THE VALLEY TRIBUNE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING 2002 CLASS VALLEY MIGH SCHOOL



Hannah Marie Boedeker Salutatorian

Hannah Marie Boedeker is the 18 year old daughter of Terry and Robin Boedeker.

During high school she was involved in many activities including FFA, Pep Squad, One Act Play, Student Council, Tennis, Basketball, Class officer, FCA and National Honor Society.

She was Freshman class President and Junior class Reporter. She was a two year member of Student Council and Pep Squad. She also was a member of the One Act Play All Star Cast for three

In FFA Hannah was a State Qualifying Creed speaker, a member of the Chapter Conducting and Dairy Products Judging teams, Chapter Secretary and Vice President, Greenbelt District Vice President, and Area I President.

After graduation, Hannah will pursue a degree in Ag Develop ment at Texas A&M University in College Station.

The Class of Two thousand and two Valley High School announces the Commencement Exercises Friday evening. May twenty-fourth at eight o'clock Valley High School Gymnasium



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Christopher Taylor Valedictorian

Christopher Taylor is the 18 year old son of Walter and Kathryn Taylor. His high school years have been filled with a myriad of activities ranging from community service to being actively involved in an organization on the national level. He has participated in football the last three years and was honored to receive Academic All State this past years. As a Freshman, he ran Cross Country. He has played Basketball and Tennis all four years in high school, recently receiving a berth in the Regional Tennis tour nament. He was also awarded Academic All State in Basketball. To prepare for the sporting activities this year, he ran Varsity Track last spring.

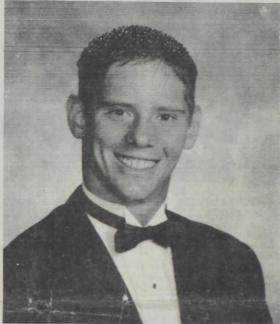
NHS and UIL have helped fulfill his academic goals. Christo pher has had the privilege of being a member of the NHS since his Sophomore year and as Vice President his Senior year. UIL competitions have enabled him to compete against others in areas of interest to him, such as Editorial Writing, Mathematics, Number Sense, Calculator, and Science. He has participated in academic UIL all four years. He was honored to qualify for Regional in Science last year.

Christopher has also held several leadership roles including: Student Council officer; Class officer; FCA officer; and in FCCLA as local, region and state officer. In Student Council, he has served as Secretary, Treasurer, and President. FCCLA has played an important role during his high school years. He has served as the Region I Vice President of Projects. Organizing a region wide community service project, and compiling a presentation on the various projects chapters had completed was a big responsibility. As the State Vice President of STAR Events, he has been charged with organizing and running the competitions at the state level. He has also been involved on the national level where he was a National Gold Medal Winner for Chapter Showcase, Jr., and a representative on the National Program team

It has been his privilege to be honored with several awards dur ing his high school years. Christopher has received the Lions' Club Academic Award for the past four years by maintaining academic excellence. He has also received the Youth Leadership Award from the State Fair of Texas. He has been voted "Most Likely to Succeed" for the past two years by his peers and teachers and "Most Academic" by his teachers his Senior year For the past four years, he has been awarded our local FCCLA's certificate of appreciation for his hard work. He has received local Mathematics, Science, Spanish, Social Studies, and Family and Consumer SciencesAca-

Christopher has been a student of the fine arts for the past four years. His Freshman year, he was actively involved in the Valley high school Choir. He has been participating in UIL Piano for three of the past four years. He received a I, the best rating, for all three years. Last year he was honored to represent his school at the state competition. He also participated in OneAct Play for the past two years, in addition to our school's Theater Arts produc-

After graduation, Christopher plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall. At Texas Tech, he plans to major in Mechanical Engineering. After receiving his Bachelor's Degree, he plans to get a Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering. With this major he hopes to someday work for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration or an aircraft manufacture; working on space pro-



Wesley Aaron Henson Salutatorian

Wesley Aaron Henson is the 18 year old son of Rusty and Janice Henson. During high school, he has participated in many activi-

He has played Football, Basketball, and Tennis all four years. A few honors he has received are 1st Team All Region Center, Honorable Mention All State Center, and Academic All State in Football; in Basketball he received Honorable Mention three years, Valley Invitational All Tournament Team two years, and was chosen to play in the Golden Spread All Star game; and he was a part of the District winning boys Tennis team two years in a row, which qualified him for a trip to the Regional Tournament in boys doubles. In addition to these, he has also participated in Varsity Golf two years and Varsity Track one year. He also received Honorable Mention

for the High School Christian Student Athlete All American Award.

Along with sports, Wes had been very active in various organization at his school. He served as the Valley FFA Chapter Treasured for two years, Student Council Representative one year and President one year, Class Officer three years, and National Honor Society President one year. Wes was also on the Dairy Products Judgng team that qualified for the state contest all four years he was in high school. He also helped to start the Valley Chapter of the Felowship of Christian Athletes and served as President for two years.

Wes was not only active in his school, but is also very active in his church. He volunteers on Sunday nights to help with the children's ministry and on Wednesdays he helps his father led the youth services. Recently, his church licensed him for the Gospel

Wes plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, where he plans to major in Bible. After receiving his Bachelor Degree, he would like to pursue graduate work towards a Master of Divinity.

Calendar Of Events

Valley Pre-Kindergarten Program @ 9 a.m. at V alley School

Economic Board Meeting @ 7 p.m.

-Drivers License office open at Briscoe County Courthouse 9:30 a.m.

Valley 8th Grade Graduation @ 8 p.m. at Valley School.

Valley School Early Out @ 1 p.m. for Summer V acation
-Valley Class of 2002 Graduation @ 8 p.m. at V alley School.

May 25 Teachers Work Day at Valley School.

-All Local, State and Federal government offices closed today. Turkey Lions Club meeting @ 7 p.m.

Honoring Those Who Served

A Salute To Local WWII Veterans On Page 4 Of This Edition Of The Valley Tribune

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Margie and Randy Gafford celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, April 28, 2002 at the annual Gafford family reunion in Turkey, Texas. They were mar ried April 26, 1942 in Amarillo, Texas. Their children are Larry and Kathy Gafford of Amarillo and Rhonda and Jimmy Burson of Silverton. They have six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.



Ramseys Graduate From South Plains College

Friday, May 10 Dale and Carol Ramsey traveled to Levelland, TX to attend college graduation exercises. They were held at South Plains College, in the Texas Dome at 10 a.m. Graduating were Russell and Kristin Ramsey, LuBecca Long, their cousin, and Eric Nelson, Russell's room-

A reception was held at Kristin Ramsey's apartment by the parents of the four graduates. Lunch was served and there was a special decorated cake and cookies for all.

cake and cookies for all.

Attending were Dale and Carol Ram ey of Quitaque, parents of Russell and Kristin Ramsey, Ed and Ann Hartman of South Plains Cory.

Adams of Lorenzo and Gale Long of Hobbs, N.M.. Lucy and Billy Chitty of Olton, TX, parents of LuBecca Long, Jamie Chitty of Olton, Fred Long, uncle of Carol Ramsey and LuBecca's grandfather, also of Olton. Telitha Winge of Cisco, Dawn Robinson of Lubbock, and Becky Graves of Levelland. Porter and Ann Nelson of Lubbock, parents of Eric Nelson and Scott Nelson and Matt Castle of Lubbock.

Kristin graduated with an Associate of Science in Mathematics and

Kristin graduated with an Associate of Science in Mathematics and she is a member of the National Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa. She has enrolled at Texas Tech for the fall semester and is moving to Lubbock.
Russell graduated with a Certificate in Electronics Service T echnology He is moving to Lubbock and will start working full time for BAE Audio Enterprises. Eric Nelson also graduated with a Certificate in Electronics Service Technology, and will be Russell's roommate in Lubbock. He will start working full time at Tahoka ISD. LuBecca Long graduated with a

Jamie Wellman Graduates From Amarillo College With A. D. In Applied Science/EMSP

Amarillo College held their Commencement ceremony on Friday, May 10, 2002, in the Cal Farley Coliseum. 890 students graduated for the Fall 2001, Spring and Summer of 2002 semesters. Jamie W ellman, of Quitaque, graduated with an Associate Degree in Applied Sciences in Emer gency Medical Services Professions.

Family members present for her graduation were Jack, Debbie, Richard, Ryan, and Jessica Wellman, Roberta Farley, Dennis, Lisa, Melody, Vance, Randy and Mitchell Farley, all of Quitaque. Lloyd and Margie Wellman of Shallowater, Kenneth Wellman of Wichita Falls, and Larry and Linda Farley, April Snavely and Matthew Farley, all of Amarillo.

Jamie has been a very busy young lady the past year. She has com-pleted certification the following fields of study. Basic Life Support (CPR), Basic Life Support (CPR) Instructor, Pre-Hospital Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), EMS Instructor, and EMT-Paramedic. She was voted CPR Coor dinator for the Paramedic Student Association and was required to sched-ule and plan CPR class locations, equipment, and personnel to teach those classes. She has been involved with instructing and assisting in over 50 CRP classes with over 1,000 students receiving certification or recertification in CPR.

unteer capacity and has applied for a position with AMS Ambulance Ser vice in Amarillo. She has also applied for a position with the telemedicine clinic which should be opening this summer in Quitaque.



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Wellman Takes Part In Pinning Ceremony

Amarillo College held their an-nual Pinning Ceremony for gradu-ating Emergency Medical Services Professions program students Friday, May 3, 2002. The annual Pinning Ceremony was held in the Amarillo College West Campus Lec-ture Hall. Jamie Wellman, of Quitaque, was one of fourteen can-didates eligible for graduation in the EMSP program. The gold pins were presented by John Smoot and Dave Bulla, instructors of the EMSP program. The students in this class will graduate with the hope of going into the medical field as paramedics. They were com-mended for being the first class to graduate from AC with a 100% pass rate in the skills portion of the National Registry Testing process.

Family members present to see Jamie receive her pin were her Mom and Dad, Debbie and Jack Wellman; grandparents, Roberta Farley and Lloyd and Margie Wellman; uncle and aunt, Larry and Linda Farley. The Paramedic Student As-sociation sponsored the event with an Italian buffet preceding the cer

Bail Busters", the Relay for Life Team made up of Briscoe County Sheriff's office and Courthouse employees, will be having a Jail & Bail Saturday, June 1 beginning at 10 a.m. and going until? at the City Hall in Quitaque. This event will be held during the National Trails Day's festivities.

For those of you who have never had the pleasure of experiencing a Jail & Bail, this is how it works. Pick out your favorite Person/Victim and have a Warrant" issued to have them 'Jailed" for \$5.00. Once the Warrant" is issued the person will be picked-up and taken to "Jail". To get out of "Jail" the Person/Victim will have to pay "Fine" of \$10.00 to get released. At this point they are free to seek revenge on you. To prevent this, it has been ru-mored that, "Jailhouse Insurcan be purchased for a mere \$15.00, insuring you avoid the "Hoosegow" altogether.

All funds raised will go to the American Cancer Society. For more information on how to irritate your friends and neighbors contact Jeff or Jeannine at the Briscoe County Sheriff's office at 823-2135.

In this world, most of us are motivated by fear—governments more perhaps, even than individuals. -Eleanor Roosevelt

Happy Birthday

Ruth Proctor, E.G. Reed, Will Sperry, Rachel Morrison, Ande' carter, Mona Wheeler May 25

Cindy Hinojosa, Juanita Taylor, Sandy Valdez

John Cagle Pigg, Matthew Whittington, Nicki Adamson, Steve Dickman, Lisa Campbell May 27

Jennifer Auston, Wendell Vance Farley, Zola Jackson, Sassy Reynolds, Larry Clay, Bradley Carter, Tink Lane

Brooke Withers, Mayson Martin, Chelsea Wheeler

May 29

May 28

May 30 Kevin Hawkins, Whitney Nicole Beavers



May 23 Mr & Mrs Glen De Pigg Mr & Mrs Criss Morrison

May 24 Mr & Mrs Billy Pinkerton May 25 Mr & Mrs Bryan Burson May 26 Mr & Mrs Larry Clay

May 27 Mr & Mrs Bill Pigg May 29 Mr & Mrs Denny Fuston OBITUARIES

Gregoria Ramirez

Funeral mass for Gregoria Ramirez, 55, was held Monday, May 20, 2002 at Saint Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Turkey. Prayer services were held Sunday at Myers-Long Funeral Directors in Tur-key. Father Ed Graff will officiate. Burial was in Dreamland Cemeter by Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Turkey.

Gragoria Ramirez was born on May 25, 1946 at San Benito, Texas. She passed away on May 17, 2002 at Hereford, Texas at the age of 55 years 11 months and 22 days. She was always happy.
Survivors include 3 sons: Max

Lopez of Perryton, Adam Lopez of Hereford and Albert Lopez of Turkey; a daughter Tammy Lopez of Arizona; 2 daughter-in-law: Lou Lopez of Perryton and Leola Lopez of Turkey: by 5 sisters: Eloisa Garcia Leal of Dimmitt, Martina Lopez of Turkey, Monce Lopez of Dimmitt, Fabiana Mendoza of Dimmitt and Elida Zamora of Dimmitt; 3 brothers: Ramon Rodriguez of Dimmitt, Marcelino Rodriguez of Hereford and Juan Rodriguez of Dimmitt and 5 grand-children. She was preceded in death by a granddaughter Pricilla Lopez.

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Quitaque Senior Citizens

Quitaque Senior Citizens met Friday, May 17, 2002 at 6 p.m. for their second meeting of the month. The group enjoyed a pot luck supper. Following the supper the group discussed the upcoming National Trails Day on June 1, 2002. Plans have been made for the group to have a bake sale starting at 9 a.m. on that Saturday. They will also have coffee and tea available for the public during the day.

The next meeting will be on June 7, 2002 at 6 p.m. If you would like to join the group, come by and have supper with them that evening.

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MONDAY, MAY 27, 2002 IN OBSERVANCE OF

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Proudly, we honor all the men and women of all branches of the United States Armed Forces, from all wars.

Their courage was our greatest triumph, their sacrifice our greatest loss. Let their memory not be forgotten, least we forget the lessons learned!



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-Anne Frank

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

OVERHEARD

We are proud of the graduates who have worked hard and are now preparing to go out into the world. Think of graduation as the start of something great and then go make something great happen. Good Luck!

Celebrates Birthday

Mrs. Carol Ann Turner's birthday was celebrated Sunday night with a dinner at the Sportsman Cafe in Quitaque. Those sharing the happy occasion was her husband, Johnney Turner, Mrs. Carolyn Luckenbach of Silverton, Bill Crowell of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Cobey Turner of Lub-

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 $Mr.\ and\ Mrs.\ Wilburn\ Martin\ attended\ to\ business\ in\ Borger\ ,$ Friday and visited their daughter Mrs. Fred (Marilee) Cooper .

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers visited in Kalgary , Thursday with Donna Sue and Stanley Degan.

Mrs. Clois (Kathy) Shorter visited overnight Saturday in Petersburg with daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley. Mr. and Mrs. Milam attended the Petersburg School All Sports Banquet Saturday night held at Logan's Steak House in Lubbock. Mrs. Shorter returned boms Synday membring in the first by the bounds.

returned home Sunday morning in time for the church services. Mrs. Geneva Martin has been receiving medical care for pneumonia. Dusty Whitaker is in Anson with the Brent Whitaker family of Mata dor who are striping highways and was home for the weekend to visit his wife, Julie Whitaker.

Mary Ellen Barton attended the graveside rites for Alvin Garrison in Matador Friday morning. She took her dog, Maggie who was bitten on the leg by a rattlesnake to the Vet clinic in Childress Friday afternoon. Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse attended the Valley Academics Program honor-

ing World War II Veterans held at the Gem Theatre in Turkey Sunday

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers Thursday night were Shay and Jimmy McDaniels and Seth of Lubbock and Dane Degan and Kyler of Crosbyton.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarilo, riday for her a medical appointment. They visited in the home of daughter and husband, Bessie and Clifton Reid and enjoyed seeing videos and pictures of their recent tour of France and Spain. Other visitors were Jack Moon of Fritch and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey of Canyon.

Tuesday night, May 14th, Flomot residents reported rain totals from 0.30 to 0.60 of an inch. Whiteflat received no rainfall!

Mrs. J.W. Eubank of Farwell returned home Tuesday after visiting the past two weeks with her daughter and family, Gina and Tim Shannon and baby daughter, Nellie. Visiting them Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. David Walker and daughter, Adrianne of Matador.

Coy and Connie Franks enplaned to Bastrop T uesday to visit son and family, Cory and Amy Franks and baby daughter, Madison. Coy returned home and Connie remained to visit until Sunday. When son, Cary Franks and Screel Schmidt of Lubbock flew by plane to Bastrop and accompa-



FIVE GENERATIONS...Members of the Washington family recently gathered for a five generation picture. Madison Franks and father, Cory Franks of Bastrop; grandmother, Mrs. Connie Washington Franks; great grandfather, Bill D. Washington and great-great grandmother, Mrs. Edith Washington all of Flomot.

<u>SWIMMING LESSONS</u>

SWIMMING LESSONS WILL BE OFFERED AT THE TURKEY SWIMMING POOL IN JUNE. CLASSES WILL BE HELD JUNE 10-13 AND CONTINUING JUNE 17-26. CHILDREN AGES 5 AND OLDER MAY TAKE LESSONS. COST WILL BE \$35.00 PER CHILD. PLEASE CONTACT MARY WOODS AT 455-1264 TO RESERVE A SPOT.

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Have You Heard?

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COOK'S CORNER

May is almost gone! It seems like only a short time ago that I was putting recipes for hearty cold-weather soups, but now that warm early summer days are here, how about some cold soup recipes? Linda S. asked for cold soup recipes to beat the summer heat, and Dianne Washington sent in several. Here are three of them. The popular Mexican version of a

ld soup is gazpacho ZIPPY GAZPACHO

3 cups vegetable juice, such as tomato or V-8

1 cucumber, halved and peeled 1 small onion, chopped 1 clove garlic, crushed

1 1/2 tablespoons Worcestershire

1/8 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup wine vinegar 4 green onions 1 tomato

1 cup garlic croutons
Lemon wedges, optional
Sour cream, optional
In blender, combine juice. 1/2
cucumber. onion, garlic,
Worcestershire and salt, blend
until smooth. Blend in vinegar and until smooth. Blend in vinegar and oil. Chill well. Dice 1/2 cucumber, onions and whole tomato. Pour into chilled bowls, top with diced vegetables, croutons, lemon wedges and sour cream Makes I quart.

The most famous and most common cold soup is vichyssoise.
VICHYSSOISE
2 cups green onions, thinly sliced, (use white parts only)
1 medium onion, chopped
2 tablespoons butter
4 medium potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced

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1 quart chicken stock
2 teaspoons salt
2 cups light cream
1/4 teaspoon white pepper
1 cup heavy cream

Dash Tabasco

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In deep stock pot, soften onions in butter. Add the potatoes, stock and salt. Simmer for 30 minutes. Puree in blender or food processor. Warm the light cream and add to the pureed mixture. Blend again. Season to taste with white pepper.

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Let mixture cool to room
temperature. Chill Thoroughly mix
in the heavy cream just prior to
serving. Makes 6 servings.
This strawberry bisque sounds
like it would be a delicious dessert soup. Maybe a shortbread cookie or

soup. Maybe a shortbread cookle ortwo would be nice along with it.
COLD STRAWBERRY BISQUE
2 (10 oz.) packages frozen
strawberries, thawed
1 cup milk or light cream
1/2 cup sour cream
Puree all ingredients in blender
until smooth. Serve cold. Makes 4

servings
I'll publish the other cold soup recipes that Dianne sent in as space permits Thanks, Dianne
Maybe YOU can reply to one of these reader requests

Milk.

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Anonymous wants to make CARROT JAM

Mari of Lubbock needs a CHOW-CHOW Recipe to use those garden

tomatoes

Does anyone know how to bake a Pillsbury Tunnel of Fudge Cake since they no longer makes the dry frosting mix?

If you would like to ask for a recipe or reply to a reader's request, there are three ways to do so:

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478,Quitaque,TX, 79255
Have a safe and happy Memorial
Day! Between the BBQ and the
INDY 500, take a little time to remember the veterans, because without them, we would not have the freedoms we enjoy today GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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ON THE QT

Ruby King and Joyce Price spent the weekend at Lake Stamford. It was a working weekend and algoing on, they didn't get to do any.

Jamie Wellman was honored Jamie Wellman was honored with a "Cook-Out" hosted by her family on Saturday, May 11. The occasion was to celebrate her gradu-ation from Amarillo College. Those present to help her celebrate were Jack, Debbie, Richard, Ryan and Jessica Wellman, Jana Merrell, Lloyd and Margie Wellman, Kenneth Wellman, Roberta Farley, Larry and Linda Farley, Dennis, Lisa, Melody, Vance, Randy, and Mitchell Farley, Angela Salgado, Danny and Judy Barrett, Dale and Carol Ramsey, Walter, and Kay and Alexandra Skinner. The group enjoyed rib-eye steak, baked and fried potatoes, corn-on-the-cob, green beans, salad, hot rolls, and a very special cake. The cake was decorated with a replica of Jamie's gold pin she received at her pinning along with an assortment of medi-cal toys and a toy 4X4 Chevy pickup (her dream vehicle)

THE SPORTSMAN BAR &

WE ARE WORKING HARD TO GET AS MUCH DONE AS WE CAN BEFORE TRAILS DAY. WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO JUNE 1ST AND INVITE ALL OF YOU TO COME AND JOIN WITH US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

WE ARE PLANNING ON HAVING SOME FORM OF "LIVE" MUSIC SATURDAY NITE - JUNE 1ST WE'LL HAVE MORE ON THAT NEXT WEEK! !!COME BY & SEE OUR NEW SIGNS!!



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Oranges	each 199
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Peaches	99¢
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Billie Farley and Buddy (George Ray) Colvin ,of the Quitaque Masonic Lodge, present Ginger Mullin, Valley School Libriarian, with books as part of the 'Take Time To

Local Masons 'Take Time To Read" At Valley School

Quitaque Lodge #1248 members recently donated over 100 books to the Valley School Library as part of the Masons "Take Time to Read" program. These books will add to the variety of subjects and reading level selections for our school children to choose from.

According to George Colvin, area Mason sporkesperson, "The "Take Time To Read" program is a partnership between the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and the Texas Masonic Grand Lodge. This program is intended to promote awareness about the importance of reading aloud to children and to encourage adults to participate in read-aloud activities with children. The Texas Masons have adopted this mission of reading aloud to children and of educating others on the importance and benefits of read-

This year Half Price Books in Dallas donated 25,000 books to the Scottish Rites Hospital which was shared with Masonic lodges across Texas. The books were picked up at their ware hous and distributed by nearly 100 lodges from as far away as McAllen and Fort Stockton.

"Reading experts agree that reading aloud to children may be one of the most important things adults can do to prepare them for success in school. Reading aloud to children for only 10 - 20 minutes each day can provide tremendous benefits. Not only do children develop a better understanding and appreciation of language and communication, but they also benefit from hearing the language. This helps to enrich their vocabulary and provide them with new information. Being read to can create a love of books and generate a desire to read as well as strengthen the bond between adult and child." he said.

George Colvin went on to explain, "The decline in the reading abilities of children nationwide has been recognized as a health crisis. Reading aloud is a simple, cost effective, proven method to improve reading skills.

Take time to Read" is an extension of the effective partnership between the Texas Masons and TSRHC and their shared commit-ment in the area of reading, as well as making a difference in the lives of children and their families.

The Masons, or Freemasons, are the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the world, with more than four million members worldwide, including 141,000 in Texas. With the earliest written record of Masonry appearing in England in 1717, it is commonly believed that Freemasonry came from the guilds of stonemasons who built the castles and cathedrals of Europe during the Middle Ages. Today's Masons help people around the world and collectively donate \$750 million annually to charities, especially hospitals, medical research, homes for children and the elderly Masonic organization include the Shriners, the York Rite, the Scottish Rite and the Eastern Star, the sister organization of the Ma-

The Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children is one of the nation's leading pediatric centers for the treatment of orthopedic conditions, certain related neurological disorders and learning disabilities. There is no charge for treatment at the hospital and admission is open to Texas children birth to 18 years of age

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This Week In **Texas History!**

May 11, 1888

Fort Parker attacked by Indians. Cynthia Ann and John Parker

Council House Fight, 30 to 40 Comanche slaughtered.

Rice Institute chartered May 20, 1857

50 miles northwest of Fort Inge

May 23, 1934 Texas Ranger Frank Hamer and his men shot Bonnie Parker and

Fort Ewell established on the southern bend of the Nueces River at the junction of San Antonio and Laredo roads, abandoned on October 3, 1854, and troops transferred to Fort McIntosh.

May 19, 1836

May 19, 1840

May 19, 1891

Camp Wood established on the east bank of Nueces River about ed in March 1861



selection committee of agricultural educators and industry leaders. In order to qualify for the schol-Pozos, Tamera Maes, Cory Belmares. (front row L-R) Jessi Messer, Jaycee Galvan, Christian Chavira, Laura Mora, (not pictured) Gustavo Alanis and Monica Alanis. Teachers: Mrs. arship program, the high school senior was required to come from a farm family, plan to enroll as a full Valley 2002 Kindergarten time student in an agriculture re lated academic major in an accred Class To Graduate Today

The Kindergartne class of 2002 graduated today, Thursday, May 23 at · Applicants were also evaluated on their academic record, extracura.m. at the Valley School. The parents of the class chose a patriotic The students sang "God Bless the USA", received awards, they ricular activities and personal essays submitted as part of the applitold what their favorite thing in Kindergarten was, what they wanted to be when they grew up and who their Hero was. Cake and punch was

Honoring Those Who Served

2002 Graduating Kindergarten Class: (back row L-R) Dalton, Valdez, Cody Farley, Ketch Smith, Mandy Purcell, April Villarreal, Tamran Castillo, Alex Galvan and Caleb Bernal. (middle row L-R) Heston Henry, Macy Maynard,

Kelby Williams, Jerrica Galvan, Yasmin Chavez, Vicky

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Hannah Boedeker **Awarded Monsanto**

program. Hannah is one of one hundred high school seniors from across the United States that received this award due in part to their outstand-

award due in part to their outstand-ing commitment to the field of agri-culture. Hannah is expected to at-tend the Texas A&M University at College Station in the fall.

The Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship program was open to high school seniors from all 50 states and was offered by Monsanto

in association with the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture. This year's awards recipi-ents were chosen by an impartial

ited school, and be committed to pursuing a career in agriculture.

Ag Scholarship Hannah Boedeker has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship as part of the fourth annual Commit-ment to Agriculture Scholarship

May 27 - 31 & Will Reopen June 3 Thank You



Odell F. Cunningham David Louis Randell

Odell F. Cunningham, the son of Mr. & Mrs. F.M. Cunningham trained in Texas and Utah. He He attained the rank of Private First Class. He was discharged in 1946.

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Valley Pre-K Class 2002: (first row L-R) Brandon Pointer,

Baylie Pointer, Haley Wheeler, Zaria Moore, Ismarelda Cruz,

Ivon Mendoza, Tori Valdez, and Kennadee Buchanan. (second row L-R) Annah Gonce, Sarah Clay, James Castillo,

Shawn Williams, Biren Clardy, Shelby Shannon, and

Enrique Mora. Class Sponsors: Mrs. Lemons, Mrs. Castillo, and Ms. Rachel. The Class sang "God BlessAmerica" in sign

language at their end of year program held this morning at

HOORAY!

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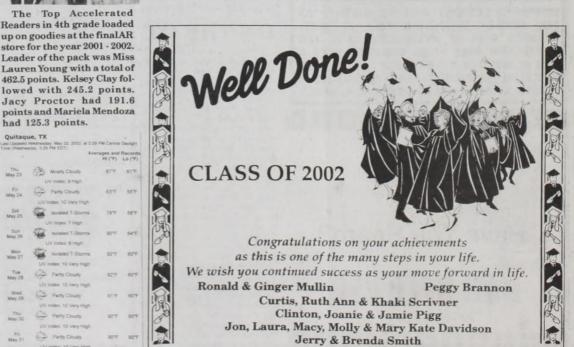
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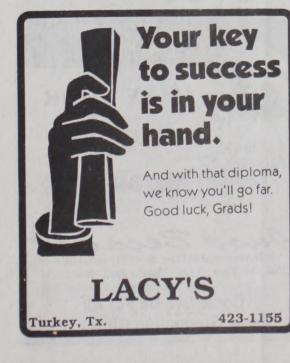
n 1946.















Amber Stark is the seventeen

year old daughter of Randy and Linda Stark. During high

school she has been involved in

many extracurricular activities. She played Basketball her

Freshman and Sophomore year, and during her Junior and Se-

nior years in high school she was

the Basketball Manager. Amber

participated in Cross Country

all four years of high school as

well. She played Tennis her

Senior year, and Freshman

Junior year she ran Track. She participated in UIL every year

along with Pep Squad which she

was the Vice President her Se-

nior year. Her Junior and Se-nior years in high school she en-

joyed performing in the One Act

Play. Her favorite activity which she has been involved in is FCCLA, which she was the

Vice President of Star Events

her Senior year. In FCCLA she

participated in three different

Star Event projects all of which

Amber has received several

awards during high school as well. She has been involved in

the National Honor Society

since her Sophomore year. Her

Freshman year she won the Speech Award and her Senior

year she won the Math Award.

She was the Class Reporter her

Freshman year and was a representative for Student Council

plans on attending Hardin-

Simmons University in Abilene,

Texas. She is still unsure of her major at this point. This summer Amber will be working at

After graduation Amber

she advanced on to state.

Amber Stark

HONOR STUDENT

Jana Merrell

Jana Merrell is the 17 year old daughter of Warren Lee and the late Jan Merrell.

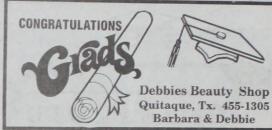
During high school, she has participated in Basketball, Track, Tennis and Cross Coun try. Jana also is a member of FCCLA, which she serves her Chapter as President. She's involved in Student Council as Vice President, and National Honor Society as a honor stu-dent. Jana has received the Fighting Patriot award for three years, the Cross Country, Track, Tennis Awards also

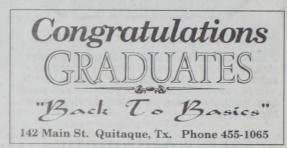
She received the Science and Math Award for her academic ability. Jana was a member of the Cross Country team that went to Regional, where they placed 7th. She also was part of the team that won state in FCCLA and got the chance to go to Boston. At Boston, she competed at the national level. Jana has received All District Academic, All District and this year All Regional in Basketball. She had the chance to serve her com munity as the Lions Club Sweet

Jana had been on the A&B Honor Roll all four years. Jana has been in many activities and received many awards that makes her an all around stu-

After graduation, Jana will go to South Plains College for summer sessions. In the fall she will go to West Texas A&M Uni-













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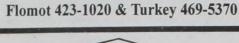
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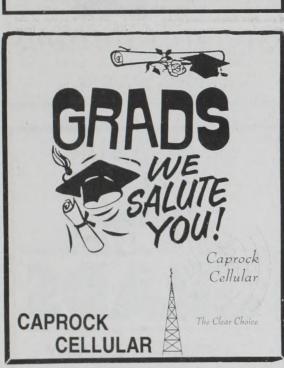


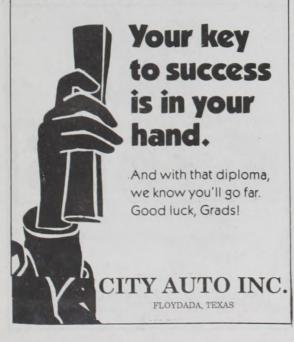
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son of Larry and Amanda Curry.
During high school, he has
been involved in a variety of ac-

tivities. These include FFA, 4-

H, and high school Rodeo. In

FFAhe participated on Judging Teams, at Leadership Contest

and showed animals. In 4-H he

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in 18 high school Rodeos this

to attend college.

Levi Curry



HONOR STUDENT

Levi Curry is the 18 year old

Magan Whittington Magan Dee Whittington is the 17 year old daughter of Clay and Patti Lowrance and Dee Whittington.

During high school she has been involved in a variety of activities. These include FFA, FCCLA NHS, and Student Council. She was an officer in all of these organizations. Magan was also a Cheerleader and participated in UIL events.

After graduation she plans to attend Tarleton State Univer-After graduation Levi plans sity and pursue a degree in Elementary Education.





HONOR STUDENT

Skylar Clifton

Skylar Clifton is the 18 year old son of Larry and Deidra Clif-

During his high school years Skylar has been involved in 4-H where he is a District Officer He has also been an National Honor Society officer, advanced to the state UIL Academic Meet in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, served as a Chapter FFA officer and competed in many leadership and judging events.

After graduating highs school Skylar plans on attending Texas A&M University at Commerce and majoring in Ag Business



Emily Woods

Emily woods is the 18 year old daughter of Peggy Woods and Jimmy Woods.

During her high school years ties. These activites included Basketball, Cross Country, Track, Cheerleading, FFA, FCCLA, and NHS, as well as a Captain in Basketball. Emily was also active in UIL events.

After graduation, Emily plans to pursue a degree in Nursing with a minor in Business Administration at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Tx.



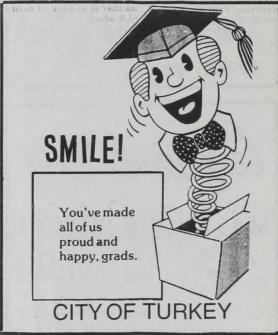




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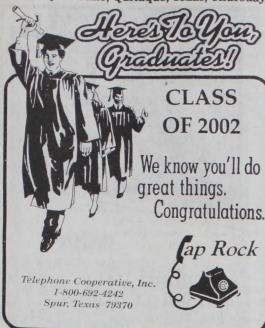
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Tessa plans to att Angelo State if she g and her major is under

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Tessa Kelley is the 18 year old daughter of Leslie Kelley. She has been involved in numerous activities the last four years.

She has participated in the Lady Patriots Athletic program for four years. She was involved in Basketball and Cross Country for four years and Track for three. She was actively involved in the schools FFA program and part of the Cotton, and state qualifying Poultry Judging team for three years. She was also a part of the Radio team for two years. She held a position on the Cheerleading squad for three years and was Pep Squad President for one year. She was also a member of the local FCCLA Chapter and held an office.

Tessa plans to attend San Angelo State if she graduates and her major is undecided.



Danny Hinojosa

Danny Hinojosa is the 18 year old son of Tony and Christina Hinojosa. He has four older sisters, seven nieces, and two nephews.

During his time in high school, Danny played Basketball for two years, his Freshman and Junior years. He also played Football his Junior year and Tennis his Sophomore, Junior and Senior years. He was a member of FCCLA all during high school.

He received the Tennis Award his Senior year, along with three other Senior boys.

After graduation, Danny plans to go to a technical school.



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Mindy Leal

Mindy Leal is the 18 year old daughter of Jr. and Lillie Leal.

daughter of Jr. and Lillie Leal.
During high school, she has
participated in Cross Country,
Pep Squad and FCCLA. She
has been awarded the Cross
Country Award two years in a

After graduation she will attend West Texas A&M University in Canyon and major in primary education or nursing.



Dustin Reed

Dustin Reed is the 18 year old son of Tim and Gwen Mandrell. During high school he was a member of the Varsity Choir his

Sophomore and Junior year, Senior year he played JV Basketball.

After graduation he plans to

After graduation he plans to attend South Plains College then transfer to another school to finish his education.

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Allison Clardy

Allison Clardy, daughter of Raymond Clardy and the late Lilly Clardy will graduate May 24, 2002. Allison has participated in the VAC program for two years. She has also been a member of FCCLA. Allison's future plans are to move to Plainview and get a job.

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Marcos Mora

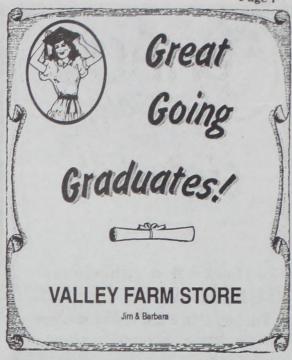
Marcos Mora is the son of Delfino and Guadalupe Mora.

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During high school, Marcos
participated with FFA his
Freshman and Sophomore years
showing a pig at the County
Livestock Show. His Junior and
Senior years, Marcos participated in Project Sweep in Lubbock gaining skills and friends.
Marcos works with Stuart
Smith at Valley and tries to keep
him in line.

Nest year Marcos plans to attend the State School for the Blind in Austin.







Lydia Valdez

Lydia Valdez is the daughter of Edward and Cindy Valdez.

During the past four years here at Valley she has participated in many organizations and extracurricular activities. Lydia has been active in FCCLA, FFA, Student Council, NHS, and One Act Play, where she got best Actress her Senior year.

She has also participated in many sports. She cheered all four years of high school and was Head Cheerleader her Junior year. She played Basketball her Sophomore, Junior and Senior year and was moved up to Varsity her Junior and Senior year. She also ran Track while in high school. She was crowned Homecoming Queen her Junior year and Miss Flame her Senior year. She was also named Wittest her Junior and Senior year and Miss VHS, Classiest and Best Personality her Senior

Lydia plans to attend Midwestern State University where she plans to receive her Bachelors Degree in Mass Communications. Then she plans to go on to be a national news anchor



Ashley Cagle

Ashley Cagle is the 18 year old daughter of Cynthia Cagle and Billy Cagle.

During her high school years she has been involved in Cross Country her Freshman year through her Senior year and was on the Varsity team three out of the four years. Her Senior year she was one of the five Regional qualifiers from Valley. She participated in Basketball her Freshman, Sophomore and Junior year. She ran Track her Sophomore and Junior year and was on the Area qualifying Relay Team. She participated in UIL her Sophomore year.

When she graduates she plans on going to West Texas A&M and majoring in Graphic Design. After her first two years, then she will transfer to UNT and finish her last two years.

Good Luck and Best Wishes Grads!





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Justin Lucero

Justin Lucero is the 18 year old son of Freddy Lucero and Connie Hinojosa

During high school he was a member of both the Track and Basketball teams, Justin also participated in Football where he received numerous awards.

His Junior year he was named All District Defensive End and All Region First Team Defensive End. His Senior year he was Honorable Mention End, 2nd Team All Region Line-backer, 1st Team All Region Receiver, 1st Alternate All Star Team, and All State Receiver.

Justin was also a member of FFA where he placed 3rd in County, 1st & 2nd in the Jackpot and attended the Fort Worth Livestock Show.

Justin plans to join the United States Air Force after graduation.



Gary Chavez

Gary Chavez is the 19 year old son of Manuelita Chavez.

During high school, Gary was a member of the Football team where he was a valuable member of the defense at the safety position

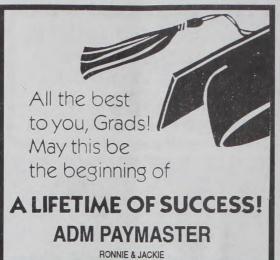
His Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years, Gary ran Track in the distance races. His Senior year he represented Valley in the 400 Meters and the 1600 Relay team at the Area Meet. Winning 6th place at the Area Meet in Track was a highlight of the spring. Gary stayed busy at school working with elementary children.

During high school, Gary was selected as the Pep Squad Hero his Senior year. At the Jr. & Sr. Prom this year, Gary was voted as a candidate for Prom King.

After high school, Gary plans to move to Plainview and work.







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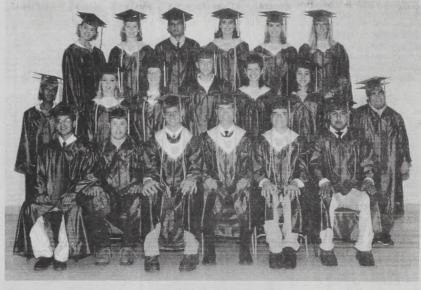






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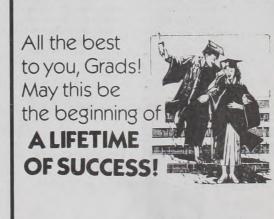


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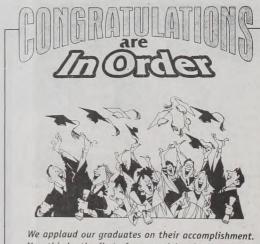
Robert Valdez is the son of Serafin and Seferina Valdez.

During his time in high school, Robert stayed busy with sports. Playing Basketball for four years, Robert was honored to be named Honorable Mention All District his Junior and Senior year. His Senior year, Robert was selected by the coaches for the Basketball Award. Robert joined the Football team his Senior year. During the spring semester, Robert joined with Frankie to make a fantastic Doubles Tennis Team. They played Doubles Tennis Robert's Junior and Senior year and advanced to the second round of the Regional Tennis Tournament this year. At the All Awards Banquet this year, Robert was honored with the Tennis Award. Robert also participated in Track

After graduation, Robert plans to attend Clarendon Col-



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Turkey Mayor, Pat Carson thanks, former Councilman, Louis Randell for his 8 years of service to the City of Tur-

Turkey City Council Moves Forward With Improvement Plans To Benefit Citizens

The Turkey City Council met for their regular meeting on May 9, 2002 at 7 p.m. Council members present were Homer Hawkins, Doyle Dean Proctor, Brian Wheeler and Brenda Seymour and Pat Carson, Mayor Jerry Landry, City Manager and Theresa Clinton, City Secretary were level in extendence at the medical council of the counc

Jerry Landry, City Manager and Theresa Clinton, City Secretary were also in attendance at the meeting. Guests present were Louis Randell, Mike Peters, PRPC representative, Richard Greene, Melvin Clinton, Economic Board representative and Cody Bell, Justice of the Peace. Cody Bell, Justice of the Peace swore in Pat Carson as Mayor and Brenda Seymour as Councilman. Resolution 050902 which voiced the Council's appreciation for Louis Randell's eight years of service on the Council was presented by Mayor Pat Carson to Mr Randell. Mike Peters representative of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission held a Public Meeting in order for the City to apply for a Block Grant and to receive funding for projects that will improve the quality of life for the citizens of Turkey. The Council discussed that a pump house for the new storage tank would be beneficial for the citizens of Turkey, the pump that is located at the old storage tank was made in the late 1930's. pump that is located at the old storage tank was made in the late 1930's. Mr. Peters also gave an update on the City's storage tank, the survey has been completed and all reports turned into TNRCC. He stated the next step will be bidding for the job.

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Melvin Clinton gave an update of the Economic Board's activities for the last month. The Board has approved \$3,500 for the concrete slabs for the two new shelters in the City Park. He stated that there are five more tables ready for the Park and the Board will soon be taking bids for benches, which will be the next project for the City Park. The Economic Board has also requested that the City set aside a plot of land in the City Park to have a Memorial Rose Garden in memory of loved ones.

A motion for the Economic Board to pay their bills for the concrete slabs and picnic tables was made, also a motion was made to approve

the site for the Memorial Rose Garden. Both of these motions were passed. In other business a motion was made for the City to take bids on property struck off the City's tax roll is as follows. The property, located at Lot 7 & E/2 of 8 Block 2 in the J & B Addition, will have a minimum bid of \$1,500. The property located Lots 8-12 Block 4 College Addition will be subject to be cleaned up in 90 days after purchase. Also to take best offers on Lots 1, 2, 9, and 10 in Block 1 Threet's Addition. This motion on the above mentioned properties passed

A motion was made and carried to place the City's pickup in the paper for bids. A review of the Peddlers Ordinance was tabled for a later date. Regular business was taken care of and the meeting was adjourned.

Always try to rub up against money, for if you rub up against money long enough, some of it may rub off on you.

—Damon Runyon

City Council Continues Work On **Efforts To Improve Quitaque**

The Quitaque City Council met in regular session on May 13, 2002 at 5 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roland Hamilton. Council members present were Randy Stark, Phil Barefield, Rhonda Farner, Arnold Castillo. Also present were Walter Skinner, Water Superintendent, Maria Cruz, City Manager, Bob Ham, Jimmy Davidson, and Jana

During public comment City Manager, Maria Cruz informed the Council of the progress on the property acquisition at the sewer plant. The sur veyor has completed his survey and the paper work has been sent to PRPC for completion. The Council was also informed of the delivery of the pecan trees for the City Park project and that five of the pecan trees had already been planted with the rest to follow by the end of the week.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. At this time Mayor Hamilton was sworn in as the City's Mayor for another term.

The Council next reviewed the ambulance report. It was reported to the Council that our service was responding to calls in Turkey as well as Quitaque due to the shortage of Turkey EMT's and Turkey's Unit I being out of commission. A total of seven runs were reported since the last regular meeting.

In the fire department report one fire response was reported, it was on

FM 1065 in the northern part of Floyd County .

The Council reviewed the floor plans sent by Therman, James Inc. for the new community center. Council member Barefield also discussed the meetings he had attended with various people pertaining to buildings that had been built and the finances available for such projects.

Council member Barefield suggested that several board members get together and visit other locations and establish a list of cost for building and contact names for additional funding. The Council and members from the Community Center Board agreed this would be a good idea. The Council the appointed Phil Barefield and Lynette, if she is willing to pur

The Council then discussed the progress of the medical clinic. It was reported walls need to be put up for the division of two examining rooms. Carpet samples were also presented along with cost of purchasing and laying of the carpet. The Mayor also discussed the possibility of using laying of the carpet. The Mayor also discussed the possibility of using carpenters from Matador to help with the building. This would be labor donated by the carpenters for the political campaign of T empie Francis who is running for District Judge. The Council also discussed revising the budget to include \$3,500 to help with the repairs and the cost of utilities. This will be done at the next regular meeting. Council member Randy Stark said the bank would also help with the cost of repairs. A motion was made to carpet and finish the building as soon as possible, this motion passed unanimously.

The Council reviewed slogans for the lettering at the Stone Monument. The Council decided that the Chamber would narrow the choice to three from the many submitted and the Council would decide from the three, which will be the winner. The slogans submitted were submitted to the Council without names but were numbered so no one but Maria knows whose slogan is whose.

The Council was informed of a Public Hearing to be held May 22, this The council was informed of a rubble rearing to be need way 22, this is in regard to the submission of a grant application for a new water tower. The hearing will take place at City Hall at 5:16 p.m.

The Council then discussed the library lots on Main Street, no decision was reached. Information on a 1/2% Economic Development T ax

was presented to the Council. After much discussion a motion was made to pursue this, the motion passed unanimously.

The Council took care of regular monthly business and the meeting

was adjourned.

Huge Line-Up Of Entertainers Scheduled To Appear At The Turkey Jamboree June 1

Turkey's next Jamboree will be , Saturday June 1 at the Bob Wills Community Center Gymnasium. Entertainers will be John Walker from Grand Prairie. John is the Floyd Cramer sound alike piano player who is already well known and loved in this area. He has just made a CD called "Warm Country Hearts" and will be bringing some to sell when he comes. Bob Shaw from Gilmer Texas has never entertained us but we are looking forward to hearing him. Bob sings the wonderful traditional country songs that we love. Adele Little is not new to the Turkey Jamboree and with her powerful voice and wonderful stage presence it is always a treat to have her on the show. Jennifer Munson is another new comer to the Turkey Jamboree. She is from Alvord, Texas and has performed at Cross Timbers Opry in Stephenville, Johnnie High's Music Review in Arlington; Rodeo City Music Hall in Mesquite and others.

We are looking forward to hearing Jennifer We will also have the Talent Showcase and our great house band, The Turkey Gems. Showtime is at 7 p.m. The Jamboree is FREE! The entertainment is great. The Relay for Life Team will have the concession stand. Hope to see you there



Wedensday morning the Coca-Cola deilvery truck over turned south of Quitaque Creek on FM 1065. the driver was transported to Lockney by ambulance



Spectators at the Washington Bluegrass Festival held recently in Flomot spent the weekend enjoying lets of good

Everyone even the instruments enjoy the cool breeze and shade at the Washington Bluegrass Festival.



Bluegrass bands from all over came to participate in the Washington Bluegrass Festival held at Flomot.

Turkey Roost Museum News

By Margie Pinkerton

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Things are continuing to happen at the Museum. Saturday T erry and Jackie Sperry along with Brianna replaced the old shingles on the porch with gray metal. They put in a hard days work and donated their labor as a gift to the museum. Donations of labor are a great gift and are very much appreciated. If anyone wants to take on a project let us know.

Plans are being made for an antique kitchen. Marjorie Bell is placing her antique stove and cabinet in the museum. Annie Shannon brought us a table cloth to use on the table. We need some old cooking utensils and pass to if you have some you would like to donate; we could use them

and pans to if you have some you would like to donate, we could use th The money we made from our garage sale will be used for the kitchen

Darlene Jouett Wilks visited us Saturday and said that she was born at the Turkey Clinic, so more than likely she was weighed on the baby scales and placed in the bassinet we have from the old hospital. item brought in Saturday was a "Friendship" quilt of Ida Hill's. Jerry and Shirley Landry donated the quilt. It's interesting to see all the names on this quilt and on another "Friendship" quilt that was Ellen Lacy Smith's. These little bits of information make our project more interesting and gives it life. We would love to have some family histories of our local families. If you have histories written up and would like to share them with the museum please drop them by.

We have volunteers opening the museum on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information call Margie, Marie be posting those times later. Stop by and let us show you around.

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Caprock Partners **Get Ready For** Trails Day June 1

People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happi-

ness. Just because they're not on your road doesn't mean

-H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Caprock Partners Foundation met on Monday, May 20, 2002 with six directors, along with Geoff Hulse, representing the Caprock Canyons State Park and other

were being drilled for finding water in Caprock Canyons State Park. At present water is being hauled Quitaque to supply needs to

the Park Only one chuckwagon will be in town to serve a chuckwagon meal to the public for National Trails Day which is to be celebrated on June 1. 2002. Directors of the foundation have tickets available. See anyone of them to purchase one. Adults will be charged \$10 with children 10 and under charged \$5. The meal will be served at the chuckwagon

Entertainment will be provided

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May 21, 2002

You have Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML)." That sentence significantly changed my life. I had heard of leukemia and several different types of cancer before, but I had never heard "you have in front of any disease. I had heard of people and even known people who had cancer and I always thought that was awful for them. I hoped and prayed that they would be cured and rid of that terrible

The Valley Tribune, Quitaque, Texas, Thursday, May 23, 2002

disease, but I really didn't understand everything that goes along with cancer

Now that I have AML, I realize that I was incredibly ignorant to how much a person with cancer has to endure. People often say to me "I could step off a curb tomorrow and get run over by a bus" and when they tell me that, I often think "Yes, but you don't think of getting hit by a bus every day and friends that you meet at the bus station aren't getting his by a bus regularly" I don't meant to sound bitter because I'm not, I just think that people don't understand what people with cancer have to deal with on a regular basis.

I believe that a big part of dealing with cancer is mental. I am talking about thinking about death, seeing friends that I have made at the hospital and cancer center struggle through cancer and sometimes even pass away. I miss them. Some other things that I have to deal with are chemotherapy blood transfusions, platelet transfusions, needle sticks, weight gain from steroids, weight loss from nausea, loss of hair, infections, weekly stays at the hospital, not working, accepting financial support, and feeling crummy for a month after treatments. Keeping focused on the One who has entrusted

leukemia'to me and knowing He promises to use all of this for His eternal glory is sometimes a struggle. Here's the weird thing, I am thankful that God has allowed me to have leukemia! Don't get me wrong, I hope and pray that I am cured. Yet, I would not change what has happened because it is through leukemia that God has revealed Himself to me. It's by His Power I have grown spiritually I have been blessed by so many people who have prayed for me, came to see me, called me, wrote me letters, and gave me financial support. I have also been blessed by all the people I have met at University Medical Center and the Southwest Cancer Center That includes the doctors, nurses, receptionists and especially the patients and their families. As you can see, the Lord has used many people to minister to and sustain me.

I truly don't see how anyone could go through having cancer without the abundant support I have received through Christ. Without the hope and peace the Lord provides and the encouragement from friends and family, I truly believe that I would have died within the first month I was diagnosed. I am so thankful for my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and the free gift of eternal life He offers, not only to me, but to all those who receive He Cruse. to me, but to all those who receive His Grace

Sincerely, Chuck Martin



Teachers are learning about a healthy prairie ecosystem by learning how to use a m2

Have You Been To The Park Lately?

Teachers participating in water quality

testing at Lake Theo.

By Deanna Oberheu, Caprock Canyon State Park, Park Interpreter

Quitaque, TX- Have you been to Caprock Canyons State Park lately? If you have, you have probably noticed some of the changes in the park, like the addition of bison silhouettes in a couple of places or the construction on the restrooms on the north side of the lake. What you may not have noticed is the transformation of Caprock Canyons to an outdoor classroom. That's right - an outdoor

The transformation began in earnest with a teacher workshop in April. Nineteen teachers from Friona, Haskell, Lazbuddie, Lockney, Motley County, Memphis, Patton Springs, Ralls, Silverton, and Valley Schools converged on the park for 3 days filled with learning activities that they could use to help their classroom teaching. Each of the activites the teachers participated in was related to the

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) that teachers use as guidelines for teaching.

Some of the products of this workshop are already evident. Ralls Middle School has brought their 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Memphis High School has brought their algebra, chemistry and biology classes. Patton Springs has brought their 4th and 5th graders, and Motley County had brought their 4th graders. A few other groups that have come to the park as an outdoor classroom are the Silverton pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, the Wellington 5th graders, and the Plainview 4th grade gifted and talented students

The students have been exploring the prairie, diving into geology conducting water testing, mapping archaeology and swimming through history by throwing an atlatl. (An atlatl is a prehistoric weapon used for hunting that preceded the bow and arrow) Most of all, the students have been using Caprock Canyons as an outdoor classroom at the same time they have been having fun.

Other products of the teacher workshop will take a little longer to become evident. summer, several teachers will be writing lesson plans that relate to the park and fulfill the classroom requirements of the TEKS. These lesson plans will be field tested during the next school year

and will eventually be published and available for any teacher to use.

The next time you get a chance to drive through Caprock Canyons State Park, look around and notice the physical changes going on, but be sure not to miss the transformation into an outdoor classroom. The transformation will continue during the first week of June because its time for Caprock Campers for the Valley School 5th graders!

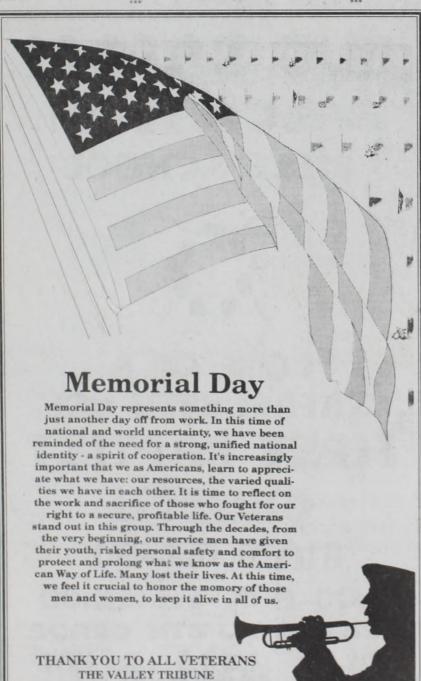
Caprock Canyons encourages any teacher who is interested in using the park to supplement their classroom teaching to call the park and find out how the staff can help.

Man is a gregarious animal, and much more so in his mind than in his body. He may like to go alone for a walk, but he hates to stand alone in his opinions.

-George Santayana

The enemy who forces you to retreat is himself afraid of you at that very moment.

-André Maurois



5th Annual West Texas Deer Study Group To Be Held May 29-30

The economics of deer versus livestock in the Rolling Plains, the potential implications of Chronic W asting Disease in the Panhandle and a look at several deer management case studies are among the offering during the 5th Annual West Texas Deer Study Group meeting the be held in Clarendon May 29 - 30.

The two day workshop is open to landowners, land managers, hunters and wildlife professionals. T exas

Parks and Wildlife, Texas Cooperative Extension Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, T exas Wildlife Association, Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society and Wildlife Systems, Inc. sponsor the event. Two Texas

Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered to attendees.

The first day's activities will be on the Clarendon College campus. Registration runs from 1 1 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 29. Registration is \$35 per person (\$20 for students). For further information, contact Dale Rollins at 915-

Among the highlights of the event will be hands on dissections of a white -tailed and a mule deer performed by Dr. Bill Eikenhorst and his associates. Eikenhorst is a Brenham area veterinarian who has become an integral part of many of the state's wildlife educational efforts for youth and adults. This team of experts will relate deer anatomy and physiology to what deer habitat should provide

The first day's agenda also includes a look at the past and present status of white tailed deer and mule deer

by Canyon based TPW wildlife biologist Danny Swepston and the ecology of sympatric white tailed deer and mule deer by Tina Brunjes of Texas Tech University. John Baccus of Southwest Texas State University and Billy Tarrant, a TPW biologist in Alpine, will provide insight into white tailed deer diets in the Rolling Plains of

The first day's sessions will culminate with deer management case studies. Ranches included on the panel discussion are the Terra Rosa Ranch, Donley County; Harrell Ranch, Armstrong County and the Tongue River Ranch, Cottle County.

The evening session moves to the Bar H Ranch for a steak dinner scheduled for 6:15 p.m. The evening's schedule will feature a "point-counterpoint" exchange entitled "The Role of Coyote Control in Panhandle Deer Management." Scheduled to man the point position is Rickey Gilliland, T exas Wildlife Damage Management

Service, Canyon. Wyman Meinzer, nationally published wildlife photographer and naturalist from Benjamin is set to offer the counterpoint. Rollins, a national champion "quail caller," will round out the evening with his game-calling repertoire titled "Rolling Plains Wildlife Ventriloquism."

Activities for the second day's field workshop sessions will move to the JJOB Ranch located northeast of Clarendon. The day will start with "cowboy coffee" and doughnuts at 7:30 a.m. The program opens with Kent Mills, Ezell-Key Company nutritionist and Extension youth volunteer from Syder giving an introduction to the Buckskin Brigade. He'll be followed by the Eikenhorst team's deer necropsy presentation entitled "Getting to Know Your Deer."

The remainder of the morning will be devoted to a two stop field tour of the JJOB Ranch. Stop one, part one will be "Habitat Manipulation for White-tailed Deer and Mule Deer ," by Calvin Richardson, TPW biologist in Midland and Gene Miller, TPW technical guidance biologist in Canyon.

Stop two of the tour will be on a Conservation Reserve Program parcel. Sears and Charles Coffman, NRCS, Lubbock, are scheduled to address improving deer habitat quality on CRP lands.

The study group will culminate with a catered lunch on the JJOB Ranch.

To achieve great things we must live as though we were never going to die.

Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and charac-ter. But if you must be without one, be without strategy.
—Norman Schwarzkopf

Judge men not by their opinions, but by what their opinions have made of them.

-George Christoph Lichtenberg

VALLEY SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL SMART PROGRAM

Summer School will be at Valley School from June 3rd -June 21st, 2002. Project SMART is developed on the philosophy that learning activities should enhance students' experiences. Lessons are framed in meaningful contexts. Teaching for understanding is the main concern in this program. Cooperative learning and interactive group activities in reading, science, and math are incorporated into the lessons.

The bus schedule will be: Turkey pick-up: Church of Christ - 8:30 Bob Will's Center - 8:40.

Quitaque pick-up: Baptist Church - 8:30 City Park - 8:40.

The children will be returned to bus areas at 12:00 Noon. We look forward to your Pre-K ~ 5th grade child being in Summer School this year. It is a beneficial and fun time for both teachers and students.

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Now It's A Farm Law: Conservation Title **Holds Potential Benefits**

With the signing of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 by President George W. Bush this past Monday, the next phase of the effort to restructure federal Farm Programs begins in earnest.

Although the national press and many observers of W ashington legis-

lative activity have been quite vocal in their opposition to the Bill, a dawning reality among many growers is that the Bill has some truly unique

and beneficial components.

The spotlight and pressure now turn to USDA as that agency move full speed into the process of implementing the new law. Considerable work remains to be done to provide growers with all the necessary infor-

requests for farm reconstitutions must be filed with the Farm Service

Much has been made of the support provided through the commodity title of the bill with good reason. Somewhat overlooked so far, however, are the potential benefits that lurk in the conservation title as well.

A good deal of additional funding and some long sought changes to the administration procedures of several current programs and the addition of a couple of all new programs hold tremendous potential benefits for producers.

(EQIP) and possible modification of rules that targeted a lions-share of EQIP dollars to projects originating in certain areas promises additional

growers previously left out of the program due to location or lack of available funds to participate.

(CSP). Introduced by Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA), the CSP has the poten tial to provide significant financial incentive for farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices on their own operations.

PCG officials have noted that it will be increasingly important to par ticipate in the development process for the CAP.

the requirements necessary to fully participate in the CAP at the higher participation levels ins key.

Ongoing communication between growers and their representatives USDA officials developing the rules for the program will be the number one vehicle for having currently recognized conservation and tillage practices used on the Texas High Plains including in accentable or recomtices used on the Texas High Plains including in acceptable or recom

\$25,000; Tier Two- \$35,000; and Tier Three- \$45,000. It is assumed that final payment rates would be dependent on the ac

tual combination of practices employed on the farm and the length of

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FARMING OUR GREAT STRENGTH

Contact Officials Before Moving Boll Weevil Traps

Boll weevil eradication is beginning its second year on the High Plains and one obvious difference this year will be the number of traps placed around cotton fields. The increased number of traps is necessary for making treatment decisions, and foundation officials seek growers' cooperation in protection them

Foundation personnel follow specific guidelines in placing traps around cotton fields so they will be effective in attracting weevils and provide good information on weevil activity. Traps are placed to optimize their usefulness while providing the least disruption to farm operations. Where possible, traps are set next to existing structures such as fence or telephone posts. When this is not possible, employees try to place the traps so they will not be in the way when growers are working the fields.

Growers may believe, however, that some traps are in the way and decide to move or remove the traps. Doing so can hamper the progress of the eradication program, officials say. Producers are asked to contact their field unit supervisors before moving or removing any trap. The supervisors will find a placement for the traps that meet program goals

and reduce interference to farmers' operations.

Occasionally a piece of equipment will clip a trap and knock it down or break it. Also, inclement weather can damage traps or blow them down.

Traps are checked weekly, and growers will quickly grow accustomed to
the schedule for their fields. Should they notice damaged or downed traps
between regular inspection, growers should contact their field unit supervisors with the information so the traps can be repaired or replaced. W ell maintained traps allow foundation personnel to monitor weevil activity and make proper treatment decisions. Damaged or missing traps may result in extra treatments to ensure that weevils don't have the opportunity to infest fields unnoticed.

Growers may contact their district offices for more information. 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

Wheat Field Day

The Briscoe County Extension office will be sponsoring a Wheat Field Day today, Thursday, May 23, 2002, starting at 1:30 p.m. in Walter Bean's field (same place as last year). They will be looking at a with some new varieties of wheat. Dr. Brent Bean will be on hand to discuss the wheat plot, varieties, disease problems, and grazing. The Briscoe county Extension agent, Brandon McGinty, will also be handing out bine weed mites to anyone who is interested. Please bring a cooler to put these in. The supply of bine weed mites is limited. There will be 2 CEU's provided at this

Program Meeting Set for May 28

Area producers are encouraged to take the morning or af-ternoon of May 28 to come learn about the new Farm Bill that was recently signed into law. There will be two meetings in Hall County. 9 a.m. at the Memphis Community Center and 1 p.m. in Turkey at the Bob Wills Center. The program will focus on the new Farm Bill and how it will effect area producers. It will discuss in detail how a producer can change or update its base acres. This will be the first time since the mid 80's that a producer will be given the opportunity to update or change the base acres and yield of a farm.

The program will be conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension and Farm Service Agency. Stan Bevers and Rob Bochardt, Extension Economist from Vernon, will be featured educators at this meeting. The Hall County FSA Office and Brad Schnitker, Hall County Agriculture Agent will also assist with the meeting. For more information about these meetings, please contact Brad Schnitker at 806-25903015, or Lonnie Jenschke at 806-347-2733 or Brandon McGinty at 806-823-2131.

Farmers Hamburger Lucheon

Monsanto and Micro-Flow are hosting a brief hamburger luncheon, Friday, May 24, at 12 noon at Silverton Show Barn. there will be a short presentationof herbicides and

Coggins Tests Scheduled

4-Hers interested in the Briscoe Coggins tests for their horses before they may ride. Coggins tests will be given by Dr. David C. Finch, DVM of Tulia, Texas, at the Rodeo Arena in Silverton this Thursday May 23, 2002 beginning at 4:00

4-H Brisket Fundraiser

Briscoe County 4-H members are selling chances for briskets. A box has been donated from Excel and contains 6 briskets. The briskets weigh approximately 13 pounds each. 4-Hers are selling chances for a \$2 donation. Six winners (one for each brisket) will be drawn at the end of school 4-H dance on Friday, May 31 at the Silverton Show Barn. The money raised will be used to buy supplies, pay contest entry fees, for promo tion, awards, etc.



By: Brandon McGinty, CEA-Ag, Briscoe County Texas Downgrade For Cattle TB Status

Due Around June 1

Texas livestock health officials are alerting cattle producers, veterinarians and livestock markets that the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) will strip Texas of its "Free" status for cattle tuberculosis (TB) eradication on or around June 1. The TB status downgrade will mean that the 150,000 or more breeding cattle hauled out of T exas each year must have a negative tuberculosis skin test prior to being moved. The USDA has placed a moratorium on additional restrictions until at least January 2003, when the state's feeder cattle must be identified with offi-

cial ear tags before being transported out of state.

"Since late February, we have worked with the USDA and cattle industry groups to prepare for the loss of Texas' TB-free status, which we initially thought would occur as early as April" explained Dr. Linda Logan, Texas state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "This loss of status will have a great impact on the Texas livestock industry and, until producers are familiar with the process, it could slow the movement of breeding cattle out of the state."

"The downgrade in TB status comes as a result of the diagnosis and subsequent depopulation of two TB infected cattle herds during 2001" she said. "Both infected herds were detected by slaughter plant inspec tors, who found carcasses with internal lesions indicative of TB. Lesion samples were submitted to the National V eterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) for examination, and we began skin-testing the herds where the animals originated. We closely examined the carcasses of test positive animals from the herds and submitted lesions to the NVSL for examination and confirmation of TB."

Dr. Logan said the two infected herds, found in south Central T exas in the summer of 2001, and in southwest T exas in the fall of 2001, have been depopulated. More than 130 other herds have been tested, as T AHC and USDA officials search for the origin of the disease outbreak, and where it may have spread. No other infected herds have been detected, and veterinary epidemiologists have been unable to pinpoint the source of infec-

"Federal regulations mandate a loss of TB-free status when a state has two or more infected herds disclosed within a 48 month period. T exas will move from the TB-free status it has held since November 2000, to modified accredited advanced status, the second highest rung in an international five-tierranking system for cattle TB eradication," said Dr. Logan. She said it will take at least two years without an infected herd for T exas to regain its coveted TB-free status enjoyed by all other states except

The loss of status will immediately impact producers who move or sell breeding cattle out of state, explained Dr. Logan. Breeding animals are bred heifers, bulls and cows. Since many cattle sold at livestock markets are hauled out of state, producer groups have struggled with logistical problems sure to be encountered when untested animals are presented at livestock markets. She said breeding cattle are exempted from the inter-state testing requirement only if they are from a TB accredited-free herd

(a herd that is tested for TB yearly and is enrolled in the TAHC's accrediation program), are moving to an approved feedyard, or are signed directly to slaughter

If sellers arrive at the livestock market with untested breeding cattle, the market management will need to designate the untested animals as Texas-only cattle, restrict the cattle to slaughter only, or they will have to make arrangements for having the animals tested so they can move interstate, "explained Dr. Logan. "Producers can avoid delays in moving their cattle, if they'll have their accredited veterinarian test animals prior

A TB skin test takes 72 hours to complete and must be conducted by an accredited veterinarian, who injects tuberculin into the skin near the animal's tail, in a site called the 'caudal fold'. After a 72 hour waiting period, the veterinarian examines the injection site for a response, such as redness or swelling. Animals without a response can move. If a response is detected, Dr. Logan said a second test must be applied on the animal's neck by a state or federal regulatory veterinarian. This comparative cervical test also requires a waiting period of 72 hours after inection before it can be read, she said. Animals with negative results on the comparative cervical test also are free to move.

One or two percent of animals will test positive on the caudal fold test but then are cleared for movement with a negative comparative cervical test." said Dr. Logan. "If the animals have skin reactions on both tests, however, they need to be slaughtered and closely examined, as there is strong evidence that the animal has been infected with TB."

"Veterinarians from the TAHC and the USDA in Texas will work with

private veterinary practitioners and producers to conduct all needed com-parative cervical tests as quickly as possible," said Dr . Logan. "Preventing bottlenecks and keeping Texas livestock moving will be a key goal for

our staff,"

Dr. Logan said that cattle industry groups continue to develop plans to address federal TB requirements that will apply to Texas feeder cattle as of January 2003. "More than 1.5 million feeder cattle leave T exas each year, and each of these animals will have to wear an official identification eartag," said Dr. Logan. "Currently, official tags are used to identify animals tested for brucellosis, and these must be applied by private veterinary practitioners, or state or federal staff. We are working with industry and the USDA to develop an acceptable eartag that can be provided and applied by the cattle owner. The identification tags improve the ability to trace animals healt to their bard of origin."

"Additionally, it is anticipated that feeder heifers and most bull calves in interstate movement will also have to be TB tested, unless they go to an approved feedlot or directly to slaughter. This is to prevent untested heifers or bulls from being moved from the feedyard back to the ranch. In order to regain our state's TB-free status, we must conduct stepped up do not have additional undetected fection," declared Dr. Logan

"We are trying to find an acceptable alternative to testing the 750,000 feeder heifers that move, as this would be require a greater number of veterinarians than are currently available to conduct the testing." said "We hope to strike an agreement with the USDA to allow approved pastures or feedlots in other states that would accept untested eifers. Heifers selected for breeding could be moved from these sites to a

ranch after they've had a negative TB test."
"We will continue to work with the USDA and the cattle industry associations to find a workable solution to our changing TB status." said Dr Logan. "It is of upmost importance that we maintain the ability of T exas cattle to move across state lines without undue hardship while we work to regain our TB-free status.

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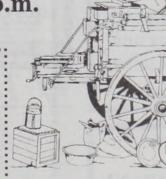
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