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The leaders are from left to right back row: Mandy Hughes, Julie Pigg, Erica Pigg, and Brenda Browning. The girls are from left to right middle row: Jolee Hill, Ryleigh Carson, Kylie Brown, Savannah Young, Sydnee Meyer, Jessie Browning, Janet Salgado. Front Row: Brooke Hughes, Madison Pigg, Icela Mendoza, Sadie Gonzalez, and Jaden Pigg.

We have started Brownie Girl Scouts and want to invite any girls ages 6 - 9 to come join us in all the fun. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 11th at 3:30 in the Valley School Cafeteria, so if your interested see one of our leaders and we can help you out. We are currently selling Girl Scout Cookies and we be selling them for two more weeks. If you have not bought any or just want to make a donation contact one of our Brownie Scouts. We are raising money to buy our Girl Scout Manuals, sashes and badges that we earn. We appreciate your support!

## Turkey City Council Looks For Funds For New EMS Building

The Turkey City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 20. Present for the meeting were Mayor Pat Carson, Council members Doyle Dean Proctor, Danny Stewart, Mary Fierro, Vickie Lindsey, City Manager Jerry Landry, guests Jim Weeks Billy Roy Fuston, Billy Farley, Tom Heck, Steve Gerkey, Ray Powell and Betty Farley. After attending to regular monthly council business the following items were addressed

- \* Steve Gerkey informed the council of his progress on trying to find funds for a new EMS building.
- \* Ray Powell from the Hall County Hospital District spoke with council about their needs for the EMS and the possibility of the hospital district being able to help with funds.
- \* Billy Farley agreed to clean up around their downtown building.
- \* A motion passed to apply for a grant to the Amarillo Area Foundation, too apply to the USDA for a loan, and to sent out brochures to grant people for funds to build a EMS building.
- \* A motion passed to purchase a vehicle lockout kit.
- \* A motion passed to table the Turkey Roost Museum till next meeting.
- \* A motion passed to table the budget till next meeting.
- \* A motion passed to renew the Boll Weevil lease again for another year.
- \* a motion passed to accept Bob Warner's bid of \$200 on the city Property that was posted. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## Panhandle Singing Women Concert Sunday

By Lataine Dillard

You are joyfully invited to hear the Panhandle Singing Women on Sunday night, 6:00 p.m., March 2, 2008! at Silverton First Baptist Church! You will hear wonderful Christian music sung straight from the heart!

The ladies come from Panhandle, Perryton, Amarillo, Canyon, Adrian and Silverton to bring their praise music...And all ladies who are interested in joining them to sing are invited to become a permanent member!!

Each lady pays her own way to practice in Amarillo the day before each concert and then to wherever the actual concert is held the next day. There is no charge for the concert, but if you choose to give an offering to help the ladies buy the music books they use, it will be appreciated.

Come and be blessed by music sang from the heart to glorify God and to join them with them in worship.

## Gov. Perry Urges Texans to Be Prepared

Designates Feb. 24 - March 1 Severe Weather Awareness Week

Gov. Rick Perry this week urged Texans to prepare for severe storms which historically impact our state in the Spring by designating Feb. 24- March 1, 2008 as Severe Weather Awareness Week.

"Severe Weather Awareness Week reminds Texans that dangerous climate conditions can develop quickly, so it's vital that we plan ahead for such threatening situations," Perry said. "By building a culture of preparedness, we can take steps to reduce risk, ensure safety and ultimately save lives."

During Severe Weather Awareness Week Texans are advised to assemble a "readiness kit" of important emergency supplies including a first aid kit, bottled water and non-perishable food; and are encouraged to keep a battery-operated radio or television set to receive important information during storms, designate a place to go in case of evacuation, and develop an emergency plan for communicating with relatives and friends.

While dangerous storms can strike at any time of year, March, April and May bring the greatest potential for violent weather events in Texas, including damaging thunderstorms, hail storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding. According to the National Weather Service, Texas leads the nation with an average of 139 tornado strikes per year and often suffers the highest resulting death toll of any other state. Additionally, Texas endures the second-highest level of lightning fatalities and often leads in the number of flash flood deaths per year. A majority of these victims suffer due to failure to take proper precautions in such emergencies.

For more information about Severe Weather Awareness Week, please visit the Governor's Division of Emergency Management Web site: [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem) and the National Weather Service Southern Region Headquarters Web site: [www.srh.noaa.gov](http://www.srh.noaa.gov).

## Uranerz Asserts Uranium Mining Will Be Safe For Briscoe County Residents

"There's a lot of misinformation out there about nuclear, about uranium, about radiation, about the effects of mining," an industry spokesperson said. "This is probably one of the most benign methods of mining that you're ever going to encounter."

A Wyoming company, Uranerz Energy, has applied to the Texas Railroad Commission for a permit to drill for uranium in Briscoe County. The review process should be finished by March 10.

"The commission will be evaluating the available groundwater and geologic information for the area of the exploration permit to determine adequate borehole plugging procedures," said RRC spokeswoman Ramona Nye.

The company has leased about 8,000 acres for exploration, according to a recent Securities and Exchange Commission filing.

"We think some of the trends from New Mexico go east into the Panhandle," said George Hartman, Uranerz executive vice president. "That's just a theory right now."

The test holes the company wants to drill are meant to confirm the presence of uranium and whether the geology will allow Uranerz to take the element out using the in-situ recovery method.

Once the well is drilled, the exploration team will lower in a gamma ray detector to see if the radioactive material is present.

If the theories prove true, the mining would consist of drilling more wells, pumping oxygen into the wells to dislodge the uranium, then pumping in sodium bicarbonate, or baking soda, to attach to the metal, Hartman said.

When pumps pull water out of the wells, it will contain the baking soda carrying the uranium. A process removes the baking soda, and thus the uranium, and pumps put the water back into the well, Hartman said.

The company would then send the uranium to a conversion facility that would make it into nuclear fuel for power plants.

## Motley County Commissioners Court Approve Contract With Dickens County Prison To House County Inmates

The Motley County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, February 11. Present for the meeting were County Judge Ed D. Smith, Commissioners Ronnie Davis, Pct 1; Donnie Turner, Pct 2; Franklin Jameson, Pct 3; Russell Alexander, Pct 4, County Attorney Tom Edwards, County Judge Assistant Carol Campbell, Sheriff Michael Crutchley, Deputy Christopher Spence, Larry Vogt, Motley County Oversight Committee members Mary Ellen Barton and Marisue Potts-Powell. After attending to regular monthly court business the following items were addressed:

\* County Attorney Tom Edwards gave a wind energy update. The McAdoo Wind Project is being rapidly constructed. The Federal Tax Credit given to wind energy companies was not renewed past 2008, this and no word yet on transmission line routes has caused concern. A wind energy meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 28 in the Motley County District Courtroom.

\* Commissioners Turner and Alexander requested taking bids on used equipment they need to dispose of. Commissioners are to get a list of the equipment to the Judge at advertise.

\* AFLAC Insurance representatives Shere Amos and Jana Ward met with the court. The presented the different AFLAC policies that are available.

\* The court was presented the new Inter-local Agreement between Dickens and Motley County for housing inmates. The Dickens County Detention Center, located in Spur charges \$44 per day per inmate. A motion passed to accept this agreement.

\* Judge Smith informed the court he had received a call from the Regional EMC Coordinator, requesting the court to extend the Declaration of Disaster (Burn Ban) for the county to 90 days. Motley County is one of 151 counties in the State declared to be in extreme danger of wildfires due to drought conditions. A motion to extend the declaration to 90 days, to be reviewed every 30 days passed.

\* Judge Smith presented a proposal to the court from the counties tax attorney firm, Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott to assist the county in collecting delinquent court cost and fines. An fine after August 2003 will have a 30% fee added to it so they county will get 100% of the fines collected. Any fine prior to September 2003, 20% will go to the firm with 80% going to the county. A motion to accept the contract as presented passed.

\* Judge Smith informed the court there was a major water leak on the courthouse lawn that had to be repaired.

\* A report was given on the progress of grants received for the Flomot Water System and Motley County Jail. The grant for Flomot has been signed by he Judge and waiting word from the regional specialist. The Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail are only \$3,261.80 short of their matching grant.

\* Judge Smith informed the court that a 6x7 foot county road map is ready to be displayed in he courthouse. The map shows all roads currently maintained by he county. All commissioners are to review the map and remove roads that are not currently being maintained. There will be two public hearing set to review the maps.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned

## Turkey Jamboree Saturday, March 1

By RJ Kalafus

Make no plans for Saturday, March 1st as the March Jamboree will be held at the historic Gem Theatre in beautiful downtown Turkey, Texas

The show begins at 7 p.m. but come early for a fine meal benefiting the Turkey Roost Museum, a chili dinner and fixins with dessert all for \$5.

Starting off the night's entertainment will be Tulia's Glenn Waters. A fine fiddler and singer, who will do a medley of Bob Wills music. Glenn will be doing double duty as he also is a member of the Turkey Gems.

Following Glenn will be a newcomer to the Jamboree, Teresa Garrison of Colorado. She is a country vocalist and comes highly recommended. Last on the program will be Turkey's own Monte Green, the possessor of a real fine and strong voice as he has shown on he talent showcase.

There will be a Talent Showcase for any and all that would like to take the stage and perform for an audience.

Closing out the nights fun will be the premiere band of West Texas - The Turkey Gems, 8 of the most talented musicians to be found anywhere. They never fail to please.

There will be a \$100 prize for the winner of the audience voting at the end of the show, this money was donated again by Billy Ray Hardecastle and Ted Crom. There is also a \$25 door prize awarded at the end of the night and prizes awarded all evening ranging from electronics to handmade goods and cakes.

The meal begins at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. and do not forget the show is free and fun for all.

**Kells Celebrate 50th Anniversary**

Friends and family met Saturday, February 23, 2008 at the Hope Center in Quitaque to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Nolen and Sharon Kell. The party started with the couple taking of the Lords Communion following with the reading and braiding of a God's Know. The Rev. Gail Griller of Lubbock presided over the Renewal of Marriage Vows.

A light lunch was catered by the ladies of the Methodist Church of Quitaque followed by a cake with pictures of the couple. A slide show of their life entertained with music and ended with live music provided by Robin and Bennie Brown. The event was attended by a host of friends and family.

The celebration was planned by the children of the couple: Nolen G. Keel of Lubbock, Kelli Hise of Woodward, OK, and Clifford Kell of Ardmore, OK. Also attending their son Ronald Kell from Mead, OK. The oldest daughter, Sharon Niefeld, of Durant OK was too ill to attend.

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*There is no connection between the political ideas of our educated class and the deep places of the imagination.*

~ Lionel Trilling

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*I have no particular talent. I am merely inquisitive.*

~ Albert Einstein

**Guadalupe R. Saldana**

Graveside Services for Guadalupe R. Saldana, 74, of Miles, Texas were held at 1:30 P.M. Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at the Roaring Springs Cemetery. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home of San Angelo and interment was under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. Saldana was born November 15, 1933 in Luland, Texas he passed from this life on February 23, 2008. He was a farmer.

**Brad West**

Brad West, 38, of Silvertown died Friday February 22, 2008 in Houston. Graveside services were held Tuesday, February 26, 2008 in Silvertown Cemetery with Rance Young officiating. Services are under the direction of Myers-Chancellor Funeral Home.

Brad was born February 8, 1970 in Tulia Texas to Terry and Ann West.

He was a lifetime member of the First Methodist Church in Silvertown.

He is survived by his wife, Jeannine and a son, J.T. of the home, his parents, Terry and Ann West of Silvertown, a brother, Brian West and his wife Christy of Tulia, and three nieces, Brianna, Emily, and Addison.

**Obituaries**

**Carolyn Brooks Fletcher**

Memorial services for Carolyn K. Fletcher will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, February 29, 2008 at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs, Texas with Rev. Johnny Morris, officiating. Cremation will be under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mrs. Fletcher passed away in Lubbock Tuesday February 26, 2008 at University Medical Center.

Carolyn was born on July 28, 1938 in Roaring Springs, Texas to William Milton Brooks and Modean Louise Warren Brooks. She was a beauty operator for many years until her retirement. Carolyn was a resident of Tyler before returning to Roaring Springs in 1994. She married Bobby Fletcher on July 19, of 2000. Mrs. Fletcher was a member of the Roaring Springs Baptist Church.

Survivors include: Her husband: Bobby Fletcher of Roaring Springs, Texas; 3 Sons: Steve Byrd of Roaring Springs, Texas; Ross Byrd of Perrin, Texas; Kenny Byrd of Henderson, Texas; Her Mother: Modean Brooks of Matador, Texas; 4 Brothers: Stanley Brooks of Spicewood, Texas, Keith Brooks of Newton, Texas, Mickey Brooks of Cleburn, Texas, and Timmy Brooks of Roaring Springs, Texas; 1 Sister: Janice 'PeeWee' Perryman of Roaring Springs, Texas and numerous grandchildren

**M.C. Jones**

M. C. was born June 7, 1929 in Motley County, Texas to the late Crabill C. and Eliza J. Barton Jones. He was a lifetime resident of Motley County graduating from Flomot High School in 1947. He continued his education at Tarelton State University and received his BS and MS from Sul Ross University. On November 26, 1997 M. C. married Barbara Sue Bruce Kingsbery in Santa Anna, Texas and they have celebrated ten years of marriage. Salty was a member of the Methodist Church and Masonic Lodge. He was a coach and teacher at Roscoe High School and Flomot ISD during the 1950's and ranched on the family ranch owned by his family for over 100 years.

Survivors include: Wife - Barbara Kingsbery Jones of Santa Anna, Texas, Daughter - Candy & husband Michael Kern of Plano, Texas; 2 Sons - Salt & wife Susan Jones of Calgary, Canada, Pepper Jones of Austin, Texas; 2 Step Daughters - Sue and husband John Porter of Austin, Texas, Carol & Bob Otto of Lago Vista, Texas; 3 Grandchildren, Holly, Steven & Ben Kern; 2 Step Granddaughters

Pallbearers were - Perry Brunson, Don Burton, Jim Bob Nall, Ricky Nall, Donnie Turner, Johnny Turner  
Honorary Pallbearers - Lewis Bostick, S. C. "Teen" Burselon, Roncho Grundy, Terry McIver, Mike Mitchell, J.C. Moss, Wilburn Martin  
The family suggest Memorials be made to the Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador.

**James "Butch" Renfro**

Funeral Services for James 'Butch' Renfro, 66, of Matador were held on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at the First Baptist Church in Matador with Rev. Matt Crawford, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in the East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. Renfro passed away Tuesday, February 26, 2008 in Amarillo. Butch was born September 19, 1941 to James H 'Red' & Zola Mae Renfro in Matador. He was a lifelong resident of Matador graduating with the Class of 1960. He married Judy Hart on December 22, 1962.

He is survived by: His wife Judy of Matador; 2 Daughters: Renee Mzyk and husband Frank of Flower Mound, Texas; Rachele Davis and husband Brody of Turkey, Texas; 4 grandchildren: Madison and Morgan Mzyk and Bryer Reagan Davis; 1 Brother: Charles Renfro and wife Mary of Matador; Brother-in-law: Buddy Hart of Lubbock.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the East Mound Cemetery, Hackberry Creek Care Center or the Motley County Senior Citizens. These donations can be sent in care of the Matador Branch Bank P.O. Box 60 Matador, TX 79244

Pallbearers were: Van Frances, Rob Frances, Bundy Hal Campbell, Kenny Barton, Don Baxter, Ronnie Davis, Frank Mzyk, and Brody Davis.

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*One today is worth two tomorrows.*

~ Benjamin Franklin



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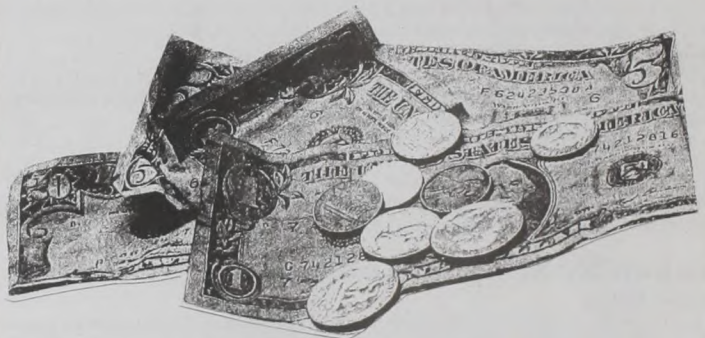
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### Valley School Lunch Menu

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**Monday, March 3**

**Breakfast:** biscuits, Sausage, OJ/Milk

**Lunch:** Lasagne, Ceasar Salad, Mixed Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk

**Tuesday, March 4**

**Breakfast:** Breakfast Pizza, OJ/Milk

**Lunch:** Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Cheese, Potato Chips, Orange Slices, Milk

**Wednesday, March 5**

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

**Lunch:** Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheese Toast, Peaches, Hot Rolls, Milk

**Thursday, March 6**

**Breakfast:** Breakfast Hot Pocket, OJ/Milk

**Lunch:** Chili Frito Pie, Kosher Dills, Apricots, Milk

**Friday, March 7**

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk

**Lunch:** Ham & Cheese Hoagies, Salad, Chips, Spice Cake, Milk



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# THE PATRIOT

Valley School News

## Cap Rock Telephone Scholastic Achievement Award Deadline April 11

The deadline for the 2008 Cap Rock Telephone Scholastic Achievement Award is Friday, April 11. In order to qualify, a graduating senior's parent or guardian must also live within Cap Rock's service area and be a member of Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative.

Cap Rock will award a total of eight \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors in 2008. The winners of these scholarships will be notified at their respective school graduation.

Since the inception of the scholastic award program, Cap Rock has provided \$80,000 for area youth to continue their education. Last year's recipients represented the following area schools: Valley High School, Motley County High School, Patton Springs High School, Spur High School and Paducah High School.

If you know an interested, qualifying student and would like a scholarship application, contact your school counselor or call Cap Rock Telephone at 800-692-4242 or 806-271-3336. Applications may also be found at [www.caprock-spur.com](http://www.caprock-spur.com).

## Valley FCCLA attends Region I Meeting

The students of the Valley Family, Career and Community Leaders of America competed in the region contests and attended the Region I Leadership Meeting this past weekend, February 22-23. Callie Helms, Region I Vice President of Achievement, was responsible for much of the planning and preparation for this meeting along with the other regional officers. She attended the Executive Council meeting Thursday afternoon to finalize these plans.

Friday was contest day. Ana Valdez, Dulce Chavez, and Laura Martinez competed in the Chapter Showcase category with a large display board showcasing all the activities of the Valley FCCLA. Yessenia Valdes, Angelica Cruz, and Alexandra Skinner competed in the Focus on Children event talking about a hand washing project they completed with some of the elementary students. Monica Mendoza and Mariela Mendoza competed in Interpersonal Communication and talked about eliminating swearing among their peers.

During the awards session on Saturday morning, we were excited to hear Valley announced as the First place team in Chapter Showcase, Second place team in Interpersonal Communication, and Third place team in Focus on Children. All the Valley teams qualified for state contest that will be held in Galveston in April!!

The region meeting is also the time when new officers are elected for the 2008-09 school year. After delivering her speech and answering questions and being interviewed, Callie was announced as the Region I Vice President of Programs for next year. She will be responsible for the visuals and script for the entire region meeting next year.

The Valley students did a great job representing Valley FCCLA and Valley High School. They were accompanied by their advisor, Kathy Taylor.



Yessenia Valdes, Angelica Cruz, and Alexandra Skinner competed in the Focus on Children



Ana Valdez, Dulce Chavez, and Laura Martinez competed in the Chapter Showcase.

## Next Nationwide ACT Test for College-Hopeful Students is April 12; Registration Deadline Is March 7

College-hopeful high school students can take the ACT college admission and placement exam on April 12, 2008, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 7. The registration fee is \$30 for the traditional ACT (without the writing test) and \$44.50 for the ACT Plus Writing. The late registration postmark deadline is March 21. An additional \$19 fee is required for late registration.

Students can obtain registration information and materials from their high school guidance counselors' office, or they can register online on ACT's website at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). The website also features test-taking tips, practice tests, online test prep, and a searchable database for students to see if a prospective college requires a writing score.

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# ON THE QT

By Patsy Herrington

I have lived all my life at Quitaque except for a short period when I lived at Matador and also went to college at Denton for awhile. I consider it a great privilege to have had the opportunity to live in a place with such freedom and raise my children here. No traffic and wide open beautiful spaces. When I was a little girl, several of us would walk to town on Saturdays to view the matinee at the picture show for 12¢. buy a nickel sack of popcorn and see the movie twice, buy a 5¢ coke later at Burgess Pharmacy and come home - such fun!

Several people here are getting all excited about the cruise they are preparing to go on. The group consists of Misti and Jim Messer, and children, Brandon Stark, donna and Roland Hamilton, Scotty and Sandra Stark, and others. More about this later.

Joyce King Price has been taking treatments every three weeks at Lubbock. She is on the downhill side with only two treatments left. This time she has felt better than usual, so maybe the worst is over. She continues to work at Caprock Canyons State Park when able.

We're so proud of the Valley Patriots and Lady Patriots in their great season. Valley girls finished the season with an 18-10 record and 5th consecutive year in the playoffs. Valley Patriots won Bi-District and advanced to the area playoffs where they were defeated by Grady, but still had an outstanding season. Congrats go to the teams and their fantastic coaches!

Howard Purcell has been in Covenant Hospital at Lubbock for a week with heart problems, but came home Saturday. Arlene and Bob Hinkle have been by his side caring for him. He is much better.

Bobby McWilliams has had hard luck this week. First he was in the hospital with pneumonia. When he was still on medication and his first day home, he was driving his car, dozed off, and ran into the fence in front of Greg Ramsey's place. He totaled his car, but the good news is that he wasn't injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Kell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon at the Methodist Church.

Maria Merrell has been on the sick list, but is better now. Lex Herrington recently made a business trip to Austin. While there he also visited his sisters, Lisa Herrington Welburn and Kim Ham Eudy and families.

Delene Tyler was gone for several days to Nolan, Texas near Sweetwater to visit her daughter, Gail Simmons. While there, she asked Patsy Herrington to play the organ in her place at the Methodist Church.

Just received word from Ernestine Payne that Clarence Lewis, former resident, of the Earl Lewis family had passed away. Services will be in Abilene.

A large crowd of family and friends paid their last respects to M.C. "Salty" Jones, Flomot Cemetery and former resident of Quitaque also. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Jones, Candy Kern, husband and 3 children, Pepper Jones of Austin, and Salt and Susan Jones of Calgary, Canada. Wilburn Martin gave the eulogy, Wadie clay and Kathy Shorter sang and Rev. Salt Jones, son gave the message. A touching remark made by Salt at the end remarked, "Dad said that he lived in the finest town on earth, the finest county, the finest land, the finest state, and the finest country and he couldn't figure out why anyone would ever want to leave!"

That's the way I feel about Quitaque, There's no place like home.

I just received word while turning this in that Coleen Taylor had passed away. More next time.



## Looks Who's New Brannon Cade Harmon

John and Tonya Harmon are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Brannon Cade Harmon. Brannon was born on Jan. 22, 2008 at 5:26 PM at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock, Texas. He weighed 4 lbs. 15 oz. and was 18 and a quarter inches long.

His grandparents are Rex and Elaine Harmon of Quitaque and Larry and Judy Potts of Friona, Tx. His great grandparents are Odis and Jessie Reagan of Quitaque, and Jim and Christine Zorns of Friona.

## Turkey Senior Citizens News

By Martha Bradshaw

The Turkey Sr. Citizens met Tuesday evening with 14 members present which includes Crystal from Accolade Home Care who did blood pressure checks and a guest, Vernell Vance. Tom Eudy said the prayer before the meal. Two tables of dominos were played after the delicious pot luck meal.

Our next meeting will be March 4, 2008. Nurses from Accolade Home Care will be here to do blood pressure checks, cholesterol, and blood sugar checks starting at 5:30pm. If you are a senior, we invite you to come and join us. They will be passing out information on their services and have free stuff. They are a delight to visit with.

## HVAC Classes Now Forming At Clarendon College

Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning classes at Clarendon College-Childress Center will start up March 3.

The HVAC program offers a cohesive plan of study to teach basic electric and offer certification and recertification.

The Texas Panhandle has an increasing need for technicians who can service heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment, as well as diagnose problems in sophisticated heating and cooling systems operating in homes, work places and schools.

The HVAC Level 1 program at the Clarendon College - Childress Center offers a route into the field with a Certificate of Completion program in HVAC.

Students who successfully complete the program will have been provided opportunities to prepare for the Environmental Protection Agency 608 refrigerant exam (EPA 608) as well as the North American Technician Excellence Exam (NATE HVAC/R).

The estimated time for a full-time, academically prepared student to complete the program is one year.

For more information or to sign-up for classes call Wendy Altman at 1-940-937-2001.

*Resolve to edge in a little reading every day, if it is but a single sentence. If you gain fifteen minutes a day, it will make itself felt at the end of the year.*

-Horace Mann

*The mind of the bigot is like the pupil of the eye; the more light you pour upon it, the more it will contract.*

- Oliver Wendell Holmes



## Texas NRCS Employee Wins Agency's Highest Rangeland Honor

Clint Rollins, rangeland management specialist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Amarillo, Texas, was named the agency's National Rangeland Conservationist of the Year at the joint annual meeting of the Society for Range Management and the American Forage and Grassland Council in Louisville, Ky.

"Clint has demonstrated leadership in his field for many years," said Dennis Thompson, NRCS national range and grazing land ecologist. Much of Rollins' work has been with other entities. He developed educational contacts working with NRCS partners such as universities, state and federal agencies, and local land stewardship groups ranging from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to West Texas A&M University to the Native Plant Society. He has compiled educational booklets, plant identification resources and presentations that are used by schools, universities, 4-H clubs, vocational agriculture teachers and conservation districts.

"Clint's work with livestock producers has certainly benefited the rangeland resources in Texas," said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "But by working with others, our young employees, and students, Clint has guaranteed that his knowledge will be passed along to the next generation of land stewards. For that, he is to be commended."

Each year, Rollins provides a variety of trainings on range management to NRCS employees, conservation stewardship partners, landowners and youth at countless venues. He has participated in more than 140 events since 2000 reaching thousands of individuals. The results can be measured in the hundreds of practices applied to the land, the thousands of acres treated and the tons of soil saved.

From his Amarillo office, Rollins coordinates state and federal efforts in rangeland conservation efforts for the NRCS zone that covers the Texas panhandle. Since beginning his work in the Texas Panhandle in 2002, Rollins has been involved in the completion of ecological site descriptions, including the writing, reviewing and approving the delineation for five different major land resource areas in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. He assisted in the technical administration of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, which was used for recovery efforts following the 2006 wildfires that burned more than 756,000 acres in the panhandle region.

Rollins is active in both the Texas chapter of the Society for Range Management and the National Society and received the Special Recognition County Level Award at the Texas chapter annual meeting in 2007.

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Morning Worship.....11:00a.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Flomot, Texas  
Pastor: Nathan Mulden  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training.....5:00 p.m.  
Worship.....6:30 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Prayer Meeting.....7:30 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Turkey, Texas  
Pastor: Samuel Holloway,  
Plainview, Texas  
Pastoral Days:1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
MONDAY  
Mission.....4:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Prayer Meeting.....8:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Turkey, Texas  
Pastor: Melvin Clinton  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Singing.....5:00 p.m.  
Training Union.....6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
MONDAY  
Women's Missionary Society.....  
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WEDNESDAY  
Prayer Meeting.....8:00 p.m.

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**OUR GREATEST LEADERS ACKNOWLEDGED THEIR LIMITATIONS**

The greatness achieved by our founding fathers was to a great extent due to their exceptional qualities of leadership. However, in spite of this they believed that they could accomplish nothing without the help of the Almighty. They felt the awesome responsibility which they bore for the destiny of our nation and its citizens; and they prayed for divine guidance before making the decisions on which our freedom and our system of justice would depend for all time. They saw themselves as merely the instruments of God's will, and it was this very humility that earned them their place in the history books and in our hearts. We who are responsible for only ourselves and our families could learn much from our founding fathers; therefore, we should attend our House of Worship and thank God for their foresight which has allowed us, among other things, to choose it.

**River of God Fellowship**  
Silverton, Texas  
SUNDAY  
Worship & Praise.....10:00 a.m.  
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Turkey, Texas  
Minister: Stuart Smith  
SUNDAY  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Evening Service.....7:00 p.m.

**Juan Diego Catholic Center**  
Quitaque, Texas  
Deacon Pedro Juarez  
SUNDAY  
Mass.....11:00 a.m.  
MONDAY  
Holy Hour.....6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.  
MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH  
Quitaque, Texas  
Pastor: Willie J. Windom  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.

**Gospel Lighthouse Church**  
Silverton, Texas  
Rev. Joyce Greer Cooper  
SATURDAY  
Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
FAIRMONT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
Fairmont, Texas  
Pastor: Arnie Smith  
SUNDAY  
Worship.....11:00 a.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Flomot, Texas  
SUNDAY  
Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Quitaque, Texas  
Minister: Delos Johnson  
SUNDAY  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**Galvan's Resturant**  
Turkey, Texas

**City of Turkey**  
Turkey, Texas

**San Loretto Catholic Church**  
Silverton, Texas  
Deacon Pedro Juarez  
SUNDAY  
Mass.....9:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Holy Hour.....6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Turkey, Texas  
Deacon Pedro Juarez  
SUNDAY  
Mass.....12:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Holy Hour.....7:00 p.m.  
Bible Study.....8:00 p.m.

**IGLESIA BAUTISTA La TRINIDAD CHURCH**  
Quitaque, Texas  
Pastor: Salvador Bernal  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Quitaque, Texas  
Pastor: Jeff Addison  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30a.m.  
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Mission Program.....5:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting.....6:00 p.m.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Turkey, Texas  
Pastor: John Dorn  
SUNDAY  
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Church School.....9:00a.m.  
Evening Worship  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.....6:00 p.m.  
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## Wheat Skyrockets As World's Poor Trade Up

More evidence mounts that global inflation will soon soar even higher. Wheat supplies, for which demand is skyrocketing, faces increasingly inadequate supply.

The cost of common wheat has climbed 50 percent since August and costs for the most sought-after varieties are even higher — as high as \$17 a bushel. Common wheat for March delivery was trading over \$10 a bushel and recently hit a nominal record of \$11.53.

The inflation-adjusted record for wheat prices was \$20 a bushel, set in the mid-1970s. A commodity no one but growers usually spend time thinking about, wheat has a history of being both plentiful and cheap.

But droughts have lowered wheat supplies and U.S. stockpiles are at their lowest since 1948. High international grain prices have driven food shortages, hoarding and even riots in some parts of the world.

"Anyone who tells you they've seen something like this (before) is a liar," says South Dakota trader Vince Boddicker.

As a result, the three United States exchanges that trade wheat futures contracts have since doubled their daily limits on price movements to 60 cents to accommodate trading fluctuations.

Unfortunately for farmers, most lack enough harvested wheat to benefit from recent price increases now. They sold crops their last fall for prices that sounded good then.

Prices are being driven in large part by strong economic growth in once-poor countries. Having more money has enabled people living there to develop a taste for the wheat products they were long unable to buy.

Traders and investors may feel anxious, but not the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It says the wheat shortage is temporary and that stockpiles will fall from 456 to 312 million bushels this year before rebounding to 700 million bushels by the end of the decade.

However, the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization says that world wheat production will rise this year to nearly 664 million tons, up from just 655 million tons — far too little to replenish stores and lower prices.

Higher prices will encourage additional acreage and production, the Ag Department's recent report optimistically forecast, with wheat plantings of 65 million acres in the 2008-2009 growing season.

That would be up from 60.4 million this year, but that number will fall due to competition from other crops.

Egypt, which recently put out an offer for a large wheat purchase, chose not to buy — presumably waiting for lower prices; Japan is reported to be bidding for 85,000 tons of American spring wheat.

"When the last person who has to buy in a market does so, you have a top," Boddicker points out. "We're quickly approaching that point, if we haven't hit it already."

## USDA Rural Development Announces Teh Availability of \$18.4 Million In Value-Added Producer Grants

Daniel Torres, Texas USDA Rural Development Business & Cooperative Programs Director, announced recently the Agency is accepting applications for the Value-Added Producer Grant Program. Funding in the amount of \$18.4 million is available nationwide to develop value-added agriculture business ventures which support President Bush's energy plan to develop alternative sources of renewable energy to support long term solutions to high energy costs in rural Texas.

The Value-Added Producer Grant Program provides competitive grant funds for one of the two following activities: (1) to support the planning activities needed to establish a viable value-added marketing opportunity for an agricultural product or (2) to acquire working capital to operate a value-added business venture that will allow producers to better compete in domestic and international markets.

"The Value-Added Producer Grant program continues to help Texas farmers and agri-related enterprises reach their business development goals," said Torres.

Grants are available to independent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures. Eligible applicants applying under the renewable energy category must include biodiesel, ethanol or wind energy production, or the use of biomass to generate energy. The maximum award for the planning grant is \$100,000 and the maximum award for the working capital grant is \$300,000. Applications must be completed and received no later than March 31, 2008. For more information on the Value-Added Producer Grant Program, please contact Billy Curb, Business and Cooperative Specialist at (254) 742-9775.

## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACCEPTING RURAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

Scotter Brockette, USDA Rural Development Acting State Director, announced this week the Agency is accepting applications for the Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) Program for Fiscal Year 2008. Applications will compete nationwide for the funding.

The primary objective of the RBOG Program is to improve economic conditions of rural areas. Assistance provided to rural areas under this program includes technical assistance for business development and conducting economic development planning. The grants are available to public bodies, non-profits, federally recognized Tribal groups and cooperatives with primarily rural residents that conduct activities for the mutual benefit of the members.

Applications for the RBOG funds will not exceed \$50,000 and for multi-state projects \$150,000. Completed applications must be postmarked and submitted to the Texas USDA Rural Development Office, 101 South Main, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76501 or submitted electronically at <http://www.grants.gov> no later than March 31, 2008. Applications will be tentatively scored by the State Office, with the two highest scoring project applications being considered for funding and submitted to the National Office for final review and selection. An application must contain all of the required elements to prevent negatively impacting the overall score.

USDA Rural Development works to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For additional information or an application package, contact Jenny Butler at (254) 742-9780. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, visit our web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

## Growing Markets Bring Potential for Rubber and Oilseed Crops

Changing and growing markets have renewed interest and research on guayule and lesquerella, two native Big Bend plants that might be grown in other parts of Texas, a Texas AgriLife Research scientist said.

Dr. Mike Foster, a research scientist with the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock, said he is looking at the possibility of developing the two plants into alternative crops in the Trans-Pecos and High Plains. Foster spoke at the recent High Plains Vegetable Conference in Canyon.

The reason guayule is back on the forefront now is medical products, Foster said. Many people are allergic to natural rubber products, but guayule rubber does not seem to cause the allergic reactions.

"There are about 300 medical devices that require natural rubber," he said. "Many occupations require people to wear gloves and the guayule natural rubber does not produce the allergic reactions because of fewer proteins. That's where we are headed with this."

Guayule is a native shrub in the Big Bend area and produces natural rubber, Foster said. This plant was harvested in the early 1900s in Mexico and Texas and received attention in the U.S. during World War II.

The Emergency Rubber Project was created in 1942-1944, and that is when the first studies were performed on the reaction and limitation of guayule to low-temperature environments in Texas and New Mexico.

The experiments looked at 23 locations in the two states, Foster said. Little injury was seen on dormant shrubs at temperatures as low as 0 degrees, he said. Even in Dalhart, the plants had a 31 percent survival at minus 10 degrees.

Following the war, interest decreased and the U.S. became primarily an importer of rubber that is derived from rubber trees, Foster said. The rubber from guayule is structurally the same. In the late 1970s, interest in domestic rubber production was revived because of the oil embargo, he said. That's when researchers started trying to increase the biomass of these plants. And now Foster is again looking at the plant with plots at the Texas AgriLife Research Station at Halfway, near Plainview. The Trans Pecos and Plainview areas have similar elevations and temperatures, but the Plainview area receives almost two times as much rain. The freeze dates are similar.

The plants were transplanted in May 25, 2006, and received a total of 23 inches of water (rain and irrigation) during the growing season. Foster said he has already determined the high biomass lines that have been recently developed will not work in the colder regions because they lost their cold tolerance during the breeding process.

He has determined winter survival requires a dry period in the fall followed by a gradual temperature decline. Problems can arise if plant growth is induced by a winter warm period that is followed by frost. However, two breeding lines are showing potential.

The shrubs are harvested at two years of age when the whole plant can be dug up or it can be clipped and left to regrow, Foster said. It will need to be grown under irrigation, but the water requirements for the High Plains have not been determined.

"One of the advantages here (in the High Plains) is you get some rainfall, so it can reduce the water inputs," he said. "The Trans Pecos, where it is native, has trouble with salinity in the water, so we're just trying to see how adaptive it is in this region."

"If this really happens, I think the High Plains would be in position to cash in on the market," Foster said. "One of the last reports I saw, natural rubber varied from \$1.30 to \$1.60 a pound. With the medical application, the demand is growing."

Foster said the co-products may be as valuable as the rubber. To process guayule for rubber, the plant has to be ground up and the rubber comes from the bark. The resin can be used to treat wood, and the leftover pulp can be used for composite boards and as an energy source, i.e. fire logs, briquettes and fuel pellets.

Lesquerella, the other crop Foster is working with, has potential as an industrial oilseed crop, he said. It also is found in Mexico and the Trans Pecos, but can be found growing as far north as Kansas.

The cool season perennial produces oil similar to that of castor, he said. All U.S. castor oil is imported.

The plant produces yellow flowers that develop into capsules containing numerous small, flat seeds. One million seeds weigh only 20 ounces, Foster said.

The seeds can be crushed to produce oil that could be used as the base-stock to improve viscosity of 2-cycle engine oil, motor oil and hydraulic fluid, he said. It also can be used in biodegradable gear oil with off-shore drilling applications, and it has potential as a biodiesel/biofuel additive.

"We certainly see this can be a potential new crop for the Trans Pecos and High Plains regions," Foster said.

Foster said once the viability of the crops is determined, the acceptance of them as an alternative crop will depend on the ability to get them processed and to a market with a reasonable profit.

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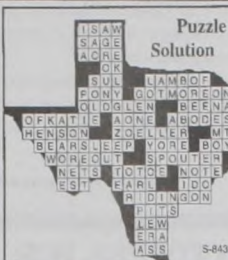
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- James Madison



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## Public Notice

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Flomot Water Association will meet at the Flomot Community Center Friday, February 22, 2008 at 1:30 pm. Officials from South Plains Association of Governments, Motley County officials and others will present information concerning the grant to repair the Flomot water system. All Flomot residents and friends are urged to attend this important meeting.

### Public Notice

## Hall County Hospital District Opens Candidate Filing For Hospital Board of Directors Election on Saturday, May 10, 2008

Any Hall County Resident who is a qualified voter interested in running for the Hall County Hospital District Board of Directors can pick up a petition to have his or her name placed on the ballot at the Hospital District office located at 101 S.10th Street in Memphis, Texas. The petition requires the signature of three registered Hall County voters. The office is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each week. No petition for a place on the ballot may be accepted after 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2008. Filing packets for candidates are available upon request at the HCHD office.

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

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## Thank You

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## This Week In Texas History!

- Mar 3, 1863**  
The Union Navy attempted another raid on Confederate soldiers at Sabine pass and were unsuccessful.
- Mar 4, 1900**  
A weekly newspaper, the Avallanche, was started in Lubbock by attorney John James Dillard and professional gambler Thad Tubbs. It later merged with the Lubbock Journal to become the Lubbock Avallanche Journal.
- Mar 4, 1836**  
Gen. Santa Anna was taken to Galveston where he met with Republic President David G. Burnet.
- Mar 5, 1893**  
The voters of Estelline approved the sale of alcoholic beverages. The vote was 96-61, making Estelline the only wet community between Amarillo and Electra.
- Mar 5, 1898**  
The first group of Rough Riders arrived in San Antonio. Teddy Roosevelt recruited Rough Riders while staying at the Menger Hotel.
- Mar 5, 1862**  
Mexican troops defeated the French near Mexico City. If the French had won, Mexico would have been opened to the Confederates and it might have changed the outcome of the Civil War.
- Mar 6, 1944**  
The invasion of Normandy began. The battleship Texas was involved in the bombardment of Cherbourg.
- Mar 6, 1875**  
The Panhandle-Plains Indians surrendered to U.S. troops at Darlington, Okla. This officially ended the Red River Wars of 1874-75. During the surrender the last two German family sisters, who had been captured by the Indians in Kansas over a year earlier, were released.
- Mar 6, 1836**  
After a five-hour battle on this a Sunday morning, the Alamo fell to Gen. Santa Anna and the Mexican Army. The massacre of the Texan garrison was over by 9:00 A.M.
- Mar 7, 1930**  
The first two Texas state highway patrolmen assigned to the Panhandle region reported for duty in Amarillo.
- Mar 7, 1927**  
The U.S. Supreme Court declared a Texas law prohibiting African-Americans from voting in Democratic Primary elections unconstitutional.
- Mar 7, 1901**  
The Bluebonnet was adopted as the state flower by the Texas Legislature.
- Mar 7, 1861**  
All Union Army posts in South Texas were abandoned to the Confederates.
- Mar 8, 1852**  
A flat boat named "Dallas" started up the Trinity River from galveston, bound for Dallas with a load of cotton and hides. The boat failed to make the trip.
- Mar 8, 1836**  
Messengers were sent out all over Texas from Washington-on-the-Brazos to tell people that Texas was a free and independent nation. At the time nothing was known outside San Antonio about the fall of the Alamo.
- Mar 9, 1891**  
The last cattle drive left the Panhandle. After this most cattle were shipped by rail, making Amarillo and Estelline the largest cattle shipping points in the world.
- Mar 9, 1836**  
On his way to Gonzales, Gen. Sam Houston ordered Col. Jim Fannin to join him in San Antonio to fight in defense of the Alamo. Houston still had not heard the nes of Santa Anna's victory.

## Classifieds

### Work!

## POLITICAL CALENDAR

The Valley Tribune is authorized to make the following announcements of candidates for off ice subject to the March 2008 primaries and the November, 2008 general elections.

### Hall County

- Hall Co. Sheriff
- Elect Earnest Neel
- Elect Tim Wiginton

### Briscoe County

- County Commissioner Pct #1
  - Elect Terry Grimland
  - Elect Jimmy Burson
  - Briscoe Co. Sheriff
  - Elect Rosalio "Rosey" Hernandez
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## IRS Will Send Stimulus Payments Automatically Starting in May;

### Eligible Taxpayers Must File a 2007 Tax Return to Receive Rebate

The Internal Revenue Service today advised taxpayers that in most cases they will not have to do anything extra this year to get the economic stimulus payments beginning in May.

"If you are eligible for a payment, all you have to do is file a 2007 tax return and the IRS will do the rest," said Acting IRS Commissioner Linda Stiff.

The IRS will use information on the 2007 tax return filed by the taxpayer to determine eligibility and calculate the amount of the stimulus payments.

The IRS will begin sending taxpayers their payments in early May after the current tax season concludes. Payments to more than 130 million taxpayers will continue over several weeks during the spring and summer. A payment schedule for taxpayers will be announced in the near future.

Stimulus payments will be direct deposited for taxpayers selecting that option when filing their 2007 tax returns. Taxpayers who have already filed with direct deposit won't need to do anything else to receive the stimulus payment. For taxpayers who haven't filed their 2007 returns yet, the IRS reminds them that direct deposit is the fastest way to get both regular refunds and stimulus payments.

Most taxpayers just need to file a 2007 tax return as usual. No other action, extra form or call is necessary. The agency's Web site, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), will be the best information source for all updates and taxpayer questions.

In most cases, the payment will equal the amount of tax liability on the tax return, with a maximum amount of \$600 for individuals (\$1,200 for taxpayers who file a joint return).

The law also allows for payments for select taxpayers who have no tax liability, such as low-income workers or those who receive Social Security benefits or veterans' disability compensation, pension or survivors' benefits received from the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2007. These taxpayers will be eligible to receive a payment of \$300 (\$600 on a joint return) if they had at least \$3,000 of qualifying income.

Qualifying income includes Social Security benefits, certain Railroad Retirement benefits, certain veterans' benefits and earned income, such as income from wages, salaries, tips and self-employment. While these people may not be normally required to file a tax return because they do not meet the filing requirement, the IRS emphasizes they must file a 2007 return in order to receive a payment.

Recipients of Social Security, certain Railroad Retirement and certain veterans' benefits should report their 2007 benefits on Line 14a of Form 1040A or Line 20a of Form 1040. Taxpayers who already have filed but failed to report these benefits can file an amended return by using Form 1040X. The IRS is working with the Social Security Administration and Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure that recipients are aware of this issue.

"Some people receiving Social Security and veterans' benefits may not realize they will need to file a tax return to get the stimulus payment," Stiff said. "To reach these people, the IRS and Treasury will work closely with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Social Security Administration and key beneficiary groups on outreach efforts."

Eligible taxpayers who qualify for a payment will receive an additional \$300 for each child who qualifies for the child tax credit.

Payments to higher income taxpayers will be reduced by 5 percent of the amount of adjusted gross income above \$75,000 for individuals and \$150,000 for those filing jointly.

Taxpayers must have valid Social Security Numbers to qualify for the stimulus payment. If married filing jointly, both taxpayers must have a valid Social Security Number. And, children must have valid Social Security Numbers to be eligible as qualifying children.

Taxpayers who file their tax returns using an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number issued by the IRS or any number issued by the IRS are ineligible. Also ineligible are individuals

who can be claimed as dependents on someone else's return, or taxpayers who file Form 1040-NR, 1040-PR or 1040-SS.

To accommodate taxpayers who file tax returns later in the year, the IRS will continue sending payments until December 31, 2008. The IRS also cautions taxpayers that if they file their 2007 tax return and then move their residence that they should file a change of address card with the U.S. Postal Service.

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The difference between a job and a career is the difference between 40-60 hours a week.  
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~Robert Frost

## Participants Needed For Cholesterol Study

Volunteers are being recruited for a cholesterol study at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston to raise "good" cholesterol while reducing "bad" levels at the same time.

The study, part of an international initiative called AIM HIGH (Atherosclerosis Intervention in Metabolic Syndrome with Low HDL/High Triglycerides and Impact on Global Health Outcomes), will evaluate the usefulness of a comprehensive solution for cholesterol patients by testing a refined version of the vitamin niacin, a known HDL (high density lipoprotein) booster, in conjunction with statins, which lower LDL (low density lipoprotein). HDL is usually considered "good" cholesterol and LDL is considered "bad."

A low HDL level is the most common cholesterol problem found in people with heart disease. Men or women with low HDL readings (less than 40 for men and less than 50 for women) are encouraged to enroll.

Prospective study participants can call 713-798-3171.

There are additional heart-related studies (<http://www.bcm.edu/clinicalstudies/?PMID=7193>) ongoing at Baylor College of Medicine

### CITIZENS FOR BETTER LAW ENFORCEMENT

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**THE TRUTH IS:**

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**THE TRUTH IS:**

Hall County taxpayers deserve to see their dollars spent wisely, with spending within the budget set by Commissioners' Court.

**THE TRUTH IS:**

We the Citizens for Better Law Enforcement in Hall County feel that it is imperative that all citizens be diligent in electing a sheriff on March 4th.

**THE TRUTH IS:**

TIM WIGINTON has chosen to run for Sheriff of Hall County on his own reputation as an experienced and qualified candidate for the office.

**THE TRUTH IS:**

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You should know that by re-electing me as your Hall County Sheriff, you also get the best "Posse" any Sheriff ever had. If you elect me, we all stay together. We continue to be a team that can, as the comedian says, "get 'er done" like no other.

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4. Will CONTINUE to "proactively" work **night and day**, to keep Hall County citizens safe and secure
5. Won't promise you anything that he cannot deliver, or over which he has no control.
6. Will never close my office door to **anyone** at **anytime**, just as has always been the case.
7. Is now, and will continue to be, **THE MOST QUALIFIED MAN FOR THE JOB!**

The Army has an old adage, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."  
Hall County's Sheriff Department and Jail ain't broke!

**SOLICIT YOUR VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ON MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**IF YOU VOTE FOR ME, I CAN PROMISE THAT I WILL GIVE YOU HONORABLE, TRUSTWORTHY, AND CARING SERVICE AS YOUR HALL COUNTY SHERIFF**

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## Elect Tim Wiginton Sheriff Hall County



I would sincerely appreciate your vote and support in the March 4<sup>th</sup> Democratic Primary.

I have spent most of my life working in Law Enforcement, and I take great interest in the needs of others and will diligently work to enhance the Sheriff's Office. My vision is to be a hands-on Sheriff, one who is on the job and available to the citizens and a Sheriff who sets an example of hard work, dedication and reliability.

Hall County needs a dedicated, full time and hands-on Sheriff that will work in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies, emergency services (Fire, EMS, and Emergency Management), local municipalities and community organizations. This area has been seriously neglected over the last few years.

Our community is a rural farm and ranch community. It is imperative that both the Sheriff and the Deputies know the needs of the community and work with the people to meet those needs.

I believe that our community deserves a proactive department that will work as hard to prevent crimes from occurring as it does to solve crimes when they do occur. It only makes sense, if a department deters crimes then there are fewer victims of crimes in our community. If a department works to take drug dealers and drugs off the street, then there are less drug related crimes and less victims of those crimes.

With my years of experience in law enforcement; I know that crimes are not just a statistic, they are not just another report to take and they are never just a routine call. When a crime is committed it affects lives, it affects families, it affects the community and it affects a person's sense of security. No matter the severity of the crime, you deserve and expect law enforcement to respond quickly and to conduct a thorough investigation that will aid in the apprehension and prosecution of the offender.

The Sheriff's Office should never become complacent and should take every call seriously. You should never have to wait for a response to your call. An attitude of a pretty good but not perfect response time to your call is just not acceptable! I promise you, the citizens of Hall County, that if elected I will ensure a professional department with a professional response to your calls. Last week you were told that the Sheriff's Office receives 600 calls a year. That is an average of 1.6 calls a day and I believe with this call ratio response to calls should be timely.

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