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Turkey Loses One Of It's Gems

Judge Martin Pays Tribute To Lawana Cruse

"Hall County has experienced the loss of a valuable citizen," County Judge Jack Martin stated. Judge Martin feels that a tragedy has occurred in the loss of Lawana Cruse of Turkey, Hall County Historical Commission Chairman. "She had many valuable contacts with individuals at both the State and County levels through her knowledge of many people, both at the government level of the state and also her contacts with famous entertainers across the nation. Her work in getting Turkey admitted to the Plains Heritage Trail was due in part to the restoration of the Tampico Trail Monument and her diligent work in researching the history of the Turkey community. She has worked closely with the Commissioners' and Precinct #4's Commissioner, James Fuston, to straighten the Tampico trail Monument, nine miles east of Turkey. Only five such markers exist in the United States today."

"Entertainment is the number one industry in the U.S. and Lawana saw new opportunities in bringing entertainment to Hall County by opening up the Gem Theatre and bringing entertainers also to the Bob Will Center. This enabled people in this rural area to see famous talented artists that usually only people in urban areas have the opportunity to enjoy."

"Lawana was planning a museum in Turkey, and had agreed to serve on the Hall County Heritage Museum board of directors before her untimely death. She was a beautiful person, shy, humble and freindly to all. These qualities made her a good ambassador for the Turkey community, Hall County and the Texas Panhandle, as well as the rest of the State. Her contributions to Hall County included her ideas for fundraising shows such as "Lone Star Rising". This allowed the Hall County Historical Commission to obtain the funds to erect a beautiful Veterans memorial at the northeast corner of the courthouse to honor the brave men and women who served their country, some losing their lives in sevice to the United States."

Judge Martin also states that he believes a fitting statement, written by George Bernard Shaw and read by Ted Kennedy as the eulogy at the funeral of his brother, Robert Kennedy, sums up Lawana Cruse's qualities: "Some men see things as they are and ask 'why?' I dream of things that never were and say 'why not?'".



WHO WAS THIS LADY? A TRIBUTE TO LAWANA CRUSE

By A. Joyce Young

Who was this lady with the pale, fair skin, skyblue, twinkly eyes, and golden hair?
Who was she?..... Who was she?.....

Years ago she was a beautiful young teenager wrapped up in reading, poetry writing, learning and studying. She was very quiet, shy and reserved. An excellent student.

Later she married, had two children and then tragically lost her husband. She met, married Tommy Cruse and had three more children. They were very much the devoted Mother and Father to five children. Their lives were centered around the children and grandchildren & dinners, picnics, arrow hunting, delving into science and history, celebrating birthdays, all the wonderful experiences of a close family, etc. Lawana, however, never did stop writing, reading and studying. She even became more interested in music and music history; enough so that she took guitar lessons and began collections of music books and sheet music of many of our country western stars. Little did the people of Turkey realize the potentials of Lawana.

Again, tragically, Lawana lost Tommy through cancer. After a period of time she began to be more active in the music field and decided that Turkey could become a musical tourist spot. Instead of continuing to think about it she took action on it. Lawana was always that laidback individual who could accomplish mountains of things without even seeming to tire. This search for fulfillment was such a joy that it was not work to her. It was a JOY.

Lawana once said "I loved my life as a Mother, Grandmother and Wife", but I also love my life now. This love of life led to the dream of the Gem Theatre which we are all aware of today; not only the Gem, but the Turkey Museum which is standing today, the Turkey Homecomings, the Jamboree which brought much happiness to many, many people, especially older people who couldn't travel to other places for entertainment. She was still in the process of improving the Gem Theatre when she left this life.

Lawana was a Christian lady who loved her God foremost, Church, the downtrodden, her friends and her family. Many needy people were recipients of tickets to programs, unknown benevolences and many other things because of her love of humanity.

Turkey will sorely miss Lawana, her smile, her ideals, her creativity, her wonderful Christmas poems and other poems, and the person that blossomed forth when her husband died. She did not waste herself in mourning because he was in a better place, but let the world see who she really was.

SHE LET US SEE A WONDERFUL, UNIQUE PERSONA.

In Dedication To The Memory Of Lawana's Humbleness

Dear Lord, I thank You for this day. I thank You for my being able to see and to hear this morning. I'm blessed because You are a forgiving God and an understanding God. You have done so much for me and You keep on blessing me.

Forgive me this day for everything I have done, said or thought that was not pleasing to you. I ask now for Your forgiveness. Please keep me safe from all danger and harm. Help me to start this day with a new attitude and plenty of gratitude. Let me make the best of each and every day to clear my mind so that I can hear from You.

Please broaden my mind that I can accept all things. Let me not whine and whimper over things I have no control over. Let me continue to see sin through God's eyes and acknowledge it as evil. And when I sin, let me repent, and confess with my mouth my wrongdoing, and receive the forgiveness of God.

And when this world closes in on me, let me remember Jesus' example and slip away and find a quiet place to pray. It's the best response when I'm pushed beyond my limits. I know that when I can't pray, You listen to my heart.

Continue to use me to do Your will.

Continue to bless me that I may be a blessing to others. Keep me strong that I may help the weak. Keep me uplifted that I may have words of encouragement for others. I pray for those that are lost and can't find their way. I pray for those that are misjudged and misunderstood. I pray for those who don't know You intimately. I pray for those that will delete this without sharing it with others. I pray for those that don't believe. But I thank you that I believe.

I believe that God changes people and God changes things. I pray for all my sisters and brothers. For each and every family member in their households.

I pray for peace, love and joy in their homes that they are out of debt and all their needs are met. I pray that every eye that reads this knows there is no problem, circumstance, or situation greater than God. Every battle is in Your hands for You to fight. I pray that these words be received into the hearts of every eye that sees them and every mouth that confesses them willingly.

This is my prayer.

Contributed By Tommie Jo Cruse

Memories Of A Dear Friend

Lawana was a very special lady. Since we were sister-in-laws, she and I had been close for nearly fifty years, but the last eight of those years gave us a chance to do a variety of different things that enriched both our lives. She will be truly missed, and with everyone's help, we can carry on the good work she had started.

Maria Cruse

Seven years ago a friend came over to me at church and said, "Margie, Turkey needs a heritage museum to preserve the history of our community and to preserve the family history of those who have lived in Turkey and made it what it is. Would you help me start a museum?"

Never dreaming what I was getting myself into I said, "Lawana, I love museums and I'll do what I can to help." We called in people of the community and Lawana has backed us in this project always wanting to bring our community back to life. She has always wanted the best for Turkey and we will miss her tremendously.

Margie Pinkerton

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Luceros' Celebrate 34th Anniversary

Mr & Mrs. Joe Lucero of Lubbock celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary Friday, August 22 with a family dinner at Cattle Baron Restaurant in Lubbock, TX. Joe Lucero and the former Gloria DeLa Garza were married August 22, 1969.

Their children served as host for the event. They are the parents' of Joe Jr., Sonya and Valarie Lucero of Lubbock, Scott and Evelyn Doring of Denton, and Angela Lucero of Bedford. They also have five grandchildren.



Johnsons To Hold Open House This Sunday

J. A. Johnson Occupies New Home

October 2, 1925 - J. A. Johnson and family moved into their new home one day last week. It is a beautiful concrete bungalow with modern conveniences, such as water, electric lights and steam heat. There are eight rooms including breakfast nook. Also large room in basement for furnace and coal.

Spacious verandas and porte-cochere add much to its beauty and magnificence. Garage, chicken house and light plant house are also built of concrete blocks.

J. B. Johnson Remodels Homestead

October 2002 - Jack & Edwina Johnson have completed the remodeling of their house, just north of Quitaque. This is the same house his grandfather John and his dad Alton built in 1925.

Jack & Edwina plan to move into the house in September exactly 78 years to the month after his grandfathers family moved in the first time. "Several people have asked us to open up the house and let everyone see the changes we have made," Jack noted. "We would be happy for you to join us on Sunday August 31st between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to see how we have restored and added on to this third generation home. Please bring only yourselves, no gifts" he added.



This Week's Movie In Review

Freaky Friday

A tomboy teenage girl, Annabel (Lohan), and her widowed mother, Ellen (Curtis), who are always arguing with each other, simultaneously wish they could be someone else, they somehow exchange bodies, as they both learn (or in the mother's case, remembers) what it's like to be in the other person's situation. As nice as that might be, the duo faces a deadline, as the mother is due to get married soon, and doesn't want to miss the big event (obviously) or for her daughter to get to know her new stepfather (Harmon) a 'lot' better than she had expected... There's also the problem of Annabel finding herself stuck with her mom's job as a medical doctor (but without any of the training to back it up)! MPAA Rating: PG-13.

Good Guy Award!

Sandra Proffitt was seen recently around Quitaque beautifying Main Street! She pulled the weeds at the Stone Monument, mowed, and sprayed the downtown area for weeds in the sidewalk cracks.

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OBITUARIES

Lawana Cruse

Funeral services for Lawana Cruse, 65, were held Sunday, August 24, 2003 at the Turkey Church of Christ. Stuart Smith and J.D. Nance officiated the service. Burial was at Dreamland Cemetery by Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Turkey.

Lawana was born February 7, 1938 in Bridle Bit, Texas to Fletcher and Erma Wynn. She passed away August 21, 2003 in Plainview at Covenant Hospital.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Debra Smith of Silverton, and Melody Hysinger of Clarendon, 3 sons, Robert Gragson of Pine Bluff, AZ, Lee Cruse of Happy, and Brett Cruse of Round Rock, TX, 4 sisters, Edna Huffines of Canyon, Inez Payne of The Keys, FL, Joy Martin of Clarendon and Glenda Perry of Lubbock, 2 brothers, Doyle Wynn of Estelline, and Jim Wynn of Carlsbad, NM.

She was preceded in death by 5 brothers, Oran Wynn, Burl Wynn, Karl Cruse, and Everette Cruse, one sister, Norene Clark, and two husbands Robert Gragson and Tommy Van Cruse.

She was also involved in several organizations including, founder of the Turkey Heritage Foundation, president of the Hall County Heritage Foundation, on the board of the Turkey Roost Museum, Turkey Jamboree coordinator, founder of Turkey Gem Theatre; a member of the Turkey Lions Club, a member of the Turkey Church of Christ. She was also a Life Gift Donor.

The family asks any donations be made to: The Turkey Heritage Foundation c/o the City of Turkey.

Bob Gregory

Bob Gregory, 73, of Comanche, TX passed away at his home Tuesday, August 12, 2003 after losing his long battle with cancer. Funeral services were held Friday, August 15, 2003 in the Hall & Sons Funeral Home Chapel in Comanche.

Mr. Gregory was born April 2, 1930 in Childress the son of the late George Marshall and Lillie Mae Baker Gregory. While still in elementary school his family moved to Turkey, TX. In 1948 he graduated from Turkey High School. Bob was married to Rosa Morehead on August 6, 1949 in Hollis, OK. He was employed with El Paso Natural Gas Company for thirty one years as a Plant Superintendent. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa; 2 sons, one brother, one sister, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mack Edward Seymour

Mack Edward Seymour, 57, of Turkey passed away Tuesday, August 19, 2003 in Lubbock. Services for Seymour were held Thursday, August 21, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at Dreamland Cemetery with Stuart Smith and Rev. Melvin Clinton officiating.

The family asks that donations be made to American Cancer Society, or Turkey Fire Dept.

Seymour was born July 16, 1946 in Matador to Lee and Josephine Seymour. He was a farmer in Turkey all his life.

Mack married Brenda Fuston On June 19, 1970. They have 2 children and a daughter-in-law.

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- August 29**
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- August 30**
Linda Payne, Jack Wellman, Kay Beaver
- August 31**
Kim Coker, David Landry, Jayson Pierce, Randy Stark, Leo Reed
- September 1**
Latesha Morrison, Khaki Scrivner, Lisa Williams
- September 2**
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- September 3**
Emily Barrett, James Cathey, Baylie Pointer
- September 4**
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- August 30**
Mr & Mrs Tink Lane
- August 31**
Mr & Mrs Brian Wheeler
Mr & Mrs Brandon Smith
- September 1**
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Mr & Mrs Bruce Price
Mr & Mrs Terry Boedeker
Mr & Mrs Neil Guest
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Mr & Mrs Gary Clinton
- September 4**
Mr & Mrs Bob Russell

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Nita and Ervin Merritt... Geneva Martin of Flomot... day.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gw... ball scrimmages held at th... peted in the games.

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Salt Jones of Calgary, C... Jones and other relatives.

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FLOMOT NEWS

BY: EARLYNE JAMESON

OVER HEARD
Ape is in the mind,
But here is my point:
Age, my friends,
Is also in my joints
Guest Speakers

Guest speakers at the Flomot Baptist Church Sunday morning were Tommy and Beth Lamer. They gave enlightening and spiritual talks about their missionary service in Ecuador. Their new missionary assignment is in Juarez, Mexico. A covered dish luncheon was held following the services.

Dusty and Julie Whitaker celebrated their 4th wedding anniversary Thursday, August 21 in Lubbock. They have been working in Brownwood under contract with the State Highway Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross visited daughter and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley in Lubbock last Wednesday and celebrated Elisa's birthday that was Thursday, August 14. Other guests were Mrs. Elizabeth Andestad and Mrs. Ruth Williams of Lubbock.

Mrs. Darla Gwinn and Danielle and friends, Mrs. Ruth Scrivner and Khaki, Mrs. Rachelle Carnes and Courtney of Turkey enjoyed the Toby Keith concert held Thursday night at the Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Dimmitt Thursday for her a medical check up following recent surgery. She received a good report.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter enjoyed the musical presentation of the Nostalgia 2003 concert at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock Friday night. They spent overnight in Lubbock and Saturday their daughter and family, Ken, Kevin and Brian Sehon of Ropesville met them there to visit.

Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock visited Sunday with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Deidra and Larry Clifton of Cisco visited during the weekend with brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Derrick.

Visiting during the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were Amanda, Lane and Ashton Barclay of Borger, Cory, Amy and Madison Franks of Lubbock, Cara Franks of Canyon and Barry Pickett of Garland.

Nita and Ervin Merritt of Granbury, Mary Allen Barton and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle attended the football scrimmages held at the Valley Schools Friday night. Fannin competed in the games.

Mrs. Connie Franks accompanied her parents, Bill B. and Erma Washington to Lubbock, Friday for Bill B. laser eye surgery. Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney visited Sunday with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited the past week in Houston with Jere Banewski.

Many Flomot residents attended the funeral services of Mrs. Lawana Cruse held in Turkey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee in Amarillo and enjoyed a family cook out. Other guests were Mrs. Margie Rowe, Joey, Brenda and Ernie Lee of Clarendon and Jason Lee of Amarillo.

Salt Jones of Calgary, Canada visited recently with Mr & Mrs M.C. Jones and other relatives.

TURKEY TALK

By Martha Bradshaw

Thursday, August 21, 2003 was a day of shock and disbelief as news of Lawana Cruse's death spread throughout Turkey.

As the day passed, friends came by the store to visit and reminisce of her life and dreams as they knew them.

We talked of her love for her family and for music. How she and Marie Cruse bought the Gem Theatre and how she restored the Theatre with the help of relatives and friends. Lawana was truly dedicated in keeping Turkey on the map by scheduling concerts at the Theatre and the Bob Wills Center Gymnasium.

She worked hard each month to keep the Turkey Jamboree alive booking the entertainers and working with the various civic organizations to have the Suppers prepared.

Stuart Smith made the comment to J. and I that Lawana's face would be burnt-red if she knew how many people were at her funeral. She was a quiet, soft-spoken, and private person - she never wanted to be in the lime-light.

We lost a Christian, a true friend and a pillar of our community. She touched the hearts of many. Lawana will truly be missed!

Rosetta Wills is in Covenant Hospital, Rm 427W, Lubbock, TX. She is undergoing Physical Therapy as a result of the West Nile Virus. She is expected to be in the hospital a week or two depending on her progress. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Jo Beth Smith was in Turkey visiting her son and family Stuart and Vivian this past weekend and attended the funeral of Lawana Cruse.

Billy and Margie Pinkerton were in Abilene and Lorraine this past weekend visiting Margie's cousin who was in critical condition following complications after bypass surgery. The cousin passed away on Friday and was buried on Monday.

While in that area they drove to San Angelo to visit Billy's uncle, who had been in the hospital.

The good news while in Lorraine was that Margie's mother's vision has greatly improved following the removal of the stitches from corneal transplant.

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Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

Summer is gone, and Labor Day on Monday is traditionally the last official outdoor holiday of the year. Many of us have planned to have a cookout with family and friends, and whether you are at the lake, a campground or in your own back yard, this menu is sure to be a hit. Barbecued Spareribs, Grilled Corn on the Cob, and Blueberry Snack Cake are easy to fix, and you only have to bake the cake in advance, so it's easy on the cook. You can even enlist a grill cook from among the guests so you can enjoy the party!

BARBECUED SPARERIBS

- 1 tablespoon ground mustard
 - 1 tablespoon chili powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 - 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 3 pounds pork spareribs
 - 2/3 cup ketchup
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
 - 1/4 cup lemon juice
 - 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 - 1 teaspoon liquid smoke, optional
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- Combine the first four ingredients; rub over ribs. For sauce, combine the remaining ingredients; mix well and set aside. Grill ribs, covered, over indirect heat and medium-low coals for 1 hour, turning occasionally. Add 10 briquettes to coals. Grill 30 minutes longer, basting both sides several times with sauce, or until meat is tender. Serves 4.

GRILLED CORN

- On the COB
 - 12 medium ears sweet corn
 - 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 1 cup minced fresh cilantro or parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste. Soak corn in cold water for 1 hour. Drain and pat dry. In a small mixing bowl, beat the butter and sugar; spread over corn. On a shallow plate, combine the cilantro, salt and pepper. Roll corn in mixture until lightly coated. Wrap each ear in heavy-duty foil. Grill, covered, over medium heat for 25-30 minutes or until the corn is tender, turning occasionally. Serves 12.

BLUEBERRY SNACK CAKE

- 2 cups flour
 - 1-1/2 cups sugar
 - 1/2 cup cold butter or margarine
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1 cup milk
 - leggs, separated
 - 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries (don't thaw before adding to batter)
- In a mixing bowl, combine flour and sugar. Cut in butter until crumbly. Set aside 1/4 cup for topping. Add the baking powder, milk, and egg yolks to remaining mixture; mix well. Beat egg whites until soft peaks form; fold into batter. Pour into a greased 13x9x2 inch baking dish. Sprinkle with blueberries and reserved crumb mixture. Bake at 350* for 30-35 minutes or until golden brown and a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Serves 12-15.

Next week, I'll have a great meal that you can fix without even turning on the oven. Happy and safe Labor Day! GOD BLESS AMERICA!

REVIVAL!

There will be a revival at the Iglesia Bautista La Trinidad in Quitaque on Saturday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, August 31 at both services, 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Bro. Rod Hinkle, evangelist from Jay, Florida, will be conducting the revival.

Bro. Rod and his family have recently begun their evangelistic tour and hope to minister to many denominations through message and song.

Everyone is invited and asked to bring a friend.

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- 1 soft TX mineral
- 5 in '65, TX 7th Bombardment Wing deployed to Southeast
- 6 TXism: "does a ___ office business"
- 7 ___ boll, TX
- 8 TXism for "female"
- 9 TXism: "dicker"
- 15 TXism: "got his spurs tangled"
- 16 some young plants
- 19 James McLure wrote these types of TX plays (2 wds.)
- 21 pungent chill ingredient
- 22 to destroy or ruin
- 27 Santa Anna's ___ was burned in 1881 Capitol fire
- 28 TXism: "ain't got ___ lie in"
- 29 these words follow Panna & Santa in TX towns
- 30 this Henry represents 23rd TX dist. in U.S. House
- 32 TX "Cowpokes" artist Ace (init.)
- 33 Houston: "The Golden Buckle ___ Bell"
- 36 brave sea bird at Gulf restaurants
- 37 TXism: "___ your head for something besides a hat rack"
- 38 State Park near Port Arthur

DOWN

- 39 TXism: "got ___ tangled" (lie)
- 41 action by service dept. at auto dealership? (2 wds.)
- 44 TX "Babe": Mildred Dldrikson
- 45 TX poet: Naomi Shihab ___
- 46 this actress Adams starred with TX Lynda Day George in "Racquet"
- 47 brandin' Irons will ___ a cow hide
- 48 writes again
- 51 TXism: "___ do in a pinch"
- 52 Dallas Stars league (abbr.)
- 53 slang for "leg"
- 54 TX Pat Toomay's "On ___ Given Sunday"
- 1 noted past Astro GM Smith
- 2 TXism: "clean ___ hound's tooth"
- 3 in Smith Co. on 89
- 4 TXism: "hot as a ___"
- 8 this Pete wrote "North Dallas Forty"

The Original

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Northern Rolling Plains RC&D Meeting To Be Held

The North Rolling Plains RC&D Council will meet in Clarendon on Wednesday, September 24th. The meeting will be held in the District Courtroom on the 3rd floor of the Donley County Courthouse. The meeting will begin at 10:00AM. A meal will be served following the meeting. Please RSVP by Sept 19th.

The historic Donley County Courthouse was completed in 1890 when Colonel Goodnight served as a County Commissioner. It has just been renovated and beautifully restored to its original condition. A tour of the courthouse will follow the business meeting.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Hall County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by .056958 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted. The public hearing will be held on September 4th, 2003 at Hall County Commissioners Court Room at 10:00A.M.

FOR the proposal: Milton Beasley, James Fuston, Terry Lindsey, Buddy Logsdon
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$20,451.00	\$19,315.00
General Exemptions available (Amount available on the average homesteads, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Average taxable value	\$20,451.00	\$19,315.00
Tax rate	\$.58/\$100	\$.63/\$100
Tax	\$ 118.62	\$ 121.68

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$3.06 or .02579 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$.05 per \$100 of taxable value or .0862 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):
The N/A county Auditor certifies that ___ County has spent \$ ___ in the previous 12 months beginning ___, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. ___ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Enhanced indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):
The N/A spent \$ ___ from ___ to ___ on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is ___.



THE PATRIOT

Valley School News



From The Board Turkey-Quitaque C.I.S.D.

The Turkey-Quitaque C.I.S.D. met in regular session on Monday, August 11, 2003 at the Valley School. Members present were Dusty Hill, Rex Fuston, Belinda Barrett, Max Meyer, Curtis Scrivner and Lisa Campbell, Susan Young was absent.

In regular business previous minutes were approved, bills were reviewed and approved for payment, and business manager, Donna Pigg gave a financial report.

The Board also reviewed and approved the Hall County Appraisal District's 2003-04 budget report.

In other business fleet insurance (transportation) insurance from Carson Insurance and State Farm were considered. The Board approved the bid from State Farm Insurance Company.

Personnel issues were reviewed and it was noted that the approval of the Reading First Grant would determine the hiring of additional staff. Auxillary, support staff and bus drivers raises were considered. Since there have been no raises for two years, the Board approved raises for these employees.

The Board discussed the budget and due to a decline in local values the Board approved a proposed tax rate of \$1.36 per \$100.00 value. The Board then adjourned.



Sr Class Officers 2003 L-R: Juan Regalado - Secretary/Treasurer; Jessica Wellman - Reporter; Katherine Pigg - President; Chase Maynard - Vice President

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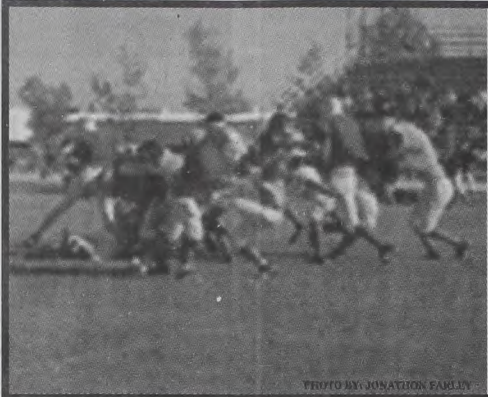


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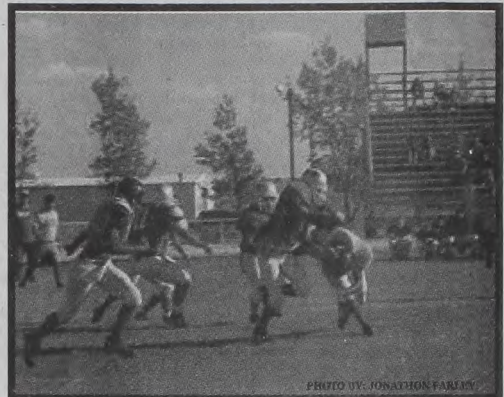


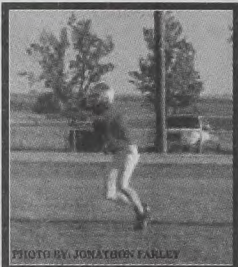
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VALLEY PATRIOTS OUT BATTLE KRESS! AUGUST 21 AT VALLEY

RODNEY FUSTON AND FRANKIE RODRIGUEZ BLOCKS AS DOUGLAS PAYNE RUNS THE BALL! AUGUST 21, AT VALLEY



Jr Class Officers 2003 L-R: Paige Hughes - Reporter; Zack Ramsey - Vice President; Chelsea Wheeler - Secretary/Treasurer; Matt Whittington - President



CHASE MAYNARD IS BACK TO THROW THE BALL



Sophomore Class Officers 2003 L-R: Charlie Walden - Vice President; Kevin Ortiz - Secretary/Treasurer; Jennifer Carnes - reporter; Randy Farley - President



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**SCHOOL
LUNCH
MENU**

Menu Subject To Change
Monday, September 1
No School/Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, September 2
Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Steak Fingers, Gravy, Corn, Salad, Biscuits, Honey, Milk
Wednesday, September 3
Breakfast: French Toast, Syrup, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Polish Sausage, Macaroni & Cheese, Pork & Beans, Carrot Sticks, Milk
Thursday, September 4
Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, OJ/Milk
Lunch: American Stack, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Pinto Beans, Peaches, Milk
Friday, September 5
Breakfast: Cereal, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Ham & Cheese Hoagies, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Chips, Oranges, Milk
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TAXING NOTICE**
The City Council will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. on September 11, 2003 at City Hall to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2003.
THE PROPOSED TAX RATE IS:
.51252 per \$100 of Value
The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City of Turkey by 0.

EASY ON THE WALLET **Food Specials**

Farm Fresh Yellow Corn7 for \$1	Fresh Broccoli ...1 lb..... 89¢
Small Pack Fresh Ground Beef ...1 lb..... 99¢	Yellow Onions ...3 lbs.....\$1
Family Pack Fresh Ground Beef ...1 lb..... 79¢	Duncan Hines Assorted Cake Mixes ...15.7-18.25 oz.....99¢
Shurfine Black Pepper ...4 oz..... 99¢	Duncan Hines Assorted Cake Frosting ...15-16.76 oz.....2 for \$3
Blue Bunny Sw, Fr, Ice Cream Bars Frozen Treats ...12 pk.....\$3 ²⁹	Shurfine Ketchup ...24 oz btl.....79¢
Blue Bunny Homemade Vanilla Ice Cream Bars Frozen Treats ...12 pk.....\$3 ²⁹	Bush's Best Assorted Baked Beans ...28 oz can.....\$1 ²⁹
Bar S Meat Franks ...12 oz pk..... 2 for 79¢	Kellogg's Corn Pops, Apple Jacks or Froot Loops Cereal ...15 oz.....2 for \$4
TenderCrust Hamburger or Hot Dog Sliced Buns ...8 ct.....2 for \$1	Assorted Seasoning, Sauces or Gravy Shurfine Mixes ...0.75-2.15 oz.....4 for \$1
Kraft Spread Miracle Whip ...32 oz jar.....\$1 ⁹⁹	Pillsbury Assorted Toaster Strudels ...10-11.5 oz.....2 for \$4
Shurfine Squeeze Mustard ...16 oz.....2 for \$1	Austex Regular Hot Dog Chili Sauce ...10 oz can.....2 for \$1
Assorted Varieties (Reg. \$2. ⁹⁹) Lays or Wavy Lays ...13 oz.....2 for \$4	Shurfine Assorted Heavy Duty Plastic Cutlery ...24 ct.....2 for \$1
Shurfine Assorted Flavors Ice Cream ...1/2 gal sq..... 2 for \$4	Shurfine Charcoal Lighter Fluid ...32 oz..... \$1 ²⁹
Shurfine Assorted Sodas ...3 liter btl..... 89¢	Shurfine Charcoal Briquets ...20 lbs.....\$5 ⁹⁹
Kraft Assorted BBQ Sauce ...18 oz btl..... 79¢	Shurfine For All Coffee Makers Coffee ...39 oz can.....\$3 ⁹⁹
Shurfine Pork & Beans ...15.5 oz can.....4 for \$1	Pedigree Assorted Dog Food ...13.2 oz can.....2 for \$1
Family Size Regular/No Decaf Luzianne Tea Bags ...24 ct.....2 for \$3	Reynolds Heavy Duty Foil ...18 in 37.5 sq ft.....2 for \$3
Casa Fiesta Refried Beans ...16 oz can..... 2 for \$1	Meaty Pork Shoulder Country Style Pork Ribs ...1 lb.....\$1 ⁰⁹
Very Veggie, Hearts of Romaine or Spring Blend Dole Salad ...5-12 oz pkg.....2 for \$4	Preferred Trim Boneless Beef Arm Roast ...1 lb.....\$1 ⁸⁹
Seedless White Grapes ...1 lb.....\$1 ²⁹	Preferred Trim Boneless Beef Top Sirloin Steak ...1 lb..... \$2 ⁹⁹
Fresh New Red Potatoes ...2 lbs.....\$1	Preferred Trim Boneless Beef Arm Charcoal Steak ...1 lb..... \$1 ⁹⁹
New Crop Washington Bartlett Pears ...1 lb.....99¢	Preferred Trim Boneless Beef Top Blade Steak ...1 lb.....\$2 ³⁹
Sno White Large Cauliflower2 for \$3	Hillshire Farm Assorted Smoked Sausage ...14-16 oz ...2 for \$5
Peeled Mini Carrots ...1 lb cello pkg.....99¢	Pain Reliever Gelscaps, Tablets or Caplets Aleve ...20-24 count.....\$2 ⁹⁹
Green Onions 3 for \$1	Plus or Assorted Sinus Sudafed ...24 ct.....\$3 ⁹⁹
Western Family Assorted Soft White Light Bulbs ...4 pk.....99¢	Assorted Visine Drops ...0.5 oz pkg.....\$2 ⁹⁹

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2003 Valley Jr Football Sch
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Sept. 11 Meadow
Sept. 18 OPEN
Sept. 25 Spur
Oct. 3 Cotton Center
Oct. 9 Silverton
Oct. 16 Patton Springs
Oct. 23 Happy
Oct. 30 Hedley
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VALLEY PATRIOT FOOTBALL

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2003 VALLEY PATRIOT HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROSTER

Player	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pos.
Rodney Fuston	5-8	210	Sr	C-DE
Chase Manard	6-0	170	Sr	QB-LB
Adam Ortiz	5-9	180	Sr	OE-DE
Douglas Payne	5-11	170	Sr	OE-DB
Ramiro Ramos	6-0	220	Sr	OE-DE
Juan Regalado	6-1	175	Sr	OE-DB
Kellan Roberts	5-8	165	Sr	RB-LB
Frankie Rodriguez	5-7	190	Sr	RB-DE
Cliff Yeary	5-9	195	Sr	RB-LB
Anthony Ortiz	6-2	175	Sr	OE-DE
Jorge Alanis	5-8	160	Jr	OE-DE
Albert Espinoza	5-9	185	Jr	RB-LB
Jake Maupin	5-6	150	Jr	OE-DE
Zack Ramsey	5-8	165	Jr	QB-LB
Fidel Valdes	5-9	175	Jr	RB-LB
Matt Whittington	5-7	155	Jr	OE-DE
Cody Barrett	5-10	165	So	QB-DB
Alex Espinoza	5-11	165	So	RB-DE
Randy Farley	5-10	250	So	C-DE
Chance Maynard	5-6	135	So	OE-DE
Ruben Ramos	5-10	210	So	OE-DE
Fernando Regalado	5-8	155	So	RB-LB
Derek Roys	5-8	160	So	RB-DB
Charlie Walden	6-1	175	So	OE-DE
Fannin Gwynn	5-8	175	Fr	C-E
Matt Dozer	5-6	210	Fr	RB-E
Maguel Santes	5-10	160	Fr	OE-DE
Jake Glass	5-5	130	Fr	E-CB

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Greg Ramsey
Stewart Smith

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Paige Hughes
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2003 VALLEY PATRIOT FOOTBALL TEAM CHEELEDERS & MASCOT

2003 Valley Jr. High Football Schedule

Sept. 4 Aspermont	T - 5:00
Sept. 11 Meadow	H - 5:00
Sept. 18 OPEN	
Sept. 25 Spur	T - 5:00
Oct. 3 Cotton Center	H - 5:00
Oct. 9 Silverton	T - 5:00
Oct. 16 Patton Springs	T - 5:00
Oct. 23 Happy	H - 5:00
Oct. 30 Hedley	T - 5:00
Nov. 6 Motley Co.	H - 5:00

2003 Valley J.V. Football Schedule

Aug. 29 Benjamin(V)	H - 7:30
Sept. 4 Aspermont	T - 6:30
Sept. 11 Meadow	H - 6:30
Sept. 18 OPEN	
Sept. 25 Spur	T - 6:30
Oct. 3 Cotton Center(V)	H - 7:30
Oct. 9 Silverton	T - 6:30
Oct. 16 Patton Springs	A - 6:30
Oct. 23 Happy	H - 6:30
Oct. 30 Silverton	H - 6:30
Nov. 8 Patton Springs	H - 6:30

2003 Valley Varsity Football Schedule

Aug. 30 Blum @Bryson	4:00
Sept. 5 Aspermont	H - 7:30
Sept. 12 Meadow	T - 7:30
Sept. 19 Follett	T - 7:30
Sept. 26 Spur (#)	H - 7:30
Oct. 3 OPEN	
Oct. 10 Silverton*	H - 7:30
Oct. 18 Patton Springs*	H - 7:30
Oct. 24 Happy*	T - 7:30
Oct. 31 Hedley*	H - 7:30
Nov. 7 Motley Co.*	T - 7:30

(#) - Valley Homecoming Game
* - District Games

VALLEY PATRIOTS

VS

BLUM @ BRYSON

4:00 P.M.

SATURDAY AUGUST 30, 2003

Valley Peanut Growers Inc.
423-1484

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423-1366

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806-983-2849

Lighthouse Electric Co-op Inc.
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City Bank Silverton
806-823-2426

The Valley Tribune
455-1101

Quitaque Producers Co-op Inc.
455-1388

Merrell Food
455-1282

Silverton Oil Company Inc.
806-823-2451

Turkey Branch
Memphis State Bank
423-1321

Oden Chevrolet/Olds
800-570-3787

Lacy Dry Goods
423-1155

Payne Pharmacy
806-983-5111

Caprock Cellular
806-271-3344

Caprock Home Center
455-1193

Higginbotham Bartlett
Lumber Co.
347-2445

Quitaque Motors
455-1289

Caprock Telephone
Cooperative Inc.
1-800-692-4242

Valley Booster Club

Galvans Resturant
423-1320

Red Ball Gin
806-348-7221

City of Turkey
423-1033

Jimmy & Clara Ruth Davidson

Turkey General Store
423-1330

City Auto Inc.
1-888-248-9288

Jon, Laura, Molly, Macy, and
Mary Kate Davidson

Caprock Cafe
455-1243

Danny Mayfield & Associates
1-800-572-1870

Bryan, Shadi, Kameron, and
Kennadee Buchanan

Jack's Automotive
455-1243

Debbie's Beauty Shop
455-1305

Wilburn & Zelda Leeper

Lee's Insurance
423-1020

Lacy's Too
423-1442

The Sportsman Cafe
455-1200

Karol's Kountry Korner
455-1174

Midway Drive-In
423-1414

Johnson Gin
806-823-2224

Just Because
455-1410

Valley Farm Store
455-1105

Griffin Oil Company
455-1250

Laura's Shop
423-1222

Flomot Gin
469-5294

First National Bank Quitaque
455-1441

Thayer & Washington CPA
455-1087



Study: Cotton, Rice Farms Would Fare Worse If Payment Restrictions Were Tightened

A majority of U.S. cotton and rice farms included in a recent study would face significant financial hardships under a more restrictive farm payment program.

The study conducted by the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University suggests cotton and rice farms represented in the study would incur a majority of the payment limitation problems under a one entity rule "because they have the biggest cost of production and have received payments to offset those high costs of production," said Dr. James Richardson, a professor in the policy center.

Farmers currently abide by the three entity rule as part of the 2002 Farm Bill. Under the rule, an individual can receive a full payment directly and up to a half payment from two additional entities. A one entity rule would further reduce the amount of farm program payments to farmers by half.

The study, which was presented to the federal Payment Limitation Commission in Washington, D.C., analyzed the current three-entity payment system versus the one entity rule. It includes 61 farming operations that produce wheat, rice, cotton and feed grain. The represented farms are located in Arkansas, Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Washington.

"Every one of the 61 farms in the study is a family farming operation," Richardson said. Of the 10 Texas cotton farming operations located from the Rio Grande Valley and to the High Plains, nearly all would run a high probability of exceeding either counter-cyclical or direct payment limitations if the one entity rule were in place. Some of these operations exceeded 3,000 acres or more of cotton.

Three of the cotton operations, one 2,500-acre operation in the Rolling Plains, another 1,400-acre operation in the Blacklands region, and a 1,850-acre farm in the Coastal Bend region, fared better in the analysis because they farmed fewer acres. The cotton projections were compiled by Dr. Joe Outlaw, Texas Cooperative Extension policy specialist in the Agricultural and Food Policy Center.

Of the 16 U.S. rice farms represented in the study, all but one operation exceeded a 98 percent chance of maxing out payment limitations under the one-entity payment limitation, according to analyses conducted by Dr. David Anderson, Extension specialist in the policy center.

Richardson, who did the analyses on representative feed grain farms, found they would fare better under the current three-entity payment rule as well. Just one feed grain operation faced a 100 percent chance of exceeding direct payment limitations under the three entity payment rule and a 50.8 percent chance of exceeding counter cyclical payment limitations.

The complete report is available on the AFPC Web site at <http://www.afpc.tamu.edu>.

Deadline For Hall County COC Nominations

The Hall County FSA is accepting nominations for the COC position in LAA-3.

This is the Turkey area of Hall County. September 5, 2003 is the final date to file a nomination form. Anyone wishing to nominate a candidate should come by the Hall County FSA Office and request a nomination form. To be eligible for election, the nominee must sign the form agreeing to serve if elected.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters on November 18, 2003. The final date to return ballots is December 1, 2003. For more information contact the Hall County Farm Service Agency at 806-259-3579. E.O.E.

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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 109

NOTICE OF FILING FOR CANDIDACY

To all eligible voters in the above named Conservation District as described under the provisions of V.T.C.A., Agriculture Code, Chapter 201, who hold title to farm and ranch lands lying within Subdivision No. 3 within said Conservation District and intend to run as a candidate for the office of Director of Hall/Childress SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 109, notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A. Agriculture Code, Section 201.073 and rules adopted by said district, that candidates must file a written notice of candidacy with said district during established business hours in the month of August at 1002 West Noel, Memphis, Texas/ 307 B NW, Childress, Texas

Qualified voters of the above named Soil and Water Conservation District will assemble at Turkey, Texas at 9:00 a.m. on the 14th day of October, 2003, then and there to elect a candidate owning land within said subdivision to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of said soil and water conservation district.

BY DIRECTION OF THE STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Honor the flags

Starting this school year, students at Texas public schools will recite the Pledge of Allegiance to both the United States and the state of Texas. Senate Bill 83, requires both pledges to be recited, but does allow parents to have their children excused from the practice.

The Texas Pledge of Allegiance reads as follows: "Honor the Texas flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible."

SB83 also provides a minute of silence following the pledges for students to reflect, pray, meditate, or engage in another silent activity that is not distracting to other students.

SOURCES: Carol Keeton Strayhorn, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and Texas Education Agency.

Texas Historic Farms And Ranches Being Sought For Recognition

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is seeking applications for the Family Land Heritage Program that honors farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural production by the same family for 100, 150 and 200 years. Since the program started in 1974, IDA has honored 3,773 farms and ranches in 220 Texas counties.

"Texas was built by agricultural pioneers," Combs said. "The Family Land Heritage Program honors their contributions to the settlement of the Lone Star State. It chronicles the unique history of Texas agriculture, a proud record that otherwise might be lost forever."

To be eligible for the program, the farm or ranch must meet these qualifications:

- The farm/ranch has to have been agriculturally productive for 100 years or more and the line of ownership traced from the first family member to the present, either through direct relatives or by marriage.
 - The land must fit the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year; or if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.
 - Owner(s) must be actively managing the everyday operation of the property.
 - If ALL the land has ever been rented to someone outside of the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was leased, and as much as 10 acres retained in the family for agricultural production with sales of at least \$80 annually, it will qualify.
 - Deadline to submit applications for properties established in 1903 or before is Nov. 1, 2003. Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during the ceremony in Austin in March 2004. The history of the farm or ranch will also be chronicled in a registry. Monorees can also obtain historic farm or ranch signage for their property.
- Program applications are available through TDA, county judges and on TDA's website at www.agr.state.tx.us. For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Burns-Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or (512) 463-2631.

Texas FSA State Executive Director Fuston Selected As SED Of The Year

FSA's National Association of Support Employees has selected John T. Fuston, SED for Texas as the 2003 Outstanding SED in the nation. Mr Fuston was selected from a pool of nominees and recognized for his strong leadership qualities, partnering ability and proactive approach to federal farm program delivery in Texas.

John Fuston is the son of the late John and Alice Fuston of Turkey and brother to James Fuston of Turkey, Dennis Fuston of Tulia and Ruth Lyles of Childress.

Range Field Day In Roberts County

A Range Field Day is scheduled for September 11, 2003 in Roberts County. Various aspects of managing rangelands will be discussed including solar energy pumping systems, chemical control of mesquite and juniper, Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative as well as programs available for technical and financial assistance.

There is no charge for the event and a complimentary Chuckwagon lunch will be provided. Three Continuing Education Units (CEU's) will be available for those attending. Presenters from Texas Tech University, United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), state and federal agency personnel, herbicide applicators, dealers and various exhibitors will be on hand to cover several topics of interest to landowners and managers in the area. Plenty of door prizes and refreshments will be available as well.

The Field Day is being sponsored by the North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and other partnering agencies.

Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to call the Roberts County Soil and Water Conservation District at (806) 868-3531 extension 3 and RSVP by Friday, September 5.

Cotton News

By Shawn Wade
www.plainscotton.org
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

PCG/Monsanto Discuss Technology Issues

By Shawn Wade

Representatives from Monsanto Corporation and Plains Cotton Growers met earlier this week to discuss a variety of issues identified as important to High Plains producers.

The meeting covered topics ranging from technology pricing across regions and internationally, to discussing new ways to make technology affordable and attractive to all High Plains producers.

One of the concerns raised by the PCG contingent was the significant difference in the technology fee for the same technology on different cotton varieties. Currently, Monsanto sets technology fees based on the variety type, either picker or stripper, in an effort to price the technology according to the planting region, growing conditions and other factors that impact its overall benefit to the producer.

PCG representatives explained that setting the technology price based on whether or not the variety is called a picker or a stripper-type doesn't always provide an adequate differentiation. This is especially true on the High Plains where many new varieties of cotton are blurring the lines that are used to separate picker and stripper varieties. It was suggested that a better alternative would be to consider a regional pricing structure that provided a set fee for a given technology regardless of the variety's designation.

Also discussed was Monsanto's ongoing effort to increase the use of Roundup Ready and/or Roundup Ready 2 Xtend technology in dryland production systems. A previous collaboration between Monsanto and PCG eventually resulted in the current Monsanto crop destruct and replant programs which have significantly enhanced the value of Monsanto technology to growers and provides a valuable framework through which Monsanto shares production risks with growers.

The PCG group noted that there is little doubt that technology has the potential to increase the profitability of High Plains cotton production, but only when crop potential becomes actual production.

The overall goal, as expressed by the PCG representatives, should be to find an innovative solution to the challenge of developing a viable combination of price and added value that will allow beneficial technology to become an economically viable part of high risk production systems on the High Plains.

TBWEF Mails 2003 BW Program Assessments

By Roger Haldenby

We'd like to remind growers across the five High Plains boll weevil eradication zones that the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation mailed Out assessment notices for the 2003 crop on August 21. The full amount of the assessment comes due on September 25, 2003 but producers who pay in full by September 10 will receive a 2% discount.

Any questions about your assessment notice should be directed to TBWEF Assessments Department in Abilene at (866) 672-2800. NWS Offers Useful Weather /Climate Products

When it comes to weather forecasts and climate data the best solution to finding out what the future holds is generally to go straight to the source. Everyone is familiar with the typical 5-7 day weather forecasts available through local and national media outlets.

What few people realize is that the National Weather Service (NWS) data used to create those predictions of temperature and precipitation can actually provide a much more detailed glimpse of what the future holds.

Currently, the NWS maintains and creates a variety of climate/ weather prediction products that should be extremely useful for farmers, especially when they need to know what the future holds over the course of the coming 1, 3 or 7 days.

The trick producers, and the general public, is knowing what to look for and where to find it. NWS personnel gather, process and distribute valuable data that most of the weather watching public is unaware of and didn't know was actually available on the internet. The Lubbock area NWS office website can be accessed at: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lub/>.

Often known by arcane names, like Point Forecast Matrices (PFM), some of the currently available NWS data have exciting potential for agricultural producers. One of the most interesting is the PFM mentioned above.

The PFM is a 3-7 day forecast broken down to specific periods of time that includes temperature, wind speed and direction, humidity and precipitation. The forecast includes specific predictions in three-hour intervals for upcoming 72 hour and then six-hour forecasts for days 4 through 7.

It isn't hard to imagine the usefulness of a three-day weather forecast, broken down to three-hour time slices, that include temperature, humidity, wind speed, to a cotton grower trying to maximize harvest activities and schedules.

Lubbock area residents interested in seeing what the PFM will happen over the next 3-7 days can go the Lubbock NWS website and look for themselves at: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lub/PFM.htm>. While there, be sure to look at the other climate and weather data products they have available. There are literally dozens of interesting and potentially useful tools waiting to be put to good use.

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Hall County Sign Sale

The Hall County Sign Sale Program (LAP) is now open for 2003. The LAP program allows eligible livestock raisers to purchase signs for their operations. Livestock raisers who are not eligible for the program, livestock raisers and heifers from other counties, etc. Call the program at 806-259-3579 for more information.

County	Current Rate
Quitaque	2.00
Silverton	1.00
Turkey	2.00
Memphis	2.00
Lakeview	1.00
Estelline	1.00
Matador	2.00
Roaring Springs	2.00

Complete information on the sign sale is available at <http://www.hallcountytx.gov/signsale>.

Comptroller Revenue

Texas Comptroller reports that Texas cities and counties received \$385 million in revenue from the state in July. Local sales tax revenue is down 4.6 percent compared to July 2002. The state sales tax is down 1.8 percent. Strayhorn sent \$21.4 million to the state.

Hall County LAP Program Sign-Up Under Way

The Hall County Farm Service Agency is accepting applications for the 2001 Livestock Assistance Program (LAP). The LAP crop year for Hall County is April 4, 2001 through November 18, 2001. The LAP payment period for Hall County is June 15, 2001 through November 18, 2001.

Eligible livestock include beef and dairy cattle, buffalo, beefalo, sheep, goats, swine, and certain equine animals. Livestock producers must have beneficial and financial interest in a livestock operation. Livestock must have been owned or leased at least 90 days to be eligible for the program. Livestock can become eligible during the payment period provided 90 day ownership requirements are not during the payment period. There are certain leasing arrangements that are not eligible for this program.

To make application producers will need: (1) Livestock numbers by weight range such as steers and heifers from 400 to 799 weights, 800 to 1099 weights, and 1100+ weights; cow numbers, bulls, etc. Calves will not be eligible until they reach 400 pounds or are weaned from the cow. (2) Purchase receipts for any livestock you may have bought especially near the LAP crop year and payment year beginning date; (3) Sales receipts for livestock sold during the payment period because they will be taken off the application the day they are sold. Livestock sold before the payment period are not eligible.

Valley Area August Sales Tax Rebates

County	Current Rate	Net Pymt This Period	Comp Pymt Prior Year	% Change	2003 Pymts To Date	2002 Pymts To Date	% Change
Quitaque	2.00%	\$3,888.11	\$3,203.15	21.38%	\$20,431.25	\$18,101.29	12.87%
Silverton	1.00%	\$1,461.24	\$1,479.23	-1.21%	\$11,411.80	\$12,506.66	-8.75%
Turkey	2.00%	\$4,069.39	\$2,234.03	82.15%	\$18,701.72	\$16,171.54	15.84%
Memphis	2.00%	\$21,095.56	\$17,974.63	17.36%	\$143,527.57	\$146,485.62	-2.01%
Lakeview	1.00%	\$130.78	\$148.53	-11.95%	\$1,450.14	\$1,196.63	21.18%
Estelline	1.00%	\$1,293.29	\$1,154.78	11.99%	\$9,172.32	\$8,400.66	9.18%
Matador	2.00%	\$5,549.62	\$2,503.81	121.80%	\$24,210.18	\$20,142.39	20.19%
Roaring Springs	2.00%	\$3,385.18	\$2,997.51	12.93%	\$19,929.24	\$18,552.33	7.42%

Comptroller Strayhorn Sends \$385.6 Million In Sales Tax Revenue To Local Governments

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn in August sent \$385.6 million in sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit departments and special purpose taxing districts. Since January, local sales tax allocations are down 0.6 percent compared to the same period last year.

August sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in June by businesses that report sales taxes monthly, and in April, May and June by quarterly filers, and reported to the Comptroller in July. The state's share of sales tax collected during this period was \$1.16 billion, down 4.6 percent compared to a year ago. Fiscal-year-to-date, the state has collected \$12.92 billion in sales tax, down 1.8 percent compared to the same period in FY02.

Strayhorn sent sales tax rebates of \$263.5 million to 1,118 Texas cities. Sales tax rebates of \$21.4 million went to 121 Texas counties.

Briscoe County FSA News

Peanut Loans and LDP's

Peanut producers need to be aware that beneficial interest in your peanut crop MUST be maintained to receive peanut loans and LDP's. With the late passage of the farm bill last year, we were able to waive beneficial interest requirements, NOT this year. What is beneficial interest? This means that you must have 1) control of the commodity, 2) you must have a risk of loss in the commodity, and 3) you must have title of the commodity. If any of these items are not maintained, you will not be eligible for a loan or LDP. Some typical losses in beneficial interest include 1) delivery against a contract, 2) delivery of warehouse receipts to a buyer, 3) freight on board truck, 4) invoice date, 5) regains and losses (if beneficial interest is lost and regained, still ineligible for loan or LDP), and 6) receipt of payment without option to purchase.

There are two types of LDP that a producer can request, a basic request and a field direct request. A basic request can be filed on form CCC-633 LDP after harvest but before beneficial interest is lost and before the final loan availability date. If you are going to lose beneficial interest when the peanuts are delivered directly to a buyer, warehouse, or cooperative, you need to file form CCC-709 for a field direct LDP before harvest. To be eligible for a loan, beneficial interest must be maintained until the loan is redeemed or through the term of the loan (9 months). Peanut producers also need to bring peanut contracts to their local FSA offices for review. If you have any questions about peanut loans or LDP's, contact the Briscoe County FSA office.

FOREST LAND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

The Texas Forest Service is offering cost shares for the Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP). One might ask what forest land is there to protect in Briscoe County. Brian Scott, Staff Forester I, says some of the approved practices involve establishing wildlife habitat or a windbreak of trees and shrubs, in or adjacent to fields, homesteads, or feedlots will assist producers in improving and sustaining their natural resources and these practices are suitable to our area.

Some approved practices include farmstead windbreaks, field windbreaks, livestock protection windbreaks, living snow fences, and wildlife habitat. To be eligible, you must own a minimum of 20 contiguous acres of private land. For wildlife habitat eligibility, 100 acres is the smallest unit to be considered for cost shares. If you are interested in these practices or want more information about this first come first served opportunity, contact the Texas Forest Service at (806) 353-8952.

TBWEF Assessment Notices To Arrive Soon

Boll weevil eradication assessment notices were recently mailed to cotton producers in the Northern High Plains eradication zone.

The assessments are based on information cotton producers provide the Farm Service Agency when they certify their crops. If growers find an error in the information on their billing, they will need to correct the information at their local FSA office and forward the corrected information to the Foundation. A 2 percent discount is available to growers who pay the full assessment by September 10.

To aid NHP growers who have been affected by adverse weather conditions, the TBWEF is offering payment extension agreements for producers whose accounts are current. For those having difficulty paying their assessment, help is available by contacting the assessments department and arranging an extension agreement," said Chief Financial Officer Tina Ballard.

Producers entering into an extension agreement must make a 10 percent down payment, and they will be charged a late fee of 1 percent per month until their accounts are paid. This late fee begins on the date the signed agreement and down payment are received by the Assessments Department. Producers who are delinquent in payment and who do not have an extension agreement are subject to a late fee of 1.5 percent per month. Producers with extension agreements have 150 days to pay their accounts.

For more information contact the Assessments Department in Abilene at (866) 672-2800.

- Counties Included in Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Zones
- Northern High Plains:** Armstrong (part), Briscoe (part), Floyd (part), Hale, Randall (part), Swisher.
 - Northern Rolling Plains:** Archer (part), Armstrong (part), Briscoe (part), Childress, Clay, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby (part), Dickens (part), Donley, Floyd (part), Foard, Garza (part), Gray, Hall, Hardeman, Kent, King, Motley, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger.
 - Northwest Plains:** Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb, Parmer, Randall (part).
 - Permian Basin:** Borden (part), Dawson, Ector, Howard, Martin, Midland (part).
 - Southern High Plains/Caprock:** Cochran, Crosby, Dickens (part), Garza (part), Hockley, Lubbock, Lynn (part), Terry (part).
 - Western High Plains:** Andrews, Gaines, Lynn (part), Terry (part), Yoakum.



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Observations On Life From A Fellow Texan
By Bill Sperry

The Tale Of The Wooden Bowl

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered.

The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth. The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess.

"We must do something about Grandfather," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor. So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner.

Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometime he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence. One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up.

The four-year-old smiled and went back to work. The words so struck the parents so that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

On a positive note, I've learned that, no matter what happens how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that, regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.

I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life."

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But, if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

I've learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch - holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

Dowd Received Masters Degree

Mary Joyce Dowd received a master of education degree in education administration from Texas Woman's University during spring commencement ceremonies May 10th in Denton, TX.

Dowd is the daughter of Virginia Dowd and the late Ozean Dowd. TWU Chancellor Dr. Ann Stuart presided at each of the three commencement ceremonies, which included an academic procession, certification of degrees and a commencement address.

Purcell Graduates From LVN School

Commencement ceremonies for Clarendon College's Licensed Vocational Nursing program was held on Friday, August 15, in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center.

Linda Joyce Purcell, of Quitaque, was among the 18 students participating in the graduation ceremony. Clarendon College is a public community college offering 35 majors and five workforce education programs.

For more information, please contact Clarendon College at (806) 874-3571 or visit the website at www.clarendoncollege.edu.

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Hall County Commissioners Court Report For August

On Monday, August 18, 2003 the Hall County commissioners Court met in regular session with Jack Martin, County Judge; Milton Beasley, Jr. Commissioner Precinct #1; Terry Lindsey, Commissioner Precinct #2; Buddy Logsdon, Commissioner Precinct #3; James Fuston, Commissioner Precinct #4; and Reye Bailey, County Clerk present.

In Regular business the previous minutes were approved and regular bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

The Court then voted to tentatively set the tax rate at 0.630 for fiscal year 2003-04 in support of the proposed budget. It was ordered by the Court to hold a public meeting on the proposed budget on September 4, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

Next the Court agreed to reinstate the County Fire Ban.

In other business a new copier for the Clerk's office was approved and will be paid out of records preservation. By order of the Court it was decided to split the duties of the County Tax Assessor/Collector's deputy where she will be working as part-time secretary for the hall County Extension Agent's office.

The meeting was the adjourned.

It's Time To Give Away That Trip To Ruidoso!

With HOT weather upon us, we at the Valley Tribune decided it's time to hold our 3rd Annual Ruidoso, NM Vacation Give-Away! This year we wanted to show just how much we appreciate you reading our paper each week. So, we decided to include everyone who subscribes to The Valley Tribune! The winner will be drawn on September 29th and will be announced in the October 2nd edition of The Valley Tribune.

One lucky person and their family, up to 6 persons, will win a 5 day & 4 night stay, transportation not included, at Pinecliff Village in the beautiful and cool mountain setting of Ruidoso, NM. The lucky winners trip will last from Monday, October 27 through Friday, October 31, 2003.

So if spending 5 relaxing days in the cool, clean mountain air, fishing, hiking, horse back riding, playing golf on some of the finest golf courses in the United States, watching the wonderful display of fall foliage Mother Nature puts on or spending some time at the casino then this is the deal for you!

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Valley Calendar of Events

August 28
* Turkey Economic Board meeting @ 7 p.m. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER!

* Drivers License Office at Briscoe Co. Courthouse 9:30 a.m. - 12 N & 1-3 p.m.
* Motley/Dickens County Old Settlers Reunion, Ranch Rodeo & Dance Begins Today

August 29
* Valley School out early at 1:30 for Labor Day holiday

* Valley Patriot Varsity vs Benjamin @ 7:30 p.m. Here * Motley/Dickens County Old Settlers Reunion, Ranch Rodeo & Dance

August 30
* Valley Patriot vs Blum in the Kick-Off Classic at Bryson @ 4 p.m.
* Caprock Canyons State Park: Birding 101 @ 8:30 a.m.

* Motley/Dickens Old Settlers Reunion, Ranch Rodeo & Dance

September 1
* LABOR DAY All Local, State & Federal offices are closed today
* No School Today - Holiday
* Quitaque Lions Club meeting

September 2
* Turkey Fire Department meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
* Quitaque Masonic Lodge meeting @ 7 p.m.

* Quitaque Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 6:15 p.m.
* Silverton Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 7 p.m.

September 4
* Highway 70 Association meeting @ 7 p.m.



Last Week In Texas History!

Aug. 21, 1821
Stephen F. Austin and his mapping team began exploring his proposed colony.

Aug. 21, 1876
The Texas Legislature created Childress, Deaf Smith, Hall, Pater, Randall, Hansford, Ochiltree, Roberts, Collingsworth, Dalham, Motley, Wheeler, Carson, Oldham, Floyd, Hartley, Castro, Lipscomb, Cottle and Dimmitt Counties, it was years before they had the necessary 150 residents to become organized.

Aug. 22, 1846
Only four days after Gen. Stephen Kearney captured Santa Fe., the United States annexed New Mexico as a territory. Texans continued to feel that all of New Mexico east of the Rio Grande still belonged to the state. The issue was not resolved until the Compromise of 1850.

Aug. 23, 1874
Col. Ranald S. McKenzie left Fort Concho, near San Angelo, with the 4th Calvary and five companies of Infantry. They headed toward the Panhandle in the final sweep of the military to clear the region of the Plains Indian.

Aug. 24, 1962
Authorities raid a farm 18 miles north of Paducah and find \$500,000 worth of marijuana. One person was arrested.

Aug. 25, 1917
Gov James E. Ferguson was impeached and removed from office.

Aug. 26, 1874
Col. Ranald S. McKenzie and his Southern Column camped at Rendlebrook Springs in Mitchell County.

Aug. 27, 1874
Col. Nelson Miles located a large Indian trail on Sweetwater Creek near present day Wheeler.

MATADOR CATTLE CO. CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

Matador, Texas & Matador Cattle Company, a subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc., will welcome former cowboys to the Matador Ranch on Saturday as part of its 50th anniversary celebration of company ownership.

The public and media are invited to attend the day's festivities:

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open house and walking historical tour
11:30 to 1 p.m. Chuck wagon lunch featuring Matador beef State Rep. Rick Hardcastle, R-Vernon, chairman of the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee, speaker
1 to 2 p.m. Matador Cowboys Reunion and business meeting

"Matador Ranch is truly a 21st century ranch. Matador Cattle Company and Koch Industries combine a rich heritage together with a strong commitment to natural resource stewardship and outstanding safety performance," says Bob Kilmer, ranch manager. "We are honored to welcome current and former Matador cowboys and the community to celebrate a half-century of ownership and to learn more about today's ranch."

The 128,000-acre Matador Ranch is owned and operated by Matador Cattle Company, a subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc. Fred C. Koch, a native of Quanah, purchased three sections of the old Matador Land and Cattle Company in January 1953. Mr. Koch was an engineer and co-founder of what is now Koch Industries, a privately held, Kansas-based firm that owns a diverse group of companies engaged in trading, investment and operations worldwide. Matador Cattle Company operates ranches in Texas, Montana and Kansas that cover about 400,000 acres. Two of Mr. Koch's sons are involved in the company today.

The ranch was previously owned by a group of Scottish investors who operated the ranch for about 70 years prior to the sale to Mr. Koch. Today's ranch supports more than 2,000 head of Angus, Hereford and Brangus cattle, as well as Quarter horses and diverse wildlife. It employs five full-time cowboys, and various day-workers.

The Matador Cowboy Reunion is held annually in conjunction with the Dickens-Motley County Old Settlers Reunion and Ranch Rodeo in Roaring Springs. As part of the 50th anniversary of Koch company ownership, present and former cowboys are meeting at the Matador headquarters, one mile south of Matador on Highway 70. About 200 former and current cowboys and their families are expected to attend the day's festivities.

More information is available at www.kochind.com and www.matadorranch.com.

Honoring Those Who Served

The Silverton Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #7839, is starting a project to erect a Veterans Memorial. This memorial will be for all Briscoe County Veterans, living or deceased. It will be to honor the dedicated men and women of Briscoe County, who have served in our country's armed forces, beginning with the Civil War. Any Veteran that was born, has resided, or is buried in Briscoe County, and received an honorable discharge will be eligible to be honored on this Veterans Memorial.

Thanks to the generous donation by the Briscoe County Commissioners Court a location had been set aside on the northwest corner of the Courthouse lawn.

Pamphlets will be mailed out within the next few days, when you receive yours there will be a form inside to enter the veterans name that you wish to honor, you can honor more than one person. Please return this form, along with your donation to: Veterans Memorial Fund, c/o City Bank, Box 9, Silverton, Texas 79257-0009.

If you do not have a veteran's name for this monument, donations will still be needed and appreciated. The cost of this memorial is expected to be about \$50,000 and a bid has been accepted from Wallace Monument Company of Clarendon, TX to erect the monument. "We want everyone to have the opportunity to donate to this very worthwhile project." said Fred Strange.

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CROW HOLLOW has the following position open: Accounts Payable clerk.

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The Danforth "I Dare You" Award was presented to Thor Patton and Tanner Young at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet.



Khaki Scrivner was the winner of the Bronze Star Award for her outstanding 4-H work during the year at the annual 4-H Banquet.



Jeannine West and Apryl Burleson were recipients of the Silver Spur award for their leadership in Briscoe County 4-H.



Kathy Fuston & Larry Bob Clay recieved the Distinguished Leader Award at the Briscoe County 4-H Achievement Banquet.

The "Friend of 4-H" award was presented to Derrell and Dixie Johnson at the annual banquet.

Local 4-Hers & Leaders Recognized At Achievement Banquet

The annual Briscoe County 4-H Achievement Banquet was held Monday, August 11, 2003, under the awning at the Briscoe County Courthouse. Outstanding 4-Hers and Leaders were honored for their accomplishments during the past year.

Ty Reed served as Master of Ceremonies, and Will Boedeker gave the invocation. A picnic meal of sub sandwiches, chips & dips and a variety of desserts was served. Payton Price led the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Motto and Pledge before Tanner Young gave the welcome.

Special guests were introduced by Tori Patton, and they were Briscoe County Judge Wayne Nance and wife Tina, Dorothy Johnson, Silverton School Principal Sheryl Weaver, Extension Executive Board Members Jimmy & Clara Ruth Davidson, Swisher County CEA-FCS Calley Runnels and husband Joty, Larry Ogden, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative Manager, and Tonette Perkins, Swisher Electric Cooperative representative, and Mary Tom and

Deb Burson. Zack Burson and Ty Reed provided the program for the event as Fair Junior Board of Directors. They reviewed opportunities available during the Fair and encouraged the participation of 4-Hers in the Fair. Following the program, Kathy Fuston, Valley 4-H Club Manager, and Lana Burson, Silverton 4-H Club Manager, gave reports on Briscoe County 4-H. Brandon McGinty, Briscoe County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Cory Edwards, Briscoe County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences, recognized the 2002-2003 Briscoe

County 4-H members who completed one or more projects with a Certificate of Completion and a 4-H t-shirt. They also presented windbreakers and jackets to the 4-Hers who earned enough points to receive them according to the new Incentive Points System. The jackets and windbreakers were monogrammed with a 4-H Clover and Briscoe Co. 4-H.

Overall, seven jackets were awarded to 4-Hers who earned 150 or more points, and fourteen windbreakers were awarded to 4-Hers who earned 100 or more points.

Jacket winners were Jacob Pigg - 188 points, Emily Garcia - 155 points, Jayson Pigg - 188 points, Scarlett Sperry - 152 points, Khaki Scrivner - 185 points, J.T. West - 153 points, and Kaitlan Reagan — 174 points.

Windbreakers winners were Tanner Clay - 102 points, KelseyClay - 121 points. Tanner Schott - 129 points, Sierra Burleson - 112points, Dusty Burson - 124 points, Autumn Phillips - 104 points, Brittany Deckard-10- points. Zack Burson - 142 points, Brewster Garcia - 101 points, Drew Reed - 115 points, Ty Reed - 117 points, Jacob Hancock - 129 points, True Burson - 102 points, and SethFuston — 104 points.

Wayne Nance, Briscoe County Judge, recognized the 4-Hers who completed record books with a 4-H Swiss Style Pocket Knife. Ty Reed and Scarlett Sperry placed first at the District Competition and their record books will be judged on the state level this week. Ty's record book is in Shooting Sports, and Scarlett's is in Recreation. Zack Burson received third at District with his horse recordbook. Khaki Scrivner received a blue ribbon for her Food & Nutrition record book. Jacob Pigg received a blue ribbon with his goat record book, and Jayson Pigg received a blue ribbon for his swine record book.

The I Dare You award was presented by Ruth Ann Scrivner to Tanner Young and Thor Patton. This award dares young people to achieve their highest potential to influence others through a life of service.

Then, Zack Burson presented the Bronze Star award. This award was now this year and is given to an outstanding junior 4-Her who completes a record book. This year's recipient was Khaki Scrivner.

Jenifer Pigg then recognized the Briscoe County 4-H Leaders with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Zack Burson presented the Distinguished Leader Awards to Kathy Fuston and Larry Bob Clay for their outstanding leadership in Briscoe County 4-H. They will also be recognized at a district luncheon in Clarendon on September 6, 2003.

The Silver Spur Awards sponsored by Lighthouse Electric offFloydada and Swisher Electric of Tullia were presented by DustyBurson, Larry Ogden, and Tonette Perkins and awarded toJeannine West and Apryl Burleson for their contributions to 4-H. Each year, Briscoe County 4-H recognizes a business, an individual, a couple or an organization for the special support that they have provided to the 4-H Program. Seth Fuston presented the Friend of 4-H Award to Derrell & Dixie Johnson.

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