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## Roger Messer Running For Hall County Judge

Roger Messer has announced his candidacy for the office of Hall County Judge in the March 12, 2002 Primary Election. Messer stated, "Many Hall County citizens have encouraged me to seek the office of county Judge. I am honored by their support. I have chosen to file for this office after a great deal of thought as well as seeking the advice of those who I believe have knowledge and experience regarding this important office."

Messer is currently serving his second year as Mayor of the City of Memphis. He also served four terms as Alderman on the Memphis City Council. During those terms he was instrumental in promoting a city landfill when so many small communities closed their landfills, causing those city's solid waste disposal costs to soar. He worked with The Airport renovation Project in 1993 through a TxDot Aviation Grant. "During my term as mayor we have also improved the downtown area in Memphis by transplanting Fruitless Pear Trees along the sidewalks and side streets. I am currently working with TxDot on the Highway 287 project now in progress. I know the importance of working with all levels of government, City, County and State and believe that with this experience I have the working knowledge to contribute to the road and bridge projects in our county as well as other important issues and projects in the future," said Messer.

Roger Messer graduated from Hedley High School in 1961 and has lived and worked in Hall County since 1966. He and his wife, Eloise, have three children, Donna, Terry and Tammy. They also have six grandchildren. He is a member of the First Baptist Church and serves on the Board of Club Lake.

"I appreciate the value of economic development as well as the need to preserve health and welfare of our way of life. Business retention is a high priority item for me and I believe that it must remain a priority for our local government as well. I believe that my experience and involvement in Hall County qualifies me to perform the duties of the office of county Judge, and I am willing to work hard in this office in a fair and equitable way," Messer said.

"I sincerely ask for your vote in support of my candidacy and humbly ask for the opportunity to serve as your County Judge," concluded Messer.

## Federal Subscriber Line Charge To Increase

According to Ricky Martinez, of the Public Affairs Department at Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently issued a decision that will affect residential and business customers of Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative and other independent, community based telecom providers. As a result of the FCC's order, federal subscriber line charges (SLC's) for subscribers of independent local companies and cooperatives will increase, effective January 1, 2002, from \$3.50 to \$5.00 monthly for residential and single-line business customers. For further information, call Cap Rock Telephone cooperative at 800-692-4242.

## Turkey Musical Jamboree Set for January 5, 2002

Turkey's first jamboree for the year 2002 will be January 5 at the Bob Wills Community Center Gymnasium. There will be door prizes and a concession stand.

Entertainers will be Brittany Bennett from Lubbock, teenage singing sensation who has just finished a series of performances at the Cactus Theatre; Doris Vardell, singer and yodeler from Amarillo; Terry Smith, singer-songwriter from Nashville, Tenn.; the Talent Showcase and the Turkey Gems.

Terry Smith is known as "A songwriter with a different touch", and was voted by the Traditional Music Association as its songwriter of the Year in both 1995 and 1996. He wrote "Far Side Banks of Jordan", which is featured twice in Robert Duvall's movie, The Apostle, and was sung by June Carter Cash. He has also written songs for Roy Acuff, The Oak Ridge Boys, Kitty Wells and Chris LaDoux. He is a traditional Country singer and has released five albums of original material. He will have some of these albums for sale at the jamboree. Show time will begin at 7 p.m.

## Golden Covenant To Perform At Turkey's Gem Theatre

Anyone who likes good gospel singing probably remembers J.D. Summer and the Stamps Quartet. Since Mr Summer died the group has reorganized and are now known as the "Golden Covenant".

This group will do a gospel concert at the Gem Theatre on Wednesday, January 16, beginning at 8 p.m. We hope area churches will dismiss early and attend this show. Tickets are \$5 for adults and children 12 and under will get in free. Don't miss the opportunity to see and hear this group while they are in our area. So make plans now to attend.

## Hall County Hospital Designated Level IV Traumas Facility

In a letter dated December 21, 2001, Hall County Hospital Administrator/CEO Wayne L. Ogburn, FACHE was informed that the Texas Department of Health designated Hall County Hospital as a Basic (Level IV) Trauma Facility in Trauma Service Area-A. The state designation is good for a three year period.

Hall County Hospital applied for designation as a Level IV Trauma Facility under rules that specify the quality assurance, staffing, and training levels required of hospital personnel and the physicians that provide coverage to the hospital's trauma facility. The staff, led by Karen Verstuyft, R.N., Director of Nursing, has met the requirements for extensive training in the treatment of trauma patients, review of the care provided in the Trauma facility, and the necessary staffing requirements for the Trauma facility and the departments providing services to Trauma patients.

The designation letter, signed by Dr. Eduardo J. Sanchez, Commissioner of Health, commended the hospital for its hard work and perseverance in taking this step toward insuring quality care for the trauma patients in the hospital service area.

## Dale Smith Announces Candidacy For Briscoe Co. Commissioner Precinct 2

Dale Smith has recently announced his candidacy for Commissioner Precinct 2 in Briscoe County.

He has been a resident of the county for 60 years and a resident of Precinct 2 for 54 years, plus 2 years in Germany as a M.P.

"I have farmed, raised cattle and horses and I feel I am qualified to take care of the roads and county business," said Smith.

He went on to say, "I would appreciate your vote and support in the Democratic Primary in March."

## Wayne Nance To Run For Briscoe County Judge

Wayne Nance has authorized the Valley Tribune to announce that he is a candidate for the office of Briscoe County Judge.

"I have been a resident of Briscoe County all of my life and feel that I could fairly represent all the people of Briscoe County. If elected, I will make every effort to carry out the duties of the office in a fair and responsible manner. I would appreciate your vote and support in the March primary," said Nance.

## Leeland Smith Seeks Election For Briscoe Co. Commissioner Precinct 2

Leeland Smith has recently announced his candidacy for Briscoe County Commissioner, Precinct 2.

Smith stated, "I would appreciate the opportunity to serve the people of Precinct 2 and Briscoe County. Although I have lived in Briscoe County for 27 years, many of the voters do not know me. I will certainly try to meet and visit with as many people as possible before the election."

## College Financial Aid Night

Valley School will host a Financial Aid Night on January 9, 2002 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Dave Corley of Panhandle Plains Higher Education Authority, Jim Reed of Opportunity Plan, and a financial aid advisor from an area college will provide important information regarding the financial aid process. You will receive beneficial information about the application process which is necessary for receiving many of the worthwhile grants, loans, and scholarships. All Juniors and Seniors, along with their parents, are strongly encouraged to attend. However, any person interested in financing a college education is welcome. Door prizes will be given away!

## Calendar of events

- January 4**
  - Teacher Inservice
- January 5**
  - Turkey Musical Jamboree at the Bob Wills Center in Turkey @ 7 p.m.
  - Valley J.V. Basketball Tournament at Valley Gym
- January 7**
  - Turkey Lions Club
  - Quitaque Lions Club
  - 4th Six Weeks Begins at Valley School
  - Jr. High Patriots vs Motley County, there starting @ 4 p.m.
- January 8**
  - Valley Patriots vs Crosbyton, here starting @ 4 p.m.
  - We The Women
- January 9**
  - EMT Meeting
  - Briscoe Co. 4-H Adult Leader's Meeting in the Courthouse @ 5 p.m.
- January 10**
  - Turkey City Council
  - Matador Masonic Lodge
- January 11**
  - Valley Patriots vs Crosbyton, there starting @ 4 p.m.



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## Local Tip Leads Hall County Police To Possible Drug Lab

On December 17, 2001 the Memphis Police Department and the Hall County Sheriff Department received information of a possible drug lab located in Memphis.

Individuals reported to law enforcement they believed illegal drug activity was being engaged in at a local residence. This information resulted in the search of the residence by the Memphis Police Department and the Hall County Sheriff's Department.

After recovering what is believed to be controlled substances and ingredients used in the manufacturing of controlled substances, a suspect is in custody and being held on bond.

Sheriff McGuire stated, "This is an example of concerned citizens cooperating with law enforcement to make a difference in our community." Sheriff McGuire urges the citizens of Hall County to be aware of suspicious activity particularly vehicles being parked in suspicious places and to inform law enforcement of any suspicious activities.

Chief Ricky Mestas stated, "Although one arrest does not solve our problem of drugs in Memphis it is one step in the right direction towards making the difference in the drug problem."

## Jack Scott Announces Candidacy For Hall County Treasurer

Jack Scott has announced his candidacy for Hall County Treasurer in the March 12, 2002 Democratic Primary. Mr. Scott was in municipal administration with the City of Memphis for 33 years and with the Hall County Appraisal District for 15 years. He stated, "I am knowledgeable about the office I seek and am qualified to fulfill the duties of County Treasurer for the citizens of Hall County."

Jack and his wife, Margie, have two children, Sandra Scott and Steve Scott. Steve and his wife Amber have two children, Kyler and Stephanie. They reside in Amarillo. Sandra resides in Plano.

"I feel the office of County Treasurer is very important. I am willing to put forth the effort to make sure the office is in compliance with the laws at all times. I will appreciate all support given me and sincerely ask for your vote," said Scott.

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# LETTERS to the Editor

Dear Valley Tribune,  
I enjoy your paper a lot. I moved there in a covered wagon September 6, 1923. I grew up there and lived there for 65 years.  
Fish Wilson is the only one who knows more about the history of it than me. I remember when he went to school at Quitaque, same as me in 1928.  
In 1923 I was a 9 year old Oklahoma cotton picker.  
I am in South Dakota in the winter, back and forth. I am 87 years old and from Oklahoma, we were sod busters, like the old west, no electricity, running water or paved roads. I am blessed to still be living, I will be 88 next March. Keep up the good work on the paper we all enjoy it a lot.  
Sincerely, Vaughn Hall

## Happy Birthday

- January 3**  
Frank Lane, Jan Lane, Irene 'Sis' Stephens, Chambray Smith
- January 4**  
Wynter Dudley
- January 5**  
Amy Fuston, Jack Vance Price, Ketchersid Smith
- January 6**  
Chris Abeyta, Alana Irby, Billy McWilliams, Ray Taylor
- January 7**  
Betty Driskill, Jerry Morgan, Lila Ramsey, Eldon Martin, Coleen Taylor, Shirley Hawkins
- January 8**  
Danny Stewart, Virginia Taylor
- January 9**  
Cole Brown, Clint Townsley, Sid McFall
- January 10**  
David Paul Majors, Andrew Cruz
- January 11**  
Michael Dickman, Julius Early, Stacy Price, Jason Smith, Olga Thibodeaux



LOOK WHO'S NEW

### Haley Diane Milam

Christi and Dwain Milam of Petersburg are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Haley Diane Milam. She was born at 11:06 a.m., Wednesday, December 19, 2001 at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed seven pounds, two ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.  
Welcoming the new arrival is her two year old sister, Emily; grandparents, Kathy and Clois Shorter of Flomot, Mrs. Lenda Milam, Bill and Brenda Milam of Gainsville; great grandparents, Alma and Everett Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot and Mrs. Doris Wilson of Gainsville.

## Turkey Senior Citizens

**By Oleta Randell**  
The Turkey Senior Citizens had their Christmas Party in December with 31 people present. Sandwiches, chips and dips, and dessert were enjoyed by all, after which we had a "Chinese" gift exchange (Maybe that should be called Chinese "take away" gift exchange). After that was over and since we were already seated in a circle, we went around the circle and each person told a little bit about themselves. As it turned out every man there was a veteran of World War II except Don Turner who served in the Vietnam conflict. We all stood and sang "God Bless America", although there were no professional singers in the group it was a beautiful rendition of the song!  
Our next meeting will be January 8th so come on out and bring a friend. Start the New Year by meeting with your friends and neighbors for fun, food and fellowship.

## OBITUARIES

### Donald M. Perkins

Graveside services for Donald M. Perkins, 61, of Silverton were held Friday, December 28, 2001 at the Silverton Cemetery. Rev. Jay Stinson of Shallowater and Judge Edwin Norris officiated. Arrangements were by Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Silverton.  
Donald M. Perkins was born on February 22, 1940 at Silverton, Texas. He passed away on December 25, 2001 at his home in Silverton at the age of 61 years, 10 months and 3 days. He married Fay Sweek on July 25, 1959 at Silverton, Texas. He was a member of the Silverton Masonic Lodge and a member of the Silverton United Methodist Church. He had been a member of the Young Farmers for many years.  
Survivors include his wife, Fay of the home; a son Roy Don of Silverton; 3 daughters; Anise of Silverton, Faye Lynn of Lopez, Pennsylvania and Tonia of Silverton; a sister: Kathy Hubbard of Silverton; 2 brothers: Tom Perkins of Amarillo; and a special sister-in-law: Jerry of Amarillo; by 4 grandsons, 1 granddaughter, and 1 great granddaughter.  
Memorials may be made to your favorite charity.

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Girl Scouts from eighteen surrounding counties will gather at JC Penney's in the south Plains Mall from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002 to kick-off the annual cookie sale. Girls will participate in a number of activities, learning marketing and selling techniques, goal planning, and customer service. In addition, there will be games and cookie samples for everyone. January 5<sup>th</sup> marks the first day that cookies will be sold to the public.  
Girl Scouts are introducing two new cookies this year, the All-Abouts and the Ole Ole. All Abouts are the cookies that celebrate Girl Scouting! Each cookie has a Girl Scout message embossed on the top and rich fudge coating on the bottom. The Ole Ole are reduced fat, bite-sized vanilla cookies with pecan chips, coconut and covered in powdered sugar. In addition, there will be the return of six Girl Scout Cookie favorites including the popular Thin Mints, Original Samoa, Aloha chips, Tagalong, the Do-Si-Do, and the trefoil.  
Emphasizing the investment consumers make in a girl's future by purchasing Girl Scout Cookies, each box includes the following message: "You'd be surprised what a Girl Scout Cookie can build: Strong Values, Strong Minds, Strong Bodies, Strong Spirit, Strong Friendships, Strong Skills, Strong Leadership, Strong Community."  
Over 4000 Girl Scouts of the Caprock council's eighteen county area will sell cookies from January 5<sup>th</sup> through March 3<sup>rd</sup>. All cookies are priced at \$3 per package with all proceeds benefiting local Girl Scouts. Cookies may be ordered via fax (806) 748-0769 or phone 806-745-2855.  
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For more information, please contact the Texas Workforce Commission at 1-800-695-6879.

### Free Poetry Contest Open To Quitaque Residents

The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the Quitaque area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is February 28, 2002. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.  
"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Christina Babylon, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic works of art can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition," continued Babylon.  
To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19913, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owing Mills MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by February 28, 2002. You may also enter online at www.poetry.com  
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Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances.  
—Thomas Jefferson  
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### TURKEY TALK

Steve and Phyllis Randell, Jake and Bryan spent Sunday night with Louis and Oleta Randell. Monday the group went to the home of Ronnie and JoAnn Blythe in Amarillo, where they were joined by Mike and Ramona Smith of UTA in Arlington and Tracie Smith of ACU in Abilene. The Smith's accompanied the Randells home Tuesday night and left Wednesday for Houston.



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- January 5**  
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# FLOMOT NEWS

by Earlyne Jameson

## OVERHEARD

There will be 53 Tuesdays in this year, 2002. It began on a Tuesday. Every year has 53 of the days on which it begins.

The world has changed since September 11, 2001. People see things in different ways now, good ways. Patriotism and a spiritual renewal have flourished in America and we hope it reflects an expression of gratitude and continues in 2002!

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin and grandson, Cole Martin of Panhandle, a student at A&M University in Bryan, were guests December 23 of their daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger. Other guests were Mrs. Bob Cooper, Cory Cooper and son of Borger.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton of Borger and Ty Barclay of Matador. They visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Barclay in Lockney Christmas eve.

Mary Ellen Barton was a guest of Mrs. Eugenia Barton of Matador Sunday, December 23 at a family celebration where 40 family members attended. She was among the guests Christmas day in the home of Judy and Butch Renfro of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited December 24-25 in Anson with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Moss and Mrs. LaRay Gilbert.

Guests Christmas night at a family celebration in the home of Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clifton and Skylar, Mr. and Mrs. Brando Cruse and Branson of Turkey; Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Smith and Cutter of Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Patton, Tory, Thor, Teah and Tally of Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin of Whiteflat; Mr. and Mrs. Chancy Cruse of Medley; Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse, Leah, Keane and Derrick, Donnie Cruse, Roegan and Talon of Flomot.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were Mr. and Mrs. Joey Lee and Ernie of Clarendon, Jason Lee of Amarillo, Robert Lee of Lubbock, Mrs. Teresa Willey, Kellan, Kacee and Micah of Turkey, Roger Lee, Josh and Brandon of Flomot and Shonda Davey of Plainview.

Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington were Mr. and Mrs. Matt Washington of Dougherty, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Washington of Roaring Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Conway Clarey, Mickey and Caleb of Matador, Cara Franks of Canyon, Cary Franks and Sorrell Schmidt of Lubbock, Leonard Johnson of Floydada and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks of Flomot. They also visited Mrs. Edith Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner visited Christmas eve and day in Silverton with her mother, Mrs. Carolyn Luckenbach. Other guests were Janell and Coby Turner, Heather and Scott Blount and Bob Lewis of Lubbock and Mike Montague and Mary Ann Lemmons of Amarillo.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were Cara Franks of Canyon, Sorrell Schmidt and Cary Franks of Lubbock. Other guests in their home Christmas eve were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Washington of Roaring Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Conway Clarey, Mickey and Caleb of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington of Flomot.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson were Breck, Lucretia and Brittany Dockery of Vernon, Neil and Kayla Guest of Turkey and Mrs. Dorothy May of Quitaque.

Guests of Mrs. C.W. Starkey during the holiday were all of her children and families, Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Starkey of Ralls, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cyfert of Lockney, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Long of Winnewood, OK, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hanna of Warner, OK, Lola Jewell Starkey of Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth George of Lewisville, Mrs. Phylis Gladson of Austin, Mrs. Ersie VanCleave and grandchildren of Dougherty, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and Johnnie Starkey of Flomot.

Visitors during the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were Christy and Dwain Milam, Emily and Halley of Petersburg, Keri and Kevin Sehon and Brian of Ropesville, Cindy and Chad Calvert of Mesquite, Alma and Everett Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington visited Christmas eve day in Roaring Springs with her mother, Mrs. Jo Scott. They continued to Childress and visited overnight with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Washington, Katie, Cam, Clay and Conner. They visited Christmas day with his mother, Mrs. Edith Washington and visitors that night in her home were Mrs. Todd Washington and children of Childress.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers during the holidays were Natalie and Brook Rogers of Tyler, Billy Hand of Roaring Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan of Kalgary, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Rogers and Hanna Alexander of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Coy McKay of Vernon.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert, Glen Calvert and Dustin Reed were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster and Mrs. Gwen Mandrell, Shae and Peyton of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited during the holidays in Fort Worth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray and in Clyde with her grandmother, Mrs. Ollie Gray.

Sheila and Jerry Gilbert of Jacksonville, Alabama visited from Friday until Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Leona Degan. Other guests at a holiday luncheon, Saturday were Lou and Morris Degan of Medicine Mound, Stanley and Donna Degan of Kalgary and Shay and Jimmy McDaniel of Lubbock.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kylee and Karlee of Clifton, Julie Clay, Neal Edwards and Cade of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carson, Ryleigh, Walker and Parker and Mrs. Margaret Lane of Turkey and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Sarah, Kelsey and Tanner and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot.

Visiting during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall were Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor of Midland, Richard March of Westminster, California and Raymond Kendall, resident at Lockney Care Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Derrick were guests Christmas eve night in Matador at the home of her mother, Mrs. Marhelen Wason. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Marracle of Snyder, Shahala and Kaycee Marracle, Leah and Keane Cruse of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wason and Dalton of Casper, Wyoming.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross Christmas eve and day were Mrs. Ruth Williams of Quanah and Elisa and Stan Wigley of Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wigley visited from December 26-29 in Castroville with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ross, Aleda Elaine, Megan, Cheyenne and Clara.

If a man sits down to think, he is immediately asked if he has a headache.

—Emerson

# Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

I hope you had an excellent Christmas and Happy New Year! If you, like us, have been eating all sorts of rich and delicious food, then maybe you, like us, are looking for some good and good for you recipes to start off 2002 on a "lighter note". I think you will enjoy Flounder Florentine and Tomato Basil Fettuccine, lower in fat and calories, but high on taste.

**FLOUNDER FLORENTINE**  
2 packages (10 oz. each) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained

1 pound frozen flounder or sole filets, thawed

3 tablespoons chopped onion

2 tablespoons stick margarine

3 tablespoons flour

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1 1/2 cups fat free milk

1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese

1/4 teaspoon paprika

Sprinkle spinach in a 13x9x2 baking dish coated with non-stick spray. Top with fish filets.

In a saucepan, saute onion in butter until tender. Stir in the flour, salt, pepper and nutmeg until blended. Gradually add milk. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened and bubbly. Pour over filets; sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and paprika. Bake, uncovered, at 350 for 20 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork. Makes 4 servings.

**TOMATO BASIL FETTUCCHINE**  
8 oz. uncooked fettuccine

1/4 cup chopped onion

1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

1 tablespoon stick margarine

1 can (14 oz.) diced tomatoes, undrained

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/3 cup fat free evaporated milk

1/4 cup chopped fresh basil

2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Cook fettuccine according to package directions. In large non-stick skillet, saute onion and red pepper flakes in butter until onion is tender. Add tomatoes and salt; cook and stir over medium heat until most of liquid has evaporated. Remove from heat. Let stand 1 minute. Gradually whisk in milk.

Drain fettuccine and place in large bowl. Add the basil, Parmesan cheese and tomato mixture; toss to coat. Makes 4 servings.

For the next few weeks, I'll print some more lower fat recipes. Then it will be February and we'll all have abandoned our diets and good intentions anyway. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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**ACROSS**

- military NCO (var.)
- drug addict
- description of 36-across
- TXism: "pure as the driven"
- Houston's Ben \_\_\_\_\_ Gen Hospital
- frequently heard since 9/11: "God Bless the \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "gone to \_\_\_\_\_" (deteriorated)
- TX Johnny Horton's "North to \_\_\_\_\_"
- TX Johnny Rodriguez's "By \_\_\_\_\_"
- horse's easy gait
- TXism: "spoiled \_\_\_\_\_" (brat)
- Abilene Cooper or Abilene High class
- TX Larry Hagman film: "Getting \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ All" (71)
- definitely needed in TX houses and cars (abbr.)
- distinguished TX poet: \_\_\_\_\_ Wilson Baker
- toppers for Astros and Rangers
- what some TXNs do in Taos, NM
- Cowboy "Rocket" receiver
- rare African bird at Dallas Zoo: \_\_\_\_\_ bustard
- completely lacking
- a big fuss
- sharp, twisting pinch
- TX Katherine Helmond "Soap" role Jessica \_\_\_\_\_
- former gov. Richards
- TXism for "dice"
- Ratliff became \_\_\_\_\_ Gov. when Perry became Gov.
- TXism: "bland as beans without \_\_\_\_\_ pork"
- this Earp met "Doc" Holliday in TX
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ I ever wrapped a lip around"
- Center, TX has the "\_\_\_\_\_ Fishing Tournament"
- TXism: "tough row to \_\_\_\_\_"
- rank odor or taste
- Santa's helper
- TX actress Chiles of "Moonraker"
- Gov. "\_\_\_\_\_ Farguson
- Coleman h.s. class
- TX Houston, Bass, or Donaldson
- Kenedy Co. seat
- once a Morton AM radio station
- TX George W. had close \_\_\_\_\_ in FL
- Gov. O.M. Roberts spent 35 \_\_\_\_\_ on campaign in 1879
- TXism: "I \_\_\_\_\_ it so bad I could spit"
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mart
- Callahan Co. seat h.s. class
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ and bones" (very thin)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ hog had wings he'd be an eagle"

**DOWN**

- TXism: "I can do my \_\_\_\_\_" (know basic math)
- So. Padre Island acquisition (2 wds.)
- lather again
- TXism for "short"
- TX Gary Morris hit: "Baby \_\_\_\_\_"
- prepare a bloody steak
- dir. from Abilene to Austin
- smoking gun? (3 wds.)

## RIM ROCK CANYON

By Clint Harmon

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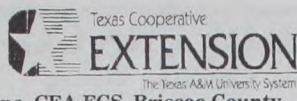
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By: Cory Payne, CEA-FCS, Briscoe County

**Don't Let Foodborne Illness Spoil Mail-Order Surprise**

Catalogue shopping can be a time and energy saver, but worries about food safety may spoil holiday festivities. Foodborne illness affects more than 76 million Americans each year. Foodborne illness is caused by harmful microorganisms that feed on moist, protein-rich food such as meat, poultry, fish, and cheese. Although it is hard to tell if food has been mishandled, there are a few visual signs that could provide clues. Make sure food, such as meat or poultry, is still cold or frozen, and has been packed with a cold source. Check the postage date. Perishable food should be delivered quickly, ideally overnight. Immediately open any package marked "Keep refrigerated." Check the temperature of the food items inside. Last, if the perishable food is warm, do NOT consume or taste it.

By: Brandon McGinty, CEA-Ag, Briscoe County

**Helping To Control Potato Sprouting**

The USDA has developed two treatments to control sprouting in stored potatoes. These two chemicals could replace CIPA. These chemicals are widely used for sprout control in the United States. Producers are trying to move away from CIPA because of ever increasing regulations. More than half of the 2.5 billion dollars of the U.S. potato crop requires sprouting control. The two methods are based on compounds that are already available. Minute amounts of jasmonates can control sprouting, and improves the color of potatoes processed into potato chips and French fries. Jasmonates are natural compounds that produce the aroma of jasmine flowers. The other method uses certain aromatic acids to delay sprouting. Both control methods are economically feasible.

**100 Years Of 4-H To Be Celebrated**

In 2002 the National 4-H will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 4-H is a youth development program that stresses leadership and community service. The program is celebrating by organizing a National conversation on Youth Development in the Twenty-first Century. These conversations are offered in every county in the country so that young people and adults can express their views on what youth development needs to accomplish. They cover topics like the power of youth, access, equity, opportunity, and innovative practices. The local conversations and recommendations will be taken to the state. Then, recommendations from local and state conversations will be compiled into a national report that will be presented to national leaders including President Bush.

CEU Calendar of Events 2001-2002

Date	Location	Program Name	Contact	1AR	1PM	1Drift	Gen	Total CEU's
1-7-02	Dallart	Pioneer Crop Protection Clinic						5
1-8-02	Dallas	Pioneer Crop Protection Clinic						5
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Topic III - Drift Minimization	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.5	2.0
Topic IV - Safety	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.0
CEU - All other pesticide applicator certifications and recertification	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0



The first official Times Square New Year's Eve celebration took place in 1904. A party was held on a roof for editors of a local magazine.

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**Caprock Cotton Conference**

The Caprock Cotton Conference is scheduled for January 22, 2002 at the Plains Baptist Assembly between Ralls and Floydada. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The cost of the conference is \$25 (we will be accepting pre-registration until January 15) after this date a \$10 late fee will be collected. This will include lunch, conference cap and program materials.

The program will start at 8:30 a.m. with topics on V-Jews Concerning Cotton Market, Update from Plains Cotton Growers, Insight on New Farm Bill, High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Update, TDA Regulations, Area Test Plot Results, Secondary Pest, Weed Control and Conservation Tillage for Dryland Production. The conference will be over at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Registration information can be received through the Floyd or Crosby County Extension offices at 806-675-2347 or 806-983-4912.

**State And Federal Scrapie Requirements: Identifying Sheep And Goats**

Beginning November 2001, the U.S. Department of Agriculture requires that certain classes of sheep and goats have PREMISE identification ear tags applied before they are moved from their farm to be sold in interstate commerce or commingled with sheep and goats from any other farms. Compliance action in Texas will not be taken until April 1, 2002.

Identification requirements extend to \* All sheep 18 months of age or older \* All breeding sheep regardless of age \* Sexually intact show or exhibition sheep and goats \* All goats 18 months of age or older that are or have been commingled with sheep \* All breeding goats that are or have been commingled with sheep. Identification for goats. Tattoos may be used to identify registered or meat and air show goats, as long as the animals are accompanied by their registration papers. A PREMISE identification number should be obtained and the ear tags should be applied to animals being culled or animals no longer accompanied by registration papers.

Aside from the time it takes to attach the ear tag prior to loading sheep and goats for shipment, there is no cost, if you use the white metal or white plastic tag provided through the state federal program. In meetings with industry representatives, a preference for a PREMISE identification system was expressed. Therefore, owners will be assigned a unique, permanent PREMISE identification number. Supplies of ear tags will carry this number and a sequential number on the reverse side, which owners may use in maintaining individual animal records.

To get your PREMISE identification number and order free tags, call the toll free designated "tag line" at 1-866-873-2824. Tags are shipped by UPS, so be prepared to provide a physical shipping address. Approved vendors offer other styles of official PREMISE identification tags that may be purchased after you get your premise number. A list of approved vendors can be obtained by calling the toll free "tag line" or checking the web site: [www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/scrapie.htm](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/scrapie.htm)

Identified sheep and goats may carry several ear tags, depending on how many premises or flocks from which they have been moved or sold. Tags are to accurately reflect the premises on which the animals have been commingled with other sheep or goats.

Federal regulations require that records on purchases and sales be maintained for five years for disease investigation purposes. To comply with record keeping requirements when selling sheep and goats at the livestock market, have your premise identification number recorded on the market check-in document.

For private treaty transactions, be sure the seller has met tagging requirements and record the seller's premise identification number on your receipt or bill of sale.

**Cotton News**

By Shawn Wade

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

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**Senate Halts Farm Bill Debate**

With the cessation of debate, Senate Democrats and Republicans are likely gearing up to face the music when they return home after Congress adjourns.

One thing is certain, few are going to be welcomed with open arms by their agricultural constituents after three weeks of unproductive speeches, debate and posturing prevented Senate completion of new Farm Program legislation.

In times past a lack of technology prevented most people from seeing and hearing the debate over important legislative issues. With the spreading availability of cable, satellite television and the Internet virtually everyone can judge for themselves who is speaking for them and who has been listening to them when they talk.

With harvest activities practically completed as winter approached, farmers and ranchers have been a rapt and attentive audience to the live Senate broadcasts emanating from Washington.

And while it is fair to say that most of us that were watching probably don't fully understand all of the rules and procedural goings on, we are able to digest the words that are spoken for, against and about farm programs and the needs of rural America.

Producers have made it clear that they were watching and will likely base much of their future support for candidates and parties on what they have seen in the days since the first of December.

That said they also understand, although without much enthusiasm, that while this opportunity has been taken from them there will be another day when Congress returns. The critical nature of Agriculture's problems will probably have intensified and highlight the need to finish the work the Senate abandoned earlier this week.

Congress, however, is not the only branch of government that will have to step up to the plate to assuage the fears and doubts that recent antics have produced.

Administration officials have apparently started their own efforts to reassure American agriculture that budget authority will continue to be there for a rewrite of current Farm law.

A letter sent to House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest on December 21 thanking him for his efforts on the farm bill included the following promise: "The President has also been clear about the need for a generous farm bill in order to help farmers and ranchers through this difficult period. As a result, you have our commitment that the Administration will continue to support additional ten-year program funding of \$73.5 billion in accordance with the Congressional Budget Resolution."

Administration officials are surely hoping that their word is good enough for producers and that they don't end up feeling the political fallout from this month's debacle in the Senate.

The fair question at this point is "What's next and where do we go from here?" First and foremost it is important that producers not let up on their efforts to communicate both their needs and their expectations to Congress and Administration officials.

Plains Cotton Growers and other organizations will continue their efforts to complete a new Farm Bill. Only through a determined effort to keep the issue on the front burner will a Bill be completed in a timely fashion.

A big part of that message also needs to be that, because the last year of Freedom to Farm is globally recognized as inadequate to meet the needs of a hurting Ag sector, new programs need to be agreed on and implemented for the 2002 crop.

Secondary to the goal of getting a new Farm Bill is the fact that if additional delays and disagreements prevent approval of legislation that can be implemented for the 2002 crop year, every effort will have to be made to develop a 2002 supplemental assistance package utilizing the \$7.5 billion in additional spending authority agreed to in the FY2002 budget agreement.

Above all growers, lenders, and industry suppliers must have the assurance that relief is forthcoming so that financial arrangements for the 2002 crop year can move forward.

Preferably that assurance will come in the form of a new Farm Bill that establishes a stable and predictable safety net for American agriculture.

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**CAPITOL COMMENT**  
 U.S. SENATOR  
**KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**



**Capitol Comment**  
 December 2001  
 Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison  
 (R-Texas)

Every day since the terrorist attacks, in big and small ways, we have been reminded of exactly how much has changed and of how different our priorities must be. We are at war now. This touches every aspect of our lives—even some that may not come immediately to mind.

Today, for example, when we think of agriculture, we must not just think of grains and livestock, but also about bioterrorism. Agriculture is no longer just a means of feeding our people—but we must also be mindful that terrorists can use it as a means of attacking our people as well. We must counteract this threat, and safeguard both our food supply and our citizens.

Therefore, back in October I introduced the "Agricultural Bioterrorism Countermeasures Act." The purpose of this bill is to address the potential for bioterrorist threats to our farms, ranches, livestock, poultry, crops, as well as our food processing, packaging and distribution systems.

After I introduced my bill, Senators Bill Frist (R-TN) and Ted Kennedy (D-MA) brought forward an overall bioterrorism bill. I worked with both Senators to ensure that many of the measures in my legislation now form the foundation of the agriculture provisions of their "Bioterrorism Preparedness Act." This legislation is pivotal to the precautions we must take as it will enhance the capabilities of federal, state and local governments to coordinate:

- emergency preparedness efforts,
- stockpile vaccines and medical supplies,
- link channels of communication,
- modernize biosecurity facilities, and
- ensure the safety of America's health and food supply.

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) will be expanded to enhance inspection capability, implement new information technology, and develop methods for rapid detection and identification of plant and animal disease. To enhance its ability to respond to outbreaks of animal disease, USDA's Veterinary Services will be authorized to establish cooperative agreements with private veterinary practitioners and state animal health commissions/agencies that regulate livestock and poultry health.

Several of America's institutes of higher education are very good at animal and plant disease research, maintain strong ties to laboratories, and have excellent coordination with state programs. These institutions will play a key role in our efforts by providing the invaluable resources and knowledge needed for the war on agricultural bioterrorism.

To encourage these institutions to work together, this legislation tells USDA to establish a "Consortium for Countermeasures Against Agricultural Bioterrorism." This Consortium will bring together several institutions to form stable, long-term programs of research and development. Two of our Texas institutions will be involved in this project: Texas A&M will play a leading role as one of three national centers; Texas Tech will be one of seven additional members.

Obviously protecting our agriculture is not only critical to all Americans, but especially to our state, as it makes up some of our largest and most diverse economies. We—along with other agriculture states such as Mississippi, Georgia and California—are vulnerable to a bioterrorist attack.

This is the first modern war where the front lines lie on our own shores, farms and fields, but I know that we are up to the challenge—especially Texans, who will proudly serve as the first line of defense for our entire nation.

It is truly a changed time. This is, whether we like it or not, a battle for the very survival of all the principles and ideals that we hold dear. But we are the best, we have a just cause, and we will prevail.

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Dave Lundell, Yahoo! Autos (NAPS)—Safety is a number one concern for those traveling to spend time with friends and family in the coming months. As more people are hitting the roadways instead of airways this year, maintaining and winterproofing cars, as well as buying the safest, most reliable cars has become ever more critical.



**Safety is Top of Mind Among Buyers**

According to an ongoing Yahoo! Autos poll, 82 percent of consumers are questioning their current cars and considering buying a new or used car this winter. During the winter season, style, speed and accessories are less vital to consumers when making purchasing decisions. Although the appearance of a car is indeed important, safety, reliability and price are the key factors that influence consumers' buying choices this season. In fact, 54 percent out of nearly 3,600 respondents from the poll stated that safety, reliability and price were the most important factors affecting their car purchasing decisions.

For consumers considering safety and durability over other features for the first time, the Internet can offer valuable resources. Automotive Web sites can arm consumers with essential research tools to help them make well-informed purchasing decisions and negotiate with dealers. Consumers can find everything from *Consumer Reports* safety information to vehicle pricing to financing options. All of this research and information helps consumers feel more comfortable when negotiating and making the best decision for their needs.

**Car Maintenance is Critical**

Drivers, young and old, hitting the road this winter, must take precautions to ensure safe road travel. Inclement weather and slippery roads can make travel tricky, so it is important to learn and practice proper auto maintenance. To prepare for an upcoming trip, drivers should always carefully plan their route in advance to avoid wrong

turns and lost hours. It's also wise to check online sources, television reports and the radio to gain information on weather and road conditions. In case of inclement weather, drivers need to make sure to have all the emergency equipment available, such as snow chains, cell phones, flairs and flashlights.

Being prepared also requires regular upkeep, on-schedule maintenance and servicing that augment safety and durability. Many automotive Web sites like Yahoo! Autos (<http://autos.yahoo.com>) offer personalized services to help drivers flag and solve mechanical problems. Before packing up the family for a holiday road trip, it is important to conduct the **six-step maintenance check**: oil change, tire pressure, brakes, windshield wipers, headlights and defrosters. Drivers who may find themselves caught in the snow this winter should be sure to get snow tires put on their car well in advance so they aren't left in a blizzard.

For many this year, auto travel is the sole means of transportation. More than ever before, it's essential for drivers to familiarize themselves with online automotive resources that can help them make educated buying and car maintenance decisions. With the help of the Internet and regular auto maintenance, Americans can rest assured knowing that their cars are in good shape for safe road trips and focus on what really matters—family and friends.

**Electric Deregulation Won't Serve All Consumers Equally**

This January, the electric power industry will be deregulated in Texas. This electric power industry wants consumers to believe that the newly competitive market will provide lower prices and better service to customers," says Carol Biedrzycki, executive director of Texas Ratepayers' Organization to Save Energy.

"However, the Public Utility Commission has failed to properly alert consumers to the shortcomings of retail electrical competition," she says in an article for the Texas Lone Star Forum. "The shortcomings could cancel out any potential benefit and leave many consumers powerless in more ways than one."

One of the biggest differences and one likely to have the most severe impact on low-income households will be the procedures for disconnection of electrical services. Starting in January, electric companies that want to disconnect a consumer for nonpayment will send the consumer to another electric company called the Provider of Last Resort (POLR). POLR rates will be 20 to 30 percent higher than rates paid by other customers.

The POLR will be able to charge fees for routine services, such as application fees and payment reminder notices. "As a result, disconnection and reconnection will be more expensive than ever," Biedrzycki notes.

"For months, advocates of low-income consumers have raised concerns with the Public Utility Commission about the POLR provision," she notes. "The commission has taken no action but has agreed to 'study' the problems sometime next year," she says. "Next year is too late."

As a first step, Boedrzcki says, Texas should not put the ability to turn on and off electric services in the hands of a separate company that can negotiate fees and rates behind closed doors.

"Until the Public Utility Commission can ensure the service will help rather than harm consumers, it should pull the plug on POLR contracts," Biedrzycki urges.

**Keeping an Eye on Texas**

**Texas Tourism Industry**

Travelers to Texas contribute more than \$800 million to the state government and more than \$600 million to the local government annually.



- Texas Tourism Facts:**
- Tourism is Texas' third largest industry.
  - Without tourism-generated taxes, each Texas household would have had to pay \$615 in additional taxes last year.
  - Texas ranks number two in the nation in the number of pleasure travelers to the state.
  - Travel spending and tourist-related taxes help support and maintain historic sights and state parks.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller ([www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)) and the Texas Travel Industry Association.

**NEXT OF KIN**

By Clint Harmon

**Think Texas**  
 by Agriculture Commissioner  
**SUSAN COMBS**

While it seems we've survived this year's holiday season—which of course involves holiday eating—families are faced with the after-effects of endless snacking and long, lazy days lounging on vacation. One of the most important resolutions we can make as parents is to encourage children to eat healthy and exercise as we head into the new year.

We can start by being good role models ourselves. Families who eat too many high-calorie snacks and get too little exercise put their children at higher risk of being overweight and inactive. And that makes them prone to cardiovascular disease, diabetes and hypertension. Going outside for walks or playing games like touch football as a family are good ways to stay active.

We can make an effort to keep healthy snacks around the house. Nut mixes and air-popped popcorn are convenient snacks to keep on hand. And it's easy to keep ready-to-eat Texas vegetables in the fridge along with low-fat dip. The same goes for ready-to-eat fresh fruit wedges.

Texas is a major producer of everything from cantaloupes to cabbage, and fresh produce is packed with essential vitamins for healthy kids. Our dairy industry provides wholesome products like low-fat cheese and skim milk, which help kids get calcium without overloading on fat. Lean meats and fish, which provide protein, also should be a part of a healthy, well-balanced diet.

With the new year upon us, let's make a commitment to our families—and to ourselves—to tap into Texas products for good nutrition.

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David Ferris - Property Manager

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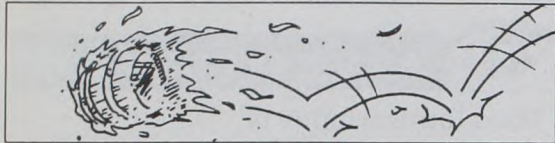
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In Scotland, New Year's Day is called Hogmanay, and in some villages, barrels of tar are set ablaze and rolled through the streets to mark the occasion.



## Time Out...

*To Wish You And Your Family  
A Happy, Healthy  
And Prosperous Year.*

**Jack Martin**

Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and to help them to become what they are capable of being.

—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

It is useless to attempt to reason a man out of a thing he was never reasoned into.

—Jonathan Swift

### Keeping an Eye on Texas

New Year, New You

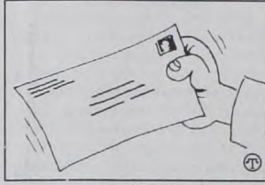
With each new year comes New Year's resolutions. The Texas Medical Association lists the following tips for making those resolutions a reality:

- Make and post a list of the benefits of changing.
- Form a support system to cheer you on and challenge you.
- Counter negative ideas with positive thoughts.
- Reward yourself for your progress.

Sources: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window-stats.tx.us) and the Texas Medical Association.

## FREE THINGS TO SEND FOR

(NAPS)—"Civil War Minutes" is a DVD and video program that uses soldiers' letters to explain how they lived. It's narrated by Michael Kraus, historical consultant for the film *Gettysburg*. With this video, Kraus hopes to preserve the thoughts of these soldiers for generations to come. For more information, visit [www.CivilWarMinutes.com](http://www.CivilWarMinutes.com) or call 1-877-201-7040.



Learning more about the ways men and women experience pain may help health care professionals and patients learn how to manage pain more effectively. Partners Against Pain is a resource created to educate people about appropriate pain management. For additional information about pain management, consult your doctor or pain specialist. You can also get free information about pain management from Partners Against Pain at [www.partnersagainstpain.com](http://www.partnersagainstpain.com) or by writing to Partners Against Pain, 1 Stamford Forum, Department M, Stamford, CT 06901-3431.



## ISSUE UPDATE

with Mac Thornberry

### Goodness of American People Propels Our Nation to Greatness

It was 1835 when Alexis de Tocqueville wrote that "America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, it will cease to be great." The truth of those words has been reaffirmed in 2001.

Especially during this holiday season, we are reminded of the many people throughout our part of Texas who exemplify the goodness of America by giving to those who are less fortunate or in need. Many of the organizations that are most effective at helping people are faith-based organizations, which literally roll up their sleeves to provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, and comfort to the less fortunate.

The amazing results achieved by these organizations are even more remarkable when you consider the fact that, unlike other charities, they cannot receive any funding from the federal government.

The federal government spends billions of dollars every

year trying to help those in need. Faith-based organizations cannot even compete for federal grants aimed at things like treating drug addiction. Yet, study after study shows that faith-based organizations are among the most successful at really helping people.

The President wants to allow these groups to compete on a level playing field with other private groups that apply for federal grants. He set up a new Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives to help clear away the roadblocks. The House passed a bill earlier this year in support of this initiative.

No one wants the federal government to sponsor a particular religious faith. But we also should not prevent the needy from receiving assistance that stands the best chance of improving their lives. America is still a great and a good country, and our goodness is reflected in the selfless actions of our people who offer encouragement, help, and hope to those in need.

For more information on this or any other issue before Congress, please write Mac Thornberry at 131 Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20515, or through his website at [www.house.gov/thornberry](http://www.house.gov/thornberry)

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Morning Service.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service.....5:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**  
Evening Service.....8:00 p.m.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Turkey, Texas  
Pastor: Melvin Clinton  
Weekly Schedule Meetings  
**SUNDAY:**  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Singing.....5:00 p.m.  
Training Union.....6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
- MONDAY**  
Women's  
Missionary Society.....4:00 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**  
Prayer Meeting.....8:00 p.m.
- MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Turkey, Texas  
Pastor: Samuel Holloway,  
Plainview, Texas  
Weekly Schedule Meetings  
Pastoral Days...1st & 3rd Sundays  
**MONDAY**  
Mission.....4:00 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**  
Prayer Meeting.....8:00 p.m.
- UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Turkey, Texas
- Weekly Schedule Meetings  
**SUNDAY**  
Morning Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Church School.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship  
1st & 3rd Sundays.....6:00 p.m.
- MONDAYS (1st & 3rd)**  
United  
Methodist Women.....4:00 p.m.
- ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Turkey, Texas  
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**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.  
Mass.....12:00 p.m.
- FAIRMONT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Fairmont  
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**SUNDAY**  
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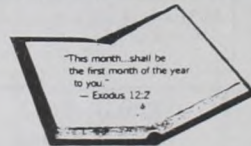
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**SUNDAY**  
Church School.....9:45 a.m.  
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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Quitaque, Texas  
Minister: Delos Johnson  
Weekly Scheduled Meetings  
**SUNDAY**  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Flomot, Texas  
Pastor: Nathan Mulden  
Weekly Scheduled Meetings  
**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training.....5:30 p.m.  
Worship.....6:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**  
Prayer Meeting.....7:30 p.m.
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Quitaque, Texas  
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Training Union.....5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**  
Missions Program.....5:00 p.m.  
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- CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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Worship.....10:30 a.m.
- IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
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### FAITH STARTS YOUR NEW YEAR IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

**B**y now you've probably dismissed those resolutions on your list. But since the year has made its start, there are suggestions to impart: Be punctual for every date; Don't make the other person wait; Be generous and help the poor; Avoid conclusions till you're sure; Accomplish something every day; And also take the time to pray; To thank the Lord for what you own; And all the blessings you have known. These actions are among the best. Your House of Worship will attest. And there you'll find, if you're sincere. No better place to start the year.

— Gloria Nowak



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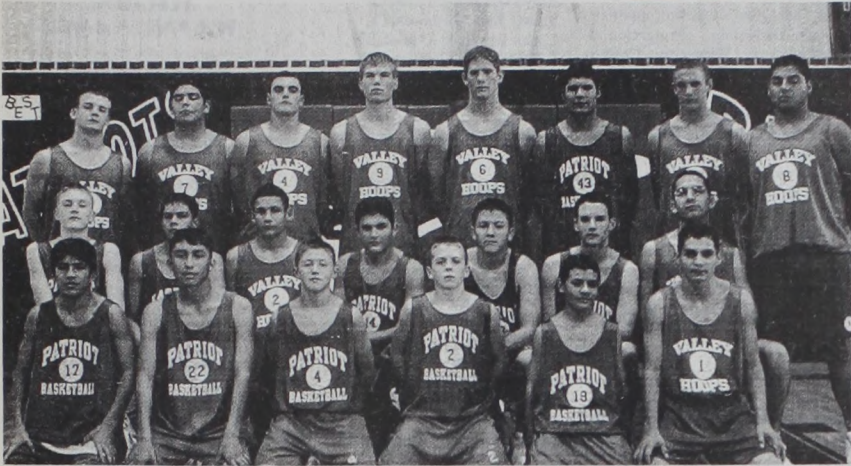
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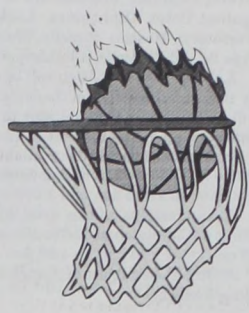
# VALLEY PATRIOTS BASKETBALL



## 2001-2002



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



### VALLEY VARSITY BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TEAMS
Nov. 27	Ralls	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Nov. 29-Dec. 1	Valley Tourn.	Home	T.B.A.	VG,VB
Dec. 4	Wellington	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Dec. 6-8	Patton Springs Tourn.	Away	T.B.A.	VG,VB
Dec. 11	Sammorwood	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Dec. 14	Lorenzo	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Dec. 18	Motley Co.	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Dec. 20-26	UIL GYM CLOSED "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"			
Dec. 27-29	Crosbyton Tourn.	Away	T.B.A.	VG,VB
Jan. 5	Valley J.V. Tourn.	Home	T.B.A.	JVG,JVB
Jan. 8	Crosbyton	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 11	Crosbyton	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 15	Chillicothe	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 18	*Silverton	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 22	*Happy	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 25	*Nazareth	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 29	*Silverton	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Feb. 1	*Happy	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Feb. 2	Motley Co. Tourn.	Away	T.B.A.	JVG,JVB
Feb. 5	*Nazareth	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB



### VALLEY JR. HIGH BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TEAMS
Nov. 26	Happy	Home	4:00 P.M.	8g,8b,7g,7b
Dec. 3	Nazareth	Away	4:00 P.M.	8g,8b,7g,7b
Dec. 15	Valley Tourn.	Home	T.B.A.	8g,8b
Dec. 17	Motley Co.	Home	4:00 P.M.	8g,8b,7g,7b
Jan. 7	Motley Co.	Away	4:00 P.M.	8g,8b,7g,7b
Jan. 21	Silverton	Home	4:00 P.M.	8g,8b,7g,7b
Jan. 28	Happy	Away	4:00 P.M.	8g,8b,7g,7b
Feb. 4	Nazareth	Home	4:00 P.M.	8g,8b,7g,7b



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