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City Council Moves Forward With Improvements For Quitaque

On Monday, January 13, 2003 the Quitaque City Council held their monthly meeting. Mayor Roland Hamilton called the meeting to order, present were Council members Randy Stark, Phil Barefield, Janice Henson, and Arnold Castillo, Rhonda Farmer was absent. Also present were Maria Cruz, Walter Skinner, Kevin Mosley, auditor and Gary LaDuke representative of South Plains Waste in Olton.

During public comment the Council was informed of the upcoming presentation for the water tower grant that will take place in February. Next Council member Castillo discussed the repairs that had been done to the City Park fence and discussed more work that needed to be done in the near future. Council member Barefield informed the Council that the ten county co-op meeting scheduled for January 15 had been canceled and would be rescheduled at a later date. The Council was informed that a meeting was scheduled for Friday, January 17 at 9 a.m. with TxDOT to discuss projects dealing with possible highway and sidewalk work and the Ozark Monument believed to be buried under the blinking light on Main Street.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. No Library report was available. The Ambulance report was presented, with three runs reported since last regular meeting. The Council was also informed that the computer for reporting trauma reports to the state was up and running.

Skinner reported that the hose and nozzles approved for purchase through grant funds from the Texas Forestry Service had been ordered and partial order had been delivered to the Fire Department. The Council was also informed the Fire Department would be hosting a cloud spotter's class on March 9th at the Community Center for all area departments.

Next on the agenda was Gary LaDuke with South Plains Waste. He informed the Council that they will be purchasing Superior Sanitation by the first of February and would like the opportunity to serve Quitaque under the remaining seventeen months left on the contract with Superior. He also stated he would like the Council to consider a future five year contract with his company. The Council informed Mr. LaDuke of the City's interest in providing their own service in conjunction with Turkey. After much discussion Council member Barefield made a motion that Cruz pursue a Waste Management Program for the City of Quitaque. This motion passed unanimously.

The City Auditor, Kevin Mosley, presented and reviewed the City's audit for FY01-02, he delivered a good report to the City.

The Council then discussed a dump truck now available for sale by Gary Chandler. After discussing the truck and its condition at length a motion was made by Council member Stark to purchase the truck. This motion passed unanimously.

The Council discussed the possibility of including Martin Luther King Jr Day a City holiday. This motion passed and the date was added to the City's holiday list.

Sim's Pest Control presented an estimate of \$300 for termite eradication at the Community Center. A motion passed unanimously to have this work done.

The West Texas Utilities contract was tabled for next meeting, when more information will be presented. After review and payment of monthly bills the meeting was adjourned.

Sen. Robert Duncan Honored By Committee Assignments

Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, is pleased to accept committee assignments announced recently by Lt. Governor David Dewhurst.

"I am honored by our new lieutenant governors' faith in my abilities, and I will work hard for the people of Senate District 28 and Texans statewide," Duncan said.

Duncan was named chairman of the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence and the Senate Subcommittee of Agriculture. Dewhurst also charged Duncan with memberships on the Senate committees on Finance, Natural Resources and State affairs.

This will be the third session Duncan has served on Finance. He has served as acting chairman of the committee on Natural Resources, and this will be his second time to be chairman for Agriculture.

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Final Availability Date For Peanut Loans And LDP's

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 provides for the 2002 through 2007 crop years peanut marketing assistance plans and LDP's be made available to eligible producers who produce and harvest peanuts.

Eligible producers who produce and harvest peanuts can request a 9 month marketing assistance loan or agree to forgo the loan to obtain the LDP.

The final date to apply for either loan or LDP for 2002 crop peanuts is Friday, January 31, 2003. All producers interested in either a loan or LDP must apply at the County Office by this date.

Area Teen Picked As Student Ambassador To United States

Tara Shane Smith, sixteen year old daughter of Debra and Mickey Smith of Silverton and granddaughter of Lavana Cruse of Turkey has been picked by the People To People Ambassador Program to be a student ambassador to the United States and will be traveling to England, Ireland, and Wales this summer for an exciting, fun filled three weeks. Tara is a member of the Briscoe County 4-H and Hess School of Dancing. Some of her achievements are Who's Who Among American High School Students - 2002 and Student Ambassador Delegation - 2003. Tara is home schooled. Her future plans are to attend college and major in Zoology and Forensics-Crime Scene Investigation.

Dwight D. Eisenhower stated, "The people want peace. Indeed, I believe they want peace so badly that the governments will just have to step aside and let them have it." Eisenhower believed that the only way to prevent another conflict after WWII was to build international understanding on one person at a time. This belief inspired him to call a special conference of 100 American civic leaders. He asked these civilian leaders to help him start a program called "People To People" which would put ordinary American citizens in contact with citizens from other lands. He believed that people could find common ground if they visited each other's homes, schools, and communities. This knowledge would eliminate the misunderstandings, misperceptions, and suspicions born from fear of things unknown. Since that time in 1963 thousands of students have went forth as Student Ambassadors forging new friendships and helping promote understanding among communities of varied backgrounds.

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HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED A Salute To Local Veterans



Otho R. Stubbs

Otho Stubbs entered the Armed Forces on March 13, 1942. After attending basic training at Camp Cooke, California, Otho served with the U.S. Armored Infantry.

He went overseas on February 25, 1943 and served in the European Theatre of Operations. He was involved in engagements in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. Otho received the following decorations during his service, Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Bronze Star.

He returned to the United States on October 12, 1945 and was given an Honorable Discharge on October 21, 1945 at Fort Bliss, Texas. He achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant after serving a total of forty five months.



Leroy Stone

Leroy Stone entered the Armed Forces in January 1945. After induction at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, he went to Camp Maxey in Paris, Texas for basic training. After basic training, he boarded a transport ship out of San Francisco as part of a 15 ship convoy carrying soldiers destined for the push into Japan. After 3 days at sea, the ships were notified that Japan had surrendered, but that those on board would continue so that the troops already overseas could come home.

Scheduled to join his brother, Cecil in Luzon, he was instead shipped to Leyte. On Leyte, he was a part of the group that dismantled the accumulated war materials and cared for the Japanese prisoners of war. From there, he was transferred to the 20th Air Force and moved to the island of Guam to continue the same operations. After completion of these tasks, he was transported to California, and discharged in Texas.

Calendar Of Events

- January 31**
* Valley vs Groom, there @ 6:30 p.m. VG,VB
- February 1**
*Turkey Jamboree @ 7 p.m.
- * Valley Jr High Basketball Tournament Begins
- February 2**
*Groundhog Day
- February 3**
* Quitaque Lions Club meeting
- *Valley Jr High vs Spur, here @ 5 p.m. G,B
- *Valley Jr High vs Nazareth, here @ 7 p.m. G
- February 4**
*Valley vs Silverton, here @ 5 p.m. JVB
- *Valley vs Samnorwood, here @ 6:30 p.m. VG,VB
- *Quitaque Masonic Lodge meeting @ 7 p.m.
- *Quitaque Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 6:15 p.m.
- *Turkey Fire Department meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- February 6**
*Highway 70 Association meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- *WIC Office open in Silverton 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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 Valentine's Party 8:00 P.M. February 14th
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Groundhog Day Sunday, February 2

Caprock Partners Foundation Look Forward To Upcoming Year

The Caprock Partners Foundation met for their annual membership meeting on Thursday, January 23 at the Quitaque Community Center.

Members and guests were served chili, stew, cornbread and cobbler. Members came from Lubbock, Canyon, Plainview, Silverton and Nacogdoches as well as local members and directors.

Chairman Bill Smith presented a talk about the organization and what it means to Caprock Canyons State Park. He also gave a brief overview of the activities of the past year of what the Foundation has done to help the Park. Bill also told of the changes at the Park during 2002. Due to the departure of Austin Veih, Deanna Oberheu was appointed to become the assistant park manager, Arnold Castillo retired during the year as well as Twila Clark, Clyde Dudley was named as lead ranger, DeDe Payne became office manager, and Dennis Farley was hired to fill the job that Clyde Dudley had previously held.

On display for guests were pictures and a model of the new visitors center that is in the works for the future at Caprock Canyons State Park.

Many door prizes were given to guests during the evenings activities.

New directors were elected to fill the three openings for directors. The newly elected directors were Donna Hamilton and Todd Oberheu, and Bill Smith was reelected.

Following the election of the new directors, officers for the upcoming year were voted on. The group voted for the officers to remain the same, Bill Smith, president, Wilburn Leeper, vice president; Jana Guest, secretary; and Jim Davidson, treasurer.

New memberships for the upcoming year of 2003 are still being taken, if you wish to join this worthy cause, ask at the First National Bank and someone there can help you.

Great artist
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THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM...
BY: LAURA TAYLOR

It's time to sit back for a few minutes, kick off your shoes and relax with a couple giggles, you'll feel so much better after you do. Take a deep breath, relax and let your break begin!

- * If the pen is mightier than the sword, and a picture is worth a thousand words, how dangerous is a fax?
- * Why do banks charge you a "non-sufficient funds" fee on money they already know you don't have?
- * If you get cheated by the Better Business Bureau, who do you complain to?
- * In a country of free speech, why are there phone bills?
- * How come there aren't B batteries?
- * Why do black olives come in cans and green olives come in jars?
- * If I melt dry ice, can I take a bath without getting wet?
- * Crime doesn't pay...does that mean that my job is a crime?
- * Do you realize how many holes there could be if people would just take the time to take the dirt out of them?
- * What happens to an 18 hour bra after 18 hours?
- * If your car says dodge on the front of it, do you really need a horn?
- * Is a halfback more valuable than a quarterback?
- * Is drilling for oil boring?
- * Is it OK to use the AM radio in the afternoon?
- * Is the nose the scenter of the face?
- * Sexual harassment at work-is it a problem for the self employed?
- * If tin whistles are made out of tin, what do they make fog horns out of?
- * Where are the germs that cause good breath?
- * Why are hemorrhoids called "hemorrhoids" instead of "asteroids"?
- * Why do we kill people for killing people to show that killing is wrong?
- * Have you ever imagined a world with no hypothetical situations?
- * Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?
- * Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?
- * Borrow money from pessimists - they don't expect it back.
- * 42.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- * The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- * When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- * Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- * A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory. And remember if everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something! Have a good week. :)

Cruse Appointed As Hall County Historical Commission Chairperson

The Hall County Commissioners Court met on Monday January 13, 2003 with County Judge Jacky Martin, Commissioner Pct 1 Milton Beasley, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 2 Terry Lindsay, Commissioner Pct. 3 Buddy Logsdon, Commissioner Pct. 4 James Fuston, and Raye Bailey County Clerk present.

In the first order of business the Court approved recommendations presented by the County Treasurer, Janet Bridges for the transfer of funds amounting to \$5,000 to the equipment line item and \$1,000 to the emergency line item inadvertently left off of the Road & Bridge Report. Then monthly reports presented by the Treasurer, Sheriff, Road & Bridge, Tax A/C, Hall County Tax Appraisal District, Clerk and both J.P.'s were approved. Next all monthly bills were paid.

Judge Martin then reported that he had appointed Tom Harrison as Steering Committee Chairman on Courthouse Improvements. Next the report on fiscal year October 2001 through September 2002 presented by Gordon D. Maddox, C.P.A. was approved by the Court.

Don Reeves from Jackson Supply addressed the Court and discussed restoration of the Courthouse floors. He stated the County would only have to purchase the supplies and Jackson Supply would train the custodian on how to use them. Also Captain Pena was present and discussed the possibility of the use of prisoners in helping, if everything could be worked out as far as transportation was concerned. Next John Keihl with PRPC presented an update on the 78th Legislature and the Courthouse Renovation Grant.

Shirley Foster was hired as temporary help in the County Judge's office while Helen Crissen is on leave of absence. Also Marion Bownds was hired retroactive to January 1, 2003 as temporary help in the Treasurer's office. Commissioners Beasley and Logsdon were appointed to check on the prices of a haul truck and report back at the next meeting. The Court also gave Judge Martin the authority to hire another custodian for 27 hours a week with a 6 month probation period. No action was taken on the gift of property from the Weatherly Community at this time.

The Court accepted the resignation of Cleatus and Joan Lebow as Chairpersons of the Hall County Historical Commission and appointed Lawana Cruse as Chairperson. The meeting was adjourned at the conclusion of this business.

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OBITUARIES

Johanna Robertson

Johanna Robertson, age 64, of Brownwood and formerly of Quitaque, died Sunday morning, January 26, 2003 at a San Angelo hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 29 at the First United Methodist Church in Early with the Rev. John Beckling officiating. Burial followed in the Eastlawn Memorial Park.

She was born December 28, 1938 in Houston, the daughter of the late Paul Wellington and Vera Elizabeth George. She graduated from high school in Houston and later graduated with a B.S. degree from the University of Houston.

She dedicated her life to children and taught in public schools for over 33 years. She taught at Tuscola, Buffalo Gap, Lawn, Quitaque, Bastrop, Houston, Lockhart, Bandera, and Spring. Following her retirement, she continued to volunteer, helping with an early reading program.

She was married to Marquis Robertson on July 16, 1971 in Houston, and had been a resident of Brownwood since 1983 moving from Abilene and was formerly of Quitaque.

She is survived by her husband, Marquis of Brownwood, two daughters Michelle Helms of Early and Elise Miller of Golden City, MO, and 6 grandchildren.

Leo Comer

Services for Leo Comer were held Monday, January 27, 2003 at the Church of Christ in Silverton with Rance Young officiating. Burial followed in the Silverton Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Silverton.

Leo died Sunday, January 26, 2003. He was born August 8, 1918 in Lockney. He married Willene Bomar on November 1, 1941, she passed away in 1985. He married Neva Welch, who also preceded him in death.

Leo was a Sergeant in the 616th Army Clearing Company serving as a Medic in northern Africa, Italy and France during WWII. He farmed in Silverton for 50 years. He was a member of the Silverton Church of Christ.

Survivors include: a daughter, Camellia Comer of Mesquite; three sons, Buddy and Kelly both of Lubbock and Larry of Silverton, twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. and a close friend, Edith Marrs.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- January 30**
Keith Beavers, Rebecca Ramos, Shay Seymour, Danielle Nicole Fuston
- January 31**
Madison Meyer, Nicholas Yorston, Jon Davidson, Teresa Williams
- February 1**
Joe Ike Clay, Ross Proctor
- February 2**
Dee Whittington, Kay Eudy
- February 3**
Betty House
- February 4**
Andrew Rodriguez, Stephen Ortiz
- February 5**
Jasmine Adams, Janice Wheeler
- February 6**
Jayson Payne



- January 31**
Mr & Mrs Louis Randell
- February 2**
Mr & Mrs Rick Fuston
- February 4**
Mr & Mrs Weldon Griffin
Mr & Mrs Ikie Gilbert
- February 5**
Mr & Mrs Don House
Mr & Mrs Jeff Fuston
- February 6**
Mr & Mrs Patrick Jenkins

John Morris

Services for John Morris, 89, of Tulia were held Saturday, January 25, 2003 at First United Methodist Church in Tulia. The Rev. Rob Lindley officiated the service.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

John died Tuesday, January 21, 2003 in Fort Worth.

He was born November 4, 1913, in Flomot. He was born and attended schools in Flomot. He married Irene Merritt on December 22, 1934. He was a civilian aircraft mechanic during World War II.

He moved to Tulia in 1952. He worked for Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Co. in Tulia for 17 years. He retired as a farmer. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Tulia before moving to Keller.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Jana McDermott of Keller and Kay Harper of Derby, Kansas; two sons, Eddie of San Antonio and Don of Hurst; a sister, Dilley Garrett of Plainview; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

TURKEY TALK

Louis and Oleta Randell were in Childress Wednesday, then Thursday they were in Amarillo to be with Oleta's nephew, Mac Henderson. Mac was having surgery. Friday night they visited in the home of Joan and Maebelle Francis, of Silverton. Saturday a.m. they were in Floydada attending the funeral of a long time friend and co-worker Cliff Linadey.

Belle Davis, Nadine Bavis, Marie Cruse, Lawana Cruse and Oleta Randell attended the Jamboree in Abernathy Saturday night.

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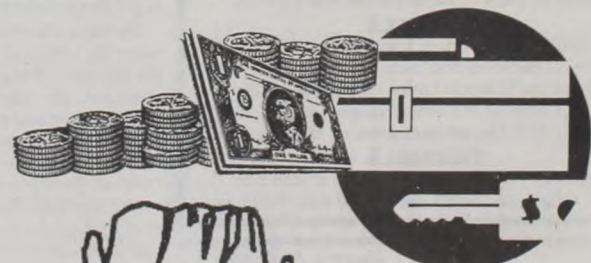
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FLOMOT NEWS

BY: EARLYNE JAMESON

OVERHEARD

On his wife's penchant for clipping and saving recipes, her husband says she's got the world's greatest collection of uncooked recipes!

Honored On 98th Birthday

Mrs. C.W. Starkey was honored on her 98th birthday Sunday, January 24th with a family luncheon and party Sunday afternoon in her home. She was presented two decorated cakes that was served with punch.

Those attending the celebration were Mrs. Phylis Gladson of Austin; Mrs. Bobbi Hanna of Warner, Okla.; Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood, Okla.; Mrs. Ersie VanCleave and Shelly of Dougherty; Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd T. Starkey of Ralls; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cypert and James Cypert of Lockney; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weaver of Olton and Mrs. Jometa McLain of Hart.

Donna Hale and James Walker of Dickens; Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid and Christina and Jamie Browder of Amarillo; Mrs. Jackie Davis and Michael of Fritch; Lee Ann Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Monte George and Chad, Tiffany and Lexie Hough of Lubbock; Wanda and Dwayne Poteet of Aspermont.

Mr. and Mrs. John Starkey of Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Starkey of Abilene; Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Mulder of South Plains; Johnnie Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot.

Mrs. Coy (Connie) Franks was in Lubbock during the week to be with her son, Cary Franks who had surgery on a foot he injured in an accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington were in Lubbock, Thursday January 30 for him laser eye surgery.

Tom Ross visited in Lubbock, Tuesday with Mrs. Ruth Williams. When returning home he was hospitalized in Mangold Hospital in Lockney with pneumonia where he was a patient until Friday. He received additional medical tests and treatment at the V.A. Clinic in Childress. His wife, Aleda is receiving out patient medical care for a cold virus.

Cory Kendall, Connor and Chancey of Midland visited the weekend with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jacob and Jere.

Leah Cruse of Lubbock visited the weekend with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Derrick.

Mary Ellen Barton joined Marisue Potts and Ralph Powell of Floydada and Mrs. Judy Renfro of Matador for lunch Friday in Matador.

Mrs. Julie Whitaker visited from Friday until Sunday in Sterling City in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mackey McEntire. They celebrated the birthday of her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Sallie McEntire of San Angelo, Saturday night.

Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney and her sister and husband, T rula and Wilburn Martin enjoyed entertainment in Amarillo, Monday.

Gwen and Tim Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock visited Saturday with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Family members attending the funeral services of John Morris held Saturday morning in Tulia were Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador, daughter and family, Mrs. Jolie Beam, Jacey and Jaylin of Munday and son, Clay Ewing of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, son, Larry Clay of Flomot and daughter, Mrs. Julie Edwards of Turkey; Mrs. Geneva Martin and daughter, Mrs. Kathy Shorter of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday attending to business at the Veteran's Hospital. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid and Christina and en route home, visited in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter met daughter and son, Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville in Plainview Saturday afternoon. Brian returned home with her and visited overnight. His mother visited Sunday and accompanied him home.

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Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

It's already the end of January and our coldest winter days are just ahead. What better way for a Texan to warm up than with a big, steaming bowl of homemade chili. Everyone has a favorite chili recipe, but here are some different ones to try. Each has its own special taste, and you might find a new favorite!

CREAMY WHITE CHILI
1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1/2" cubes
1 medium onion, chopped
1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
1 Tablespoon vegetable oil
2 cans (15-1/2 oz. each) great northern beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (14-1/2 oz.) chicken broth
2 cans (4 oz. each) chopped green chilies
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 cup sour cream
1/2 cup whipping cream

In a large saucepan, saute chicken, onion, and garlic powder in oil until chicken is no longer pink. Add beans, broth, chilies and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered for 30 minutes. Remove from the heat; stir in sour cream. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

COWPOKE CHILI
1 pound ground beef
1 onion, chopped
1 garlic clove, minced
1 can (10-1/2 oz.) condensed beef broth, undiluted
1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
1 can (6 oz.) tomato paste
1 can (15-1/2 oz.) pinto beans
1 can (15 oz.) black beans, rinsed and drained
2 Tablespoons sugar
1 Tablespoon butter
1 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon dried comino
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
Dash of cayenne pepper

In a large saucepan, cook beef, onion, and garlic over medium heat until meat is no longer pink. Stir in broth, tomato sauce and paste until blended. Add the next 10 ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

BOLD BEAN AND PORK CHILI

1 pork shoulder or butt roast (4-5 pounds) trimmed and cut into 3/4 inch cubes
3 Tablespoons olive oil
2 large onions, chopped
8 garlic cloves, minced
4 cans (14-1/2 oz. each) chicken broth
1 can (28 oz.) crushed tomatoes
2/3 cup chili powder
3 Tablespoons ground comino
4-1/2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons cayenne pepper
4 cans (15 oz. each) black beans, rinsed and drained
In a Dutch oven, saute pork in oil until no longer pink; drain. Add onions; cook and stir for 3 minutes. Add garlic; cook 2 minutes longer. Stir in the broth, tomatoes, and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 1 hour, stirring frequently. Skim fat; stir in beans. Simmer 30 minutes longer or until chili reaches desired thickness. Serves 15.

For the next two weeks, I'll give you some ideas for Valentine's goodies for your sweeties. Remember friends and relatives in the service anywhere in the world; they need to know they are appreciated in these dangerous times. May God continue to BLESS AMERICA!

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- TXism: "slapped ___ new hat size" (hit hard)
- ___ and reel
- This Lionel was head of TX education, now dean at San Diego State
- TXism: "turn about fair play"
- TXism: "table grazed"
- TXism: "he uses barbed wire for floss" (tough)
- TXism: "___ phoo water" (perfume)
- Southwest Airlines CEO Herb
- Southwest usually has the lowest
- heavy colorless gas
- TXism: "so ___ melts my ear wax" (loud)
- TXism for "you all"
- TXism: "he ___ stamped"
- (brave)
- Bean was 1st TXN to walk ___
- difficult events -
- ex-Cowboy line-man Lilly (init.)
- "FU" of "SNAFU" (clean version)
- TXism: "___ on the hoof" (hog)
- anger
- TXism: "___ up" (won't talk)
- "shop ___ you drop"
- Ranger WWI oil: "The Boom That Won ___"
- big east TX lake in 3 counties

DOWN

- TXism: he ___ short arms and deep pockets"
- up-to-date
- wash lightly
- co. started by TX Perot
- San Antonio AM
- TXism: "that ___ won't hunt" (disagree)
- utility so. of the border: Comision Federal ___
- ___ Paso
- Astro leag. (abbr.)
- San Antonio event: ___
- Gras ___
- TXism: "active as a fox in ___ house"
- made a loan
- no discomfort
- Dallas news AM
- most TXns prefer chocolate at ___
- Basin ___
- assn. for "geezer" TXns (abbr.)
- 21 she was TX John Connally's wife
- TXism: "he's ___ spring chicken"
- TXism: "put ___ tallow" (gain weight)
- TX Lynda was an ___ agent on TV's "Mission Impossible"
- relieve pain
- 26 Lorrie Morgan's "I Guess ___ To Be There"
- bird toenail
- 31 first name of 29-across
- 34 this TX White was 1st to walk in space (init.)
- 35 Buchanan ___ TX
- 37 rattlesnake grasper
- 40 Orange, TX FM
- 43 TXism: "got as much to ___ as hibernating bear"
- 44 aviator Amelia
- 50 certain golf tournaments
- 51 TXism: "dot the 's' and cross the ___"

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Valley School News

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Menu Subject To Change Monday, February 3

Breakfast: Waffles, Syrup, Bacon, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Meat & Cheese Nachos, Salad, Pinto Beans, Fruit Cobbler, Milk

Tuesday, February 4

Breakfast: Oatmeal, Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Chicken Strips, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

Wednesday, February 5

Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Pigs in a Blanket, French Fries, Carrot Sticks, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, February 6

Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Beef Stew, Cheese Toast, Crackers, Orange Slices, Milk

Friday, February 7

Breakfast: French Toast, Sausage, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Pizza, Carrot Sticks, French Fries, Fruit, Milk

Lady Patriots Defeat Silverton, Lose To Hedley

Friday night the Lady Pats traveled to Silverton to take on the always tough Lady Owls. The first quarter saw Valley take a 16-10 lead. Silverton fought back to tie the score at 29 by halftime. The end of the third quarter saw Silverton take a 46-45 lead. The Lady Pats responded with a big 22 point 4th quarter to take a 67-60 victory. The loss knocks the Lady Owls out of the playoff race and moves Valley to within one victory of locking up their first playoff spot in 9 years.

Natalie Wheeler led all scorers with 34 points and 8 rebounds, Katherine Pigg followed with 14 points and 16 rebounds, and also had several blocked shots. Others scoring were Chelsea Wheeler with 7, Scarlett Sperry - 4, Amanda Roys - 4, and Enequina Valdez - 4.

Tuesday night the Lady Pats took on the #1 ranked Hedley Lady Owls. Valley posted one of their better defensive efforts of the year, holding Hedley to their season low of 62 points. The Lady Pats however, could never find their groove offensively and finished with 37 points.

Natalie Wheeler had 13 points, Natasha Ramos - 6, Katherine Pigg - 5, Amanda Roys - 3, Larrisa Payne - 3, and Scarlett Sperry had 4. The Lady Pats next travel to Groom Friday to take on the Lady Tigers.

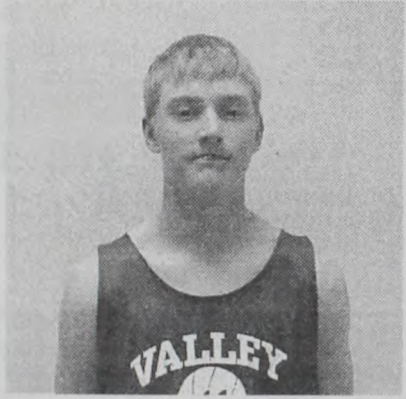
Local FFA & 4-H Members To Exhibit Top Animals At 2003 Houston Livestock Show

The Houston Livestock Show will make its debut in Reliant Center in 2003, and 21 FFA members from Valley School are among the thousands of Texas youth who are planning to take part. The 2003 Houston Livestock Show runs from February 27 to March 16 at Reliant Park.

Valley FFA members planning to show livestock at this event are Chancy Campbell, Macy Davidson, Mary Kate Davidson, Molly Davidson, Fannin Gwinn, Jacob Hancock, Jordan Jenkins, Kristen Jenkins, Leigh Ann Nielson, Douglas Payne, Laura Payne, Justin Pigg, Jessie Price, Payton Price, Brady Ramsey, Madelyn Ramsey, Zachary Ramsey, Bryce Reagan, Scarlett Sperry, Cody Varnell and Cliff Yeary.

Lord, we know what we are,
but know not what we may be.
—William Shakespeare, Hamlet

"PATRIOT SPIRIT" STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Chase Maynard

Chase Maynard is a 16 year old Junior at Valley High School. Chase is the son of Danny and Kristi Maynard of Quitaque. Chase excels academically. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is a regular name on the Valley High School Honor Role. As an active Patriot, Chase has excelled in Football, Basketball and Track. Chase has been a valuable member of the Valley Patriot Football Team whose record is 21 and 3 for the past two seasons. Chase is also a vital member of the Valley High School varsity basketball team this year.

Chase is a active member of the Valley FFA. He has been chosen the high individual many times in FFA judging activities. Chase was chosen for this recognition because of his outstanding work ethic and his cooperative and pleasant attitude. He is truly an "All Around Great Guy" and we are very proud to recognize him.

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Last Week In Texas History!

Jan. 17, 1821
Colonization contract awarded to Moses Austin: first Anglo-American colonization contract to be implemented in Texas.

Jan. 17, 1874
Reconstruction declared ended in Texas when President Grant refused to send troops to Austin to oppose the election of a Democratic governor

Jan. 19, 1857
Colonel Robert E. Lee passed his fiftieth birthday while on duty with the US Army at Fort Brown.

Jan. 20, 1798
Anson Jones, last President of the Republic of Texas, born in Massachusetts; died January 7, 1858.

Jan. 20, 1891
Governor James Stephen Hogg inaugurated; first Texan to be elected governor.

Jan. 21, 1861
Legislature convened in Austin to debate secession.

Jan. 21, 1879
Governor Oran M. Roberts inaugurated his pay-as-you-go policy.

Texas Senate Week In Review

Austin (Jan 17, 2003) - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn warned Monday that there will be \$7.4 billion fewer dollars available to the upcoming 78th Legislature. Included in that number is a \$1.8 billion shortfall for this fiscal year 2003 ending August 31. Figuring in \$2.5 billion for teachers health insurance and Health and Human Services funding for the next two years, this leaves the Legislature with a total shortfall of \$9.9 billion if it wants to meet the obligations of the remainder of this fiscal year and complete a new biennial budget maintaining current programs and obligations.

Tuesday, January 14, 2003, the 31 Texas Senators, accompanied by their family and friends, convened to start the 140-day 78th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature. The 31 Senators randomly drew lots to determine who will serve a 2-year term and who will serve for 4 years. Due to redistricting, this process was necessary to ensure that there cannot be a Legislature entirely made of Freshmen.

Immediately following the second day's session of the 78th Legislature, Lieutenant Governor-Elect David Dewhurst held a press conference to discuss the budget situation. He is confident that they will be able to balance the budget, keep taxes low, and address other challenges, such as school finance reform. He promised not to reduce essential services that the people of Texas need and deserve and to provide these services more efficiently and economically.

Thursday, the Senators passed Senate Resolution 12, paying tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and honored the great civil rights leader with speeches of their own.

That same day, the Senate made their way to the House of Representatives in a Joint Session to count the votes cast in the election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor and officially declared Rick Perry and David Dewhurst the winners of the election.

Also that day, the Senate adopted the same permanent rules from the 77th Legislature with a few modifications. Bills or resolutions must be submitted by 3 p.m., an hour earlier than the previous rules stated, in order to be placed on the Intent Calendar. Also, a bill or resolution cannot be taken up until it has been posted on the Intent Calendar for two days. Bills may now come out of committee and be presented to the Senate as late as three days before the end of the Session on June 2nd. During the last session, that deadline was 17 days.

Changes were also made to abolish the Special Committee on Redistricting, to add the Committee of Government Organization, the Committee on Infrastructure Development and Security, and the Committee on International Relations and Trade, and to alter the membership of some of the Standing Committees.

The Senate will reconvene Tuesday, January 21, 2003.



L-R: Top - Molly Davidson, Alysa Leal, Jamie Butler, Amy Meeks, Macy Davidson, Savannah Smith. Bottom - Cathy Fierro, Ana Karen Mendoza, Maddie Ramsey, Laura Payne, Mary Kate Davidson, Amber Clay. Front - Ana Iris Valdez. Coach - Stuart Smith.

Valley Jr High Girls Have Great Year

Valley's Jr. High Girls Basketball team won second place in the Lockney Tournament last weekend. A come-from-behind victory against Lockney put them in the finals where they lost by eleven against the Nazareth Swiftettes. They are a talented squad with ten eighth graders and five from seventh. Intense defense and depth along with high percentage shooters make this squad very difficult to beat. They enter the Valley Tournament this weekend as the favorite. Monday, February 3rd, at 5 p.m. is their last game. If they can win these last three games they will be 14-3 on the season. "We are so proud of their accomplishments and are anticipating a team that one day could very well contend for the State Championship," Coach Smith stated.

Immunization Clinics For February

Immunization Clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for February. Protection is against Polio, Diphtheria, Lock Jaw (Tetanus), Whooping Cough (Pertussis), Measles, Rubella, Mumps and HIB (Haemophilus Influenza Type B) and Varicella (Chickenpox).

A charge for vaccination will be assessed based on family income, family size, and the ability of the individual or family to pay, however no one will be turned away if not able to pay. These charges are necessary in order to help defray the cost of keeping the clinics operating.

Immunizations will be available at the Texas Department of Health Office in Tulia at 219 E. 2nd Street on Wednesday, February 12, 2002 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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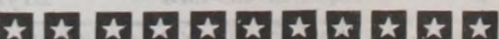
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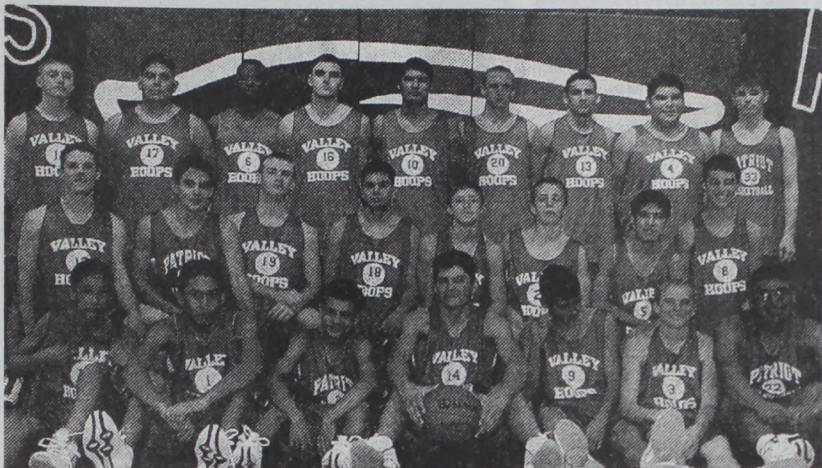


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VALLEY PATRIOTS BASKETBALL

2002 - 2003



VALLEY PATRIOT 2002-2003 J.V. & Varsity Boy's Basketball Team

2002-2003 Valley Basketball Junior High Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Teams
December 9	Patton Springs	Home	5:00	G, B
December 9	Nazareth	Home	7:00	G
December 16	McLean	Away	5:00	G, B
January 6	Olton	Home	5:00	G, B
January 11	Motley County Tournament			G, B
January 13	Silverton	Away	5:00	G, B
January 20	Patton Springs	Away	5:00	G, B
January 27	Silverton	Home	5:00	G, B
February 1	Valley Tournament			G, B
February 3	Spur	Home	5:00	G, B
February 3	Nazareth	Home	7:00	G

Valley Basketball Schedule

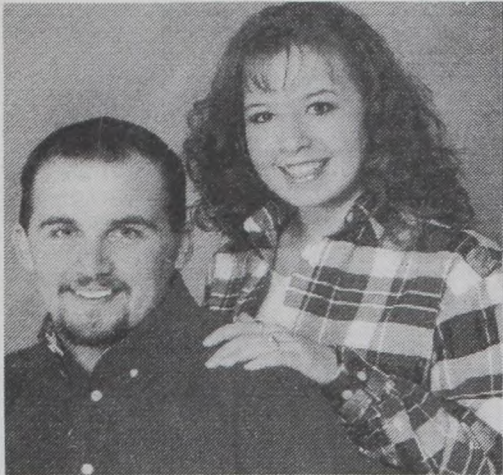
Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Teams
December 5-7	Patton Springs Tournament			VG, VB
December 5-7	Clarendon JV Tournament			JVG, JVB
December 9	Clarendon	Home	8:00	JVB
December 10	Motley County	Away	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
December 12-14	Spur Tournament			VG, VB
December 17	Jayton	Away	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
December 20	Chillicothe	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
December 26-28	Silverton Tournament			VG, VB
December 30	Chillicothe	Away	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
January 3	McLean*	Away	6:30	VG, VB
January 6	Clarendon	Home	7:30	JVB
January 7	Silverton	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
January 10	Hedley*	Away	6:30	VG, VB
January 10	Happy	Away	5:00	JVB
January 14	Groom*	Home	6:30	VG, VB
January 14	Silverton	Away	4:00	JVG, JVB
January 17	Samnorwood*	Away	6:30	VG, VB
January 21	McLean*	Home	5:00	JVB, VG, VB
January 24	Silverton*	Away	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
January 25	Valley Tournament			JVG, JVB
January 28	Hedley*	Home	6:30	VG, VB
January 28	Happy	Home	5:00	JVB
January 31	Groom*	Away	6:30	VG, VB
February 4	Samnorwood*	Home	6:30	VG, VB
February 4	Silverton	Home	5:00	JVB



VALLEY PATRIOT 2002-2003 J.V. & Varsity Girl's Basketball Team

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Ben Pigg & Casey Zybach

Engagement Of Casey Zybach & Ben Pigg Announced

Wayne and Kathy Zybach of Briscoe, TX would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Casey Tennille Zybach to Ben Estes Pigg, son of Clayton and Donna Pigg of Quitaque, TX.

Casey is currently attending school at West Texas A&M in Canyon and is employed at Jostens in Amarillo. Casey's major is in Elementary Education. Ben is also attending school at West Texas A&M in Canyon and is currently employed by Boots n' Jeans in Amarillo. His major is in Agriculture Education.

The couple plan to marry June 6, 2003 at the Whitaker Ranch outside of Canyon. The couple will make their home in Canyon.

Valley Weather Forecast for Next 9 Days

Date	High/Low	%Prec
Thu Jan 30	Partly Cloudy 58°/36°	0%
Fri Jan 31	Hostly Sunny 68°/30°	0%
Sat Feb 01	Partly Cloudy 69°/40°	0%
Sun Feb 02	Partly Cloudy 67°/26°	20%
Mon Feb 03	Mostly Sunny 56°/33°	0%
Tue Feb 04	Partly Cloudy 56°/29°	0%
Wed Feb 05	Partly Cloudy 57°/28°	0%
Thu Feb 06	Partly Cloudy 59°/29°	0%
Fri Feb 07	Partly Cloudy 59°/29°	0%

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Observations On Life From A Fellow Texan
By Bill Sperry

These Terrorists

How can it be that the people of this world have learned nothing about one another and here it is year 2003? Why can't we all live in peace and respect one another, as different as we may be? We all accede to a higher power and in doing that, realize that we are all on a small blue marble in the backwaters of space. Remember when our astronauts beamed back pictures from the moon, how small our Earth looked? It seemed to put things more in perspective with what the Bible teaches. If a disaster were to befall the whole planet, how long would it take for all of us to pull together?

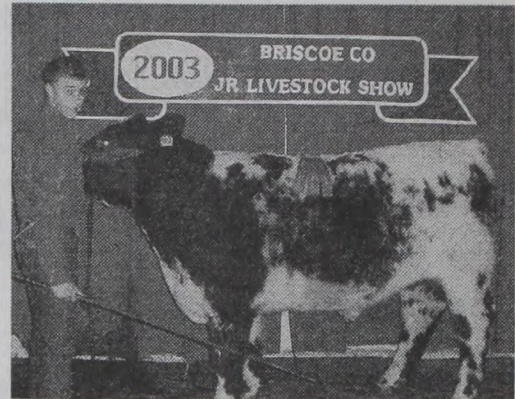
I wish these terrorists could see America for what she is and what she stand for. I know that we have faults, being human, we just do. Perhaps we are resented because we have so much. We are certainly blessed with our natural resources. We've always been front runners in industry and technology. We have natural ports that have been easy for trade to move things that the world needs. We control a major portion of the world's wealth. We have a beautiful country, lots of mountains, rivers, and plains that produce a big portion of the food that the world can use. If it wasn't for politics, we could be feeding the whole world and the thirty five thousand children that are mentioned on TV. wouldn't be starving to death each day. This grieves me. Politics seems like children on a playground, there's always a bully. Someone wanting more than his share, but not wanting to earn it.

This country seems to be like a big oafish kid, just happy to be a part of the whole and wanting to participate in everything. We want to help everyone but get blamed for everything under the sun that goes wrong, on our side of the world or plumb around on the other side. On the playing field of life, we are in the thick of things while the bench warmers, the pine riders, critique every play. Seems everyone wants something to happen, most just watch it happen.

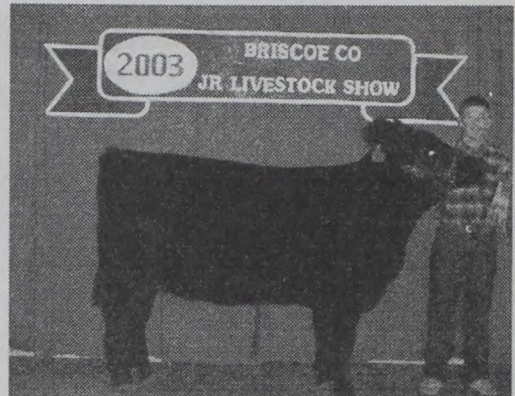
What the rest of the world doesn't seem to understand is that the strength of a country is its people. We are second to none in business and trading. We took lots of hard knocks for some of our knowledge. Since our beginnings, different people have found us to be second to none in one other respect, warriors. I wish it didn't have to come to this but it looks like its going to happen.

Some day this government will be gone as all disappear. How do you think we will be remembered? Myself, I think the world could have done a lot worse. We've tried to right lots of the world's wrongs with one hand while trying to keep our house in order with the other.

Maybe its fourth down and its time to punt it to those other guys and see what they can do with that sucker, what do you think?



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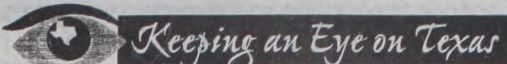
Look Who's New
Baylor Rio Cruse

Baylor Rio Cruse was born January 14, 2003, weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces and 20 1/4 inches long. His proud parents are Brand and Jodi Cruse, and he is welcomed by big brother Branson. Grandparents are Donnie and Judy Cruse of Flo-mot; Tommie Jo Cruse of Flo-mot; Mary E. Pitts of Lovington, NM; Donna Browning of Rising Star; Larry and Paulette Kidd of Clarendon; J.E. and Susie Kidd of Clarendon, and Joe and JoAnn Pfeiffer of Pottsboro, TX.

Blake Thomas Wilhelm
Pat and Sandy Wilhelm are proud to announce the birth of a son, Blake Thomas Wilhelm, born January 14, 2003 weighing 9 pounds, 2 ounces and 22 inches long. Welcoming the new arrival were big sister Berkley, grandparents Bruce and Betty Price of Quitaque and Tom and Andree Wilhelm of Happy.

Proctor & Farley On WTAMU Honor Roll
West Texas A&M University has named more than 1,200 students to honor lists for the fall 2002 semester. Of that total, 346 were named to the President's List and 903 students were named to the Dean's List.
Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.85 or better on a 4.0 scale and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours. Receiving this honor is Mindy M. Proctor of Quitaque, a Junior in Social Work.
Those named to the Dean's list must have a GPA between 3.25 and 3.85 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours. Receiving this honor is Wendell V. Farley of Quitaque, a Sophomore in Computer Science.

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By: Brandon McGinty, CEA-Ag, Briscoe County
Southwest Panhandle Cotton Conference

Cotton producers will have the opportunity to hear the latest information on cotton production and marketing at the Southwest Panhandle Cotton Conference on Friday, February 7, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Hereford Community Center located on West Park Avenue in Hereford. The conference will feature presentations on cotton management, irrigation management, weed control, insect control, GMO cottons, selection of seed treatments, cotton marketing opportunities, cotton fertilization, cotton physiology, controlling herbicide drift, safe handling of pesticides and risk management.

The program will feature presentations by experts from Texas Cooperative Extension, the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station, West Texas A&M University, USDA, and Texas Tech University.

In addition to the presentations, there will be a trade show, displays and poster presentations from agricultural support industries, universities and other organizations. The conference has been approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture for CEU credit for both private, noncommercial and commercial pesticide applicators. The conference has also been approved for CEU credit for Certified Crop Advisors.

Registration fee for the conference is \$5 which covers the noon luncheon, refreshments and handout materials. All persons planning to attend need to contact the Deaf Smith County Texas Cooperative Extension office at 806-364-3573.

Futures And Options Topic At Amarillo Seminar, February 6-7

Putting one more savvy tool into Texas producers' commodities marketing chests is just what the statewide Advanced Topics Seminar Series, a part of the Master Marketer Education System, was designated to do, according to Dr. Steven Amosson, farm management economist with Texas Cooperative Extension in Amarillo.

On Feb. 6-7, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day, one of 10 such seminars being held around the state will come to the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West.

The intensive 'Futures and Options' marketing shortcourse will be offered in a 2 day format to fully prepare producers on using advanced hedging strategies, such as cover calls, spreads, storage hedging, and windows. Significant time will be spent on the pros and cons of each technique, as well as, when it is appropriate to use these tools.

"The ATS course is absolutely more in-depth than the well known Master Marketer training," said Amosson. "As we surveyed our Master Marketer graduates, the average profit increase being reported was around \$25,000, so we know the training sessions have an impact where it counts."

"Marketing these days is far more sophisticated than ever before," Amosson said. "Producers need to understand its acts and interactions to unlock its profits."

Preregistration is required, but time is running short. Classes tend to fill rapidly as the deadline nears, Amosson said. Tuition for the Advanced Topics Series workshop costs \$150 per person, and includes the cost of materials, breaks and lunches. Contact Fran Bretz at 806-677-5600, or stop by any County Extension office to pick up a registration form.

Limited Government; Unlimited Opportunity

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn recently released her biennial e-Texas report that outlines savings and additional revenue of about \$1.7 billion in general revenue funds for the next two-year budget cycle.

The proposals come in light of the fact that between 1990 and 2001 state spending has shot up more than 131 percent while population rose by just 23 percent.

The Comptroller's 179 recommendations to the Legislature, and their corresponding savings during the biennium include:

- Merging the Texas Railroad Commission and the Public Utility Commission — \$12.4 million (and ultimately \$18.5 million annually);
- Privatizing the Aircraft Pooling Board and eliminating the Texas Department of Economic Development — a combined savings of \$24.4 million;
- Consolidating the state's 24 state health and human services-related agencies into five efficient agencies — \$9 million.

The full report can be found at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/etexas2003>

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Carole Keeton Strayhorn (www.window.state.tx.us)

Application Deadline For Federal Farm Program Fast Approaching

Joe Potter, County Executive Director for the Briscoe County Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds area farmers and ranchers to make an appointment to sign up for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP). The deadline to apply for DCP is April 1, 2003. This date is outlined in legislation and no extensions or exceptions will be made.

"The new farm legislation is complex in nature," said Potter. "Maximizing benefits received from these programs will require producers to organize and plan ahead before visiting our offices," he said.

Potter, commented that sign up for DCP is averaging at least one hour per farm. He encourages producers to avoid procrastinating and offers the following advice for preparing for a visit to FSA. If a producer is planning to update bases and yields, Potter encourages using the Base and Yield Analyzer Internet tool available at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/farmbill/tools.asp>. The analyzer assists producers in evaluating a farm's historic data and enables them to make educated decision about their specific operations.

If electing to update yields, producers will be required to provide all production records for 1998-2001. For cash leased land, FSA requires a copy of the lease agreement if available and proof of lease payment. If no written lease agreement is provided, the landowner must sign for zero shares.

Additionally, producers who have dropped, added, purchased, sold or otherwise changed their farming operation need to be prepared to report these changes to the FSA office. Also, producers must certify any 2002 crop plantings or land use changes not previously reported.

"Gathering all necessary documentation and arriving at our office with a general idea of specific farm program goals, will insure accurate program decisions and better use of staff and customer time," said Potter.

For more information about DCP, FSA or the farm bill provisions contact your local FSA office at 806-823-2431.

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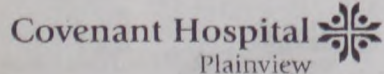
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Disaster Assistance Passes Senate Test

Disaster Amendment approved by the U.S. Senate will provide crop loss assistance to growers, just not in the way they might have expected.

Senate action January 22 saw the approval of a revised Republican disaster assistance plan developed by Senate Agricultural Chairman Thad Cochran (R-MS). The Senate approved the Amendment by a vote of 59-36. The Senate defeated a subsequent attempt to replace the Republican plan with a Democratic alternative that was projected to cost significantly more.

Final approval of the FY03 Omnibus Appropriations Bill occurred late January 23 and puts the fate of the disaster program in the hands of a House-Senate Conference Committee. How the disaster language will fair in the conference is unknown, although Administration support should work in its favor. The key will be whether or not House leaders accept the proposed cuts included in the Senate Budget Bill.

So the big question remains, which plan would have been more beneficial to producers. The Pros and Cons are not all that easy to identify but each proposal had its good and bad points.

Playing a big role in the debate was the fact that only \$2.5 billion was truly available to pay for crop losses covered by a disaster assistance plan.

Plains Cotton Growers members made it very clear that they preferred implementation of a traditional disaster assistance program and that is the message taken to Washington by PCG officers and staff earlier this week.

Several things worked against the approval of a traditional disaster assistance program as offered by Democrats. Among the bigger issues were the higher cost (approximately twice the amount of available funds), a lack of appropriate budget offsets, and the inability of the Farm Service Agency to conduct the sign-up in a timely manner.

The upside of a traditional disaster program to producers would have been better targeting of funds to farms that suffered qualifying losses.

The Republican plan has warts of its own, specifically the broader scope of producers that are eligible to receive funds due to no specific requirement that an actual loss be identified. Residence of an operation in a country designated as a Primary Disaster county is all that is necessary to receive a payment. Producers in all 25 PCG counties are eligible for payments under the program.

Another knock on the Republican plan is that the level of assistance is perceived to be far less than producers need to offset the affects of poor crops in 2001 and/or 2002.

On the plus side for the Republican plan is the fact that assistance can be delivered quickly, payments received will be based on TOTAL direct payments an operation is eligible for under the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act in 2002, and that budget offsets paying for the program were included and appear to satisfy the previous objections of the bush Administration for fiscal responsibility without opening up provisions of the FSRI Act to revision.

So how does the plan approved compare to a traditional disaster program? The answer could surprise people.

The catch for the traditional approach is that the payment amount would have first been reduced to conform to a specific payment limitation (as has been standard procedure in past programs) and then further reduced by an estimated 50 percent pro-rate factor to keep costs in line with available funds. It can be assumed that language requiring a pro-ration of payments would have been insisted on to keep costs within the savings made available through budget offsets.

This means that assuming an \$80,000 payment limitation a producer with a loss that exceeded \$80,000 would have first been cut back to that level and then further reduced by one-half of that amount (assuming a 50 percent pro-rate), down to \$40,000 per entity maximum.

Under the Republican plan a producer who qualifies will be eligible to receive a lump-sum payment equal to approximately 42 percent of the TOTAL direct payments received on all crops for 2002 including ALL enrolled farms, not just farms that had individual losses.

This broadens the pot of payments significantly if other crops or farms did not have losses that would have increased program eligibility under a traditional approach.

All that remains is the completion of the Conference Committee before the program could go into effect.

PCG will continue to work to improve the final plan wherever possible. Key areas to be emphasized include finding ways to further target funds to those that need it the most and working to get higher payment levels to those that had greater than 35 percent losses.

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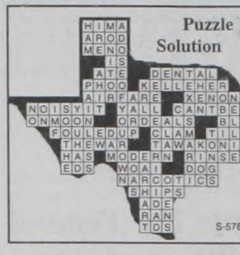
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