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Does A Sex Offender Live In Your Neighborhood?

Does a sex offender live in my neighborhood? That is a very good question, and it deserves an answer. The Texas Department of Public Safety is responsible for the Sex Offender Database. This database provides citizens the opportunity to know of a registered sex offender lives in their community.

According to Texas law there are certain stipulations that require a local law enforcement agency to alert area citizens that a registered sex offender has moved into their neighborhood. They are not required by law to notify the public of every person that fits this criteria. This fact usually leaves most communities in the dark.

There is something, however, that you personally can do to protect yourself and your children. On the internet search <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us>. Once you reach the Departments website click on the 'Sex Offender Search' (located on the left side of the webpage) and type in your local zip code. This search will give you detailed record of sex offenders in your area, including up to three (3) pictures for easier identification. It also gives the offenders current address as well as the type of assault, the sex and age of the victim and the date of occurrence(s).

According to our research currently there are registered sex offenders living in Turkey, Quitaque & Silvertown. There were none located in Matador, Roaring Springs or Flomot at the time this research was compiled.



Quitaque residents enjoyed the parade Saturday morning that kicked off the week-end long Fredrick Douglas All School reunion.

Country Music's Grand Ole Opry Stars Coming To Turkey

Jim Ed Brown and Helen Cornelius will once again be in concert in Turkey, Texas on Saturday, September 11, 2004 at the Bob Wills Center Gymnasium. Showtime will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is only \$20 per person to see this award winning duo live in concert. There are still some tickets available and may be purchased at the door. So make plans to come over to Turkey this Saturday for a night of classic country music.

There will be a Mexican Stack Supper, sponsored by Tri-County Meals from 4-6 p.m. in the Bob Wills Cafeteria and admission will be \$6.

Briscoe County TxDOT Working To Preserve Transportation System

Texas Department of Transportation's Briscoe County Maintenance Office is responsible for the maintenance of 326 lane miles of roadway.

"In this district we emphasize safety, quality and accountability. The department expects it, and the public deserves it", says Terry Keener, Childress District Engineer.

Statewide, TxDOT spends more of its budget on maintenance than any other category.

"We're perceived as a big road-building machine," says Mike Behrens, executive director, "but the reality is that we spend more resources on making sure the roads, bridges and rest areas that we already have are kept in the best possible shape for the traveling public."

Texas' roads and bridges represent a \$50 billion investment in the basics that keep people and goods moving safely throughout the state. Toward that end, TxDOT in Briscoe County in 2003:

- * Resurfaced 59,268 square yards of highway
- * Filled nearly 1,878 potholes
- * Mowed 214 acres of grass
- * Picked up 2,638 acres of litter
- * Repaired 25 linear feet of guard rail
- * Applied 710,860 linear feet of highway striping and reflective beading

The department devotes some 6,700 employees to that job overall - 46 percent of its workforce. In Silvertown, TxDOT's Briscoe County Maintenance Office employs 10 people.

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The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD



Patriot Day, September 11th

Commissioner Combs To Hold Town Hall Meeting In Tulia

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will be in Tulia on Monday, September 13 to meet with area residents and community leaders to discuss issues that are affecting the agricultural industry and rural Texas.

The Swisher County town hall meeting will be at 10:45 a.m. at the Swisher County Memorial Building, 127 Southwest Second St., Tulia. The open forum is free, and the public is invited to attend.

"Our rural communities and agricultural producers are tackling problems with their usual combination of spirit, grit and determination - but tough times these days call for more than just the usual approach," said Combs. "I want to hear specific needs and suggestions for ways that we can work together to address these issues to ensure that Texas and agriculture remain strong throughout the state."

Some of the issues Commissioner Combs will be discussing include agricultural marketing, labor, nutrition, rural economic development, trade and water.

For more information on the town hall meeting, contact Ryan O'Neal, producer relations specialist at the Texas Department of Agriculture, at (512) 463-4879.

Valley Calendar of Events

September 9

- * Turkey City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Valley Patriots J.V. & Jr High vs Plainview Christian @ 4 p.m. (Jr High) & 6 p.m. (JV) in Plainview

September 10

- * Valley Patriots-OPEN
- * PATRIOT DAY
- * Jim Ed Brown & Helen Cornelius Concert at Bob Wills Gymnasium in Turkey @ 7 p.m.

September 12

September 13

- * GRANDPARENTS DAY
- * Quitaque's Weight Watchers meeting @ 5:45 p.m.
- * Weigh-In @ 5:15 p.m.
- * Valley School Board of Trustees meeting
- * Quitaque City Council meeting @ 5 p.m.
- * Quitaque Fire Department meeting
- * Turkey Lions Club meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Briscoe County Commissioners Court @ 10 a.m.
- * Hall County Commissioners Court @ 10 a.m.
- * Motley County Commissioner Court @ 9:30 a.m.
- * Hall County Budget Hearing

September 14

- * We The Women meeting @ 12 noon

September 15

- * Panhandle Community Services will be in Silvertown, Quitaque, & Turkey today by appointment only. (806-874-2573)

September 16

- * Rosh Hashanah

Trail Construction Workshop This Saturday At Pole Canyon Ranch

Pole Canyon Ranch southwest of Quitaque is sponsoring a Trail Construction Workshop this Saturday and Sunday, September 11-12, 2004.

The Texas Bicycle Coalition has launched a new program that will be of great benefit to mountain bicyclists as well as other trail users. This workshop will give area landowners and trail users an opportunity to learn more about developing, repairing and maintaining trails designed for recreational use.

Ryan Spates and Susan Stormer, PhD, Trail Doctors for the Texas Bicycle Coalition, will be the guest speakers for the event.

Training will begin Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the First National Bank Community Room in Quitaque. Drinks and snacks will be provided. This training session will last approximately four hours.

At the end of the presentation, the group will move to Pole Canyon Ranch for lunch. The ranch is located four miles south of Quitaque on FM 1065 and four miles west on FM 689. Turn right (north) across the cattle guard and proceed to the guest house for lunch.

On Saturday afternoon, Ryan and Susan will demonstrate proper trail building and maintenance skills. Drinks and snacks will be provided throughout the afternoon.

On Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. there will be a time of praise and worship led by Bro. Jeff Addison of First Baptist Church, Quitaque. Afterward, the group will resume working on trails. Lunch, snacks and drinks will be provided for all participants.

Anyone attending both days of training will receive a year's bicycle pass to Pole Canyon Ranch.

There is no charge for the workshop, but please let Phil and Lynette Barefield know if you plan to attend. You may call 806-455-1446 or email canyons@caprock-spur.com.

Turkey Resident Found Dead Near Home

Allen Boeshart, 48, of Turkey was found dead on Tuesday, September 7 near his trailer on Main Street in Turkey. After not showing up over the Labor Day weekend for a cookout, friend, Vickie Lindsey went to check on Boeshart and found his body outside.

Hall County Sheriff Earnest Neel responded to the call. Sheriff Neel stated "It appears to be natural causes, but a final determination will not be made until after an autopsy is completed and the coroner issues a ruling." The body had apparently been there for several days, according to reports.

Boeshart, a long time resident of Turkey, was one of it's more colorful characters. He previously owned and operated The Peanut Patch, a former restaurant in downtown Turkey. In recent years he worked at Allsup's and did odd jobs around town.



Caprock Canyons State Park, home of the Texas State Bison Herd, was chosen as the 2004 Best State park. Located in Briscoe County, it is the third largest state park in Texas. The park opened in 1982.

The park consists of 15,313 acres of jagged sandstone peaks and canyons, a terrain that supports a variety of activities. The 64 mile, 1,200 acre caprock Canyons trailway system is the product of a rail-to-trail conversion. Open to hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians, the trail stretches into the Red River Valley and traverses three counties, 54 bridges and Clarity Tunnel, the last active railroad tunnel in the state.

Other activities at the park include; camping, fishing, picnicking, swimming, rock climbing and sightseeing. Each October the park hosts Quitaque Quest, a National Off-Road Bicycle Association sanctioned mountain bike race. Bat viewing tours are conducted from mid-August to mid-September.

Caprock Canyons State Park is 3.5 miles north of State Highway 86 in Quitaque on FM 1065.



This new Chamber of Commerce sign located near the entrance of Caprock Canyons State Park will help promote local businesses.

Quitaque Chamber of Commerce Sign In Place

By Arlene Hinkle

After months of hard work, letters, pleas, and telephone calls, the Quitaque Chamber of Commerce sign is in place on Hwy. 1065, north of Quitaque. We hope that as people travel to Caprock Canyons State Park and are in need of additional information, they will see the sign and ask for the informational packet at the Park headquarters. Each business is listed on the sign, although no individual members and/or family members are. The informational packet will contain information about each business, such as hours, goods provided, services provided, etc.

Also, the www.quitaque.org website has a new look and new information. Please check it out and let us know if corrections are needed.

The Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to promoting Quitaque. You are important and your ideas are important, please come and share. The Chamber meets the first Tuesday in each month at 6:15 p.m. at the Community Center. Hope, Pride and Progress is our motto - and that, my friends, need the joint ef-

Quitaque City Council Discusses Use Of Jake Brakes In City Limits

The Quitaque City Council met in regular session on August 9, 2004. Council members present were Phil Barefield, Randy Stark, Tena Bearden, Janice Henson and guest Buck Chadwick.

During public comment Buck Chadwick asked the City to rework the water drainage problem to his driveway. Councilman Stark voiced his opinion pertaining to overgrown vacant lots around the City.

After attending to regular monthly Council business the following items were addressed:

* The Council passed a motion to ask TxDOT to post signs prohibiting the use of Jake brakes within the City limits.

* The Council passed a motion to allow Walter Skinner to place a culvert on his property at his expense with the condition that the City may remove the culvert anytime that it deems it necessary.

* September 6 was set as the date for Public Hearing and work session for FY 04/05 budget and tax rate.

The meeting then adjourned after the conclusion of this business.

Obituaries


Ronnie Fulton
Ronnie Fulton passed away on August 24, 2004 from injuries sustained in a car accident near Meridian, TX. Funeral services for Ronnie were held Sunday, August 29, 2004 at the First Baptist Church in Meridian.

He was the much beloved son of John and Jan Fulton born on January 20, 1959 in Memphis Texas. He lived in Arlington, TX where he attended school and was a member of the Hillcrest Park Baptist Church. He moved to Meridian in 1993. He worked for the Ace Hardware Co. for many years where he acquired many dear friends. He was very gifted in woodworking and had many satisfied customers. He had a passion for guns and was an avid hunter.

He is survived by the joy of his life, his daughter April, three grandsons, Dylan, Wyatt, and Garrett of Neosho, MO, his parents John and Jan Fulton of Meridian, brothers Rick of Arlington and Kent of Grapevine and a host of friends.

Memorials may be given to the Right Step Foundation, P.O. Box 132043, Houston, Texas.

Letters To The Editor



Valley Tribune,
Please renew my subscription to the paper. I appreciate your patience with me, since I am a little late. I do appreciate being able to keep up with what is going on at "home". Thank you for the hard work that you put into the paper. I am, especially, enjoying the color photos.
Cheryl Merrell Cooper

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TURKEY TALK
By Martha Bradshaw

Billy and Margie Pinkerton met Vera and Jayton at the airport in Lubbock last week. Tommy and his family met them at the Homeplate Diner for a quick bite to eat and following evening church services Vera went with Tommy and Jayton went with Billy and Margie to Amarillo. After Billy's appointments they drove to Hobbs and remained there until Wednesday while Vera worked in Brum's office. When her work was completed Billy and Margie drove her and Jayton home and returned to Turkey late last Thursday.

Thank you to Vicki Lindsey for the use of her mower and gasoline that Allan used to mow the mini park downtown a couple of weeks ago.

Nadine Davis spent Sunday in Childress with Curtis, Ardice, and Calvin Morgan for a cook out.

Bob and Wanda Warner took their daughter and family from Childress to the Caprock Canyons Saturday for a picnic. Jimmy Robertson will be here to visit Dessie Mae this week.

Justin, Cindy, and Garrett Proctor of Oklahoma visited Izel Proctor Sunday afternoon.

Sue, Lowell, Gail, and Izel Proctor, and Gladys Hanna went to Childress and met brother Robert for dinner. They also visited with Wesley, Tammy, Kinsley, and Kaylee Proctor.

Bob and Marvin King visited Ora Lee King of Grand Prairie over the weekend.

Those that did not attend the Turkey Jamboree Saturday night missed a delicious meal and one of the best jamborees this year! There were 116 people there and the Adams Brothers won the \$50.00 door prize.

REMINDER: DON'T FORGET THE JIM ED BROWN AND HELEN CORNELIUS SHOW AT 7:00PM SATURDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 11, 2004.

Dan and Anne Herriage of Irving, Texas visited with Lewis and Oleta Randell Friday through Sunday. Don was a performer on the Jamboree Saturday night.

Sisters of Bobbie Mullin, Bea Jecmenek from Brenham, TX and Nan Robinson from Sun City, AZ are visiting Bobbie and I. D. this week.

Cleo Jordan went to Amarillo Saturday to visit with four families of cousins. Bill and Wanda Germany and Regina Bearden of Amarillo, Betty and Kenneth Sqwyres of Arkansas. The food and the visiting time were most enjoyable.

James and Wilda Fuston attended a family reunion at Grandbury, TX over the weekend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- September 9**
Evan Dudley, Everett Dudley, Jimmy Boyett, Cassie Farley, Camber Shaylee Musgrave
- September 11**
Lauren Young, Robyn Lane Cranmer
- September 12**
Jean Mullin, Sandra Barclay, Leigh Ann Darsey, Jayton Lynn Smith
- September 13**
Jacob Landon Hancock, Revis Farley, Lacie Lynn Fuston, J.D. Schnitker
- September 14**
Duke Woods, Barbara Reed, Jim Kalafus
- September 16**
Finis Scoggins, Christy Pointer, Justin Rucker, Travis Kimbell, Doyle Proctor, Beegie Pierce, Sharladae Pierce,

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



- September 9**
Mr & Mrs Larry Don Price
Mr & Mrs Tom Ross
- September 11**
Mr & Mrs Gene Fuston
- September 13**
Mr & Mrs Brandon Boyles
- September 15**
Mr & Mrs Jimmy Martinez

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Celebrate National Grandparents Day
Sunday September 12, 2004



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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Grandparents Day is Sunday, September 12. One granddad said, "Patience is a virtue."

As a child, I looked forward to becoming a teenager. That happened. As a teenager, I looked forward to becoming a young man. That happened. As a young man, I looked forward to meeting a young woman, falling in love and getting married. That happened. As a married man, I looked forward to becoming a father. That happened. As a father, I looked forward to becoming a grandfather to beautiful, intelligent grandchildren. That happened. Then I looked forward to the day they would learn to write. Grandpa is still waiting!

Surprising Weather In August Has Cooler Temperatures, Rain and Hail

Weather in August was surprising as we had cooler temperatures, above average rainfall and disaster hail and wind storms in Motley County. This has been an excellent water year.

The Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers report the following rain totals for August: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs - 3.04 inches; Betty Simpson, Northfield - 1.54 inches; Kelly Meyer, Matador - 4.84 inches; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat - 5.25 inches; and Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot - 4.46 inches.

Birthdays Celebrated

Alma and Everett Shorter were honored on their birthdays with a family dinner Saturday night in the home of their son and wife, Clois and Kathy Shorter. They were each presented a colorful decorated cake. To observe Alma's 80th birthday she had a shower of 98 beautiful birthday cards from friends and relatives. Everett, 84 years old, had a previous birthday card shower when he celebrated his 80th birthday.

Those enjoying the happy occasion were son, Louis Shorter of Mansfield; daughter, Mrs. Jody Rhodes of Cypress; Mrs. Salina Elliott of Floydada; Megan Shorter of Lubbock; Bobby and Jennifer Mancrief, Allison, Broden and Matthew of Matador, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petrolia and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot.

Barton Family Reunion

The descendants of the Motley County pioneer, Al Barton held a family reunion Saturday, September 4th at the Community Center in Flomot.

Hosting the event were the children and families of Al and Addie Barton, Mrs. Kathryn King of Matador, Wilson Barton of Flomot, Loretta Scrivner Race and husband, Harry, of Dover, Arkansas, Barbara Barton Campbell and husband, Pat of Portland, Oregon and Charles Barton and wife, Johnnie of Lubbock.

All of the Barton families were represented by the 65 who attended and enjoyed the sumptuous tables of food, meeting new family members and reminiscing.

Recognized as the oldest family member attending was Mrs. Kathryn King who is 93 years old. Youngest attending was Ben Kern, 19 month old son of Candy Jones Kern and husband, Michael of Plano and traveling the farthest distance, 2,500 miles, were Barbara and Pat Campbell of Portland, Oregon.

They attended from Borger, Flomot, Matador, Grandbury, Austin, Lamesa, Turkey, Royce City, Floydada, Wichita Falls, Adrian, Plano, Powderly, Whitney, Roaring Springs, Lubbock and Peaster in Texas; Dover, Arkansas and Portland, Oregon.

The next family reunion hosted by the Al and Mollie Sams Barton families will be the Saturday before Labor Day in 2006. It will be held at the Senior Citizens building in Matador.

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert were Barbara and Joe McAllister of Palmetta, Georgia.

Dane and Crystal Degan, Kyler and Kason of Crosbyton visited last Saturday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Visiting during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin was his sister, Mrs. Nita Merritt of Granbury and their daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger. Mrs. Merritt also visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay.

Mrs. Michael (Candy) Kern and children of Plano and Pepper Jones of Austin visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Jones and in Quitaque with Mr. and Mrs. Buster Chadwick.

Loretta and Harry Race of Dover, Arkansas visited from Monday until Sunday and Barbara and Pat Campbell of Portland, Oregon visited the weekend in the home of their uncle, Wilson Barton. Mr. and Mrs. Race visited Sunday morning with Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse visited in Rising Star last weekend with her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning.

Roger and Doris Vinson of Lubbock visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Furman Vinson.

Cody Barclay and children, Lane and Ashton of Borger visited Friday night and Colton and Kayla Barclay of Lubbock visited Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay.

Mr. and Mrs. Dane Degan, Kyler and Kason of Crosbyton were luncheon guests of his grandmother, Mrs. Leona Degan last Saturday.

Jack and Nada Starkey met daughter, Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch in Claude to visit Monday.

Guests in the home of Connie and Coy Franks during the Labor Day holidays were son, Cary Franks, who returned home Saturday from Argentina where he had worked with agricultural projects the past six months; Barry Pickett of Garland, Tim Washington of Roaring Springs, Caleb, Mickey and Kensey Clarey of Matador, Cory and Amy Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock and Erma and Bill D. Washington of Flomot.

Ruth and Orville Lee enjoyed the Jamboree in Turkey Saturday night.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Schaefer of Ballinger, Joe Ed Carson of Hale Center and Don Carson of Olton.



Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

Sometimes even those of us who like to cook get so pressed for time that we are lucky to have the 30 minutes it takes to prepare this speedy supper. All three dishes can be ready and on the table in only half an hour, but your family (or guests) will never guess you didn't fuss. Enjoy!

Chicken Enchiladas

2 tablespoons butter or margarine
 1/4 cup flour
 2 1/2 cups chicken broth
 1 can (4 oz.) chopped green chilies, divided
 2 cups cubed cooked chicken
 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
 8 flour tortillas (7-8 inches)
 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
 For sauce, melt butter in a saucepan. Stir in flour until smooth. Gradually add broth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in half the chilies. In a bowl, combine the chicken, Monterey Jack cheese and remaining chilies. Spoon 1/3 cup chicken mixture onto each tortilla; roll up. Place seam side down in an ungreased 13x9x2 inch baking dish. Pour sauce over enchiladas. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Bake, uncovered, at 375° for 15-18 minutes or until heated through and cheese is melted. Serves 4.

Guacamole Tossed Salad

2 medium tomatoes, seeded and chopped
 1/2 small red onion, sliced and separated into rings
 6 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
 1/3 cup Crisco oil
 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
 2 large ripe avocados, peeled and cubed
 4 cups torn salad greens
 In a bowl, combine the tomatoes, onion and bacon. In a small bowl, whisk the oil, vinegar, salt, pepper and hot pepper sauce. Pour over tomato mixture; toss gently. Add avocados. Place the greens in a large salad bowl; add avocado mixture and toss to coat. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

Peanut Butter Cashew Sundaes

1/3 cup light Karo
 1/4 cup peanut butter
 4 scoops ice cream, any flavor
 1/2 cup salted cashews
 In a small bowl, combine the Karo and peanut butter until blended. Serve over ice cream; sprinkle with cashews. Serves 4.

Ice cream is always a welcome end to a meal, but especially in the hot summer months. Here are some other sweet and simple ideas for ice cream sundaes. Try them all!
 >Drizzle chocolate sauce over a scoop of strawberry ice cream and top with sliced strawberries and kiwi. Dollop with whipped cream.
 >Instead of the usual chocolate sauce, top vanilla ice cream with warmed orange marmalade and some fresh berries.
 >For a super chocolaty treat, place a scoop of chocolate or chocolate mint ice cream on a brownie and pour on hot fudge sauce. Add a spoonful of whipped cream, sprinkle with peanuts and accent with a maraschino cherry or a Hershey's kiss.
 >If you like s'mores, try this! Dress up a scoop of ice cream with chocolate sauce, mini marshmallows, whipped cream and graham cracker crumbs.
 >Give a tropical-flavored ice cream added appeal with canned mandarin oranges and pineapple chunks. Serve with gingersnaps.

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1 In Menard Co., it's the longest in TX: "Powell's _____"
 5 TXism: "active as a fox in _____ house"
 6 TXism: "_____ of"
 7 TXism: "busier than _____ armed paper hanger"
 8 TX Ginger film about KKK ('51)
 17 TX "Eagle" Henley
 18 TXism: "_____ early to rise"
 21 TXism: "let 'em rip!"
 22 It's lunched to bid at a cattle auction
 23 Hedy of film "Boom Town" about TX
 24 non-TX climate
 29 TX "Jinglebob John" Chisum would _____ the ears of his cattle
 30 TXism: "_____ cat" (skunk)
 31 dir. to Houston from Dallas
 32 TX Cyd Charisse debut film: "Something to _____"
 34 bootmaker Lama who started in TX
 35 alias abbr.
 36 TXism: "plain as the ears _____"
 37 gets brown at So. Padre Island
 38 TXism: "pickin's are powerful"
 39 '90s TX-based TV western
 41 thorn-bearing Gulf canvas

DOWN

43 TXism: "clings like a _____ to a dog's ear"
 44 TXism: "_____ a spell" (long time)
 45 famous ranch near San Antonio
 46 Noah's boat
 47 TX Gene Tierney film: "The Ghost & Mrs. _____"
 48 TXism: "change range"
 50 Gov. Connally's wife
 51 snow slider
 52 what TX rancher Chuck Norris was in '85 prequel film
 53 strong desire
 1 in Dallas, _____ Thornton Freeway
 13 stockings
 14 Genoa, TX was named after a city in this country
 15 town in AK or TX
 16 this Adams discovered Glen Rose dinosaur tracks (init.)
 19 this Dodger great Carl was signee of TX Nokona gloves
 20 handsome
 22 San Antonio gallery: "The _____ Art Space"
 24 TXism: "guilty _____ sin"
 25 Rock of "Giant" (init.)
 26 Davy's _____ skin cap
 27 TX Willie products
 28 TXism: "call _____" (quit)
 29 boot underside
 30 ping's partner
 33 TXism: "useless as a milk bucket under a _____"
 34 TXism for "pond"

35 TXism: "exciting as _____ match in a firecracker stand"
 37 TXism: "that _____ fancy"
 38 steeple
 40 neighborhood storm warning luxury space at Texas Stadium
 41 this TX Dennis plays Houston in '04 "The Alamo"
 47 in Gray Co. on I-40
 49 this TX hallback Matson is in pro hall of fame

VALLEY WEATHER

DATE	HI	LO	PREC
SEP 2	84	57
SEP 3	86	57
SEP 4	87	58
SEP 5	88	61
SEP 6	94	62
SEP 7	87	54
SEP 8	85	48

Credit to the fullest the good qualities to be found in others, even though they may far outshine your own.
 ~ William M. Peck

September Local Subscriptions Due \$18⁵⁰ per year Quitaque

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- Karol's Country Korner
- Max Meyer
- Christy Pointer

Turkey

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- Mary Loury
- Ora Lee King
- Charlene Randell
- Earl Robison

Matador

- Darla Gwinn
- Sharon Allen

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Efficiency is doing things - not wishing you could do them, dreaming about them, or wondering if you can do them.
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THE PATRIOT

Valley School News

Patriots Dominate Bulldogs

The Valley Patriots got two touchdowns from Alex Espinoza and Fidel Valdes enroute to a 46-0 victory over the Amherst Bulldogs last Friday night. The top-ranked Patriots moved their season record to 2-0 heading into the open week.

"We took care of our business and got out of there," Coach Bret Tyler said. "Alex ran the ball well, Cody threw the ball well, and the offensive line did a nice job."

Albert Espinoza scored the first touchdown for the Patriots on a 1-yard run early in the first quarter. Daniel Alanis made the first of five extra point kicks for the Patriots to give Valley the 8-0 lead. Alex Espinoza scored his first touchdown on a 35-yard run 84 seconds later.

Cody Barrett hit Zack Ramsey on a 44 yard touchdown pass to give the Patriots the 24-0 first quarter advantage. Fidel Valdes's eight yard run and Alex Espinoza's 15 yard scamper gave Valley a 40-0 halftime lead.

Valley's 327 yards of offense was 338 yards more than Amherst had as the Patriots held the Bulldogs to -11 yards of offense and zero first downs. Charlie Walden and Fernando Regalado led the defensive charge with eight tackles each. Alex Espinoza recorded seven tackles, while Zack Ramsey, Matt Whittington, and Valdes each tallied five.

"We didn't give them much on defense," Tyler said. "Team speed is one of our strengths this year and that allows us to be very aggressive defensively."

Fidel Valdes scored the final touchdown with 8:38 left in the first quarter when he took a fourth down pass from Cody Barrett and raced 32 yards for the touchdown. Daniel Alanis was four for four kicking extra points and Valdes added one.

The Patriots are off this week before welcoming Follett to the Valley Homecoming next week. The Valley JV will square off tonight against the Plainview Christian Academy's Varsity team.



BIG HIT AWARD! Mrs. Carson presented Albert Espinoza with the Big Hit Award, at last week's pep rally, for his performance in the Wheeler game.

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~ Robert K. Patterson

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Tuesday, September 14

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk

Lunch: BBQ Chicken, Corn, Potato Salad, Biscuits, Honey, Milk

Wednesday, September 15

Breakfast: Biscuits, Jelly, Sausage, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Meat & Cheese Nachos, Salad, Apples, Milk

Thursday, September 16

Breakfast: Breakfast-on-a-Stick, Syrup, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Pork Chops, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

Friday, September 17

Breakfast: Cereals, Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk

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~ David O. McKay

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~ Howard W. Newton

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The deadline for postmark registration is September 17. The late registration deadline is October 1. Students can get registration materials from their guidance counselor or they can register on-line at www.actstudent.org.



Valley Patriot's Head Coach Bret Tyler gave a motivational speech Friday, September 3 at the pep rally about being #1 in the State.

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Only one time, in the entire Bible, is the question asked. "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). In the next verse (Acts 16:31) the question is answered. **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."**

Remember:

- Hell's Hot
- Life's Short
- Death's Sure
- Eternity's Long
- and, "There Ain't No Exits In Hell."

NO MAN KNOWS, HOW SOON IT IS TOO LATE

"Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain." Exodus 20:7

Any way that you use God's Name, the Lord's Name, Jesus' Name, other than in a Holy manner, is taking His Name in vain.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Acts 2:21 and Romans 10:13 indicate that, "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." In the next verse, Romans 10:14 it says, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?" Believing precedes calling upon The name of the Lord. Jesus Himself said in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**" God reaffirms this truth in 1 Timothy 2:5 saying "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." When someone says "repeat this prayer after me to be saved" it is making people feel like they have to "do" something to be saved, other than believing. If someone is asked to say a prayer to be saved, the person who says the prayer is still on his way to hell, after repeating the prayer, if he hasn't believed in his heart. Nowhere in the Bible is it found that a person has to pray a prayer to be saved. God does not hear a prayer unless you go to God in the name of Jesus Christ, **The Only Mediator between God and man.** Jesus Christ is not your Mediator unless he is your Lord and Savior. So according to God, the steps are, first, you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, By believing as Acts 16:31 indicates, you are saved! Acts 16:30,31 is the only time in the Bible where the question is asked, "what must I do to be saved?" God answering through Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." By being saved, Jesus Christ is your Lord, Savior, and Mediator between God and yourself. Now you can pray to God, because you have the Mediator, Jesus Christ.

I believe that when a person "prays" to God, without being saved, his prayer goes no higher than the ceiling, and God probably says, "Who do you think you are, to think that you can come to Me, without coming to Me in the only possible way that I have set out in My Word? For you come to Me, through My Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the One and Only Mediator between you and Me." You don't just pull Jesus Christ out of the air, and say today I want You to get me to God, be my go-between for God! it doesn't work that way. Jesus Christ is either your Lord and Savior, making Him your Mediator, or, if Jesus Christ is not your Lord and Savior, He is not your Mediator. I believe it is very important to stress that you are saved by believing only. John 3:16, probably the most quoted verse in the Bible, says that, "whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Again, this passage in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Again, this passage clearly prescribes believing, not repeating a prayer. In John 3:4, Nicodemus asks Jesus, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" He was asking this in regard to Jesus' statement in John 3:3, that a man needs to be born again. Jesus' answer in John 3:5 and following is "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Nowhere does Jesus say, pray to be saved, it is **always believe.**

Years ago, I heard Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse say "I'm deeply offended when I hear a prayer that does not end with the idea that God must be approached only through the Name and the Being of the Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 1:13 says "In whom (Christ) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Romans 10:9 tells us "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." "For with the heart man believeth (first) unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession (next) is made unto salvation." How many people have gone to hell or are going to hell by putting their trust in the ungodly "pray the sinners prayer" or "repeat this prayer after me", instead of believing John 3:36: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Luke 23:39-43 tells us "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. " But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? "And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss." "And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." In these verses in Luke, we see that a man was saved by believing only. The malefactor did not, and was not instructed by Jesus, to pray, to receive salvation. He said unto Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. " "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise." **You don't fool Jesus.** Jesus knew that this man believed in Him; that this man believed that this Jesus that he was talking with was the Lord, The Messiah, the Only Begotten Son of God, the Savior, and in believing, the man was saved. Now if you think that you have to pray first, repeat first, or anything first, before believing, why did Jesus tell him "today thou shalt be with Me in paradise?" OR if there is a need to do for anything to go along with believing, why didn't Jesus tell him what that was? Jesus doesn't make mistakes! God's Word is true. You don't (really you can't), add to or take away from God's Word, and it be true. Just leave His Word alone, and do what God said, believe, Psalm 119:89 "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." Revelations 22:18,19 "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Take your Bible and check the references that we contained herein— nothing added to and nothing taken away; and when you hear the plan of salvation" from anyone, get your Bible out and see if it is God speaking or "someone's" idea. I can't see "ten steps" to salvation, I can see only one step: believe. The malefactor on the cross had but one step, and he took it. You, I, we all have "one step," believe. Please take it, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation.

¹ All Scripture references are from The King James Version, (Cambridge: Cambridge) 1789.

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VALLEY PATRIOTS



**Valley Patriots JV & Jr High vs Plainview Christian
 Friday, September 9 @ 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. in Plainview
 * Valley Patriot Varsity Has An Open Week ***

**Last Week's Score
 Valley - 46
 Amherst - 0**



Valley Patriots Varsity Football Schedule 2004

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sept. 10		OPEN	
Sept. 17	*Follett	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	*Silverton	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	*Hedley	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	*Kress	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	*Lazbuddie	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	*Groom	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	*Cotton Center	Home	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	*Happy	Away	7:30 p.m.

Scrimmages * District Games \$ Homecoming



Cheerleaders: Chelsea Wheeler, Paige Hughes, Macy Davidson, Molly Davidson, Mary Kate Davidson, Savannah Smith
Mascot: Enequina Valdez

Valley Patriots Jr. Varsity Football Schedule 2004

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sept. 9	PlainviewCh.(Varsity)	Away	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	Amherst	Home	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Silverton	Away	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Hedley	Home	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Kress	Away	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Kress	Home	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Crowell	Patton Spr.	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	Wheeler	Sannor wood	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	Happy	Home	6:30 p.m.



Head Coach: Bret Tyler
Asst. Coaches: Thomas Clay, Greg Ramsey

Valley Patriots Jr. High Football Schedule 2004

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sept. 9	Plainview Ch.	Away	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	Amherst	Home	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	Silverton	Away	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Hedley	Home	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	Kress	Away	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	Lazbuddie	Home	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	Groom	Away	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	Cotton Center	Away	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 2	Happy	Home	5:00 p.m.

Coaches: Greg Ramsey and Stewart Smith

Superintendent: Jerry Smith
Principal: Jon Davidson
Stats: Maddie Ramsey & Jasmine Ivory
Cheerleader Sponsor: Shadi Buchanan
Pep Squad Sponsor: Lisa Farley
Managers: Mitchell Farley, Justin Billegas, Micheal Mullin, Brady Ramsey, Dalton Allen

PATRIOT TEAM ROSTER

Name	No.	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Class
Jake Gass	1	5'5"	140	E/CB	Soph.
Matt Dozer	5	5'7"	150	E/LB	Soph.
Cody Barrett	9	5'10"	170	QB/LB	Jr.
Rhiane Gaddis	10	5'8"	145	FB/LB	Jr.
Cole Brown	11	5'7"	140	QB/S	Fr.
Bryce Regaen	21	5'10"	160	RB/E	Fr.
Fidel Valdez	20	5'9"	170	RB/LB	Sr.
Alex Espinoza	22	6'2"	175	RB/E	Jr.
Zack Ramsey	23	5'8"	165	E/LB	Sr.
Albert Espinoza	24	5'9"	190	FB/LB	Sr.
Justin Rucker	28	5'6"	140	RB/LB	Fr.
Fernando Regalado	32	5'8"	165	FB/LB	Jr.
Bryant Ortiz	33	6'2"	160	E/E	Soph.
Matt Whittington	35	5'8"	160	FB/LB	Sr.
Aramando Mendoza	40	5'7"	150	E/LB	Fr.
Roger Ramos	44	5'8"	185	FB/LB	Fr.
Kye Fuston	48	6'3"	165	E/E	Jr.
Randy Farley	50	5'10"	290	C/E	Jr.
Chance Maynard	52	5'7"	155	E/E	Jr.
Ruben Ramos	70	5'8"	230	E/E	Jr.
Daniel Alanis	80	5'9"	160	E/S	Sr.
Charlie Walden	81	6'1"	175	E/E	Jr.
Jimmy McGuire	83	5'11"	170	E/E	Jr.
James House	90	5'7"	160	E/E	Fr.
Danny Carnes	96	5'9"	170	C/E	Fr.
Fannin Gwynn	99	5'9"	180	C/E	Soph.
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NASS Releases Final July Marketing Figures; FSA Preparing Final CCP Rate Calculation

By Shawn Wade/PCG

For those who are tracking the monthly numbers and using them to generate an estimated Weighted Average Price Received, the last piece of the puzzle has now been dropped into place.

That means that a fairly accurate estimate of the final 2003-crop Counter-Cyclical (CC) payment for cotton can now be made. Assuming that there are no significant adjustments made in the monthly figures released up to this point, cotton producers participating in the 2003 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) should expect a final 2003 payment rate of approximately 3.5 cent per pound to be announced in the next few weeks.

Calculations of a final CC payment rate of 3.5 cents is based on the marketings and average prices received by growers as reported by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

Producers who received an advance CC payment would receive the difference between the amount of the advance and the final payment rate.

Producers who received a 2003 advance CC payment of 2.01 cents should expect to see a final payment of approximately 1.49 cents per pound.

The 2003 Counter-Cyclical payment rate authorized under the 2002 Farm Bill will be based on the 12-month Weighted Average Price Received by growers. For cotton the 12-month Weighted Average Price will reflect price and bales marketed for the 2003 marketing year. The 2003 cotton marketing year began August 1, 2003 and ended July 31, 2004.

The following table shows the average price received each month by farmers and the associated Weighted Average Price based on cumulative bales marketed through July 2004.

Average Price Received Through July 2004 For 2003-crop Upland Cotton				
(Weighted by bales marketed)				
	Bales Marketed (000's of Running bales)		Prices (cents/Lb.)	
	Monthly	Cum.	Monthly	Weighted
August 2003	420	420	46.30	46.30
September	769	1,189	55.70	52.38
October	1,783	2,972	68.00	61.75
November	1,912	4,884	63.40	62.40
December	1,938	6,822	64.10	62.88
January 2004	1,546	8,368	62.50	62.81
February	1,422	9,790	62.70	62.79
March	167	9,957	59.40	62.74
April	473	10,430	61.20	62.67
May	360	10,790	60.60	62.60
June	403	11,193	60.50	62.52
July	418	11,611	54.50	62.23

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

No-Till Farming Can Decrease "Global Warming Potential"

By David Elstein

Farmers may be able to lower the net rate of the "greenhouse gases"—known as the "Global Warming Potential"—that their farming systems emit, according to Agricultural Research Service scientists and university collaborators.

The scientists found that certain activities, such as switching to no-till farming, may also increase crop yields while helping the environment.

Some gases in the atmosphere trap heat near the Earth's surface, much like glass panes trap heat inside a greenhouse. Agricultural systems both release and absorb certain greenhouse gases. The difference between the total emission and absorption of these gases helps researchers understand the Global Warming Potential.



Plants remove carbon dioxide, an important greenhouse gas, from the air and convert it to carbon-containing compounds. Eventually, much of that carbon returns to the soil as crop debris or waste from animals that ate the plants. Carbon that stays in the soil improves soil conditions for agriculture and also "sequesters" the gas out of the atmosphere. But crop and animal residues in and on the soil are decomposed by microbes, releasing the carbon dioxide back into the air.

Nitrogen fertilizers can be converted by microbes to nitrous oxide, a potent greenhouse gas. A third greenhouse gas, methane, can be released or absorbed by soils and is also released by some kinds of livestock and animal wastes.

Fort Collins, Colo., is one ARS location studying Global Warming Potential. There, chemist Arvin R. Mosier and soil scientist Ardel D. Halvorson, of the ARS Soil-Plant-Nutrient Research Unit, and Gary A. Peterson of Colorado State University believe that switching to no-till farming, a system of cultivation in which the soil is not disturbed, will decrease the Global Warming Potential on some farms. Soil disturbance stimulates much of the microbial activity that converts organic matter and nitrogen fertilizer into the greenhouse gases.

Around the country, ARS scientists are studying how a wide variety of management practices affect the Global Warming Potential. ARS is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief scientific research agency.

This Week's Texas Crop & Weather Report

With sunflower harvest just beginning, producers in the Texas Panhandle are looking forward to high yields, according to Texas Cooperative Extension. The Panhandle has received more than twice the normal amount of rainfall for the year, and, due to attractive selling contracts within the county, more sunflowers were planted.

"We've had above-average production this year, mainly due to good growing conditions," said J.D. Ragland, Extension agent in Floyd County. "We've already gotten 24 inches (of rain) this year, and normally we would have 10.5. I'd say we have nearly 3,000 acres of sunflowers this year, and there were 1,576 acres last year."

While it is still too early in the harvest to know what the crop will yield, last year the county produced 843 pounds of sunflower seeds per acre at 13 cents per pound, Ragland said.

But in spite of the extra moisture this year, fields were still irrigated, he added.

Dr. Travis Miller, Texas A&M University associate department head for soil and crop sciences, said this practice is normal for confectionary seed production in Texas.

"Sunflowers are drought tolerant and make excellent use of stored soil moisture, but they respond well to irrigation in the dry climate of the Texas Panhandle," he said. "It improves yield and seed size, which is very important in the confectionary market."

Miller said sunflowers are used three ways in Texas:

- Confectionary sunflower seeds are typically salted and roasted, and used in salads and other dishes.
- Oilseed sunflowers are processed for cooking oil. The remaining meal is used for livestock feed.
- Some sunflower seeds are used in wild bird feed. According to Ragland, sunflowers help rebuild the soil.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture was short to adequate. Temperatures were slightly below average but rose to above average late in the week. Isolated thunderstorms with scattered showers were reported. Corn was rated fair to excellent. Silage harvest was under way with good reported yields. Sorghum was rated fair to good. Some late-planted dryland fields may not mature before the first freeze. Headworms were reported in the western portion of the region. Cotton was rated fair to good. The crop needed additional heat to mature. Bollworm infestations were reported. Sunflowers were rated good. Sunflower moth infestations were reported in late blooming fields. Wheat stands were rated good. Soybeans and peanuts were rated good and had no major pest problems. Cattle were rated in good condition.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture short to adequate. Temperatures were near average. Corn dried down rapidly and harvest is expected next week. Cotton was rated in good condition but needed more heat. Some fields were showing signs of moisture stress in the afternoons. Sorghum progressed extremely well, as did peanuts. Pumpkin harvest started. Ranges and pastures were rated in good to excellent condition with available forage for cattle.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture adequate. The cotton crop is progressing well; farmers are applying insecticide as needed for bollworm control. Wheat farmers are preparing land for sowing. The sorghum harvest is nearing completion. Livestock conditions are good to fair across most of the region, and fall calving is beginning.

Cotton

By Shawn Wade
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News

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Careful Planning Key To Maximizing Returns During 2004 Marketing Season

By Shawn Wade/PCG

While prospects for a bountiful High Plains cotton crop are still excellent, producers need to begin seriously considering how the last phase of the 2004 growing season will be managed.

In fact, realizing the full potential of the outstanding crop that is in the field will require everyone in the marketing chain to shake a few cobwebs loose.

With the Adjusted World Price (AWP) of cotton still tracking below the 52-cent national average loan rate for cotton, payment limitations on the amount of Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) and Marketing Loan Gains (MLG) a producer can receive become important factors to consider.

The June 2004 reemergence of an upland cotton LDP, combined with prospects for an exceptional crop, means producers will need to carefully monitor their use of LDP's to prevent payment limit complications.

The amount of LDP and MLG benefits received by a producer are applied against that producer's \$75,000 per person payment limitation for loan benefits.

With an LDP payment rate of 10 cents per pound, and an average bale weight of 500 pounds, reaching the \$75,000 payment limit only takes 1,500 bales. If the LDP rate goes to 20 cents per pound, that threshold drops to 750 bales, well within the realm of possibility for many producers in 2004.

LDP and MLG benefits are calculated as the difference between the Upland cotton base loan rate (52 cents per pound) and the Adjusted World Price of cotton when the AWP is below 52 cents.

LDP and MLG are two versions of the same benefit with the only difference being when the producer decides to take action.

LDP benefits are provided to the producer in exchange for the producer's agreement to forego placing the commodity in the CCC loan.

Producers receive a marketing Loan Gain after they have placed their cotton in the CCC loan. MLG's are automatically accrued when a loan is repaid at a rate less than the national average loan rate upon which the loan was originally based. This situation only occurs when the Adjusted World Price (AWP) falls below the national average loan rate for cotton.

In order to be eligible for LDP/MLG benefits, producers must fulfill the requirements for participating in the Commodity Credit Corporation marketing loan program and also meet the requirements for maintaining "beneficial interest" in the crop.

To be eligible for a marketing assistance loan, producers must comply with applicable conservation and wetland requirements, report upland cotton planted acreage, comply with crop insurance requirements and maintain "beneficial interest" in the cotton from harvest throughout the term of the loan.

"Beneficial Interest" is maintained as long as the producer maintains ALL of the following: Control of the Commodity; Risk of Loss; and Title of the Commodity.

For cotton "Beneficial Interest" is considered lost, and the crop ineligible for LDP or MLG benefits, when any one of the following events occurs:

- * The producer receives payment (without option to purchase)
- * The date the commodity is invoiced
- * Delivery of warehouse receipts to the buyer or agent
- * FOB warehouse when the commodity is loaded for shipment from the warehouse to the buyer
- * Contract signing date, when the contract restricts the producer from obtaining CCC loans or LDP's
- * Entry of the commodity into a warehouse when a contract casualty clause provides that after commencement of insured warehouse coverage the insurance settlement goes to the buyer.
- * When the commodity is redeemed from Commodity Credit Corporation loan

Producers should be careful to note that while most "option to purchase" contracts offered have sufficient language to keep "beneficial interest" with the producer, any payment made to the producer under a sales contract causes beneficial interest to be lost, even if the contract contains "option to purchase" language.

Producers who are unsure of the language in an "option to purchase" contract can have that language reviewed by their county FSA office.

In order to obtain LDP benefits on cotton for which "beneficial interest" will be lost soon after harvest or ginning, producers are allowed to request an LDP prior to harvest using FSA form CCC-709. The LDP rate for cotton covered by the request will be the rate in effect the date the cotton is ginned.

LDP requests filed on cotton, using FSA form CCC-Cotton AA, after ginning will have an LDP payment rate based on the date of the request.

Producers can also lock-in an LDP rate on cotton stored in a module, before it is ginned, by using the same form CCC-Cotton AA. The producer retains beneficial interest in the commodity, but will receive an LDP based on the lock-in date.

With prospects for the crop still good, producers who have not worried about reaching their limit on LDP/MLG benefits in the past are gearing up to market all of the cotton they produce and still receive the full protection of the loan program.

The answer for many will be using the CCC loan and generic certificates. Producers close to exceeding their limit on LDP's can put their cotton in the loan, sell it and then redeem the cotton themselves or through their designated agent using a generic commodity certificate.

When cotton is redeemed using generic certificates, the MLG that would have accrued does not count against a producer's LDP/MLG payment limit and helps provide full CCC loan protection on every pound of cotton produced.

For producers that market their cotton through a marketing pool there is little to worry about other than making sure the pool has appropriate procedures in place to prevent payment limit complications for the grower.

Growers that market cotton on their own, or who have signed "option to purchase" contracts, should make sure they apply for LDP benefits before they lose beneficial interest, keep track of how much LDP benefits they accrue and be prepared to switch their marketing plans to include the CCC loan and generic certificate to prevent missing out on benefits they are otherwise entitled to receive.

Growers that put their cotton in the CCC loan and then sell at a later date have another ace in their pocket thanks to the Farm Service Agencies release of a new, fully automated Centralize Cotton Redemption (CCR) system.

The new CCR system allows merchants who purchase upland cotton pledged as collateral from multiple loans in multiple counties to redeem the bales they purchase in a single on-line transaction. The primary benefit for merchants who register to use the system is it makes loan redemption process easier and more convenient.

Merchants are still required to obtain an valid producer signature on for CCC-605 designating them as the producers agent and authorizing them to redeem the loan using the CCR.

The primary benefit for producer is that whenever the AWP is below the national average loan rate, the loan repayment is considered to be a commodity certificate exchange and no MGL is charged against the producer's payment limitation.

LDP Quick Facts

- Cotton must be Loan Eligible to receive LDP
- Producer must maintain "Beneficial Interest" through date that LDP is requested
- The LDP/MLG payment rate for cotton is calculated weekly, announced each Thursday and is effective from 11:01 p.m. CST that day through 11:00 p.m. CST the following Thursday.
- Generic Certificates help guarantee full loan benefits should producers reach LDP payment limitation

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Texun Tawk

By Bill Sperry

Cotton Scales Make My Head Hurt.

My wife gets a big kick out of looking at antiques. You would think that having to sit across the table from me this number of years that she would have looked at an antique in the making and be totally disgusted. I don't like to look at old stuff too much or too long because it makes different parts of me hurt as different things are usually associated with something I experimented with in my younger years and it usually backfired.

Take that treadle on grandma's sewing machine. Grandma would take the belt off her machine when she seen sweet me or my mean little brother coming as she knew that he would get that 'ole Singer to rolling so fast that it would pitch the bobbin. I always like the sound of that, 'pitch the bobbin.' Sounds like something happening to a fast car or something. Now one thing you had to be especially careful about was when you got that treadle to really rocking and rolling, do not, I repeat, do not, put your fingers between it and the floor. It will mash the p-dinky-do out of 'um, and several times if you're slow about getting them out of there. During that time there was no cure for treadle finger, you just had to live with it or soak them in kerosene, the penicillin of the farming community. I see an antique sewing machine, my fingers hurt.

Quilting frames make the top of my head hurt. If mother and the local quilters were having a session, go outside and get a drink of water. They would have the kitchen sink blocked off and if you made a mad dash for the kitchen faucet, you would get a thimble in the top of the head. I think it must have been some sort of sport for those ladies as they could make out your head running along in that quilt. To be able to knock you on the noggin while you were in flight must have taken some skill. They seemed to enjoy it.

Mouse traps make my thumb hurt. If I set ten of 'em, one would release when it wasn't supposed to and hit my thumb, right in the nail. If I set three, one would turn loose and whack my poor 'ole thumb.

When we finished pulling cotton, pop would hang the scales up in the garage on a sixteen penny nail. I was always interested in how I was growing and such so when I seen that scale, I had to know. I'd grab that hook and about the time I got my Keds off the ground and looked up to see what that indicator said, pow! Right in the head. That sixteen penny would bend as it wasn't made to hold up a quizzical kid. You know, if my memory serves me right, I tried to weigh myself twice before I decided that that old nail just wasn't gonna' hold me. You know, since that scale was hitting me in the head, maybe it affected my memory.



Last Week In Texas History!

Sept 2, 1912
School opened in Amarillo and among the new teachers was supervisor of drawing, Georgia O'Keeffe.

Sept 2, 1862
Martial Law in Texas was repealed by the Confederate government.

Sept 2, 1862
Enactment of a new Confederate conscription law raised the age limit to include all males from 18 to 45.

Sept 3, 1930
The Joiner #3, Daisy Bradford Well struck oil near Henderson in Rusk County.

Sept 3, 1925
Country music legend Henry William "Hank" Thompson was born in Waco.

Sept 3, 1909
Canyon City was selected as the site for West Texas State Normal College.

Sept 3, 1889
The very first school term began in Amarillo, the first school house was located at 800 Harrison, and the first teacher was C.G. Witherspoon. He later moved to Hereford and helped organize Deaf Smith County.

Sept 4, 1930
Brownsville was struck by a hurricane killing 40 people and doing an estimated \$16.9 million in damage.

Sept 4, 1836
The Gulf Oil Cooperation cut the price of gasoline in Texas from 19¢ a gallon to 16¢.

Sept 4, 1836
Pres. Andrew Jackson wrote Sam Houston that saving the life of Gen. Santa Anna was a wise move on the part of the Texans.

Sept 4, 1829
The *Mexican Advocate* was one of the earliest newspapers in Texas. It was published in Nacogdoches by Milton Slocum.

Sept 4, 1766
Galveston Island was struck by a hurricane demolishing a church mission, it was the first recorded hurricane in Texas.

Sept 5, 1836
Texas Revolution hero Sam Houston defeated Steven F. Austin to become the first President of the Republic of Texas. It was also the first vote held in the Republic. Houston - 5,119 votes to Austin - 587 votes.

Sept 6, 1864
Union troops attacked Confederate soldiers near Brownsville while the Mexican artillery fired across the Rio Grande River. Heavy rains stopped the Union troops from advancing allowing the Confederate troops time to flee. The Confederates regrouped and counterattacked pushing the Union soldiers out of Brownsville. Some of the prisoners that they took were Mexican soldiers.

Sept 7, 1936
Charles Hardin "Buddy" Holly was born in Lubbock.

Sept 7, 1874
Lt. Frank Baldwin and three of his army scouts fought off 250 Indians in an eight-mile running gun battle along Whitefish Creek in Donley County.

Sept 8, 1874
Lt. Frank Baldwin and his Army scouts captured a red-headed white youth dressed as an Indian. His name was Tehan (Texan) and he had been living with the Kiowas since they had captured him years earlier.

Sept 8, 1863
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THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM...

BY: LAURA TAYLOR

With all of the terrorism in the world today, such as the tragedy this week in Russia, and the anniversary of September 11 it makes us all look a little closer at the freedoms and relationships that we are allowed to enjoy in this great country. The following comments by comedian, George Carlin sum it all up pretty darn good.

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.

Remember, spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side. Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent. Remember, to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you. Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again. Give time to love, give time to speak, and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

~ George Carlin ~

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So convenient a thing it is to be a reasonable creature, since it enables one to find or make a reason for everything one has a mind to do.

~ Benjamin Franklin

Mexican Stack Supper To Benefit Tri-County Meals

Tri-County Meals will be serving a Mexican Stack Supper before the Jim Ed Brown Show this Saturday, September 11 at the Bob Will Cafeteria in Turkey from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Tri-County Meals is a non-profit organization that will be providing a "hot lunch" for senior shut-ins in Quitaque, Turkey, Silverton and Flomot in the near future. This "Mexican Stack" will be one way we can all support a program that will directly benefit our local senior citizens. Your support of this program will be appreciated.

Garza & Dickens Counties Quarantined For Africanized Honey Bees

Dickens and Garza counties were added to the state quarantine, restricting the movement of commercial bee operations following the detection of Africanized honey bees.

The addition makes 154 counties in Texas now quarantined for Africanized honey bees, according to the Texas Apiary Inspection Service, a unit of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Samples of wild bees collected from both locations were sent to the Texas Honey Bee Identification Lab in College Station and confirmed Thursday, according to Paul Jackson, chief apiary inspector. All of the bees were destroyed in both cases.

In Dickens County, the bees were found in a water meter near where a tractor and shredder had been used to mow. Jackson said one person was stung more than 100 times, but received medical treatment and recovered.

In Garza County, the bees were a swarm - a group of bees traveling in search of a place to build a new home - that landed west of Post. No one was reported stung in that incident.

Jackson said the quarantine allows beekeepers to move beehives within, but not out of, the zone in an effort to prevent assisting the spread.

Africanized honey bees look just like regular domestic honey bees but are more defensive in protecting their hives, according to Jackson.

The Africanized bee was first detected in the United States near Brownsville in October 1990. Africanized honey bees also have been found in Arizona, California, Nevada and New Mexico.

Other area counties included in the quarantine are: Cottle, Crosby, Dimmit, King, Knox, Lubbock, and Scurry.

The purpose of life is to believe, to hope and to strive.
~ Indira Gandhi

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By Clint Harmon

RIM ROCK CANYON



By Clint Harmon

Silverton's Bits & Spurs

By Lataine Dillard

How proud we are of our Silverton Owls Football team!! Congratulations on the winning of your first football game!!

Walter and Bobbye Bean enjoyed having son Casey and family home last weekend. Casey, Corina, Caleb, Christine and Corinne drove up from Midland and attended Sunday school and church their parents.

Mary and Weldon Henry had their daughter Jessica home last weekend. She is a beautiful girl!! Jessica lives in Lubbock. She is employed by Southwestern Bell Company. We are so glad to have Mary and Weldon living here!! They have been building their lake home for several years and are glad to finally be out to the Dallas traffic!!

Looks like Wayne Stephens is finally on the mend. It's good to see him back in church with his family. In fact, their pew was stuffed on Sunday!! What a wonderful sight!! There was Wayne, Betty, and their quiver was full!!

It's good to see Dean and Johnnie Burson back in the groove again. They moved into town this summer and it has been quite a change for them. They live where Jimmy and Rhenda lived and the younger Bursons are now country folk.

Now I'm looking forward to helping teach the third and fourth grade SS classes!! Have a wonderful week!! I just laid down on the freshly mown grass on Monday and thanked God for the peace we have here in our country. Keep praying and keep looking up!!!



An area record of seven (7) pecans are seen here growing in a cluster. Record rains in the area have led to a bumper crop of pecans this year on area trees.



The Ivory brothers crank up the grill as they prepare to make some of their 'world famous' BBQ as part of the Fredrick-Douglas All School reunion held last weekend in Quitaque.

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