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The Quitaque Chamber Of Commerce
 Would Like To Invite
 All Kids 8 Years and Younger
 To An
EASTER EGG HUNT
 SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2002 4 P.M.
 AT
THE STONE MUMUMENT

Mayor Hamilton Announces Quitaque To Get Medical Clinic

The Quitaque City Council met for a Called meeting Monday March 25 at 5 p.m. Mayor Roland Hamilton called the meeting to order with Council members Randy Stark, Phil Barefield, Rhonda Farner, and Arnold Castillo. City Manager Maria Cruz and Walter Skinner were also present.

Mayor Hamilton discussed under public comment the meeting held by the Community Center Development Board. The Board discussed many options for the new Community Center building construction. More information will be gathered for the next meeting. Mayor Hamilton also discussed his visit with Dr Ontai. He reported that Dr. Ontai is ready to open a clinic in Quitaque in the old Thrift Shop building as soon as a few minor repairs are made. The work on the building will hopefully be done as soon as possible and will be done by volunteers from the community.

Next the council opened bids for the Billy Merrell Hotel they were as follows: Marie Cruse - \$1020.00; C. Douglas Bingham - \$1500.00. The Council unanimously accepted the bid from Mr Bingham.

The council again discussed the joint purchase of a machine oilier and packer with the City of Turkey. This item was postponed until next meeting when more information will be available.

The Council unanimously appointed Arlene Hinkle as City Election Judge for the May 4th City election.

The meeting was then adjourned.

COMMUNITY WIDE
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
 SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2002 7:15 A.M.
 AT
**CAPROCK CANYON STATE PARK
 INTREPRETIVE CENTER**
 (BREAKFAST FOLLOWING AT QUITAQUE'S FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH)
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND!

Hall County Veterans Memorial Dedication Plans To Be Big Event

This Saturday, March 30 Hall County will hold a day long celebration to dedicate the Veteran's Memorial on the Courthouse Square in Memphis beginning at 8 a.m.

There will be coffee and donuts at the American Legion Hall in Memphis kicking off the day's events at 8 a.m. There will be plenty of time for visitations with all the Veterans throughout the day. Then a patriotic parade at 10 a.m. including bagpipers from all over the state of Texas, the United States Army Band, the United States Half-Section, the only horse drawn artillery left in the U.S. Military, the Khiva Shrine Clowns from Amarillo, representatives from all branches of the Military including, Army, Air Force, Marines, and the Navy Honor Guards will participate. Horses and riders, antique cars and much more awaits you at the Parade.

The dedication will begin on the Square after the Parade and a wonderful program is lined up to honor our Veterans. Afterwards there will be a free Patriotic Program at the Cyclone Stadium. A reenactment of the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Confederate Air Force's vintage aircraft will be presented. Along with maneuvers demonstration by the Half Section and their cannon.

A concert by the West Texas A&M Choir followed by the U.S. Army's Band performing various Marches.

Hamburgers will be on sale throughout the day for \$5. For more information contact Dedication Chairman Jacky Martin at 806-259-3664.

Run-Off Election Tuesday, April 9
Briscoe County Precincts 2 & 6
 Democrat Polling Place-Quitaque Community Center
 Republican Polling Place-Quitaque Catholic Center
 Early Voting Monday, April 1 - Friday, April 5
 at
 Briscoe County Clerks Office

Lion's Trash Off To Take Place Next Saturday

The Turkey Lion's Club will hold a Texas Trash Off Saturday, April 6 in Turkey. Beginning around 8:30 a.m. everyone who wished to participate should gather in front of the Byron Young service station. All hands that show up will pick up trash from the station to the Briscoe County Line. All needed supplies will be furnished by the Department of Transportation.

The Turkey Lion Club recognizes the need and the desirability of litter free highways and are proud to participate in the 17th Annual Statewide Cleanup Day.

Please join us April 6th.

Calendar of events

- March 28**
 -Quitaque Chamber of Commerce Banquet at Community Center @ 7 p.m.
 -Economic Board Meeting at Turkey Senior Citizens Room @ 7 p.m.
 -Drivers License Office OPEN at Briscoe Co. Courthouse from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon & 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
 -Passover Begins Today
- March 29**
 -No School Today! Easter Holiday
 -Good Friday
 -Caprock Canyon State Park Evening Interpretive Program @ 7:30 p.m.
- March 30**
 -Caprock Canyon State Park Family Nature Hike @ 9 a.m.
 -Caprock Canyon State Park Evening Intrepretive Program @ 7:30 p.m.
 -Hall County Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony & Parade in Memphis starting @ 8 a.m.
 -Easter Egg Hunt at Turkey First Baptist Church @ 2 p.m.
- March 31**
 -Community Easter Sunrise Service at Caprock Canyon State Park @ sunrise
 -EASTER
- April 1**
 -APRIL FOOL'S DAY!
 -Early Voting Begins Today!
 -Quitaque Lions Club at First United Methodist Church
 -Briscoe Co Livestock Show Meeting at Valley Ag Classroom @ 7 p.m.
- April 2**
 -Quitaque Masonic Lodge @ 7 p.m.
 -Quitaque Chamber of Commerce at First National Bank @ 6:15 p.m.
 -Turkey Fire Department at Fire Hall @ 7:30 p.m.
 -Senior Citizens Exercise Program at Quitaque Senior Citizens Building @ 6:30 p.m.
- April 3**
 -Flomot Baptist Revival @ 7:30 p.m.
- April 4**
 -Hwy 70 Meeting at Roaring Springs Community Center @ 7 p.m.
 -Senior Citizens Exercise Program at Quitaque Senior Citizens Building @ 6:30 p.m.

Chamber Sponsors Slogan Contest

The Quitaque Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an "Entryway Slogan Contest" for the Stone Monument on the west entrance to the city of Quitaque. The slogan should be appropriate to place on the Stone Monument as a welcome to our community. Design for the slogan's placement on the monument is also welcome. The Chamber is eager to involve anyone that would like to enter the contest. There is no limit on the number of suggested slogans that may be submitted by anyone. A \$50 U.S. Savings Bond will be awarded to the entry that is selected. Entry deadline is April 12, 2002. Please provide your name, address and telephone number on your entry.

The Chamber will submit all entries to the Quitaque City Council for final selection since the monument is City property and will be maintained by the City. Entries should be mailed to City of Quitaque Slogan Contest, P.O. Box 427, Quitaque, Texas 79255.

Turkey City Council Work Toward Park Renovations

The Turkey City Council met on Thursday March 14 at Turkey City Hall. Present were Mayor Pat Carson, Council members Louis Randall, Brian Wheeler, Doyle Dean Proctor and Homer Hawkins, along with City Manager Jarky Landis.

Mary Loury was appointed as Election Judge for the May election by the Council. In other business the Council voted to take bids for electrical service. Also discussed were RV hook-ups in the City Park. The Council voted to have the City Manager check on the cost of fixing 10 RV spaces at the park and if the cost is reasonable to have the work done. The Council will also check prices for a 20' x 30' barn to be placed in the park area.

Regular business was taken care of and the meeting was adjourned.

Caprock Canyon State Park Your Destination For Easter Weekend

Caprock Canyon State Park has a weekend of fun filled family activities in store for visitors planning an Easter weekend get-away.

On Friday evening, March 29 the Park would like to invite you to join them for a beautiful canyon sunset at the amphitheater followed by a slide show on topics ranging from wildlife to wildflowers.

Then on Saturday, March 30 there will be a guided Family Nature Hike beginning at 9 a.m. Investigate plants, animal tracks, and more. Spectacular scenery and fun for the whole family. Then that evening at 7:30 p.m. there will be a breathtaking West Texas sunset for your enjoyment followed by an evening interpretive program at the Amphitheater.

Sunday morning join the Quitaque community in their annual Easter Sunrise Service at 7:15 a.m. A breakfast will follow the service at the First United Methodist Church in Quitaque.

Turkey Jamboree Set For April 6th

The Turkey Jamboree is set for April 6 at the Bob Wills Center Gymnasium. As usual there will be a great lineup of entertainers.

Tommy Stewart from Sunray will be here. Tommy is always a hit. Mary McDonald from Stonewall, Oklahoma will be making her first appearance on the Turkey Jamboree. She runs Mary's Music Barn in Stonewall and she sounds a lot like Kitty Wells when she sings. Next we have Jack Petty from Childress. Jack entertained at the Lions Club Sweetheart Banquet in February and we enjoyed him very much. Jack and Ruby Dewbre will be coming from Crosbyton to perform for us and they come highly recommended.

The Turkey Gems and the Talent Showcase round out the evenings entertainment. Our Jamborees are FREE! The food is Good and the entertainment is Great! The entertainment begins at 7 p.m.

The Turkey Roost Museum Committee will be serving stew, cornbread and drinks. So come early and enjoy the meal.

E-Mail
 The Valley Tribune
 tvaltor@caprock-spur.com

Turkey Roost Museum Receives Painting

The Turkey Roost Museum has received a painting of the Turkey Depot as remembered by the artist some seventy years ago. Wilma Beeson Covington who has never had formal art lessons was inspired as a child to paint. Wilma was born in Turkey in 1922 and lived north of town near the McKay place. As a child she frequently visited Otto Stubbs and watched him paint. Wilma says he was her inspiration.

Her first drawings were done as a child on a Big Chief tablet. She said she would climb the windmill tower and sit and draw pictures of Turkey and the countryside. As a child she walked to school crossing the railroad tracks and always enjoyed going by the Depot. The first Depot agent was D. Armstrong and he had a 1932 green Chevrolet that everyone enjoyed watching him drive. The first Depot Wilma remembers was wood painted gray and later green. When the Depot was torn down by Bobby Clay it was brick and Bobby used the brick to build a house south of town and Larry Bob Clay's family now live there.

Her gift is deeply appreciated and is the first painting to be hung at the museum.

Flomot Baptist Church To Hold Spring Revival

"Spring Revival" services will be held at the First Baptist Church in Flomot, Wednesday April 3rd through Friday, April 5th. Services will be held each night at 7:30 p.m. Preceding the services on Friday night a catfish fry supper, with all the trimmings, will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the church. For all those attending.

The Rev. Joe Weldon, pastor of Baptist Church in South Plains, is the evangelist. Ticen Nixon of Plainview will conduct the music.

The Rev. Nathan Mulder, pastor of Baptist Church in Flomot, extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend this spiritual renewal.

Caprock Partners Make Plans For Trails Day

Caprock Partners Foundation met on Monday March 25, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. at the First National Bank Room with seven directors and four interested members present. Plans were discussed for the upcoming Trails Day in June. The group will be hosting the Chuck Wagons once again. This time it will be for a noon meal on June 1, 2002. Three area Chuck Wagons will be preparing the meal for the public to come and enjoy a bit of the flavor of the Old West.

Next on the agenda was the Bike Ride which is to take place on April 27, 2002, Bob Wills Day. The ride will begin at South Plains and continue on to Estelline, a total of 64 miles for participants. If you are interested, please call Deanna at 806-455-1492 or 806-455-1140. The Caprock Partners Foundation will be catering a meal following the ride at the end of the trail and the end of the ride.

The group voted Phil Barefield to become a director to fill the spot on the board which was vacated by the resignation of Weldon Griffin.

Geoff Hulse stated that the Buffalo Chip Emporium will soon be set up to accept credit cards for purchases at the store.

Geoff also told the group that the Memorial Day Trail Ride will be held again this year. Anyone interested in this event can get information on who to talk to by calling the Caprock Park.

Deanna Oberheuer reported to the group that the Texas Tech Art Class had finished the logo for the Caprock Partners Foundation and that it would be sent to the group shortly. She also reported that the Volunteer Work Day at Caprock Canyons Park and Trailway will be held on April 13 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. followed by a pot luck lunch. If you wish to volunteer just show up and Deanna will be sure to have a job that you can handle waiting for you.

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for
EASTER HOLIDAY

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The Valley Tribune
vtaylor@caprock-spur.com



Todd and Joanie show off the Mobil Dairy Classroom to the Valley Kindergarten - 6th Grade students.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Ashely Cagle
BIRTHDAY: 12-12-83
AGE: 18
PARENTS: Cynthia & Billy Cagle
FAVORITE QUOTE: The coul would have no rainbow, had the eyes no tears.
IF I COULD TRAVEL ANYWHERE, I WOULD GO... to China.
IF I COULD BE ANY ANIMAL, I WOULD BE A... Butterfly.
MY PET PEEVE? People that don't look at you when your talking.
BEST ADVICE? Love can sometimes be magic, yet magic can sometimes be just an illusion.
WORST ADVICE? The car will be okay.
WORST HABIT? Biting my nails.
ROLE MODEL? Grandma
I'M THANKFUL FOR? Getting to live my life the way I have so far.
WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE... someone without any regrets.
BEST CHARACTERISTIC? Dimples
FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY: Getting chased by the cops Bonfire night.



MAGAN DEE WHITTINGTON
BIRTHDAY: July 11, 1984
AGE: 17
PARENTS: Clay & Patti Lowrance, and Dee Whittington
FAVORITE QUOTE: "Don't compromise yourself. You're all you've got." -Janis Joplin
IF I COULD TRAVEL ANYWHERE, I WOULD GO... to Spain.
IF I COULD BE ANY ANIMAL, I WOULD BE A...Pink Flamingo.
MY PET PEEVE? Liars
BEST ADVICE? Bloom where you're planted.
WORST ADVICE? Your daddy will never know, I promise.
WORST HABIT? Not learning from my mistakes
ROLE MODEL? My Parents
I'M THANKFUL FOR? My wonderful friends & family
WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE A... Elementary Teacher
BEST CHARACTERISTIC? My eyes.
FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY: Woodhaul weekend my Senior year.



COTTON TEAM: J.C. Pigg, Leigh Ann Nielsen, Scarlet Sperry and Skylar Clifton.

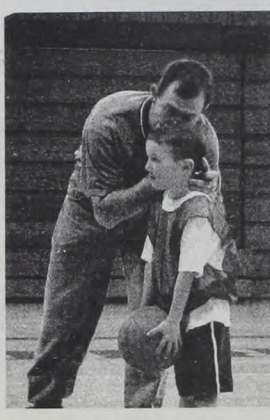
"Joanie" & The Mobile Dairy Visits Valley School

Todd Griffin, a presenter with the Mobile Dairy Classroom and "Joanie" his Brown Swiss Dairy Cow gave an interesting and entertaining demonstration to the Valley School Kindergarten through 6th Grade students recently at the Vance Price Memorial Center. The Mobile Dairy Classroom program that Mr. Griffin presented, gave interesting facts about the characteristics and anatomy of Dairy Cows, the importance of dairy foods in a healthy diet, modern environmental and food safety practices and the modern milking process.

The Mobile Dairy Classroom is sponsored by the Southwest Dairy Farmers and the Southwest Dairy Museum in Sulfur Springs, Texas. The Briscoe County Extension Service and the 4-H Council helped bring the program to Valley.



Sandybel Alanis being stopped by Desiree Casillas.



The wisdom of a father. Stuart Smith tells Ketch Smith the perfect play.



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Natalie Fierro tries to block Jessie Price.

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BRISCOE CO. LIVESTOCK SHOW MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 1 @ 7 P.M.
AT
THE VALLEY AG CLASSROOM

I would like to say
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Turkey-Valley Peanut Growers	806-423-1484	10:00-11:00 A.M.
Silverton-Caprock SWCD	806-823-2431	12:00-1:00 P.M.
Floydada-Producers Coop Elevator	806-983-2821	2:00-3:00 P.M.
Ralls-Crosbyton County Fuel Assoc.	806-253-2518	4:00-5:00 P.M.

To place your order or for more information contact one of our fishery or consultants or your local dealer.

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This Week In Texas History!

April 1, 1813
Gutierrez-Magee Expedition captured San Antonio. Jose Bernardo Gutierrez de Lara issued Declaration of Independence five days later, the first for Texas. Constitution on April 17.

April 1, 1833
Santa Anna inaugurated President of Mexico.

April 1, 1833
Second Convention called by Texas colonists to petition Mexican Government for separate statehood.

On The Menu

Monday, April 1
Breakfast: Breakfast on a Stick, Orange Slices, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheese Toast, Carrot Sticks, Chocolate Chip Squares, Milk

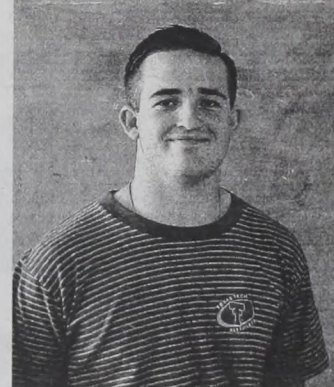
Tuesday, April 2
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Pork Chops, Gravy, Potatoes, Celery Sticks, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

Wednesday, April 3
Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Apple Sauce, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Frito Chili Pie, Corn on the Cob, Cheese, Rice Krispie Squares, Milk

Thursday, April 4
Breakfast: Sausage Links, Waffles, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Polish Sausage, Ranch Style Beans, Tater Tots, Fruit, Milk

Friday, April 5
Breakfast: Cereal, Apple Slices, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Hamburgers, Cheese, Pickles, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Chips, Apple, Milk

"PATRIOT SPIRIT" EXTRA MILE RECOGNITION



J.C. Pigg

J.C. Pigg is a sixteen year old Junior at Valley High School. J.C. is the son of Clayton and Donna Pigg of Quitaque. As a very active Valley patriot, J.C. has excelled in many extracurricular events while keeping his academic efforts priority. J.C. has excelled in football, was a member of the One-Act Play cast, and is a very active member of the Valley FFA. In FFA, he has qualified and participated at the State level in judging competition. J.C. takes great care of his livestock show projects and has exhibited two top-five show pigs at the Houston Livestock Show. J.C. was chosen for this recognition because of his outstanding work ethic, his pleasant personality, and cooperative attitude. He is truly an "All Around Great Guy" and we are very proud of him.

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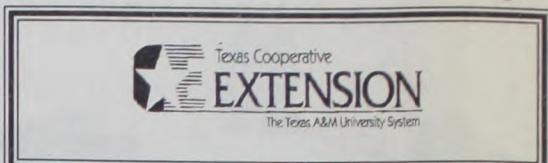
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Cotton  **News**
By Shawn Wade
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

FARMING OUR GREAT STRENGTH
Keeping an Eye on Texas



Lots Of Work Ahead For Ag Committee Staff: Roberts Introduces Senate Backup Plan

With a general agreement on how to divvy up the money for the Food Security Act of 2001 the bulk of the work now falls to the men and women who work for the House and Senate Agriculture Committees to find common ground and develop potential compromises that can be debated by the full Farm Bill Conference Committee when Congress returns to work April 9.

If the new legislation comes too late to be implemented in 2002, a Bill filed by Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS) would allocate the 7\$ plus billion earmarked for 2002 crops. In general terms the Roberts proposal mirrors the supplemental assistance package approved for the 2001 crop.

To say the road ahead is challenging may be understating the job, but Ag Committee staffers from both bodies of Congress will continue to plow through the two pieces of legislation. Farmers can only hope that they make substantial progress.

With so much attention focused on keeping up with the latest developments on this issue, the next two weeks could end up being a frustrating time for both producers and Ag lenders who desperately need to know the rules the game will be played in by 2003.

Rolling Plains Central To Continue Eradication Effort

Cotton producers in the Rolling Plains Central Eradication Zone have overwhelmingly affirmed their commitment to eradication by passing a referendum to continue the effort. Just a few weeks after the zone was declared functionally eradicated, growers passed the measure with 89.66 percent of the voters favoring continuation.

Woody Anderson of Colorado City was reelected as the zone's representative to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. Anderson is also Chairman of the Board. "This vote proves the Rolling Plains cotton growers are among the best anywhere," Sanderson said. "Even though they're dealing with some of the toughest times ever - with several years of severe drought and the lowest prices in decades - these growers chose to stick with the program they started and protect their investment. Better times are ahead." Lindy Patton, the Foundation's Executive Director, joined Anderson in offering congratulations to RPC producers.

"What a tremendous job RPC growers have done," Patton said. "They persevered through extremely tough times and continue to work together in an effort to improve conditions for the cotton industry in the Rolling Plains. I'm proud to work for such a great group of farmers." Anderson noted with pride that the zone's vote was the highest passing percentage of the zones that have recently held retention elections. The Southern Rolling Plains Zone just to the south of RPC and the South Texas/Winter Garden Zone recently voted to continue eradication efforts, each with positive votes of about 88 percent.

The three zones were the first zones in the state to begin eradication efforts in 1996. By the 2001 growing season, the eradication program had grown to 11 zones. In 2002, the program will expand again as growers in the Upper Coastal Bend Zone begin eradication. One other area, the Northern Blacklands in northeast Texas is considering a referendum to join the effort.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

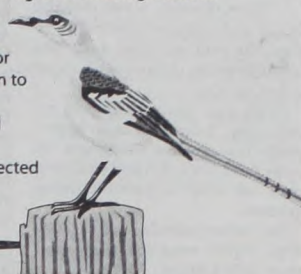
To hear a mockingbird

Although the state's official bird, the Northern, or Common Mockingbird, can be seen in the state year-round, its songs are more often heard in the Spring and early Summer.

The mockingbird has been the state bird of Texas since 1927. Its scientific name *Mimus polyglottos*, is translated as "many-tongued mimic" and highlights the mockingbird's amazing talent for mimicking the songs of more than three dozen bird species.

In *To Kill A Mockingbird*, author Harper Lee wrote that it is "a sin to kill a mockingbird."

According to Texas Parks and Wildlife, it is also against the law—mockingbirds are a protected songbird in the United States.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and <http://www.wildtexas.com/wildguides/mockingbird.htm>

Texas Beef Quality Producer Program For Level I Training

Take the first step to be a Texas Beef Quality Producer. Attend one of the following spring Texas Beef Quality Producer Level I Programs. Midland, Texas, April 15, 2002; Brady, Texas, April 17, 2002; Yoakum, Texas, April 19, 2002; Sulphur Springs, Texas, May 14, 2002; Weatherford, Texas, May 15, 2002; or Canadian, Texas, June 5, 2002.

TBQP Programs are free! The Texas Beef Quality Producer program is a collaborative effort among Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, the Texas Beef Council and Texas Cooperative Extension, with input from the Texas Veterinary Medical Association. It's an expansion of previous Beef Quality Assurance educational efforts, which will give Texas cow/calf producers, stocker operators, and their employees the opportunity to get in-depth BQA training related to beef safety, beef quality and the relationships between beef production and the environment.


To date, the program consists of two levels. Upon completion of Level I, participants receive a certificate qualifying them for Level II. There will be more TBQP Level I Programs along with TBQP Level II Workshops scheduled for the fall.

Remember, the programs are free! For details or to register for one of the six TBQP Level I programs, call TSCRA at 1-800-242-7820, ext. 132. You may make reservations by sending complete name, address and phone number by e-mail to ichambers@texas cattleraisers.org. Please state which meeting you plan to attend.

When you play, play hard; when you work, don't play at all.
—Theodore Roosevelt

Character building begins in our infancy and continues until death.
—Eleanor Roosevelt

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PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

From left to right are: Craig Henderson, Jacky Martin, State Representative Warren Chisum and Neil Hess. A meeting was held on February 25th to discuss wind farming, state grants and ways to attract tourism to our area.

Jacky Martin is already working for Hall County!

I would like to organize a county wide economic council and begin now!

Counties, cities and other government entities may spend taxpayer's money for the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to assist them with specific grants, but in the case of Hall County, the Judge needs to be responsible to see that our tax money that is spent has successful results. He should also be able to find other resources for outside funding. The Judge must be able to initiate and write grants himself. A major part of successful grant writing is the ability to articulate our county needs in writing. Before grants are approved from the PRPC, they must receive a favorable review from the commission's directors, which is made up of judges, mayors and business people from the 26 Panhandle Counties. I have appeared twice before the commission seeking favorable reviews and twice I was successful.

I would like to organize a courthouse beautification committee including both the building and the courthouse grounds. A garden could be planned.

The present legislation from the U.S. Congress has not yet been favorable for our county agriculture business. The Hall County Judge must be able and willing to initiate the necessary emergency or disaster programs from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. For the latest information on peanuts the hotline is (877)-485-2739.

VOTE FOR JACKY MARTIN FOR YOUR HALL COUNTY JUDGE IN THE APRIL 9TH RUNOFF ELECTION

Pol.Ad. Pd by Jacky Martin

April 18 Deadline For NAP Filing

New federal regulations have set the stage for better risk protection for growers of noninsurable crops, but leave only a short time for producers to take advantage of the benefits available for crop losses in 2001-2002. Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices are ready to accept applications from producers for coverage through the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP). According to John Fuston, State Executive Director for FSA in Texas, "The new regulations governing NAP give producers the opportunity to purchase affordable protection against crop losses."

Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not available, including fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, pecans, turfgrass, and forage crops.

It is critical that producers file their 2001 and 2002 applications for coverage and pay their service fees by April 18, 2002. Once the application period closes, the opportunity to obtain coverage is gone.

NAP coverage requires a service fee of \$100 per crop, per producer with a \$300 cap per county. Service fees may be waived for eligible limited resource producers.

Under the previous NAP program, coverage was only available when catastrophic losses occurred in a widespread area. New provisions allow for individual coverage tailored to meet a producer's specific needs and allow for a customized crop protection plan.

For more information, contact your local USDA Service Center or visit the national FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

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By Cory Edwards, Briscoe County Extension Agent, FCS Easter Egg Safety

With spring right around the corner, pastel colored Easter eggs become a hot topic. Tradition has it that eggs symbolize new beginnings, joy, hope, and regeneration. So while dyed eggs are part of the seasonal fun, experts are concerned with egg safety. They suggest you inspect the eggs before purchasing, store eggs in their original container, and buy eggs a week before you plan to hard cook and dye them. Don't use cracked eggs and do not hide them where they can be found by pets. If an egg is cracked, don't decorate it. Be sure to keep decorated eggs refrigerated. You should hide eggs immediately before hatching them. To make this holiday safe and fun, protect the eggs from the time of selection until they are eaten. So, keep safety in mind while enjoying this springtime tradition.

Is It Safe for Me To Exercise?

"Too old" and "too frail" are not, in and of themselves, reasons to prohibit physical activity. In fact, there aren't very many health reasons to keep older adults from becoming more active.

Contrary to traditional thinking, regular exercise helps, not hurts, most older adults. Older people become sick or disabled more often from NOT exercising than from exercising. Those who have chronic diseases, or risk factors for them, may actually improve with regular exercise, but should check with their doctor before increasing their physical activity.

If you plan to work your way up to a vigorous level, check with your doctor first if you are a man over 40 or a woman over 50.

Your doctor or cardiac rehabilitation specialist can give you guidelines for physical activity if you have had a heart attack recently. Controlled exercise usually is an important part on long term heart attack recovery.

People with conditions called "abdominal aortic aneurysm" or "critical aortic stenosis" should not exercise unless their physicians tell them they can.

Almost all older adults, regardless of age or condition, can safely improve their health and independence through exercise and physical activity.

If you want to improve your health and have more energy, join us for the Senior Citizens Exercise Program at the Quitaque Senior Citizens Center on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning April 2, 2002. Cory Edwards, Briscoe County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences has instigated an 8 week exercise program. She will lead an exercise routine every Tuesday for the 8 weeks, and Ellen Skinner will lead them on Thursdays. If you have any questions, please contact Cory at the Extension Office, 806-823-2131.

By: Brandon McGinty, CEA-Ag, Briscoe County

Kids Hooked On 4-H Enrichment Programs

Students can learn about nature without leaving the classroom. Through 4-H enrichment programs, urban school children can learn about wildlife without visiting rural areas. These programs use interactive computer software, displays, videos, and hands on learning activities to teach conservation and respect for both wildlife and the environment. For example, the "Something's Fishy" program teaches about fisheries management, water conservation, and water quality. The "White-Tailed Deer" program has information about common Texas deer and includes lessons about deer body language, habitat, and identifying animal tracks. Other programs have similar benefits. For more information on these programs, visit agprogram.tamu.edu/kids.

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Left to Right; Laredo Shannon, Alanta Shannon, and Cimarron Shannon. PISA Academic State Meet Qualifiers.

Shannon's Compete At PISA Academic State Meet In Dallas

Two area home schooled students have qualified for the 2002 Private Schools Interscholastic Association Academic State Meet to be held on April 20 at southern methodist University in Dallas.

Qualifiers include Atlanta Shannon and Cimarron Shannon both of Quitaque. These students qualified for the PSIA State meet by placing first or second individually in one or more contests at the PSIA district Meet which was held Saturday, March 23rd at St. Joseph's Elementary School in Amarillo.

Atlanta placed first in 8th grade spelling, listening, and 2nd in Ready Writing, while receiving a 3rd place in vocabulary. She was also awarded a blue ribbon for her entry in the visual Arts competition, an original acrylic painting entitled, "The Purple Room".

Cimarron placed first in 5th grade music memory, art memory and listening. He also received a 3rd place ribbon for maps, Graphs, and Charts, and a 5th place in Ready Writing.

Also competing was Laredo Shannon, who placed 2nd in music memory and art memory, while receiving a 5th place for his essay in Ready Writing. In its fifth year as a nonprofit service organization for private schools, PSIA provides the most comprehensive academic program for grades 1-8 in the nation, offering 19 contests with student awards in 67 grade level events. Contests include a wide spectrum of advanced curricula in mathematics, science, social studies, listening, reading, vocabulary, speaking, writing, art, music and drama.

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PET TALK

Fuzzy and furry, feathered or finned - choosing the right pet can be a difficult decision.

A pet is often a member of the family and the pet-owning experience will be enjoyable if prospective pet owners take time to consider which animal suits their wants and needs, says Dr. James Snell, a veterinarian at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University.

"Pets can provide pleasure, a sense of safety and companionship," Snell believes.

"When choosing a pet, consider space and exercise requirements. Evaluate your activities and daily schedule to help determine which pet is best for you."

Snell says most family pets are better kept indoors or in an appropriate kennel when its owners are away. Cats, birds, fish and small animals can adapt to suitable living quarters.

But certain animals, such as active dogs, require more space and need more daily exercise.

"Always consider temperament and physical abilities when selecting a pet," Snell adds. He says that your pet should be suited for the activities you enjoy. Is your pet suited for outdoor activities and weather conditions, or quiet time at home?

Consider the temperament and needs of animals and identify those that best match your lifestyle, he believes. And remember that pets depend on their caregivers for daily affection and needs.

"Feeding, grooming and exercise are daily time commitments that must be considered," notes Snell. Family members should decide what kind of animal they want, who will be responsible for needs of the pet and the amount of time that will be devoted to the pet.

Certain considerations should be kept in mind when choosing a dog as a pet.



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Eye Donor Month March 2002

They Celebrate Sight At The Lions Eye Bank Of District 2T-1

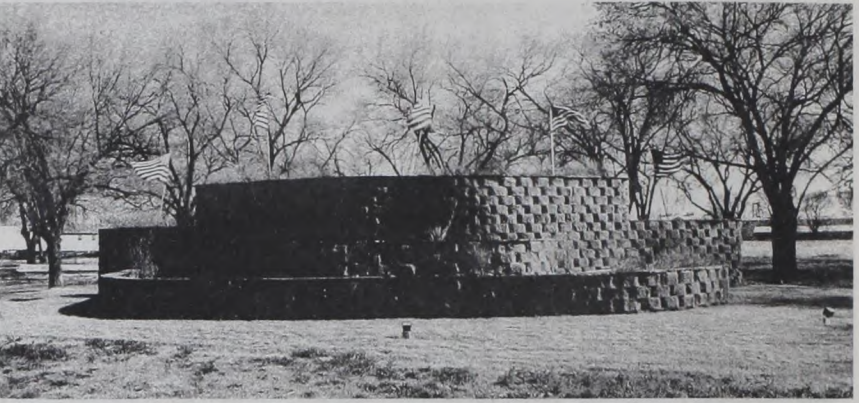
March is a special time at the Lions Eye Bank of District 2T-1 in Amarillo. It is National Eye Donor Month, a nationwide commemoration that honors the approximately 50,000 Americans who had their sight restored last year by corneal transplant surgery and all those who have had successful transplants in the more than 50 year history of the procedure. Eye Donor Month also pays tribute to those who donated their eyes so that others can see and it celebrates the work of the Eye Banks that make this miracle possible.

The Panhandle's headquarters for sight is the Amarillo based nonprofit Lions Eye Bank of District 2T -1. The Eye Bank has quite a challenge, covering the Panhandle. The nonprofit Lions Eye Bank of District 2T -1 is the starting point for a miraculous journey in which a small piece of eye tissue ends up returning sight to the blind.

Curt Vavra, RN, Executive Director, talks about this tissue as if it were more precious than gold. "It is," he insists, "although the cornea is about the size and shape of a dime. This clear covering of the eye is our window to the world, and when it is damaged because of eye disease, trauma or inherited conditions that clouds its or distort its shape, eyesight fails and blindness can result." But corneal impairment is one of the few forms of blindness that can be reversed.

Eye surgeons use donated corneas to replace damaged ones. Corneas are donated at the time of death by the loved ones of the recently deceased. "It's wonderful to sign a donor card when you're healthy," Curt Vavra says, "because it shows your intention to donate. It is more important to share your wish to be an eye donor with your closest relatives, because even with your donor card, they will be approached in the hospital to consent to eye donation. It is helpful to them not to have to guess at your wishes, but to be sure of them so they are comfortable consenting. And mentioning your wishes in your will is not enough. By the time that will is read, it is too late to transplant the tissue." Curt Vavra urges everyone to talk about donation. "National Eye Donor Month is a perfect time to do this. Tell your family you want to be a donor," he says.

"I want everyone to know how important it is to donate tissue, what a difference it makes in someone's life," Mr. Vavra also says. "It virtually means the difference between leading a life of blindness or one with clear vision. We think of it as turning darkness to light. Being an eye donor is leaving a legacy of life. We have more information and donor cards here at the Lions Eye Bank of District 2T -1. Just call us at 1-888-616-3937 and we'll show you how to make a miracle."



This stone monument on the West side of Quitaque needs a name, and you could be the Lucky Winner of a \$50.00 savings bond if your "Entryway Slogan" is the one chosen.

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By Clint Harmon

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ORDER OF ELECTION

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 4th 2002 for the purpose of:

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Issued this 26th day of March, 2002

Signature of Pending Officer: Maria Cruz

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I CAN SUPPORT GRANTS; HOWEVER, A CONCERN IS THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO PAY FOR THE GRANT MATCH. HALL COUNTY IS GOING THROUGH ONE OF THOSE CYCLES WHEN THINGS ARE NOT AT THEIR BEST ECONOMICALLY. WE HAVE HAD THOSE BEFORE AND WE WILL HAVE THEM AGAIN. I BELIEVE WE STILL HAVE THE RESOURCES TO TAKE CARE OF OUR OBLIGATIONS WITHOUT BECOMING BEHOLDEN TO "OTHERS". ONE-TIME GRANTS THAT PERMIT MAJOR PROJECTS SUCH AS THE ONE ALREADY APPLIED FOR TO RESTORE THE HALL COUNTY COURTHOUSE IS CERTAINLY AN ACCEPTABLE USE OF GRANT FUNDS. I HOPE TO SEE THAT PROJECT BECOME A REALITY.

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MY HALL COUNTY ROOTS ARE DEEP
MY FAITH IN HALL COUNTY'S FUTURE IS STRONG
MY HOPE IS TO SERVE HALL COUNTY WITH
RESPONSIBILITY - MATURITY - EXPERIENCE

★★★ JIMMY BOWNDS ★★★
THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR HALL COUNTY JUDGE
VOTE FOR JIMMY BOWNDS IN THE APRIL 9th RUNOFF ELECTION

The Valley Tribune

SENATE
KAY BAILEY

ANWR - P

A tiny sliver of land to America's energy in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is 19.5 million acres we need to develop is on other countries, particularly Beholden to Foreign America's dependence on the 1970s to nearly 60 percent of the energy that the terrorists attacked the barrels of oil a day from indirectly for its oil! We need further terrorist threats. ANWR and protect the U.S. severely disrupt the flow of oil.

If we don't explore meeting our nation's energy needs from countries like Iraq, the Persian Gulf, and Alaska, we will be dependent on the strict environmental protection will come from that American policy would increase oil spills and other environmental disasters. Tapping a Vast Resource Oil fuels the United States economy. Americans consume and employ nearly 1.4 million jobs.

Exploration in ANWR more of oil, almost double the amount that ANWR produces within our own nations like Iraq.

Protecting the Alaska Prudhoe Bay, an area in the world. It opened for produced 13 billion barrels and former Secretary of the environmental development. Careful regulation served Prudhoe Bay's natural Arctic herd of caribou, since the Alaskan Pipeline. Wide Support for ANWR. More than 70 percent ANWR, because they create opportunity for the exploration of the Refuge it would create nationwide jobs. A country that depends on oil. We must take advantage of our own resources and ensure our national security.

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ANWR - Protecting a Natural Resource

A tiny sliver of land in the northeast corner of Alaska could hold the key to America's energy independence. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, or ANWR, has been at the center of the energy debate in Washington, D.C., and around the country.

Beholden to Foreign Nations

America's dependence on foreign oil has increased from 30 percent in the 1970s to nearly 60 percent today. In September 2001, the same month that the terrorists attacked the United States, we imported more than 1.2 million barrels of oil a day from Iraq.

Environmental Protection

If we don't explore in ANWR, we will continue to come up short in meeting our nation's energy needs. We will have to continue importing oil from countries like Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, and perhaps across the Bering Strait from Alaska in Russia.

Protecting the Alaskan Habitat

Environmental groups have distorted the public's perception of the effects that exploration would have on the Alaskan habitat. Prudhoe Bay, an area just west of ANWR, is one of the largest oil fields in the world.

Wide Support for ANWR Exploration

More than 70 percent of Alaskans favor exploration and production in ANWR, because they know that American policy will protect their land and create opportunity for their citizens.

Rolling Plains Hunting Lease Directory

Leasing land for hunting rights is on the rise in this area of Texas. It's an excellent way for landowners to supplement their income and it offers city folks a chance to get outdoors and experience nature.

The Texas Parks & Wildlife in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has been promoting a Rolling Plains Hunting Lease Directory for this area of Texas.

Every year local Parks & Wildlife Employees, County Agents and Chamber of Commerce receive numerous calls from hunters looking for hunting opportunities in this area.

It is curious how much more interest can be evoked by a mixture of gossip, romance and mystery than by facts. -Eleanor Roosevelt



Curry powder is not actually a spice, but a blend of spices. In India, the mixture is called garam masala.

Sometimes a person's mind is stretched by a new idea and never does go back to its old dimensions. -Oliver Wendell Holmes

'Texas Superstars' Chosen At Theme For Quilting Contest

WANTED: Top notch quilters with an eye for design and a passion for Texas. The Texas Department of Agriculture has announced the start of its 2002 quilt block competition.

The quilt will be a wonderful way to display the beauty of these plants, which are so easy to grow and protective of the Texas environment.

Each contest participant will use Texas natural fibers - cotton, wool, mohair and leather - to create a single quilt block design that will be unveiled at the 2002 State Fair of Texas.

Plants earning the 'Texas Superstar' title are those that have undergone rigorous testing by Texas A&M University and have proven to be superior for Texas conditions.

Each plant undergoes three to five year field trials at 40 test sites across the state, the largest system of horticultural field trial of any university in the nation.

The majority are flowering plants, producing gorgeous, colorful blooms. 'Texas Superstar' plants are available at select retailers across the state.

We are very excited about this year's quilt, said Sheri Drago, TDA's Director for Fiber Marketing. 'The Texas Superstar' theme will offer endless opportunities for beautiful, creative quilt block designs.

Individuals interested in participating in TDA's quilt block competition should contact TDA's Fiber Marketing office at 214-951-9655 to reserve a \$10 packet.

Quilt block entries will be accepted until late May, and the winning submissions will be combined into the final quilt over the summer, ready for unveiling in September.

The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time. -Abraham Lincoln

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By Clint Harmon

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