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This bridge on FM 599 between Flomot & Quitaque is not even one of the eight structurally deficient bridges listed in Motley County. It passed inspection!

TxDOT Releases List of State's Structurally Deficient Bridges

10 in Hall County, 8 in Motley County & None in Briscoe County

AUSTIN - After careful review of state and federal regulations governing the release of infrastructure data, the Texas Department of Transportation released a list of the state's 2,024 structurally deficient bridges today. TxDOT's decision was reached after examining rules that strictly limit the release of bridge information collected for federal reports and additional homeland security constraints on the publication of data regarding the state's critical infrastructure.

TxDOT's records indicate that 4 percent of the state's bridges are listed as structurally deficient. The Bureau of Transportation Statistics reports that in 2006, 12 percent of the nation's bridges were identified as structurally deficient. TxDOT's aggressive program to inspect all 50,000 of the state's bridges and rehabilitate and replace bridges that require improvement is producing results. In 2002, Texas was home to 2,928 structurally deficient bridges. The current figure is a 31 percent reduction in structurally deficient bridges.

The term "structurally deficient" is a technical term that has recently been used in news accounts and public discussions to describe a bridge that is unsafe or presents an imminent danger to the driving public. It is a term used by the Federal Highway Administration to classify and prioritize bridges for federal funding. Structurally deficient bridges receive priority for limited rehabilitation on replacement funds from the federal government. Bridges that are unsafe or present an imminent public danger are closed to traffic.

Bridges in Hall and Motley County are listed below. Briscoe County had no structurally deficient bridges.

Hall County:

Bridge Name	Sufficiency Rating	Rehabilitation Status
	Out of possible 100	
CR C - Tributary Dry Salt Creek	16.9	A
CR 7 - Turkey Creek	21.8	A
CR 1 - Draw	24.4	A
CR D - Polecat Creek	24.7	B
CR CC - Kent Creek	24.9	A
CR P - Draw	29.0	A
CR 8 - Buffalo Creek	34.5	A
CR 29 - Draw	47.2	B
FM 1041 - Indian Creek	64.8	A
FM 2361 - Draw	69.9	B

Motley County:

CR 110 - Tom Handle Creek	33.5	A
CR 214 - Draw	46.0	A
FM 94 - Middle Pease River	47.2	Under Construction
CR 404 - Draw	47.5	A
FM 2009 - North Pease River	52.9	A
FM 2009 - Tom Ball Creek	58.5	A
FM 656 - North Pease River	62.2	A
FM 94 - Long's Branch	63.6	Under Construction

Of the state's bridges classified as "structurally deficient," 445 are on the state highway system and 1,579 are off-system structures. 282 bridges classified as structurally deficient are currently under contract to be rehabilitated or replaced. Another 1,303 bridges classified as structurally deficient are under development as part of the state's Unified Transportation Plan. The state's remaining 439 bridges classified as structurally deficient are not currently scheduled for rehabilitation or replacement, and no funding has been identified for them.

EMT Basic Classes Starting Soon

If you are a caring individual, who would like to learn a skill in the medical field, we have an upcoming EMT class starting September 13, 2007 in Silverton.

Classes will be held each Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., and once each month there will be an 8 hour Saturday class. This change was made to the schedule so we could finish before Christmas.

If you are interested in taking the last class that will be offered under the direction of Connie Smith you need to call 806-823-2253 or 806-983-0519 to have your name put on the roster. Class is limited to 15 people.



Motley County To Hold County Budget Hearings September 10, 14 & 21

The Motley County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, August 13. Present for the meeting were County Judge Ed. D. Smith, Commissioners Ronnie Davis-pct 1, Donnie Turner-pct 2, Franklin Jameson-pct 3, Russell Alexander-pct 4, County Attorney Tom Edwards and assistant Carol Campbell. After attending to regular monthly Court business the following items were addressed:

* Ben Kautz, TxDOT representative, presented the lease agreement between TxDOT and Motley County on the radio tower. The agreement will be read by the court before approval.

* The Court agreed to have Courthouse maintenance repair and paint the Gazebo, preserving the murals.

* Judge Smith reminded the Court that August 24 the Motley County Library will be serving Beans & Cornbread. members of the Court are invited to help serve.

* Monday, August 27 at 8:30 a.m. is the date set to adopt the 2007-2008 motley County Budget. September 10, 14, and 21 at 2 p.m. are the dates set for hearings and to adopt the 2007-08 Tax Rate.

* Carol Campbell presented to the Court a copy of Budget Cost and Inkind Match for the Jail Restorations. A motion to adopt a Resolution in support of the submission of a project proposal to the Texas Historical Commission, Texas Preservation Trust Fund passed.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



The \$3,500,000.00 sidewalk renovation project continues in Quitaque. After months of construction, residents have become accustomed to detours. Sidewalk renovation projects like this have also been completed in Childress, Wellington, Clarendon, and Paducah (part of the Childress District) in the last several years. A bike/hike trail will also be installed from town to Caprock Canyons State Park along FM 1065.

Briscoe Co. Commissioners Approve \$10 Road & Bridge Fee With Vehicle Registration

The Briscoe County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, August 13. Present for the meeting were County Judge Wayne Nance, Commissioners Terry Grimland-Pct 1, Dale Smith-Pct -2, Larry Comer-Pct 3, John Burson-Pct 4, County Clerk Bena Hester, County Treasurer Mary Jo Brannon, and County Sheriff Gene Smith. After attending to regular monthly court business the following items were addressed:

* After a review of the previous year's activities by board members, Julie Pigg and Zelda Leeper, a motion passed to renew the yearly contract with the Briscoe County Children's Protective Services Board.

* A motion passed to allow the County Tax Assessor Collector to collect \$10 per vehicle registration for the TxDOT Road and Bridge Fee.

* A motion passed to renew the County Retirement Plan with no changes.

* A motion passed to allow Sheriff Gene Smith to purchase a 2004 Dodge Durango with light bar from Hall County for \$11,500. Payment to come out of the Sheriff's Department Budget Line Item-Prisoner Care.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

City of Turkey To Receive \$250,000 Community Development Fund Grant

Turkey Fire Department To Receive \$3,358 EMS Enhancement Grant

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), a state agency, will present an oversized, ceremonial check on August 23, 2007 at 1:30 pm to 42 area grant recipients who received a total of \$3,107,873 in grants between September 1, 2006 and August 31, 2007.

Local grant recipients participating in the awards ceremony will be: the City of Turkey Ambulance Service, who will receive \$3,358 for an EMS Enhancement Grant and the City of Turkey, who will receive \$250,000 for a Community Development Fund.

As the state agency dedicated solely to rural Texas, ORCA makes the broad resources of state government more accessible to rural communities. ORCA was created by the 77th Legislature to ensure a continuing focus on rural issues, monitor governmental actions affecting rural Texas, research problems and recommend solutions, and administer rural-focused state and federal resources. ORCA is the door to Texas government for rural citizens.

Montgomery & Fuston Named To Water District Board of Directors

The Hall County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, August 13. Present for the meeting were County Judge Jack Martin, Commissioners Milton Bealsey-Pct 1, Terry Lindsey-Pct 2, Buddy Logsdon-Pct 3, James Fuston-Pct 4 and County Clerk Raye Bailey. After attending to regular monthly court business the following items were addressed:

* A motion passed to pay \$60 rent on the property in Lakeview. The \$60 will be paid from Road & Bridge Contingency Fund.

* Sheriff Neel was present and stated that the Briscoe County Sheriff's Department was interested in purchasing the Durango. A motion passed to ask \$11,500 for the Durango.

* At 11:07 a.m. Commissioners Court went into Executive Session and returned from Executive Session at 11:40 a.m.

The following action was taken from Executive Session A motion passed that the County ratify the settlement agreement and release reached on July 20, 2007 by mediation in Cause No. 7101, 100th Judicial district Court of Hall County and pay the share designated for Hall County to settle the suit.

* A motion passed to renew the Texas Association of Counties medical, prescription drug, dental and life benefits.

* A motion passed to appoint Matt Montgomery and Rex Fuston to serve on the water district board of directors until May 2008.

* A motion passed to any new spending as of 13, 2007 and ending get year must be by Commission

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Turkey Jamboree Saturday, September 1

By RJ Kalafus

Make plans for Saturday, September 1st for you and your family to have a night of pure fun and entertainment at the beautiful and historic Gem Theatre in beautiful downtown Turkey, Texas. This Jamboree promises to be another in a long string of outstanding nights of entertainment featuring some of the best talent this side of Nashville and it is all FREE.

Starting off the night will be the Adams Brothers, Les and Jimmy, who are returning by fan request and as always they promise that you will not be disappointed. They will be followed by Silverton's own Jimmy Burson, also back by fan request. Jimmy is a frequent performer at Branson and other venues of fine country music.

There will be a debuting group from Paducah and Guthrie, The Cats 'n' Jammers, who will blend music and comedy which will surely be appreciated. There will also be a Talent Showcase featuring anyone who would like to entertain and is looking for an audience. Just see Marie or Tommie Jo Cruse before the show.

As always the best band in West Texas, The Turkey Gems, will finish the night. There is so much talent in this group it would be hard to point out anyone in the band individually as they are all fine musicians who play for the sheer love of music and it is conveyed to the crowds that have come to see them.

There will be a dinner of brisket and fixins' that will benefit the Turkey Heritage Foundation. The meal will start at 6 p.m. and will be \$5 per plate.

Last month's winner of the \$100 cash prize after a close vote was Mator' Pat Seigler. The cash prize for September is being donated by Billy Ray Hardcastle and the Turkey Ladies Club. The \$25 door prize has been donated by Caprock Telephone Cooperative. The committee thanks all of the donors.

This writer has said before that this is a show that you can bring anyone of any age and you will never leave not satisfied or embarrassed. It is clean and wholesome family entertainment. So bring a friend, bring a stranger, they will thank you and best of all it is free. So don't forget Saturday, September 1 at 6 p.m. for the meal and 7 p.m. for the show. See you there!

Asking the right questions takes as much skill as giving the right answers.

~ Robert Half

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Area Natives Graduate From WTAMU

West Texas A&M University held the summer commencement Friday, August 10, 2007 at the United Bank Center in Canyon, TX.

Receiving the Bachelor of Science Degree was Christopher Lee Price. The presentation was attended by Stan and Peggy Price and Bruce and Betty Price.

Tom and Wilma Eudy were present to honor their granddaughter, Lindsey Marie Fields, who received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Tracy Allison Guest was awarded her Master of Science Degree. The conferring and hooding ceremony was conducted by Dr. Hallmark, Dr. Chapman, and Dr. O'Brian. Brent, Jana and Rita Guest were present for this special event.

Gem Concert Not Dampened By Rainy Weather

The Gem Theatre hosted a show on Saturday, August 18, that in spite of the much needed rain, was well attended by an enthusiastic audience of music lovers.

The audience was entertained by four of the finest musicians from both Nashville and Texas. Grammy winners Tommy Allsup and Bobby Boatright performed alongside Jimmy Young and Cody Dodson, who currently has a hit album on the charts.

Performing individually or together, they gave a show worthy of Nashville, Austin or Branson. They performed selections from all styles of country music, from classic to contemporary. Songs by Bob Wills, Jimmy Buffett, and Gene Watson blended well with new numbers from Cody Dodson's album. The twin fiddles of Bobby Boatright and Cody Dodson were superb, and their rendition of the Texas State Anthem, Faded Love and the gospel classic, How Great Thou Art, were particularly well received.

It was nice to see a lot of new faces in the audience. Everyone, newcomer and "old hand" agreed that the show was excellent and the meal first rate! We hope to see everyone back for the September Jamboree on Saturday, September 1.

You can tell whether a man is clever by his answers. You can tell whether a man is wise by his questions.

~ Naguib Mahfouz

When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt.

~ Henry Kaiser

Obituaries

Maria Minerva Patino

Maria Minerva Patino, 88, of Silverton died August 17, 2007. A memorial service was held Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at Lady of Loreto Catholic Church with Deacon Juarez officiating.

Minerva was born November 3, 1918 in San Antonio, Texas to Marcos and Maria Abrego. She married Flavio Patino September 16, 1934 in Edinburg, Texas. They moved to Silverton from the Rio Grande Valley in 1952.

Minerva was preceded in death by her husband, Flavio who died in 1972, and two sons, Florentino and Filiberto.

She is survived by five sons, Flavio, Jr. and his wife Connie, Fidel and his wife Rebecca, and Fernando all of Silverton, Fidencio and his wife Pete, of Claude, and Felix and his wife Janie of Oregon, eight daughters, Olivia Fabela, Olga Garcia and her husband Norberto, Ovelia Bullock, Lena Hubbard and her husband, Stony, Lana Ortiz and her husband Gilbert, and Minerva Hall and her husband Mike all of Silverton, Odilia Cavazos and her husband Gustavo, and Mari Patino all of Lubbock, forty-three grandchildren, seventy one great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

The greatest problem is communication is the illusion that it has been accomplished.

~ George Bernard Shaw

Most conversations are simply monologues delivered in the presence of a witness.

~ Margaret Miller

You can't not communicate. Everything you say and do or don't say and don't do sends a message to others.

~ John Woods

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Donnie Rogers and... day party Saturday n... home of his father, Co... fourth birthday with... Wilson Barton rec... at Canyon. He also en... on Saturday night and...

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* They told me I wa...
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* Experience is the... is gone
* One nice thing ab... people.
* My weight is perfe...
* I used to be indec...
* The cost of living...
* How can there be...
* If swimming is so... whales?
* Show me a man w... I'll show you a man wh...
* Is it me--or do bu...
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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

One of the aspects of aging that younger people do not...cannot realize is that no matter how the body looks on he outside as it ages, on the inside the mind thinks of itself as relatively young. May you enjoy the Motley County, Dickens County Old Settlers Reunion this weekend!

Attend Grandchildren Baptism

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay attended the baptism of their grandchildren, Ryleigh and Walker Carson of Turkey at the Sunday morning services. The Rev. John Dorn, pastor officiated at the religious services.

Other family members attending the services and fellowship brunch at the church at noon were their parents, Tina and pat Carson and brother, Parker of Turkey; Larry and Angelia Clay, Kelsey, Tanner and Sarah of Clarendon; Neal and Julie Edwards, Jaxon and Laney, Mrs. Geneva Martin, Waydetta and Ronald Clay of Flomot.

Good weekend rains! Flomot reported 1.10 inches and Whiteflat 1.80 inches. It was sure appreciated on the cotton crops!

Mrs. Brenda Cruse accompanied her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador to Lubbock, Wednesday for medical treatment.

Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock visited the weekend with her family, Mary Jo and Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton and Mrs. Marisue Powell enjoyed visiting and lunch in Floydada, Friday.

Derrick Cruse of Casper, Wyoming visited the weekend with his parents, Brenda and Darrell Cruse.

Wilburn Martin was in Amarillo, Thursday for a medical checkup with his dermatologist following recent surgery. He received a good report.

Barry Pickett of Garland visited from Thursday until Sunday with Connie and Coy Franks.

Mrs. B. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers attended to business in Lubbock, Tuesday and before returning home visited Billy Hand of Roaring Springs. He is having therapy twice a day.

Lane and Ashley Barclay of Borger visited Friday and Saturday with their grandparents, Sandra and Jerry Barclay. Their parents, Cody and Mandy accompanied them home, Saturday.

Visiting Kathy and Clois Shorter are their grandchildren, Emily and Haley Milam of Petersburg and Brian Sehon of Ropesville.

Donnie Rogers and mother, Mrs. B. Rogers attended a birthday party Saturday night given for Brady McKay held in the home of his father, Coy McKay of Turkey. Brad celebrated his fourth birthday with all the trimmings.

Wilson Barton recently attended a performance of TEXAS at Canyon. He also enjoyed the Gem Theatre concert in turkey on Saturday night and celebrated his 92nd birthday.

Things That Make You Go Hmmm...
By Laura Taylor

Thoughts To Ponder

- * I planted some birdseed. A bird came up. Now I don't know what to feed it.
 - * I had amnesia once — or twice.
 - * Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.
 - * All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.
 - * If the world were a logical place, men would be the ones who ride horses sidesaddle.
 - * What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?
 - * They told me I was gullible and I believed them.
 - * Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto the freeway.
 - * Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone
 - * One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.
 - * My weight is perfect for my height — which varies.
 - * I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.
 - * The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.
 - * How can there be self-help "groups"?
 - * If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you explain whales?
 - * Show me a man with both feet firmly on the ground, and I'll show you a man who can't get his pants off.
 - * Is it me—or do buffalo wings taste like chicken
- HHHHHMMMM.....**

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Palo Duro Basin Oil & Gas Report

By Tom Musser

Floyd County: The PetroGlobe Energy McIntosh well #176 continues to be pumped.

Motley County: Completion work has begun on the Bankers Petroleum Black-4 lease well #1

Motley County: The Bankers Petroleum Burleson Ranch (60) lease well #1 is being tested

Motley County: The Bankers Petroleum Cogdell (64) lease well #1 horizontal permit was approved August 16, 2007 and awaiting a drilling rig to start the horizontal drilling operation.

Meet and Greet For New FCS Agent

Missy Reynolds Hall/ Briscoe Counties new FCS agent has now started in her new position. The Briscoe County 4-H and Extension office would like to invite you to come and meet Missy on Friday, August 31. Missy will be in the office all day so come by and meet her. Missy is making her home in Memphis with her husband Steve, who is the Special Ed teacher at Memphis High School and their two children Drew, a senior at Memphis High and Krista, an eighth grader.

**** We think according to nature. We speak according to rules. We act according to custom.*

~ Francis Bacon ***

Communication works for those who work at it.

~ John Powell ***

The organization that can't communicate can't change, and the corporation that can't change is dead.

~ Nido Qubein ***

The goal of effective communication should be for listeners to say, "Me too!" versus "So what?"

~ Jim Rohn ***

No matter how well you nurse a grudge, it will never get better.

~ Joyce Smith ***

Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone.

~ Gladys Brownyn Stern ***

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- 1 highest point in TX: Guadalupe
- 5 TX Strait's "All My ___ Live in Texas"
- 6 Grand Ole ___
- 7 senior dance
- 8 "the" when the French flag flew over TX
- 9 TX Red Duke's prof. assn.
- 12 TX John Wesley Hardin alias.
- 17 landed properties
- 19 Colt Python is a .357 ___
- 21 TXism: "as fast as ___ shot coyote"
- 22 film feat
- 23 reduce
- 28 state assn. for corn farmers (abbr.)
- 29 Marshall is in TX ___
- 30 TX Trinis' " ___ A Hammer"
- 31 ___ power
- 35 TX Woody Guthrie's mother
- 36 TXism: "he's got as Texas" (kind)
- 42 capital of Austin's colony: " ___ de Austin"
- 44 swimmers at Hippie Hollow?
- 46 state of being suspicious
- 48 NFL strives for this among teams
- 49 Waggoner Ranch founder (init.)
- 50 exam

DOWN

- 1 Stanton: "Home of 3,000 Friendly ___"
- 2 TX-filmed "Sugarland ___"
- 3 blimp that looks for drug traffickers on the TX border
- 4 San Antonio FM
- 9 big ship is guided by ___ boat on the TX coast
- 10 TXism for "friendly"
- 11 ___ me no questions and I'll tell you no lies"
- 12 Swenson founded the West TX ___ ranches
- 13 diamondback ___
- 14 ___ Dulce, TX
- 15 TX-based "La Quinta ___"
- 16 Granbury inn: "The ___ House"
- 18 network that Emmitt danced on
- 20 Mrs. or Miss ___ Gov. of TX
- 23 lithium symbol
- 24 actor Errol of film "San Antonio" (init.)
- 25 transgressions sandbar on the TX coast
- 27 TXism: "he ___ his spurs"
- 32 TXism: "come hell ___ high water"
- 33 Dewhurst is the ___ Gov. of TX
- 34 Rosebud-Lott h.s. class
- 36 he took title from TX Foreman in 74 ___ club
- 37 ___ club
- 38 fencing swords
- 39 UT's orange color
- 40 TXism: "chuckleheaded"
- 41 "By the Time I ___ Phoenix"
- 43 TXism: "let ___ rip!"
- 45 this Young founded UT's Curtain Club (init.)
- 47 TXism: "got as much chance as a ___ a packing plant"
- 48 TX George H. is a ___ president
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Valley School News

New Rule Will Not Affect Teacher Salaries In Upcoming School Year

Moving to clear up confusion about a recent tax law change, the Internal Revenue Service today reassured teachers and other school employees that new deferred-compensation rules will not affect the way their pay is taxed during the upcoming school year.

"Many teachers are busy preparing for the start of school, so we don't want them to be worried about this issue as the summer winds down," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas.

Recently, the IRS has received inquiries from teachers who had been told that they had to make certain decisions about their pay, this month, or risk severe penalties. At issue is a 2004 law change that applies to people who decide to defer compensation from one year to a future year. In April, the Treasury Department and the IRS issued final rules implementing this law change.

Under the 2004 law, when teachers and other employees are given an annualization election - that is, they are allowed to choose between being paid only during the school year and being paid over a 12-month period - and they choose the 12-month period, they are deferring part of their income from one year to the next. For instance, a teacher who chooses to get paid over a 12-month period, running from August of one year through July of the next year, rather than over the August to May school year, falls under this law.

The IRS clarified that the new rules do not require school districts to offer teachers an annualization election. Thus, school districts that have not been offering teachers this election are not required to start.

School districts that offer annualization elections may have to make some changes in their procedures. The IRS announced that the new deferred-compensation rules will not be applied to annualization elections for school years beginning before Jan. 1, 2008, so school districts and teachers will have time to make any changes that are needed.

More information, including answers to frequently-asked questions is posted on IRS.gov.

Classes Begin At Valley School Tuesday, August 28th

School Bells will ring at Valley School for students beginning the 2007-2008 year on Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m.. Administrators for Turkey-Quitaque ISD are expecting 220 students in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th Grade. This year's starting day for all Texas public schools is one week later due than usual due to uniform school starting date legislation recently passed by state lawmakers. Transportation to both communities will be as usual with buses running normal routes and times.

Valley Schools 2007-2008 Schedule

August 28 (Tuesday)	First Day of School - Begin 1 st Six Weeks
September 3 (Monday)	Labor Day Holiday
October 5	End of 1 st Six Weeks
October 8	Begin 2 nd Six Weeks
November 9	End 2 nd Six Weeks
November 12	Begin 3 rd Six Weeks
November 21, 22 & 23	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 20	End of 3 rd Six Weeks
December 21 - January 2	Christmas Holiday
January 2 (Wednesday)	Teacher Workday
January 3	Begin 4 th Six Weeks
February 14	End 4 th Six Weeks
February 15	Student Holiday
February 18	Begin 5 th Six Weeks
March 19-21	Spring/Easter Holiday
April 4	End 5 th Six Weeks (32 days)
April 7 (Monday)	Begin 6 th Six Weeks
May 9 (Friday)	Bad Weather Day/Student Holiday
May 29 (Thursday)	JH Commencement
May 30 (Friday)	Last Day of School/End of 6 th Six Weeks HS Commencement

Jake Hooker & The Outsiders To Headline Motley Co. Old Settlers Dance This Weekend

Jake Hooker is all about tradition and the Pecos-born musician from Paradise is about to once again bring his music back to Roaring Springs, Texas during the Motley Co Old Settlers Reunion.

Hooker and his band, The Outsiders, will play both Traditional Country and Western Swing music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Roaring Springs Rodeo "slab" Friday and Saturday nights, August 24 and 25 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

This outstanding performance is expected to draw a diverse crowd. Tickets will be \$10 per person.

"He's got a great following, and he's popular not only with the younger crowd but with the older crowd too," said Russell Alexander, Old Settlers board member and the person responsible for bringing this first class act back to Roaring Springs.

"It ranges from 18 to 80," Hooker said. His popularity with younger fans is on the upswing. "I'm a younger guy doing it," he said. "Maybe that's why they come out." Hooker is only 31, but older fans appreciate his renditions of their Western Swing favorites. "He also plays in the Johnny Bush style," Alexander said. "It's good dance music."

Other musicians who have strongly influenced Hooker are Ray Price, Farron Young, Curtis Potter, Leon Rausch and Darrell McCall - not to mention his own father, Tommy Hooker, a West Texas country musician who first introduced his son to the world of music.

Young Jake learned to play bass guitar at age 7. At age 14 he formed his own band. When he reached 18, he launched his career as a full-time musician. For the last few years, he's played a stand-up bass. The instrument is one of his trademarks. So's his suit and tie.

"For me, it's a class thing," Hooker said. "We play the real stuff the right way, and we try to put some class back in it too."

A stint in Levelland gave Hooker the opportunity to study music and theory at South Plains College. He continues to study the styles of the musicians he admires - styles he keeps alive with his own artistry.

Hooker and his wife, Sheila, live in Paradise, Texas, but a busy schedule keeps them on the road. Hooker performs with three other musicians - drummer Jeff Croy, fiddle player Anthony Wilson and steel guitarist Rick Price.

For more information contact 806-348-7958.

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Valley School offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$0.75; lunch costs PK-5 \$1.25 and 6-12 \$1.50. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced price is \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch.

1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced-price meals. Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to:

Joan Pigg Valley School P. O. Box 397 Turkey, Texas 79261 Phone: 455-1411 Ext. 2604.

2. Who can get free meals? Children in households getting Food Stamps or TANF and most foster children can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.

3. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals? Yes. If you have not been notified of free status under these categories, please call Valley School Phone: 455-1411 Ext. 2604 to see if your child(ren) qualify.

4. Who can get reduced price meals? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Income Chart, included in this application packet.

5. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced-price meals? In most cases no, however read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 455-1411 Ext. 2604 if you have questions.

6. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application.

7. Will the information I give be checked? Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.

8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting Food Stamps, TANF or other benefits.

9. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Dusty Hill, Board of Trustees President P. O. Box 397 Turkey, Tx. 79261

Phone: 455-1411

10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

11. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include yourself and all people living in your household, related or not (such as children, grandparents, other relatives or friends).

12. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$800, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime pay, include that amount as income. If you do not normally get overtime pay, do not include it as income.

13. We are in the military, do we include our housing allowance as income? If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

If you have other questions or need help, call 455-1411 Ext. 2604. Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al telefono: 455-1411 Ext. 2604. Si vous voudrez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: 455-1411 Ext. 2604.

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Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	
1	18,889	1,575	364	
2	25,327	2,111	488	
3	31,765	2,648	611	
4	38,203	3,184	735	
5	44,641	3,721	859	
6	51,079	4,257	983	
7	57,517	4,794	1,107	
8	63,955	5,330	1,230	
Each additional person:	6,438	537	124	

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

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FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		TWICE PER MONTH		EVERY TWO WEEKS		WEEKLY	
	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED
1	\$13,273	\$18,889	\$1,107	\$1,575	\$554	\$788	\$511	\$727	\$256	\$364
2	\$17,797	\$25,327	\$1,484	\$2,111	\$742	\$1,056	\$685	\$975	\$343	\$488
3	\$22,321	\$31,765	\$1,861	\$2,648	\$931	\$1,324	\$859	\$1,222	\$430	\$611
4	\$26,845	\$38,203	\$2,238	\$3,184	\$1,119	\$1,592	\$1,033	\$1,470	\$517	\$735
5	\$31,369	\$44,641	\$2,615	\$3,721	\$1,308	\$1,861	\$1,207	\$1,717	\$604	\$859
6	\$35,893	\$51,079	\$2,992	\$4,257	\$1,496	\$2,129	\$1,381	\$1,965	\$691	\$983
7	\$40,417	\$57,517	\$3,369	\$4,794	\$1,685	\$2,397	\$1,555	\$2,213	\$778	\$1,107
8	\$44,941	\$63,955	\$3,746	\$5,330	\$1,873	\$2,665	\$1,729	\$2,460	\$865	\$1,230
9	\$49,465	\$70,393	\$4,123	\$5,867	\$2,062	\$2,934	\$1,903	\$2,708	\$952	\$1,354
10	\$53,989	\$76,831	\$4,500	\$6,404	\$2,251	\$3,203	\$2,077	\$2,956	\$1,039	\$1,478
11	\$58,513	\$83,269	\$4,877	\$6,941	\$2,440	\$3,472	\$2,251	\$3,204	\$1,126	\$1,602
12	\$63,037	\$89,707	\$5,254	\$7,478	\$2,629	\$3,741	\$2,425	\$3,452	\$1,213	\$1,726
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Carrie Dell Dickerson hosted a garden dinner party for her family on Sunday, August 20, 2007. Being a farmer's wife, Carrie Dell filled the bountiful table with fresh garden food. Her two daughters and their families along with son, Clinton Dale enjoyed the delicious food prepared by their mother. Coming from Midland was Rhonda and David Hunter. Deborah Welch and her daughter Meredith came down from Amarillo. Meredith will soon return to the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. She will be a junior this year. After dining together, the family went to the site of the Holt School Historical Marker. Some of them had not yet seen the marker so they were excited to see their great grandfather honored there. They had a wonderful time together and look forward to the next family gathering.

Sandra and Jerry Leatherman have been enjoying having their son Layton here for a visit. Layton attends seminary in Tennessee and soon will return to school. Jerry's brother came to visit from California and really liked Silverton.

It is so good to see Della Boling looking and feeling good! You just can't keep a good woman down!

Ada Clay was able to get out and come to church on Sunday night. We sure miss her and it was a joy to see her smiling face. There is another lady you just have to admire!

We at First Baptist are glad to have Pastor James Sain from Tulia as interim pastor. He is a great preacher and can preach some very eye opening messages.

Congratulations to Gordon and Carolyn on celebrating their 44th wedding anniversary!!! They told Brother Sain they would be away last weekend to celebrate. He asked them how in the world they were going to celebrate 44 years in just a few days!

Wow!!! Summer is almost over! At least for the children going to school! It seems like it has been a very short summer!! I think that happened to me last year too! I spent 69 days in Wyoming helping our daughter Barbara get herself ready to receive her insulin pump. She has it and it is great! Every diabetic should have one! It is so good for one to feel a lot like normal again!

Scott Bicknell said his football players have been working out already. They will have a great year this season, we are sure!

Congratulations to all the newly weds this summer! Kirby Garvin married her Brandon; her sister married her Max; Ramona Hunt married her Wayne and Jason Turner married his Lisa!

This summer I was delighted to spend 30 days being an "Au Pair"! That is a person who tends to children! And I got to spend that time in Leesburg, Virginia with my granddaughter Jennifer, her husband Mike and their sweet Ellery Grace! She is a delight. Mike is from England and has taught Ellery how to raise her glass to people and say, "Cheers!" Since my daughter, Dr. Faith is the Grandmother, Jack and I are Called Gi Gi and GG Pa! The real Au Pair is named Maria. She came at the end of my visit from Estonia. Ellery could only say two syllables when she came, so she calls her "ia". Maria is so nice and sweet. She is teaching Ellery some of her native songs. And Mike and Jennifer are looking forward to having a brother for Ellery on February 9! That will make us three great grandchildren!

I just visited with my cousin Wayne Batteas and his wife Patsy. Her father was born in Silverton. His last name was Fort! Also, I met the pastor's daughter who used to be in Silverton when Sylvia Hill was young! She lives in my hometown of Seagraves, south of Lubbock.

All you kiddos, have fun learning this year! School years are the very best of your life!

Hunting Licenses Available At Caprock Canyons State Park

Hunting, fishing and land lease licenses for 2007-2008 went on sale Wednesday August 15th. New licenses are available at Caprock Canyons State Park office. We are encouraging hunters to buy early and avoid the rush heading into the September 1st dove season opener.

There have been some changes to the license this year. There is now a "Senior Resident Hunting License" and a "Youth Hunting License," replacing what had been the Special Resident Hunting License. The fee remains at \$6.00 for these licenses. Both resident and non-resident youth under 17 qualify for the new Youth Hunting License. Other changes will affect the resident and non-resident "Day-Plus Fishing Packages." This license has been consolidated into "One-Day Fishing Licenses" at a cost of \$10.00 for residents and \$15.00 for non-residents.

Caprock Canyons State Park office hours are: 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 5pm Monday thru Thursday; 8am to 6pm Friday and Saturday; and 8am to 5pm Sunday.

Students & Teachers Eligible for Substantial Cash Prizes

The Bill of Rights Institute, a non-profit educational organization based in suburban Washington, DC, will award U.S. high school students and their teachers cash prizes totaling over \$60,000 during the 2007-08 school year, the organization announced today. Students in 19 states and the District of Columbia will be eligible to compete in the "Being an American" essay contest, which explores the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

"We are pleased to offer students and educators in these regions the opportunity to explore how values such as integrity, courage and responsibility are interconnected with America's founding documents and American heroes," said Victoria Hughes, President of the Bill of Rights Institute. "As the classroom engages in discussion about our country's civic values, we trust that young Americans will gain an appreciation for putting those values into practice."

In their essays, participating students are asked to answer the following question: "What civic value(s) do you believe are most essential to being an American, and how can you personally put those values into practice?" Winning essays will be announced in the spring of 2008 and will earn the students and their teachers in each region cash prizes of up to \$5,000 each.

To help integrate the contest into the classroom, the Bill of Rights Institute has created a lesson plan and supplemental materials about the contest topic, tied to state and national academic standards, and constructed a web site so that teachers can submit their students' essays for consideration.

Supported by a grant from the John Templeton Foundation, the contest will continue to expand nationally until all 50 states participate during the 2009-2010 school year.

Further information, including complete contest rules, submission details, lesson plans and background information on the Constitution, Bill of Rights, Founding Fathers and other Americans who have contributed to America's shared civic values are available at www.BeingAnAmerican.org.

ON THE QT

By Patsy Herrington

Gilbert and Diane Carpenter of Lakeside, Oregon visited his sister, Pat Rucker, also Donna and Justin Rucker recently. All visited brother, Ronnie Carpenter and Jackie.

Salt Jones of Calgary, Canada has been visiting his mother, Anna and Buck Chadwick. Salt works for the Northern Baptist Alliance doing missionary work.

Randy and Linda Stark visited their newborn grandson, Zachary, son of Amy and Andrew Mashburn in Lancaster, TX last week. He weighed 8 lbs, 2 oz and of course they took movies! Kyle McWilliams was in an accident on his four wheeler while chasing a horse last week. He suffered a broken collar bone and several ribs, and is in Intensive Care at UMC, Lubbock. He is slowly improving.

Larry Henderson, who works at Merrell Food and lives at Flomot seems to be a fun person with always a smile. He plans to go to California soon on his motorcycle to see his dad, who is in a rest home there.

Jana and Brent Guest got moved into their new house bought from Alice and Wes Shivers. They have been busy painting and giving it a complete overhaul first.

Amy Brannon Stewart and Katlyn of Floydada came to Quitaque on business Friday. Amy is the daughter of Peggy Brannon.

Look for the display in he front of the First National Bank to the right in the old atrium. It is a replica of a room in the old bank established August 2, 1920. The bank is proud of the fact that it was the only bank in a radius of 60 miles that kept its doors open during the Great Depression. The display is authentic in that it displays many of the original furniture and items used then. Very charming!

Barry Doss (former sidekick of Bob Wills) and Brian Carlson from Turkey were in the Quitaque Caprock Library Friday telling about their recent tour of old Mexico and presenting their new book "Survivor of Bob Wills Last Tour. The story is about Bob Will's last tour in 1964 and the survivor who caught Wills as he had a stroke and fell outside the dance floor on a music break. The book "tells it like it was" and features many of Will's groups and fans.

Dee Dee Galvan and children, Courtney, Jerrica and Kyleigh drove to Lubbock last week school shopping and also for the upcoming wedding of John David Harmon (brother) and Tonya. The next day they were accompanied by Crystal Price and went shopping at Amarillo.

Jack and Jill Johnson visited their brother, Felix, in Prairie House last week.

Michelle Mershon, who moved here a year ago from Abilene and lives out in the apartments, recently went to Buffalo Gap with a friend from Houston. When she went into a store there "Johnston Outfitters" she met Sammy Johnston, formerly from Quitaque, now retired from teaching at Andrews. He was the son of Josie and Odell Johnson. (Josie was the late Mrs. H.A. Cagle) Sammy makes iron lamps, horseshoes, etc. runs the store and tells everyone from Quitaque, "HI!"

Sandra and Scotty Stark had Sherry Loehr from Amarillo visited them. She is a longtime friend of Sandra Stark and Michelle Mershon. Cynthia Mullin, Turkey, came over for a visit and they all had a big barbecue. The next day they all went to Cottonwood Lake and had a fish fry with Suzy, Mike, Audra, Sam and Kay House, Turkey.

Patsy Herrington kept her 6 & 9 year old grandchildren, Everette and Emory Herrington, Floydada, all day Tuesday, while their mother, Dana Herrington, was in In-Serv at Floydada School where Dana teaches computers in High School. She has taught at Friendship, Trinity Lubbock, and New Deal in the past. She and Lex stay very busy.

The home of Clyde and Renee Dudley, on 4th and Jago, is a delight to see, both inside and out. The outside shrubs, sidewalks and flowers all adhere to the Southwest styling of their house. The inside ceramic tile was all done by Clyde and Renee did all the walls. One can't help but appreciate the outstanding work and remarkable talent involved. The S.W. style in intermingled with original antiques from their families. The end result is nothing short of sensational!

Steve and Cincy, Emily and Ben Venable of Canyon met Weldon and B.J. Griffin in Lubbock Saturday, August 11 to attend the musical "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers". The show was at the Wells Fargo amphitheater in Mackenzie Park in Lubbock.

Weldon and B.J. Griffin and Russ and Debbie Griffin of Ponder, TX spent Monday-Friday last week in the cool mountains at Red River, NM. They went to Taos on Wednesday, went out to the Rio Grande Gorge, and shopped in Taos. Russ and Deb rode the chair lift up the ski slope in Red River. Russ decided you have to be crazy to ski down. They stopped in Canyon on the way home on Friday to visit with Steve, Cindy, and Ben Venable. Emily had left on Thursday to go back to Waco to school. Russ and Deb returned home on Saturday.

Phone 455-1239 to report news!

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Farm Bill Sodsaver Provision Needed To Protect Grasslands

News in the Dakotas is mixed for waterfowl hunters. Late-summer habitat conditions look good in many breeding areas in the Dakotas. The bad news is many areas face imminent destruction. Ducks Unlimited is asking duck hunters across the country for help.

"We've seen good brood numbers throughout the Missouri Coteau in North Dakota, but we also see native grasslands converted to cropland. This is bad news for future duck production," said Dr. Scott Stephens, director of conservation planning for Ducks Unlimited's Great Plains Office.

Increased crop prices driven by demand for corn for ethanol production put even greater pressure on native grasslands, which produce millions of the continent's ducks.

"We have a chance to protect these native grasslands through the farm bill," said Scott McLeod, DU's farm bill lead for the Great Plains Regional Office. "The Senate will draft its version of the farm bill in September.

McLeod says DU and many other conservation groups want a strong Sodsaver provision in the farm bill to prevent further loss of native grasslands."

Sodsaver would eliminate all federal payments for crops planted on land with no previous cropping history. Landowners could still farm native grasslands, but at their own risk with no federal assistance.

Sodsaver would also level the economic playing field between ranchers and crop producers, and provide substantial savings to U.S. taxpayers by reducing subsidy and disaster payments.

"Given the strong waterfowling tradition in the South, it's important that all southern duck hunters understand what's at stake with Sodsaver. Now is the time to be heard loud and clear," McLeod said.

During August, senators are back in their respective states, giving constituents a great opportunity to voice their support for Sodsaver.

The Prairie Pothole Region annually produces nearly three out of every four ducks harvested in the South. If Sodsaver is not included in the 2007 farm bill, it could have dire effects on the continent's duck populations and hunting in the South.

"We are very concerned that without a Sodsaver provision, 30-day seasons may become the norm and closed seasons a real possibility over the next decade, which is something none of us are interested in seeing," Stephens said.

To find your Senator's state offices go to: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

For more information about Sodsaver go to: www.ducks.org/sodsaver

With more than a million supporters, Ducks Unlimited is the world's largest and most effective wetland and waterfowl conservation organization with almost 12 million acres conserved. The United States alone has lost more than half of its original wetlands - nature's most productive ecosystem - and continues to lose more than 80,000 wetland acres each year.

If you don't give people information, they'll make up something to fill the void.

~ Carla O'Dell

Comment Sought On Proposed Waterfowl Seasons

AUSTIN, Texas — Duck hunters are bracing for what could be one of the best waterfowl hunting seasons in many years, with near record duck populations building to the north and ideal habitat conditions awaiting them in Texas. State waterfowl biologists announced proposed hunting regulations for the upcoming season and are currently seeking public comment.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, along with four other states in the Central Flyway, will be in the second year of an experimental Hunter's Choice bag limit during the 2007-08 seasons.

The Hunter's Choice allows hunters to shoot five ducks daily, but only one in the aggregate of certain species. In the aggregate category of less abundant ducks, that one bird could be either a pintail, or a canvasback, or a "dusky duck" (mottled, black duck or Mexican-like duck) or a hen mallard.

The general duck season length will be the same as last year in the North and South Zones at 74 days and up seven days in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit to 96 days. "This year because of habitat conditions and duck population estimates we felt we'd be in the liberal framework, so we made the decision to several days off the early teal season and add them into the big duck season," said Dave Morrison, TPWD waterfowl program leader.

This year's North American waterfowl spring breeding population survey showed populations of the 10 most popular duck species was up 14 percent over last year with an estimated 41.2 million birds. The counts are the highest since 2000 and just below the all-time record of 43.8 million ducks recorded in 1999.

How the final season structure will unfold is still being discussed, but TPWD has developed a proposal and is seeking public comments prior to presenting recommendations to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission for final approval on Aug. 23.

According to federal guidelines, the general duck hunting seasons in Texas can only occur between Sept. 24 and Jan. 27. In making its recommendations, TPWD takes into consideration calendar shifts to maximize weekend and holiday hunting opportunity, and factors in years of survey data on bird migration and hunter harvest. Following is a rundown of the TPWD recommendations being considered:

North and South Zones — TPWD proposes the following dates: youth-only season Oct. 27–28, regular season Nov. 3–25 and Dec. 8–Jan. 27. This season format will provide a two-week split giving hunters and ducks a rest, while maximizing opportunity during peak historic migrations. It will also provide hunting opportunities until the end of the framework, something many hunters have requested.

High Plains Mallard Management Unit — The HPMMU offers one of the longest duck hunting seasons in the nation. To provide a season that takes advantage of this lengthy opportunity, TPWD is recommending season dates of Oct. 13–14 for the youth-only season and Oct. 20–21 and Oct. 26–Jan. 27 for the regular season.

The proposed daily bag limit for all ducks is five and may include no more than two redheads, two scaup, two wood ducks, and one aggregate duck.

As for geese, TPWD is proposing a season similar to last year, except for an increase in the Canada goose bag limit for the Western Goose Zone.

Eastern Goose Zone — White-fronted geese: Nov. 3–Jan. 13; Canada and light geese: Nov. 3–Jan. 27. The daily bag limit is three Canada, two white-fronted and 20 light geese.

Western Goose Zone — Nov. 3–Feb. 5 with a daily bag limit of five dark geese, of which four may be Canada geese and one white-fronted. The bag limit on light geese is 20 per day.

The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit for Canada and white-fronted geese and no possession limit for "light geese."

The Light Goose Conservation Order would start at the close of the regular goose seasons and run through March 30 in both zones. This allows relaxed regulations to hunt through various atypical means in order to control light goose overpopulation that has caused damage to Canadian habitat.

Public comment about the waterfowl proposals will be accepted through Aug. 21. Comments should be sent by e-mail to dave.morrison@tpwd.state.tx.us or by regular mail to Dave Morrison, TPWD Waterfowl Program Leader, 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin, TX 78744. Input may also be made online via the Public Comment link on the TPWD Web site home page.

Good communication is as stimulating as black coffee and just as hard to sleep after.

~ Anne Lindbergh

Effective communication starts with listening.

~ Robert Gately

Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves.

~ Abraham Lincoln

Cotton By Shawn Wade News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

WTO Report Among Top Issues Discussed At American Cotton Producers Meeting

When cotton producer leaders from across the United States gathered in St. Louis this week there was no doubt that at least some of their discussion would involve the latest news from the WTO.

A strong West Texas contingent joined their producer colleagues from across the Cotton Belt at the American Cotton Producers to "cuss and discuss" the WTO and other top issues facing the industry midway through the 2007 growing season. Heading up the West Texas group were Plains Cotton Growers President Mike Hughes of Lamesa, PCG Chairman Rickey Bearden of Plains and PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

National Cotton Council General Counsel William A. Gillon provided leaders from the American Cotton Producers group an in-depth report on the status of ongoing WTO issues. During his report, Gillon discussed the recent announcement by Brazil that yet another WTO panel has supported their claims of serious prejudice by the U.S. cotton program. He also provided some insight about the latest wrinkles introduced by the WTO in the case.

He began by noting that while the draft WTO report outlining the Panel's findings is supposed to remain confidential, Brazil immediately announced the fact that the Panel had upheld their claim against the U.S. Since that time U.S. trade officials have also acknowledged that the report's conclusions went against the U.S.

Gillon reported that despite the latest ruling, the timetable from this point on in the case is still a lengthy one. Among the steps remaining to be completed by the WTO include the issuance of the formal report by October 1. The final report will remain confidential until it is translated into the official languages of the WTO membership, a process that is likely to take until December 1.

After the final report is issued the U.S. will have the opportunity to file an appeal of the decision. According to Gillon, a U.S. appeal of the latest decision is expected to be filed in January or February 2008 and that the WTO appeal process would likely be complete around May 1.

Following the U.S. appeal it is expected that Brazil will announce retaliatory measures against the U.S. and that the U.S. would request an arbitration panel to calculate the amount of injury involved in the case.

Once named, the WTO arbitration panel would have 60 days to calculate the assumed damages. With so many steps remaining, it appears the process may not be completed until mid-summer 2008.

Gillon pointed out that since the beginning the Brazil case has been one built on impressions, with little acknowledgement of the facts or the complex nature of the cotton price issue. He added that the persistence of the assumptions that drove the first WTO Panel decision in favor of Brazil appears to have been carried over in the latest finding.

Little else, according to Gillon, can explain a Panel decision that says the U.S. cotton program without Step 2 and with significantly altered export credit guarantee programs continues to cause serious prejudice to Brazil's interests.

He explained that among the facts that were apparently ignored in the recent ruling are that U.S. cotton acreage and production have both dropped significantly since the start of the U.S. compliance effort - while cotton prices, production and acreage have all increased around the world during the same period.

Gillon also noted that one significant contradiction on Brazil's part that surfaced during the hearing process, but apparently not considered by the Panel, is the fact that while Brazil was arguing that the U.S. cotton program continues to depress prices and cause them harm, Brazil was actively selling off significant amounts of its internal cotton supply to drive down cotton prices that they deemed were too high in their own country.

Gillon noted that he hopes the Panel report can explain the apparent discrepancies between their findings based on Brazil's arguments and Brazil's own efforts to depress cotton prices during the same period.

Without a clear description of exactly what the U.S. program is supposed to have done to create a "significant" level of price suppression, Gillon warns that the panel may have created a troubling precedent.

Without a thorough explanation to the contrary, he notes that the Panel has apparently taken into consideration significant evidence that the U.S. program (even with the now eliminated Step 2 program) could have had no more than a 2-3 percent impact on world cotton prices.

If the observed 2-3 percent fluctuation in cotton prices is the basis for the Panel's decision it is possible that such small changes could now be considered a "significant impact" and change the way future claims are measured.

The most important thing in communication is to hear what isn't being said.

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Did you ever notice how difficult it is to argue with someone who is not obsessed with being right?
~ Wayne Dyer

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~ Mark Twain



This Week In Texas History!

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

Aug 25, 1829
President Andrew Jackson offered to buy Texas from Mexico but the Mexican government turned his offer down.

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

Aug 26, 1842
The Caddo Indians agreed to act as peacemakers with hostile Indian tribes of Texas. There efforts were only slightly successful.

Aug 26, 1836
New York brothers John and Augustus Allen bought land along Buffalo Bayou and named the town they founded "Houston" after Gen. Sam Houston.

Aug 27, 1908
Lyndon Baines Johnson was born near Stonewall.

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

Aug 28, 1948
Lyndon B. Johnson defeated former Gov. Coke Stevenson by 87 votes to become U.S. Senator. The election was settled when "South Texas Kingmaker", George Parr, delivered the necessary winning votes from "Box 13".

Aug 28, 1874
Maj. William Price and his soldiers left Fort Union, N.M., for the Texas Panhandle. There were now Army forces coming from three directions to help defeat the Plains Indians.

Aug 29, 1874
The "Southern Column" crossed the Colorado River near present-day Colorado City. At the same time, Lt. Col. George Buell and the 9th and 10th Calvary left Fort Richardson near Jacksboro for the Panhandle. Calvary and infantry were now coming from all sides. The Plains Indians, under Chief Quannah Parker, were camped in the Palo Duro Canyon.

Aug 29, 1839
Sam Colt received a patent on a new revolver, "The Walker," named after Texas Ranger Capt. Sam Walker.

Aug 30, 1965
President Lyndon B. Johnson signed legislation making the Alibates Flint Quarries north of Amarillo, a National Monument.

Aug 30, 1874
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Aug 30, 1841
The Texas-Santa Fe Expedition camped at a remote location near Quitaque at the conflux of the Quitaque and Los Lingos Creeks. A war party of 100 Kiowa Indians attacked a small reconnaissance party, killing five of the Texans.

Aug 31, 1874
Col. Ranald MacKenzie and his "Southern Column" camped on the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River near Aspermont.

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New Traffic, Criminal Laws Set To Go Into Effect September 1

- * HB 84, known as Katie's Law, requires drivers 85 years of age and above to pass a vision test to have their driver license renewed. Licenses will be valid for two years instead of six. Drivers age 79 and older are not allowed to renew their driver licenses electronically.
- * HB 586 prohibits a driver who is issued a speeding ticket and found guilty of driving at a speed higher than 95 miles per hour from taking a driving safety class to dismiss the ticket.
- * SB 369 prohibits the use of blurring or reflective matter on a license plate that significantly impairs the readability of the state name and license plate numbers and letters; prohibits the use of material or an apparatus that alters or obscures one-half or more of the state name; and prohibits using material that obscures the license plate number or plate color.
- * SB 153 makes it an offense for the accompanying licensed passenger of a driver with a learner's permit to sleep, be intoxicated or to engage in any activity that prevents the passenger from observing and responding to the actions of the driver of the vehicle.
- * SB 112 (effective April 27, 2007) protects the right to bear arms during a declared disaster or emergency by prohibiting law enforcement officers from confiscating firearms during such emergency periods.
- * HB 8, known as Jessica's Law, imposes a 25-year minimum sentence for sexually violent offenses against children under 14 years of age; eliminates eligibility for parole for certain sex offenders; makes a second conviction of a sexually violent offense against a child under 14 years of age a capital felony; mandates global positioning system (GPS) monitoring for offenders committed under the sexually violent predator statutes; extends the statute of limitations for sexually violent offenses against children under the age of 14 to 20 years past the victims' 18th birthday; and clarifies that harboring a sex offender in violation of registration is an offense punishable by up to a third degree felony.
- * SB 6 increases the penalty for sexually explicit online communication with a minor who is 14 to 16 years old from a state jail felony to a third degree felony and increases the penalty for online sexual solicitation of a minor who is 14 to 16 years old from a third degree felony to a second degree felony.
- * HB 3849, effective June 15, 2007, creates new vehicle registration requirements for all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and a penalty if an ATV is driven on public property while the driver and passengers are not wearing required safety apparel.
- * SB 1315 requires DPS to develop an alert system for missing senior citizens similar to the current Amber Alert Program for abducted children.
- * HB 323 requires all new buses purchased by a school district on or after September 1, 2010 to be equipped with lap/shoulder seatbelts. All buses contracted for use by a school district on or after September 1, 2014 must be equipped with lap/shoulder seatbelts. (The bill's provisions will not take effect unless the legislature appropriates the necessary funds to school districts to cover the expenses of such changes.)
- * HB 1815 excludes from unlawful carrying of a weapon a person who is carrying a handgun, illegal knife, or club on the person's own premises or premises under their control or inside of or directly en route to a motor vehicle that is owned by the person or is under their control. The bill makes it an offense to carry a handgun in a motor vehicle that is owned by the person or under the person's control if the handgun is in plain view or the person is engaged in certain criminal activity, is prohibited from possessing a firearm, or is a member of a criminal street gang.
- * HB 3190 prohibits persons who have committed offenses such as vehicular manslaughter, driving under the influence, and leaving the scene of an accident from operating a school bus for 10 years after the offense; requires school bus operators to wear seat belts if the operator's seat is equipped with such restraints; prohibits the operation of a school bus if the number of persons inside the bus exceeds the manufacturer's design capacity for the vehicle or if the bus' door is open; authorizes a school bus operator to prohibit a passenger from standing or sitting on the floor of a bus or anywhere that is not a seat; requires a school bus evacuation training program and requires a school district to train all of its students and teaching staff in the process of emergency school bus evacuation at least twice a year.
- * SB 1287 requires certain establishments that sell alcohol to post specific notification regarding the offense of human trafficking in both English and Spanish along with the number to the national human trafficking hotline.
- * HB 3613 creates a statewide standard for peace officer identification cards, including ID cards for reserve law enforcement officers and honorably retired peace officers.
- * SB 331 (effective May 14, 2007) increases the maximum length for saddle-mount commercial vehicle transporter combinations from 75 to 97 feet.
- * SB 378, known as the "Castle Doctrine," removes the requirement that persons attempt to retreat before using deadly force to defend themselves.
- * HB 2112 prohibits a person from intentionally exhibiting, using or threatening to exhibit or use a firearm while on public or private school property (including in a school parking lot), or while on a school bus being used to transport children to or from school-sponsored activities.
- * SB 332 authorizes the state to prohibit a motor carrier from operating in intrastate commerce if the U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has prohibited the carrier from operating in interstate commerce because it is deemed unfit or unsafe.
- * SB 387 redefines "loose material" in Transportation Code Chapter 725 by adding the term "refuse," which is defined as "trash, rubbish, garbage, or any other discarded material." It also deletes existing statutory language that exempts a vehicle operated at a speed less than 30 miles an hour from application of this chapter.
- * SB 545, HB 1638 and HB 2077 added more than 40 municipal police departments to those police agencies eligible to have DPS train their peace officers to become certified to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards.
- * HB 1766 makes a state jail felony of the theft of wiring or cable that consists of at least 50 percent aluminum, bronze, or copper metals and that has a value of less than \$20,000.
- * SB 244 authorizes a district or appellate court to seal an affidavit when there is compelling state interest for doing so, such as to prevent destruction of or tampering with evidence in a criminal investigation.
- * HB 991 (effective May 23, 2007) makes confidential DPS records about who holds a concealed handgun in Texas. Criminal justice agency officials still have to access this information.
- * SB 9 (effective June 15, 2007) requires a national criminal history background check for all certified public school employees; prevents individuals from employment with a school district if they have been convicted of a Title 5 Penal Code felony offense; or a sex offense when the victim of the crime was a child, a primary school student, or secondary school student; and creates a clearinghouse at DPS for criminal history background information on public school employees so this information can be shared between school districts.
- * HB 233 provides a concealed handgun license fee waiver for active duty military members and honorably discharged veterans within one year of their discharge from the military service.
- * HB 1241 requires any private security business to maintain criminal histories of its security personnel on file at the business and to make them available for inspection by DPS.
- * HB 1355, known as Lillian's Law, requires all dog owners to properly secure their dogs on their property. The law provides that a dog owner can be held criminally responsible if the dog causes serious bodily injury or death at a location other than the owner's property in an unprovoked attack during which the owner by criminal negligence failed to secure the dog. It exempts many dog professionals (including peace officers) who deal with dogs on a regular basis from the bill.

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* HB 1839 requires concealed handgun license (CHL) holders to take a continuing education course to renew their CHL every 10 years instead of every five years.
 * SB 502 increases the minimum liability coverage amounts for automobile insurance. The first increase applies to motor vehicle liability insurance policies issued or renewed after January 1, 2008. A second, larger increase in motor vehicle liability insurance coverage takes effect on January 1, 2011.

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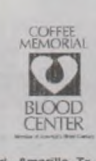
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