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2007

Grimland Is Candidate For Re-Election

Terry Grimland has authorized the Valley Tribune to announce that he is a candidate for re-election for Briscoe County Commissioner Pct. 1.

In making his announcement he made the following statement "I have enjoyed serving as Commissioner of Pct. 1 for the past eleven years! Your vote and support will be appreciated."

Grimland is a lifelong resident of Briscoe County and is self employed in the welding business

Turkey City Council Approve Purchase Of New Ambulance

Turkey City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, December 12. Present for the meeting were Mayor Pat Carson, Council members Doyle Dean Proctor, Danny Stewart, Mary Fierro, City Manager Jerry Landry, City Secretary Gail Hanna, guests Tom Heck, Jim Weeks and Richard Greene. After at-

tending to regular council business the following items:.

* Richard Greene spoke to the council about the lack of water pressure to his home, he had replaced all the lines from the meter and the pressure did not improve. The council stated the City would take care of the problem if it was their responsi-

* The EMS reported 5 ambulance runs since the last meeting. The EMS also stated they had purchased the Christmas toys. They also stated they would like to make the 85 ambulance into a rescue unit.

* The Volunteer fire department reported 4 grass fires and 1 $\,$ structure fire since last meeting.

A motion passed to place an article in the Valley Tribune on the National Fuel Network phone number and website to help people meet their energy needs this winter.

* A motion passed to purchase a new ambulance from San Antonio Ambulance Sales, Inc. and for Jim Weeks to use his discretion in ordering the power cot and defibrillator

A motion passed to order the ambulance white with blue with blue stripes.

* A motion passed to accept an ordnance approving a settlement agreement between the City and Atmos Energy Corp., West Texas Division.

* No action was taken on a resolution urging Time Warner Cable Company to negotiate a solution for the NFL network.

* The matter about the dilapidated building was tabled till the January meeting.

* A motion passed to give Christmas bonus as in the past.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned

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Webcast To Inform **Taxpayers Of** New

Franchise Tax To TakeEffect January 1

The new rules affecting thousands of businesses that report Texas franchise tax have been filed with the Texas Register for adoption on Dec. 28, 2007, and will be effective on Jan. 1, 2008. A copy of the rules as filed is posted on Comptroller Susan Combs' site at http:// window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/ franchise/new_rules/.
"Some of the proposed

rules published in September have been modified as a result of suggestions we received during the public comment period and during taxpayer seminars across the state," Combs said. "Taxpayers raised valid points and offered helpful suggestions. We made adjustments that are within our administrative authority.

During October and November, the Comptroller's office hosted 10 seminars around the state to explain the franchise tax revisions and respond to questions about how the tax will affect specific busi-nesses. By the end of January 2008, the Comptroller's office will offer online video presen-tations to inform taxpayers about the revised franchise tax. Viewers may choose a full-length video seminar or shorter videos covering specific sections of the law.

"We want to be certain that franchise taxpayers are well informed about the new law and understand how to calculate the tax," Combs said. "In addition to our seminars and online information, our franchise tax experts are available by phone at (800) 252-1381.'

The Texas Legislature revised the franchise tax by changing the tax base and the tax rate and extending coverage to partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies, business trusts, professional associations, business associations, joint ventures and most other legal entities. About 200,000 new entities will be required to file franchise tax reports for the first

For franchise tax reports originally due on or after Jan. 1, 2008, taxable entities with \$10 million or less in total revenue may choose an E-Z filing option or choose to pay tax on their margin. All taxable entities with total revenue greater than \$10 million must pay tax on their margin. Margin is the least of three calculations: total revenue minus cost of goods sold, total revenue minus compensation or total revenue times 70 percent. Discounts ranging from 20 to 80 percent are available for taxable entities with less than \$900,000 in total rev

The new tax rate is 1 percent for most entities and 0.5 perand retailers

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~ Alice Longworth

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OBITUARIES

Janie Torres

Services for Janie Torres 6, of Matador were held Monday, December 17 at the Roaring Springs Cemetery in Roaring Springs, with Rev. Jose Relente of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mrs. Torres passed away in Lubbock on Friday December 14, 2007 under the care of hos-

Janie was a homemaker and a caregiver for several people in the Matador and Roaring Springs community er the years

She is survived by: Her husband: Frank Torres. Her Children: Ben Saldana, Rose Ho-Gland, Juan Saldana, Tina Ho-Gland, Joe Saldana, Aurelia Salazar, Janie Espinoza, Casimira Ramirez, & Simona Chavez. 2 Brothers: Pedro & Leon Gaytan. 2 Sisters: Sundie Diaz and Silvia Rodriguez. 64 Grandchildren, 82 greatgrandchildren, and 7 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by 2 sons: Eugene and Jesus Saldana.

Tribune To Be Closed **Christmas** Week

The Valley Tribune will be closed for vacation from Friday, December 21 through Friday, December 28. There will be no paper printed Thursday, December 27. We will be open for business Monday, December 31. Have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

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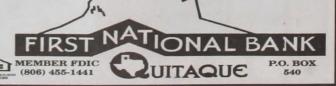


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An inch of rain and snow, icy conditions and temperatures in the 20's was reported in Flomot and Whiteflat communities their homes warm this winter.

Travis and Linda Kendall visited in Midland from Thursday until Saturday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor. They enjoyed attending Connor's school Christmas program.

Visiting Mrs. Tom (Aleda) Ross Saturday and Sunday were her daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock and granddaugh-ter, Aleda Elaine Ross of Castroville.

Mrs. Janice Hughes did Christmas shopping in Plainview,

Mrs. B. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers attended the birthday party Saturday afternoon in Lubbock of great-grandson and nephew, Kason Degan, son of Dane Degan of Crosbyton. He blew out his four candles on a beautifully decorated cake. Before returning home, B. and Donnie visited Ronnie and Lou

Rogers and at the Carillon Health Center with Billy Hand.

Johnie Starkey returned home Thursday night from Lebanon, Missouri where he visited the past week with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Starkey. They had a severe weather storm with electrical outage during his visit.

Arnold and Carolyn Johnson and daughter, Mrs. Kayla Guest of Turkey attended the exciting football game of Matador vs.

of Turkey attended the exciting football game of Matador vs call 1-202-824-0660 or click Woodson Saturday afternoon in San Angelo. It was a time of onto the website, jubilation when the Matador team won the state championship title in Division II.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter visited in Petersburg Friday with daughter and family, Christi and Dwain Milam, Emily, Haley and Brian returned home to visit with her and Clois until Saturday.

Visiting during the weekend with Mrs. Erma Washington were Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock, Cary Franks of Idalou, Tim and Dena Washington of Roaring Springs, Calib, Mickey and Kenzie Clary of Matador, Clint Cowart of Post, Connie and Coy Franks and Cara Franks of Flo-

Louis and Beverly Shorter of Fort Worth visited Sunday with his father, Everett Shorter and brother and wife, Clois and Kathy

Wilburn Martin visited in Borger Thursday afternoon with daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. They attended their son, Carl Cooper, graduation ceremony from the Fire Academy in Amarillo Thursday night. Wilburn returned home Fri-

Filing Deadline For 2008 **March Primary Elections**

The first day to file for a place on the ballot for the March Primary is December 3, 2007. Deadline for filing is January 2, 2008. In Briscoe, Hall and Motley Counties the following positions are up for re-election: Sheriff, Tax-Assessor/Collector, County Attorney, Commissioners for Precinct 1 & 3.

Last day to register to vote in the March Primary is Febru-

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The National Fuel Funds Network is a broad-based organization dedicated to increasing resources to meet the energy needs of financially struggling residents across the country. It consists of more than 300 nonprofit organizations, government agencies and utilities that raise and distribute more than \$100 million annually in charitablydonated home energy assistance for families in need. To find out more about the National Fuel Funds Network, www.natiionalfuelfunds.org.

The Turkey Volunteer Fire Department wants everyone to be warm and safe as the season changes.

DPS Increases Enforcement For The **Holidays**

All available DPS troopers will be on patrol for the Christmas and New Year's holidays in an effort to make the roads safer for all travelers. DPS troopers will be on the lookout for drunk drivers, speeders and seat belt violators from Saturday, December 22 through Tuesday, December 25, and again on Monday, December 31 through Tuesday, January 1. DPS is especially concerned about drinking and driving during the holidays.

During the Christmas and New Year's holidays last year, DPS troopers made 1,253 DWI arrests and issued 27,032 speeding tickets and 1,183 seat belt citations. In addition, troopers issued 1,326 tickets for child safety seat violations. (These numbers do not include citations written by other law enforcement agencies.)

Your chances of getting arrested for DWI or receiving a traffic citation nearly doubles during increased enforcement periods like Operation Holiday," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. said.

'Traffic crash death notifications are never easy, but they are even more difficult during the holidays. Our hope is that our efforts, combined with other law enforcement across the state, will save some people from needless traffic deaths during the holiday season." Highway Patrol troopers ask Texans to remember the following driving safety tips: Slow down-speed is the number one killer on Texas roads. Don't drink and drive; get a designated driver. Buckle up everyone in the vehicle. Keep cell phone chatter to a minimum. Drive with courtesy: it's contaweather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication.

~ Leonardo da Vinci

Fear less, hope more; eat less, chew more; whine less, breathe more; talk less, say more; love more, and all good things will be yours.

~ Swedish Proverb

Simplicity, clarity, singleness: These are the attributes that give our lives power and vividness and joy.

~ Richard Halloway

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.

~ Francis Bacon

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QUITAQUE LIONS HOST ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT

By Lynette Barefield

The Quitaque Lions Club met Monday night at the Hope Center to celebrate its annual Ladies' Night. The United Methodist women prepared a delicious meal for approximately 50 people. Kathy Taylor and several Valley students served the meal and helped with clean-up chores

Boss Lion Rusty Henson served as master of ceremonies and presented the 100% attendance awards.

Past Sweethearts who were in attendance were recognized. They were Lila Ramsey and Lynnette Barefield. Current Sweet heart Callie Helms and her mother Karla were also present. For the program, Lions Jimmy and Velda Ross told about

some their travels for Lions Club International. Lion Jimmy also explained some of his duties as Immediate Past President.

Lion Phil Barefield presented Lion Jimmy Ross a resolution from the Texas Congress and Texas Governor Rick Perry recognizing Lion Jimmy's accomplishments as President of Lions Club International Lions for the 2006-2007 year.

Boss Lion Rusty enumerated several of the Lions projects for the past year, some of which are listed below. The Quitaque

donated \$100 to Briscoe County Child Protective Ser-

hosted a fund-raising pancake breakfast at Caprock Canyons State Park and donated the proceeds of \$210 to the Library Building Fund for ceiling replacement.

— had a white elephant sale at the annual Family Night

Picnic, raising \$755 for the project fund.

- made \$136 at the annual mop and broom sale, which was donated to the Library Building Fund for ceiling replace-

donated \$150 to the District Coat and Shoe project, which helps Girls Town.

- hosted the annual banquet

- participated in the Texas Trash-Off.

along with Turkey Lions Club, co-hosted the Valley School Honors Supper, where we served approximately 220 hamburgers

bought the building that Lions have used to years as a storage building.

about the Trash-Off.

presented a \$300 scholarship to the valedictorian at Val-

ley High School. in conjunction with Coffee Blood Bank of Amarillo,

hosted the annual blood drive. displayed the U.S. flag on 10 holidays at 55 residences

and businesses in Quitaque.

— donated \$100 to the Valley Buyers' Club.

donated two high chairs to the City of Quitaque for use at the Hope Center.

Making the simple complicated is commonplace; making the complicated simple, awesomely simple, that's creativity. ~ Charles Mingus



Quitaque Community Blood Drive

Monday, December 31st 11:00am - 5:00pm Senior Citizen Building **Main Street**

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New State Guide Available For Emergency Services Districts

The Office of Rural Community Affairs is pleased to announce the availability of the new "Emergency Services Districts Operating Guide", a manual of helpful information covering all aspects of ESD creation and operation.

The guide is a one-stop resource for local governments, vole building.
participated in the presentation of TX-DOT's program
the Trash-Off.
ORCA would like to remind ESDs to update their district in-

formation by January 1, 2008, as required by the Texas Health and Safety Code, by using the agency's website at: https:// www.quickbase.com/db/bbr3tgpv9?a=nwr

TURKEY-QUITAQUE CISD TAX OFFICE HOURS DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:

We Will Be Open Friday, December 28 from 9 am -12 noon & 1-4 pm

Monday, December 31 from 9 am -12 noon

Thank You & Happy Holidays



Valley's Christmas Holiday will be December 21 thru January 1

PAC Meeting Held

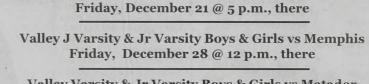
Title 1 and Migrant programs had a PAC meeting at the Valley School Cafeteria on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 2:00 pm. Zeke Castro counselor from Region 16 of Amarillo was out

One of the many things he talked about was the importance of preparing their children for college or vocational, technical or business schools. He also mentioned how important it was for their children to come to school every day. Parents should also talk to their children about how they expect them to futher their education after high school. How important it is in order to better their lives, He mentioned several ways to pay for their college education

Refreshments were served and door prizes were given away.



Valley Varsity Boys



Valley Varsity & Jr Varsity Boys & Girls vs Cotton Center

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The other morning I heard a loud scraping noise just before I arose and I thought someone might be raking leaves nearby. Boy, was I wrong! They were scraping and painting the new water tower- a dark green and it does look good!

Jan Brummett has left to go to Wyoming to see her daughter,

Selena and two grandchildren, Jade and Ryker, for Christmas. Jan's hand caught in the twine of a module while helping her husband, Dona and injured it badly. It's doing better now. Jan appreciated all the calls about her hand! All of Don Brummett's children are going to be here the 29th of December to celebrate Christmas. Also Jan's daughter, Trenna, and husband will be

Joyce Price will begin medical treatments at Lubbock each Monday for six weeks. She will continue to work at the State Park on weekends.

Paulita McCracken Young of Tucson, Arizona wrote how much she enjoys hearing about people from home, although she doesn't know some of them, now.

My daughter, Kim Eudy, from Austin, visited and spent the night last Wednesday. She returned to Crosbyton where she worked a day or two at the bank along side her brother, Max Ham. She also visited Bob and Jacqueline Ham while here

Jackie Carpenter had surgery last week, and is doing well. Scotty Stark is in the hospital at Tulia and has improved.

Bill Pigg had his spine (vertebrae) glued this last week for an injury he received from falling off a cotton stripper. The surwas successful.

We the Women had a very good turnout at the last meeting (Tuesday) with twenty present for a delicious luncheon and Christmas gift exchange. Those present included Betty Price, Misti Messer, Delene Tyler, Pat Rucker, Dianne Brooks, Christine Brummett, Barbara Bogart (representing Caprock), Jan mies continues to cool, we expect the growth in Texas sales tax Brummett, Betty Campbell, Ann Chadwick, Tammy Salinas, Ann Irwin, Reba Pierce (new member), Arlene Hinkle, Maxine Clark, Jean Mullin, Jill Johnson, Joyce Price, and Patsy Herrington.

Claudia Brittain is a Chaplain in the army and is serving in

Micah Payne, grandson of Joe Edd and Janelle Smith, is also serving in Iraq in the Army.

Roy (Buster) Beavers is in the Army, and is stationed in Ft.

Bragg, North Carolina.

Last Friday the Valley School bus was seen with over 30 small students. They stopped at the Valley Tribune office where Vince and Laura Taylor had everything ready for them. They were all decorated for Christmas with a huge Santa laughing and mov-ing in greeting. Each child had his picture made with him, and received all kinds of Christmas "goodies" before mailing their

Santa letters and leaving.

The children's choir of First Baptist Church presented a musical "Boughs of Holly" last Sunday night. A Tasting Bee fol-

The First United Methodist Church presented a program and musical Sunday morning depicting the birth of Christ.

Velda and Jimmy Ross hosted a Christmas party at their home



We The Women met recently for their Christmas party. There were 20 local women present for the festive occasion. Photo courtesy of Barbara Bogart, Caprock Telephone Coop.

Comptroller Susan Combs **Delivers Final Local Sales** Tax Allocations for 2007

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs today said the state collected \$1.8 billion in sales tax in November, up 9.5 percent compared to November 2006. The Comptroller sent local governments \$447.3 million in December sales tax allocations, up 10.8 percent compared to last December.

'State sales tax collections through the first three months of fiscal 2008 are up 6.6 percent compared to the same period last year," Combs said. "Growth is substantially slower than collections will continue to moderate.

\$300 million, up 9.9 percent compared to December 2006. City sales tax allocations during calendar year 2007 totaled \$3.8 billion, up 6.9 percent compared to 2006. Counties' December

sales tax allocations were \$27.5 million, up 11.1 percent compared to December 2006 Counties received \$338.9 million in sales tax during calendar year 2007, up 8.4 percent compared to last year

"The final sales tax alloca-tion of 2007 brings total local sales tax allocations for the calendar year to \$5.6 billion, surpassing last year's local sales tax revenue by 6.9 per-

TxDOT Informs Motley County Commissioners, No Signs or RAP Material Do To Budget Restraints

The Motley County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, December 10. Present for the meeting were County Judge Ed D. Smith, Commissioners Ronnie Davis-Pct 1, Donnie Turner-Pct 2, Franklin Jameson-Pct 3, Russell Alexander-Pct 4, County Clerk Kate Hurt, Sheriff Michael Crutchley, County Attorney Tom Edwards and assistant Carol Campbell. After attending to regular court business the follow ing items were discussed:

* Judge Smith presented the 2008 Holiday schedule for the court's approval. A motion passed to approve the schedule.

* Commissioner Alexander informed the court he had found a 1990 Ford Dump Truck at Kizer Truck Sales in Plainview for \$8,900.00 Kizer is not interested in taking Pet 4's dump truck as a trade-in. A motion passed to purchase the truck with funds out of Pct 2's CD.

* Judge Smith informed the court he had received notice form TxDOT that due to Budget Constraints Motley County would not receive their signs and Rap material allotment request

* County Attorney Tom Edwards gave a Wind Energy update. Mr. Edwards informed the court there is still some lease activity in the county. PUC is still in a holding pattern on making decisions for transmission line routes. This is a deeply po-

litical process that will take time to complete.

* Carol Campbell informed the court the Texas Historical Commission has approved the in-kind work completed on the Jail Restoration can be contributed to the grant match. January court meeting the architect, Hubert Welch will have a plan to present for the restoration process.

* The court discussed the Burn Ban for the county. This item as again tabled until the January meeting.

* Judge Smith informed the court the new District Extension Administrator, Donald W. Kelm will conduct an annual Combs sent Texas cities December sales tax allocations of performance appraisal conference with our agent Ryan Martin on February 5, 2008. He is asking for the courts' input on the

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county Extension programming.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Area Wide December Sales Tax Allocations

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City	Current Sales Tax Rate	Net Tax Payment This Period	Comp. Tax Payment Prior Year	% Of Change	2007 Tax Payments To Date	2006 Tax Payments To Date	% . Of Change		
Quitaque	2.00%	\$2,350.38	\$2,320.91	1.26%	\$36,160.73	\$34,850.94	3.75%		
Silverton	1.75%	\$3,110.55	\$3,225.34	-3.55%	\$43,893.34	\$31,790.17	38.07%		
Turkey	2.00%	\$2,153.58	\$1,742.50	23.59%	\$30,044.51	\$32,651.52	-7.98%		
Memphis	2.00%	\$21,979.36	\$18,369.12	19.65%	\$245,449.75	\$254,406.37	-3.52%		
Lakeview	1.00%	\$33.67	\$78.67	-57.20%	\$1,657.73	\$2,220.31	-25.33%		
Estelline	1.25%	\$1,300.78	\$1,638.39	-20.60%	\$17,911.39	\$19,079.75	-6.12%		
Matador	2.00%	\$4,900.76	\$3,714.50	31.93%	\$65,265.59	\$60,497.33	7.88%		
Roaring Spgs	2.00%	\$1,038.82	\$1,248.90		\$19,327.56	\$33,685.22	-42.62%		
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Agriculture News

Hello, Briscoe County. Finally, we have received some precipitation to spur on our wheat. Here is some information that I have received from Gaylon Morgan, Extension Wheat

Crop Update: Fortunately, much of the state has received some precipitation (rain, sleet, or snow) this past week or two. This moisture will significantly help the emerged crop, will increase the uniformity of many fields, and have provided an opportunity for many farmers to plant in some parts of the

Wheat fields vary from good stands to very erratic stands across much of the state due to below average fall precipitation. As of December 9th, most areas of the state had completed planting; however, only approximately 77% of the wheat crop had emerged, compared to 92% in 2006. According to the National Ag. Statistics Service, 12% of the crop is in good to excellent condition, 35% fair condition, and 49% poor to very poor. Hopefully, as a result of the recent precipitation, the crop

condition will improve over the next couple of weeks.

We have received numerous calls regarding the current wheat situation. Below are the questions and the best answers that we can provide.

What is an adequate wheat stand?

This is a tough question to answer because the wheat plant has numerous ways to compensate for low populations and still provide acceptable yields. The wheat plant can compensate with higher tiller production, higher seed set (more spikelets or more kernels/spikelet), or larger kernels. Typically, the best compensation factor is increased tiller production. However, with late emerging wheat, high tiller production is less likely. A healthy wheat plant will typically have 3-5 tillers that greatly contribute to yield. Under high yielding conditions and adequate spring moisture, secondary tillers can also contribute to yield, but the most productive tillers usually develop in the fall and winter.

Generally, the recommendation is to have between 10-25 plants/ft². The 25 plants/ft² is desirable under irrigation and high yield potential and/or grazing. The 10 plants/ft² should provide adequate yields under dryland conditions. See Table 1 below for a conversion from plants/ft² to plants/ft of row. If plant stands are below 10 plants/ft², then the yield potential will begin to decline, unless the weather conditions are such that later tillering can occur. Additionally, at low plant populations, good fertility and weed and pest management become even more critical. In general, if your stand is at least 50% of what you had planned, then yield will likely no be reduced significantly. If less than 40% consider thickening the stand by replanting at a 45 degree angle from the original rows. This should be done with a disk drill rather than a hoe drill if at all possible. Considering the late planting date caution should be taken in trying to thicken any wheat stands at this point. However, bare spots in the field could be replanted.

Nutritional Management Cattle Producer Meeting January 8

There will be a Nutritional Management Cattle Producer Meeting on January 8, 2008 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Quitaque, Hope Center. Guest speaker will be Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist. He will speak on Forage Allocation, Stocking grate, and Quality; Mineral Supplementation; and Feedstuffs available for Supplemental Feed

Lunch will be served at 12 noon. Please RSVP by January 4 by calling Seth Manney at 806-823-2521. Cost will be \$10 per person payable to Briscoe Ag Committee.

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Chilli Thrips Invade Texas Landscapes, Gardens

Tiny Pest Threatens Many Plants, Including Roses, Cotton and Grapes

OVERTON - Home gardeners throughout the southern U.S. need to be on the lookout for a new pest that attacks many popular landscape plants, say Texas Cooperative Extension experts

The pest is called chilli thrips, which is a somewhat misleading name as the insect feeds on many plants other than just peppers, said Dr. Scott Ludwig, Extension entomologist and integrated pest management specialist.

"It's not going to go through the landscape and eat everything, but it is known to attack plants in 40 plant families, including many foundation plants in the landscape," said Ludwig, who is a member of a national chilli thrips task force.

Susceptible landscape plants include roses, ligustrum, lisianthus, pittosporum, herbs including sweet basil, begonia, and Indian hawthorn.

There are others, but in Florida, where the pest was discovered two years ago, these are plants where it is commonly oberved," Ludwig said.

The pest significantly changed how Florida landscape companies provided pest-control services, Ludwig said. "Though the pest is easily killed with certain insecticides, we have not found any insecticides that provide long-term preventive control," he said. "The landscape companies found themselves spraying every two or three weeks - whenever the plants had a new flush of growth." The pest is mainly a forage feeder, preferring new leaves and buds. Unlike aphids, another common plant pest, chilli thrips do not use a proboscis to puncture a plant and suck out juices. Instead, they use a "rasping" motion to wear away the outer tissue of leaves and buds, Ludwig said. Then the thrips suck sap from the wound. This feeding action cause tive brownish-bronze discoloration in leaves and buds.

The damage is often more than just unsightly. Damaged rose

buds, for example, will yield misshapen flowers or fail to bloom. The pest is not just a risk to home gardens and landscapes, Ludwig said. It poses a substantial risk to cotton, peanuts, grapes, tomatoes and hot peppers. The introduction of the pest in Texas has been traced to garden centers that import plants from out of state. For this reason, it is most likely to become a problem in ornamental landscapes. The pest was recently found n landscape roses in Houston.

It's no surprise chilli thrips were detected in roses first, Ludwig said. Roses are a very popular landscape plant in Texas. Growers of the older, traditional rose lines will probably not have to worry though, he said. This is because the older varieties require frequent spraying, and the same controls used for other insect pests on roses will control thrips too.

However, newer varieties of roses that do not require fre-uent spraying may be damaged by chilli thrips, he said.

And Ludwig doesn't recommend preventive spraying. "What you'll most likely do is kill beneficial insects: the same ones that

offer some control of thrips and other pests," he said.

The pest is about 2 millimeters or little more than one-sixteenth inch long and hard to identify by anyone except a prossional entomologist. Instead, it's better to carefully monitor plants for signs of damage the pest causes, Ludwig said. Extension and the national task force to which Ludwig be

longs are trying to develop control recommendations - particularly long-term controls – for the pest, he said. Because thrips, like any other insect, will adapt to different environments quickly, Extension entomologists need to track the spread of the pest through Texas

Home gardeners who think they may have an infestation may get help one of two ways, Ludwig said. One way is to contact the Extension office in their county. Contact information can be found on the Internet at http://county-tx.tamu.edu/. Or they may visit a Web site that Ludwig maintains at http:// chillithrips.tamu.edu.

The Web site has contact information as well as pictures to help identify chilli thrips damage and ways to control the pest. Ludwig emphasized that home gardeners shouldn't start spraying just because they suspect they have chilli thrips.

"More often than not, indiscriminate spraying does more damage than good," he said. "Not only will they waste money and risk damaging their plants, they may kill the very beneficial insects that naturally help keep thrips in check

There are many things that mimic thrips feeding damage, including herbicide damage, some diseases and broad mite

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Senate Rejects Key Amendments;

Overwhelmingly Approves 2007 Farm Bill Supporters of the Senate Agriculture Committee's 2007 Farm Bill proposal rallied togetherthis week, winning final passage of the bill. This sets the stage for a post-New Year conference with the House of Representatives and hopefully the completion of the legislation in early 2008. By a vote of 79 to 14 the U.S. Senate overwhelmingly approved

the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007, H.R. 2419, on Friday, December 14, 2007. While final Senate passage will no doubt be remembered as an important moment in the bill's evolution, history is more likely to judge the debate leading up to the final vote, and in particular the events of Thursday, December 13, 2007, as the key to eventual extension of the highly successful, and fiscally responsible, safety net provisions of the 2002 Farm Bill.

The Senate package, as proposed by the Senate Agriculture committee, contained significant reforms in many areas, including pay limits and program eligibility requirements. The measure also provides significant new investments in conservation, specialty crops and food and nutrition programs that will allow most, if not all, affected constituencies to claim some evel of victory.

The road to Senate passage was not an easy one by any mea-ure, says PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett. "There was a lot of hard work and a lot of thought put into

the provisions of this bill," said Verett. "It was a pleasure to see virtually every segment of production agriculture come together to support this bill, and to actively engage in the process of educating members of Congress unfamiliar with the issues involved."

Verett notes that the legislation's supporters were ultimately successful in beating back all of the amendments from perennial farm bill opponents who were not satisfied with the reforms

agreed to by the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Of primary concern to farm bill supporters were four amendments that were debated and defeated on the Senate floor during the course of the debate.

The first of these amendments was the proposal by Senators Richard Lugar (R- IN) and Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) to replace current commodity support programs with an area-based crop insurance program. The measure was debated on December 11, and handily defeated with a 37-58 vote.

That vote seemed to set the stage for the next round of sig

nificant action that began on December 12 and concluded with floor votes on December 13.

During the course of the day, votes on the three remaining amendments that sought to make significant additional changes to the Senate Agriculture Committee's bill followed the script

ritten earlier in the week.

The first of these amendments to come to a vote was the Dorgan/Grassley Payment Limitation amendment. Put forward by Senators Byron Dorgan (D-ND) and Charles Grassley (R-IA) and needing 60 votes to pass, the amendment was withdrawn after it failed on a 56-43 vote.

Next in the queue was the amendment from Senator Amy

Klobuchar (D-MN) to further tighten the means test on farm program participants, but leave the \$2.5 million means test for conservation program participation unchanged. Also needing 60 votes to pass, the measure was withdrawn after it managed to draw only 48 in favor.

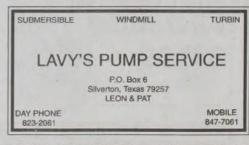
Having gone 2-for-2 on the day, farm bill supporters turned their attention to what most observers felt was the last remaining major hurdle for the legislation, the amendment from Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) that proposed to make detrimental cuts to the Federal Crop Insurance program, the proceeds of which would be redirected to other purposes. The Brown amendment was soundly defeated on a 32-63 vote. Closer to home, Texas Senators John Cornyn and Kay Bailey

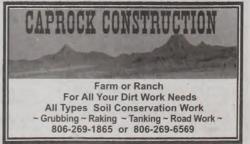
Hutchison supported the Senate Committee bill on final pas-sage and by voting against all of the amendments discussed

"Agriculture is the second largest contributor to the Texas economy," notes Verett, "and it is clear that both Senators Cornyn and Hutchison understand the importance of this criti-cal legislation to Texas agriculture. It shouldn't go without saying, though, that High Plains cotton producers, and the agribusinesses they rely on, are appreciative of the votes our Senators cast on their behalf this week."

The next step in the process is consideration by the House-Senate Conference Committee, a process which is expected to start in early 2008. With relatively similar provisions in both the House and Senate versions of the legislation, it is expected that the budget provisions required under Congresses "Pay-Go" provisions will be the most contentious issues to work through.

While far from over, Senate passage of the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007, H.R. 2419, this week brings the finish line one giant step closer. It also ensures that America's farmers and ranchers can enjoy the holiday season with one less worry on their minds.





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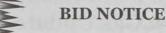
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"Cash, check or charge?" I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As she fumbled for her wallet I noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse. "So, do you always carry your TV remote?" I asked. "No," she replied, " but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally.

while attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication,
Tom and his wife Grace listened to the instructor, "It is essential that
husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other."
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CIGARETTES AND TAMPONS

A man walks into a pharmacy and wanders up and down the aisles. The sales girl notices him and asks him if she can help him. He answers that he is looking for a box of tampons for his wife. She directs him down the correct aisle. A few minutes later, he deposits a huge bag of cotton balls and a ball of string on the counter. She says, confused, "Sir, I thought you were looking for some tampons for your wife? He appropriate the says of He answers, "You see, it's like this, yesterday, I sent my wife to the store to get me a carton of cigarettes, and she came back with a tin of

tobacco and some rolling papers; cause it's sooo-ooo-ooo much cheaper. So, I figure if I have to roll my ownso does she.

WIFE VS. HUSBAND

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?"

"Yep," the wife replied, "in-laws."

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Jan 5, 1861 the next day, he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 AM for an early morning business flight. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5:00 AM." He left it where he knew she would find it. The next morn

> cover it was 9:00 AM and he had Jan 6, 1836 missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed.
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> Wake up." Men are not equipped for these kinds of contests.
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> Jan 6, 1540
> Spanish Viceroy Antonio de

HHMMM....

This Week In Texas History!

Sheriff pat Garrett kills Charlie Bowdre and captures Billy the Kid at Stinking Springs, N.M. Later Billy escapes from the Lincoln County Courthouse. The Kid, Bowdre and Tom O'Falliard are buried at Fort Sumner, N. M. but residents of Hico, Texas will dispute that, as they claim their "Brushy" Bill Roberts was the Real Billy the Kid and died in Hico in 1950.

Dec 24, 1905 Howard Hughes was born in Houston.

Dec 24, 1852

The first locomotive in Texas, the General Sherman, was put into service at Harrisburg. The loco-motive was scrapped in 1899.

Dec 25, 1868
The U.S. Cavalry, under the command of Maj. Andre W. Evans, defeated a large group of Nokoni Comanche Indians on the North Fork of the Red River in the East-ern Texas Panhandle.

Dec 26, 1842

The Mier Expedition surrendered to Mexican forces after a battle lasting several hours. The Texans were taken to prison in Mexico were later one of ten was executed.

Dec 27, 1887

Col. Charles Goodnight and his offe Mary Ann moved from their Canyon

wife Mary Ann moved from their dugout in the Palo Duro Canyon to house on their ranch south of Goodnight. Dec 28, 1839 Austin Civic Leader, Robert

Brackenridge was born in Indiana. The Austin city hospital is named in his honor

Dec 29, 1945

On this date, a commemorative three cent stamp was issued by the U. S. Post Office on the centennial of Texas becoming a state. Dec 30, 1842

Under direct orders from President Sam Houston, a company of Texas Rangers stole the govern-ment seal and archives in Austin and attempted to move them to

Dec 31, 1842

A group of angry citizens formed a "vigilance committee" and caught the fleeing Texas Rangers. The Seal of the Republic and the archives were recaptured and returned to Austin.

Jan 1, 1877 Pvt. Adam Paine, a Congressional Medal of Honor winner for his action during the battle of Palo Duro Canyon, was shot and killed by a sheriff at Fort Clark near Brackettville. He was a black Seminole Indian scout and earned the medal when he led his scouting party back to camp after they lost their horses. At the time of his death he was a fugitive wanted for urder.

Jan 2, 1856

Camp Cooper was established on the Clear Creek Fork of the Brazos River in Throckmorton County, It wqas abandoned on Feb 21, 1861. Jan 3, 1826
Lt. Col. J.C. Neill assumed command of the texans in the Alamo.

Jan 4, 1895 A stage route was established

between Plainview and Amarillo A group of delegates from the

join the Confederacy. Jan 5, 1861 A mob destroyed the printing of-

ing, the man woke up, only to dis-

The Texas government orders all volunteers in San Antonio to abandon the Alamo and march south

Mendoza appointed Francisco Vazuez de Coronado to lead an expedition to the Seven Cities of

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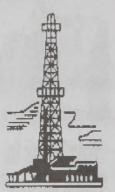
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The Briscoe County M.J. Hamilton Lease (197044) Well#1 has changed status from 14(B)(2) Extension to Temporarily Abandoned

The Motley County D.M. Cogdell, Jr. Estate Lease (201274) Well#10-01 has changed status from 14(B)(2) Extension toOZ. Well not eligible for an Allowable

The Motley County Echols Back To Basics "2" Lease (216243) Well#1 has "The Master's Touch" changed status from 14(B)(2) Extension to Temporarily Abandoned.

The Motley County M. Burleson Ranch"60" Lease (216247) Well#1 has changed status from 14(B)(2) Extension to Temporarily Abandoned. While the RRC currently lists the M. Burleson Ranch "60" Well#1 as Temporarily Abandoned this well is currently being Test Pumped by Bankers Petroleum (US)

Floyd County

The BASA Resources, Inc. Foster Lease (69173) Well#1 has been assigned a Lease Number by the Railroad Commission of texas Oil and gas Division and is listed on the December 2007 Proration Schedule as Shut-In. The RRC notes that they received the W-2 Completion Report on the Foster#1 on November 1, 2007. The Foster Lease (69173) Well#1 has been Shut-In since December

Floyd County

On Monday Morning December Schlumberger Equipment begin rigging up on the PetroGlobe Energy USA Ltd. McIntosh Lease Well#176 to begin Testing the well this week. Mr. Bill Powers, Chairman of the Board of Directors of PetroGlobe, Inc. stated that along with Testing the McIn-Well#176 PetroGlobe has scheduled additional work on the McIntosh Lease Well#1077 for January

Motley County

Completion work has begun on the Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Cogdell "64" Lease

TEXAS LAUGHING GULL WRITING CONTEST **TAKES FLIGHT**

For the fifth year the Texas Laughing Gull Writing Contest seeks submissions for and Poetry. First prize in each category is \$100, Second Prize is \$50 and Third Prize is \$25. Submissions must follow the set guidelines and be received by February 29, 2008. Each category will have a separate judge. Judges will be announced at a later date. The \$5 CDN for each entry remains a bargain. Winners will be announced at a reception in mid-April 2008. All winners will be contacted prior to the reception, and they will be

their winning entries.
The contest originates in the resort town of Port Aransas, Texas, famous for beaches and fishing, but now The Texas Laughing Gull Writing Contest will put Port

Aransas on the literary map. See your writing in print. This year the winning entries will comprise an anthology that will be sold at the reception and later at the Art Center. Proceeds will defray contest expenses. For complete writer's guidelines or more information e-mail txlaughinggull@hotmail, call the Art Center the Art Center @361.749.7334, or download the guidelines from the EVENTS section of our w e b s i t e : www.portaransasartcenter.org.



"Boughs of Holly" Huge Success

By Susan Ramsey

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The Children's Choir of First Baptist Church, Quitaque, presented the musical "Boughs of Holly" this past Sunday night, under the direction of Susan Ramsey and Tori Addison. The humorous and inspiring story portrayed a group of children who were organizing a food and toy drive for the less fortunate. The creative set, which was built by Brother Jeff Addison and embellished with items donated by the Caprock Home Center, depicted a garage where the organization took place, and an alley where the needy children 'hung out'.

The choir is made up of children from a variety of local churches in Quitaque and Turkey, Pre-K through 6th Grade. Those who participated, along with the characters they portrayed, were as follows: 6th Graders: Kaylee Addison—Holly, Jerrica Galvan—Savannah, Corey Williams—Chuck, April Villareal—Sophie. 5th Graders: Walker Carson—Corey, Shawn Williams—Mayor Clyde Poindexter. 4th Graders: Emily Barrett—Girlfriend #3. 3rd Graders:, Jolee Hill—Girlfriend #1, Ryleigh Carson—Girlfriend #2. 2nd Graders: Daxon Allen—Reporter & Rapper. Kindergarteners: Parker Carson: Press Corp & Rapper. Pre-Kers: Cooper Hill: Reporter & Rapper, Lana Belmares: Press Corp & Rapper.

Following the musical, the adults took part in the annual church "Tasting Bee", while the choir kids were treated to their own special reception, provided by the fellowship committee. The children want to say thank you to the ladies for their hard work.

As an "admission ticket", everyone attending the performance was asked to donate a food item, toy, or an article of clothing to give away. This Wednesday after school the children will have the first hand experience of delivering these items and seeing that is really is better to give than to receive. If you would like to contribute to this mission, please bring your items to the First Baptist Church in Quitaque by this Wednesday at 3:30, or call Susan Ramsey and we will come by and pick them up.

Mrs. Ramsey would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year's musical



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