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MAY 6	82	50	-----
MAY 7	72	51	-----
MAY 8	79	51	-----

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Voice of the Caprock Canyons

MOTHER'S DAY

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## National Trail Day Festivities To Include New Events

National Trails Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 2nd. The Quitaque Chamber of Commerce has a great day planned with events for the young and the young at heart. This Trails Day has the potential to be the "best and the biggest ever with several new activities being added.

New events include: CHUCK WAGON MEALS; LAWNMOWER RACES, TRICYCLE RACES; TURTLE RACES; SCAVENGER HUNT, AND SIDEWALK PAINTING CONTEST. More information concerning entry and fees will be available from the Event Chairman- Misty Messner at 455-1193.

Booths at the ARTS/CRAFTS SALE on Main Street are still available. Call 455-1225 or 455-1456 for information.

Information on entering the HOT SAUCE CONTEST call Mary at 455-1264 or Diane at 455-1087 (Thursday).

This year the food and fun will begin on Friday night with We the Women starting off the events with an ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND VARIETY SHOW at 6:30 p.m. June 1. If you would like to donate a freezer of ice cream for this event, please call Jean at 455-1228.

Plan to come and enjoy the day--it's gonna be good!



Contestant readies his loop during the Seniors Finals Sunday at Drag A Steer Roping in Flomot.

## Drag A Steer Roping Results

Burleson Arena, Flomot, Texas, was host to the 15th Annual Invitational Steer Roping Association (ISRA) on Saturday April 28 and Sunday, April 29. The ropers, 150 in attendance, filled the two days with steer roping competition. Also on hand and working the chute for the 15th year was faithful steer roping supporter, Fish Wilson (93 years young) of Quitaque.

The ISRA has two division of members who compete in compliance with their ability and winning record. The competition in the "A" Division began at noon on Saturday with an introduction of ropers by Bennie Reagan of Quitaque. DeLynn Jones, Hobbs, New Mexico was the average winner and Kyle Dudley, Canyon had the fastest time of 11:19.

In the "B" Division the average winner on three head was Bruce Slover, Paducah and the fastest time went to Bill Hardaway, Canyon with a time of 15:12.

The day ended with a "C" Roping open to members of ISRA as well as nonmembers ropers. James Allen, Santa Anna had the average and the fastest time of 15:47 in this roping.

Sunday morning began early for members of the Senior Steer Roping Association (SSRA). To be a member of this association, the roper must be over the age of 65. Winners of the Super Seniors Roping was Cecil Townley, Stanton and James Allen, Santa Anna, with the fastest time 12:72. Tommy Blessing, Paradise was the winner in Senior Division in both the average and fastest time of 12:13.

It has been customary to have a Tri-State Roping competition between ropers from Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico and this year, Texas was the winner for the second year in a row.

Sunday the ISRA "A" and "B" Divisions had a second round of competition following the Senior Ropers. Winner in the "A" Division was Clay Cameron, Claude and in the "B" Division Garrett Blessing, Paradise, Texas.

Whitacre Bits & Spurs of Canyon made the prizes of bits and spurs, given by S.C. Burleson Sponsor of the Burleson Drag A Ropings. Second place ropers received saddle pads from the Texas Horse Pad Company of Quitaque. The winner of the Robert Campbell bits drawing was DeLynn Jones.

Don and Lou Whittler of "Texas Burger" supplied the vittles for the weekend and stock contractor was C. A. Lauer, Buffalo, Oklahoma.

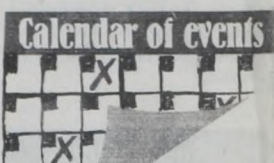
Salty Jones, Lewis Bostick, Barry Bostick, B.J. Dempsey, Robert Koch, Bennie Reagan, Lisa Reagan, Kathy Dempsey and Barbara Dugan were the indispensable team keeping the activities for the weekend in "Good Stead!" S.C. Burleson expressed his appreciation to those who worked, roped and were spectators.

## \$1,678 Raised By Quitaque Senior Citizens For Cemetery Association

Approximately 90 people gathered Sunday, May 6, 2001 at the Quitaque Senior Citizens building for a fund raiser for the Quitaque Cemetery Association. Ladies of the town furnished many delicious foods for the meal.

About 12:15 p.m. Kenneth Helms began the auction of the baked goods. Many laughs were enjoyed as the two tables full of baked goods were sold. Each person who was fortunate enough to purchase a cake, pie, or bread took home something very tasty to remember the day.

One thousand, six hundred and seventy eight dollars was raised at the fund raiser for the Cemetery Association.



- Calendar of events**
- May 10**
    - City Council
    - Matador Masonic Lodge
    - Relay For Life Meeting at Methodist Church, Quitaque @ 4 pm
  - May 11**
    - FFA Area Convention, Amarillo
  - May 12**
    - Bicycle Safety Class at Valley School @ 9:30 am
    - Project WILD Educator Training at Caprock Canyon State Park @ 9:30 am
    - FFA Area Convention, Amarillo
  - May 13**
    - Mother's Day
  - May 14**
    - Turkey Lions Club
    - Valley Board of Trustees @ 8pm
    - City Council
    - Quitaque Firemen
  - May 15**
    - Turkey Fire Department
    - All Awards Banquet
  - May 17**
    - FFA Banquet

## Incumbents Young, Meyer Reelected To Turkey-Quitaque ISD

In a light turnout of voters Saturday, Max Meyer incumbent, received 90 votes to be reelected to the Turkey-Quitaque ISD board of trustees. Susan Young, incumbent, was also reelected to the board of trustees with 83 votes.

The two other candidates Dedra Payne and Jim Messer, received 14 and 50 votes respectively.

After the school board canvasses the votes next Monday night, the two will be sworn in, and take their places immediately.

## Turtles Wanted

A kids turtle race will be conducted in conjunction with National Trails Day celebration. Three divisions will be available for the contest, based upon age. If a child can pick up a turtle or knows what a turtle looks like is eligible to compete in the contest. The age limit will be kids through the age of 12.

Turtles must come from our area. So kids, start now in locating that speedy turtle. Every turtle has a chance to win.

For further information contact Wilburn Leeper, contest director.



Severe weather threatened the Valley region last Thursday evening sparking several grass fires and dumping 4.20 inches of much needed moisture.

## Texas Parks And Wildlife Department Looking To Lease Hunting Lands

Landowners should be aware that there is another customer out there that is willing to lease their land. The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) is attempting to increase the amount of acreage available for public hunting by leasing private property through a program called the Short-Term hunting Lease Program. Approximately 98% of the state's acreage is privately owned so that leaves a relatively small amount of land open for public hunting. This program benefits both landowners and hunters alike. It gives landowners another potential leasing customer and provides hunters who purchase a TPWD (\$40) Annual Public Hunting Permit (APH) access to hunting lands.

The program started in 1994 and it's initial purpose was to secure lands for dove hunting along the I-35 corridor in Central Texas but has since spread throughout the state and now includes other species such as quail, pheasants, and waterfowl. There are some requirements that go along with the program; hunters would be required to purchase an APH. These permits have been around for several years and give hunters access to several thousand acres throughout the state. Approximately 38,000 of these permits are sold across the state each year.

The short-term hunting lease is a contract between TPWD and a private landowner. The landowner agrees to allow APH Permit holders to hunt certain game animals on their property for a certain period of time. TPWD agrees to pay a set fee for access and agrees to post signs on the boundary, designated roads and parking areas, restricted areas or other areas identified in the lease agreement. The agreement does not mean that a biologist or a game warden will be on site during a hunt, but staff personnel will periodically monitor the site and be available if problems arise. Also, activities such as camping, building fires, and consumption of alcoholic beverages are not allowed.

Landowners concerned about liability risks should not be worried. Recently, the Texas legislature enacted statutes that offer additional liability protection to landowners who lease recreational rights. Also if the total income from all recreational uses (including hunting rights) does not exceed the annual ad valorem taxes assessed on the property for the prior year, the landowner does not assume additional liability risks, and each purchaser of an APH is provided with a disclaimer of liability whose acceptance holds both the TPWD and the landowner harmless from injuries that may occur on the property as a result of public hunting activity.

How much does TPWD pay for leases? Well it depends. According to Charlie Newberry, TPWD Wildlife Biologist "In recent years lease prices have been between \$2 to \$5 per acre" said Newberry. "The price will depend on a number of things such as size of the property, game species, hunt dates, habitat quality, ease of public access and location." All properties will be considered but those within 60 miles of larger towns and are about 100-400 acres are preferred.

Potential dove leases should have a food source, such as grain, sunflower or other annual weeds, with some roosting cover and/or a reliable water source. Sites must have a public access point where vehicles can be parked and where hunter can access the property.

Sign up deadline is July 1. Landowners interested in this program or any other wildlife or range management questions should contact Charlie Newberry at 806-652-2770.

## Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social And Variety Show Will Kick Off National Trail Days

We the Women will host an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social on Friday night, June 1st at the Stone Welcome Center on Main Street in Quitaque. After the tastebuds are appeased, the real show begins. A Variety Show is planned that is guaranteed to be 'even better than the one last year' and last year's show drew rave reviews!

With National Trails Day scheduled for June 2nd, there will be Arts/ Crafts vendors set up on Main Street. So--get the "jump" on Trails Day and Come on Down for some serious socializing and good fun. Friday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m.. Be there!

## NasGrass

For thrills and excitement plan to enter the 2001 LAWNMOWER RACE to be held during National Trails Day, Saturday, June 2, 2001.

For rules, more information and an entry form come by Caprock Home Center or call 455-1193.

## Turkey City Council Adopts Two New Ordinances

The governing body of the City of Turkey met on May 7, 2001 at 7:00pm. The following council members were present: Pat Carson, Mayor, Louis Randell, Homer Hawkins, Brian Wheeler, and Doyle Dean Proctor. Mary Fierro was not present for the meeting. Both Jerry Landry, City Manager, and Theresa Clinton, City Secretary were at the meeting. A representative of Panhandle Regional Commission, Mike Peters and Gary Johnson, Justice of the Peace were present for the meeting.

Pat Carson and Brian Wheeler were sworn into their positions on the council.

Mike Peters presented four items to council. (1) Resolution Designation the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem and the City Secretary to act as authorized signatories for the FY 2001 Grand, (2) Proclamation designation June 2001 as Fair Housing Month, (3) Adopt a Local Opportunity Plan, appoint a Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity Standards Officer, and adopt complaint procedures for FY 2001 Grant, and (4) Adopt a resolution prohibiting the use of excessive force in non-violent civil rights demonstrations. All four motions passed.

The minutes of the last regular meeting of April 12, special meetings held on April 17 and May 2 were read and stood approved as read.

Motions were made and accepted to pay monthly bills and to accept the financial statement.

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 0105 an ordinance prohibiting junked vehicles. Another motion was made to adopt Ordinance 0105-02 an ordinance regarding dangerous structures and providing the repair, removal or demolition of dangerous structures and establishing the penalties and procedures connection therewith. Both motions were seconded and carried.

Motion to have a lawyer send a letter to the owner of condemned property, this was seconded and passed.

A proposal presented by the library that the city donate \$1653.00 to the Turkey Library to provide salary for a part time employee was also passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

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### Your Next Car

(NAPS)—The car of the future conjures up images of a sleek, aerodynamic body equipped with lots of gizmos and gadgets. In addition to these, the next generation of automobiles will have technology that will make them safer, cleaner and fun.

The car of the 21st century will have a host of onboard communications and multimedia. The new "wired" car will provide Internet access, e-mail and real-time information. It will also allow you to verbally communicate with an onboard computer without ever taking your eyes off the road.

Several new technologies are being developed to help prevent accidents. Sleepy drivers who veer from their lane will hear a rumble sound to wake them up. To help reduce accidents at night, you might find an infrared laser system that more than triples nighttime visibility over today's headlights.

Perhaps the most radical change will be found under the hood. Drivers can say goodbye to the internal combustion engine, and hello to the fuel cell, a battery that produces energy rather than storing it. Right now, more than 30 fuel cell vehicles are undergoing road tests.

For more information, visit [www.yournextcar.org](http://www.yournextcar.org).

### Vernie Beck

Funeral services for Vernie Beck, 54 of Turkey were held Saturday, May 5, 2001 at the First Baptist Church in Turkey. Rev. Melvin Clinton, Pastor officiated. Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey by Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Turkey.

Vernie Melton Beck was born on November 4, 1947 at Edgin, Texas. She passed away on May 2, 2001 at her home in Turkey, Texas. She married Tommy Beck on May 23, 1992. She was a caregiver, working for Kimberly Home Health Care for many years and then as a caregiver in her home.

Survivors include her husband: Tommy Beck of Turkey, 3 sons: Chris Abeyta of Mineral Wells, Michael Abeyta of Friona and Shannon Abeyta of Turkey, by 6 step-children: Kathy Farley of Turkey, Jerry Beck of Quitaque, Karen Yates of Turkey, Joey Beck of Lubbock, Jackie Beck of Quitaque and Author Beck of Turkey; By a sister Ruby Dean Cone of Turkey; a brother Joe Dale Melton of Enid, Oklahoma and by numerous grandchildren.

### Marie Jeffreys

Funeral services for Marie Jeffreys, 85, of Hale Center, Texas were held Wednesday, May 9, 2001 at the Hale Center First Baptist Church with Rev. Gene Meacham officiating. Burial was in the Hale Center Cemetery under the direction of Freeman-Abell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jeffreys dies Sunday, May 6, 2001, at the hi-Plains Nursing Home in Hale Center.

She was born on March 18, 1916 to Jake and Hattie Turner in Parker County, Oklahoma. She moved with her family to Quitaque, Texas in 1926 in a covered wagon. In 1939 she moved to Hale Center.

In August of 1939 she married Remo Havenhill, and he preceded her in death in 1960. She married Lloyd Jeffreys in 1961 in Hale Center.

She was a member of the Hale Center First Baptist Church and served as a volunteer for the Civil Defense. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her husband Lloyd Jeffreys of Hale Center, Tx., and 1 stepson: Jimmy Jeffreys and his wife Wanda of Clovis, N.M. She also is survived by 2 grandsons, Vance Jeffreys of Lubbock, Tx., and Toby Jeffreys of Clovis, N.M., 1 great granddaughter Jordan Jeffreys of Lubbock, TX, 4 nieces and 13 nephews.

### International Visitors Attend Bob Wills Day Celebration

According to the Bob Wills Foundation, Turkey had visitors from around the globe visit for Bob Wills Day festivities. Folks from as far away as Finland, Belgium, Canada, and England attended. There was also a good representation from right here in our own country. RVers from Wyoming, Washington, Missouri, California, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Arizona, Alabama, Nevada, Tennessee, Louisiana, New Mexico, Vermont, Wisconsin, Colorado, Florida, Oregon, Kansas, South Dakota, Maryland, Michigan, Arkansas, Georgia, New York, Utah, and Alaska were represented.

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 Setting an example is not the main means of influencing another, it is the only means.  
 —Albert Einstein  
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### Project WILD Educator Training

Saturday, May 12 Caprock Canyon State Park will be hosting an Environmental Education Training class designed to help educators and youth group leaders teach about wildlife and the environment. Open to teachers, boy and girl scout leaders, and other professionals dealing with kindergarten through twelfth grades. Free for participants. Reservations are required, please contact Deanna Oberheu, Park Interpreter at 806-455-1492 for more information or to register. Class will begin at 9:30 am.

### Happy Anniversary

- May 10  
Mr & Mrs Jimmy Ross  
Mr & Mrs Felipe Leal
- May 11  
Mr & Mrs Wes Musgrave
- May 12  
Mr & Mrs G. P. Driskill
- May 15  
Mr & Mrs Ron Yorston
- May 16  
Mr & Mrs Pat Carson
- May 17  
Mr & Mrs U. F. Coker Jr

### Happy Birthday

- May 10  
Dusty Rice, Joy Turner, Ofelia Ortiz, Arnold Johnson
- May 11  
Whitney Saul, Charmaine Adamson, Lisa Beck
- May 12  
Wade Proctor, Sandra Fuston, Taylee Rice, Bryan Burson, Dedie Payne
- May 13  
Truman Merrell, Tina Bearden, Cathy Purcell
- May 14  
Jay Hawkins, Sammy Ortiz, Juanita Skinner, Veta Colvin
- May 15  
Robin Williams, Jess Yeary
- May 16  
Roberta Carson, Rex Morgan, Gerald Williams
- May 17  
Ian Farley, Erica Pigg, Lillie Leal, Todd Payne

## LETTERS to the Editor

The Valley Tribune,

Thank You! I don't know many people there anymore, but still say is home as we grew up there, but left in 1936.

I was through there this past Feb. and drove around town and had lunch. Enjoyed it very much.

My parents were the Jim Bradleys and my husbands folks were the J. B. Witchers, so still claim it home.

You do a good job covering all areas and The Park north of town is great.

Also the Dick Taylors were there for many years. She was my sister so we used to visit often. Altho they are all gone. But we have fine and pleasant memories.

Ruby Witcher  
 May 2, 2001

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 never changing for all time...  
 and when her children need her most,  
 a mother's love will shine.  
 God bless them everyone...  
 for all the tears and heartaches  
 and for the special work they've done.  
 When her days on earth are over,  
 a mother's love lives on...  
 through many generations  
 with God's blessings on each one.  
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# The Patriot

NEWS OF AND ABOUT VALLEY SCHOOL

## Migrant Students Attend Conference In Amarillo

Mr Smith and Sarah Hinojosa took 12 migrant students to a Step Up to Success Middle School Conference held at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Amarillo on March 29, 2001. The conference was geared to help students in transition into high school, and taking classes in high school in order to prepare for college.

Los Barrios de Amarillo were the sponsors with their main focus to encourage youth to further their education beyond high school in order to secure their financial success. This in one of many great programs provided by Region 16 Education Service Center of the Panhandle.

## Area Moms Attend Spring Migrant Parent Conference Retreat

Lisa Farley and Sarah Hinojosa accompanied nine moms and four preschool children to a Spring Migrant Parent Conference Retreat at Camp Don Harrington on April 11, 2001. Lunch was provided along with daycare for preschool children.

Some of the activities included communication and teamwork strategies to assist parents in helping their school children succeed in school and in life.

Everyone reported to not only having an enjoyable time but, learning strategies that would enhance the success of their children throughout their lives.

## Bicycle Safety Course To Be Held At Valley School

Saturday, May 12th the Quitaque and Turkey Lions Clubs and EMS Service will hold a bicycle safety course at the Valley School. Registration will be from 9:30 - 10:00.

The course will take approximately 1 1/2 hours to complete. Refreshments will be served to participants complements of the Hotel Turkey. Bicycle helmets, coloring books and other door prizes will be given away.

Two bicycles will also be given away. Must be present to win and have completed the safety course.



Bill Perryman as William Barrett Travis



Christopher Greene

NAME: Christopher Greene  
 AGE: 18  
 BIRTHDAY: Feb. 21  
 PLACE OF BIRTH: Memphis  
 PARENTS NAME: Bill and Irene Greene  
 MY BEST PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTIC: My hair  
 FAVORITE PASTIME: Chillin with my homies  
 STYLE OF DRESS: Casual  
 HOBBIES: Playing sports  
 PET PEEVE: People telling me what to do  
 FAVORITE FOOD: The schools food, yeah right! It really my grandma and my moms food.  
 BEST SUBJECT: PE  
 FAVORITE SPORT: Football, basketball  
 FAVORITE MOVIE: Don't Be Menace, Half-Baked, Next Friday, Sunset Park  
 LAST GOOD BOOK READ: Hate reading  
 MY HERO: My grandma, grandpa and my mom  
 I ALWAYS FALL FOR: nice, pretty girls  
 SOMEDAY I WANT TO: Own a lowrider  
 A GREAT NIGHT OUT: Being with friends  
 IF I WERE PRESIDENT: Help the poor  
 MY FAVORITE MEMORY: Me and friend just chillin  
 MY WORST HABIT: Don't have none  
 NICKNAME: Chrissie, Shorty, Little Bill  
 MY MOST VALUED POSSESSION: My family  
 IF I COULD CHANGE SOMETHING: I would like to see my grandpa  
 IF I COULD DO ANYTHING I WANTED I WOULD: Date Britney Spears and meet Jerry Rice and Kobe Bryant  
 BEST ADVICE: Worst advice: Haven't had none  
 GREATEST FEAR: Growing old  
 WHAT MAKES ME MAD: Randa McBee, Sammie Dee, Olivia  
 WHAT I LIKE MOST IN HIGH SCHOOL: Everything

## On The Menu

Monday May 14

Tacos  
 Pinto Beans  
 Cheese  
 Chips & Hot Sauce  
 Dessert  
 Milk

Tuesday May 15

Pork Chops-Gravy  
 Green Beans  
 New Potatoes  
 Hot Rolls & Honey  
 Dessert  
 Milk

Wednesday May 16

Fried Fish-Tartar Sauce  
 Spicy Fries  
 Slaw  
 Hushpuppies  
 Dessert  
 Milk

Thursday May 17

Polish Sausage  
 Potatoe Salad  
 Ranch Beans  
 Apricots  
 Milk

Friday April 18

Pizza  
 Pork & Beans  
 Pickles  
 Banana Pudding  
 Milk

Youngsters of Little League can survive undercoaching a lot better than overcoaching.

—Willie Mays

## Lady Patriots Regional Track Results

Natalie Wheeler qualifier in Long Jump and Triple Jump placed ninth in each event. She missed making the finals by one inch in each event.

Triple Jump Results: 33'9"-9th Place

Long Jump Results: 15'7"-9th Place



These Valley students helped set the stage for William Barrett Travis/ Bill Perryman in his portrayal of the legendary Alamo defender. L to R: Cody Barrett, Maddie Ramsey, Bill Perryman, Christine Walls, Molly Davidson, and Zack Ramsey.

## William Barrett Travis Visits Valley

Back for a command performance, Bill Perryman of San Antonio, presented a live performance in historical costume depicting William Barrett Travis and his role in the battle of the Alamo.

Hosted by the Valley Advanced Academics Program, students from pre-K to Seniors enjoyed the spellbinding performance. Mr. Perryman captivated his audience with his impersonation of the legendary Travis during the siege of the Alamo in 1836. While Travis was at the Alamo, not a sound was heard in the Valley audience as students watched mesmerized. Tamaran Castillo of Mrs. Linda Lemons pre-K class remarked, "Mrs. Lemons, that was a good story!" Sarah Clay asked, "Is that a real story?"

Bill Perryman holds a master's degree in elementary education from Southwest Texas State University, administrator/mid-management certification from The University of Texas at San Antonio, and has completed six hours of graduate studies in historical research through the University of Virginia. He has taught and supervised students at the elementary, middle, and university levels. An award-winning teacher, Perryman is renowned for his work in the classroom—especially for his character portrayals of famous people of the past. In 1995, he combined his teaching talents and acting ability to go on the road with *History In Person* programs. Since that time, thousands of Texas students have witnessed Perryman's live, costumed performances.

Jan Miller of Law-Related Education in Austin, Texas remarked, "Bill Perryman has the unique ability to bring history to life through his characterizations. His performances bring these noble historical figures to life and give students an opportunity to feel the emotion of the time period more than any textbook or video could accomplish."

The Advanced Academic Program looks forward to next year when Bill Perryman comes back for another exciting portrayal of an American historical person. Valley students and faculty can give testimony that Bill Perryman is indeed "history in person."

Mother's Day in France is celebrated much like a family birthday, and it occurs on the last Sunday in May. Traditionally, the family gathers for dinner, and, at the end of the meal, a cake is presented to the mother.

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## National Honor Society Inducts New Members

The Valley Chapter of the National Honor Society held its annual New Member Induction Ceremony Monday, May 7, 2001.

New inductees from the Sophomore class include Erika Chavez, Derrick Cruse, Sara Fierro, Lorena Mendoza, J. C. Pigg, Amanda Roys, Cydni Walden, and Natalie Wheeler.

Junior members are Hannah Boedecker, Skylar Clifton, Wes Henson, Tessa Kelley, Jana Merrell, Amber Stark, Christopher Taylor, Lydia Valdez, Magan Whittington and Emily Woods.

Senior members are Lucy Bernal, Vance Chandler, Vance Farley, Gaby Fierro, Christopher McBee, Jamie Pigg, Angela Salgado, Lacey Skinner, Brandon Stewart, Cory Varnell, and Kim Woods.

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Briscoe County Extension Services

**Spring Rains Bring Weed-Clogged Ponds, Lakes**

Low lake levels last year promoted the growth of aquatic plants such as algae, lily pads, and moss. During late winter and early spring water levels increased. Ponds and lakes are now full and becoming choked by weeds. The weed problem may become worse if pond owners follow their normal management program. Extension fisheries specialist Billy Higginbotham says pond owners should not proceed with usual fertilization programs. If aquatic weeds are already growing then fertility efforts will result in more weeds. The key to controlling aquatic vegetation is proper identification. Fresh samples may be submitted to your local county Extension agent or fisheries biologist for identification and control recommendations.

**Texas Crop, Weather Report**

Low humidity and good drying conditions have made it possible for producers to begin baling hay. Extension forage specialist David Bade says ryegrass is high in moisture content when cut. Therefore it takes good drying conditions to bale. The initial planting season got off to a good start with plenty of rainfall. Only time will tell whether there is adequate moisture for hay this year. The season's first cutting was better than average because of a good, wet spring. Wheat is another type of hay currently being baled. Wheat is in fair condition and heading out.



Provided by: Cory Payne, CEA-FCS  
Briscoe County Extension Services  
Silverton, Tx

**4-H Car Wash A Huge Success**

Thank you to all those who participated in our car wash either in Quitaque or in Silverton. We raised almost \$700 for County Camp at the Texas 4-H Center this summer. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting Briscoe County 4-H.

**ENSURE SAFE DRINKING WATER**

Homeowners and other individuals can take steps to ensure the safety of their drinking water, whether they live in urban areas with municipal water systems or in rural areas with water wells or other sources. If using a public water system, contact the local water company to find out what chemicals are in the water and how it is treated. Request a copy of the results of any water tests that have been recently conducted. Contact the local health department to find out how to test your own water if it does not come from a public water system. Owners of private water wells should have their wells tested frequently, at least once a year, to make sure the water is free of bacteria, nitrate, and other pollutants. If your home has lead or lead-soldered pipes, clear the pipes after they have gone unused for a period of time by letting the cold water flow until you can feel the temperature change. This makes the water safer for cooking or drinking because it flushes out water that may have absorbed lead or copper from the pipes.



This week's 30 minute meal combines zesty satisfying Pronto Pizza Burgers with a crisp mixed green salad and, for dessert, a cool and creamy layered dessert that looks and tastes like you fussed over it all day. All three items can be ready to eat in 30 minutes.

**PRONTO PIZZA BURGERS**

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 4 English muffins, split
- 8 tomato slices
- 8 slices mozzarella cheese

In a bowl, mix beef, Parmesan cheese, onion, tomato paste, salt, pepper, and oregano just until combined. Toast the muffins in broiler until lightly browned. Divide meat mixture among muffins. Broil 4 in. from the heat 8-10 minutes until meat is cooked. Top with tomato and cheese slices. Return to broiler until cheese is melted. Serve immediately.

**LEMON CUSTARD CAKE**

- 1 prepared angel food cake 10 in.
  - 1 package (3.4 oz.) instant lemon pudding mix
  - 1 1/2 cups cold milk
  - 1 cup sour cream
  - 1 can (21 oz.) cherry or strawberry pie filling
- Tear cake into bite-size pieces. Place in a 13x9x2 pan. Mix pudding mix, milk and sour cream in a mixing bowl for 2 minutes. Spread over cake. Spoon pie filling over top. Chill until serving time.

Now, make a green salad of whatever greens and vegetables you have on hand, get out your favorite dressing, and dinner's ready.



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**Quitaque Senior Citizens News**

Nine members of the Quitaque Senior Citizens gathered Friday evening for the first May meeting. The group enjoyed a meal before preparing food and tables for the Quitaque Cemetery Fund Raiser on Sunday, May 6th.

The next meeting for the senior citizens will be on Friday May 18, 2001. Since the group did not have their business meeting on May 6, it will be conducted on May 18th.

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Increased outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease in Europe and in more than 30 other countries around the world have Texas producers and overseas travelers on guard. While there has not been a case of foot-and-mouth disease in the United States since 1929, we all must be acutely aware of the situation abroad and take all possible precautions to keep this devastating disease out of the United States.

As the nation's leading producer of cattle, sheep and goats, the Texas livestock industry is the leading segment of the state's agricultural economy. Cattle, alone, account for more than \$6 billion in revenue annually, almost 47 percent of our total agricultural sales.

That means Texas livestock producers are increasingly concerned about this highly contagious disease, which could potentially wipe out an entire industry. It would bring about serious economic consequences to Texas agriculture and the state's economy.

While state and federal entities are working diligently to keep this disease at bay, citizens must also do their part. When traveling overseas, people should avoid contact with animals, or areas where animals have been held, for five days before returning to the United States. Before returning home, dry clean all clothing and coats and remove all dirt or organic material from shoes, luggage and other personal items. Travelers should not bring home prohibited agricultural products, such as meat or dairy, and they must avoid contact with livestock or wildlife for at least five days upon returning home.

FMD could be a disastrous situation for U.S. producers - one confirmed case in the United States could halt all U.S. livestock and livestock product exports. That's why we all must do our part to keep foot-and-mouth out. Together we must work to preserve our vast livestock industry and the livelihoods of our American farmers and ranchers.

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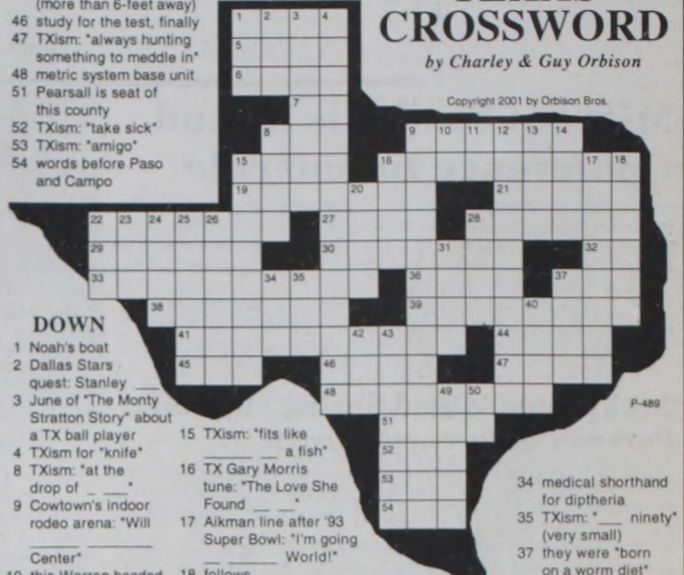
**ACROSS**

- 1 TXism: "more than one way to skin"
- 5 in Haskell Co. on 6
- 6 Fort Worth FM
- 7 TXism: "dance with who bring"
- 8 donkey
- 9 "Streets of Laredo" was \_\_\_\_\_ of film "Texas Rangers"
- 15 "Who \_\_\_\_\_ J.R.?"
- 16 Jimmy Johnson was asst. coach at this midwest university activity on the San Marcos River
- 19 TXism: "sticks like \_\_\_\_\_ a road"
- 22 "that \_\_\_\_\_ trick" (impressive)
- 27 TX Steve Martin film: "All \_\_\_\_\_"
- 28 crop areas
- 29 TX voters pay \_\_\_\_\_ tax
- 30 type of energy
- 32 vitamin unit abbr.
- 33 Galveston hurricane \_\_\_\_\_ public to need for seawall
- 36 TX Johnny Horton's \_\_\_\_\_ the Bismark"
- 37 to Bryan from Waco
- 38 "Texas \_\_\_\_\_" (dance)
- 39 San Antonio "King William Historic District" is full of \_\_\_\_\_
- 41 TXism: "he's got \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ cowboy"

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**DOWN**

- 1 Noah's boat
- 2 Dallas Stars quest: Stanley \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 June of "The Monty Stratton Story" about a TX ball player
- 4 TXism for "knife"
- 8 TXism: "at the drop of \_\_\_\_\_"
- 9 Cowtown's indoor rodeo arena: "Will \_\_\_\_\_ Center"
- 10 this Warren headed comm. into JFK assassination (init.)
- 11 Gov. \_\_\_\_\_ Ferguson
- 12 TXism: "thick \_\_\_\_\_ hound dog"
- 13 Taylor AM radio
- 14 first name of 10-down
- 15 TXism: "fits like \_\_\_\_\_ a fish"
- 16 TX Gary Morris lute: "The Love She Found \_\_\_\_\_"
- 17 Aikman line after '93 Super Bowl: "I'm going \_\_\_\_\_ World!"
- 18 follows
- 20 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ bought a cemetery, people would stop dying" (unlucky)
- 22 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ heartbeats" (fast)
- 23 sun god
- 24 horse critter (2 wds.)
- 25 King of \_\_\_\_\_ visited Clifton, TX in '82
- 26 "the bull" south of the border
- 28 raft sailor
- 31 unaccounted for soldiers
- 34 medical shorthand for diptheria
- 35 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ ninety" (very small)
- 37 they were "born on a worm diet"
- 40 role of "Return to Lonesome Dove": \_\_\_\_\_ Pickett
- 42 TX football night
- 43 semi-simian
- 49 TXism: "stuffed to the \_\_\_\_\_" (full)
- 50 TX singer Orbison (init.)

**Idalou Motorsports Race**

(Idalou, TX) It was a terrific night under the moon, stars and drag strip lights. With a slight breeze and slight nip in the air Mike Jones of Lubbock put together a fantastic show driving his Super Charged Blown Alcohol Voodoo Child Roadster. Mike's best 1/4 mile time pass for the evening was a 7.610 at 181.00mph.

In the Super Pro competition, Jeff McClure of Kress showed toe 2000 T rack Champion Kevin Bracey that he was definitely on a roll. Kevin had a better reaction time at the starting line with .533 to Jeff's .573 but at the far end of the track, Kevin ran faster with a 10.314 to his dial-in of 10.32 which eliminated him thus giving the win to Jeff running an 8.244 on an 8.24 dial-in.

Another hot round of competition was at hand in the Sportsman class. First time competitor at Idalou, Steve Rojas from Midland foul started with a .492 reaction time giving the automatic win to Coy Franks of Florest. Coy finished with a 9.882 at 138.27 mph. Greg Hardin traveled a great distance from Pampa only to be eliminated by Coy Franks in the semi-finals.

This lady from Silverton has the eye of a tiger. Winning two consecutive Street class events, Barbara Mayfield gave no mercy as she raced Mark Pena of Lubbock. Mark ran a faster 13.440 that his posted time of 13.45 which eliminated him. Barbara ran a slower 12.624 on a 12.55 dial-in which gave her the win light at the top end. From Floydada, Shane Derryberry was defeated by Mark in the semi-finals and Gilbert Mercado of Lubbock was defeated by Barbara in the semi-final round.

Hope to see you at the races!

**Check Out These Web Sites:**

- Here are a few Web sites you may find handy.
- Cutter Insect Repellents at [www.Skeeterbites.com](http://www.Skeeterbites.com).
- Americans for Financial Security (AFS) at [www.afswebsite.org](http://www.afswebsite.org).
- Georgia-Pacific at [www.gp.com](http://www.gp.com).
- Fleischmann's Yeast at [www.breadworld.com](http://www.breadworld.com).
- Steinway & Sons at [www.steinway.com](http://www.steinway.com).
- Christian Ulbricht Collectors' Club at [www.ulbricht.com](http://www.ulbricht.com).
- National Onion Association at [www.onions-usa.org](http://www.onions-usa.org).
- The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences at <http://www.niehs.nih.gov>.
- Chiquita\* bananas at [www.chiquita.com](http://www.chiquita.com).
- The Council of Residential Specialists at [www.crs.com](http://www.crs.com).
- Progressive insurance at [www.progressive.com](http://www.progressive.com).
- AT-A-GLANCE at [www.ataglance.com](http://www.ataglance.com).
- Russell Athletic at [www.russellathletic.com](http://www.russellathletic.com).
- Check Point's Secure Virtual Network at [www.checkpoint.com](http://www.checkpoint.com).

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VALLEY PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2001 FROM 1:00-2:30 P.M. PLEASE BRING BIRTH CERTIFICATE, SHOT RECORD AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. NEEDS TO BE 4 YEARS OLD BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2001.

LA REGISTRACION DE LOS NINOS DE PRE-KINDER PARA EL AÑO 2001-2002 SERA EN LA ESCUELA DE VALLEY EL VIERNES 18 DE MAYO 2001. SERA A LAS 1:00-2:30 P.M. POR FAVOR DE TRAER PAPEL DE NACIMIENTO, DE VACUNAS Y SEGURO SOCIAL. NECESITA TENER 4 ANOS PARA EL PRIMER DIA DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2001.

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 0105  
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## AN ORDINANCE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND PROMOTE THE PUBLIC WELFARE OF THE CITY OF TURKEY, TEXAS, BY PROHIBITING JUNKED VEHICLES.

WHEREAS, it is deemed by the City Council of the City of Turkey, Texas, that a junked vehicle that is located in a place where it is visible from a public place or public right-of-way is detrimental to the safety and welfare of the general public, tends to reduce the value of private property, and invites vandalism, creates fire hazards, constitutes an unattractive nuisance creating a hazard to the health and safety of minors, and is detrimental to the economic welfare of the state by producing urban blight adverse to the maintenance and continuing development of the municipalities in the state, and is a public nuisance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Turkey, Texas:

**Section 1.** That it is unlawful for any person to maintain a public nuisance as determined under this ordinance.

**Section 2.** "Junked vehicle" means a motor vehicle as defined in Section 621.001 of the Texas Transportation Code, as amended:

A. that is inoperable; and

B. that does not have lawfully affixed to it either an unexpired license plate or a valid Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Certificate, that is wrecked, dismantled, partially dismantled, or discarded, or that remains inoperable for a continuous period of more than 45 days.

**Section 3.** The following procedures are hereby adopted for the abatement and removal of a junked vehicle or a part of a junked vehicle as a public nuisance from private property, that it must be removed and abated within 10 days and that a request for a hearing must be made before expiration of the 10-day period. The notice must be mailed, by certified mail with a 5 day return requested, to the last known owner of the junked motor vehicle, and lien holder of record, and the owner or occupant of the private premises upon which the public nuisance exists. If any notice is returned undelivered by the United States Post Office, official action to abate the nuisance shall be continued to a date not less than 10 days after the date of the return.

**Section 4.** For a nuisance on public property, the procedures consist of not less than 10 days notice, stating the nature of the public nuisance on public property or on a public right-of-way, that the nuisance must be removed and abated within 10 days, and that a request for a hearing must be made before expiration of the 10-day period. The notice must be mailed, by certified mail with a 5 day return requested, to the last known registered owner of this junked motor vehicle, any lien holder of record, and the owner or occupant of the public right-of-way on which the public nuisance exists. If the notice is returned undelivered by the United States Post Office, official action to abate the nuisance shall be continued to a date not less than 10 days after the date of the return.

**Section 5.** After the expiration of the 10-day period described above, if there has been no request for hearing, the City may remove and abate the nuisance. The costs and expenses incurred by the City may be charged to the person, firm or entity responsible for causing the nuisance.

**Section 6.** A vehicle may not be reconstructed or made operative after it has been removed in accordance with this foregoing procedures.

**Section 7.** If requested, a public hearing must be held before the removal of the vehicle or vehicle part as a public nuisance. The hearing shall be held before the governing body of the City, if a hearing is requested by the owner or occupant of the public or private premises or by the owner or occupant of the premises adjacent to the public right-of-way on which the vehicle is located, within 10 days after service of the notice to abate the nuisance. A resolution or order requiring the removal of a vehicle or vehicle part must include a description of the vehicle and the correct identification number and license number of the vehicle if the information is available at the site.

**Section 8.** Notice must also be given to the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation not later than the 5th day after the date of the removal. The notice must identify the vehicle or vehicle part.

**Section 9.** A person authorized by the City to administer the procedures authorized by this ordinance may enter private property for the purposes specified in the procedures to examine a vehicle or vehicle part, obtain information as to the identity of the vehicle, and remove or cause the removal of a vehicle or vehicle part that constitutes a nuisance.

**Section 10.** Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained herein, the procedures for removal and abatement of a public nuisance must comply with Chapter 391 of the Texas Transportation Code, as amended.

**Section 11.** Any person, firm or entity who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in a sum not exceeding \$200.00, and each and every day violation shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. On conviction, the Court shall order removal and abatement of the nuisance.

**Section 12.** The invalidity of any section or provision of this ordinance shall not invalidate other sections or provisions hereof.

**Section 13.** This ordinance is made accumulative to all other ordinances and shall not be construed as repealing any ordinance.

**Section 14.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effective from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF MAY 2001,

ORDINANCE 0105-2

## AN ORDINANCE REGARDING DANGEROUS STRUCTURES AND PROVIDING THE REPAIR, REMOVAL, OR DEMOLITION OF DAGEROUS STRUCTURES AND ESTABLISHING THE PENALTIES AND PROCEDURES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TURKEY, TEXAS.

**Section 1.** A "dangerous structure" is defined to mean any structure that is:

(a) dilapidated, substandard, or unfit for human habitation and a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare; or

(b) regardless of its structural condition, unoccupied by its owners, lessees, or other invitees and is unsecured from unauthorized entry to the extent that it could be entered or used by vagrants or other uninvited persons as a place of harborage or could be entered or used by children; or

(c) boarded up, fenced, or otherwise secured in any manner if:

(1) the structure constitutes a danger to the public even though secured from entry; or

(2) the means used to secure the structure are inadequate to prevent unauthorized entry or use of the structure in the manner described in subparagraph (b) above; or

(d) structurally unsafe or constitutes a fire hazard; or

(e) considered to be a dangerous structure by the City Council pursuant to any law, rule, or regulation.

**Section 2.** If the City Council determines that a dangerous structure may exist, then the City Council will follow the procedures outlined in Section 214.001 et. seq., of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended. Said procedures may include the following:

(a) Establish a date for a public hearing to determine whether the structure is a dangerous structure as defined by this ordinance;

(b) Give notice of the public hearing to the owner, lienholder, or mortgages of the property by mailing a copy of the notice to the most recent address as shown on the City's records.

**Section 3.** After the public hearing if a structure is found in violation of the standards set out in this ordinance, the City Council may order that the building be vacated, secured, repaired, removed, or demolished by the owner within a reasonable time.

**Section 4.** If the City Council enters an order pursuant of Section 3 above, then the City Council shall promptly mail by certified mail, return receipt requested, a copy of the order to the owner, lienholder, or mortgagee of the property as provided in the statute.

**Section 5.** If the structure is not vacated, secured, repaired, removed, or demolished within the time and manner required by the City Council's order, then the City Council may vacate, secure, repair, remove, or demolish the structure at the expense of the City on account of the owner of the property.

**Section 6.** If the City incurs expenses under Section 5 above, the City may assess the expenses on, and the City has a lien against, unless it is a homestead as protected by the Texas Constitution, the property on which the structure was located.

**Section 7.** If the owner of the property shall fail or refuse for a period of 30 days to pay off the discharge the expenses assessed by the City Council as provided herein, then the City may commence an action in and court having jurisdiction to recover the expenses assessed by the City Council.

**Section 8.** Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance or failing to observe a provision hereof shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined a sum of not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$500.00 and each and every day or fraction of a day during which the ordinance, or any part thereof, shall be violated, shall be deemed a separate offense and punishable as such.

**Section 9.** This ordinance shall supercede and replace Ordinance No 80 01.

**Section 10.** An emergency is apparent for the immediate preservation of the general welfare of the public that requires this ordinance to become effective immediately; therefore, it shall be effective on and after the date of its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF MAY, 2001

# Landowners Seek Diversity, Income Through Wildlife Management

Higher production costs and shrinking profit margins are leading many Texas landowners towards a greater appreciation of wildlife. They wonder if their abundant land resources can be profitably managed for eco-tourism as well as traditional livestock production.

"Basically, there are two motivations managing wildlife on your property. One is for personal recreation. Either you enjoy seeing or viewing wildlife, enjoy having them on your place or you, your family or guests intend to hunt them," said Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist based in San Angelo. "The other is a commercial situation, where you are charging someone for the trespass rights to enjoy deer, quail, turkey or other wildlife."

"We're seeing increasing interest in both segments of that audience. On the commercial side, more and more landowners are seeking ways to diversify their income. Especially in situations where the cattle market is down, or drought is prevalent. They've got another asset out there, and in many parts of the state the income potential from wildlife surpasses grazing values from livestock production."

A grazing lease worth \$4 to \$5 per acre may well be worth that much or more as a quail or deer lease, Rollins added. That's where Extension's wildlife appreciation days come in. These intensive, one-day seminars test landowners' wildlife knowledge while educating them on best wildlife management practices.

A recent Deer Appreciation Day in Stonewall County on the Rolling Plains attracted more than 50 landowners interested in expanding their knowledge of wildlife stewardship and management.

"We bank on the deer management triangle at these events. Habitat is the bottom leg of the triangle. One side is population management, such things as buck-doe ratios and harvest levels," Rollins said. "The other side of the triangle is people management...especially when your dealing with leases."

"We teach landowners that habitat is the foundation. On habitat you build the deer population...through sound management. Then you integrate or add people management by marketing wildlife through hunting or eco-tourism."

Aside from receiving an overview of deer management, landowners share their ideas on leasing land and managing land for hunting or tourism. They also get an up-close look at wildlife biology and anatomy.

Landowners also learn how to properly identify and age deer, the importance of genetics, and how nutrition plays a role in promoting and maintaining a healthy deer herd.

Then it's out to the field, where discussions on habitat assessment, beneficial plant species, predators, brush control and grazing are the order of the afternoon.

"Every landowner or land manager should carry a camera, and use it to build a scrapbook of the vegetation on their place," Rollins said. "This habitat is the foundation of your land management plan. There are a number of resources available to landowners who want to improve their wildlife and land management, but don't know where to get started."

Resources they can access local include the county Extension agent, USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists. These are free public resources. There are also consultants who can tailor-make land and wildlife management plans for a fee."

An often over-looked resource is the Internet. There is a wealth of background material, seminar information, and symposium proceedings on wildlife management available at nonprofit and commercial Internet sites, Rollins said.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service offers several wildlife appreciation and management seminars throughout the state each year. At present, these seminars focus on two wildlife species: quail and deer.


For more information on wildlife management, or the dates and locations for upcoming quail and deer appreciation days, landowners can call Rollins at (915) 653-4576 or contact their local county Extension office.

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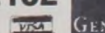
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# FLOMOT NEWS

by Earlyne Jameson

## OVERHEARD

When I dial home, Mon's voice is like a big hug. May God bless you with loving memories and a happy Mother's Day.

Entertaining Afternoon at Do Gooder's Club Meeting  
An entertaining afternoon was held Tuesday, May 1st at the Do Gooders' Club monthly meeting in the Flomot Community building.

Each member brought a memorabilia or heirloom once belonging to a mother or grandmother and told an endearing story in observance of Mother's Day.

Mrs. Suzie Shannon conducted a short business session. They will sell raffle tickets on the completed Dresden Plate designed quilt for \$100 each. The name of the winner will be drawn at the club's Fall Bazaar, Saturday, October 13, 2001.

Mesdames Edith Washington, Mary Jo Calvert and Erma Washington presided at an inviting table laid with a lace cloth with pink bows at each corner. The centerpiece was a lush arrangement of rainbow Sweet Williams in an antique crock bowl that was originally Mrs. Calvert's grandmother's, Mrs. John Stewart. They also had bouquets of roses on display in the building.

They served refreshments of assorted cookies, cake squares, homemade bread with spreads and fruit punch.

The birthdays of Mrs. Kathy Shorter and Mrs. B. Rogers were celebrated with song and cards. Chances were sold for a crocheted doily made by Mrs. Calvert. Mrs. Erma Washington was the appreciative winner.

Those attending were Mesdames Geneva Martin, Anna Beth Clay, Connie Franks, Nada Starkey, Alma Shorter, Leona Degan, Christeen Gilbert, Waydette Clay, Trula Martin, Barbara Payne, Kathy Shorter, B. Rogers, Suzie Shannon, Mary Jo Calvert, Edith and Erma Washington. Guests were Mrs. Joan Clay of Terrell and Miss Sarah Clay of Flomot.

## SURPRISE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Mrs. Kathy Shorter had a delightful surprise Saturday night, May 5 when she was honored on her birthday with a Southwest Festivity at the Community Center in Flomot. hosting the happy occasion were her husband, Clois Shorter, daughters, Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Mesquite, Mrs. Christi Milam of Petersburg and Mrs. Keri Sehon of Ropesville, her mother, Mrs. Geneva Martin and mother in law, Mrs. Alma Shorter of Flomot.

A Mexican dinner with all the trimmings was served. She was presented a decorated cake, gifts and cards. Her daughter, Cindy gave her a treasured Memory Book with photographs and personal notes from relatives and friends.

Guests impressed with the colorful southwest decor of inflated chili peppers, cactus plants, candles descending from the ceiling and etc. were Mrs. Carolyn Ewing, Gerald and Pennie Pipkin of Matador, Mike and Debbie Arrington, Daggett and Clay of Canadian, Tommy and Kellie Merrett, Katie and Ky of Lamesa, Nathan and Kathy Mulder of South Plains, Jerry and Brenda Davis, Joy Barham and Ronnie Barham of Hart, Charles and Sue Tanner, Robert Tanner, Bobby and Jamie Villegas and Mikella of Tulia, Frank and Margaret Sehon of Wolfforth, Kellie Sehon of Lubbock, Dwain and Emily Milam of Petersburg and Kevin and Brian Sehon of Ropesville.

Those from Flomot were Wilburn and Trula Martin, Ronald and Waydette Clay, Mary Ellen Barton, Joe Ike and Anna Beth Clay, Orville and Ruth Lee, Connie Franks, Erma Washington, Suzie Shannon, L.E. Shorter, Angelia and Larry Clay, Tanner, Kelsey and Sarah.

## April Showers Dissipated Before Reaching Motley County

April showers across the South Plains dissipated before reaching Motley County. The average of 5 inches of rainfall Motley County had registered since January 1st was sapped from the soil in April by gusting winds and blowing dust. However, hope is the positive mode of awaiting the future as May 3-4, Motley County had reports of 2 to over 5 inches of rain.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers report Buzz Thacker of Roaring Springs said since he has been keeping NWSV records, this was only the second time he had not registered any moisture in April. The other was April 1996 and now April 2001; Betty Simpson of Northfield, 0.0, Jim Stockton of Whiteflat, 0.0, Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot, 0.0 and Kelly Meyer of Matador, 0.08.

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Guests of Barbara and M.C. Jones last weekend and enjoying the Burlson Roping were Pepper Jones of Austin and James and Ann Allen of Santa Anna.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Clay of Terrell visited last Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay.

Barbara and M.C. Jones visited in Floydada last Monday with Mrs. Mollie Burlson. They continued to Kress and visited Ewel and Dessie Jones before returning home.

Grass fires caused by lightning late Wednesday afternoon, May 2 were between Turkey and Northfield and on the Seigler Ranch northwest of Matador.

Those attending the Cowboy Camp Meeting at the Mott Creek Ranch Saturday were Mary Ellen Barton, Wilburn Martin, Katy Shorter and Waydette Clay.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday for her a medical appointment. They visited in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Mrs. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Anson, Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Moss, Mrs. Retha Moss, Mrs. LaRay Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gilbert.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Derrick Wednesday night were Gay and Jay Henderson of Plainview. Mr. Henderson was the guest minister at the Gospel Meeting held at the Church of Christ in Flomot from May 2-5. They had a congregational church luncheon at the Community Center in Flomot following the Sunday morning services.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers attended the funeral services of Mrs. Vernie Beck, 54, held at the Baptist Church in Turkey Saturday afternoon. Donnie Rogers was a pallbearer.

Johnnie Starkey and his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey are visiting in Winnewood, Oklahoma with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner enjoyed dinner at the Sportsman Cafe in Quitaque Saturday night. Joining them there were Mrs. Carolyn Luckenbach of Silverton, Bill Crowell of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wood of Atlanta, Georgia, Cobey Turner of Lubbock and Janell Kilmer of Levelland.

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Never argue at the dinner table, for the one who is not hungry always gets the best of the argument.  
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—Richard Whatley



## Kandy Sitgreaves & Drew Sitgreaves

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Baca will be spending double time at graduation ceremonies in May for two of their grandchildren, Kandy and Drew Sitgreaves.

Kandy will graduate on May 19th from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Speech Pathology. In September, she will begin graduate work at SFA on a Master's Degree in Speech Pathology.

On May 25th, Drew will graduate tenth in his class from Rusk High School in Rusk, Texas. Drew will also attend Stephen F. Austin State University with a major in Pre-Med. His goal is to become a pediatrician.

Kandy and Drew are the children of Andy and Kay Sitgreaves of Rusk.

Kandy and Drew are the niece and nephew of Kim and Matt Horn of Burkburnett, TX. They are the great niece and great nephew of Truman Merrell, Jimmy and Clara Ruth Davidson, Joe Edd and Janelle Smith of Quitaque, Willie Mae Gregg of Roby, TX and James and Nez Starkey of Slaton, TX.

## American Cancer Society Relay For Life Slated For June

Get out your walking shoes for once again. The Quitaque American Cancer Association will be sponsoring the AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE! Quitaque, Turkey and Silverton will join forces once again in this annual event. Last year our association was recognized as number one in Texas and number five in the nation. This will be a hard act to follow but the fight against cancer is still going on with new research making great strides to the prevention of this dreaded disease.

The nationally sponsored RELAY FOR LIFE will be held at the Valley ISD Track June 8-9, 2001. Teams of 8-16 volunteers will spend most of the night walking or running relay-style around a track. The funds raised will enable the American Cancer Society's life saving programs of research, education and patient services to continue in our communities.

We are asking you to become involved. If you do not have a team to walk with contact Delene Tyler, Marjorie Bell or Lavern Kingery. Everyone can do something whether it is actively being involved in the relay or giving a donation. There have been many in our own area to suffer the devastating effects of cancer. Please, won't you help us fight this horrid disease by getting involved with this year's Relay For Life.

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## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Hot Tips for Cool Canines

The sizzling temperatures of Texas' summer days are just around the corner. Some hot spots around the state may reach higher than 100 degrees. This summer remember to protect your dog as well as yourself from the sun while traveling or vacationing with your pet.

#### Beach Basics:

- Provide plenty of fresh water and shade for your dog.
- Apply sunblock to your dog's ears and nose 30 minutes prior to going outside, and limit your dog's exposure to the sun, especially during the hottest part of the day.
- Check with a lifeguard for daily water conditions. Dogs are easy targets for jellyfish and sea lice.
- Rinse your dog's coat before leaving the beach. Salt and other minerals found in the ocean can damage it.
- Prevent your dog from drinking too much salt water. Salt in the water will make the dog sick.
- Limit your dog's exercise. Running on a beach is strenuous exercise and a dog that is out of shape can easily pull a tendon or ligament.

Sources: Carol Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the American Kennel Club.

# Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

## Budget Resolution Includes Boost In Ag Funding

Congressional leaders agreed Wednesday to a far-reaching 10-year budget package that should prove beneficial to an ailing U.S. Agriculture industry. The Budget Conference agreement is scheduled for a floor vote in the House on May 8 with the Senate voting on the measure following House action.

Of the \$79 billion approved in the deal \$5.5 billion will be available for assistance paid before October 1, 2001 while the balance of \$73.5 billion is earmarked for program spending in the 2002-2011 time frame. Current baseline budget figures allow \$65.8 billion for the 2002-2011 time frame.

What this means is that Agriculture programs for the period will be funded from a pot totaling some \$139.3 billion from 2002-2011. In the agreement Congress also retains the ability to tap into the remaining \$66.15 billion Farm Bill Reserve as necessary between 2002 and 2011.

The \$5.5 billion earmarked for distribution in FY2001 is similar to the amount used to provide supplemental AMTA payments in FY2000. It is also important to note that any extra 2001 crop assistance that may be necessary would be provided from FY2002 funds.

The budget deal, which outlines Congressional budget baselines that determine government program spending levels, reinforced the often voiced commitment by legislators to develop long-term solutions for agriculture.

The final deal added 23 percent more than approved by the Senate in its budget package and is expected to meet the House Budget Committee's goal of providing adequate funding to create sound, legislative policy in the next farm bill.

## Get Away From It All And Never Leave Home

Summer is on its way, and with a little imagination, anyone can enjoy a great vacation. People who want a break but don't have a lot of time or money can bring their vacation destination to their home. Through the use of a few props and recipes, anyone can turn an ordinary room into an exotic locale. For a Hawaiian getaway, get some island music, serve fresh fruit, and hang some posters of the ocean. Travel agencies and tourist bureaus are good places to find posters of exotic locations, and a little research can yield recipes for the right menu. For the opposite weather extreme, show some video footage of mountains and snow, decorate the room like a ski lodge, and complete the look with a fire in the fireplace.

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Though I am not naturally honest, I am so sometimes by chance.  
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—William Shakespeare,  
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## Thank You Fans & Visitors

WindMill Collectiques, Etc., in Turkey, would like to commend all of the people that were involved in making the Bob Wills Celebration a big success!

We'd like to thank all of the people who visited us at our store, making our first year as a business owner in Turkey during "Bob Wills" a big success. We met a lot of very nice people, and all were having a great time.

We'd also like to congratulate Mona Boles, the new owner of Hotel Turkey for doing such a fine job. It had to be a real challenge for her to get organized in such short time for the events scheduled that week. We wish her the best!

As usual, LaWana did a super job with her shows at the Gem Theatre.

ALL of the music and shows were well worth the time and money. We hope everyone got to see or listen to some of the music. The visit from the "Hot Club of Cowtown" band was super. The week should have provided everyone with memories to take home and talk about for a long time. It did us.

Everyone that came by our store after the Saturday afternoon events, had nothing but good things to say about their day, except that they were sunburned, worn out, and dreaded the drive home.

We'd also like to compliment all of the restaurants in the area that handled the unusually large crowds. The restaurants in Turkey were packed and the waitresses were worn out. We went to the Sportsman Saturday evening (at closing time), the poor waitresses there were about to drop. It had to be a shock to their system since there were so many people and so few places to eat at.

One last comment. Hope everyone got to watch the parade. It was very enjoyable, and J.R. timed it at 45 minutes.

Just wanted to say that everyone involved did a fantastic job and deserves acknowledgment!

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**TEXANS ASSESS AMERICA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD**

Earlier in the year these columns included questions seeking readers' opinions about the unique role America plays on the world stage. Texans weren't shy in sharing with me their ideas on how to best use our military and diplomatic power.

The first question I asked on this topic was, "The United States has deployed troops in response to humanitarian crises in countries such as Bosnia, Somalia and Haiti in recent years. How do you think our country can best meet its responsibilities in the world, and how broad do you think those responsibilities ought to be?"

A whopping 89 percent of you who responded said the United States should cut back significantly on these kinds of military assignments, and encourage our allies to take on more of this responsibility. Only 7 percent said we should maintain the same level of peacekeeping commitments as we did the past eight years, and even fewer of you, 4 percent, said we should expand our role in peacekeeping missions.

The second question I asked dealt with the need for our country to develop a missile defense system. This question resonated with Texans, as 85 percent of you said we should proceed with the development of such a system, and only 15 percent of you rejected the idea.

The final question I asked was: "What, in your opinion, is the most significant foreign or national security matter now confronting the United States?" (This poll was taken before the incident in April in which an American aircraft was forced to land in Chinese territory, and the Chinese government detained its crew for 11 days.)

The Middle East, for 50 percent of you, remains the most important foreign policy and security issue facing our country; 38 percent of you said China should be our first priority, followed by 3 percent of you who indicated the North Atlantic Treaty Organization should be at the top of the list. Only 1 percent said the Balkans ought to occupy that spot. The remaining 6 percent indicated various other areas of primary concern, the most often listed being illegal immigration. Others cited the stability of Latin America, the Philippines and Indonesia, the security of the Panama Canal, and Africa (in regards to the problem of modern slavery in Sudan). Many said threats of domestic terrorism ought to be higher on our list of defense priorities.

Here are some of the comments I received regarding U.S. national security priorities:

From Hereford: "We need to keep our nose out of places not directly related to our own national security."  
Liberty: "We must pay our soldiers better and provide them better benefits. This includes our National Guard and Reserve soldiers."

Huntsville: "We need to look at Central and South America. While we weren't paying attention, Venezuela has elected a socialist government that is allying itself with Cuba, and Peru is going in the same direction. The Sandinistas are trying to take over Nicaragua. All the good work Reagan and Bush did in this neighborhood is being rolled back."

Fort Worth: "It is time the American people learn what it is costing them to protect our 'friends' in the Middle East while they hold us up on the price of oil. What do they pay us for defending them?"

Fair Oaks Ranch: "It is counterproductive to involve ourselves in missions such as the Balkans. They are bad for our troops' morale, reduce our readiness and are endless."

Boerne: "I am concerned that the communist Chinese now have control of both ends of the Panama Canal, the Panama railroad and former U.S. military bases there."

Hondo: "The Clinton administration was hoodwinked by the Chinese dictatorship—the next big threat to world stability."

Helotes: "Bring our troops home. Yugoslavia is a European problem and has been since 1914."

Wake Village: "Rebuild our military to the level of strength it was for the Gulf War."

Bonham: "Adults with integrity are finally back in charge in the White House. They have the judgment to decide how to best use our resources."

Ozona: "The biggest threat to national security is the National Democratic Party."

Gainesville: "Missile defense is extremely important. The Iranians are completely unpredictable."

Winnboro: "Star Wars has been tested twice and it has failed both times. Forget it."

Lockhart: "Terrorism and treason right here in the United States are my biggest worry."

San Antonio: "Full speed ahead on missile defense. We need to let other countries know there will be a high price to pay if they threaten us."

Tyler: "I've paid taxes to support NATO my entire life and I think those dues are paid."

I was proud to read the thoughtful replies of so many who responded to this survey. Texans have always been prepared to do more than their fair share for their country. Service is important to Texans, which is why nearly one of every 10 serving in uniform today calls Texas home. America must weigh its national security responsibilities and put them in proper perspective in order to maintain the ability to defend our interests at home and abroad.

**Guidelines For Victims Of Credit Identity Theft**

by President of ACB Barry Connelly

(NAPS)—Retaining your good credit standing after identity theft—when someone uses your name, credit history or other aspects of your identity for their personal gain—can be a frustrating, lengthy and scary experience. America's credit bureaus are taking steps to assist victims in a more timely and effective manner.

Associated Credit Bureaus (ACB), the international trade association for the consumer reporting industry is attempting to get uniform action and response in this area from its members. If their initiatives are adopted industry-wide, ACB hopes to reduce the burden of those victims who are trying to re-establish the correct credit files.

Here are some of the ways ACB envisions their members winning the battle against credit identity theft for consumers:

- Educate consumers about preventing identity theft and the steps they should take if they do fall victim to this hi-tech crime.
- Implement victim assistance programs that make the recovery process easier by standardizing industry procedures.
- By sending a notice to any businesses needing a victim's report that their file has been corrupted in a credit identity theft.
- Provide industry monitoring of victims' corrected credit files for three months.
- Fine-tune industry security and alerting systems to limit credit damage.

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**District 2T-1 Lions International Youth Exchange Program**

A winning student selected through the Lions District 2T-1 Youth Exchange Essay Contest will spend six weeks in mid-summer 2002 as an exchange student. The Essay Contest is open to young people age 17 through 20, regardless of school status. Transportation costs as well as personal travel and accident insurance will be paid by Lions District 2T-1 and the contest winners sponsoring Lions Club. The student must provide their own spending money (\$75-\$100 per week). The Lions International Youth Exchange Program operates in over 190 countries, and offers a host of opportunities to visit new and different cultures. What a tremendous experience for the Essay winner!

The District 2T-1 Youth Exchange Committee will host the Essay Contest, with applications available May 9, 2001 through High School English teachers, local Lions Clubs and the Lions District 2T-1 Youth Exchange Committee. The YE Application deadline is September 10, 2001 to the local Lions Club. Interviews will be held September 29, 2001, with the selection of four finalists. Interviews of the four finalists will be held October 6, 2001. The four finalists will read their essay at the October, 2001 Cabinet Meeting. The winner will be announced at the end of the luncheon.

The Lions District 2T-1 Youth Exchange Program is also seeking Host Families for the Program. We have students from Europe, Australia, South America and Asia who desire to visit the United States and, of course, Texas. Exchange students normally visit during the summer months of June through August. YE students normally spend three weeks each with two different host families in different areas of the state, or in two countries. The hosting application deadline is December 31, 2001.

Any questions regarding the Essay Contest or being a Host may be directed to Lion Jan Bohls, YE District Chairman, at 806-362-4862, P.O. Box 56, Texline, TX 79087, or [jbohls@xit.net](mailto:jbohls@xit.net).

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