADIES
Menu Subject To Change



THE PATRIOT

Valley School News

Valley Lady Patriots Tied For District Championship, Play-Off Game This Friday In Childress

By Lauren Young

The Patriot basketball teams traveled to Paducah Friday and were defeated in both the girls and boys games.

In the girls game, Valley lost by a 58-40 score. Jasmin Ivory led the Lady Patriots with 14 points, others scoring were Payton Price-8, Lacie Pointer-7, Jacy Proctor-5, Leslie Payne, Mary-Kate Davidson, and Mariela Mendoza each with two points. The loss throws the girls in a tie with Paducah for first place. The two teams are declared co-champions, but will have a playoff for seeding this Friday in Childress at 6:00 p.m..

The boys game saw Valley come roaring back from an 8 point deficit to have an opportunity to tie the game with less than a minute to go. The Patriots couldn't convert though and lost by a 55-49 score. Brady Ramsey led the way with 16 points. Jacob Hancock was next with 12 points. Others scoring were Isaac Smith-9, Cole Brown-6, Justin Rucker and Roger Ramos with 2, and Dalton Allen and Armando Mendoza with 1 point each. The loss leaves Calley in 2nd place in district and waiting to see who their playoff opponent will be. They will also have a practice game in Childress Friday night immediately following the girls game.

Turkey-Quitaque Board of Trustees Renew Superintendent's Contract For Another Year

The Turkey-Quitaque Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, January 14 at 7 p.m. at Valley School. All board members were present. After attending to regular monthly board business the following items were addressed:

* Traci Lambert, representing Foster & Lambert, LLC of Childress gave a summary of the local district's 2006-2007 annual audit. The audit was a very favorable audit and she was very complimentary of our district's financial performance. The audit was accepted as presented.

* A motion passed to approve the Turkey-Quitaque CISD's portion of the Floyd County Appraisal District's budget.

* The results of the Hall and Briscoe County Appraisal District's Board of Directors elections were reviewed. Wilburn Leeper received 817 votes from Briscoe County and Curtis Scrivner received 822 votes from Hall County. "We are proud to have each of these members to represent us," said Jerry Smith, Superintendent.

* Superintendent Jerry Smith's appraisal and contract were considered. Jerry Smith received an excellent evaluation. A motion passed to extend the Superintendent's 12 month contract for another year and salary will be considered at a later date.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Trash Leads To Cash In New Scholarship For Graduating Seniors

TxDOT looking for students with innovative ideas about litterbags

The Texas Department of Transportation has upped the ante for college-bound students by introducing a new scholarship award to their existing Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship program.

For this new Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship, TxDOT wants students to write an essay about how to get a litterbag in every car. The essay should focus on a creative and sustainable solution that would encourage Texans to use litterbags and get them in their hands. The winner earns a \$1,000 scholarship.

TxDOT will also continue its traditional scholarship, which consists of a \$3,000 grand prize scholarship and a \$1,000 second-prize scholarship. To qualify for that scholarship money, students must write an essay identifying a specific litter problem at their own school or in their community and the action they took to address it.

As sponsor, Raytheon has provided the funds for this year's scholarship program.

The scholarships are intended for high-school seniors planning to pursue a two- or four-year degree at a Texas university or college. Essays must be 300 - 350 words. Along with their essay(s), students are required to submit a completed application and two letters of recommendation. Students may apply for both the traditional scholarship and the litterbag scholarship, but must complete two separate essays.

To download an application and for complete rules, visit www.DontMessWithTexas.org.

A completed application, letters and essays must be addressed as follows and postmarked by April 4, 2008:

Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Program
c/o EnviroMedia Social Marketing
1717 West 6th Street, Suite 400
Austin, TX 78703

It is the love of country that has lighted and that keeps glowing the holy fire of patriotism.

~ J. Horace McFarland

America is a passionate idea or it is nothing. America is a human brotherhood or it is chaos.

~ Max Lerner

The cement of this union is the heart-blood of every American.

~ Thomas Jefferson

Ours is the only country deliberately founded on a good idea.

~ John Gunther



Valley Varsity Boys



Jr Varsity Boys

Valley Varsity Girls vs Paducah
Friday, February 8 @ 6 p.m.,
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Valley Varsity & Jr Varsity Girls

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Politics

by Sheldon Richman
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Political Stimulus

by Sheldon Richman

Not understanding basic economics is dangerous because you're vulnerable to political con games foisted by unscrupulous politicians.

Economics properly conceived is just common sense about human activity. An examination of the proposed economic stimulus will make this clear.

Nearly all politicians claim that the economy needs a stimulus that only they can provide. That is odd right off the bat. Politicians produce nothing; they spend other people's money and, in the process, interfere with people's productive activities. Why would anybody think they could stimulate an economy?

A Republican president and Democratic congressional leaders are converging on a \$150 billion package of tax rebates and business incentives. This is said to be the needed boost to keep "the economy" from falling into a recession. Democrats insist it's teetering on the edge of recession. Republicans prefer to say the economy may be entering a "slowdown."

Even the words that politicians use to talk about the subject are chosen to convey that their power can be constructive. Their language, however, is deceptive. The "economy" is a concept, not a thing. The convenient term stands for nothing apart from people exchanging their property (goods and money) and labor in order to acquire the things that will make their lives better.

But politicians and most economists talk about the economy as though it were a machine or a vehicle separate from the people who make it up. In this misleading view, the economy can slow down or overheat. It may need a stimulus, after which it may need a cooling down.

Politicians are attracted to this language because it justifies the power they wish to exercise. If people automatically translated statements about the economy into flesh-and-blood terms, they wouldn't let their (mis)leaders and public (self-)servants get away with the standard mischief.

Floyd County: The work on the PetroGlobe Energy McIntosh lease well #176 has concluded for now.

Floyd County: The Texcel Exploration, Inc. Bill Sherman lease well #1 drilling permit expired on February 6, 2008 without the wellbore being drilled. The Bill Sherman #1 was to be located 660 feet from the North Line and 1600 feet from the West Line of Section 26, Block B4, Adams, Beaty and Moulton Survey, 11 miles north of Lockney. The Texcel Exploration Bill Sherman lease well #1 is the 10th Floyd County drilling permit to expire without being drilled during this current Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Activity (2005-2008).

Motley County: The work on the Bankers Petroleum Cogdell "64" lease well #1 has concluded for now.

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Government officials are endlessly capable of interfering with our economic activities. Their central bank can inflate the money supply, artificially lowering interest rates and distorting investment decisions while raising consumer prices. Bureaucrats can promise to bail out banks and firms when they make bad decisions, guaranteeing an abundant supply of such decisions. Regulators can pile burdens on business owners, making the cost of expansion prohibitive. The tax collectors can siphon off so much capital that investment is stymied, inhibiting the growth of productivity and incomes. Politicians can shovel so many advantages at established firms that new competition is crippled or even stillborn.

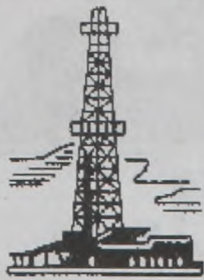
The upshot is that the economy is you and I. And our economic activities are at the mercy of government power.

Politicians prefer that we not understand that. They want us to believe that their job is to tend the economic machine. The big lie is that they know what they are doing. They don't.

Consider the economic stimulus package. If the plan were to remove the mountain of burdens that government has imposed on us, that would make sense, recession or not. But that's not the plan. No burdens will be removed, but new ones will be created. This is easily seen once you realize that government creates no wealth. Government can only move it around. When it sends out tax rebates without cutting spending, it must get the money by taxing others, borrowing it, or in effect printing it (inflation). But each of those methods reduces other people's wealth. When inflation pushes up prices, everyone's wealth shrinks. How can these measures "stimulate the economy"?

True, if the government suddenly puts money in lots of people's hands, economic activity will appear to be stimulated. But as the great 19th-century French economist Frédéric Bastiat wrote, the key to understanding economics is to look for the unseen effects. If the government weren't borrowing and taxing in order to magnanimously hand out money, it would be available for the production of goods and services. The government's plan diverts resources from investment to consumption. But consumption is the effect not the cause of economic growth. You can't consume what doesn't exist.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) and editor of The Freeman magazine.



Palo Duro Basin Oil & Gas Update

By Tom Musser

Briscoe County: Leasing activity is ongoing in the area around Quitaque.

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ON THE QT

By Patsy Herrington

Psalms 118:24 "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." and such was Saturday, February 2. There was no wind, a purely delightful day with high in the fifties - with the radiance and splendor of the best. Many were out in their yards and State Park to enjoy it all.

We all have much to be thankful for. We made a bumper cotton crop, and some say it is the best in history. Two and three bales to the acre was not uncommon, and most had high yields.

It was good to see Glenda McCracken Francis and Maybelle and John Francis from Silverton at Ralph Carter's funeral. Benny Young, Paulita McCracken Young's boy, came all the way from Tuscon, Arizona. He looks like and resembles highly Paulita and Glenda Juan McCracken. The funeral was held Wednesday, January 30 at the Church of Christ.

Ralph Carter was such a good man. One thing that stands out to me was that he attended every funeral, regardless of the denomination, and sang in the choir. He was always there, helping out in any way he could.

Sandra Profitt Stark's father, Mike Profitt, passed away this week in Amarillo after a short illness. The funeral was at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, in Amarillo. That was the day it snowed here two inches, and quite a blizzard for awhile. Many who planned to attend the funeral were unable to because of the weather. There was a big pile up of cars in Amarillo that day.

Monday of last week, Jill Johnson and Patsy Herrington went to Amarillo where Patsy saw he eye doctor, (ophthalmologist). She got a good report. It was a cold day, and soup and salad at The Olive Garden tasted good to them both.

Ann Chadwick left Tuesday to go to Plano to visit her daughter, Candy Kern, and her grandchildren, Holly and Ben. She plans to stay several days.

Billy McWilliams has been sick in the hospital with pneumonia, but is home and doing better now.

Billy and Bonnie Mott are in beautiful Hawaii celebrating Bonnie's 50th birthday.

Lex Herrington, Floydada, came to Quitaque Saturday morning to see about things at the farm, and visited his mother, Patsy Herrington.

Danny Mack Morris, former resident, passed away Wednesday and was buried at 2:00 p.m. Sunday at the Baptist Church. He was married to Veda Mae Buckalew, Barbara Reed's sister. Ray Don and Shirley King, nephew of Danny Mack and Ruby King, spent the night with Ruby King after arriving Saturday. Imogene Bethel (Bedwell) of Lamesa also arrived Saturday and spent Saturday night with Ruby King. Danny Mack and my brother, O.R. were about the same age growing up, and spent many an hour playing together and pulling pranks on others. Veda Mae and I went to high school together, and graduated together.

Elaine Harmon, Jessie and Odis Reagan drove to Lubbock to see John David and Tonya Harmon's new baby boy, Brannon. They said that he looks so much like John David with lots of black hair.

Joyce Price has been on the sick list this week with her therapy treatments, but is back at work at Caprock Canyons this week and feeling much better.

What a difference it would make in the economy of our town and area if we would all start trading at home! It would pay for itself in the gas we would save with such high gas prices. I am guilty, too. Let's try Quitaque first and Trade at Home! Help keep the doors open on all our businesses.

Pray for rain!

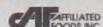
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Raw Shrimp...1 lb.....\$3⁹⁹	Fritos Dips...9 oz.....2 for \$5⁰⁰
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Red Ripe	Dolly Madison 10.5 oz
Strawberries...1 lb.....2 for \$4⁰⁰	Angel Food Cake Bar.....\$2²⁹
Fresh	Dolly Madison 16 oz
Asparagus...1 lb.....\$2⁹⁹	Angel Food Cake.....\$2⁹⁹
Dole Classic	Assorted Varieties/ 6.7-12 oz
Iceberg Salad...1 lb.....2 for \$3⁰⁰	Banquet Dinners.....4 for \$5⁰⁰
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Coleslaw Mix...1 lb.....2 for \$3⁰⁰	Fish Sticks or Fillets.....\$3⁹⁹
Large	Assorted
Cauliflower...each.....\$1⁹⁹	Tampico Punch...1 gal.....\$1²⁹
Garden Fresh	Shedd's Spread
Broccoli Crowns...1 lb.....99¢	Country Crock...45 oz.....\$2²⁹
Green	Western Family Non-Coated
Cabbage...1 lb.....39¢	Aspirin...250 ct.....\$1⁶⁹
Red Delicious	Western Family Back/ SM-XLG
Apples...1 lb.....99¢	Heat Wraps...2 ct.....\$4⁹⁹
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Light Bulbs...2 pk.....2 for \$1⁰⁰	Triple Antibiotic...1 oz.....\$3⁹⁹
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* I will ensure proactive law enforcement with active patrols. (Not just within the hours of 8 to 5.)

* I will take a staunch approach to drug enforcement insuring the protection of our children as well as our community.

* I will operate the Office of the Sheriff and the Hall County Jail in an efficient manner and work within the budget set by the Commissioners' Court. (Taxpayers' money should be spent wisely.)

* I will work diligently to ensure that the Hall County Jail and 911 services remain in Hall County and are NOT contracted to out of county agencies.

* I will cooperate and work with ALL Law Enforcement Agencies, Emergency Service and Elected Officials.

* I will be accessible to the public by maintaining an open door policy.

My background includes law enforcement experience on both local and federal levels. I have served the people as a deputy for the Hall County Sheriff's Office, Gunnison County Sheriff's Office in Colorado, was employed by the Dept. of Homeland Security / Transportation Security Administration as a manager, and the Dept of the Army as a Watch Commander Senior Law Enforcement Officer.

While employed with the Federal Government I was a Senior Law Enforcement Officer with overall command and control responsibility for all law enforcement and security personnel, supervising 68 to 87 Federal Officers.

I believe with my experience in law enforcement on both County and Federal levels, I can lead the Sheriff's Office with the dedication, honesty, integrity, and respect that the citizens of Hall County deserve.

If elected, I will strive to create a relationship between the Sheriffs Office and the community. I think the Sheriff's Office has an obligation not only to protect the community but to work with the community to combat drug usage and crimes associated with drugs to make Hall County a safer place to live and raise our families.

I will also provide the leadership and inspiration to help employees excel at their jobs while making integrity the hallmark of the Sheriff's Department.

I care about the citizens of Hall County, their safety, security and peace of mind. I am committed to taking a proactive approach to Law Enforcement, and look forward to the opportunity of serving you.

Paid for by Tim Wiginton



Hall/Briscoe County Ag Conference

The Hall/Briscoe County Ag Conference will be held Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at the Bob Wills Center in Turkey, Texas.

The conference will start at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Subjects covered will be: Peanut Weed Control, Plant Pathology-IPM, Beef Insect Control & Beef Update-General, Laws & Regs, and Industry Reps - General.

Five CEU's will be offered and lunch will be provided.

Wheat Producer Meeting Looks Into Next Century

An in-depth look at opportunities and challenges Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas wheat producers may face in the next century will be the focus of a seminar on Feb. 21 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo.

The wheat research, marketing, crop protection and variety update seminar is sponsored by Texas AgriLife Research, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, AgriPro Wheat and the Texas Seed Trade Association.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the program will end around 4 p.m., said Leon Church, AgriLife Extension agricultural and natural resources agent in Potter County. Lunch will be provided.

In addition to the faculty from the sponsoring agencies, there will be speakers from the Oklahoma Wheat Commission, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas A&M University and Kansas State University.

Morning session topics cover the wheat seed certification process, quality-based wheat marketing and grazing issues. The afternoon session will address new wheat varieties, the future of wheat breeding, paying royalties on certified wheat seed and patents and intellectual property protection systems.

Three continuing education units will be offered for licensed pesticide applicators and certified crop advisors, Church said.

For further information, contact an AgriLife Extension agent or Rob Borchardt at AgriPro Wheat, 940-552-8881.

Peanut Production Workshops Slated in February

South Plains farmers can update their knowledge of peanut production at two workshops slated in February.

Topics to be covered include varieties, disease management, weed control, fertility, inoculation, and irrigation, said Calvin Trostle, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agronomist based at Lubbock.

Both events are sponsored by Extension, the Texas Peanut Producers Board and Western Peanut Growers Association.

"Each workshop is keyed to a particular production region," Trostle said. "We will cover a variety of production-related topics, and get an update from the peanut producers board and peanut growers association. Those who attend can earn up to three continuing education units."

Workshop dates and locations are:

• Feb. 19, in Plains at the Plains Community Building (one block south of Ave. G on U.S. Hwy 82/380. Program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact the Extension office in Yoakum County at 806-456-2263.

• Feb. 20, in Littlefield at the Lamb County Agriculture and Community Center (1619 Hall Avenue). Program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact the Extension office in Lamb County at 806-385-4222, extension 235.

Trostle can be reached at 806-746-6101.

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

Upland Cotton Average Price Received by Growers Through December 2007

With USDA on the verge of making its decision to offer an advance 2007 Upland Cotton Counter-cyclical (CC) payment, the big question on the minds of many cotton growers is how much the current trend toward higher prices will impact that decision. At first glance that answer seems to be a lot.

With a preliminary mid-month price of 61.40 cents per pound reported for January 2008, continuing the recent upward trend in cotton prices, it appears likely that when USDA officials sit-down to make their decision it will require the use of a much sharper pencil than they have had to use in recent years.

With the first five months of the 2007 Upland Cotton marketing year now past, the calculated 2007 Weighted Average Price Received by growers through December 2007 stands at 53.46 cents per pound.

The good news is that this is only 1.46 cents above the 52-cent threshold where the Upland Cotton CC payment rate begins to shrink, leaving the door open for USDA to offer an advance on a final projected 2007 Counter-cyclical program payment.

The bad news for anyone counting on an advance payment is that all signs are pointing to a final projected payment rate below the 2002 Farm Bill's maximum CC payment rate of 13.73 cents. The challenge for USDA is predicting how the rest of the marketing year will go and what the final Average Price Received by growers will be.

USDA's decision to offer an advance 2007 CC payment will hinge on their confidence in cotton sales remaining relatively steady through the end of the marketing year, which is less than certain, and where they believe cotton's recent upward price trend will plateau.

A cursory look at what it would take for the final Average Price Received by growers for the 2007 marketing year to finish above the 65.73 cents per pound level, and result in a zero Counter-cyclical payment calculation, shows that such a result is possible, even though it is just as likely that the Average Price Received calculation will fall short of that mark.

Looking at the December 2007 numbers more closely shows that cumulative Upland Cotton marketings for the first five months of the 2007-marketing year have totaled 6.077 million-bales according to information released January 31 by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

That figure is now 248,000 bales behind the amount marketed through the same period last year thanks to December 2007 marketings that were estimated at 1.529 million bales with an average selling price of 59.2 cents per pound.

The December marketing figure reflects the significant slow down in sales that occurred when prices started to increase and is 25 percent less than the 2.062 million bales marketed in December 2006. From this point an additional 9.675 million bales will need to be marketed to match last year's total marketings of 15.75 million bales.

To reach that level, sales of U.S. cotton must average 1.38 million bales per month from January through July 2008.

The following table shows the average price received each month by farmers and the associated weighted average price based on prices and cumulative marketings from August 1 through December 31, 2007.

The 2007 Counter-cyclical payment rate authorized under the 2002 Farm Bill will be based on the 12-month Weighted Average Price Received by growers. For cotton the 12-month Weighted Average Price will reflect price and marketings for the 2007 marketing year. The 2007 cotton marketing year began August 1, 2007 and ends July 31, 2008.

Average Price Received For 2007-crop Upland Cotton (Weighted by Marketings)

	Marketings (000's of Running bales)		Prices (cents/Lb.)	
	Monthly	Cum.	Monthly	Weighted
August	1,762	1,762	44.90	44.90
September	373	2,135	52.00	46.14
October	949	3,084	55.20	48.93
November	1,464	4,548	57.00	51.53
December	1,529	6,077	59.20	53.46
January	n/a	n/a	61.40*	n/a

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, * = preliminary

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Texas Achieves Cattle Brucellosis-Free Status!

Texas beef and dairy cattle producers, cattle feeders and markets operators achieved a long-sought victory Friday, Feb. 1, when the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that Texas has achieved cattle brucellosis-free status.

For nearly 50 years, Texas cattle producers battled brucellosis, or "Bangs Disease," the bacterial disease that is caused by *Brucella abortus*. The disease can cause cows to abort, deliver weak calves or produce less milk. Cattle brucellosis is a zoonotic disease (can be spread from animals to man) that caused significant human disease incidence until the eradication program reduced the incidence of the disease in cattle, and, sanitary practices and pasteurization procedures for milk were implemented to reduce transmission to humans. All other states in the United States are classified brucellosis-free, some for more than 25 years.

"Texas was the last state to achieve the free, status. We have more herds and more cattle than any other state—14 million at last count. We also had more brucellosis infection to fight. In 1959, when Texas officially joined the national eradication program, we had more than 20,000 of the country's 100,000 infected herds," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas, state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"Now we must ensure that the disease is not reintroduced, or if it is lingering undetected, we must find the infection and eradicate it quickly. If two infected herds are detected within the next two years, we could lose this hard-earned, well-deserved status, so we must do everything to protect the health of our herds," said Dr. Hillman.

"To this end, we must continue testing our cattle at the first-point of concentration and change of ownership for the next couple of years," said Dr. Hillman. "This procedure is part of the national brucellosis program standard and was included in the program as a means of assuring that states that have just acquired free-status could identify infected herds should the disease have been left undetected in a herd or is re-introduced into a state. Additionally, brucellosis slaughter surveillance will continue for many years to come to assure that the disease is completely eradicated from cattle herds in Texas and other states of the United States."

"Texas ranks first in the nation in the number of cattle and calves and the industry is a \$16 billion business for the Texas economy. This new status will positively improve the industry and help our dedicated cattle producers," Commissioner Staples said.

Llano Estacado Corn Conference Set For Feb. 8

South Plains producers can get an update on corn production and the farm bill at the Feb. 8 Llano Estacado Corn Conference in Dimmitt.

"This event will be held at the Castro County Expo Building," said Steve Young, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent for Castro County. "Those who attend can get an overview on corn production. We also plan to have Congressman Randy Neugebauer address the crowd from Washington via video link. He will discuss the 2008 farm bill and other legislation that may affect West Texas."

Registration for the conference begins at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9 a.m. There is no fee, but Young requested reservations be made by Feb. 6 to help facilitate meal planning. Refreshments and lunch will be served, courtesy of DeBruce Grain, Pioneer Hi-Bred International and the Texas Corn Producers Board, Young said.

Speakers and topics will include: Corn Best Management Practices, Brent Bean, Extension agronomist at Amarillo; Corn Market Outlook and Biofuels Impact, Steve Amosson, Extension economist at Amarillo; Weed Control, J.F. Cadenhead, Extension range and brush control specialist at Vernon; Corn Diseases, Dr. Robert Bowling; and Pest Control, Emilio Nino, Extension integrated pest management agent for Castro County.

"We'll also have an update on pesticide laws and record keeping," Young said. "Those who attend can qualify for up to five continuing education units."

The corn conference is a joint effort of Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Bailey, Castro, Hockley, Lamb and Parmer counties. To register or for more information, contact the Castro County office at 806-647-4115.

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Petitions will be available from February 13, 2008, through March 10, 2008. Terms coming up for election are Shelby Hignight, Pauline Johnsey, and Betty Farley. Questions regarding the election should be directed to Barbara Booth, Board Administrator, at the district office at 806 259 3504.
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Things That Make You Go Hmmm...

By Laura Taylor

I Don't Think You Are Holding Up Your End Of The Bargain

I overheard a group of men at the Coffee Shop recently, one was telling a very somber tale, while the others listened intently to his every word. The story went something like this...

"After being married for 42 years, I took a careful look at my wife one day and said, 'Honey, 44 years ago we had a cheap apartment, a cheap car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10 inch black & white TV, but I got to sleep with a hot 25 year old girl every night.'" he said.

"Now I have a \$500,000 home, a \$45,000 car, nice big king-size bed and plasma screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 65 year old woman. It seems to me that you're not holding up your side of things." he ventured on to say.

Now as he pulled in closer to the group of men sitting there drinking their coffee he finished his tale. "My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out and find a hot 25 year old girl, and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap apartment, driving a cheap car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching a 10 inch black and white TV!"

All the men just sat there nodded their heads knowingly, when one spoke up and said, "Aren't older women great? They really know how to solve your mid-life crisis!"

* NOTE - Any resemblance to any local coffee drinker you might know is purely coincidental, after all this is a fictional tale.

HHMMM.....



This Week In Texas History!

Feb 10, 1899

Andrea Canealera, alleged survivor of the Alamo, died at the age of 113.

Feb 10, 1865

The U.S. government ordered the Military Department of the Gulf to include Texas.

Feb 10, 1850

Buffalo Bayou, the first railway in Texas, was awarded a charter.

Feb 10, 1813

The Spanish army attacked the Gutierrez-Magee army at Goliad and were defeated. This loss set up the first Republic of Texas. Santa Anna was a 19-year old lieutenant in the Spanish Army at the time.

Feb 11, 1848

Federal troops arrived in El Paso to help with Indian trouble.

Feb 11, 1842

The only recorded mutiny in the Texas Navy was reported aboard the ship "San Antonio" near the city of New Orleans.

Feb 11, 1836

When a split developed among the defenders of the Alamo over who was in command, Col. William B. Travis and Col. Jim Bowie assumed "co-command" of the mission.

Feb 11, 1828

Free Masonry was introduced in Texas.

Feb 12, 1899

The coldest official temperature reading first recorded in Texas occurred in Tulia with a 23 degree below zero measurement. It was tied 34 years later at Seminole.

Feb 12, 1836

Col. James Fannin moved his army of 450 Texans to Goliad. He fortified the mission La Baha and renamed it "Fort Defiance."

Feb 12, 1836

Gen. Santa Anna crossed the Rio Grande River and entered Texas near Laredo.

Feb 13, 1861

Col. Robert E. Lee left Texas for Washington D.C. where he resigned his commission with the U.S. Army.

Feb 13, 1836

A massive winter storm struck Gen. Santa Anna's army as they continued their march toward San Antonio. Many of the soldiers died in the wet, cold storm.

Feb 14, 1943

The Childress Army Air Field was opened.

Feb 14, 1854

The first telegraph office in Texas was opened in Marshall by the Texas and Red River Telegraph Company.

Feb 14, 1830

Anti-slavery Mexican President Guerrero was executed by firing squad following the Mexican Revolution.

Feb 15, 1877

The Northwest Texas Cattle Raisers Association was formed in Graham.

Feb 15, 1836

Texan scouts slowed Gen. Santa Anna's army by burning large areas of grassland that he had counted on for animal forage.

Feb 16, 1861

Robert E. Lee arrived in San Antonio from Fort Mason. Rebel troops held his baggage until he swore allegiance to the Confederacy. Lee never recovered his luggage.

Feb 16, 1836

Gen Santa Anna continued to move northward toward San Antonio. he sent Gen. Jose Urrea's army northward from Matamoros toward San Patricio and Goliad.

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USDA Rural Development Invites Applications For Rural Infrastructure Loans and Grants

USDA Rural Development Under Secretary Thomas C. Dorr recently invited applications for six programs to help small towns and rural residents finance infrastructure improvements.

The six programs under which applications are being accepted are:
 * Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program * Public Television Digital Conversion Grant Program * Community Connect Grant Program * High Energy Cost Grant Program * Revolving Fund Grant Program * Household Water Well Grant Program.

The Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant program was created to improve access to education and medical services through the use of technology.

The Digital Public Television grant program provides funding to help rural public television stations install the digital transmission equipment that must be in place by February 17, 2009. Digital Public TV grants also may be used for engineering and environmental studies associated with the transition to digital television.

The Community Connect Grant Program provides grants to telecommunications providers and municipalities to finance the installation of broadband service in rural communities where broadband is least likely to be available.

The High Energy Cost Grant Program provides grants for the acquisition, construction or improvement of energy generation, transmission or distribution facilities in communities where the average residential cost for home energy exceeds 275 percent of the national average.

The Revolving Fund Grant Program provides funds to non-profit entities for loans to finance predevelopment costs for water and wastewater projects, or for short-term capital projects that are not part of the regular operation and maintenance of current water systems.

The Household Water Well System Grant Program helps individuals finance the cost of household water wells. Funds can be used to upgrade or replace water well systems and to increase the awareness of standard drinking water systems in communities.

For further details about eligibility rules and application procedures, see the January 28, 2008, *Federal Register*.

Vote Online For New General Issue Texas License Plate

AUSTIN - For the first time in the Lone Star state's history, Texans can vote online for a new general-issue license plate.

From noon Monday, February 4, until noon the following Monday, February 11, Texans can go to www.txdot.gov to vote for one of four new license plate designs or to keep the current general-issue plate.

All of the plates feature the state name on the top and "The Lone Star State" on the bottom. They are divided into four categories, a representation of how Texans see the state:

* Traditional Texas. The plate features blue highlights with a gold Lone Star, and bold, red "TEXAS."

* Lone Star Texas. A white Lone Star stands out in the top, left-hand corner of the plate. Wide brushes of red and blue punctuate the Texas sky on the top half of the plate along with a low-lying mountain range on the bottom.

* Natural Texas. The entire plate is covered with wildflowers.

* New Texas. This red, white and blue plate features a composite of modern landmark buildings from several Texas cities.

* My Texas. This is the current general-issue license plate that was introduced in 2000. It features icons of the state, including a horse, space shuttle, and oil derrick.

All of the plate designs were created by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

"We're excited that the internet makes it possible for Texans to help choose the next general-issue license plate," said Rebecca Davio, director of Vehicle Titles and Registration, the TxDOT division that oversees the manufacturing of the state's license plates.

Even if Texans choose the current plate design, they will see something new in early 2009 when the state changes to seven-character, alpha-numeric plate patterns.

"By the end of this year, we will be out of license plate combinations for the three letters and three numbers that we currently put on the general-issue plate," Davio said. "Because we need to change the plate, we thought it was the perfect time to invite Texans to participate in a design selection."

By law, the Texas Transportation Commission must give final approval to any new general-issue plate design. If Texans select the current plate design, no further action is needed by the commission.



Annual Prescribed Burn Workshop to Be Held At The Matador Wildlife Management Area

Prescribed fire is an important habitat management tool for wildlife as well as livestock. Here's an opportunity to learn more about prescribed burning and get the experience and confidence to carry out the practice without technical assistance. Come join us for our annual Prescribed Burning Workshop! The Matador Wildlife Management Area will be hosting a workshop on prescribed burning on Tuesday, February 26, 2008. The Matador WMA is located approximately 8 miles north of Paducah or 22 miles south of Childress on Highway 83 and 2.5 miles west on FM 3256.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.. Weather permitting; most of the day will be hands-on field demonstrations and firing techniques with a few classroom presentations in the morning. Presentation topics will include Prescribed Burning and Vegetative Responses, Implementing Burn Plans to Maximize Wildlife Benefit, and Planning a Prescribed Burn. The workshop will end at approximately 4 p.m.

Space is limited to 50 people, so please preregister by February 19, 2008. You can register by calling Diana Mayo or Kory Perlichek, Matador WMA at 806-492-3405. cost of the workshop is \$15 per person, which includes refreshment and lunch. Participant can earn Continuing Education Units (CEU's) by attending the workshop.

Caprock SWCD Now Taking Orders For Spring Trees

Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District is currently taking orders for windbreak and larger trees. Tree seedlings will be offered from Texas Forest Service, but hardwood trees are limited in varieties and wildlife packets are not available this year.

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A minimum order is required on the seedlings orders. There is no minimum on the larger trees. The earlier you order, the better chance you have of getting the varieties you want. Many of the trees will be sold out in a short time.

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