

munity of Quitaque for many years.

Spike Dikes held the audience captive with his Jimmy Davidson was awarded the Golden Heart quick wit and humerous stories, as he deliverd a mes-Award for his outstanding dedication to the com- sage on perservering and remaining dedicated to your of the Year at the recent Quitaque Chamber of Comgoals.

Debbie & Jack Wellman were named 2003 Citizens merce Banquet.

Chamber Banquet Sets Upbeat Tone For Upcoming Year

The Quitaque Chamber of Commerce Banquet was held Thesday, February 28 at the Valley School cafeteria. This years Banquet was decorated in a western theme. Mesquite grilled steaks, prepared by Warren Lee Merrell and Dale Smith, along with all the trimmings were served to 128 guests.

Natalie Wheeler, a Senior at Valley School was the winner of the Chamber's annual Essay Contest. She received a \$100 scholarship. Natalie's presented her essay "Why I Enjoy Living In A Small Town" to the audience.

Mayor Roland Hamilton presented the Citizen of the Year Award. This year the award went to Jack and Debbie Wellman, for their dedication to the citizens of Quitaque by their participation in the Quitaque EMS Service and Volunteer Fire Department

Mayor Hamilton then presented Jimmy Davidson with the Golden HeartAward, for his civic dedication over the years to Quitaque.

After the wonderful meal the guests were entertained and inspired by former Exas

Tech Football Coach, Spike Dikes. All throughout the evening Donna Hamilton and her helpers drew and distributed door prizes to the guests.

Door prizes were provided by the following merchants: Griffin Oil Company Caprock Cafe, Caprock Canyons State Park, First National Bank, Caprock Home Center Merrell Food, Karol's Kountry Korner, Wellman Brothers Service Center, The Sportsman, Valley Farm Store, Lacy Dry Goods, Adobe West, Quitaque Producers Co-op, QuitaqueAllsups, The Valley Tribune, Jack's Automotive, Back To Basics, Debbie's Beauty Shop, Heads & Heals Durkey Automotive, Turkey Canceral Store, Corner, Insurance, Burger, Heals The Valley Tribune, Jack SAutomotive, Back To Basics, Debbles Beauty Snop, Heads & Heals, Turkey Automotive, Turkey General Store, Carson Insurance, Paymaster Gin, Helms Irrigation, The Wash Tub, Quitaque H20, Just Because, Turkey Service Center, Galvan's Mexican Restaurant, Turkey Branch Memphis State Bank, Nails By Barbara, Ernestine Payne, Johnson Gin, Laura's Beauty Shop, We The Women, Caprock Partners, Covenant Health Systems -Plainview, Big V Construction, Quitaque TeleMed Clinic, Valley Peanut Growers, and Wild Streak

March 19 Deadline To HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED **File For Local Elections**

The last day to file for the May 3rd Valley CISD Board of Directors election, the Turkey City Council election or Quita-que City Council election is 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 19.

Places open on the Turkey City Council are Place 3 - Brian Wheeler, Place 2 - Homer Hawkins and Place 5 - Doyle D. Proctor. Applications can be picked up at Turkey City Hall, located at 6th & Lyles, Turkey, TX during normal business hours. As of press time no has filed for these positions.

Places open on the Quitaque City Council are currently occupied by Randy Stark, Rhonda Farner, and Phil Bare-field. Applications can be picked up at Quitaque City Hall, located at 106 N. 1st Street, Quitaque, TX during normal business hours. As of press time only one person has filed for one of these positions

Terms open on the Valley CISD Board of Directors are currently occupied by Clinton Pigg - 3 year term, Larry Curry 3 year term, and appointed to finish a term, Belinda Bar rett - 2 years on unexpired three year term. Applications can be picked up at the Valley School Business Office during normal business hours. As of press time no one has filed for these positions.

Baker Brothers Coming To The Turkey Gem Theatre March 22

On Saturday, March 22, the fabulous Baker Brothers will once again be performing at the Gem Theatre in Turkey, Texas. This great group consists of Henry Baker on bass and vocals, Bobby Baker on steel guitar, Doris Baker singing vocals, Gary Johnson on drums, Stogie Buckhorn playing the saxophone, Rick Sudduth on his fiddle, and Joe Settlemiers on his guitar. This group will be showcasing the very talented Ginny Mac, also known as the Trinity Rose.

Ginny was born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas and is a 17 year old honor student at Boswell High School. She is



Jim Majors

Wade A. (Jim) Majors enlisted in the Army Air Force on November 7, 1941, entered into service at Lubbock. He was a member of the 339th Airdrome Squadron serving as Line Chief 750.

Pacific in November 1944, where his Squadron engaged in the Campaign of New Guinea, South Philippines (Liberation), Western Pacific.

He received the Good Con-duct Medal, Victory Medal, American Defense Ribbon, American Theatre Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon. He attained the rank

S.T. Bogan

On January 18, 1941 five men reported to the Army induction station at Lubbock as the first to be called in the draft from Briscoe County for one year of service, one of Line Chief 750. He went to the South West Icific in November 1944, S.T's time until June 6, 1945. His unit the 112th Cavalry vent to the South Pacific in July, 1942 and saw combat as infantry against the Japanese in New Britain, New

Guinea and the Philippines. S.T. was a Platoon Ser Combat Infantryman's

Only Hunters Safety Class To Be Held In This Area For 2003 Slated For March 28 & 29 In Tulia

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will have a 10 hour Hunter Safety Class on Friday, March 28th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and concluding on Saturday March 29th from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Thlia, Texas. This will be the only class held in this area for 2003 and will be conducted by Audie Hamm, Tulia and Mark Collins, Plainview both Texas Game Wardens.

This course is required for hunters born on or after Sep-tember 2, 1971, before they can legally hunt. The minimum age for participation in this class is 12 years old. Any hunter who is caught hunting and has not taken this class can be fined between \$85-500. Cost of the class is \$10 and included materials. Saturday's lunch will be for those par ticipants that made reservations prior to the event. Lunch will be a "Wild Game Cook", prepared by Hamm and Collins. Contact Hamm at 806-668-4437 to make reservations.

This years class will have five guest instructors talking on the following topics: * Survival * First Aid * Primitive Fire Arms, Black Powder * Archery * Hunter Ethics. Another new feature of this years class will be the new Laser Hunting Shoot System. This state of the art program

will be presented by Hamm and Collins, two of the only a handful of state certified officers qualified to provide this type of training. The Hunting Shoot System consists of seven laser sights and a 7' x 9' screen. Various hunting scenarios are then presented and the hunter has to use his new found knowledge to decide if the situation is safe for hunting.

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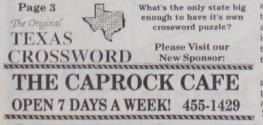


classically trained in accordian and piano and is a very good singer. She is a Scandalli Accordian artist and will soon travel to Canada and Italy for promotional shows. She loves country and western music and performs most Sundays in

the Fort Worth Stockyards. She has performed with such greats as The Texas Playboys, Hot Club of Cowtown, Dave Alexander and the Legends of Western Swing, Cowjazz, and many more.

This exceptional evening of country and western music will begin at 7 p.m. on March 22 at the Gem Theatre in Tickets are \$10/seat and may be purchased by calling (806) 423-1273. This is expected to be a sell out performance, so get your tickets early. See you at the Gem, where we provide West Texans with the best in live Country music performances

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Jim was separated from 1945 at Fort Bliss, Texas.

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We The Women To Host Special **Program On City Beautification By Arlene Hinkle**

On Tuesday, March 11 at 12 noon We The Women will be hosting a special potluck luncheon and slide show at the Methodist Church in Quitaque and everyone is invited to attend. Dr. and Mrs Ray Freeman will be special guests for the event.

Dr. Freeman and his wife are from Hale Center, the site of a recent visit by several members of We the Women. There are numerous murals in their downtown area and at least three small mini parks. The murals cover entire buildings and depict the history of the area, while the parks are a pleasing and beautiful addition to the town. The next time you go to Lubbock, take a few minutes and drive through Hale Center, it will be a pleasant surprise!

Dr. Freeman will let us benefit from his experience with grant writing and maybe have a few suggestions for us on projects of this nature in Quitaque. Everyone is invited to attend this informative luncheon, just call 455-1228 or 455-1109, so that we may have a correct number count.

Mark your calendar now. The American Cancer Society Service Medal and Good Con-Relay For Life is just around the corner Register your team duct Medal before his dis-today by calling 455-1315. This "celebration of life" brings our communities together in unified effort to fight cancer

Relay For Life is a family oriented event where participants enjoy the camaraderie of a team and also raise funds to support the activities of the American Cancer Society.

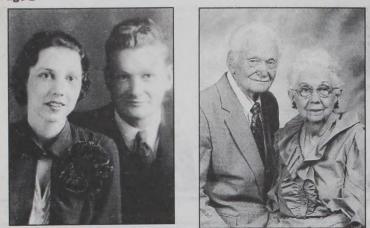
Former and current cancer patients, their families, businesses, organizations, and the public are invited to take part in this exciting event. Relay For Life will take place Friday and Saturday, May 30 - 31 at the Valley School. People in Silverton, Quitaque, Turkey and Flomot will participate in this team event.

Relay For Life brings the progress against cancer to the forefront. Many participants are our family friends, and neighbors that have been cured of cancer Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made in cure rates and the quality of life following treatment.

The funds raised by the participants goes to the American Cancer Society's lifesaving programs. Funds are also available to local people who need assistance during treatments

Volunteers are needed to organize and recruit teams, seek community support and underwriting, plan entertainment and lend support in any way Call your local chairperson, in Silverton call Kyle Fuston - 823-2289, in Turkey call Margie Bell - 423-1263 and in Quitaque call Jacqualyn Ham - 455-1315,

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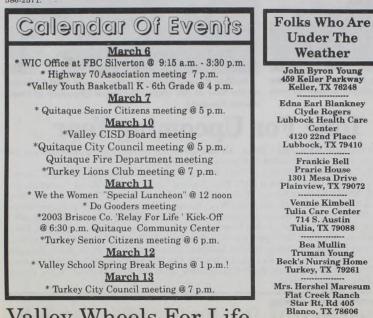


Wests To Celebrate 70th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond West will celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, March 12, 2003.

The former Sylvia Payne became the bride of Raymond M. W est on the afternoon of the twelfth of March 1933 in Hollis, Oklahoma. Raymond is the son of the last Frank and V iola West and Sylvia is the daughter of the late Jim and Mary Payne.

The couple will celebrate the occasion quietly at home in Kermit with their family . The couple has-made Kermit their home for the past two years to be closer to their family but lived most of their married life in Childress. Friends are welcome to contact them on their 25,550 th wedded day at 915-586-2571



Valley Wheels For Life **Bike-A-Thon April 5**

The Valley "Wheels for Life" Bike-A-Thon to be held on Saturday, April 5, 2003 beginning at 10 a.m., has been an-nounced by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Coordinator for this year's event is Mr. Wilburn Leeper, who encourages all residents and businesses to support this com-munity effort. The event will be held at the Valley School Track. for more information on how you can help with this worthwhile event contact Mr. Leeper at 455-1121

The increase in the overall survival rate of children with cancer from 30% to 70% has been made possible through research. The funds from events like the Valley Bike-A-Thon make that research possible.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, was founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas. The hospital's work is supported through funds raised by the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities (ALSAC). ALSAC covers all costs not covered by insurance for medical treatment rendered at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Families without insurance are never asked to pay. For more information, please visit *www.stjude.org*.



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2003 Relay For Life To Kick Off Next Tuesday

The Briscoe County Relay For Life will hold a Kick Off Rally for the May 30-31 Relay on Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Quitaque Community Center.

Stachia Washington, a featured speaker at the National Convention of the American Cancer Society last year, will talk to the group about the benefits available for cancer patients and their family. Also Kim Weatherly, our area representative from Amarillo, will give ideas for fund raising, and also explain new procedures for this year's event.

Bring your family and friends along with chips or a finger food item. Sandwiches will be served.

Everyone is touched by cancer at some point in their lifetime, either through an immediate family member, a close friend or acquaintance. Help make the experience as positive as possible by joining with the Briscoe County Re-lay For Life Team in the RACE FOR A CURE!

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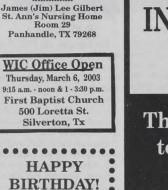
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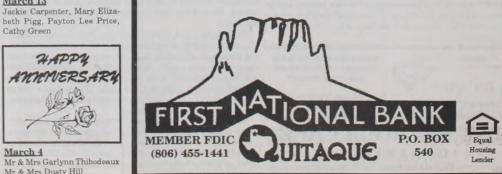
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One particular Sunday, we kids were all in a silly mood and began requesting items on the table in rhyme: "Please pass the meat, Pete." "May I have a potata, Adah?" "I'd

give the moon for a spoon.

After several minutes of this, Mother had had enough. "Stop this nonsense right now!" she insisted. "I would like to enjoy my dinner with some good conversation, not this silly chatter ." Still in a huff, she turned to Father and snapped, "Pass me the

bread, Fred.' February Another Dry Month In Motley County

With Cold Winds And Freezing Temperatures

The light snow flurry and fog we had in February was not enough moisture to clean our dirty rain gauges in Motley cCunty. This wide span between rains is not helping our depleted moisture. W e had our share of cold winds with a temperature low of seven degre

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers reported the total moisture for February 2003: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs: 0.17 inches; Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot: 0.02 inches; Betty Simpson, Northfield: 0.14 inches; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat: 0.0 inches and Kelly Meyer, Matador: 0.11 inches

Brenda and Darrell Cruse and daughter, Leah Cruse, along with friends, Carol Ann and Johnney Turner of Lubbock attended the Silverton and Nazcreth basketball game Friday night held at the Texas Dome in Levelland. Mr. and Mrs. Cruse visited overnight Friday with Leah and returned home Saturday

Mary Ellen Barton joined Dr. and Mrs. Rickey Nall of Chil-dress and Mrs. Judy Renfro of Matador for lunch in Matador , Fri-

day. Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo, Wednesday for her a medical appointment and tests. They visited in Canyon with Mrs. Vickie Hay and her mother, Mrs. Velma Moon of Fritch before returning home

Mrs. Tommie Cruse and daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and Danielle of Whiteflat enjoyed the Jamboree in Turkey Saturday night.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited his mother , Mrs. C.W. Starkey, Friday. He accompanied his sister, Mrs. Ersie VanCleeve to her home in Dougherty. Mrs. VanCleeve had been with her mother, who was recuperating from an illness the past two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were in Plainview, Friday for her an

optical appointment. They enjoyed lunch in Childress, Sunday. Tom was in Amarillo, Monday for a medical appointment at the V.A. Hospital.

Mrs. Kevin (Keri) Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville visited Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter. Luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter, Sunday were the Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Mulder of South Plains.







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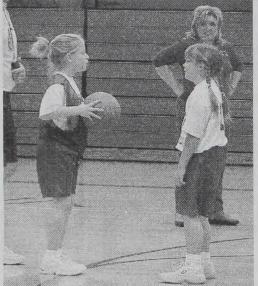
Letters

To The

Editor







Sierra Burleson looks for a teammate to throw the ball to while being guarded by Sunny Helms.

Valley Youth Basketball Now In Full Swing

Under the direction of Stuart Smith, and with the parents coaching, Valley Youth Basketball is in full swing. Kindergarten through sixth grade boys and girls are learning the fundamentals of basketball while having a great time.

The next two game nights will be Thursday, March 6 and Mon-day, March 10. Kindergarten begins playing at 4 p.m. and the last game of the evening will be the fifth and sixth grade boys starting at 8:30 p.m. There will be no games during Spring Break. The

games will resume when school starts back. So come on out to the Valley Gym and spend an evening enjoy-ing our local youngsters display their new found talents.

Cruse & Wilks To Play In 2 All-Star Games

Derrick Cruse and Justin Wilks have been selected to play in the 6 Man All Star Game this summer. Both have been standout football players for the Valley Patriots the last few years and this invitation is a great honor. They were selected to play in this game by the 6 Man Coaches Association. They will be representing the West Squad. The game will be played on July 19th in Lubbock. They will be coached in the game by Bret Tyler, also from Valley. Coach Tyler was also selected by the 6 Man Coaches Association to coach the West Squad.

later in the month Derrick and Justin will also play in the All American Bowl in Big Spring, TX on July 26th. The All America's Bowl features a group of 'Texas All Stars' against the 'World Team'. The 'World Team' features kids from other U.S. states, plus kids from Canada and Australia. Congratulations to these two fine young men and thier coach in

their accomplishments



County Briscoe Stock Show Meeting

There will be a Briscoe County Stock Show meeting Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. in the Silverton school cafeteria. Dates for the 2004 show will be set and judges for all species will be discussed. All interested per sons are encouraged to attend.

4rd Six Weeks **Honor Roll**

1st Grade ~ Mrs. Hill All A's: Morgan Hawkins, Christian Chavira

A's & B's: Jerrica Galvan, David Greene, Macy Maynard, Jessi Messer, Dalton Valdez, Cory Belmare

1st Grade ~ Mrs Brown Krispie Kremes All A's Ketch Smith, Kelby Wil-

A's & B's: April Villarreal, Rvan Meeks, Ashlev Revna

2nd Grade ~ Mrs. Cruse All A's: Brennan Allen, Abby Hill, Sierra Burleson, Sarah Clay, Andrew Gonce,

A's & B's: Carson Proctor, Hayden Meyer, Dodie Payne, Daniel Valdez

2nd Grade ~ Mrs. Ramsey All A's: Sunny Helms, Blake Pigg, Ben Seth Ramsey, Pecos Williams, Colleen Hancock, Kameron Buchanan

A's & B's: John Pigg, Macy Valdez, Jose Mendoza, Samantha Sanders

3rd Grade ~ Mrs. Pigg All A's: Caitlyn Brown, Ezekial Clay, Tanner Clay, Danielle Gwinn, Kristen Jenkins, Madison Myer, Jacob Pigg, Jayson Pigg, Kortni Carnes, Natalie Fierro, Allyssa Pointer, Jessie Price

A's & B's: Keri House, Courtney Galvan, Jose Valdez, Pablo Martinez, Chambray Smith, Jeffrey Thibodeaux, Casen Hawkins

4th Grade ~ Mrs. Proctor AllA's: Autumn Phillips, Khaki Scrivner, Landon Allen, Grant Wheeler, Jarette Valdez,

A's & B's: Kimberly Leal, Kacee McGraw, Desiree Casillas, Kati Fuston

5th Grade ~ Mrs. Davidson All A's: Kelsey Clay, Lacie Ponter, Payton Price, Jacy Proctor, Sadie Valdez, Lauren Young A's & B's: Salvador Bernal, Mariela Mendoza, Rebecca Ramos, Isaac Smith, Courtney Thibodeaux, Jacob Hancock, Veronica Pozos, Alejandro Valdez

6th Grade All A's: Dalton Allen, Mitchell Farley, Callie Helms, Jordan Jenkins, Brady Ramsey, Francisco Poz

A's & B's: Chancy Campbell, Dulce Chavez, Laura Martinez, Shawna Meeks, Leslie Payne, Ana Karen Valdez, Gloria Valdez 7th Grade All A's: Cole Brown, Mary Kate Davidson A's & B's: Taylor Warren 8th Grade All A's: Macy Davidson, Molly Davidson, Ana Karen Mendoza, Maddie Ramsey A's & B's: Seth Fuston, Maricruz Pozo Freshmen All A's: Randy Farley A's & B's: Ana Rosa Pozos Sophomores All A's: None A's & B's: Maria Martinez, Zack Ramse Juniors All A's: None A's & B's: Cathy Bernal, Rod-ney Fuston, Chase Maynard,

The Valley Tribune, Quitaque, Texas, Thursday, March 6, 2003 **Cruse, Wilks Named To** SCHOOL

LUNCH

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Menu Subject To Change Monday, March 10 Breakfast: French Toast

Lunch: Meat & Cheese Nachos, Pinto Beans, Orange Slices, Milk

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast,

Lunch: Pigs in a Blanket,

Freedom Fries, Strawberrys & Bananas, Milk

Spring Break Begins!

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Prom

The Junior Class at Valley

Wednesday, March 5

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All-District Hoop Squad Two Valley Seniors were named to the All-District team for the

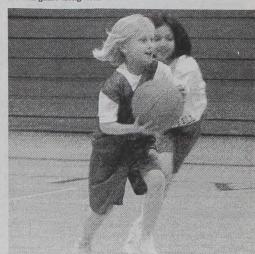
2003 season. Derrick Cruse was named to the team for the second consecutive year, while Justin Wilks was named for the first time. Junior Dylan Gaddis was named to the Honorable Mention team.

Cruse led Valley in scoring during district with 16 points a game and in rebounding with 11 per game. Wilks averaged 11 points and 8 rebounds during the 10 game district run. The 2003 V alley Patriots finished the season at 15-8, after going 9-15 last year. Their 6-4 record in district was good enough for third place. Red Ivory of Silverton was picked as District MVP. Other All-

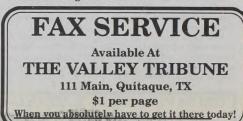
District players were James Alexander of McLean, Eric Alston, Bra-dley Conatser, and Stephen Howard of Hedley, Cody Babcock, Doug Fields, and Lance Ollinger of Groom, and Dustin Hale and Darin Martin of Silverton

'I am pleased that the district coaches voted W ilks and Cruse onto the team," Coach Clay said. "They both had good seasons and good careers. I have enjoyed coaching them and we will miss their talent and leadership.

Justin Wilks was also voted first runner up for the All Star game in Lubbock this summer. Wilks, however, has elected to play in the football game along with Cruse



Sarah Clay brings the ball down the court with Macy Valdez following close behind.





Robert Mendoza

Robert Mendoza is an 18 year old Junior at Valley High School. Robert is the son of Alberto and Juana Mendoza of Turkey. As an active Patriot, he has excelled in many extracurricular activities. Robert has excelled in Football, Basketball, Track and Tennis. He has been a valuable member of the Valley Patriot Football team whose record is 21-3 for the past two seasons. Robert was selected as the District 2-1A Defensive "Player of the Year" this past season, and finally was chosen "1st Team All-State." Robert is a leader in our school and a positive role model. He was chosen for this recognition because of his outstanding work ethic and his cooperative and pleasant attitude. He is truly an "All Around Great Guy" and we are very proud to recognize him.



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Cotton News By Shawn Wade

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Cotton Day At The Capitol 2003

The Texas cotton industry is ready to renew old acquaintances and make new friends as it prepares for its biennial trek to the State Capitol to highlight the important role cotton plays in the Texas e

Highlighting "Cotton Day at the Capitol 2003" activities will be the reading of resolutions in the House of Representatives and the Senate honoring the event.

"Cotton Day" provides an opportunity for cotton industry representatives to sit down with each legislator to discuss cotton's

importance to the State economy. One of the goals of "Cotton Day" is to prepare the groundwork for strong communication and to begin the search for solutions to the problems and challenges that lie ahead for the State and in-

dustry. "Cotton Day" participants include cotton producers, ginners and allied industry representatives from across the State. Participants will visit the offices of each Representative and

Senator and sit down to discuss the issues affecting the cotton industry.

The event also serves as an educational opportunity to acquaint

those unfamiliar with cotton about its many uses. With cotton playing such a significant role in the T exas economy, it is only fitting that we take a day in Austin to reflect on the importance of the popular fiber and make legislators aware of the

challenges facing the industry. "Cotton Day at the Capitol" is sponsored by Texas Cotton Producers, a statewide producer organization composed of the nine regional cotton growers organizations actively representing grow-ers in different production regions.

2002 DCP Sign-Up Deadlines Getting Near;

Producers Encouraged To Complete Process Sign up for the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) continues to lag and the USDA Farm Service Agency personnel

are reminding growers that if they intend to participate that the deadline for completing sign up is getting close.

The deadline for owners or their appointed representative to make initial base and yield option selections for the DCP program is April 1, 2003. The deadline for program participants to sign up for the 2002 and 2003 DCP program is June 2, 2003.

Both the initial base and yield option selection and the deci-sions to participate in the 2002 and 2003 DCP program can be completed at the same time.

2002 and 2003 DCP payments for the balance of the 2002 direct payment, 2002 counter cyclical advance payments, and the advance for the 2003 direct payment will be processed as soon as sign up is completed. Producers are encouraged to contact their county FSA office

and schedule an appointment

Don't Forget

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Annual Meeting: Thursday, April 3, 2003

8:30 a.m. - Registration & 9:00 a.m. - Program Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall



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Boll Weevil Vote April 21; March 22 Deadline for **Director Nominations**

Cotton producers in the Northern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone who wish to represent the 22-county area on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's statewide board of directors have until March 22 to officially place their names into nomination.

The deadline comes as cotton farmers and landwners who farmed cotton in 2003 get set to decide in an April 21 referendum whether to continue a boll weevil eradication program in the Northern **Rolling Plains Zone.**

Cotton producers who farm in the zone, and who have grown cotton for at least seven years may place their names on the ballot for the board member position. A nomination form and a biographical information sheet must be filled out, and the nomination must be supported by the signatures of at least 10 other eligible cotton growers in the zone.

The form may then be mailed to the Texas Department of Agriculture at P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or be faxed to (512)463-6072. The nomination must be received on or efore March 22

Nomination forms are available at local county extension ervice offices, and the Texas Dept. of Agriculture in Austin, at (512)463-7593

Growers in the Northern Rolling Plains Zone initially aproved a boll weevil eradication program in April 1999, and a maximum assessment of \$15 per planted row acre for irri-gated cotton, and \$10 per planted row acre for dryland coton to fund it. With producers voting to continue the pro-

gram, the current assessment rates will not be affected. Northern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone inludes approximately 350,000 acres in 22 counties: Childress, Clay, Collingsworth, Cottle, Donley, Foard, Gray, Hall, Hardeman, Kent, King, Motley, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, and portions of Archer, Armstrong, Briscoe, Crosby, Dickens, Flovd, and Garza.

Noninsured Crop Coverage **Deadline At Farm Service Agency**

Noninsurable crops are eligible for risk protection under the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP). This program resembles crop insurance since it was designed to reduce financial losses re-sulting from weather related crop disasters. Once all eligibility requirements have been satisfied, a payment will be issued to you if your crop suffers eligible losses exceeding 50% of your expected yield. NAP yields are based on you actual historical production. The payment rate for NAP is based on 55% of the crop's established market price. The cost is 100/crop/producer with a \$300 cap per county, not to exceed \$900 total for all counties. NAP coverage does not begin until 30 days after your application is filed and you have paid the administrative fee, so file for NAP 30 days before planting.

Sales closing dates for spring and summer seed as haygrazer, red top cane, etc. is March 17, 2003. eeded crops, such

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Ag Disaster Assistance Enrollment May Begin As Early As Summer

Lubbock - Farmers and ranchers who qualify for disaster assis tance under the Agricultural Assistance Act passed by Congress on Feb 13 will soon be able to enroll at their county USDA Farm

on Feb 13 will soon be able to enroll at their county USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) office, according to Jim Little, FSA adminis-trator based in Washington, D.C. "We now know that we (USDA) will have \$3.1 billion available for producers who qualify for this assistance," Lewis told a crowd of South Plains producers attending the 2003 Southwest Crops Production Conference & Expo. "Of that total, \$2.145 billion will go to qualifying crop producers, \$365 million will go to livestock producers, and \$589 million is earmarked for miscellaneous pay-ments." ents.

Congress passed the Agricultural Assistance Act in mid-Febru ary as part of its fiscal year 2003 omnibus appropriations bill. It authorizes payments to crop producers who suffered losses of at least 35 percent of their normal yields in 2001 and 2002, as well as livestock producers who lost animals or forage/feed crops due to drought or other natural disasters.

"There will be \$115 million to compensate qualifying producers for lost animals under the Livestock Compensation Program, and \$250 million to compensate producers for lost forage/feed crops under the Livestock Assistance Program," Lewis said. "The \$589 million in miscellaneous expenses will cover payments for a New Mexico water program, pesticide damage claims, the cottonseed

rogram and FSA's salaries and expenses to implement the act." If current enrollment in new farm bill programs proceeds apace through the June 2 sign up deadline, qualifying producers may be able to sign up for disaster assistance this summer .

"If you are staying in the farm program, you must have your base and yield selections made by April 1, and you must complete your farm program sign up by June 2. We will deal with those priorities first, then begin the process of disaster assistance en-rollment," Lewis said. "Right now, we think about 43 percent of all eligible producers nationwide have enrolled in the new farm

an engine products hadonwide have enrolled in the new farm program outlined in the current farm bill. "If you haven't begun your farm bill/program enrollment, it will help greatly if you bring your base and yield numbers, past pro-duction records, and lease agreements with you when you visit your county FSA office. More and more producers are opting to receive electronic payments under the new farm bill, rather than the traditional paper checks." That is easing the complications FSA offices often encounter

when helping producers enroll in a new farm program, he added. Meanwhile, USDA planners are working on a process to help streamline implementation the new disaster aid program, includ-ing writing software for the Livestock Assistance Program.

As part of the disaster aid implementation process, USDA will launch a producer friendly website this week that will contain in-formation about the disaster assistance programs; questions and answers; and other pertinent information. The website will also solicit input from producers and others on how USDA can best move the implementation process forward.

Meanwhile, Lewis said producers can always find farm program information, fact sheets, pertinent enrollment forms and other helpful tools from county FSA offices or on the Internet at: http:// www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/default.asp.





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Sheriff McGuire Issues Appeal To Citizens In Fight Against Crime

Responding to the increased number of citizens wanting to as-sist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff McGuire today announced the Hall County citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of

the Sheriffs' Association of Texas. Membership appeals will go out in the mail shortly. The fund-ing provides critically technical resources, training, and legisla-tive support on key criminal justice issues.

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and pro-vide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers. Contri-

butions are tax deductible. "With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the Associate Membership drive has taken on greater im-portance than ever before," said Sheriff McGuire. "The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communi-

ties safer places to live, work and play,." Citizens not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more

Citizens not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can obtain it by contacting the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at: 1601 S. IH-35, Austin, TX 78741 or www.txsheriffs.org. The Associate Membership Program was begun to provide citi-zens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens. "As the need for building stronger public private law enforce-ment partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance, "said Sheriff McGuire." "I encourage every citizen receiving a membership appeal to con-sider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our future." Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a non profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property

preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas. Mr. Steve M. Westbrook serves as the Executive Director. Headquarters are located in Austin, Texas. The Sheriffs' Association of Texas does not make solicitations by telephone. If you receive a phone call from someone who used our name, please report it to your local Sheriff or county/district attor ney.

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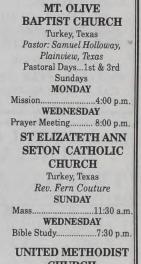
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General Rafael Vasquez cap-tured San Antonio. Troops withdrew two days later. Mar. 6, 1839

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ral concern about the separation of church and state, but it can result in an attitude toward reli gion normally reserved for an insidious disease. It should be remembered that our founding fathers. who made no secret of their reliance on divine guidance, insured our own religious freedom by including it in the laws by which we live. Moreover, to this day every public official takes the oath of of fice with one hand on the Bible, and legislative sessions routinely begin with prayers; with no narmful effects on the populace. Indeed, perhaps the encouragement of faith would help to solve many of our own serious problems. Our reverse torefathers thought so, and we would do well to folow their example.

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Healthcare Professional Recruitment & Retention Workshop Slated For April

The Office of Rural Community Affairs will be hosting a one day Healthcare Professional Recruitment and Retention Workshop focusing on the health care needs of rural communities on Tuesday, April 8 at Plainview, TX. The work-shop will run from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Recruiting and retaining healthcare professionals is a top

priority for rural Texas communities. This workshop is de signed to help communities and local officials prepare for and plan successful recruitment and retention efforts.

This workshop will educate rural communities and discuss issues related to healthcare professional recruitment

and retention in rural Texas communities, including * Economic impact of the health care sector on rural com-

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Planning for HealthFind (a healthcare professional job fair scheduled for September 6-7, 2003 in Austin)

Guest speakers for the event will be Fred Moskol, Executive Director of the National Rural Recruitment and Retention Network and Past President of the National Rural Health Association. Also Mary Amundson, Assistant Pro-fessor and Director of North Dakota Center for Rural Health, University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Moskol and Amundson have extensive knowledge and experience working in rural recruitment and have been presenting together for a number of years

Registration is \$25 to cover lunch, beverages, manuals and handouts. For more information contact Robin Wright at 512-936-6732; toll free 800-544-2042 or e-mail: rwright@orca.state.tx.us.

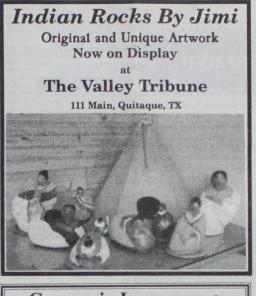
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By Bill Sperry

The Sock Tree

It's funny what pops into your mind when you start trying to remember your childhood. Some things are funny some not so funny, and some things you just remember, making you wish somehow for those days long past, when times ere simpler.

I remember now that we didn't have an air conditioner I don't remember it being hot. I remember that sometimes would take a mattress outside and sleep in the bed of the pickup. I didn't realize then it was because it was hot just that it was lot's of fun. I didn't think we were poor then, I guess because everyone else was just like us.

I didn't realize that a sign we were poor was that we had cistern and had to haul water from a windmill, about a mile away. I just had a great time sitting on that cool tank of water going back to the house to fill up the cistern. Before leaving that overhead tank you could get under that pipe and the volume of water coming out of it would almost knock you down and boy, was it cold! Fun for my older broth-ers was to hold me under there and listen to me hollar There was a plum thicket near by and braving the rattlesnakes and yellow jackets you could pick a cap full in just a little while. By then, you were just as sweaty as you were before that bath but who cared.

We always hauled water on Saturday morning so Mother could do the wash. I realize now that must have really been job, doing the wash for eight kids. I got to draw water to fill up two big black cast iron pots that we put wood around to heat for that 'ole Maytag wringer washer and the tubs that held Faultless starch for all those Levis. I could draw that big bucket of water up by putting my feet on the bot-tom edge of that cistern and turn upside down until the bucket got to the top of the pulley, then jump up and grab it before it went back in the well. By the time I got those pots

and tubs filled, my arms felt about a foot longer By the way, never go around a fire barefooted as you will find a hot coal, popped out of that fire and the only cure for that seemed to be kerosene, the magic cure-all. I've taken that stuff for all things from stepping on a rusty nail to sore

Mother had to run those Levis through the washer, then through the starch, then flatten them out and run them through the wringer. No way could she have ironed all those pants so she would take them an hang 'um on the clothesline the same way they came out of the wringer Our clothesline had seen better days as it had suffered from my older sister tying a horse to it and he spooked for some reason, running away with it, all the way to the creek, clothespins flying. It had also seen too many wet Levis for all us kids.

I loved putting on those pants after they were dry as they made a rustling sound when you put your leg in them with all that starch. They had a whisk, whisk sound to them when you walked, until the starch limbered up.

There was a tree on the west side of the house, a Hack-berry I think, next to the clothesline. On wash day that Hackberry took on the look of a Christmas tree as this was where all the socks were hung to dry I guess there wasn't enough room on the clothesline to accommodate all those socks. I figured that everyone had a sock tree around somewhere for their socks as this seemed perfectly normal to me. That was really a healthy tree, getting all that water from those socks.

I think about all these things and it makes me smile and yet it somehow makes me sad. How simple those times were I wish I could go back.



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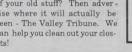
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