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Planting Activity Moves Ahead 2009 Cotton Risk Sharing Program Information Available

By Shawn Wade Planting season is here again and High Plains cotton producers are busy putting seed in the ground. Despite less than ideal conditions, many growers acknowledge that the situation is generally better than what they faced at this time in 2008.

The majority of the improvement has come from initially lower costs for fuel and fertilizer compared to last year. Soil moisture conditions are also generally better due to residual deep moisture that many dryland growers hope to be able to tap into later in the year if they can get enough planting rainfall to get a crop established.

Soil moisture in many dryland areas is still short in the seed bed, meaning that many growers will have to begin putting seed into dry soil in anticipation of a rainfall event, or events, that will allow seed germination and also provide adequate moisture to sustain the crop.

Even though the moisture situation could easily move in

a positive direction over the next few weeks and ensure a good start, dry conditions will continue to be a looming threat in 2009. Fortunately, cotton seed and biotechnology providers have once again stepped up with programs to share some of the risk associated with growing the crop and using higher cost seed and technology.

For High Plains cotton producers who plant cotton seed from All-Tex Seed, Americot/NexGen, Croplan Genetics, Delta & Pine Land and FiberMax/AFD/Stoneville the extra protection provided by Replant and Seed Drought Relief Programs will help lessen the anxiety of establishing a new crop in less than ideal conditions over the next few weeks.

Having been around for several years, operations of the various risk sharing programs are fairly well understood. Even though they have very similar designs producers should take the time to read the applicable program requirements for each company they

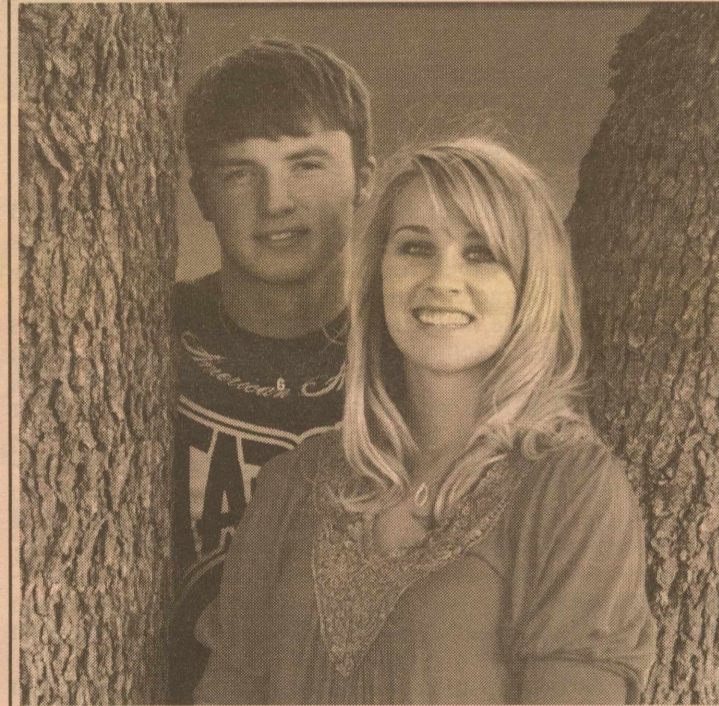
will be dealing with and understand exactly what the differences are between each company's program.

Copies of company provided information sheets outlining covered varieties, specific eligibility requirements, claim deadlines and procedures are available for viewing or download from the Plains Cotton Growers website (<http://www.plainscotton.org>). For assistance in answering a more specific question about their own situation growers are advised to contact their cottonseed distributor or appropriate seed company representatives.

Roundup Rewards Eligibility Changes: Not For Everyone One new wrinkle that has been introduced by Monsanto in 2009 involves a reduced Roundup Rewards eligibility requirement for acreage planted to certain varieties containing Monsanto traits.

Under the revised Roundup Rewards policy a West Texas cotton grower can qualify for full 2009 Roundup Rewards benefits on all acres planted to Delta & Pine Land cotton seed varieties with a SINGLE application of Roundup brand herbicide at a rate of 22 ounces per acre and a minimum Deltapine seed

Mr. & Mrs. BHS



Borden County Sr.'s Jake Cooley and Krystal Hobson were named Mr. and Mrs. BHS this past week. Jake is the son of Chris and Tracy Cooley of Gail. Krystal is the daughter of Danny and Renee Hobson of Gail.

purchase of 25 bags.

Following this initial announcement from Deltapine, Monsanto has also reached agreement with several other West Texas seed companies that will extend the reduced Roundup Rewards eligibility requirement to their varieties as well.

According to confirmed information available at the time of this article, cotton acreage planted to varieties containing Monsanto traits purchased from All-Tex Seed, Americot/NexGen, and Croplan Genetics (in addition to Deltapine varieties) will qualify for full

Roundup Rewards benefits with the single in-season Roundup brand herbicide application.

Like Deltapine, information from each of the above named companies indicates they will also require a 25 bag minimum purchase of Monsanto-traited planting seed. To date there has been no confirmation of whether Dyna-Gro or Phytogen brand cotton varieties will also benefit from reduced Roundup Rewards eligibility requirements.

Currently, Bayer

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Reminder: Borden County still remains under a Burn Ban. It is a violation to burn trash barrels with a fine of \$500.

Memorial Scholarships

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 25th, 2009.

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evident by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication, and scholastic achievement.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Selection Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Selection Committee.

Members of the Brandon Adcock Family will have no input into the selection process.

Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to

waive all rules, regulations, and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

John Harding Memorial Scholarship

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Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

John Harding Memorial Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evidence by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication, and participation in school activities as a student of Borden County High School.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Selection Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Selection Committee.

Members of the John Harding family will have no

input into the selection process.

Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations, and formalities in order to select the candidate(s) that the committee feels is most deserving.

Caden Nowlain Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the Caden Nowlain Memorial Scholarship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 25th, 2009.

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

Caden Nowlain Memorial Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evident by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication, and scholastic achievement.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Selection Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Selection Committee.

Members of the Caden

Nowlain Family will have no input into the selection process.

Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations, and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 25th, 2009.

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School community as evidence by his/her high moral character, service minded attitude, dedication and determination to succeed along with maintaining passing grades.

Potential recipients must be a member in good standing of the current Borden County High School graduating class or must be a previous graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion of consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Selection Committee.

Members of the Porter Family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations, or formalities in order to select the

candidates that the committee feels is most appropriate.

The selection process is a subjective task that will be left to the discretion of the J. Pat Porter Scholarship Selection Committee. The award will be given to someone the committee feels is a signification of the positive attributes that were exhibited by the late J. Pat Porter.

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School Lunch Menu

May 18 - 22 2009

Monday - Breakfast: Omelet & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Sub Sandwich, Carrots, Salad, Orange Slices and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Corn Dog, Salad, Potato Salad, Fruit Crisp and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Biscuit & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Corn Salad, Pineapple and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Mexican Casserole, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Arpicots and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Waffles, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, Salad, French Fries, Cake w/frosting and Milk.

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Thomas Invited to NCAA Division II Track and Field Meet

Tarleton Track and field member, Garrett Thomas, is invited to the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

A Tarleton Junior from Gail, Thomas makes his third appearance at the national meet in the 110-meter hurdles. He enters the meet with the third-best time of 14.22. He finished eighth in the event last season to earn All-American honors.

A total of 620 participants will compete in the championships. Student-athletes quali-

fied for the championships by reaching the automatic and provisional standards established for each event.

The championships will be held May 21-23, at the Legrand Sprots Complex on the campus of Angelo State University in San Angelo. Angelo State University will serve as host.

This past weekend, Garrett participated in the conference track meet in Kingsville, Tx and finished second with a time of 14.17.



Former Borden County athlete, Garrett Thomas, will compete in the NCAA Division II championships May 21-23 Angelo State University in San Angelo.

Lady Coyote Golf



The Lady Coyote Golf team recently competed in the District Golf meet in Gaines County finishing in second place. Those participating were (left to right) Seleste Herridge, Krista Tarleton, Taylor Richey, Machel Barr, Olivia Key and D'Nae Johnson.

Webb Competes in Championships

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter

Borden County third grader, Brittan Webb, earned two regional titles in the double mini and trampoline from the recent USA Gymnastics Region 3 Championships held in Lubbock at the Lubbock Civic Center.

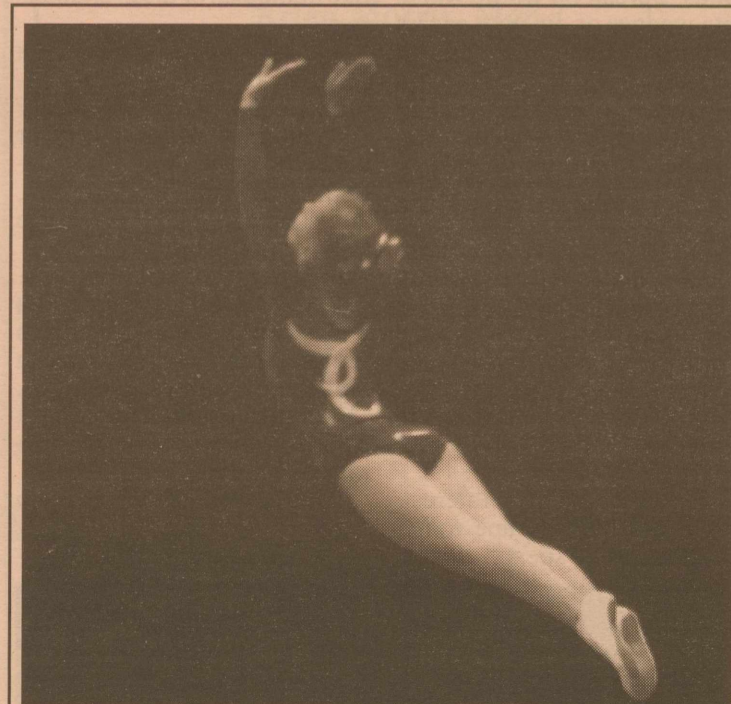
The meet featured 1,200 athletes from seven states for the three-day event. A majority of the competitors competed in the groups of 70 to 100 athletes in their age group level.

Brinlie Webb, also a Borden County student, posted three Top 10 finishes in this meet, taking sixth on the trampoline, eighth in double mini and ninth in tumbling.

"I was proud of how well we competed as a group. The kids trained really well for the event and it showed when they competed," Coach Sara Miller said.

These ladies are members of the Sports Academy, which has one more prep competition before heading out to San Jose,

Calif. For the USA Gymnastics Junior Olympics coming up June 22-30.




Borden County third grader, Brittan Webb, pictured recently competed in the USA Gymnastics Region 3 Championships in Lubbock. She won titles in the double mini and trampoline.

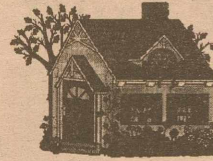
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Heart and Home ...

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Midday Snacks All Grown Up

Graham crackers and peanut butter. Carrot sticks with ranch dressing. Cheese and crackers. Here's how to take these old snacks and make them new again.

Everyone had a favorite snack while growing up. But now that you're an adult, the appeal of the tried-and-true may feel a little, well, tired. Read on for ideas that can satisfy cravings for more sophisticated fare.

Spread Beyond Peanut Butter If you love something smeared on crackers and breads but are bored with peanut butter, take heart; there are options. Meet the other butters. Almond and cashew butters have a smooth texture and great flavor. Spread either on crackers made with whole grain, or top a slice of 100% whole wheat bread. Remember to exercise portion control, and watch the fat and calories.

Choose garbanzo beans. Low-fat hummus, made of mashed garbanzo beans, is not only nutritious but also delicious. Spread on whole wheat pita wedges or dip with spears of carrots, cucumbers, and bell peppers.

Top that muffin. Spread 100% fruit jam or jelly onto one half of a low- or fat-free muffin made with whole grain.

Freshen Your Veggies It's not the idea of veggies and dip that's tired; it's that we have a hard time seeing beyond creamy-dressing dips. So get inventive!

Fill from a different well. Pack celery sticks with almond butter, guacamole, hummus, or low-fat bean dip.

Dip in this. Dunk interesting vegetables—grape tomatoes, zucchini spears, jicama

and red bell pepper strips, and cauliflower florets—into plain yogurt turned exotic. Just add a dash of curry or some other favorite herbs or spices.

Dial Up Low-Fat Dairy Can't think of an alternative to cheese and crackers but want to make sure your snack contains some calcium? Try these alternatives.

Add toss-ins. Top low-fat yogurt with granola or cereal made with whole grain and fresh berries, or blend the yogurt with a variety of fruits to make a smoothie.

Remember spreadable cheeses. Try fat-free cream cheese on a rice cake or crispbread made with whole grain.

Graduate Your Grab 'n' Go Your busy schedule might not allow for a lot of planning or prep time, but that doesn't mean you're stuck without options as you're headed for the door. Fill your zipper bags ahead of time.

Pack a punch. Choose small fruits that deliver big taste—like kumquats or dried cranberries.

Go for crunch. Reach for a handful of nuts such as almonds or pistachios, or try edamame soybeans. Make your own trail mix using nuts, cereal made with whole grain, and dried fruit. (Dark chocolate bits are optional!)

Reach for the prepackaged. Monterey Jack or mozzarella cheese sticks, and Mandarin orange or applesauce cups can help the truly time-challenged. Don't forget fat-free vanilla soymilk, and you're good to go.

Source: Eat Better America web site <http://www.eatbetteramerica.com>

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--Unknown

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Newsworthy Trends

Tips To Get Ready For RV Season

(NAPS)—If you enjoy roaming the country in your RV, you have lots of company. According to the RV Industry Association, 8.2 million other Americans enjoy that freedom, too.

Following these maintenance tips from leading RV insurer Progressive can help you make sure your RV is safe, clean and ready to hit the road.

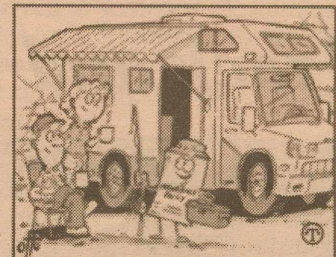
Check for damage:

- Look for deterioration of seals around doors, roof vents and windows, and reseal as necessary.
- Check awnings for damage, mildew and insects.
- Examine the hitch system for wear, loose bolts and cracks.

Change the engine oil and spark plugs. Many RV manufacturers recommend changing the oil and filter prior to storage and again in the spring. During storage, oil can separate and cause condensation buildup that may harm the engine. Also, while replacing spark plugs, be sure to set the gaps to the recommended manufacturer's setting.

Make sure your insurance policy covers towing expenses. An auto endorsement might only cover up to the amount it costs to tow a car—around \$75—but since many RVs require special equipment, towing them can cost much more.

- Inspect the engine.
- Check the battery.
- Check the cooling and fuel systems.
- Drain and flush the entire system of the nontoxic antifreeze you used before placing the RV into storage and replace with the proper coolant.
- Check for cracks in hoses and fan belts and replace if necessary.



More than 8 million Americans have RVs.

- Replace the fuel filter, and examine the fuel lines and fittings for cracks and leaks.

- Change the transmission fluid and filter.

- Flush the water system.
- Inspect the tires. Check for cracks, worn treads and correct tire pressure.

- Check all lights. Make sure headlights, taillights, brake lights and turn signals are all functioning properly.

Prepare for a safe season. After checking all mechanical components, inspect your safety equipment. This means installing new batteries in flashlights and smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and restocking the first-aid kit.

Check your coverage. After making these routine checks, don't forget to review your insurance policy to make sure it meets your current needs. Ask your local independent agent about specialized RV insurance that can cover everything from tree damage repairs to your lodging if your RV breaks down while you're on the road.

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On the Wild Side of Life
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Brush Busters Leaf Spray Method

The mesquite tree is one of the toughest, most invasive species of brush in the world. It thrives across the western two-thirds of Texas, both in rural pastures and on urban lots. Here's a three-step way to control mesquite that's easy, inexpensive, environmentally responsible, and effective. Using these Brush Busters methods, which involve spraying a small but potent concentration of herbicide directly on each plant, you'll be able to keep the mesquites and other shrubs and trees you want and get rid of those you don't.

Just keep in mind that controlling mesquite is not a one-time job. Livestock and wildlife do an excellent job spreading seeds, so you'll need to go over your land regularly to get rid of unwanted seedlings.

Professionals with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas AgriLife Extension Service, both agencies of The Texas A&M University System, have developed and approved these three-step Brush Busters methods of mesquite control. Your results may vary with weather and other conditions, but you should be able to knock out more than seven of ten mesquites treated.

Brush Busters recommends two ways to control mesquite, depending upon tree shape. If most of your mesquites have a few well-defined stems or trunks coming out of the ground, you'll find the Stem Spray Method works best for you. If your mesquites are bushy, have many stems at ground level, and are less than 6 to 8 feet tall, try the Leaf Spray Method. Whichever way you choose, with these simple directions, you'll find you can successfully control your mesquites the 1-2-3 Brush Busters way.

Works Best: On mesquites that are bushy, have many stems at ground level, and are less than 8 feet tall. This

method has also been known as high-volume foliar spraying.

When to Apply: Begin in spring, when mesquite leaves change color from a light pea green to a uniform dark green, and continue through September. Allow mesquite that has been topkilled by hand cutting, fire, mechanical methods or herbicide treatment to grow for two full growing seasons before using the Brush Busters leaf spray.

1. Prepare Equipment: Small pump-up garden sprayers, backpack sprayers, cattle sprayers or sprayers mounted on 4-wheel all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) work well. Garden sprayers are best for small acreages. Backpack sprayers are usually the most efficient in dense mesquite, while ATV sprayers become more efficient in large acreages or as the distance between plants increases. Make sure your sprayer has an adjustable cone nozzle, such as a Conejet® 5500- X6 or -X8 capable of delivering a coarse spray (large droplets) to the top of an 8-foot tree.

2. Mix Herbicides: You can usually achieve 76 to 100 percent root kill by spraying with a mixture of the herbicides Reclaim™ and Remedy™. To prepare the spray mix, add Remedy™ and Reclaim™ at concentrations of 1D2% each to water. To ensure a thorough coating of the foliage, add either liquid dishwashing detergent or a non-ionic surfactant to the spray mix (see table top right). It may be helpful to add a dye such as HiLite™ Blue Dye to mark plants that have been sprayed.

3. Spray the Mesquite: Begin spraying in the spring after the soil temperature at 12 to 18 inches deep has reached 75 degrees and after the mesquite foliage has changed from a light pea green color to a uniform dark green color. The

spray period will last through September. (In East and South Texas, however, the suggested cutoff date for leaf spraying is July 31). Wet all the foliage of each mesquite plant until the leaves are almost to the point of dripping.

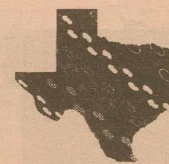
Keep these points in mind:

- Follow herbicide label directions.

- For best results, don't spray when: Rains have stimulated light green new growth

in tree tops; Mesquite leaves are wet; Mesquite foliage shows damage from hail, insects or disease; You are working upwind of desirable trees, shrubs or crops.

- Your cost of treatment increases rapidly as the density and size of brush increases. Also, controlling mesquite is not a one-time job. You'll need to go over your land now and then to get rid of unwanted mesquite sprouts.



Walk[®] Across Texas!

Walk Across Texas is now in it's last week. The last several weeks have been very successful with the total of all teams being 1175.7 miles.

Week 6: R.A.C.E.-86.5, County Cruisers-39, Cool Coyotes-44. Week 7: R.A.C.E.-68, County Cruisers-37, Cool Coyotes-43. Team R.A.C.E. is in the lead with a total of 646.5 miles. The County Cruisers are in second with a total of 269.2 and following are the Cool Coyotes with a total of 260 miles. Great job everyone!

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Recommended spray mixture.*

Ingredient	Concentration in spray solution	Tank Size		
		3 gal.	14 gal.	25 gal.
Reclaim™	1/2%	2 oz.	9 oz.	16 oz.
Remedy™	1/2%	2 oz.	9 oz.	16 oz.
Surfactant	1/4%	1 oz.	5 oz.	8 oz.
Hi-Lite™ Blue Dye	1/4 - 1/2%	1-2 oz.	5-9 oz.	8-16 oz.

*All spray solutions are mixed in water.

Thought for the Day

"May I end my day at peace knowing I have tried my best. I will not hold on to disappointments or failures, but let them go knowing tomorrow is a brand new day."
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LEGAL NOTICE
Sale of Surplus Equipment

Borden County will accept sealed bids for the following surplus equipment. Bids will be opened May 26, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Borden County Courthouse.

Equipment can be inspected on county lot located east of the Borden County Extension Office. Equipment is as follows:

1993 20 ft. covered goose-neck Easley Livestock Trailer

For further information contact Van York, County Judge, phone 806/756-4391 or County Extension Agent, Cody Hill, phone 806/756-4336.

Mail bids to P.O. Box 156, Gail, Texas 79738. All bids should be marked "BID" on outside of envelope.

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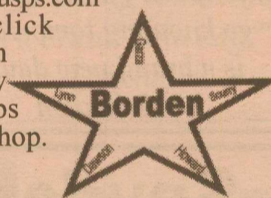
Few things reach as many Americans each day as the U.S. Mail, so postage stamps provide an opportunity to raise money and awareness in support of important social issues.

The 55-cent Breast Cancer Research semipostal stamp covers First-Class Mail postage plus generates funds for this important cause. The first semipostal stamp in U.S. his-

tory, the breast Cancer Research stamp was issued at the White House on July 29, 1998 and features artwork of a mythical "goddess of the hunt" by Whitney Sherman of Baltimore. To date, the stamp has raised more than \$53 million dollars for breast cancer research. By law, 70 percent of the net amount raised goes to the National Institutes of Health and 30 percent goes to the Medical Research Program at the Department of Defense.

Past semipostal stamps have included the Stop Family Violence stamp, which raised more than \$3 million for domestic violence programs, and the Heroes of 2001 stamp, which raised more than \$11 million for the families of relief personnel killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

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Student Loan Debt Relief

(NAPS)—There's good news for college graduates who are struggling to pay off student loans. If you have federal student loans, no matter when you took them out, there's a program that will begin this July that could provide relief.

Income-Based Repayment (IBR) is an important new payment option for federal student loans. IBR can make loan repayment more affordable by capping monthly payments based on your income and family size. Any debt left after 25 years of payments will be forgiven. This program covers almost all federal loans made to undergraduate and graduate students, whether your lender is a private company, such as Sallie Mae or Citibank, or the federal government.

IBR is designed to help people with high debt burdens (more debt than they can afford to pay off in 10 years). For most eligible borrowers, IBR payments will be capped at less than 10 percent of income. For borrowers with very low incomes, IBR payments could be as low as \$0 per month.

If you work in public service, another new program could forgive your remaining debt after just 10 years of IBR payments. Public Service Loan Forgiveness is available for full-time government and non-



New debt-relief programs may make college more affordable for more Americans.

profit workers with federal student loans in the Direct Loan program. Whatever your job, if you work for a federal, state or local government—including public schools—or for a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, you may qualify.

For more information about how to qualify for IBR and Public Service Loan Forgiveness, check out www.IBRinfo.org. Created by the nonprofit Project on Student Debt, the site includes consumer-friendly information and tools including a calculator to estimate your IBR payment amount, answers to frequently asked questions and other important information about what you can do to make the most of these borrower benefits.

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Spring Music Program

May 19th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Borden County ISD will hold it's Spring Music Program on Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium. The program will begin with Kindergarten through Fifth grade performing patriotic selection "For Which It Stands". Fourth grade will play several selections on their recorders, followed by Fifth grade band, Sixth and Seventh grade band and concluding with the High School band performing various pieces. Come be a part of this wonderful enjoyable time of music and fellowship.



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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Farewell, Mr. Harvey

The country won't be the same without Paul Harvey. His calm reassurance was comforting to his millions of listeners. I was a stringer for Paul Harvey for more than forty years and he used most of my stories.

Many people who write about Paul Harvey mention his staccato style of delivery. I don't think that was his most obvious characteristic. I think it was the way he could take an extremely confusing story and make it understandable using a bare minimum of words.

I guess I started listening to Paul Harvey while I was attending Baylor. His rhythm and timing were impeccable. His love of America, with all of its places, people and events, showed up on his broadcasts.

He was fascinated by the whole of life. His good humor itself was refreshing. He didn't take himself too seriously.

I don't know how he developed his style, but I imagine it came from listening to the legendary pioneering sportscaster Bill Stern and radio evangelist Garner Ted Armstrong. They both had commanding voices that made you want to stay tuned. And their writing was perfect for radio.

Paul Harvey started his career on KVOO in Tulsa. ABC started carrying his fifteen-minute noon cast in 1951. Over the years he was on more radio stations than any other radio personality, nearly 2,000 when you add in all the Armed Forces Radio stations that carried him.

There won't be another Paul

Harvey. Nobody can take his place. Nobody can write like Paul Harvey did or read with the same commanding voice Paul Harvey had. When his voice started showing his age, I began to wonder if ABC would just go back to a regular top of the hour newscast after he left the air. I hoped so, because that time slot belonged to Paul Harvey and to no one else. He has lots of imitators and rightly so. Broadcast students have taped his broadcasts, dissected them, read along with them, tried to pronounce words the way he did. He used tongue twisters like they were mere recitations of the alphabet. One of his favorites was "Today's quote worth re-quoting." Say that ten times real fast.

The first radio station where I worked had a recording of a speech Paul Harvey made in 1959 at the Big Spring chamber of commerce banquet. I listened to it and was fascinated at how he described the way the countryside changes coming out to Big Spring from Fort Worth. He said some beautiful words about the city, its flora and fauna and people.

And of course the audience loved it. He mentioned his comments about Big Spring the next morning when he did his national broadcast from the local station.

Paul Harvey used short words, short sentences. He made the difficult simple. His enjoyment of his work showed up in his every broadcast. I miss him.

USDA Planting Activity...

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CropScience's Fibermax, Stoneville and AFD cottonseed varieties are not participating in the revised Monsanto Roundup Rewards program.

For now at least, growers who plant Bayer's Fibermax, Stoneville and AFD brand cotton seed varieties will still have to meet the normal Roundup Rewards eligibility requirement of at least two (2) in-season Roundup brand herbicide applications at the minimum 22 ounce per acre rate to qualify for full Roundup Rewards benefits, including Monsanto Replant and Drought Relief programs.

Replant and Drought Relief
The following is a brief description of the Replant and Drought Relief programs being offered in 2009.

On the replant relief front, there are two flavors of protection available to eligible growers. The first is offered directly from Monsanto. The Monsanto Trait Replant program provides for a 100 percent technology fee refund on the growers initial Monsanto trait purchase when replanting to an eligible crop containing a Monsanto trait and fulfilling the requirements for participation in the Roundup Rewards program.

The following cotton seed companies, All-Tex Seed, Americot/NexGen, Croplan Genetics, Delta & Pine Land and FiberMax/AFD/Stoneville cotton seed have announced availability of a replant reimbursement equal to 100 percent of the suggested retail price of the initial planting seed purchase when growers replant to another variety from the same company in the same season.

Claim deadlines for both the Trait and Seed replant programs may differ, so growers

are advised to review the available literature on these programs mentioned above, or contact their seed distributor or company sales representative for further information.

In addition to the popular replant programs on trait and seed, dryland cotton producers who plant an enhanced variety containing an eligible Monsanto trait may also be eligible for a full refund on their Monsanto trait investment plus a portion of their planting seed cost if their final harvested yield is less than 150 pounds per planted acre.

Known collectively as Drought Relief programs, these efforts are like their Replant Program cousins, offered from both Monsanto on the trait side and by the individual seed companies on the seed. Participation in the Monsanto Drought Relief program also hinges on fulfillment of applicable Roundup Rewards eligibility requirements.

The mechanics of the Drought Relief programs are all fairly similar in that crops are generally considered a loss if the actual or estimated lint yield is less than 150 pounds per land acre, verified by either production evidence or a Federal Crop Insurance claim that includes an estimated yield of less than 150 pounds per land acre.

The Monsanto Trait Drought Relief program will refund 100 percent of a growers trait investment on any

acreage planted to cotton varieties containing Monsanto traits and average less than 150 pounds per planted acre. A

review of information on the various drought relief programs being offered by the seed companies indicates a wide variety of claim notification; claim submission and seed cost refund benefits. The majority of the seed refund programs are designed to return up to 50 percent of the suggested retail price of the planting seed they purchased on drought affected dryland acreage.

Because of the highly variable way that the seed company programs work it is important the growers stay in contact with their seed distributor or sales representative to participate. - Want the facts about the U.S. farm policy. Get what you need at: www.farmpolicyfacts.com

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B.H.S. Senior Prom

When: May 23, 2009


Time: 8:30 p.m.

Where: Wooden Spoke

Tickets: \$12 individual or \$20 couple



*For tickets contact Krystal Hobson or Katherine Froman
Must present tickets to attend*



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**LA NOTIFICACION DE PRE-KINDERGARTEN
 PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR
 2009-2010**

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá el programa del pre-kindergarten durante el año escolar 2009-2010. El programa será para los estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años en o antes de 1 de septiembre, 2009. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa resolviendo por lo menos uno de los requisitos siguientes:

1. Sea económicamente perjudicado
2. Este limitado experto ingles (LEP)
3. Sea destituido

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame (806) 756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2009.

LA DENEGACIÓN

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si quince (15) o más estudiantes califican.

ESL PROGRAMA NOTIFICACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá un programa de ESL para los estudiantes del LEP (Experto Inglés Limitado) durante el verano de 2009. El programa será programado por un mínimo de 120 horas y concluirá antes del 1 de agosto, 2009. El programa está diseñado para los estudiantes que entraran kindergarten o el primer grado en el otoño de 2009-2010. Los padres de niños elegibles serán responsables del transporte.

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame (806) 756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2009.

LA DENEGACIÓN

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si diez (10) o más estudiantes califican.

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION
 FOR THE
 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR**

Borden County School will offer the pre-kindergarten program during the 2009-2010 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2009. Students can qualify for the program by meeting at least one of the following requirements:

1. Be economically disadvantaged
2. Be Limited English Proficient (LEP)
3. Be homeless

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806) 756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2009.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if fifteen (15) or more students qualify.

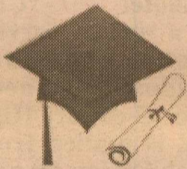

ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

Borden County Elementary School will offer an ESL program for LEP (Limited English Proficient) students during the summer of 2009. The program will be scheduled for a minimum of 120 hours and will conclude prior to August 1, 2009. The program is designed for students who will enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the fall of 2009-2010. Parents of eligible children will be responsible for transportation.

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806) 756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2009.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if ten or more students qualify.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
May 11th – 15th TPRI testing (KG – 2nd)						1 TAKS Social Studies 8 th , 10 th , Exit Level (11 th)	2 SAT Administration (must have pre-registered)	
3	4 Holiday (Bad Weather Day)	5 SAT Registration Deadline for June 6 th Test	6 Cheerleading Tryouts	7	8 Progress Reports ACT Registration Deadline for June 13 th Test	9 Bad Weather Day		
10	11 Driver Ed. 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	12 Cool Clovers Meeting in Conference Room 11:30-12 JH & HS 4-H Meeting in Conference Room 12:30-1 Driver Ed. Permit Testing 12:10 p.m. – 4 p.m. (Lamesa) Regional Track @ Levelland	13 FFA Chapter Meeting in Conference Room 12:20 Pre-Registration for Juniors & Sophomores Driver Ed. Field Trip to Big Spring 4 – 7:30 p.m. Regional Track @ Levelland	14 Pre-Registration for Freshmen & 8 th Graders FFA Lone Wolf District Meeting & Spring Competition – Westbrook 2:00 p.m. FFA Lone Wolf District Banquet - Westbrook, 6:30 p.m.	15 Area II FFA Convention, TSTC Sweetwater	16 Area II FFA Convention, TSTC Sweetwater		
17	18 Driver Ed. 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	19 Driver Ed. 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Band Concert 7:00 p.m.	20	21 Chapter FFA Banquet 7:00 p.m.	22 UIL Banquet 7:00 p.m.	23 Junior Senior Banquet 7:00 p.m.		
24 Baccalaureate 11:00 a.m.	25 Final 1 st period 8:05-9:05 State Academic UIL	26 Final 2 nd period 8:39- 9:39 Final 9 th period 2:33-3:33 State Academic UIL	27 Final 3 rd period 9:43- 10:43 Final 4 th period 10:47- 11:47	28 Final 5 th period 11:06- 12:06 Final 8 th period 1:59-2:59 JH Graduation 7:00 p.m.	29 Final 7 th period 8:05-9:05 End of 6 th Six Weeks HS Graduation 7:00 p.m. Project Graduation	30 Senior Breakfast Work Day		
31	FFA Cookout		Awards Assembly 2:50					