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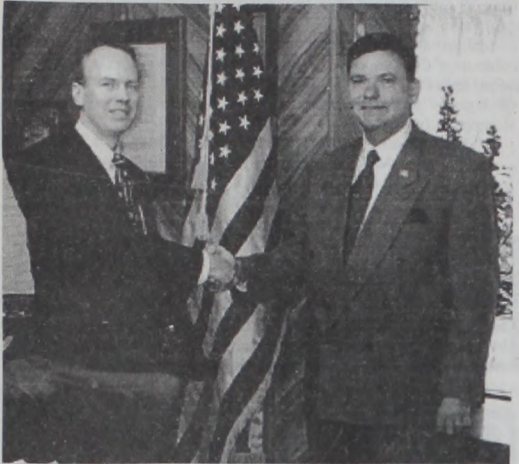
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Hall County Judge Jack Martin and PRPC Executive Director Gary Pitner. Martin is the newly elected PRPC Director for five southeastern Panhandle counties.

Hall County Judge Is Elected As PRPC Director

Hall County Judge Jack Martin was recently elected to serve on the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's (PRPC) Board of Directors. This position is one of sixteen seats held by elected officials representing geographic areas of the Panhandle. Martin will be representing the citizens in Childress, Collingsworth, Donley, Gray, Hall and Wheeler Counties. Other PRPC Board representatives for these five counties are Donley County Judge Jack Hall and Pampa City Commissioner Robert Dixon. The Planning Commission was created for the purpose of promoting regional cooperation in the Panhandle. Toward this purpose, PRPC administers projects in the following areas: workforce development, aging, community development, economic development, dispute resolution, emergency communications, criminal justice, solid waste management, water planning and youth employment. In addition, the Planning Commission reviews applications for federal funds for other entities within the region. The Board of Directors plays a key role in this review and other positive manners affecting citizens of the Panhandle.

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Melody Farley
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Calendar Of Events

February 27
 *Turkey Economic Board meeting @ 7 p.m.
 * TAAS - Reading-Retest - Valley School
 * Drivers License Office @ Briscoe County Courthouse 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

March 1
 * Turkey Jamboree @ 7 p.m.
 * Jamboree Stew Supper @ 6 p.m.

March 3
 * Quitaque Lions Club

March 4
 * Quitaque Masonic Lodge meeting @ 7 p.m.
 * Quitaque Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 6:15 p.m.
 * Turkey Fire Department meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
 TAKS - Reading Valley 3rd Grade

March 5
 * Ash Wednesday

March 6
 * WIC Office at FBC Silverton @ 9:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 * Highway 70 Association meeting 7 p.m.

Free Computer Classes Are Being Offered In March

A Basic Computer class will be offered to interested persons in the community on Monday, March 17. The class will be held from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Valley High School Computer Lab. The class will involve the basics, including how to turn on the computer, the different parts of the computer and what they do, along with other basic information. This free program is being offered to the community through a TIF - CN3 Grant obtained by Valley School and the Hall County Computer Networking Consortium. Classes are also being planned to show interested persons how to use the Internet, and the various ways computers can be used for obtaining information. For anyone in the community who has little or no knowledge of computers, this will be a great way to learn how computers are being used in today's world. The classes are FREE. There is an incredible amount of information available on the Internet and this class will help you learn how to explore it. Due to computer lab space, the class will be limited to the first 20 people that sign up. If interested, please call Ruth Ann Scrivner or Jerry Smith, Superintendent at 806-455-1411 or 806-423-1348.

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED A Salute To Local Veterans



Weldon H. Starkey

Olen L. Lane

Weldon H. Starkey entered the Armed Forces on October 16, 1939. After completing training at Fort MacArthur, California. He served in the U.S. Army. Weldon was shipped overseas on December 25, 1941. Weldon served in the Southwest Pacific Theatre of Operations, participating in the Solomon Islands engagement. He received the Pacific Theatre Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the American Defense Service Medal. After achieving the rank of Sergeant he was discharged in July 4, 1945 at Fort Bliss, Texas. He served a total of seventy-eight months.

Olen L. Lane entered the Armed Forces on November 29, 1945. He served in the U.S. Navy after completing Basic Training at San Diego, California. Olen was shipped overseas on June 5, 1945. He served in Pacific Theatre of Operations. He was decorated with the World War II Victory Medal. Olen was discharged on September 30, 1947 after achieving the rank of Seaman First Class. He served a total of twenty-two months.

Emergency Utility Assistance Now Available For Eligible Families

Panhandle Community Services has received funding for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) for the Fiscal Year 2003. This program provides emergency utility assistance for low-income, elderly and disabled/handicapped families. The CEAP assistance is not an entitlement program. Assistance will be provided only to those families who have been determined by a priority matrix system as most in need. To apply, Social Security cards for everyone in the household, proof of income, current electric and gas bill, and a 12 month billing history of electric and gas bills must be furnished. Applicants may call the Panhandle Community Services office at 806-874-2573 for more information.

Valley Weather Forecast for Next 9 Days

Date	High/Low	%Prec
Thu Feb 27	48°/30°	0%
Fri Feb 28	51°/28°	30%
Sat Mar 01	50°/36°	0%
Sun Mar 02	44°/27°	20%
Mon Mar 03	42°/42°	10%
Tue Mar 04	64°/40°	0%
Wed Mar 05	58°/33°	10%
Thu Mar 06	63°/31°	0%
Fri Mar 07	64°/33°	10%

Last Updated Wednesday, February 26, 2003 at 3:44 PM Central Standard Time (CST) (Source: 434 PWS (03))

4.6% Decline Confirms Comptroller Strayhorn's Revenue Estimate

Troubling final numbers for December 2002 sales tax rebates were released by Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn recently. Payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems, and special purpose taxing districts are down 4.6% compared to the same month last year, reaffirming the reasons for Strayhorn's conservative position on her recent revenue estimate. Two years ago, Strayhorn warned that while the last legislature had technically balanced its budget, it had left a \$5.1 billion shortfall for this session of the legislature. Signs of a steep decline in early Christmas sales inspired the first warnings from the comptroller's office on Dec 20, 2002, when Strayhorn warned that "the economy has softened to the point that the initial \$5 billion shortfall I warned about two years ago could grow significantly larger." In January 2003, Strayhorn issued a revenue estimate predicting the state would have \$7.4 billion less to spend through the end of the upcoming biennium partly because holiday sales tax forecasts were bleak. If the legislature wished to keep all programs at their current funding level, the shortfall would be \$9.9 billion. The nearly 5% decline in sales tax payments for the 2002 December holiday season is particularly disconcerting as sales tax revenues, while still weak, were trending back upward since the beginning of this fiscal year, Sept. 1. The comptroller's office sent 446.4 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts on February 14, 2003. February rebates include local sales taxes collected in December and reported to the Comptroller in January by businesses that file monthly reports, along with sales taxes from the final quarter of 2002 by those that file quarterly reports and taxes collected for the entire year by businesses that file annually.

City	Tax Rate	Net pymt this period	Comp. pymt prior year	% Change	2003 pymts to date	2002 pymts to date	% Change
Quitaque	1.5%	\$3,168.36	\$4,113.40	-22.97%	\$4,761.81	\$5,067.45	-6.03%
Silverton	1.0%	\$2,258.11	\$1,965.18	+14.90%	\$3,567.33	\$3,169.18	-12.56%
Turkey	2.0%	\$2,845.49	\$3,583.42	-20.59%	\$4,673.56	\$4,778.33	-2.19%
Matador	1.0%	\$3,154.93	\$3,576.60	-11.79%	\$4,770.74	\$4,968.43	-3.97%
Rng Spgs	2.0%	\$4,227.61	\$3,726.18	+13.45%	\$6,032.36	\$5,350.30	+12.74%

"TEXUN TAWK"
 Observations On Life From A Fellow Texan
 By Bill Sperry

I Love The Challenge Of Income Tax Time

Last year after all the dust settled, I was due a refund from good 'ole Uncle Sam. I was thrilled, as the past three years I had to pay some more. The lady that figured my taxes told me, "It first appears on your tax return that you are due more than what you have declared, but if they look at the whole thing they will see exactly what you are due." Well, I see a problem that will probably raise it's ugly head, but I sent it on in anyway, as what else can you do? After what seemed like a year or so I got a letter from the infernal revenue explaining to me that, yep, I had not figured my taxes right, and here was a bigger check. I called 'em back and tried to explain that they had over paid me, but they weren't having any of that. The infernal revenue make a mistake? Wash your mouth out there son! Well, I figured I'd outsmart them so I took the difference and put it in a savings account, so the interest would pay for the penalty they would levy when they found their mistake. Sure 'nuff, about three months later, here comes a letter telling me I was overpaid and to send their money back right away and by the way, you owe a penalty for having our money. Can you believe that the interest accrued from that money lacked forty-two dollars covering the penalty? Years back, this would have made me a little angry, but now I just laugh about it. You can't out argue those guys, they are in the arguing business. I just paid it and went on about my rat killing. Can't hardly wait to get 'um figured this year, as I worked in two different states that have a state tax, one had a city tax and it also charged you tax for where you lived. I'm going to get my forty-two dollars worth out of 'um this year just figuring all that out!

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OBITUARIES

May Belle Rapp

May Belle "Suzy" Rapp, 85, of Austin, Texas, passed away Wednesday, February 26, 2003.

Suzy lived a rich, full life and touched the lives of many around her. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerrel Rapp, in 1981.

Survivors include one son, Jodie and wife Jenny of Amarillo; three daughters, Cherri Rapp of Austin, Anne Rapp of Dallas, and Jan Rapp of Dallas, two grandchildren and a great number of friends. Memorial service for Suzy will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Childress, Texas on Saturday, March 1 at 2 p.m.

Stewart McCracken

Stewart McCracken, 67, of Tulia passed away on Tuesday, February 25, 2003 in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

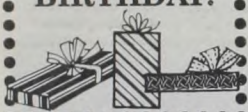
Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2003 at First United Methodist Church in Tulia. Rev. Rob Lindley and Rev. Richard Edwards will officiate the service. Burial will be in the Quitaque Cemetery.

Stewart was born on May 14, 1935 in Lubbock, Texas. He married Lavada Davidson in August 1952 at Quitaque. He moved to Tulia in 1955. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lavada McCracken of Tulia; 1 daughter, Jo Beth Edwards of Midland, TX; 1 son, Ronald McCracken of Andrews, TX; 5 grandchildren; and 2 sisters Paulita Young of Tuscon, AZ and Glenda Francis of Silverton.

The family suggests memorials to: First United Methodist Church, 119 N. Briscoe, Tulia, TX 79088 or The Arthritis Foundation, 3001 W. 5th St., Ft. Worth, TX 76107.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- February 27 Roy Brendan Beavers, Hanna Landry, Mitchie Fuston, Charlie Bomar
February 28 D'Anna England, Mike Wilson
March 1 Randy Powell, Conner Washington
March 2 Karree Lana Belmares, Jeffrey Thibodeaux
March 3 Debbie Cagle, Macy Davidson, Molly Davidson, Chrissta Morrison
March 4 Garlynn Thibodeaux, Maria Barrios
March 5 Homer Hawkins, Cody Bell, Lee Tapp
March 6 Patsy Rucker, Bud Ham, Jackie Beck, Glenda Cox

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



- February 28 Mr & Mrs J.R. Bradshaw
March 3 Mr & Mrs Jerry Green
Mr & Mrs Phil Lemons
March 4 Mr & Mrs Bobo Morrison

TURKEY ROOST MUSEUM NOTES

By Margie Pinkerton

Those who have agreed to serve on the Museum Board of Directors met on Thursday, February 20 to elect officers and begin the organizational aspects of the Museum. Officers for 2003 are President, Jan Turner; Vice President, Lawana Cruse and Secretary/Treasurer, Margie Pinkerton; other board members are Lowell Proctor and Tom Eudy, who was unable to attend due to illness.

Five grant proposals have been mailed out and it is hoped that some help for the projects will be received in the near future. In the meantime, we will continue to do as much as possible. One of the biggest decisions facing the Museum is the ceiling in the front area, where it is hoped that it can be restored to the original metal ceiling. This project will require a lot of work and expense.

Jan and Joy Turner have already volunteered for the 'Turkey School Section'. Anyone wishing to help them, please let them know by calling 806-423-1174. If there is another area that you would be interested in helping with, contact the Museum at 806-423-1240 and let us know. The Board hopes to have interested volunteers to take responsibility for other sections of the Museum and begin setting them up. All help is welcome.

The Jamboree Stew Supper will be Saturday, March 1 beginning at 6 p.m., we hope you will be able to make it out for this event along with attending the Jamboree. It is sure to be a fun night out in Turkey! Also mark your calendar for The Psalm IV benefit concert to be held on Saturday, April 12. We will also be having a Garage Sale sometime in April.

The lots, located south across the street from the Museum, have taken on a new look and all of the hard work done by the City has really paid off. These lots, owned by the Museum, are being renewed in partnership with the City to benefit and beautify our community. Delores Price has taken on this project and is going to need a lot of help. She has drawn up some plans and has some great ideas. If you can help her in anyway, please contact her at 806-423-1155, during the day. The money which was in the Boy Scout account is going to be used on this project.

A letter was received this week from Bonnie Allen Chambliss from Horseshoe Bay, and she sent a family history of the Wilcox family. She also sent a recipe from her grandmother's recipe box that was given to her by Mrs. Lillie Lacy, along with a copy of a picture made before 1929 in a drug store that was east of the Arnold Service Station. Some of the people in this picture are Theresa McKay, Vera Guest, and Lewis Eudy. Stop by the Museum and see this and other new additions and improvements as progress continues.

WE THE WOMEN

By Arlene Hinkle

We the Women will have a special luncheon on Tuesday, March 11 at the Methodist Church in Quitaque. Dr. Freeman of Hale Center will be our guest speaker and will tell us about the murals at Hale Center and the "ways and means" of obtaining grants to make it happen. Everyone is invited. All we need is a call and let us know you are coming so that there will be enough "pot luck" for all. More information next week!

Turkey Lions Club Banquet

The Turkey Lions Club "Widows & Widowers" Banquet was held Monday evening, February 10, 2003 in the Senior Citizen Room. 40 guests were served a delicious meal of ham, lima beans, broccoli and rice casserole, congealed vegetable salad, hot rolls, then topped off the meal with cherry cake all prepared by Mona and Montie Boles.

The group was entertained by "Willie Nelson sound-a-like" Jack Petty from Childress, TX.

Gladys Hanna won the door prize which was a red and white Valentine theme centerpiece. Everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Letters To The Editor



Valley Tribune, I enjoy your paper so much, especially the Flomot news, Texun Tawk, and the Texas Crossword. I was born and raised at Flomot, and lived near Bill Sperry's family for several years. I would just like to let Bill know how much his tales of the "Good Old Days" mean to me.

Ya'll keep up the good work! Cora Gail Gunn Trent



WIC Office Open

Thursday, March 6, 2003 9:15 a.m. - noon & 1 - 3:30 p.m. First Baptist Church 500 Loretta St. Silverton, Tx

Stewart Named To Honor Roll

Brandon Stewart of Turkey was named to the President's Honor List with a 4.0 grade point average for the Fall 2002 semester at South Plains College.



Morrison Chosen As Student Of Week

Meagan Morrison of Lubbock was recently chosen by her teachers at Frenship Bennett Intermediate School as "6th Grade Student of the Week" out of approximately 415 students.

In addition to making the "A" honor roll, Meagan is active in band, volleyball, basketball, and track. She also participates in Quaker Avenue Church of Christ's youth group.

She is the daughter of Criss and Kaylene Morrison, sister of Crissta and Chase Morrison, granddaughter of Keith and Bettie Green and Murry Wayne and Judy Morrison and great-granddaughter of Johnnie Morrison.



Benjamin Joseph Kern

On January 13, 2003 Michael, Candy, Holly and Steven Kern of Plano, Texas welcomed Benjamin Joseph to the Kern family. Ben weighed 7 lbs. and 12 ozs.

Grandparents are Buster and Ann Chadwick of Quitaque, M.C. and Barbara Jones of Flomot and Bud and Rita Kern of Nazareth.

Eudy Wins First Place In Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Patsy Herrington recently heard from her 17 year old grandson, Marshall Eudy, who attends Lake Travis High School, Austin, Texas. Marshall, along with several others from his school, were flown to Lubbock on January 17-18 to enter the Texas Tech University Lincoln-Douglas Debates. Between thirty and forty students from Dallas, Plano, Lubbock High, Amarillo Tascosa, Midland, San Antonio and elsewhere were entered in the competition.

Marshall was elated when he won first place and a \$500 scholarship! Marshall is a junior and the son of Ron and Kim Eudy, both graduates of Valley. Everyone was extremely proud of him for winning this honor.

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FLOMOT NEWS

BY: EARLYNE JAMESON

OVERHEARD

Recalling his youth in East Texas in the 1920's, a man from San Angelo said as the oldest of three children, he got to bathe first every Saturday night in the No. 3 washtub. His two siblings followed using the same water.

Years later after moving to West Texas, he ran into a bully who snarled, "I understand you East Texans bathe just once a week." "That's a lie," he replied, "We bathe every day. We just throw out the water once a week."

Hospital News

L.E. Shorter was a patient from Monday until Friday at the Mangold Hospital in Lockney under medical treatment for pneumonia.

Mrs. Coy (Connie) Franks was in Lubbock Monday morning, February 24 to be with her son, Cary Franks who had surgery on his injured foot at Covenant Medical Center.

Mrs. C.W. Starkey was a patient at Mangold Hospital in Lockney from Sunday until Thursday. Her daughter, Mrs. Ersie VanCleave of Dougherty is visiting her during her recuperation.

Wilburn and Trula Martin and Mrs. Waydetta Clay visited from Friday until Sunday in Granbury with sister and husband, Nita and Ervin Merritt.

Ruth and Orville Lee were in Lubbock, Friday for Orville medical tests.

Mark and Kathleen Wason and son, Dalton of Casper, Wyoming visited Saturday with his sister and family, Brenda and Darrell Cruse and son, Derrick.

Visiting Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were daughter and family, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg.

Travis Kendall and sons, Cory Kendall of Midland and Tim Kendall of Flomot were in Westminister, California from Friday until Sunday moving Richard March to Quitaque. Mr. March is the father of Mrs. Travis (Linda) Kendall.

Mrs. Beatrice Skaggs, Caitlynn and Cayden of Matador visited Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay, Sunday.

Mrs. Tim (Gwen) Mandrell and children, Dustin, Shae and Peyton of Lubbock visited Saturday night and Sunday with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, Sunday were the Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Mulder of South Plains, Julie, Neal and Caden Edwards, Tina, Pat, Walker, Ryleigh and Parker Carson and Mrs. Margaret Lane of Turkey and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot. Mrs. Lane who was a resident at the Lockney Care Center for many weeks recuperating from an illness was glad to return to her home in Turkey this week.

Cara Franks of Canyon visited Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks. Visiting them from Friday until Monday morning was son, Cary Franks of Lubbock.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse visited recently in Rising Star with her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Browning.

Nada and Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday for her medical appointments. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid and in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Aleda and Tom Ross were in Lubbock, Wednesday for her a medical appointment. They visited Mrs. Elizabeth Andest and Mrs. Ruth Williams before returning home.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey and houseguest, sister, Mrs. Ersie VanCleave of Dougherty, Friday.

Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

I have been urging you to send cards, letters, and cookies to friends and relatives you may have in the Armed Forces overseas. This week, I'll give you some recipes that will survive that long, rough trip and some ideas for packaging them to help them arrive in good condition.

Some cookies, although delicious and maybe the favorite of the person you are sending them to, are not suitable for shipping. Thin, crisp and delicate ones will probably arrive as crumbs. They are too fragile to survive the rough handling. Better choices are bars, brownies, and soft chewy cookies. I have successfully shipped these to Kuwait for the past several months, and even sent a 5 pound box of Oreos-son Scott's favorite!

For an easy bar cookie that can be left in its baking pan for shipping, spread your favorite Chocolate Chip Cookie Recipe in a disposable foil pan. Bake, cool, then just put the whole pan in a Ziploc bag, squeeze out excess air and ship. Send a plastic knife for cutting when they arrive.

Another favorite to send in its baking pan is Brownies. Use your favorite recipe, the one that follows, or even a mix and you'll get many thanks.

FAVORITE BROWNIES

1 cup butter or margarine, softened
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
1-3/4 cups flour
6 Tablespoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
In large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Combine the flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well. Spread into a greased 13x9x2 inch baking pan OR 2-8 inch square pans. Bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes until a toothpick near the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack. It's best to leave brownies unfrosted for shipping since many of our troops are in the desert. Place pans in Ziploc bags and ship with a plastic knife for cutting.

These soft, chewy oatmeal cookies ship well and almost everyone likes them. Homemade cookies can be used to barter with other soldiers, so sent as many as you can. **CHEWY OATMEAL COOKIES**
3/4 cup butter flavor Crisco
1-1/4 cups firmly packed brown sugar
1 egg
1/3 cup milk
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla
3 cups oatmeal (uncooked)
1 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup raisins
1 cup chopped walnuts
Combine Crisco, brown sugar, egg, milk and vanilla in large mixing bowl. Beat with electric mixer until well-blended. Combine oats, flour, soda, salt and cinnamon. Mix into creamed mixture at low speed just until mixed. Stir in nuts and raisins. Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart on greased or lined baking sheets. Bake in preheated 375 oven for 10-12 minutes until lightly browned. Don't overbake. Let cool 2 minutes on baking sheet, then remove to cool completely.
Place 2 cookies back to back, then wrap with plastic wrap. Place wrapped cookies in a 3 pound coffee can so that they fit tightly. Fill any spaces with plastic grocery bags and seal tightly with plastic lid. This method works well for any kind of soft cookies that you are shipping. Select a sturdy cardboard carton that holds the can or cans, and use some styrofoam peanuts or more plastic grocery sacks to fill spaces in the carton. DON'T use popcorn, as it can absorb fumes and odors, but might be eaten anyway. Seal the carton, address it and send it off today. Your recipient will love you for it, and you will feel good about doing a good deed for those defending us so far from home. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

TURKEY TALK

Louis and Oleta Randell were in Childress on Saturday.

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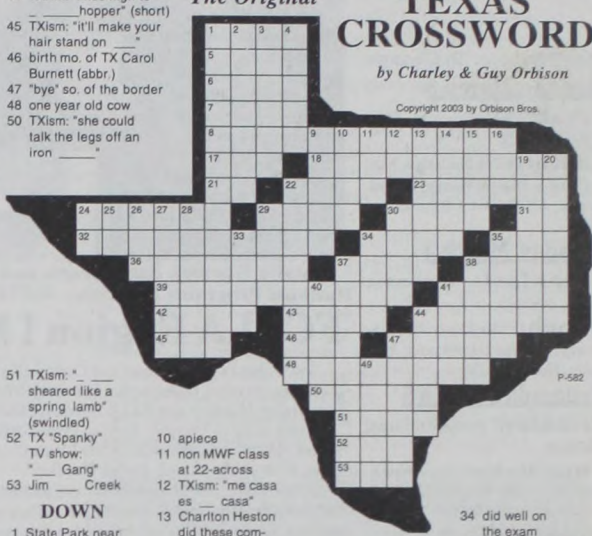
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- 23 Border Patrolters
- 24 TXism: "all ___ watermelon" (fake)
- 29 "___ is life"
- 30 hairless
- 31 "sudden death" for Cowboys (abbr.)
- 32 Globetrotter Lemon
- 34 assistant
- 35 anger
- 36 TXism for "amateur"
- 37 TXism: "he's holding all the ___"
- 38 TXism: "he could out run ___ legged bobcat"
- 39 outside suds area at New Braunfels Wurstfest (2 wds.)
- 41 TXism: "wouldn't hurt ___ (gentle dog)"
- 42 TXism: "take a ___ off" (sit)
- 43 ___ ville, TX
- 44 TXism: "knee high to ___ hopper" (short)
- 45 TXism: "I'll make your hair stand on ___"
- 46 birth mo. of TX Carol Burnett (abbr.)
- 47 "bye" so. of the border
- 48 one year old cow
- 50 TXism: "she could talk the legs off an iron ___"
- 51 TXism: "___ sheared like a spring lamb" (swindled)
- 52 TX "Spanky" TV show: "___ Gang"
- 53 Jim ___ Creek
- 10 apiece
- 11 non MWF class at 22-across
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- 13 Charlton Heston did these commercials (2 wds.)
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SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Menu Subject To Change

Monday, March 3

Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Polish Sausage, Mac & Cheese, Pork & Beans, Carrot Sticks, Strawberry Shortcake, Milk

Tuesday, March 4

Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Chicken Strips, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

Wednesday, March 5

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Mexican Stack, Cheese, Pinto Beans, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pears Milk

Thursday, March 6

Breakfast: Cereal, OJ/Milk

Lunch: BBQ Chicken, Potatoe Salad, Corn on the Cob, Garlic Bread, Ice Cream, Milk

Friday, March 7

Breakfast: Waffles, Syrup, Sausage, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Hot Dogs, Chili, Cheese, Tater Tots, Pickles, Fruit, Milk



Natalie Wheeler, Sara Fierro, and Randa McBee - National Programs In Action.

FCCLA Region I Meeting

The Valley Family, Career and Community Leaders of America members traveled to Amarillo, February 21-22, for the Region I Leadership Meeting and STAR Event contests.

Competing in Chapter Service Project with a project that included collecting eyeglasses for the Lion's Club were Sammie-Dee Ross, Amanda Roys, and Cydni Walden.

Competing in the Chapter Showcase contest were Erika Chavez, Veronica Barrios, and Cathy Bernal. They spoke about all the projects Valley FCCLA has completed this year.

Competing in the National Programs in action were Natalie Wheeler, Sara Fierro, and Randa McBee. Their contest included giving a step-by-step plan for the Families First memory pillows they have been making in class.

Competing in Focus On Children event, Lorena Mendoza, Lupe Mendoza, and Enedina Valdez, talked about collecting aluminum cans and collecting litter with the 3rd grade class.

Saturday morning the FCCLA members were energized with a motivational speaker and were recognized for their Power Of One achievements. Saturday afternoon, the STAR Event contest winners were announced. The Chapter Showcase team of Erika, Cathy, and Veronica placed 2nd and qualified for state competition. Natalie, Sara, and Randa placed 1st in National Programs in Action and will also compete at the state competition in May. Accompanying the Valley FCCLA was their sponsor, Kathy Taylor.



Sarah Hinojosa and Victoria Regalado attended the 23rd Texas Migrant Parent Coordinating Council held recently in Amarillo.

23rd Annual Texas Migrant Parent Coordinating Council Conference

Janice Wheeler, Sarah Hinojosa and a migrant parent, Victoria Regalado, attended the twenty-third annual Migrant Texas Parent Coordinating Council conference (TPCC) on February 5-7, 2003. They stayed at the Ambassador Hotel and buses were there to take them to their respective educational field trip sites and back to the hotel continuously. It was the first time for Amarillo to hold the TPCC conference in their beautiful city. The Big Texas Steakhouse catered all the delicious food.

The keynote speakers were Elva Trevino, an author, born to Mexican immigrants. John R. Erickson, author of "Hank the Cowdog", and Angela Davis, the Yarnspinner, international storyteller. They all did a great job which captured the attention of all 500+ people who were there.

Region 16 Education Service Center and the planning committee especially the parent members, are to be commended for their valuable input and commitment in organizing this conference. People from all around Texas attended this conference. Everyone reported to having had a wonderful time.

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Khaki Scrivner and Kimberly Leal visiting with the Lady Buff's coach.

Junior Lady Buffs!

Khaki Scrivner and Kimberly Leal were guests of the West Texas A&M University athletic department on Saturday, February 22, 2003. Serving as Jr. Buff Team Captains, these two young ladies along with Lady Buff coaches and trainers, formed the victory line, spurring the Lady Buffs to a victory over Angelo State. The Jr. Buffs were photographed with the WT mascot and the WT cheerleaders.

Khaki and Kimberly experienced the thrill of college basketball, while learning about team spirit, sportsmanship, and school pride. The ultimate thrill was seeing themselves on the giant screen scoreboard while their names flashed across it. Both of these two young ladies agree that this was a great experience and want to remind everyone to support the WT AMU Buffs!



Erika Chavez, Veronica Barrios, and Cathy Bernal - Chapter showcase.

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Briscoe County Afghans Available

The Briscoe County Extension office has had several inquiries about purchasing the Briscoe County Afghans that were sold about four years ago as a 4-H fund raiser. "We have found out that we can still order them, but we MUST have at least 25 orders first," said Cory Payne, FCS Briscoe County.

If you are interested in purchasing an afghan, please call the Extension Office at 823-2131 to place your order before March 14, 2003. After all orders have been placed, you will be contacted if the 25 order minimum has been met and an order can be placed. Payment will need to be made for your afghan(s) before we place the order and cost will be \$50 each.

School Board Candidate Workshop Offers Information And Insight

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Thursday March 20, 7-9 p.m. at the Region 16 Education Service Center, 5800 Bell St., Amarillo.

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively and where to find more information. Participants will also view 'A Call to Service', a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone and admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Brenda Canul at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6140, or check the TASB Web Site at www.tasb.org for other dates and locations.

Immunization Clinics For March

Immunization Clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for March. Protection is against Polio, Diphtheria, Lock Jaw (Tetanus), Whooping Cough (Pertussis), Measles, Rubella, Mumps and HIB (Haemophilus Influenza Type B) and Varicella (Chickenpox).

A charge for vaccination will be assessed based on family income, family size, and the ability of the individual or family to pay, however no one will be turned away if not able to pay. These charges are necessary in order to help defray the cost of keeping the clinics operating.

Immunizations will be available at Valley School from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2003.

All times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or scheduling conflicts.

Last Week In Texas History!

Feb. 21, 1846

Texas Legislature elected Sam Houston and Thomas J. Rusk to the US Senate.

Feb. 22, 1819

Adams-Onis Treaty defining boundary between US and Mexico signed.

Feb. 22, 1861

US Navy attacked Aransas Pass.

Feb. 23, 1720

Mission San Jose y San Miguel de Aguayo established near San Antonio.

Feb. 23, 1836

Santa Anna and his army surrounded the Alamo.

Feb. 23, 1836

Treaty signed between Texans and Cherokee Indians.

Feb. 24, 1836

Colonel W. B. Travis' letter from the Alamo: "I shall never surrender or retreat."

Feb. 25, 1843

Navy Commission of the Republic of Texas arrived in New Orleans to consider selling the Texas Navy.

Feb. 26, 1850

Fort Merrill established on the right bank of the Nueces River about 50 miles northwest of Corpus Christi, abandoned on Dec. 11, 1855.

Feb. 26, 1888

Goddess of Liberty placed atop the dome of the Texas Capitol.

Feb. 27, 1836

Frank W. Johnson's command captured at San Patricio.

Feb. 27, 1917

John B. Connally, Jr., born in Wilson County (Governor 1963-1969); died June 14, 1993, in Houston. After lying in state in the House Chamber, he was buried in the State Cemetery on June 17, 1993.

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Spinal Screening for Turkey-Quitaque ISD School Children has been scheduled to begin on Monday, March 10, 2003

Children will be screened for two types of spinal deformities; scoliosis and kyphosis. Scoliosis is a condition in which the spine is twisted, causing misalignment of the upper body or lower back. This condition can worsen and lead to much pain, as well as complications of the heart and lungs. Kyphosis is an exaggerated rounding of the spine. Progression of these two conditions can often be arrested if detected early.

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Cotton News

By Shawn Wade
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Bush Signs FY03 Budget Bill; GSP Rulemaking Process Announced

The FY2003 Omnibus Appropriations bill cleared its last hurdle late February 20th when President George W. Bush signed the legislation into law.

Now the process of implementing new programs and operating budgets for federal agencies begins in earnest. It also means that the process to implement the 2001-2002 Agriculture Disaster provisions of the bill will also officially get underway.

That is good news to producers and commodity groups who have been working diligently for two years to secure this much needed offset to severe physical losses. Most of the losses addressed by the new program were incurred during 2001 and 2002 growing seasons, mainly through the lingering effects of extreme drought conditions.

For Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. it means a new focus on providing input on how the program will be implemented. PCG will be pushing for maximum flexibility for the producer to be able to obtain disaster assistance for either 2001 or 2002 on every affected acre.

Also important will be the implementation decisions involving the new 95 percent benefit cap included in the program.

Most other program features are already familiar to producers. Going by the language implementing the program, most of the rules necessary to carry out the program will be based on the 2000-crop disaster assistance package, updated to reflect new payment rates and other specifics.

Funding for the program was influenced by continued pressure from the Administration to use offsets tied to the current Farm program. This facet of the process is considered by many to be a good news/bad news situation.

The bad news is that many folks believe it has opened the gate and threatens to unleash a stampede of attempts to raid the farm program every time money is needed. It is also felt it will provide future opportunities for opponents of farm program spending to attack key components of the program, specifically those important to cotton.

The good news is that the offsets used to pay for the program came in a typically Washingtonian fashion involving updated budget projections, newly imposed spending caps based on the new projections and then cuts to program funding years down the road.

The focus of all this budget effort was the brand-new Conservation Security Program (CSP). Cost of the CSP had been scored relatively low during the development of the Farm Bill and it appeared that pressure was mounting to write the rules implementing CSP in such a way that only that amount would or could be spent.

This is where things really got interesting. First CSP received a revised cost estimate that jumped anticipated spending levels from \$2 billion over ten years to \$7.7 billion over 11 years.

Next came the budget axe, trimming the required \$3.1 billion out of the \$7.7 billion CSP projection to pay for the disaster package and installing a hard cap of \$4.6 billion on the CSP expenditures through 2013. So, what does that mean?

In the end, Congress found a way to pay for the disaster assistance package, essentially double the funding available for CSP and install a "fiscally responsible" hard cap on what was supposed to be an unlimited entitlement program.

The latest information available regarding the rulemaking process for the CSP program came earlier in the week when USDA published its advance notice of rulemaking for the CSP in the Federal Register.

Few details were provided in this announcement, although it did provide a definition of the CSP program and officially opened the line of communication between USDA and the general public wanting to provide input during development of CSP rules.

The USDA notice also notes the department's vision for CSP is: "To identify and meaningfully reward those farmers and ranchers meeting the very highest standards of conservation and environmental management in their operations; To create powerful incentives for other producers to meet those same standards of conservation performance on their operations; and, To provide public benefits for generations to come. In short, CSP should reward the best and motivate the rest."

2002 DCP Sign-up Nearing End: Producers Encouraged to Complete Process

Sign-up for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) continues to lag and USDA Farm Service Agency personnel are reminding growers that intend to participate that the deadline for completing sign-up is getting close.

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

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

2002 and 2003 DCP payments for the balance of the 2002 direct payment, 2002 counter-cyclical advance payments, and the advance for the 2003 direct payment will be processed as soon as sign-up is completed.

Producers are encouraged to contact their county FSA office and schedule an appointment.



Don Sauls prepares more sausage as Brown-McMurtry's patrons enjoy the CarQuest Appreciation Day held in Silverton on February 20.



Preparing their 'World Famous' smoked sausage, for Brown-McMurtry patrons are Jeff Meade, Victor Young and Dan Thornbury.

Regional Turn-Row Meetings Focus On Winter Forages, Livestock

Producers above and below the Caprock can update their knowledge of small grain forages and see the results of ongoing forage variety trials at the regional turn-row meeting slated for tomorrow, said a Texas Cooperative Extension agronomist.

"The meeting will be held on Friday, February 28 from 9 - 11:30 a.m., at the Halfway Experiment Station, 12 miles west of Plainview on U.S. Hwy 70. This meeting focuses on irrigated production," said Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist at Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock.

"This meeting will provide a first hand look at our winter small grains clipping trials in that county. Our forage clipping trials at that site include 27 varieties of bearded and bearded wheat, triticale, rye, and small grain blends," Trostle said. "The County Extension agent is helping us bring this information to producers, information that has regional appeal/application from San Angelo to Lubbock, or from Abilene to the New Mexico-Texas state line."

The differences in forage production that we will discuss will be evident in our clipping trials. Ed McCollum Extension beef specialist at Amarillo, will be on hand to discuss management strategies for keeping beef cattle on winter pasture."

A follow up meeting designed to illustrate season long forage growth and production is slated for May 1. Those who attend the February meeting can qualify for up to 1.5 CEUs, including one-half CEU in Integrated Pest Management, Trostle said.

Registration Deadline For Next ACT Exam March 7

College bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 12, 2003, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 7. Late registration postmark deadline is March 21.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation. Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA, the type of college-prep courses taken and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

For more information, including registration forms and test locations, contact your high school guidance counselor or register on-line on ACT's website, www.act.org. The website also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials.

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FARM & RANCH NEWS

Alternative Energy Institute Plans Small Wind Turbine Workshop

The Alternative Energy Institute (AEI) at West Texas A&M University, in cooperation with South Plains Electric Cooperative, the State Energy Conservation Office and the Hale County Farm and Ranch Historical Museum, will present a Small Wind Turbine Workshop March 13 - 14 in Hale Center.

The workshop is designed to enable participants to plan, size, select and install home size wind energy systems capable of providing electrical power for homes or ranches. During the workshop, AEI representatives and workshop participants will install a three kilowatt system at the museum, which is located a half mile south of Hale Center west of I-27 at Exit 36. Energy provided by the system ultimately will be utilized by the museum.

Cost of the two day workshop, which begins with registration at 8 a.m. Thursday, March 13 at the museum site, is \$35 and includes all handouts, coffee breaks and lunches.

Space is limited to the first 50 to register. Participants can register on-line at www.windenergy.org or by calling AEI at 806-651-2295.

System costs and procedures will be presented during the first day of the workshop, and overall system functions, operations and long term maintenance will be covered for homeowners interested in planning a system for their own use.

On the second day, participants will assist in the planning and installation of the system at the museum, with the outdoor work slated to begin in the early afternoon. The three kilowatt wind turbine has a battery with an inverter to connect to the utility grid. The system was funded through the State Energy Conservation Office, with support from South Plains Electric Cooperative in planning, foundation work, wiring and tower assembly.

For more information about the workshop, contact Ken Starcher, assistant director of AEI, at 806-651-2296.



Keleigh Speck oversees the day's activities at grandpa's CarQuest Customer Appreciation Day held last Thursday at Brown-McMurtry in Silverton.



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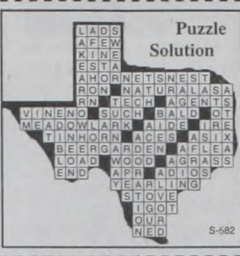
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