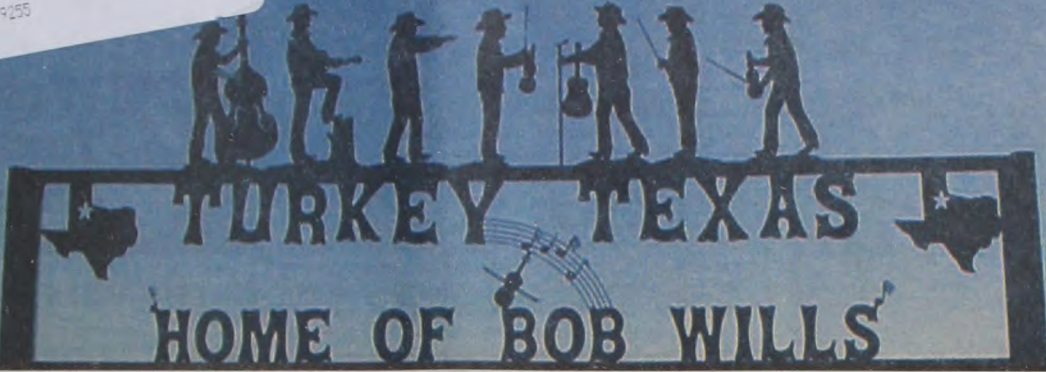


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Quitaque Council States Financially Unable To Support Proposed Municipal Judge To Enforce Local Ordinances

The Quitaque City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 9. Present for the meeting were Mayor Clyde Dudley, Council members Phil Barefield, Deloy Myers, Dennis Farley, Michelle Pointer, Janice Henson, City Manager Maria Merrell, Water Superintendent Walter Skinner and guest Roland Hamilton. After attending to regular monthly council business the following items were addressed.

*Under public comment council member Deloy Myers asked whether or not the city would be receiving some of the millings from the highway project. Merrell informed the council that she had been advised that the millings would be divided between Quitaque and Silverton. Council member Barefield asked whether or not the contractor for the project had mentioned looking for the Ozark Monument when work begins on the south side of the street. Mayor Dudley informed the council that he had asked the contractor of this possibility and the contractor had stated that they would spend a short amount of time looking for the monument.

* Merrell reported that Arlene and Bob Hinkle were hard at work putting up a new suspended ceiling in the library.

* Next the council reviewed the ambulance report. One run was reported since the last regular meeting. The council was informed that the Enduro was a success and that both the ambulance and fire department had deposited \$561 each from the concession stand. Merrell informed the council that a weather class was scheduled at the Hope Center for Wednesday, April 11 for Quitaque, Silverton and Turkey EMS services.

* Next the council listened to Roland Hamilton discuss the option of getting Connie Smith, Municipal Judge for Silverton to be the Municipal Judge for Quitaque and enforce some of the ordinances for the city. The pros and cons of this option were discussed by the council and Hamilton. Financially the city at this time cannot take on any obligations that could possibly cost the city money as they are operating on a very tight budget. The council will take the option presented under advisement.

* The council reviewed ordinance declaring incumbents Michelle Pointer and Phil Barefield as duly elected due to no candidate filing. A motion passed approving this ordinance.

* Skinner reported to the council that the water line project was well under way. As for the water tower project he reported the area where the water tower would be located had been cleared and he was in the process of capping a six inch line located on the property.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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The schedule for the Valley area events are:

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Saturday, April 14, 2007, 10:30am-11:30am, Motley County Library Annex, 1105 Main Street, Matador, Texas

Saturday April 14, 2007, 12:30pm-1:30pm, Dickens County Livestock Pavilion, located in Swenson Park, Spur, Texas

All events are free.

What's Happening In The Valley Area This Week?

April 12

* Matador City Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

* Turkey City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.

* Matador Masonic Lodge meeting

April 13

* Quitaque Lions Club meeting @ 7 p.m.

April 16

* Turkey Extension Club meeting

April 17

* Quitaque Volunteer Fire Department meeting @ 7 p.m.

* Turkey Volunteer Fire Department meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

* Turkey Senior Citizens meeting @ 6 p.m. BP

Checks at 5:30 p.m.

April 20

* Quitaque Senior Citizens meeting @ 5 p.m.

Turkey Jamboree Goes On Despite Snow

By R.J. Kalafus

The inclement weather did not deter the 80 or so people who attended the April Jamboree~ they enjoyed a great display of talent and left with a vow to return next month.

Starting off the night was E.J. Browning of Rising Star, Texas, who is a singer of traditional country songs. His set consisted of selections from Gene Autry (“Silver Haired Daddy”) to Hank Williams (“Your Cheatin’ Heart”) and Roy Acuff (“The Great Speckled Bird”). He finished with Willie Nelson’s “Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain.” His set was very well received.

He was followed by Quanah’s Marissa Sparkman, who began her portion of the show with Lynn Anderson’s “Rose Garden.” She then performed numbers by Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn and Jeannie C. Riley. She was joined by her father for a rendition of the Gospel favorite “I Saw the Light.”

The third act of the evening was Sharon VanHoose of Lorenzo, Texas. Her first number was the Patsy Cline standard “Walkin’ After Midnight,” after which she performed

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Arrest Made In Paducah Shooting Case

Paducah-On Tuesday, April 10 Phillip Chaney, 20 of Paducah, was arrested by the Texas Rangers for manslaughter. This arrest is in connection with the shooting death of a 15 year old Paducah student last month.

Chaney was taken to the Cottle County Courthouse and arraigned on the charge of manslaughter. Bond was set at one hundred thousand dollars buy the Cottle Co. Judge. Manslaughter is a 2nd degree felony.

Floyd County Oil Rig Accident Claims Man's Life

Floyd County authorities say 23-year-old Brandon Garrett, of Levelland, was crushed after he was caught in a hoist system while working on a oil rig 12 miles east of Floydada on Sunday, April 8. A hoist is a big cable that wraps around a drum and goes to the top of an oil well.

Authorities say they do not know how Garrett became entangled, but OSHA is currently investigating the accident.

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Motley Co. Commissioners Support Restoration of Historic Matador Jail

The Motley County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, April 9. Present for the meeting was County Judge Ed D. Smith, Commissioners Ronnie Davis-Pct 1, Donnie Turner-Pct 2, Franklin Jameson-Pct 3, Russell Alexander-Pct 4, County Clerk Kate Hurt, Sheriff Jim Meador, County Attorney Tom Edwards and assistant Carol Campbell. After attending to regular monthly court business the following items were addressed.

* TxDOT employees Ben Kautz, Sondra Hatcher and Rodney Murray met with the court to inform the commissioners’ the State had obtained right-of-way easements from the landowners that will be affected in curve improvements on FM 94. Resolution 2007-003 was presented to the court for approval. This Resolution allows Judge Smith to represent the county and to make the payment of \$300 to the State. The State requires counties to pay 10% of the Right of Way & Utility Cost. This resolution was passed by an unanimous vote.

* Carol Campbell presented to the court an update on the jail restoration project. Ms. Campbell requested the court’s permission to submit the pre-application packet she has completed to the Texas Preservation Trust Fund Grant program. A motion passed to approve the request and continue with the project.

* Judge Smith represented to the court House Joint Resolution #61. This resolution is in support to prohibit unfunded mandates on counties. This resolution was passed by an unanimous vote.

* Judge Smith informed the court he was contacted by Cody Warren from Warren Abstract of their plans to share one of the office spaces they rent in the courthouse with Brady Watson.

* Commissioners were informed that Tax Assessor-Collector, Elaine Hart has completed the Purge of the Delinquent Tax Roll. Section 33.05 Texas Property Tax Code mandates that those taxes not in litigation, be removed from the roll.

* Copies of the County Personnel Policy was distributed to elected officials and county personnel.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Recruiting Subjects For State-Funded Alzheimer's Research

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center researchers are recruiting 125 people with Alzheimer’s disease to participate in state-funded research. The research, which is a part of the Texas Alzheimer’s Research Consortium, will explore how genetics and inflammatory changes in the blood affect the onset of this disease.

Randolph Schiffer, M.D., chair of the Department of Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at TTUHSC, said it is exciting to be only one-of-four institutions in the state involved in the consortium but most importantly, contribute to the possible research that will find answers to Alzheimer’s disease.

“This research holds great promise for advancing our understanding of the possible triggers of Alzheimer’s disease that could lead to earlier diagnosis and improvements in patient care and quality of life,” Schiffer said.

Sen. Robert Duncan of Lubbock supports the consortium. “The Texas Alzheimer’s Research Consortium is doing ground-breaking work,” Duncan said. “I am proud that the Legislature provided \$2 million for Alzheimer’s research in 2005, the first state appropriation of its kind in Texas history. And, there is more work to be done.” More than 200,000 Texans and their families are coping with Alzheimer’s disease today. That number is projected to more than double to about 500,000 cases by 2025.

“Participating subjects in this research will benefit from having some of the nation’s top Alzheimer’s researchers, from our institution and the three other member institutions of the Texas Alzheimer’s Research Consortium, using their genetic and blood data to help answer research questions about onset, triggers and progression of Alzheimer’s disease,” Schiffer said.

Other member institutions of the Consortium are Baylor College of Medicine, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and University of North Texas Health Science Center.

Persons interested in participating in this study should contact Merena Tindall, R.N., at 1-806-743-2935 or merena.tindall@ttuhsc.edu.

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Teal & Chandler To Exchange Vows in June Ceremony

Dr. Tommy and Connie Teal of Early announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Brandye Leigh Teal to Kenneth Vance Chandler, son of Gary and Vonacel Chandler of Quitaque, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Blanket High school, a 2001 graduate of Cisco junior College, and is currently employed by Brownwood Regional Medical center as a licensed vocational nurse.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2001 graduate of Valley High School and a 2006 graduate of Midwestern State University. He is currently employed by Brownwood Regional Medical Center as a radiology technician.

Brandye is the granddaughter of Dr. Jack and Gaenell Ehrke of Early, Lillian Perkins of Brownwood and the late Thomas (Tex) L. Teal Jr. Vance is the grandson of Jack Chandler of Quitaque, the late LaJuan Chandler, the late Vance and Freda Robison and the adopted grandson of Kenneth and Thelma Thuleen of Granite Shoals.

The couple will wed at 7:30 p.m. on June 23, 2007 at Salt Creek Baptist Church.

Turkey Senior Citizens News

The Turkey Sr. Citizens met Tuesday evening with 14 members present. Margie Pinkerton did the blood pressure checks before the meal. A wonderful pot luck meal was enjoyed. J. D. Nance said the prayer before the meal. After the delicious meal, a game of Mexican train and Spinner were played.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 17, 2006. If you are a senior, come and join us for the delicious food, fun, and fellowship! Come early and have your blood pressure checked.

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Info provided by Joyce Slack

Obituaries
Ursel "Booger" Taylor

Ursel (Booger) Taylor, 92, died Sunday April 8, 2007 in Lockney, Texas.

Mr. Taylor was born February 10, 1915 in Floyd County to James and Faye Taylor. He married Garnie Mae Jacobs in 1942.

Graveside services were held Tuesday April 10, 2007 in Gray Mule Cemetery near Quitaque with Brother Jimmy Fred Taylor and Elder John Francis officiating. Services were under the direction of Chancellor Funeral Home

Mr. Taylor was a rancher and served in the Navy during WWII.

His wife Garnie Mae, two daughters Rita Joy Wood, and Peggy Jo Francis, a grandson Ky Ray Wood and four brothers, preceded him in death, two sons, survive him Ray Taylor of South Plains, Danny Francis of Silverton and one daughter, Kay Gilbert of Lockney, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Eunice Mae Colvin Ross

Eunice Mae Colvin Ross, 92, passed away Tuesday, April 10, 2007 in Carillon House in Lubbock.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 15, 2007 in the First United Methodist Church in Quitaque. Burial will be in Flomot Memorial Park at Flomot under the direction of Chancellor Funeral Home. Full obituary in next week's paper.

The greatest healing therapy is friendship and love.
- Hubert H. Humphrey



- April 12: Brenda Browning, Lowell Proctor, Louis Randell, Jackie Sperry, Cindy Johnson, James Ortiz
- April 13: Steve Farley, Myles Cranmer, Stephanie Boyles, Linda Miller
- April 14: Dallas Delmere, Jessica Ortiz, Walter Wayne Taylor
- April 15: Matthew Dickman, Maril D'nae Majors, Ray Williams, Jo Mae Merrell, George Calvert, Dylan Gaddis, Betty Tiffin
- April 16: Krystle Clinton, Lisa Proctor, Landon Townsley, Brayson Cruse, Jim Forbes, Bill Carthel, Pat Charthel
- April 17: Sharon Kell, Richard Irby, Daniel Jenkins, Susan Ramsey, Michael Paul Cruz, Maria Merrell, Joan Roehr, Nadyne Childress, Peggy Rowell, Christina Addison
- April 18: Steve Farley, Rickey Fuston, Terri Landry, Mary Ivory, Venita Chappell
- April 19: Jeanetta Bradford, Lisa Cherry

A man, sir, should keep his friendship in a constant repair.
- Samuel Johnson

Some people go to priests; others to poetry; I to my friends.
- Virginia Woolf

Wherever you are it is your own friends who make your world.
- William James



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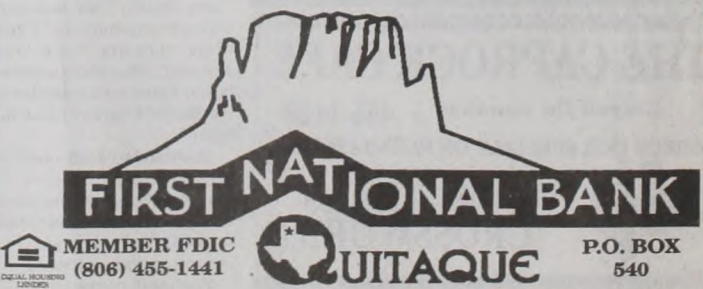
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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Living and working on a farm never boring. Each day is a new day. Meet the sunrise with confidence. Do this and there will be joy for you in each golden sunset.

Easter Decor On Display At Do Gooders' club Meeting

An Easter decor was on display at the Do Gooders' Club meeting Tuesday afternoon, April 3 held at the Community Center in Flomot.

Mrs. Leona Degan and Mrs. Connie Franks, hostesses presided at an Easter designed service. The table was laid with a pink cloth over white and the centerpiece was a beautiful floral arrangement in an Easter basket. Intermingled on the table were ceramic bunnies, ducks, chickens, geese and Easter eggs. They served refreshments of a vegetable tray with dips, mini colorful decorated cupcakes, coffee and iced tea.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter conducted the business meeting at a table complemented with a pink cloth and a lily pot plant. Mrs. Suzie Shannon read the minutes of the previous meeting that were approved.

They voted to have a Work Day at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 10 at the Community Center inside and outside. The installing of new tile in the bathroom and kitchen at the Center is making progress. They are hoping for completion following warm and dry weather.

Party favors were plastic colored Easter eggs filled with candy. The two members with a slip of paper enclosed in their egg were lucky winners of the hostess gifts. Mrs. Leona Degan won the lily pot plant and Mrs. Kathy Shorter an Ester decor coffee cup with candy.

Those attending were Mesdames Nada Starkey, Mary Jo Calvert, Erma Washington, Connie Franks, Leona Degan, B. Rogers, Suzie Shannon, Kathy Shorter, Brenda Browning, Waydette Clay and Geneva Martin.

A White Easter Weekend

A surprising white Easter weekend and below freezing temperatures in Flomot and Whiteflat with a 2 1/2 inch snow reported and temperatures dipping to 26 degrees. Residents are worried about the damage to plants and fruit trees. Only time will tell.

Annual Starkey Easter Reunion

The annual Easter Starkey family reunion was held from Wednesday until Sunday at the rural homes of Mrs. C.W. Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and at the Starkey Reunion building. Sleeping bags, air mattresses were everywhere. The weather did not interfere with camp fire cookouts and good food of brisket roasts, ham, casseroles and desserts. An Easter egg hunt was held Sunday afternoon.

The 65 relatives attended from Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and throughout Texas. Special guest was Johna Starkey, granddaughter of Jonie Starkey, who has served with the U.S. Marines in Iraq. She is returning to serve in Iraq again this week.

Easter holiday guests of Mrs. Beverly Vinson, Doris and Roger Vinson were Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Vinson, Kaitlyn, Morgan and Bubba, Dana Vinson and Anthony Brocato of Lubbock.

Visiting during the Easter holidays with Jerry and Sandra Barclay were Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Ashton an Lane of Borger and Mr. and Mrs. Ty Barclay, Tylee, Trent and Trevor of Matador.

Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney and Wilburn Martin attended the funeral services of Mrs. Bessie Cooper, 78, held Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Borger. Mrs. Cooper is the mother of Marilee Cooper's husband, Fred Cooper.

Wilburn Martin and granddaughter, Lindsay Martin of Canyon visited Easter Sunday in Borger with Marilee and Fred Cooper. They attended church services with them.

Mrs. Janice Hughes was in Lubbock, Friday with her 10 month old grandson, Kason Hughes, a patient at the Medical Covenant Center in Lubbock, who had pneumonia. Also with him were his parents, Rickey and Tasha Hughes of Floydada.

Butch and Janice Hughes attended the 4th birthday party Saturday of their granddaughter, Baylee Hughes held in the home of her parents, Billy and Becky Hughes of Lubbock.

Visiting during the Easter holidays with Ruth and Orville Lee were Kellan Roberts of Waco, Brandon Lee of Plainview, Kacee McGraw, Tom Heck and son, Cody of Turkey.

B. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers visited Saturday night in Calgary in the home of Donna Sue and Stanley Degan. They celebrated the birthday of Dane Degan of Crosbyton with all the trimmings.

Donnie Rogers was a guest Sunday at a family luncheon of Trent and Shirley McKay in Quitaque.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin visited Saturday and Sunday in Lubbock with his sister, Aly Gwinn. Other visitors Sunday were Mrs. Marilyn Holcomb of Floydada, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raetz of Matador and Mrs. Sarah Hurt and Annie of Lubbock.

Visiting Thursday and Friday with Kathy and Clois Shorter were daughters and children, Mrs. Keri Schon and Brian of Ropesville, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Hayley of Petersburg. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock visited during Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Attending the Tanner family Easter luncheon in Tulia, Sunday were Mrs. Geneva Martin, Kathy and Clois Shorter, Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay.

Easter guests of Connie and Coy Franks were children and families, Cary Franks, Cory and Amy Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock and Cara Franks of Flomot.

Mrs Iona Lane, Mrs. Leota Johnson and Celia Johnson of Turkey and Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert of Flomot visited Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Leona Degan.



Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

It is hard to believe spring is here with the unseasonably cold weather we have had lately. Here are some recipes for warmer weather when it gets here.

Ham and Sweet Potato Salad

- 4-5 cups cubed, peeled sweet potatoes
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 1/2 cups fully cooked ham, cut into thin strips
- 2 celery ribs, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup dried chopped apricots

Place the cubed sweet potatoes in a large saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 20 minutes or until tender. Drain and cool. In a large bowl, combine the mayonnaise, orange juice, honey, orange peel, salt and ginger. Stir in the ham, celery, apricots and sweet potatoes. Stand Pineapple upright and cut in half vertically, leaving the leafy top attached. Remove core and fruit, leaving a 1/2 inch shell. Cut pineapple into bite-sized chunks.; stir 2 cups into the salad. (Save remaining pineapple for another use.) Cover and refrigerate salad and shells for at least 4 hours. Just before serving, stir pecans into salad. Spoon into pineapple shells to serve. Serves 8.

Walnut Carrot Cake

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 2/3 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 package (3.4 oz.) instant lemon pudding
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (8 ounces) plain yogurt
- 2 1/2 cups grated carrots
- 3/4 cups chopped walnuts
- Cream cheese frosting

In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in the vanilla and lemon peel. Combine the flour and pudding mix. Baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with yogurt. Stir in carrots and nuts. Transfer to a greased and floured 10-inch fluted tube pan. Bake at 350° for 50-55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack. Cool completely before frosting. Store in refrigerator. Serves 12-16.

Cream Cheese Frosting

- 1 (8 oz) package cream cheese
- 1 stick butter
- 1/3 cup walnuts, chopped
- 1 box of powdered sugar (4 cups)
- 1 tsp vanilla flavoring

In large mixer bowl, beat cream cheese and butter until light and fluffy. Add powdered sugar gradually and mix well. Stir in walnuts and vanilla. Spread on cooled cake.

Orange Dream Salad

- Combine;
- 1 cup chopped papaya
- 11 ounce can mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 cup seedless grapes

Stir together and mix with fruit: 1/2 cup orange flavored yogurt and 1/2 teaspoon poppy seed. Serves 4-6.

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ACROSS

- 1 a replica of this Columbus ship sailed to TX in '92
- 5 oil source: Unifed Emirates
- 6 TXism: "spends his looking for shade" (lazy)
- 7 pre-owned pickup
- 8 TX George Strall's "Marina Del"
- 9 TXism: "squirrel up a tree"
- 16 TX Vikki Carr '89 release: "Hombres"
- 18 Spaniard who mapped much of Texas: Leon
- 20 TXism: "gets with the chickens"
- 21 Valley pheasant: chacha
- 22 Buchanan
- 24 Fort Worth Zoo has huge condor vulture
- 30 Cowboy Casillas' horse racing bus: Farms
- 34 TX singer Roy (Init.)
- 35 El Paso mountain: Sierra de Rey
- 36 performance trip by TX singers
- 37 Stephenville is seat of this county
- 39 Johan's last name in the mysterious Boerne Bible
- 43 TXism: "happy as a small dog" - big bone
- 44 founder of TX Belo media co.: Alfred Belo

DOWN

- 1 Mother
- 2 TX perennials
- 3 TXism: "own poison"
- 4 TXism: "hot as coals"
- 9 Alamo City letters
- 10 pollen causes this type of reaction in some Texans
- 11 TXism: "he's all beer and no..."
- 12 Exon forerunner
- 13 TXism: "quick minute" York
- 14 TXism: "...light he squeaks when he walks"
- 15 TXism: "it don't up"
- 17 saloon receptacles
- 19 yearly event for environmentalists
- 23 Sonora is a leading wool and center
- 24 car cooling (abbr.)
- 25 TX pro strike-out king (init.)
- 26 chili is state
- 27 social companion
- 28 TXism: "...loop roper" (bad)
- 29 TXism: "every then"
- 31 TX Charley Pride's "Where ... Put Her Memory?"
- 32 TXism: "can't hunt with an empty"
- 33 Quitaque, TX newspaper "Valley"
- 38 TX story (2 wds.)
- 40 TX-sized communications co. (abbr.)
- 41 small state with a big rooster (abbr.)
- 42 publisher's opinion
- 49 baby horse
- 51 in the country
- 52 Gov. (1942-46) Stevenson (init.)
- 57 TXism for "want to near El Paso: Mountains"

A homemade friend wears longer than one you buy in the market.
~ Austin O'Malley

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Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Spaghetti, Ceasar Salad, Mixed Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk

Tuesday, April 17

Breakfast: Breakfast Hot Pocket, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Baked Chicken, Ranch Potatoes, Pineapple & Mandarin Oranges, Biscuits, Milk

Wednesday, April 18

Breakfast: French Toast, Syrup, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Soft Tacos, Salad, Chips & Hot Sauce, Spice Cake, Milk

Thursday, April 19

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce OJ/Milk
Lunch: Pork Roast, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

Friday, April 20

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Pigs In A Blanket, Tator Tots, Banana Pudding, Milk



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THE PATRIOT

Valley School News

Third Planet From Muleshoe

By, Alaw Ross
 Just a little under an hour and a half's drive southwest of Happy, 18 miles from Muleshoe, things start getting planetary. "Welcome to Earth, established 1924," the sign on a downtown building says. As the story goes, three different names were submitted for the town's official tag prior to its establishment, each one rejected by the state. "The final one they sent was 'Green Earth,'" says Yvonne Layman, 63, a 43-year resident of Earth (pop. 1,077), "and the state shortened it to Earth."
 Residents are accustomed to the predictable jokes associated with their town's name. "Oh, we've had all kinds of comments," Layman says. "Typically, it's 'Yes, we know where Earth is 'cause we live on Earth,' or some people say, 'Yeah, you live on Earth and we live on Mars.' But you know, little towns are decreasing all the time, so we do what we can to stay on the map."
 Just to show that the state doesn't play favorites with the solar system, there's also a Mercury, Venus, and Saturn (formerly Possum Trot), Texas.
 And little over 100 miles east of Earth, in the southwest corner of Hall County, lies Turkey, (pop. 492). "It started as a place called Turkey Roost on Turkey Creek," relates Robert W. Brown, a writer for the area's Valley Tribune newspaper. "This creek was pretty well overrun with wild turkeys. Later, when they made it into a post office, in 1893, they dropped the 'Roost' and called it Turkey." The town has a foothold in music history as well. Western swing legend Bob Willis claimed Turkey as his home throughout his long career.
 From: "American Profile Magazine" of Tennessee.

Turkey Jamboree

Continued from page 1
 "Silver Threads and Golden Needles," and "Old Chunk of Coal." She was joined by her friends on several Gospel tunes, including "I Wouldn't Take Nothing For My Journey" and "I Surrender All."
 Sharon was followed by the Turkey Gems, who began with a version of "Roly Poly" by Lucy Dean Record. Bennie Brown performed "Bells of St. Mary's" and "Just a Closer Walk With Thee." J.M. Dickson, on harmonica, played "Faded Love," and Lucy Dean Record finished off with "Alabama Jubilee."
 Sharon VanHoose won the \$100 prize for the evening, while the \$25 prize was won by E.G. Reed who graciously donated it to the Heritage Foundation.

Sandy and Wilda Fuston would like to thank the people who made the Relay for Life dinner a success! We all truly appreciate the Relay's efforts to defeat cancer, and are glad that the Jamboree audience has always been quick to support this good cause.

Valley School Board Election Cancelled

Valley School Board Election Cancelled - No Additional Candidates
 The Turkey-Quitaque CISD Board of Trustees met in regular session with all members present except Max Meyer on Monday, March 26, 2007. After attending to regular board business the following items were addresses:
 * The contract with Interquest Detection Canines of West Texas was approved.
 * There were no additional candidates for the two board positions except incumbents Max Meyer and Susan Young. There fore the board approved an Order of Cancellation of School Board of Trustees election.

* Classroom teachers, vocational teachers, counselor and coaching appraisal and contract renewals were considered. Superintendent Jerry Smith recommended contract renewals for these employees and their contract renewals were approved.
 With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Senior Spotlight

Name: Madelyn Fern Ramsey
 Age: 18
 Birthdate: September 20, 1988
 Parents Name: Greg & Susan Ramsey
 My Pet Peeve: Smacking
 My Role Model: My brother, Zack
 My Best Characteristic: My hair or my eyes
 Favorite Pastime: Playing piano or being on the computer
 Favorite Style of Dress: Athletic shorts, t-shirt, & flip flops
 Favorite Food: Fettuccini Alfredo
 Favorite Movie: Pride & Prejudice
 My Favorite Sport: Basketball
 Hobbies: Playing piano & drawing
 If I could travel anywhere, I would go...to New Zealand
 The best advice I ever received was... When in doubt, don't
 The worst advice I ever received was...none
 My worst habit is...Picking my split ends
 I'm thankful for...My fun parents
 I remember in elementary school when...I busted my tooth in 4th grade on the first day
 If I could change something, it would be... Losing against Channing
 My most frightening moment: Almost wrecking in Lubbock
 My best memory: Playing with my cousins at my grandma's house
 I always fall for...Brady's jokes
 My greatest fear is... Ocean currents & sharks
 Someday I want to... Travel all the time
 My most valued possession... My camera or my iPod
 If I had only one day to live, I would... Spend it with my family
 After graduation I plan to...Attend Texas Tech University
 In ten years I see myself...Finishing up dental school



Senior Spotlight

Name: Elizabeth Santos
 Age: 19
 Birthdate: August 27, 1987
 Parents Name: Avelino & Estela Santos
 My Pet Peeve: Getting nervous
 My Role Model: My parents
 My Best Characteristic: Being friendly to other people
 Favorite Pastime: Listening to music
 Favorite Style of Dress: Casual with blue tie jeans curly hair and a good looking blouse
 Favorite Food: Tacos
 Favorite Movie: Scary Movie 3
 My Favorite Sport: Volleyball
 Hobbies: Shopping & buying CDs
 If I could travel anywhere, I would go...Cancun
 The best advice I ever received was... Stay in school and don't do drugs
 The worst advice I ever received was...Run away, there is nothing bad by doing it
 My worst habit is...Biting my nails
 I'm thankful for...My family
 I remember in elementary school when...I first got into a fight and got sent to the office
 If I could change something, it would be... My height
 My most frightening moment: Snakes
 My best memory: When my friends and I used to play football in elementary
 I always fall for...A good looking man and also built up
 My greatest fear is... Losing a member from my family, also losing something that is really important to me
 Someday I want to... To be an actrize
 My most valued possession... My brother that is on jail
 If I had only one day to live, I would...Travel around the world with all my friends
 After graduation I plan to...Move away, work hard so I can live on and have a good life
 In ten years I see myself...Working in a good job where I get paid good. I also see myself married.



Title I and Migrant Programs are having a Pac Meeting at the Valley School Cafeteria Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 2 p.m. Zeke Castro will be our guest speaker. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be given away. Hope to see you there. Thank You!

Vaaver una junta de Titulo I y Migrante Pac este Jueves 12 de abril alas 2 p.m. de la tarde en la cafeteria. Zeke Castro de Canyon sera nuestro orador. Habra refescos y tambien se dara premios. Hagan por venire a esta junta que sera interesante. Gracias!

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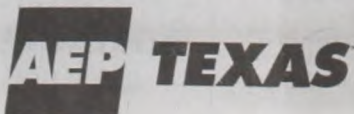
AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for over 90 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. While we no longer sell electricity or send out monthly electric bills, we recognize this is going to be a long, hot summer. Since AEP Texas and its 1,700 employees are directly connected to the many communities we live in and serve, we'd like to share some information on how you can help manage your electric bills through active retail choice and where you can go for additional help if need be.
 One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.
 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at www.powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round. Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.
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Turkey Talk

By Martha Bradshaw

Billy and Margie Pinkerton were in Colorado City and Loraine on Sunday. They went to church with Tommy's family and had lunch with them. The Santos family traveled with them to visit their son. Some of them attended church.

Bob Warner had an MRI on his hip Tuesday. They are waiting to hear from the doctor. After his MRI, Bob and Wanda went shopping.

Gary Johnson had an angi plasty procedure in Lubbock this week. The procedure went well and he and Berdelle are home.

Martha Adams had her surgery and is home recovering very well.

On Saturday the 7th the Proctor family gathered at Izell Proctor's to celebrate Easter with a dinner followed by an egg hunt in the snow. Those present for the festivities were: Izell Proctor, Robert Proctor of Childress, Doyle and Gelene Proctor, Doyle Dean and Jay Proctor and children Jacy and Carson, DeLane and Brent Brown with children Cole, Caitlyn and Kylie, Lesa Proctor of Lubbock, Lowell and Sue Proctor, Wade and Ruth Proctor of Quitaque, Mindy and Donnie Cagle of Canyon and daughters Imory and Tory, Lee and Lisa Proctor of Amarillo with children Ross, Sam and Allison, Gail Hanna and daughter, Trish Menyard and son Hunter of Teague, Daina Barnhill of San Angelo with children Jordan, Whitney and Bailey, Alvin and Georgia Proctor of Tulia, Justin and Cindy Proctor of Oklahoma City with children Garrett, Rance and Henleigh, Russ and Aarika Proctor of Canyon with daughter Mikayla, Scott Proctor of Amarillo accompanied by Kellye Holton of Lubbock. Also joining the Proctor's for the festivities were: Jan Lane and daughter Jhonda with sons Brady and Coby along with their cousin Garvin House of Lubbock.



Easter 2007 at Grandma Proctor's House in Turkey.

Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

~ Benjamin Franklin

Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.

~ John Wesley

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.

~ Winston Churchill

Mediterranean Diet Wards Off Childhood Respiratory Allergies

Newsweek — A "Mediterranean" diet rich in fruits, vegetables and nuts protects against allergic rhinitis and asthma symptoms, suggests research published ahead of print in Thorax.

The researchers assessed the dietary habits, respiratory symptoms, and allergic reactions of almost 700 children living in four rural areas on the Greek island of Crete. The children were all aged between 7 and 18 years of age.

Whether the children ate a "Mediterranean" diet was measured against a set of 12 foodstuffs, including fruits, vegetables, whole-grains, legumes, nuts, and olive oil.

Eight out of 10 children ate fresh fruit, and over two thirds of them ate fresh vegetables, at least twice a day.

The effect of diet was strongest on allergic rhinitis, but it also afforded protection against asthma symptoms and skin allergy.

Children who ate nuts at least three times a week were less likely to wheeze.

Nuts are a rich source of vitamin E, the body's primary defence against cellular damage caused by free radicals. And they contain high levels of magnesium, which other research suggests, may protect against asthma and boost lung power.

And a daily diet of oranges, apples, and tomatoes also protected against wheezing and allergic rhinitis.

Grapes in particular seemed to protect against current and previous wheezing and allergic rhinitis, even after adjusting for other potentially influential factors.

But high consumption of margarine doubled the chances of asthma and allergic rhinitis, the findings showed.

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

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Digital Television Alert

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

On April 7, 1927, a short speech given by then-Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover was sent from Washington to New York as part of the first successful long distance television transmission. Headlines in newspapers the next day beamed, "Television Now Reality," and a new era of American history was born. Eighty years later, we are embracing a new technology that will significantly improve television resolution and quality while also offering many new services.



Beginning February 17, 2009, all television programming will be digital, as stations will no longer broadcast analog signals. Digital technology will provide viewers with superior picture and sound, as well as offer multiple programming choices and interactive options. This transition will also make additional broadcast spectrum available for public safety uses and for advanced wireless applications.

One byproduct of digital television is the ability for a station to multicast multiple signals from the same station at the same time. Among the numerous potential multicast offerings are local options that could include news and weather, foreign language content, and educational programming.

Furthermore, when all broadcasts become digital, analog spectrum previously used for television will now be dedicated to public safety services. One of the lessons of 9/11 and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita is that emergency first responders, police, and firefighters require improved systems of communication. The transition to digital television will provide these responders with new frequencies to increase interoperability and allow officials from all jurisdictions and levels of government to more easily share information. This will ultimately save lives.

Remaining analog spectrum will be auctioned by the government to wireless companies, which is expected to generate billions of dollars in proceeds to help reduce the federal deficit. The sale of this spectrum will also lead to the implementation of even more new technologies as services such as wireless broadband becomes available.

For many people, digital television is actually already here. Over 1,600 television stations are now broadcasting digital signals, and many consumers are currently enjoying these additional options. One product made possible by digital technology is High Definition TV, which has a far superior picture than standard definition television. HDTV has already changed the way many people watch sporting events on television. Digital technology makes possible crystal clear details previously impossible to see on television. Programs about nature and the outdoors are also vastly improved when viewed with digital technology.

Since March 1, 2007, all new televisions with screens 13 inches or larger have been required to be capable of receiving digital signals. If you have a converter box, cable or satellite service, you are ready for the arrival of digital television. However, it is important for those who currently receive television over the air to prepare for the digital transition, because their current televisions may not be equipped to receive digital signals.

Beginning January 1, 2008, all U.S. households will be eligible to request two \$40 coupons from the Department of Commerce to purchase two digital-to-analog converter boxes. In the coming months, additional information will be made available by the Department of Commerce regarding how to receive these coupons.

The technological advances of the past century have produced breakthroughs in medicine and science that have improved our quality of life. Soon television capabilities will also reflect the potential of the 21st century. To learn more about the transition to digital television, please visit www.dtv.gov.



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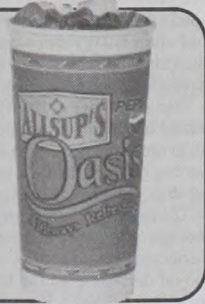
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Agriculture News

Hello, Briscoe County. With our recent cold spell, I'm sure that most of our wheat producers have some questions regarding whether or not their wheat has been damaged. Wheat that is in the boot stage or the heading stage is far more susceptible to freeze damage than that that is in the jointing stage. It will take about three or four days of warm temperatures to actually tell if wheat was damaged and to what extent. If wheat is in the jointing stage, damage from the past weekend is probably slight if any. If your wheat was further along, you can probably suspect freeze damage.

The weather station in Lockney, TX reported that on Saturday, April 7, the air temperature got down to 25°F at 6:00 a.m., but rose after that and stayed around 27°F for most of the day. Air temperature is going to be different than soil temperature or the temperature in the wheat canopy. High soil moisture and lack of high wind probably kept the temperature in the wheat canopy a little higher than the actual air temperature.

It is going to be interesting to see how wheat in Briscoe County responds in the next three or four days. If injury is significant, I will try to arrange a field day, with our extension agronomist, within the next week, to help producers determine what steps they need to take to get the most out of their wheat crop. If your wheat was in the boot stage or heading, it might be time to think about baling it for hay.

4-H Happenings

Briscoe 4-H has had an active spring, participating in numerous contests, with more to come. I have been very proud of the participation and effort shown by our local youth with 4-H. On April 5, Mitchell Curry and Tyler Garvin competed at Memphis, TX in the District 1, 2, 3 Soil/Range/Grass Identification Contest. Tyler was the third high individual in the district 1 Sr. division, advancing him to state competition. This makes two individuals advancing to state, Mitchell Curry in Dairy Cow Judging and Tyler Garvin in Grass Identification. Tanner Schott and Kaitlan Reagan will be competing in Livestock Judging at Canyon, TX on April 13, and we wish them the best of luck as they compete.

If you plan to show goats/lambs in FFA or 4-H in Briscoe County, you need to contact my office immediately, so that I can order validation tags for your animal/animals.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for all meetings. We request that you contact the Briscoe County Extension Office as soon as possible to advise us of any auxiliary and/or services needed.

Texas FSA Seeks Proposals For New Conservation Initiative

Texas Farm Service Agency is asking federal, state and local agencies as well as private or nonprofit organizations to submit proposals for a new 500,000 acre Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to improve habitat for high priority wildlife species nationwide. Nearly 40,000 acres has been allocated to Texas.

"The State Areas for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative provides an opportunity to develop grassroots conservation projects to address high priority wildlife needs through habitat restoration," said Billy Foster, Executive Director for the Hall County FSA. "This initiative further extends the positive environmental impacts of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)." With more than 36 million acres enrolled, CRP is the nations' largest, voluntary private-lands conservation program. CRP practices improve water quality, air quality and wildlife habitat.

SAFE will enable the public, producers, state and federal agencies, non-profit conservation organizations and others to propose areas where new CRP acreage may be established to address the habitat needs of endangered, threatened or high-priority fish and other wildlife species. In addition, conservation practices currently offered under CRP can be fine-tuned under SAFE to improve, connect or create higher-quality habitat to promote healthier ecosystems in areas identified as essential to effective species management.

Interested entities can submit a SAFE proposal for consideration to the local FSA office or directly to the Texas FSA State office attention: Sammy Orange, Conservation Chief; PO Box 2900, College Station, Texas 77841. Although no deadline for submitting proposals has been set, Foster encourages organizations to act quickly.

The national FSA office in Washington D.C. has set a November 1 deadline for receipt of all state proposals," said Foster. "Because these proposals must go through a two-tier review process at the state level prior to review in Washington, we would like to begin receiving proposals as soon as possible."

Eligible landowners in approved SAFE areas may enter into new CRP contracts with USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). Approved program participants will receive an annual CRP rental rate equivalent to soil rental rates for the county plus an annual maintenance payment.

Also the producer is eligible for cost-share assistance of up to 50 percent of eligible practice installation costs. In addition, producers will be eligible for a one-time payment of \$100 per acre signing incentive payment. Producers may also receive a practice incentive payment equal to 40 percent of the eligible establishment costs of the practice.

For SAFE proposal details and protocol, contact the Hall County FSA at 806-259-3579 or visit the national web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; click on Conservation Programs.

Cotton News By Shawn Wade

Seed Use Agreement Now Required For Bt Cotton Purchased In Texas Panhandle

Monsanto Corporation is mailing information to farmers and cotton seed distributors in the northern Texas Panhandle to inform them of a new policy regarding the sale and use of Bollgard/Bollgard II cotton seed varieties in that area.

The new Monsanto policy is being implemented to help insure full understanding of current Bt cotton label restrictions and stems from provisions of the federal Bollgard/Bollgard II technology registration which currently prohibits the planting of the cotton Bt technology in the following Texas counties: Carson, Dallam, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Roberts and Sherman.

Monsanto officials note that producers in counties contiguous to the ten listed above will be asked to sign a Seed Use Agreement (SUA) that explains the current planting restrictions and asks producers to identify where the Bt cotton seed they purchase will be planted.

Growers purchasing Bt cotton in the following counties in Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma are included in the new rule and will be required to complete the SUA form before seed will be delivered: Texas—Armstrong, Carson, Dallam, Donley, Grey, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, and Wheeler; New Mexico—Harding, Quay, Union; Oklahoma—Beaver, Cimarron, Ellis, Harper, Roger Mills, and Texas.

The Bollgard/Bollgard II planting restriction is required by the Environmental Protection Agency as part of the Insect Resistance Management (IRM) plan for ten counties of the Texas Panhandle region where a significant amount of Bt corn is also planted.

Details of the restriction are included in Monsanto's 2007 Technology Use Guide and 2007 IRM Guide. Growers are obligated by their Monsanto Technology/Stewardship Agreement limited use license to comply with this restriction.

Failure to comply with the label restriction would be a breach of the Monsanto grower license resulting in loss of access to the technology and could also be found to be a violation of federal law resulting in civil or criminal penalties.

Monsanto's goal in implementing the new SUA is to establish and document awareness of and compliance with the planting restriction in these counties. The Seed Use Agreement must be signed by the grower prior to shipment or delivery of any Bt cotton seed in the specified region.

With the recent rise in cotton acreage in Texas Panhandle counties north of Amarillo, Plains Cotton Growers and the Corn Producers Association of Texas are working together with Texas Cooperative Extension to evaluate entomological data and determine what alternatives may exist that would allow future planting of Bt cotton and Bt corn in the area simultaneously.

Until a more permanent solution is found, Monsanto's decision to have producers that purchase Bt cotton seed in the counties contiguous to the ten named in the Bollgard/Bollgard II label will improve the likelihood that Bt cotton is not planted in violation of current label restrictions.

ARS Bio-Oil

Technology Heats Up

By Laura McGinnis

Biofuels are a hot commodity—and thermochemical processing is making them even hotter. New research by Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists could soon lead to improved techniques for producing bio-oils.

At the ARS Eastern Regional Research Center (ERRC) in Wyndmoor, Pa., scientists are exploring different methods for making fuels from biomass, which includes materials such as energy crops, corn stover and straw.

The conversion method known as thermochemical processing involves heating the biomass in a reactor to produce liquids (bio-oils) and synthetic gases (gaseous fuels such as hydrogen and methane).

At the ERRC, chemical engineer Akwasi A. Boateng and mechanical engineer Neil M. Goldberg, working with Daren E. Dugaard of the University of Texas-San Antonio, have developed a bench-scale fluidized bed reactor to convert switchgrass and other energy crops into bio-oil in a process called pyrolysis. This method uses extreme heat to break down organic materials in an oxygen-free environment.

One advantage of the reactor is that it demonstrates the potential of in-field conversion of biomass into oil. The resulting oil is more energy-dense than the original biomass, so transporting oil from the field to a central refinery is more economical than moving hay or biomass pellets.

The bench-scale reactor maximizes liquid yield collection by incorporating an electrostatic precipitator (ESP), a filtering device that removes fine liquid droplets from the gas flow. The bio-oil derived from the ESP has several desirable properties, including relatively low water content, resulting in higher energy density and superior transportability.

The oil collected by the ESP is suitable as a feedstock, because the oil's energy density is higher than the average collected bio-oil. Further refining can turn this oil into a more standard diesel fuel for use in automobiles, farm equipment and other diesel-run machines.

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Extension Expert: Irrigation Opportunities Must Be Accompanied by Proper Planning

Excitement and anxiety are building as irrigation producers look at the first opportunity in many years to have profitable spring crops, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist. "We see on the horizon a great opportunity to make some money," said Leon New, Extension irrigation specialist, during the High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show in Amarillo.

"We've got the equipment, both center pivot and sub-surface drip, to make the most out of the least, that being water," New said. "There's not a lot more we can do on the systems, so it's planning on your part that will generate the most efficiency." He advised producers not to overshoot their water capabilities. Formulate a plan based on the gallons-per-minute per acre capabilities of the wells on a property, New said.

"We're challenged this year," he said. "We're going to try to do more than what we have water to do it with, and we can't afford to lose water. You have to make some good decisions." Manage the irrigation water, rainfall and soil moisture to maximize yields on each crop, New said, keeping in mind that no irrigation system can "make" water that's not available. Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist in Amarillo, said producers in limited water situations who are producing wheat, sorghum and cotton should compare the benefits of partial versus full irrigation.

"You may be better off to spread the water out by partially irrigating all of it instead of fully irrigating part of it and letting the rest grow under dryland conditions," Amosson said.

In limited-water situations, the value of the initial water applications are higher than later applications, he said. The rate of return for the last few inches of water applied to a crop is not as great and may be more efficiently used if applied to another crop, he said. However, Amosson agreed with New, saying this is the year for producers with water to use it, and the greatest return is going to be with corn. "Pump it," he said. "There are times when you shouldn't irrigate, but you do. This is the year where you are going to get good returns for that water pumped."

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Texun Tawk

By Bill Sperry

I LOVE MY JOB . . .

If you don't laugh out loud after you read this you are in a coma! This is even funnier when you realize it's real! Next time you have a bad day at work think of this guy.

Rob is a commercial saturation diver for Global Divers in Louisiana. He performs underwater repairs on offshore drilling rigs.

Below is an E-mail he sent to his sister. She then sent it to radio station 103.2 on FM dial in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, who was sponsoring a worst job experience contest! Needless to say, she won.

Hi Sue,
Just another note from your bottom-dwelling brother. Last week I had a bad day at the office. I know you've been feeling down lately at work, so I thought I would share my dilemma with you to make you realize it's not so bad after all.

Before I can tell you what happened to me, I first must bore you with a few technicalities of my job. As you know, my office lies at the bottom of the sea. I wear a suit to the office. It's a wet suit. This time of year the water is quite cool. So what we do to keep warm is this: We have a diesel powered industrial water heater. This \$20,000 piece of equipment sucks the water out of the sea. It heats it to a delightful temperature.

It then pumps it down to the diver through a hose, which is teathered to the air hose. Now this sounds like a darn good plan, and I've used it several times with no complaints.

What I do, when I get to the bottom and start working, is take the hose and stuff it down the back of my wet suit. This floods my whole suit with warm water. It's like working in a Jacuzzi.

Everything was going well until all of a sudden, my butt started to itch. So, of course, I scratched it. This only made things worse. Within a few seconds my butt started to burn. I pulled the hose out from my back, but the damage was done. In agony I realized what had happened.

The hot water machine had sucked up a jellyfish and pumped it into my suit. Now, since I don't have any hair on my back, the jellyfish couldn't stick to it. However, the crack of my butt was not as fortunate.

When I scratched what I thought was an itch, I was actually grinding the jellyfish into the crack of my butt.

I informed the dive supervisor of my dilemma over the communicator. His instructions were unclear due to the fact that he, along with five other divers, were all laughing hysterically.

Needless to say I aborted the dive. I was instructed to make three agonizing in-water decompression stops totaling thirty-five minutes before I could reach the surface to begin my chamber dry decompression. When I arrived at the surface, I was wearing nothing but my brass helmet.

As I climbed out of the water, the medic, with tears of laughter running down his face, handed me a tube of cream and told me to rub it on my butt as soon as I got in the chamber.

The cream put the fire out, but I couldn't poop for two days because my butt was swollen shut.

So, next time you're having a bad day at work, think about how much worse it would be if you had a jellyfish shoved up your butt.

Now repeat to yourself, "I love my job, I love my job, I love my job."

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Apr 14, 1865
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Apr 14, 1836
Gen. Santa Anna's army captured Harrisburg.

Apr 15, 1940
Bob Wills and the Light Crust Doughboys recorded "San Antonio Rose" for the first time in a studio in Dallas.

Apr 15, 1840
Josiah Gregg's exploration party arrived in Fort Smith, Ark., from Santa Fe. They had discovered a new route which was later followed by California gold rush 49ers.

Apr 15, 1836
Mexican Gen. Santa Anna's army burned Harrisburg to the ground. The Republic's government had reached Morgan's Point.

Apr 16, 1947
The S.S. Grandcamp, a French ship carrying ammonium nitrate fertilizer, exploded while docked at Texas City. The first explosion resulted in other explosions and fires which killed nearly 600 persons and left 200 others missing.

Apr 16, 1836
Gen. Sam Houston and his army reached Spring Creek, in present-day Harris County. Here Houston ended his retreat and started moving his troops toward Gen. Santa Ann's army in Harrisburg.

Apr 17, 1970
A tornado struck Silverton, killing one person and injuring four.

Apr 17, 1911
The hull was laid for the battleship "Texas."

Apr 17, 1871
Texas A&M was created by the Texas Legislature. It was the first institution of higher education in Texas.

Apr 17, 1837
The Texas Navy ship "Independence" was attacked by two Mexican ships and forced to surrender near Velasco.

Apr 17, 1836
Gen. Santa Anna's army crossed Vince's Bridge and left behind most of his army in his march to Morgan's Point, where the Texas government was located. He was to late however the government had moved by boat to Galveston Island.

Apr 18, 1934
The first washateria in Texas opened in Fort Worth.

Apr 18, 1863
A small unit of Union soldiers attempted a surprise landing at Sabine Pass. The sailors were captured by the Confederates.

Apr 18, 1836
Gen. Santa Anna's small army arrives at Morgans Point, finding the Texas Government gone, they burn the town to the ground.

Apr 19, 1993
The Branch Dividian compound east of Waco was engulfed in flames after Federal agents used M-60 tanks to smash holes in the walls and pump in tear gas. The fire killed as many as 86 people, and ended a 51 day standoff with the religious sect in what officials called a mass suicide.

Apr 19, 1836
Gen. Sam Houston moved his army across Buffalo Bayou at Vince's Bridge.

Apr 20, 1836
Gen. Sam Houston called a halt among the trees along Buffalo Bayou where it met the San Jancinto River near Lynch's ferry. The Texas and Mexican armies exchanged cannon fire. Sidney Sherman attempted and failed to draw Santa Anna into a battle.

Apr 20, 1815
President James Madison appointed Sam Houston a second Lieutenant in the 39th Infantry Regiment.

TDA To Hold Texas Certified Retirement Community Application Workshop

AUSTIN – Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is hosting a Texas Certified Retirement Community Application Workshop for any city or county interested in applying for certification.

The workshop is scheduled for May 4 in Austin. The workshop will provide communities with an overview of the CRC program, as well as information regarding application preparation and review. Other topics include "Marketing Your Town," "Establishing an Advisory Board" and "Developing a Long-Term Plan."

Four Texas communities – the cities of Athens, Ducanville and Lufkin and Nacogdoches County – have received certified retirement designation.

"These four communities have learned that retirees help boost economic development and create new employment opportunities for our rural areas," said Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples. "The May workshop will provide those interested in the CRC program with practical, roll-up-your-sleeves knowledge they can take home and use to apply for certification and enhance their area as a retirement destination."

The workshop will be held at the Stephen F. Austin Building, Conference Room 1003A, 10th Floor from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Registration is free. Space is limited to the first 30 respondents. To register, please call (512) 936-6339 or email finance@agr.state.tx.us by April 30.

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The keys to a healthy heart include changes in diet, exercise and lifestyle. These changes aren't difficult, but it does take some effort. Taking care of your heart can pay off in long-term good health as well as many more Valentines!

Here are a few tips to help ensure your heart and those of your loved ones are strong and healthy for years to come:

* **Quit smoking.** Don't put it off any longer. Smoking poses numerous health risks including heart disease and elevated blood pressure. Try a quit-smoking program or talk with your doctor about aids such as nicotine gum or patches. Counseling or a support group also may be helpful. Quitting smoking may not be easy, but your health – and life – depends on it.

* **Fuel up with good food.** Eat foods that are low in trans- and saturated fats, cholesterol and sodium. Remember that low in fat doesn't always mean low in calories, so read nutrition labels carefully. A diet high in fiber can lower cholesterol. Be sure to include foods such as oats and beans in your diet. Fruits and vegetables are a good source of fiber as well, plus they have many heart-healthy vitamins and minerals. If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation.

* **Keep your body moving.** Exercise is important for a healthy heart. That doesn't mean you need to run marathons. Aerobic exercise such as walking, bicycling or swimming is great for your heart. Choose an activity that is a good match to your fitness level, and be sure to start slowly. Gradually work up to five days a week, 30 minutes a day. Talk to your doctor before beginning any exercise or sports program.

* **Manage stress and anger.** A life free of stress is nearly impossible; however, you can change the way you react to life's daily challenges. Use relaxation techniques such as deep breathing, gentle stretching or meditation. Look at your daily and long-term priorities. Are your goals realistic? Do your best each day and let the rest go. Eating well and exercising also can help. Make time for good health and good relationships. It will do your heart good.

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Saturday, April 14, 2007
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
City Bank
502 Main Street
Silverton

For more information, please call 806-371-8844

Are you eligible for tax relief?

Pick up a free copy of our pamphlet

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities"

Learn about property tax relief available to you through:

- ☐ Homestead exemptions
- ☐ Disabled veteran exemptions
- ☐ Productivity appraisal for farm, ranch and timber land
- ☐ Tax deferrals for homeowners aged 65 and older or disabled
- You'll learn how your property is appraised, so you can decide if the appraisal district's value is reasonable. And if you decide it isn't, Remedies will tell you how to prepare an appeal to the appraisal review board.
- You'll learn the kinds of protests the appraisal review board can hear—and what kind of evidence you need to bring to your hearing.
- Key dates are listed, so you'll know what you must do and when you're required to act.

Remedies is free. Spanish and large-type versions are also available.

Ask for yours today at

Hall County Appraisal District
512 Main, Suite # 14
Memphis, TX 79245 (806)259-2393

or e-mail: ptd.cpa@cpa.state.tx.us

or write to: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn
Property Tax Division
P.O. Box 13528
Austin, TX 78711-3528

or call: 1-800-252-9121

or on the Web at:
www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/

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Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 17th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10% to 50% penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ☐ You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ☐ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☐ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2005. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2006.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2006 renditions is April 17. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

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A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on January 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption. A home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2006 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The over-65 homeowner's school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2005, you won't need to reapply for 2006 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2006. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by May 1 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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