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GIVING THANKS TO OUR FARMERS AND RANCHERS

(The following is an editorial commentary by John Fuston, State Executive Director for the Texas Farm Service Agency and the son of the late John & Alice Fuston of Turkey)

"Oh beautiful, for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountains' majesty above the fruited plains, America..." The ode to our Nation celebrates the strength, natural beauty and cherished freedoms that symbolize the United States of America. Embedded in that celebration of our nation is an appreciation for this country's agricultural abilities. This is especially true as we celebrate Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is truly an American holiday, a tradition that began when our Nation's ancestors joined together to celebrate the bounty of the land. I would ask that all Texans join me in remembering and thanking those who preserve the beauty and bounty of American agriculture.

In recent months Texans have been reminded how important it is for this Nation to be strong. One of the keys to this country's strength and security is the ability of its farmers to produce a plentiful and safe food supply. We as Americans tend to take for granted that the shelves at the local grocery are full... that fresh, safe food is available for their children and families.

Farmers and ranchers comprise less than 2 percent of our population, yet grow enough food to feed 200 million U.S. citizens, with generous amounts of food exported annually. In Texas, with a population of more than 20.8 million, only 14 percent of jobs are in farming or farm related activities. Seventy-eight percent of the State's land is farmland, while the majority of the farms in Texas, more than 87 percent, operate on less than 1,000 acres.

The efficiency and productivity of Texas producers contributes greatly to the quality of life most Texans enjoy. National support provided to the agricultural sector is critical to maintaining that quality of life. Tax dollars that support farmers also support consumer comfort.

Most of us don't know what it means to be hungry but for much of the world, a safe and plentiful food supply is an unheard of luxury. In 1999, Americans spent \$618 billion for foods originating from U.S. farms. Of that, only 20 percent was paid to farmers, the rest covered expenses for transportation, processing and distribution.

Farmers and farm families are a valuable part of Texas culture. They embody a way of life based on wholesome values... hard work and self-sufficiency with emphasis on family and community.

As family and friends gather for your Thanksgiving feast, remember those who helped make this holiday fulfilling and those who help keep America strong. We in the Texas Farm Service Agency offer a heart felt thanks to our Texas producers for all they do and all they represent.

Turkey Jamboree Slated For Dec. 1

Turkey's next jamboree is scheduled for December 1 at the bob Wills community Gymnasium. The Entertainers will be Michael Grace and the Panhandle Back Roads Band; John Walker from Grand Prairie. John is a very good, "Floyd Cramer" sounding, piano player. Lance May from Lubbock; Bennie brown and Friends from Amarillo; the turkey Gems and the Talent showcase.

The Turkey TAFCE Club will have the concession stand. Door prizes will be given away. As a special treat for the holiday season the entertainment will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Michael Grace and his band providing dinner music. See you there!



Pat Carson, Mayor of Turkey, receives a Turkish Flag as a gift from Umut Newbury, reporter from the Wise County Messenger in Decatur, Texas on her recent visit.

East Meets West: Turkey Meets Turkey

This time of year always brings an assortment of people, looking for an appropriate Thanksgiving story, to, you guessed it, Turkey, Texas. This year is no different. The most recent visitor to the "Thanksgiving Central" was Umut Newbury, from the Wise County Messenger Newspaper in Decatur, Texas. Umut came to Turkey to get the scoop, it will be several pages long in the Lifestyles section of their paper. She visited the local sites, talked with the friendly folks and took lots of pictures.

Before she left, she wanted to present the town with a special gift from her homeland. Umut is from Istanbul, Turkey. She thought a flag from Turkey would be just the thing to show her appreciation for all the hospitality she received while she was here. The flag is on display at Turkey City Hall.

Turkey Roost Museum News

The Christmas in November fund raiser for the Turkey Roost Museum project was cancelled for this year due to the economic situation in our area. This brought about a decision to purchase the museum gifts and to give them as door prizes at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The winner of the savings bond was June Montgomery. Bob Warner and Harve Williams won the \$25 gift certificates purchased at Lacy's and the \$25 gift certificate from the Turkey Grocery was won by Mary Hatch. Tommy Pinkerton had donated a George Strait CD set and this was won by Tiffany Woods. Freda Hughes wanted to help and donated a turkey which was won by Jo Patrick. We want the people of our area to know how much we appreciate their help and we have now raised over nine thousand dollars.

Voting Precincts Combined For December 4th Runoff Election

According to Bena Hester, Briscoe County and District Clerk, voting precincts have been combined for the upcoming State Senate District 30 runoff election scheduled for December 4, 2001.

Voting precincts 1, 3, 4 and 5 will all be voting at the Pioneer Room of City Bank, Silvertown and voting precincts 2 and 6 will both vote at the Community Center in Quitaque.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on November 26th and run through November 30th.

The ballot will consist of two candidates running for the State Senate District 30 office, Craig Estes-Republican and Greg L. Underwood-Democrat. Neither candidate received 50% of the votes cast in the November 6th election therefor warranting a runoff election.

Turkey City Hall Will Be Closed
 Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23
 In Observance Of
 The Thanksgiving Holiday

Calendar of events

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- November 22 - THANKSGIVING
- November 26 - Turkey Lions Club - Valley Jr High Basketball vs Happy, here starting @ 4 p.m.
- November 27 - Valley Patriot Basketball vs Ralls, there starting @ 4 p.m.
- Quitaque Chamber of Commerce Potluck Supper & Meeting at the Community Center @ 6:30 p.m.
- November 28 - Caprock Canyon State Park will close @ 10 p.m. for Public Hunt, will remain closed until 2 p.m. Nov. 30
- FREE blood pressure/blood sugar screening in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Quitaque Chamber Of Commerce Needs Your Help & Ideas

The Quitaque Chamber of Commerce is requesting your assistance in establishing goals for the year 2002, which will benefit not only Chamber members; but also, the community at large. The Chamber has sponsored National Trails Day; Fall Foliage Fest; and Caprock Country Christmas for several years. The Health Fair during Fall Foliage always has an excellent response; but times have changed; people have changed; and we need new viewpoints and new plans. Therefore, at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27 there will be a pot luck supper at the Community Center in Quitaque and we would like to see some new faces and hear some new suggestions. Please come—bring a covered dish, a healthy appetite and at least one great idea!

Your Christmas Recipes Needed By December 14

It's that time of year again to start thinking about the upcoming holiday season. With all the recent tragedies, people are turning to comfort foods more often than usual.

There are a lot of very good cooks in our neck of the woods and it is our duty to share, with the culinary challenged, some of those time enduring holiday recipes that we cook every year.

So get out your favorite recipes and help spread some holiday cheer in the form of good ol' West Texas cooking.

The recipes will come out in the December 20 edition, but recipes are needed by December 14. We look forward to your submissions.

Valley Varsity Basketball Tournament
 November 29
 Thru
 December 1
 In The
 Valley Gym
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 Valley Booster Club

Justice Department Rejects Redistricting

The Department of Justice held back from granting full approval to a state House redistricting plan that had upset minorities and rural residents alike. This may possibly boost a federal panel to draft its own version of 150 fair legislative districts.

Citing a possible loss of minority opportunity in three Texas House of Representative sets, one in West Texas, one in South Texas and Bexar County, the department declared a controversial plan passed 3-2 by the Legislative Redistricting board this summer as "legally unenforceable".

The Justice Department is charged only with ruling on whether redistricting plans meet the "one person, one vote" requirements under the federal Voting Rights Act.

The federal panel of judges currently hearing the House redistricting case in Austin has said that without the Justice Department's pre-clearance of the redistricting board's map, it is only one plan for the House competing with many.

"Under the Voting rights Act, a redistricting plan must show that in comparison with the status quo, the change doesn't lead to retrogression in minorities' election capability. Based on recent U.S. Census data, comment from parties to the case, and other information, the plan doesn't meet its burden," said Ralph Boyd, Jr., the Department of Justice's assistant attorney general.

Here's A Texas You Can Mess With!
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 The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD (Mess with it all you want)
 The Texas Crossword Puzzle is proudly sponsored every week by: Quitaque Producers Co-op
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FLOMOT NEWS

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

At the end of a Geography session, the students were asked to list what they considered to be the Seven Wonders of the World. The following got the most votes: Egypt's Great Pyramids, Taj Mahal, Grand Canyon, Panama Canal, Empire State Building, St. Peter's Basilica and China's Great Wall.

The teacher noted that one student had not turned in her paper, so the teacher asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The quiet girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't make up my mind because there are so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have." The girl read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are: to touch, to taste, to see, to hear, to run, to laugh and to love."

It is far too easy for us to look at the exploits of man and refer to them as "wonders" while we overlook all God has done, regarding them as merely "ordinary".

May we be reminded on Thanksgiving of those things which are truly wondrous and be thankful for our blessings.

A Surprise Birthday Party Honors Mrs. Brenda Cruse

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wason and son, Dalton, of Casper, Wyoming honored his sister, Mrs. Brenda Cruse, on her birthday with a surprise picnic cook out luncheon in their spacious barn in Matador. She was presented a beautifully decorated cake and adding to the fun had the inscription, "Over The Hill". She received gifts, cards and best wishes.

Those attending the happy occasion beside her husband, Darrell Cruse and son Derrick of Flomot were daughter and son, Leah and Keane Cruse of Lubbock; her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador; Bennie and Charla Marris of Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Patton and children of Silverton; Mrs. James Gwinn and children of Whiteflat; Larry and Deidra Clifton, Mona and Brian Wheeler and children, Larry Don and Nancy Price and daughter, Brand; Jodi and Branson Cruse, Brent and Lisa Campbell and children and Natalie Wheeler of Turkey; Mrs. Pauline House of Roaring Springs and grandchildren, Christina, Jesse and Rachel of Matador; Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, Donnie and Judy Cruse of Flomot.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross last Saturday was his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Andestad of Lubbock and daughter, Mrs. Carleen Scott of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Tom attended the Veterans Day Program held in Matador November 12th. He is a veteran of World War II.

Mrs. Nada Starkey was in Higgins from Sunday until Saturday visiting Tawanna and Jay Kennedy, Tanya and Jackie Lee. Tawanna was recuperating from a recent hospitalization. Nada attended a J.V. basketball game in which Jackie Lee played. Staying with the Kennedy family this week is Tawanna's mother, Mrs. Edna Benton of Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay were in Houston the past week for her medical tests and treatment at the M.D. Anderson Hospital. She received a good report. En route home, they visited in Clifton with Mr. and Mrs. Kevon Kleibrink, Karlee and Kyler.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers Saturday were Stanley Degan of Calgary and Dane Degan and son, Kyler of Crosbyton.

Mary Ellen Barton visited in Floydada during the week with sister, Mollie Burleson.

Jimmy Starkey of Amarillo and Monte George of Lubbock visited during the weekend with their grandmother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay visited in Lubbock, Saturday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton.

Mrs. Kerl Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter.

Visiting during the weekend with Nada and Jack Starkey were Michael Starkey of Canyon and Michael Davis of Fritch.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin enjoyed the "Lone Star Rising" performance at the Gem Theater in Turkey Saturday night.

The welcomed rain in Flomot averaged around two inches. The cotton fields that have not been harvested look like a flower garden they have so many blooms! The deer season opened and area residents are having good luck getting one. Turkeys are also in abundance.

Thornberry Applauds President Bush's Decision To Fill Strategic Petroleum Reserve

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) recently applauded President Bush's decision to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to its maximum capacity. "Energy independence is a critical part of our national security," Thornberry said. "The more we can do to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, the more secure our country will be. At a time when we import nearly 60 percent of our oil from overseas, it is very important that we have something to fall back on if our imports should become threatened. Filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to full capacity will do just that. Also, it makes good economic sense to buy when the price is low and it gives taxpayers a good buy for their dollar by filling the reserve at this time."

Thornberry has sponsored legislation in the past to fill the reserve. He also has been a leading proponent of legislation that would reduce our dependence on foreign sources of oil while increasing production here at home. One of his measures, which would provide tax credits for producers to help keep marginal well in production, was included in the Economic Security Package that passed the House earlier this year.

He noted that the House also approved legislation in August to establish a national energy policy. This legislation is currently pending in the Senate.

Thornberry is a member of the Armed Services Committee and Resources Committee and it co-chair of the Congressional Oil and Gas Caucus.

Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! After the feast and the thanks, and the turkey sandwiches and the turkey hash, what the heck are you going to do with that leftover turkey? Two tasty suggestions are Black Bean and Corn Calzones and Turkey Pot Pie. Both are easy to fix, something different after all that rich food, and best of all, they use up the turkey!

BLACK BEAN AND CORN CALZONES

12 Rhodes Texas Rolls, thawed
1 1/2 cups corn
14 oz. can black beans
2 cups cooked turkey, diced
1 clove minced garlic
1/2 cup diced bell pepper
2 tablespoons pimento
1 1/2 cups chopped onion
1/4 cup salsa
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
Beaten egg
Olive oil

In 1 tablespoon olive oil, saute onions and peppers for 1 minute. Add minced garlic and continue cooking 3-4 minutes until onion is translucent. Add well-drained corn, black beans, turkey, and salsa. With a floured rolling pin, flatten each roll into a 6-8 inch circle. Moisten edges with water or milk. Place on greased cookie sheet. Divide mixture into 12 portions and spoon onto each circle. Add 2 tablespoons grated cheese to each. Fold dough over filling and press edges together and crimp. Brush with beaten egg. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes until golden brown. Serve with sour cream or guacamole.

TURKEY POT PIE

Pastry for a 1 crust pie
2 cups cooked turkey, diced
2 tablespoons minced onion
3 tablespoons margarine
4 tablespoons flour
2 cups chicken stock (or use bouillon cubes)
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 cup diced potatoes
Leftover peas, carrots, green beans, or vegetable you like.
Place chicken, onion, and vegetables in casserole dish. Melt margarine; add flour and blend. Slowly add stock, salt and pepper. Cook and stir until thickened. Pour over turkey in casserole. Top with pie crust, pressing firmly to edges. Make a few steam vents. Bake at 425 for 25-30 minutes. Serve hot.

I hate to remind you, but Christmas is only 33 days away. Next week I'll print some holiday treat recipes that you can make now and freeze to give you one less thing on your last minute list.

PET TALK

Tender Vittles or table scraps? The choice you make may affect your animal's well being. And often, table food doesn't do much to promote well being.

"Feeding your dog or cat people food from the table is not beneficial for you or your pet," warns Dr. Alice Blue-McLendon, an animal specialist at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dogs and cats are carnivores, or meat eaters. But meat provides excess protein and fats, which often cannot be metabolized efficiently. Meat also is an inadequate source of calcium, phosphorus, niacin, iron, copper and vitamins A, D and E, cautions Dr. Blue-McLendon.

And, if you think you're giving your animal a special treat by feeding it a bone - think again.

"Never give your dog chicken bones or other small pork or beef bones. They can be harmful to your pet," says Blue-McLendon. She suggests giving your dog "harder bones" which are commercially processed. These bones will not splinter or lodge in the throat or intestines. Very large bones, such as those from a butcher, can also be given.

Dogs and cats are not a substitute for your garbage disposal. When cleaning out the refrigerator, properly dispose of old or spoiled leftovers. High levels of bacteria in food can lead to gastritis (upset intestinal tract and vomiting).

"If you wouldn't eat it, don't feed it to your pet," Blue-McLendon adds. Additionally, certain foods can be toxic to your cat and dog. Chocolate, onions and avocados are common foods that can be toxic. Cow's milk has a high lactose content and is not readily digested by cats or dogs, she explains.

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- country group: ___ Ridge Boys
- disparaging remark
- Gulf mollusk
- TX replaces this when it sets a new sales tax percentage (2 wds.)
- this Michael starred with TX Audie in "Arizona Raiders"
- "Red" ex-owner of San Antonio Spurs
- TXism: "size ___" (evaluate)
- sexual identity
- in Nolan Co. on 84
- Mexican party breakables filled with toys & candy
- ex-Cowboy RB Tony (init.)
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- rear opening of "long handles"
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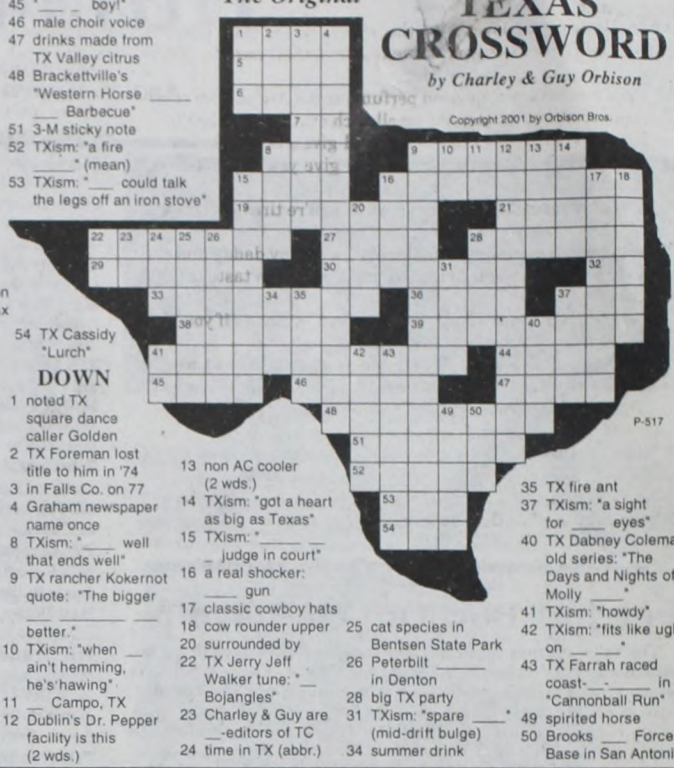
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- cow rounder upper
- surrounded by
- TX Jerry Jeff Walker tune: "___ Bojangles"
- Charley & Guy are ___ editors of TC
- time in TX (abbr.)
- non AC cooler (2 wds.)
- TXism: "got a heart as big as Texas"
- TXism: "___ judge in court"
- a real shocker: ___
- cat species in Bentsen State Park
- Peterbilt ___ in Denton
- big TX party
- TXism: "spare ___ (mid-drift bulge)"
- summer drink

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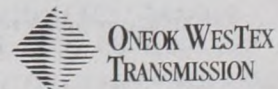
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The Patriot

NEWS OF AND ABOUT VALLEY SCHOOL



Justin Wilks maintains passing offensive under pressure.

Patriots Bow Out Of Playoffs

The Valley Patriots ended an outstanding Football season in the Bi-District round of the playoffs falling to Follett, 44-24. Valley finishes the season with a 9-2 record. Follett moves on to face Whitharral Saturday night at Valley School. Valley lead 12-8 after the first quarter and 18-14 at the half before giving up 22 third quarter points to the Panthers. A second quarter injury to Derrick Cruse slowed down the Patriots offensive attack and had the coaches scrambling on defense.

"Derrick going down hurt us, no doubt about it," Coach Tyler said. "He just does so many things for us." Cruse opened the scoring for the Patriots when he scored on a five yard run with 3:49 left in the first quarter. Justin Lucero caught a 60 yard pass from Cruse a little more than a minute later to give Valley the 12-0 lead.

Josh Roberson ran 22 yards to cut the lead to 12-8 just before the first quarter ended. Lucero scored Valley's only second quarter touchdown on a 14 yard pass from Cruse. Rustin Burke scored on a 51 yard onside kickoff return for the Panthers to end the first half's scoring.

"We felt good early," Tyler said. "We had some missed opportunities though. We could have had a bigger lead." Miscues paid a big part in the game as Valley lost three fumbles and threw an interception.

Follett scored three third quarter touchdowns while the Patriots had trouble hanging onto the ball. Follett also scored one touchdown in the fourth quarter before Wes Henson caught a seven yard touchdown pass from Justin Wilks.

Robert Mendoza was rushed for 100 yards and Cliff Yeary added 50 for the Patriots. Cruse had nine rushes for 39 yards and 3 pass completions for 86 yards and two touchdowns before he left the game in the second quarter.

Justin Wilks finished the game 5 of 11 for 66 yards and a touchdown. Lucero caught two passes for 84 yards and two touchdowns while Henson caught three passes and had one touchdown.

The Valley defense held Follett's high octane offensive attack to only 91 yards passing and 172 yards rushing. Each team ended with 13 first downs.

"I never dreamed that we could hold them to under 100 yards passing and lost the game," Tyler said. "They have an outstanding quarterback and we were concerned about his arm."

Tyler Messer earned high praise from the coaches for his outstanding defensive effort after stepping in for the injured Cruse. "He (Messer) did a great job," Tyler said. "He gave us a spark when we needed it. We just had some bad luck and then got behind. But it was a great year and I couldn't be prouder of our boys."



Patriots work together to sack those Panthers.

Accident counts for much in companionship as in marriage.

—Henry Brooks Adams

6th Grade Impromptu

5th Place-Cole Brown
Justin Billegas
Danny Carnes
Juan Haro

6th Grade Creative Writing

6th Place-Danny Carnes
Mary Kate Davidson
Cole Brown
Justin Rucker

7th Grade Oral Reading

3rd Place-Maddie Ramsey
Molly Davidson
Macy Davidson
Matt Dozier

7th Grade Modern Oratory

1st Place Molly Davidson
3rd Place-Macy Davidson
4th Maddie Ramsey

7th Grade Impromptu

Seth Fuston
Jamie Butler
Matt Dozier
Jake Gass

7th Grade Spelling

Maddie Ramsey
Matt Dozier
Jamie Butler
Amber Ortiz

7th Grade Calculator

Macy Davidson
Molly Davidson
Maddie Ramsey
Alysa Leal

7th Grade Mathematics

Maddie Ramsey Cathy Fierro
Seth Fuston Molly Davidson

7th Grade Maps, Graphs & Charts

Amber Ortiz
Bryant Ortiz
Ana Karen Mendoza
Cathy Fierro

7th Grade Number Sense

Fannin Gwinn
Seth Fuston
Ana Karen Mendoza
Macy Davidson

7th Grade Science

3rd Place-Seth Fuston
Laura Payne
Alysa Leal
Ana Karen Mendoza

7th Grade Listening

5th Place-Macy Davidson
5th Place-Fannin Gwinn
Jamie Butler
Jake Gass

7th Grade Dictionary Skills

1st Place-Seth Fuston
5th Place-Maddie Ramsey
Fannin Gwinn
Molly Davidson

8th Grade Oral Reading

5th Place-Elisa Cagle
Jennifer Carnes
Rhiane Gaddis
Alicia Roys

8th Grade Modern Oratory

1st Place-Jennifer Carnes
4th Place-Elisa Cagle
Cody Barrett

8th Grade Impromptu

5th Place-Cody Barrett
Larissa Payne
Alicia Roys

8th Grade Calculator

Jennifer Carnes
Randy Farley
Fernando Regalado

8th Grade Listening

3rd Place-Randy Farley
Charlie Walden
Ruben Ramos
Ascencion Pozos

8th Grade Spelling

4th Place-Alicia Roys
6th Place-Elisa Cagle
Randy Farley
Ana Rosa Pozos

8th Grade Number Sense

Erica Cruz Fernando Regalado
Randy Farley Kevin Ortiz

8th Grade Mathematics

6th Place-Randy Farley
Erica Cruz
Fernando Regalado
Kevin Ortiz

8th Grade Science

1st Place-Randy Farley
Cody Barrett
Charlie Walden
Ascencion Pozos

8th Grade Dictionary

5th Place-Jennifer Carnes
Randy Farley
Ana Rosa Pozos
Rosalia Villarreal

8th Grade Maps, Graphs & Charts

6th Place-Cody Barrett
Chance Maynard
Rosalia Villarreal
Erica Gujosa

Valley Elementary Wins District UIL Academic Championship!

Students representing Valley elementary won the overall Championship at the District 4-1A South Zone UIL Academic Meet last Thursday at Silverton. Students from Amherst, Lazbuddie, Nazareth, Valley and Walcott participated in the meet hosted at Silverton. Valley Elementary students placed 1st in overall competition. The Valley Elementary (2nd-6th) students scored 607 points in their District winning effort. 77 students from Valley Elementary and Junior High Schools participated in the contest. The Junior High team placed 4th in the overall competition.

2nd Grade Creative Writing

3rd Place-Caitlyn Brown
4th Place-Danielle Gwinn
Jason Figg

2nd Grade Storytelling

2nd Place- Alyssa Pointer
4th-Jacob Figg
Jessie Price

2nd Grade Oral Reading

1st Place Chambray Smith
Kristen Jenkins
Caitlyn Brown
Kortni Carnes

3rd Grade Music Memory

1st Place Team
Jarett Valdez*
Landon Allen*

3rd Grade Oral Reading

1st Place- Autumn Phillips
3rd Place-Landon Allen
4th Place-Khaki Scrivner
Grant Wheeler

3rd Grade Storytelling

2nd Place-Khaki Scrivner
3rd Place-Autumn Phillips
4th Place-Landon Allen
Jarett Valdez

3rd Grade Spelling

2nd Place-Landon Allen
Khaki Scrivner
Desiree Castillas
Autumn Phillips

3rd Grade Ready Writing

Khaki Scrivner
Grant Wheeler
Jarett Valdez

4th Grade Art

1st Place Team
Jacob Hancock*
Lauren Young
Jacy Proctor
Lacie Pointer

4th Grade Music Memory

1st Place Team
Isaac Smith*
Jacob Hancock*
Lauren Young*

4th Grade Calculator

5th Place-Lauren Young
6th Place-Kelsey Clay
Jacy Proctor
Sadie Valdez

4th Grade Ready Writing

4th Place-Jacob Hancock
Lauren Young
Courtney Thibodeaux
Isaac Smith

4th Grade Oral Reading

4th Place-Lauren Young
5th Place-Sadie Valdez
Jacy Proctor

4th Grade Spelling

Courtney Thibodeaux
Payton Price
Lauren Young
Lacie Pointer

4th Grade Number Sense

Payton Price
Lauren Young
Kelsey Clay
Isaac Smith

5th Grade Art

1st Place Team
Brady Ramsey*
Chancey Campbell*
Dalton Allen*

5th Grade Maps, Graphs & Charts

1st Place-Dalton Allen
3rd Place-Brady Ramsey
4th Place-Callie Helms
Mitchell Farley
Alexandra Skinner

5th Grade Calculator

4th Place-Jordan Jenkins
5th Place-Callie Helms
Mitchell Farley
Brady Ramsey

5th Grade Ready Writing

1st Place-Callie Helms
6th Place-Jordan Jenkins
Brady Ramsey
Dalton Allen

5th Grade Oral Reading

1st Place Jordan Jenkins
4th Place Chancey Campbell
Brady Ramsey
Dalton Allen

5th Grade Music Memory

Placed 2nd by tie breaker
Jordan Jenkins*
Dalton Allen*
Callie Helms*

5th Grade Dictionary Skills

1st Place-Dalton Allen
3rd Place-Callie Helms
5th Place-Francisco Pozos
Brady Ramsey

5th Grade Listening

1st Place-Alexandra Skinner
2nd Place-Chancey Campbell
Brady Ramsey
Luke Shannon

5th Grade Number Sense

4th Place-Callie Helms
Chancey Campbell
Brady Ramsey
Luke Shannon

5th Grade Spelling

1st Place-Dalton Allen
2nd Place-Callie Helms
Jordan Jenkins
Brady Ramsey

6th Grade Music Memory

1st Place Team
Mary Kate Davidson*
Cole Brown*
Savannah Smith*

6th Grade Maps, Graphs & Charts

3rd Place-Cole Brown
Mary Kate Davidson
Justin Rucker
Bryce Reagan

6th Grade Listening

3rd Place-Cole Brown
Mary Kate Davidson
Juan Haro
Armando Mendoza

6th Grade Oral Reading

3rd Place-Mary Kate Davidson
Savannah Smith
Justin Rucker
Danny Carnes

6th Grade Spelling

Cole Brown
Mary Kate Davidson
Savannah Smith
Justin Billegas

6th Grade Ready Writing

5th Place-Mary Kate Davidson
6th Place-Danny Carnes
Cole Brown
Savannah Smith

6th Grade Number Sense

3rd Place-Cole Brown
6th Place-Mary Kate Davidson
Armando Mendoza
Danny Carnes

6th Grade Calculator Applications

4th Place-Cole Brown
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6th Grade Dictionary Skills

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2nd grade UIL participants: (front row) Jason Pigg, Jessie Price, Caitlyn Brown, Kortni Carnes & Jacob Pigg. (back row) Danielle Gwinn, Chambray Smith, Susan Ramsey, Kristen Jenkins, Alyssa Pointer & Madison Meyer.



4th grade UIL participants: (front row) Lacie Pointer, Sadie Valdez, Courtney Thibodeaux, Kelsey Clay & Lauren Young. (back row) Mariela Mendoza, Isaac Smith, Payton Price, Jacy Proctor, Jacob Hancock & Mrs Proctor



5th grade UIL participants: (front row) Dalton Allen, Francisco Pozos, Brady Ramsey & Chancy Campbell. (back row) Jordan Jenkins, Michelle Farley, Laura Davidson, Luke Shannon, Callie Helms & Alexandra Skinner.



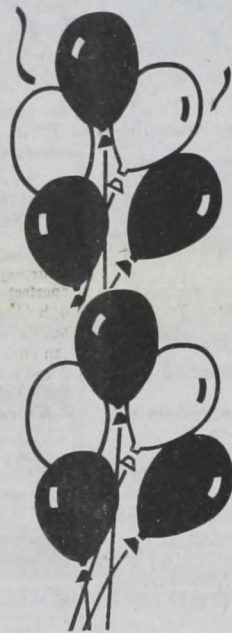
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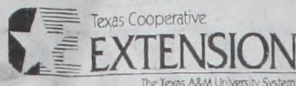
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Free Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar Clinic

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is collaborating with Kathy Fuston of Covenant Home Health Care to provide a free blood pressure/blood sugar clinic. The clinic will be held in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse on Wednesday, November 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Everyone is invited to take advantage of this free service!

Briscoe County 4-Hers Bring Home The Medals!

Twelve Briscoe County 4-Hers competed at the District 1 4-H Roundup on November 10 at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. 4-Hers from across the District competed in Public Speaking, Share-The-Fun, Method Demonstrations, and Horse Quiz Bowl.

Skylar Clifton placed second in Share-The-Fun Poetry, Townlii Zielger, Destiney Wilson, Heather Tiffin, and Torrey Fuston placed second in Share-The-Fun Choreographed Routine, and Scarlett Sperry competed in the Share-The-Fun vocal category.

The junior Horse Quiz bowl team placed first and consisted of True Burson, Dusty Burson, Nichole Schott, and Charla Rhoderick. The senior Horse Quiz Bowl team also placed first. The senior participants included Ty Reed, Zack Burson, and Scarlett Sperry. The senior Horse Quiz bowl team will now compete at State 4-H roundup at college Station in June. Congratulations to all of the participants.



Junior Horse Quiz Bowl team: True Burson, Dusty Burson, Nichole Schott, & Charla Rhoderick.



senior Horse Quiz Bowl Team: Ty Reed & Zack Burson.(not pictured, Scarlett Sperry)

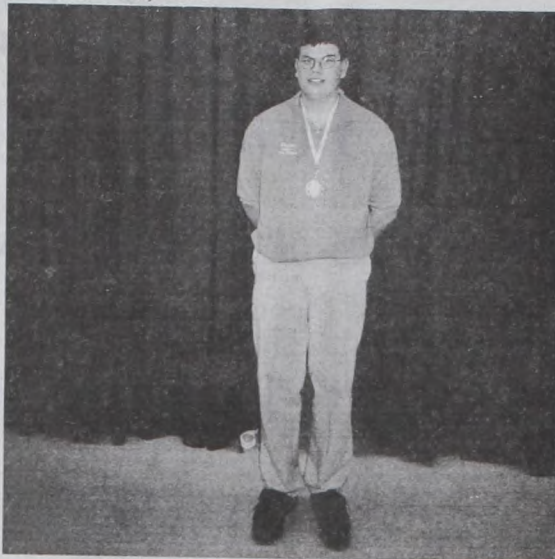
Senate Passes FY02 Ag Appropriations Bill

The Senate voted this week to approve the FY 2002 Agricultural Appropriations Bill and that means good news for Texas cotton producers participating in Boll Weevil Eradication activities.

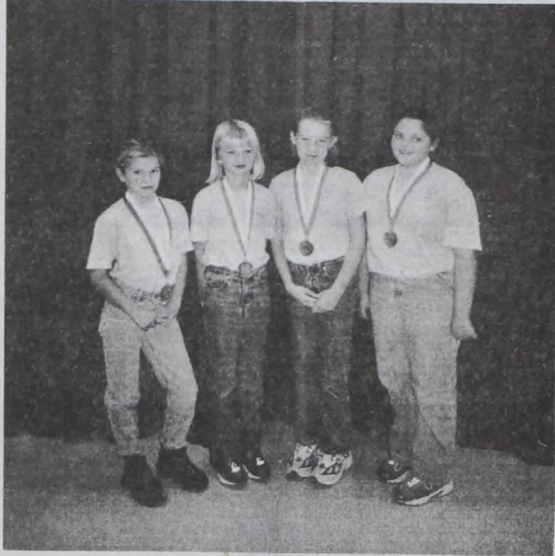
The Bill included \$77 million in funding for boll weevil eradication programs. Texas producers will likely be the biggest beneficiaries as some calculations point to as much as \$36 million of the money coming straight to Texas.

Both Texas Senators, Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison, voted for the conference report on the Ag Appropriations Bill.

The legislation now goes to the White House for approval by President George W. Bush.



Senior Share-The-Fun Potery: Skylar Clifton.



Junior Share-The-Fun Choreographed Routine: Townlii Zielger, Destiney Wilson, Hether Tiffin & Torrey Fuston.

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Tuesday, November 27

Breakfast
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Lunch
Taco Soup, Chips, Cornbread, Carrots, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, November 28

Breakfast
Pop Tarts, Orange Slices, OJ & Milk

Lunch
Frito Chili Pie, Cheese, Corn on the Cob, Apple Crisp, Milk

Thursday, November 29

Breakfast
Cinnamon Toast, Bacon, Applesauce, OJ & Milk

Lunch
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Garlic Bread, Pears, Milk

Friday, November 30

Breakfast
Cereal, Apple Slices, OJ & Milk

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Cotton News

By Shawn Wade

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Senate Ag Committee Approves Farm Bill

Cotton producers across the High Plains received a double-whammy over the past week; the only problem is it's not yet clear how two notable events, a legislative breakthrough and the return of rainfall to the area, should be classified.

On the legislative front efforts to encourage the Senate to finalize its version of the next Farm Bill appear to be working. Members of the Senate Ag Committee approved a compromise package that on the surface closely parallels the House of Representatives offering finalized October 5.

This was the first, and possibly most difficult, hurdle to be overcome in the Senate and markedly improves the chances that the Senate will pass a Farm Bill this year.

The potential bad news in all this is that while the Senate Ag committee has approved a Bill to be sent to the Senate floor for consideration, that package could still be sliced, diced and otherwise mangled before it is finally approved.

Speculation that the Senate package is anywhere from slightly to grossly over-budget could mean significant changes could still be made that make the final Bill harder to reconcile with the House version.

At this point the Senate Bill maintains the same general structure as the House with marketing loans; a fixed, de-coupled payment; and a target price-based counter-cyclical payment to guard against low prices.

That is about where the similarity ends. As usual the devil is in the details and the Senate and House versions have some pretty big differences in the details.

A final assessment on this date would have to be that things are definitely looking up from a legislative standpoint. Growers are a lot closer to a new farm bill now than they were at the beginning of the week when there was no clear front-runner in the Senate Ag Committee.

General rainfall and passage of a new Farm Bill proposal by the Senate Agriculture Committee should be looked on as favorable occurrence, especially since the area is stuck in a seemingly unbreakable cycle of below average rainfall and the only way to spell relief for growers in 2002 is passage of a new Farm Program to replace the underpowered Freedom to Farm Act.

On the good side a week full of scattered rain showers totaling several inches across the area could certainly be seen as beneficial.

On the bad side is the fact that 15-20 percent of the area's 2001 cotton crop is still in the field waiting to be harvested.

Potential weather damage could cause some of the cotton yet to be harvested to take a quality hit. If producers are kept out of the field for an extended period by multiple rounds of bad weather that likelihood certainly increases at a time when producers need every shred of quality they can muster.

Also worthy of consideration is the fact that the cotton that still remains is overwhelmingly located in the better irrigated production region that has been ringing the yield bell in 2001.

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Nov. 26	Happy
Dec. 3	Nazareth
Dec. 15	Valley Tour
Dec. 17	Motley Co.
Jan. 7	Motley Co.
Jan. 21	Silverton
Jan. 28	Happy
Feb. 4	Nazareth

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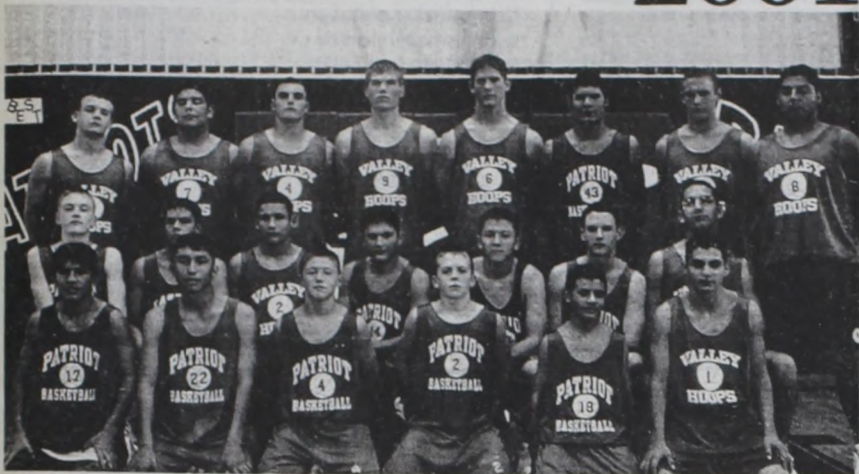
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Valley Patriots Varsity & J.V. Boys 2001-2002

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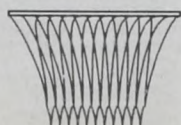
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Nov. 27	Ralls	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Nov. 29-Dec. 1	Valley Tourn.	Home	T.B.A.	VG,VB
Dec. 4	Wellington	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Dec. 6-8	Patton Springs Tourn.	Away	T.B.A.	VG,VB
Dec. 11	Samnorwood	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Dec. 14	Lorepo	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Dec. 18	Motley Co.	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
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Dec. 27-29	Crosbyton Tourn.	Away	T.B.A.	VG,VB
Jan. 5	Valley J.V. Tourn.	Home	T.B.A.	JVG,JVB
Jan. 8	Crosbyton	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 11	Crosbyton	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 15	Chillicothe	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 18	*Silverton	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 22	*Happy	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 25	*Nazareth	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 29	*Silverton	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Feb. 1	*Happy	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Feb. 2	Motley Co. Tourn.	Away	T.B.A.	JVG,JVB
Feb. 5	*Nazareth	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB



Valley Patriots Varsity & J.V. Girls 2001-2002

VALLEY JR. HIGH BASKETBALL

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Nov. 26	Happy	Home	4:00 P.M.	8g,8b,7g,7b
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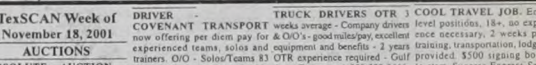
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