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THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000



The Gem Theatre in Turkey will be the scene of New Musical Gray's Stock Company Show April 29, 2000.



BLUE PRARIE (LEFT TO RIGHT) TIM MCKENZIE, STAND-UP "DOGHOUSE" BASS; DAVE BRANSON, GUITAR; AND PHILIP PAYNE, FIDDLE WILL APPEAR WITH THE NEW MUSICAL GRAYS' STOCK COMPANY AT TURKEY'S GEM THEATRE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2000.

Blue Prairie To Appear In Variety Show At Gem Theatre

Blue Prairie is a Lubbock-based musical group whose harmonies blend to represent the romance of the Old West and the Legend of the American Cowboy. They are one of the feature acts who will appear with The NEW Musical Grays' Stock Company's production of *A Variety Show & Country Jamboree* at the Gem Theatre in Turkey on Saturday, April 29. Curtain time is 5 p.m. Admission is \$10.00 for all seats and advanced reservations can be made by calling Lawana Cruse at (806) 423-1273.

The production is sponsored by the Turkey Heritage Foundation and the Gem Theatre and is partially funded by the Texas Commission on the Arts. Because of the large crowds anticipated during Turkey's 29th Annual Bob Wills Day Celebration, and due to limited seating at the Gem Theatre, advance reservations are suggested.

The musicians Blue Prairie tell the history of Texas and the romance of the West through their songs, stories, and cowboy humor. Their musical style range from the traditions of the harmonious *Sons of the Pioneers*, to the swing beat of *Bob Wills' Texas Playboys*, to their own original songs that paint a vivid picture of the Great American Cowboy.

The trio has performed with or opened for such artists as Asleep At The Wheel, Baxter Black, Don Edwards, Lee Greenwood, Waddy Mitchell, Michael Martin Murphy, T. G. Shepard, Clay Walker, Jerry Jeff Walker, Steve Wariner, and many more. They have also had the honor of entertaining such distinguished personalities as the governor of Texas, foreign diplomats and dignitaries. Blue Prairie first toured Germany in

July 1997, and has since made two other visits in November 1997 and July 1998. The trio currently has three albums, *The Western Sky*, *The Cowboy Side of Life* and *The Christmas Gift*.

Their recordings, along with the cassettes and CDs of others in production, will be available for sale at the Gem Theatre during and after the performance. The Gem Theatre production will mark the first appearance by Blue Prairie with The NEW Musical Grays' Stock Company.

Plans Being Laid For Easter Sunrise Service

Plans are being formulated for the Quitaque area for a Easter Sunrise service to be held at the Caprock Canyons State Park on Easter Sunday morning.

The Rev. Lance Cypert will be bringing the message for the early morning service.

The Tribune will have news about this event as more information becomes available.

Double Dribble, Unintentional Fouls, Walking!

Once again it is that time: time for Valley Youth Basketball under the direction of Mr. Stu (aka Mr. Stuart Smith).

Each Tuesday and Thursday nights grades K through 6th will be competing against each other as coaches and willing parents teach the young athletes the fundamentals of basketball.

This year our young players may have the opportunity to compete against young players from area schools. Come out and support the Valley Youth Basketball Program.

Elections, Rain, EMS Make Local News

Quitaque EMS Five File For Hunts Patients City Council At Turkey

Quitaque Ambulance Service will be conducting an exercise drill Wednesday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. EMT's will be performing three short trauma scenarios at certain participating residence addresses assigned within the city.

EMS personnel will be demonstrating their skills at the EMT level. Object of the exercise will consist of two teams of EMT's at the scene using clues given to them. They will perform skills and treat patients.

Also, exercises EMT's will be given an opportunity to seek hidden supplies at that residence. Prizes will be given to the team that returns to station first. The public is invited to observe EMS personnel in action along with the fun...weather permitting. See Ya there!

For more information for the residences participating, contact, Sandra, Maria or Albert.

Four File For Quitaque City Council

Three have filed for the upcoming election for the city government of Quitaque. Filing for mayor is Wilburn Leeper.

Filing for a two year term for two places on the council are Janice Henson and Arnold Castillo while Rhonda Farmer filed for the one year term.

Democratic Run-Off Tuesday

There will be a run-off on Tuesday, April 11 for the Democratic nomination for the senate. Those to choose between are Charles Gandy and Gene Kelly. Voting will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Quitaque Community Center, the Bob Wills Cafeteria in Turkey and the Silverton City Hall.

Spring Rains In March Welcome In Area

Good spring rains in March, which is usually a dry month, didn't play favorites as rain gauges throughout Motley County registered welcomed moisture. Rivers and creeks within the county had flowing water for the first time since September 1999!

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, NWSV of Flomot reported a total of 6.22 inches of rain for month of March; Jim Stockton of Whitesboro reported a total of 6.45 inches and Wilson Barton of Barton Community had 5.70 inches.

From March 22 through April 1 Quitaque has received 5.20 inches of rain.

Blue Grass Festival Begins Friday April 14 At Flomot

Flomot Texas will be alive with the sound of bluegrass music on April 14 and 15, 2000. Washington Cattle Co. Bluegrass Festival will begin at 11 a.m. on both Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15. Music will play on the stage until 11 p.m. on both nights. The festival will take place on the grounds of the Flomot Community Center. The main stage will be outside on the west end of the Community Center gym. In the event of bad weather, the festival will move into the gym. Spectators are asked to bring their lawn chairs for the most comfortable seating.

Bands from Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and New Mexico will be on hand to entertain the crowd. Ten bands will play during the festival. But, the official bands are just half of the fun. All over the festival grounds will be groups playing and jamming at all hours. Everyone that plays an instrument is welcome to come and join in the music. Even if you just like to listen, you are welcome to wander the grounds and listen to the various groups.

The bands that will be playing on both days include *Pecos Valley Bluegrass* from Mayhill, New Mexico, *Penasco* from Artesia, New Mexico, *Neal Prock and Sugarloaf Mountain* from Ft. Smith Arkansas, *The Keener Family* and the *Mogus Brothers* from Oklahoma, *Sundown* from Odessa, Texas and *Buddy and Tina Wright and Co.* from Lubbock. *The South Plains College Bluegrass* bands will play on Friday only. On Saturday, *Shortgrass* from Fritch, Texas and *Katy Skinner & Stoney Creek* from Silverton, Texas will join the Festival.

The festival is an event that the entire family can enjoy. Several of the bands feature young people. Buddy Wright is thirteen years old and his sister, Tina, is just eleven. Shane Keener is thirteen and the Mogus twins are fourteen.

In addition to the music there will be food booths, arts and crafts, square dancers exhibition and a car show. Beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Bill and Erma Washington will be serving barbecue with all the trimmings.

Max and Gayle Washington and Seab and Dainne Washington are the festival coordinators. Max has been a fan of bluegrass music for years and since his retirement from school administration has attended festivals throughout the nation. Planning for the festival began in the spring of 1999 and has been an ongoing effort for the past year. Assisting with the planning has been Bill Myrick from Odessa. Bill played with *Bill Monroe* in the fifties and currently has a bluegrass radio program on an Odessa radio station. Bill will be the emcee for the festival. The sound will be provided by Frank Cleveland from Lawn, Texas.

R. V. hookups have been installed as part of the preparation for the festival. A large group of Rv'ers are expected to start arriving on Wednesday, April 12. RV parking is \$7.00 per night with festival ticket purchase. Festival tickets are \$12.00 each day or \$20 for a two day ticket with children twelve and under admitted free. Barbecue tickets are \$7.00 each.

Chamber Banquet Today

Thursday, April 6 is the date and 7:00 p.m. is the time for the annual Quitaque Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The speaker for the evening is Dr. Miles Gilbert from Eagar, Arizona and his topic will be: *The Great Buffalo Hunt*.

Dr. Gilbert will be in town part of the day on Thursday and if you have information about buffalo hunters or camps that you would like to share, please call Arlene at Caprock Public Library. The meal will consist of ribeye steak, baked potato, salad and dessert. Tickets may be purchased at the door. See you there!

by Earlyne Jameson

Angels of Rescue

Their missions were from God, Like Angels they flew To rescue and save lives to people only God knew. One day a mission came from God But only He knew, The Angels He always sent would be His permanent crew. Now we have new Angels, For God rescued the old, Up in heaven, they have reached their goal. They were Angels to many, in many different ways, But for now we have the memories of all their wonderful days. Now, for the new crew of Angels God sends His permanent crew, To Watch over, guide, and protect them all their journeys through.

Calendar Of Events

- April 6**
 - Quitaque Chamber of Commerce Banquet
 - Valley Youth BB League 4:15...8:45
 - Valley Youth BB League 5th Girls @ Matador 4:30
- April 7**
 - Student Holiday @ Valley
 - Quitaque Senior Citizens Youth BB League 5th Grade Boys @ Matador 4:30
 - District 4 Track Meet @ Shamrock @ 8:30 a.m.
- April 8**
 - Valley Youth BB League 3rd & 4th Grade @ Matador 9 a.m.
- April 9**
 - Attend Church of Choice
- April 10**
 - Turkey Lions Club
 - Valley Board of Trustees
 - Quitaque City Council
 - Quitaque Firemen
- April 11**
 - Valley TAAS Math 3-8
 - Democratic Run-Off
 - Turkey Senior Citizens @ 6
- April 12**
 - Quitaque EMT EMS Exercise Drill
 - Valley TAAS Reading 3-8
- April 13**
 - Turkey City Council
 - Matador Masonic Lodge
 - TAAS Social Studies 8

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APR.02	63	38	0.27
APR.03	67	39	-----
APR.04	55	30	-----
APR.05	76	34	-----

THEN & NOW!

Teamwork---now there is a word for us to think about! Not too much is accomplished in this world without a lot of teamwork! We would like to think that we have accomplished many of the things that we do "all by ourselves". When in reality, we had lots of help and cooperation in managing to get the job finished. So many of the jobs that we accomplish in our lives depends upon someone else getting the parts of the job to us and then to get the job work delivered, we once again must depend upon someone else to be sure the product is shipped to the party who has ordered it.

Teamwork must also be in the way we daily live our lives. It takes everyone in a home pitching in and doing their share of the work to make a house a happy home! If one person shirks his duties, the others have to go in and pick up the pieces, making it hard on everyone but when each member of the team does his part the jobs all go smoother and quicker.

Teamwork is the only way to go in sports. Without teamwork not many ball games would be won by either side! Our communities must join in the team for the area if we are to accomplish any of the many ideas that have been presented to the area towns. One might get something going but with all the area trying, better results happen for the whole area.

Another place where team work is not only needed by essential is where the EMS services are concerned. Without the EMTs in our area, we would be as the old saying goes "up the creek without a paddle." The EMS service for all our small towns must be commended for the wonderful job that they do for their friends and neighbors. And do it at their own expense of time, energy and sometimes money as they have to close their business to take the time to render aid to those who are suffering. Not only do they take the time to do this but they do it willingly and gladly. I do not think that they get told thank you often enough.

Recently it was brought home to each of them just how dangerous their job was when the LifeStar helicopter failed to make it back to Amarillo. We in the outlying areas of the panhandle have to depend upon this type of help when there is a great emergency. Our own EMTs have flown on occasion with the helicopter crews to help someone who is in need of immediate health care by a physician. Debbie Farley attended the Memorial Service for the LifeStar crew in Amarillo and brought the following to the Valley Tribune which I felt would be enlightening to us. It was penned by Angela Jennings.



Mrs. Heath Ray McKinney

Brandi Michelle Price and Heath Ray McKinney Speak Vows

Brandi Michelle Price and Heath Ray McKinney both of Lubbock, exchanged wedding vows Saturday, March 11, 2000 at Bellaire Baptist in Lubbock, Texas with Bro. Scot Edmonson officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Larry Don and Nancy Price of Quitaque. She is the granddaughter of the late Cecil and Velma Price of Quitaque and the late Jess and Maxine Baker of Childress. The parents of the groom are Donnie and Pat McKinney of Plainview. He is the grandson of Dorothy Ray of Plainview and the late Troyet Ray and Marie Lewis of Hale Center.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin gown featuring a band of pearls outlining the neckline and sleeves. A fitted waistline held the ball gown skirt and mid cathedral train which were edged with a band of beads. Her headpiece was multi-layered veiling designed just for her gown using the same beaded band, and held a bouquet of stargazer lilies, virginia, fire and ice and pink roses, white lilies, and sweetheart roses created by the groom's aunt, Wanda McKinney. The color theme was burgundy and cream.

Something new was her gown; something old was her grandmother's cameo ring, something blue was her mother's garter and something borrowed was her mother's tennis bracelet.

Matron of honor was Landa Cognasi of Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Janet Ross of Denton and Heather Hill of Plainview, sister of the groom, and Heather Baker of Fredonia. Each held a bouquet of gladioli, stargazer lilies and alstromeria. Their dresses were floor length burgundy crepe which laid off the shoulders with cap sleeves and the top was accented with embroidery.

Best man was Michael Cognasi of Lubbock. Groom's attendants were Bracken Hill of Plainview, brother-in-law of the groom, Eric Gossett and Brian Box both of Lubbock. Ushers were Bradley Price of Lubbock and B. J. Price of Quitaque brothers of the bride.

Flower girls were Rachel McKinney of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Hallie Churchwell of Conroe, groom's cousins. Ringbearers were John Luke and Chism Shannon of Turkey, Texas, bride's cousins.

Randy Contreras of Dallas sang *Cross Your Heart* and *If I Had Only One Friend*. Chris and Christa Burch of Quitaque sang *From This Moment On*.

The wedding reception was held at the church. Reception attendants were Cara Powell of San Angelo, Leah Loveless of Canyon, Bride's cousin, Mindy Proctor of Quitaque, Ranece McKinney of Amarillo and Tammy Wilson of Lubbock, groom's cousins.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Valley High School and is currently attending South Plains College. She is employed at Red River Commodities of Lubbock. The groom is a 1992 graduate of Plainview High School and attended Texas Tech University and South Plains. He is currently employed at Lack's Furniture in Lubbock.

The grooms' parents, Donnie and Pat McKinney and aunt and uncle, Kathy and Travis Sherrad, were the hosts for a rehearsal dinner at the Bellaire Baptist Church. The meal consisted of brisket, sausage, ribs, beans, potato salad, salad and dessert.

Other bridal courtesies included bridal showers in Quitaque and Plainview, a lingerie shower in Lubbock and a pounding shower in Plainview.

After a honeymoon to Ruidosa, New Mexico, they plan to reside in Lubbock.



Society News



Tasha Ann Rochelle and Rickey Lynn Hughes

Tasha Ann Rochelle and Rickey Lynn Hughes Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Rochelle of Paducah are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tasha Ann, to Rickey Lynn Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes of Flomot.

The couple will marry July 15, 2000 at First Baptist Church, Paducah. The bride-elect is a graduate of Paducah High school and Baylor University. She is employed by Floydada Independent School District. The future bridegroom is a graduate of Valley High School, attended South Plains College and is employed by Brown Implement Company in Floydada.

News From Quitaque Lions Club

The Quitaque Lions Club met at their regular meeting Monday, April 3 with a number of visitors present.

Following discussion of several business items, club members and visitors enjoyed a musical treat from Atlanta, Cameron and Dakota Shannon and Will Boedeker.

On April 17th, at 7 p.m. the Quitaque and Turkey Lion clubs will join to host a hamburger supper for Valley honor students and their immediate families. This is an annual event for the two clubs when they give recognition to all Valley students who made the honor roll during the current school year.

Happy Birthday

- April 6**
Cindy House, Billie Roy Fuston, Bonnie Hill, Hector Reyna, Zachary Ramsey
- April 8**
Brandi Gaddis
- April 9**
Hilary Flowers, Jimmy Davidson, Jennifer Holtz, Audrey Hill
- April 10**
Ron Eudy, Jarret Pigg, Tommy Pinkerton, Jo Patrick, Dustin Morrow
- April 11**
Jim Saul, Chase Maynard, Dewayne Davis, Jana Guest
- April 12**
Jackie Sperry, Lowell Proctor, Louis Randell
- April 13**
Steve Farley

Happy Anniversary

- April 9**
Mr. and Mrs. Billie Farley Jr.
- April 11**
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith
- April 12**
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tapp
- April 13**
Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Mullin

Reporter Needed For Turkey News

The Valley Tribune is in need of a reporter for the Turkey area.

If you would like to write the news for the paper please contact the us at 1-877-655-1101.

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Childress Nursing School Taking Applications
Childress Regional Medical Center School of Vocational Nursing is now accepting applications for the 2000-2001 school year.
Kathy Lindley or Gayla Buckner may be contacted for more information, at 940-937-7021. If you are interested you may also go by the school on US Highway 83 N, 1 block south of CRMC to pick up an application.
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April 15
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The Keener Family & Mogus Bros.,
Sundown, Pecos Valley Bluegrass, Now and Again,
Neal Prock & Sugarloaf Mountain, Penasco
South Plains College Bluegrass (Fri)
Katy Skinner & Stoney Creek (Sat.), Shortgrass (Sat.)
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Annual Quitaque Chamber of Commerce BANQUET
Thursday, April 6
7:00 p.m.
Community Center
Guest Speaker: Dr. Miles Gilbert

Interesting Author, Anthropologist, Minister. Dr. Gilbert lives in Eagar, AZ and is the most active and traveled member of the Arizona Humanities Council Outreach Program. He is currently at work on an "Encyclopedia of Buffalo Hunter and Skinners."

For Tickets Contact Any Chamber Member or call 455-1456.

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OVERHEARD
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~ FLOMOT NEWS ~

by Earlene Jameson

OVERHEARD

A farmer with very little education scrimped and saved so he could send his son to college.

The farmer was very proud that his son was in college, so when the boy came home on vacation during his first year, the farmer asked what he was learning.

"History, English and Algebra," the son said.

"Say something in Algebra," the farmer said.

Not wanting to disappoint his father, the son cited, "Pi R squared."

The farmer gave the boy a disgusted look and said, "You should know better than that. Pie are round. Cornbread are square."

Attend Scottish Rite Literacy Lecture

Attending the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas "C. J. Davidson Memorial Lecture Series" at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Friday, March 31 was Mrs. Carol Ann Turner. Others attending on the Motley County School faculty were Mrs. Chelsea Read and Mrs. D'Anna Russell of Matador and Mrs. Tina Brooks of Roaring Springs.

Dr. Barbara Wise, who has her doctorate in developmental psychology and is a researcher at the University of Colorado in Boulder, shared with teachers her ideas about treating dyslexia and reading difficulties through phonological awareness.

Vacation Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin joined a bus tour in Lubbock, Monday, March 27 and enjoyed tourist attractions in Laughlin, Nevada. They boarded a train in Williams, Nevada and continued to Grand Canyon National Park and toured the most colorful part along the Colorado River made of rocks, cliffs, ridges and valleys of every form, Pueblo adobe houses, animals and plants.

En route home on the bus, the sightseeing was limited in Flagstaff, Arizona and Albuquerque, New Mexico where they encountered snow storms. They returned home, Saturday, April 1st.

Granddaughter in Pageant

Tanya Starkey of Wellington, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey, was third runner up in the Junior Miss Wellington Pageant held Saturday night in Wellington School auditorium. The eight year old is a third grade student. There were twenty five entries in this division of the pageant. She is the daughter of Mrs. Willa Starkey Kennedy and the late Marvin Starkey.

Tim and Mellisa Kendall and Jere of Black Hawk, Colorado visited from Thursday until Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall. Visiting the families Saturday and Sunday were Mellisa's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray of White Settlement.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee visited in Amarillo, Sunday with daughter and family, Teresa and Louis Willey, Kellan, Kacey and Micah.

Ryleigh and Walker, children of Tina and Pat Carson of Turkey, visited during the week with their grandparents, Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were in Lubbock, Thursday for her a medical appointment. They visited their daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wigley before returning home.

Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and his mother, Mrs. C. W. Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday for medical appointments. They visited Mrs. Bessie Reid and Mr. and Mrs. Zelma Dean Starkey. Zelma Dean is recovering from a recent heart attack.

En route home, they visited in canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey. Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey Saturday and Sunday were Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael of Fritch.

Mary Ellen Barton visited in Floydada, Friday at the Rehabilitation Center with her sister, Mrs. Mollie Burleson.

Guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers were Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael of Fritch and Donnie Ray Rogers of Flomot.

Mrs. Kathryn Martin of Whiteflat and Art Green were in Plainview, Friday for her an optical appointment following recent cataract surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Lyles of Lubbock visited his sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Monday.

Patsy Herrington Has Great Birthday

Patsy and Ross Herrington had lots of company recently to help celebrate her birthday. First, their daughter Lisa Welborn of Austin, Blake and Betsy came up to visit for several days. They enjoyed shopping and spent some time out at the State Park.

Daughter, Kim Eudy, Ron, Marshall, a friend Travis, Parker and Gracie of Austin arrived Friday for supper and to spend the night. When all the others left Kim remained to spend a few days with her mom. One day they went shopping in Plainview. On Patsy's birthday Kim cooked a Mexican food dinner with homemade angel food cake for dessert.

The following day, Ross, Kim and Patsy drove to Lubbock for another birthday celebration with son, Lex, Dana and Emery Herrington. Later they took Kim to the plane to return home.

Patsy's son Max Ham came from Crosbyton on Tuesday to see her and wish her happy birthday greetings.

Her granddaughter, Traci Ham, a freshman at Baylor, mailed Patsy a shoebox of homemade chocolate chip cookies that she had made. All in all, Patsy said it was one of her very best birthdays.

TURKEY HAPPENING

TURKEY NEWS

Louis and Oleta Randell were in Plainview Monday for dental appointments.

Fustons Hold Reunion

The Fuston's families met at the Senior Citizen Center in Turkey on Saturday April 1, 2000 for a wonderful time. Lots of visiting, looking at pictures and eating the wonderful food took place.

Fredia brought a lot of her books that she has worked so hard on of the Fuston ancestors. Some enjoyed looking at them. Ruth Lyles had crocheted a large table doily and one with the Fuston name on it. The family drew numbers for them and Gene Fuston and Lana Burson were the lucky ones to win them.

Everyone enjoyed the day so much that we plan to have a reunion each year. The rain did not dampen the spirit of anyone!

Sixty five attended. They were Eldon and Ruth Lyles, Joe Bob and Joan Crowell, Claudia Crowell and her fiancé, Luke Strode of Childress; Don and May Sue Lyles of Groom; Aimee, Julie and Darcee of Amarillo; Paul and Melinda Lollar of Stephenville; James and Wilda Fuston, Jon and Laura Davidson and Molly, Macy and Mary Kate, Denny and Mitchie Fuston, Mike Fuston, Gene and Fredia Fuston, and Maurice Fuston all of Turkey.

Also attending were Rex and Charmaine Adamson of Lubbock; Bryan and Lana Burson and Zack, Dusty and Bryce of Hereford; Michael and Ronda Hefton and Claire of Dallas; Sherry and John Abendschan of Colleyville; Jarrod Crowell of Fort Hood and his friend Lore Speir of Childress; Jerry and Sue George of Plainview; Ronnie and Linda George of Tulia; Jeff and Kathy Fuston, Seth and Kati of Quitaque; A. L. and Gerry Bell and Lane and Betty Bell of Chillicothe.

Turkey Senior Citizens News by Oleta Randell

Twenty nine members were present for the last meeting of the Turkey Senior Citizens. Margie Pinkerton and Don Turner took blood pressure.

Louis Randell opened the meeting and J. D. Nance led the prayer for the food. The next meeting will be April 11th, so come on out and join in the fun, food and fellowship. See you there.

Blood Drive In Amarillo At Home and Garden Show

Coffee Memorial Blood Center is having a blood drive on Saturday, April 8th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in conjunction with the Home and Garden Show at the Amarillo Civic Center. Admission to the show is free and the blood drive will be located in the East Meeting Room.

Cumululus Broadcasting, Inc. is a longtime supporter of the Blood Center and one of the sponsors of the Home and Garden Show. Recognizing the continued need for blood donation, Cumulus invited the Blood Center to have the blood drive with this event.

In addition, the theme of World Health Day will be continued, which is "Be a Life Saver-Be a Blood Donor. Blood Saves Lives." The objective of this worldwide initiative is to raise awareness of the global community about the importance of having a safe, adequate blood supply for those who need the gift of life.

In the United States alone, someone needs blood every two seconds. Most people assume that blood will be there when needed. However, the nation's blood supply is marginal and blood centers must work harder each year to collect enough blood to keep supplies at safe levels.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center is celebrating 50 years of sharing the gift of life, serving 24 counties in the Panhandle. More than 500 units of blood are needed every week to meet the need of patients in the Panhandle. Nationally and in the Panhandle, 60% of the population is eligible to give blood, however, only 5% actually donate.

All who are eligible are encouraged to donate blood to help their friends and neighbors in the Panhandle. As a thank you, all blood donors will receive a baseball cap courtesy of Coulter Gardens.

For more information, contact Linda Guthrie at 358-4563.

Walk Across Texas Kicks Off

by Lena dueterhaus, CEA-FCS

Sunday, March 12th was the "Kick Off" date for Walk Across Texas. Bristow County has eleven teams competing. The team captain from each team should report their team's total mileage to Lena Dueterhaus (823-2131) on Mondays. An official Texas state map will indicate the walkers' position traveling from the Panhandle to South Padre Island. It will be posted at the Extension Office.

Teams are:

Winn Jammers with Shawn Miller, Kyle Fuston, Marty Haley, Patricia McJimsey, Madeline Stone, Beverly Minyard, Brenda Patton and Morris Wilcox.

Tom's Team or the Hustlers with Tom Burson, Deb Burson, Lane Garvin, Paula Garvin, Perry Brunson, Marsha Brunson, Aaron Younger, Mary Lane Younger and Rhonda Burson.

The Courthouse Criminals are Lena Dueterhaus, Brandon McGinty, Debra Grabbe, Bena Hester, Pat McWaters, LaQuitta Schott, Mary Jo Brannon, Hoot Barker, and Jannine West.

The Kirchoffner's Crusaders include Frank Kirchoffner, Don Brown, Ramona Martin, Missy Probes, Lana Burson, Michelle Francis, Trisha Davis and Dorothy Martin.

In the Mike & The Dixie Chicks are Patsy Towe, Donna Francis, Donna Estes, Dixie Johnson, Shelly Brock, Laura Long, Mike Long and Joni Bomar.

Included in the Peregrinators are Bobbye Bean, Sheryl Weaver, Max Weaver, Jane Self, Wayne Nance Tina Nance, Kathy Kingery and Theta Holt.

For the Leapin Lizard are Emmett Tomlin, Jay Stinson, Michele Stinson, Tyler Young, Sandi Tomlin, Jared Davis, Amy Otis and Anthony Kingery.

Walking for the First Baptist Faithfuls are Linda Vernon, Shirley Reynolds, Traci Tout, Valerie Mullin, Randy Mullin, Carolyn Lowrey, Toy Cogdell and Kippi Cogdell.

The Fairmont Flyers include Jannine Brooks, Paige Hughes, Scarlett Sperry, Freida Hughes, Jackie Sperry, Barbara Payne, Caroline Johnson and Katherine Pigg.

Lee's Lopers include Ruby Lee, Mike Jaurez, Carolyn Luckenbach, Cindy Pendergrass, Diane Reynolds, Rhonda Smith, Shana Strange and Nancy Wood.

In the Agape team are Betty Stephens, Juanita Stephens, Christian Stephens, Charles Newbold, Tina Davis, Pat Davis and Mary Ivory.

The program will end Sunday, May 7th. A victory celebration will be held Thursday, May 11th at the courthouse awning at 6 p.m.

As of March 31, the Winn Jammers were in first place with 69 more miles. Second is the Courthouse Criminals by 24 miles in front of the Kirchoffner's Crusaders. Followed by the Leapin Lizards with 212 miles, Peregrinators with 167 miles, Hustlers with 165 miles, Mike and the Dixie Chicks with 141 miles, the Leepers with 127 miles and closing the race are the Fairmont Flyers and Agape. These totals are for Week 1 and Week 2 combined, so if you are not where you think you should be...step it up!

In 1996, those 60 and older represented 23 percent of the voting age population and 23 percent of those who voted.

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(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el MAY de 6,
de 2000 para votar en la Elección para 2 SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES.)

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and ending on TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2000 (date)
(y terminando el TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2000 (fecha)

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(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

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(Address) (Dirección)

TURKEY, TEXAS 79261-00397
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

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APRIL 28, 2000
(date) (fecha)

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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Electronics top Texas' exports to Mexico

Electronic equipment and components lead the list of Texas exports to Mexico. Fifteen industries account for 95 percent of all Texas exports to Mexico; the top five industries make up more than 60 percent of Texas' exports.

Industry	1999 Totals in billions	Percent of 1999 Total
Electronic Equipment & Components	\$11.4	27.5%
Transportation Equipment	\$6.2	14.9
Industrial Machinery & Components	\$4.5	10.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	\$2.7	6.5
Rubber & Plastic Products	\$2.5	6.0

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and Texas Department of Economic Development.

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Ashley Roys
 PLACE OF BIRTH: Lockney, Texas.
 BIRTHDAY: June 30, 1983.
 AGE: 16.
 PARENTS NAME: Eddie and Donna Roys.
 BEST PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTIC: Eyes.
 FAVORITE PASTIME: Talking to Laurie.
 PET PEEVE: Someone leaving the toilet seat up.
 FAVORITE SPORT: Basketball.
 MY HERO: My mom.
 A GREAT NIGHT OUT: The night riding home with Elva and Kristin. It was our last night coming home from Childress.
 MY WORST HABIT: Always tapping my nails.
 IF I COULD CHANGE SOMETHING: I would be taller.
 WORST ADVICE: If it gets you in trouble only tell what's necessary--some things are better left unsaid.
 WHAT MAKES ME MAD: A tattle tale.
 STYLE OF DRESS: Casual.
 FAVORITE FOOD: Cheese tater tots.
 FAVORITE MOVIE: *Fools Rush In*.
 I ALWAYS FALL FOR: Cute guys with dark hair, olive skin and pretty eyes.
 IF I WERE PRESIDENT: I wouldn't be, I would retire ASAP.
 NICKNAME: Elizabeth -- Lizzi.
 IF I COULD DO ANYTHING I WANTED: Be the richest person in the world.
 MY GREATEST FEAR: Needless-shots.
 HOBBIES: Talking to friends, riding around.
 BEST SUBJECT: Algebra.
 LAST GOOD BOOK READ: *Chicken Little*.
 SOMEDAY I WANT TO: Master music, art and drama.
 MY FAVORITE MEMORY: Will be everything to remember for my senior year.
 MY MOST VALUED POSSESSION: My car.
 BEST ADVICE: Never tell a lie - the truth will set you free.
 WHAT I LIKE MOST IN HIGH SCHOOL: Being with my class and friends.

Brandon James Price
 PLACE OF BIRTH: Childress, Texas.
 BIRTHDAY: April 24, 1982
 AGE: 17.
 PARENTS NAME: Larry and Nancy Price.
 BEST PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTIC: My hands.
 FAVORITE PASTIME: Hunting.
 PET PEEVE: Hypocrites.
 FAVORITE SPORT: Football/track.
 MY HERO: My dad.
 A GREAT NIGHT OUT: Going to the movies.
 MY WORST HABIT: Biting my nails.
 IF I COULD CHANGE SOMETHING: I would change that there will be no gnats.
 WORSTADVICE: No one will ever know.
 WHAT MAKES ME MAD: Losing.
 STYLE OF DRESS: Casual.
 FAVORITE FOOD: Baby back ribs.
 FAVORITE MOVIE: *Armagedon*.
 I ALWAYS FALL FOR: Beautiful women.
 IF I WERE PRESIDENT: Pick a better intern than Monica.
 NICKNAME: Peanut.
 IF I COULD DO ANYTHING I WANTED: Marry Elle McPherson.
 MY GREATEST FEAR: Dying a painful death or losing a family member.
 HOBBIES: Playing sports.
 BEST SUBJECT: Lunch.
 LAST GOOD BOOK READ: *"B" Encyclopedia*.
 SOMEDAY I WANT TO: Graduate college, get married and settle down.
 MY FAVORITE MEMORY: Going to the state track meet my junior year.
 MY MOST VALUED POSSESSION: Family.
 BEST ADVICE: If you can dream it, you can do it.
 WHAT I LIKE MOST IN HIGH SCHOOL: Competition.

School Menu

Monday 8th
 Chicken Strips w Gravy
 Peas & Carrots
 Biscuits
 Mixed Fruit
 Milk

Tuesday 9th
 Taco Rolls
 Cheese Sauce
 Chips & Salad
 Cake
 Milk

Wednesday 10th
 Spagetti w Meat Sauce
 Garlic Bread
 Corn
 Apple Crisp
 Milk

Thursday 11th
 Steak Fingers w Gravy
 Potatoes
 Biscuits
 Jello
 Milk

Friday 12th
 Hamburgers w Cheese
 French Fries
 Salad
 Pickles
 Rice Crispy Treats
 Milk

Valley School Elects 1999-2000 Personalities

On March 29, Valley High School students were asked to elect two candidates to represent their class for the 2000 Personalities Election.

Nominees from each class were: MR. & MISS VHS - Seniors, B.J. Price and Elena Fierro; Juniors Rowdy Mullin and Kim Woods; Sophomores Wes Henson and Magan Whittington; Freshmen, J. C. Pigg and Natalie Wheeler.

BEST PERSONALITY
 Seniors Chris Price and Kristin Ramsey; Juniors Rowdy Mullin, Brandon Stewart and Kim Woods; Sophomores Wes Henson and Magan Whittington; Freshmen Galen Smith and Cydni Walden.

CLASSIEST
 Seniors Stephen Ortiz and Elena Fierro; Juniors Rowdy Mullin and Kim Woods; Sophomores Justin Lucero and Magan Whittington; Freshmen Derrick Cruse and Natalie Wheeler.

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
 Seniors Jess Yearly and Jamie Taylor; Juniors Vance Farley and Kim Woods; Sophomores Christopher Taylor and Hannah Boedeker; Freshmen Galen Smith and Cydni Walden.

WITTIEST
 Seniors Stephen Ortiz and Kristie Leal; Juniors Justin Davis, Lacey Skinner and Kim Woods; Sophomores Wes Henson and Tessa Kelley; Freshmen Manuel Chavez and Scarlett Sperry.

Winners in each category are MR & MISS VHS - B.J. Price and Elena Fierro

BEST PERSONALITY - Chris Price and Kristin Ramsey

CLASSIEST - Stephen Ortiz and Elena Fierro

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED - Jess Yearly and Jamie Taylor

WITTIEST - Stephen Ortiz and Kristie Leal



HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT UIL

Twenty Valley High School students traveled to Amarillo College to participate in the District 4-1A UIL Academic Meet directed by Nazareth ISD. The meet took place on March 22 and 23.

Bringing home top honors were Elena Fierro, 1st in Lincoln-Douglas Debate; Jamie Taylor 4th in Lincoln-Douglas Debate; Nathan Wheeler, 5th in Ready Writing; and Christopher Taylor, 6th in Mathematics.

Other students participating in academic competition were:

CALCULATORS
 Stephen Ortiz and Sara Fierro.
COMPUTER APPLICATIONS
 Emily Woods, Gaby Fierro
CURRENT ISSUES AND EVENTS

Angela Salgado, Brandon Stewart, Rowdy Mullin, Christopher Taylor

MATHEMATICS
 Christopher Taylor, Jamie Taylor, Amber Stark

READY WRITING
 Jamie Taylor, Elena Fierro
SCIENCE
 Vance Farley, Gaby Fierro, Jamie Taylor, Christopher Taylor, Angela Salgado, and Lacey Skinner.

SPELLING AND VOCABULARY
 Sara Fierro, Christopher McBee, Kim Woods, Stephen Ortiz

POETRY INTERPRETATION
 Amber Stark

PROSE INTERPRETATION
 Lacey Skinner, Scarlett Sperry, Lydia Valdez

HEADLINE WRITING
 Mindy Proctor
NUMBER SENSE
 Christopher Taylor, Vance Farley

Three Valley teachers served as directors for this meet. Mrs. Michelle Pointer directed Poetry Interpretation, Mrs. Ruth Ann Scribner directed Accounting, and Mrs. JoAnn Reagan directed the Lincoln-Douglas Debate. Ms. Celia Johnson, Mrs. Mona Wheeler, Mrs. Kathy Taylor, and Mr. Cagle Davis served as timekeepers. Mr. Jon Davidson and Mr. Jerry Bob Smith traveled with the students to lend their support and encouragement. It takes a lot of hard work and effort from both the students and the teachers to compete in UIL.

VALLEY YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Week of April 3, 2000

Game Times:
 Monday
 6th Girls at Matador 4:30 P.M.

Tuesday
 Kindergarten 4:15-5:00
 1-2 Girls 5:00-5:45
 1-2 Boys 5:45-6:00
 3-4 Girls 6:00-6:45
 3-4 Boys 6:45-7:15
 5-6 Girls 7:15-8:00

1st Boys vs. Motley Co. at Matador 4:30 P.M.

Thursday
 Kindergarten 4:15-5:00
 1-2 Girls 5:00-5:45
 1-2 Boys 5:45-6:30
 3-4 Girls 6:30-7:15
 3-4 Boys 7:15-8:00
 5-6 Boys 8:00-8:45

5th Girls A vs. Crowell at Matador 4:30 P.M.

5th Girls B vs. Paducah at Matador 5:45 P.M.

Friday
 5th Boys vs. Motley Co. at Matador at 4:30 P.M.

Saturday
 3-4th Girls vs. Motley Co. at Matador at 9:00 A.M.

3-4th Boys vs. Motley Co. at Matador at 10:15 A.M.

DISTRICT 4 TRACK MEET

Shamrock High School
 Friday, April 7, 2000
 8:30 - Scratch Meeting
 9:00 - 3:20 P.M. (JV, VG, VB)
 9:00 - Field Events
 12:30 Running Prelims, or 15 minutes after Field Events.
 3:30 p.m. - Running Finals
 Come and support your school.

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 -Benjamin Franklin

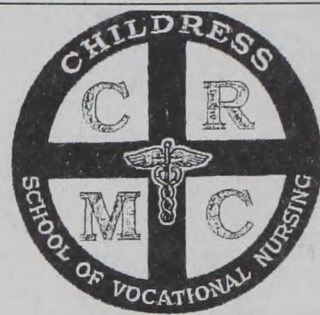


ILSA ORTIZ LISTENS INTENTLY AS MR. STUART SMITH WHISPERS A SECRET PLAY.

District 4-A South Zone Junior Hi Track Meet

Saturday, April 8, 2000
 Claude High School

Scratch - 8:30 - 9:00 at gym
 Field Events - 9:30 a.m.
 Prelims - 10:00 a.m.
 Finals - 1:00 p.m.



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Farm News

TDA Publishes Organic Cotton Rules

LUBBOCK, March 31, 2000
By Roger Haldenby

Texas Department of Agriculture recently opened to public comment its proposed rules concerning organic cotton production in active boll weevil eradication zones. As a result of the comments received TDA has published its adoption of some of the proposed regulations, its withdrawal of some previously proposed and its submission of new proposals. The department intends to review the rules again in January 2001.

The department says it has attempted to balance, in these rules, the various roles that it plays. TDA is responsible for overseeing implementation of the boll weevil eradication program and regulating that program. The agency is also charged with opening markets for Texas agriculture products including organic agriculture products. Furthermore, TDA has developed and enforces the state's organic certification program.

In the adoption notice the agency lines out the overall goals of the package as to "allow organic cotton producers to grow their cotton without fear of reprimand or discriminatory treatment in regards to how the eradication program is conducted, while at the same time assuring the success of the boll weevil eradication program is not compromised." It goes on to say "our goals include providing organic cotton growers reasonable compensation should they be required to destroy their organic cotton field due to a boll weevil infestation."

The department comments "We believe that ultimately, the success of the program will benefit all growers and the public in general by reducing the use of pesticides used to control the boll weevil and by allowing Texas growers to be more competitive in the marketplace."

Prior to 1998, there were three established eradication zones with active eradication programs. In these three zones organic production approximated 450 acres.

In calendar year 1999 more zones held referenda, voting in programs and assessments to fund their programs, bringing the total to 8 active zones. Eradication activities have begun in all zones in which the program and assessments have been approved. The acreage now included in the statewide eradication effort has grown from 1.5 million to over 3.5 million acres.

The amount of organic cotton being produced in active eradication zones has increased to over 7,500 acres.

In the past, most organic growers in active eradication zones chose to be indemnified not to grow organic cotton and entered into individual agreements with the foundation in that regard. In areas that were not in active eradication zones, all cotton growers, organic and traditional, were responsible for treating their own fields as they saw fit to control pests.

By voting in an eradication program, growers in a zone have acknowledged the need to have a unified effort for control of boll weevils, and have also made a financial investment in the program by virtue of their paying assessments to fund the program.

The full text of the adopted changes can be viewed on TDA's web site at:

http://www.agr.state.tx.us/producer_info/3601-3606adopted.html
The full text of the new proposals covering indemnification is also available on the internet at:

http://www.agr.state.tx.us/producer_info/Compensationproposed.html

Trivia Time Answers

- Jay Leno; 2. North American Seoul; 7. the Foreign Legion; 8. Free Trade Agreement; 3. Boris "Rocky"; 9. fear of fire; 10. Yeltsin; 4. Charo; 5. coconut; 6. Aphrodite

House/Senate Conferees Named

LUBBOCK, March 31, 2000
By Shawn Wade

The job of reconciling two versions of crop insurance reform has begun following the announcement of conferees from both the House and Senate last Thursday.

House Conference Committee appointees include: Republicans - Larry Combest, Bill Barrett, John Boehner, Thomas Ewing and Richard Pombo; and, Democrats - Charles Stenholm, Gary Condit, Collin Peterson, and Calvin Dooley.

Senate Conference Committee members include: Republicans - Richard Lugar, Thad Cochran, Pat Roberts, Charles Grassley, and Paul Coverdale; Democrats - Tom Harkin, Bob Kerrey, Patrick Leahy, and Kent Conrad.

Comparisons have already begun and will continue through the first week of April. It is not known how long the conference will take to prepare, but given the similarities between the two pieces of legislation it is not expected to take too much time.

The final report from the Conference Committee will then be presented to both houses of Congress for final approval.

The legislation is expected to make substantive changes to the crop insurance including increased subsidy levels for all levels of coverage, some modification to the manner in which Actual Production History (APH) yields are calculated and improvements in management and program integrity with more coordinated record-keeping procedures and increased penalties for program abuses.

Latest Planting Est. Totals 15.6 Million Acres

LUBBOCK, March 31, 2000
By Shawn Wade

USDA officials have estimated that 2000 crop cotton plantings will total some 15.6 million acres based on their most recent survey of producer intentions.

The March survey, released today, has differed from the final plantings by an average of 450,000 acres over the past 20 years. The majority of the time USDA's survey has undershot the final acreage figure.

How close the estimate is to the final this year will no doubt hinge, as usual, on weather between now and the start of the traditional planting window. Drought conditions continue to be a real threat over much of the cotton belt. Predictions for only slight improvement in cotton prices during the next marketing year and reduced LDP payment rates could mean last minute shifts to alternative crops.

As it stands producers appear to be sticking with cotton. Early indications are that the report will be viewed as mostly neutral by the market and could even ease some apprehension over the fear of a huge, 19-20 million bale, U.S. crop in 2000.

Overall upland cotton plantings were projected to rise only 5 percent this year. California producers appear ready to plant 31 percent more Upland varieties while reducing Pima acreage by 27 percent.

Trivia Time

- Which talk-show king once toiled as a mechanic for Mercedes and Rolls-Royce?
- What does NAFTA stand for?
- Who was the first president to be democratically elected in Russia?
- Who is Maria Rosario Pilar Martinez better known as?
- What fruit was referred to by Marco Polo as the "Pharaoh's Nut"?
- What word in Korean means "capital"?
- What organization was started in 1831 to aid in policing French possessions in Africa?
- What famous boxing picture's theme was "Gonna Fly Now"?
- What is pyrophobia?
- Of what goddess is the Venus de Milo a statue?

TCP Endorses More Study of "Flexible Fallow"

LUBBOCK, March 31, 2000
By Shawn Wade

The Texas Cotton Producers Association, which is composed of representatives from the State's nine regional cotton producer organizations, put their initial stamp of approval on the "Flexible Fallow" concept put forth by South Dakota farmers Craig Blindert and Phil Cyre.

TCP representatives voted to recommend additional study of the concept, including a full FAPRI analysis to determine more accurately the potential impact the program would have.

"Flexible Fallow" is visualized as an addition to the current "Freedom to Farm" program. It would provide growers a voluntary set-aside program that they could use to increase the loan rates for various commodities they produce.

Use Caution When Selecting Easter Eggs

by Lena Dueterhaus, CEA-FCS

A few minutes selecting the right eggs and cooking them properly will ensure your Easter holiday is safe. Extension Poultry specialist Sarah Birknold says eggs have been used for centuries to celebrate spring festivals because they represent birth and renewal of life.

When using real eggs for decorating and hiding, Grade A eggs should be purchased seven to ten days in advance. Eggs should be stored in the refrigerator and in their original carton until they are cooked. This will help them peel easily.

Eggs should also be inspected before purchase to make sure they are not dirty or cracked. Bacteria can enter an egg through a crack in the shell. Eggs must be hard-cooked before decorating. When using a dyeing kit to decorate eggs, be sure to use the manufacturer's directions.

After decorating, return eggs to the refrigerator until time for the hunt. Do not hide eggs where they may come in contact with pets, wild animals, or insects. Also, be careful when planning April applications of lawn chemicals so that eggs do not come in contact with fertilizers or pesticides.

Never allow eggs to remain hidden for more than two hours. After the hunt, eggs should be inspected and cracked eggs discarded.

4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl Held At A&M

by Lena Dueterhaus, CEA-FCS

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unincorporated areas ("Environ's") surrounding
Cities listed below. The proposed increa
environs tariff customers including Reside
Authority, Small Industrial and Air Condition
identical in relative magnitude to those propos
sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Compar
Railroad Commission. The proposed effectiv
27, 2000. The Railroad Commission may dela
for up to 150 days. However, the environs rat
the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Ci
approximately 22,275 Environ's customers in
surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cite
has appealed to the Railroad Commission.
environs rates are expected to increase the Cor
approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjuste
change is a "major change" under state law only
and Odessa.

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates
during the heating season, to increase its rev
increasing the customer charges and lower pr
its charges for miscellaneous services such a
following nonpayment. The Company also prop
Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of t
instead of just the difference between actual gas
in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may
Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed
within 30 days following the proposed effective
or a protest with:

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Any such protest must be received by
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