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Members of this team are: Sitting: Haley Wheeler of Turkey—Daughter of Brian and Mona Wheeler, Kennadee Buchanan of Turkey—Daughter of Bryan and Shadi Buchanan. Back Row: Dixie Williams of Lockney—Daughter of Matt and Jeananne Williams, Lindsey Stewart of Lockney—Daughter of Dr. Kevin and Victory Stewart, Igansio Ascencion of Lockney—Son of Irma Cuevas, and Alexis Rodriguez of Lockney—Daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Rodriguez. Their dance teacher is Sherry Fogerson of Lubbock!!

2 Time National Champions Will Try Again For Another National Title In San Antonio Texas In July!!!

Mrs Sherry Fogerson's Dance Team entered the 30th Anniversary Tour—Showstopper's Dance Competition in Amarillo Texas on May 4, 2008. They entered two dances this year—a Jazz routine to "Grease Mix" and a Tap routine to "Christmas Mix."

The team won the overall competition with the "Grease Mix." This routine won a Double Platinum Award. This Double Platinum award is awarded to the team that had the highest overall score in all the age groups and the highest overall score in all the categories of dance!! The age divisions were divided in 11 and under, 12 thru 19 individual age groups, also in categories of dance included—Jazz, Ballet, Tap, Lyrical Jazz, Hip-Hop, Open, Acrobatic Dance and Character Routines. This is a great honor for the team!! They also won a platinum award with the "Christmas Mix."

With these high scores in both routines—this has qualified them for a spot at Nationals for the 3rd year in a row. This contest is held in San Antonio Texas on the Riverwalk. It will be in July this year.

Caprock Canyons State Park Prepares For Caprock Campers 2008

Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway is gearing up to host Caprock Campers 2008. This Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Kids program offers our Valley School 5th grade students the opportunity to experience nature and history in a beautiful outdoor setting. Hands-on learning activities will focus on the past and present people, plants, animals, and geology of our local canyons and prairies.

This year's Caprock Campers will be held from June 3 through June 5. Mrs. Brenda Cruse set accelerated reading goals for her 5th grade students at the Valley School and those students who meet their goals will be invited to participate in the program.

The Caprock Campers program has received much appreciated support from the local communities in past years. To provide a high quality experience for this year's campers, Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway is accepting donations to help purchase camping equipment, field manuals, food, and drinks.

Monetary donations may be made to the Caprock Partners Foundation at the First National Bank of Quitaque or checks may be made out to the Caprock Partners Foundation and mailed to Caprock Canyons State Park, P.O. Box 204, Quitaque, TX, 79255. Individuals who would like to donate their time and expertise to teach campers how to fish, kayak, set up a campsite, or help in any way are encouraged to call Caprock Canyons State Park at 455-1492 or 455-1140.

Annual Washington Cattle Co. Bluegrass Festival May 15, 16 & 17

Once again Flomot, Texas will be alive with the sound of bluegrass music on May 15, 16 and 17, 2008. The Ninth Annual Washington Cattle Co. Bluegrass Festival will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 15 with gospel music and barbeque. Friday night the stage music starts at 6:00 p.m. and will continue until 10:30 p.m. On Saturday, the music begins at 1:00 p.m. and goes until 11:00 p.m. Please bring lawn chairs for the most comfortable seating.

Eight bands from Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma are scheduled to play during the festival. The bands scheduled to perform during the festival include *Pecos Valley Bluegrass* from Mayhill, New Mexico, *Grassfire* and *Now and Again* from Amarillo, Texas, *Texas Country* from Wicket, Texas, *Music Mountain* from Seymour, *Harvesters* from Lubbock, *Wichita Mountain Bluegrass* from Oklahoma, and *Triple L* from Portales, New Mexico.

But, the official bands are just half of the fun. Groups will be playing and jamming at all hours on the festival grounds. Everyone who plays an instrument is welcome to come and join in the music. If you don't play you are welcome to listen to the various groups.

Brenda Browning will have a food concession open Friday and Saturday. Everyone is invited to come to Flomot and listen to great music and eat with Brenda.

An added event this year is the Flomot version of Hardin & Turner Western Trade Day on Saturday, May 17. This event specializes in tack and other things found around the ranch. Everyone is welcome to come to buy, sale or trade.

RV parking is \$10.00 per night and hookups are still available with festival ticket purchase. Thursday festival tickets are \$8.00 for music only and \$12.00 for music and barbeque, \$8.00 on Friday, and \$12.00 for all day Saturday. Children under 13 admitted free with an adult at all times. Children's Thursday night barbeque tickets are \$4.00.

For more informational please call 806-469-5278 or 806-269-1578. E-mail flomot@caprock-spur.com.

Wind In A Bottle

by Bridget Mintz Testa

Like everything else, wind power is bigger in Texas. But plans to erect thousands of large turbines have utilities scrambling to build a new energy infrastructure.

Texas and oil go together like hound dogs and huntin', but petroleum won't keep the lights on. The state is facing a possible shortfall in electrical power generation capacity as early as 2009, when its reserve margins could drop below the minimum 12.5 percent level. Due to a peculiarity in the state's electrical system, all the power that Texas needs must be generated in the state.

The conventional options for new generation are limited. New nuclear plants are being planned, but it will be years before they contribute to the Texas electrical grid. Coal plants have become even more controversial than nuclear, and, like nuclear, new plants take years to build. Almost half of the Texas grid is powered by natural gas. This was fine a decade ago when natural gas was cheap, but the era of \$2 per million Btu gas is over and as the price of the fuel goes up, so does the price of power.

Consequently, Texas badly needs to diversify the energy sources it uses to generate electricity. How lucky it is, then, that West Texas, the home of miles and miles of miles, also happens to possess some 100,000 megawatts of potential wind generation, second only to North Dakota. Indeed, in 2006, the Lone Star State surpassed California as the number one producer of wind power in the country.

To take advantage of its wind potential, address the state's fuel diversity problem, and demonstrate sensitivity to regional environmental issues, the 1999 Texas legislature established a "renewable portfolio standard." That standard set a goal of 2,000 MW of new renewable electricity generation by 2009. After that goal was exceeded by new wind generation in 2006, the legislature reset the standard to 5,880 MW by 2015 and 10,000 MW by 2025. By the end of 2007, Texas had about 4,200 MW of installed wind generation capacity in service, and another 2,600 MW lined up to join the grid soon.

In spite of the rapid increase in wind power, the fuel diversity problem and reserve shortfall still loom. Adding a few more wind turbines here and there won't make much of a dent. But last August, Shell WindEnergy, a division of Shell Oil, and Luminant, a subsidiary of electric power utility TXU, announced a project that just might make a difference: The companies would partner to build a 3,000 MW wind energy plant in Briscoe County, about an hour's drive southeast

of Amarillo. Meanwhile, oilman T. Boone Pickens' private equity firm, BP Capital Management, plans to enter a project that will build a 4,000 MW wind energy plant in Pampa, about an hour east of Amarillo.

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New & Improved Relay For Life

"Cookin' for a Cure" is taking the place of Relay for Life for 2008. Instead of walking around the football field until midnight on the 6th of June, there will be a fun filled evening at the Hope Center with a sit down meal of brisケット, baked potatoes, beans, salad, Mary Wood's home made hot rolls, drinks and desserts. The time we be lively with entertainment, games, auctions, door prizes and a ceremony honoring the survivors of cancer. This is the third year in a row that deaths to cancer have decreased!!!! This news is encouraging and we will be up and ready to fight this battle which has affected our small communities so much. Our time and efforts will benefit research and patient services.

Mark your calendars for June 6th. Starting at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are still on sale at the banks in Silverton, Quitaque and Turkey but they are going fast because only 250 will be sold. They are \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for 12 years old and under.

Any one that would like to make a cake or pie for the live auction, donate prizes for the silent auction and bingo or help out in any way getting set up for the evening just let a contact person know. Wadie Clay in Flomot-469-5219, Juannah Jennings in Silverton-823-2238, Ann Chadwich in Quitaque-455-1248 and Sandy Fuston in Turkey-4423-1227.

Above all please pray for a cure for cancer.

Clean Up Day In Quitaque May 17

By Arlene Hinkle

Volunteers are needed to help us spruce up downtown and other odd jobs around the community Saturday after next, May 17th.

We plan to reinstall the trash bins, clean up more of the corner building being proposed as a mini park on the corner of Main Street. We are looking at some new planters to install, talk about street lamp placement, move chairs from the Hope Center to provide space for existing chairs, work on replacement of glass, reinstall pole banners, work on welcome monument and other odd jobs.

If you have something in the old store front (owned by Jack Johnson) and would like to get it back, the building will be open for you to get your items back.

Please plan to come and help out for 3 to 4 hours in the morning as we spruce up Quitaque.

Turkey Volunteer Fire Department Is Looking For A Few Good Young Men

Anyone who is of Jr. or Sr. high school ages who would like to help start a Jr. Fire Department group with the Turkey VFD/EMS is encouraged to attend the next meeting at the Turkey Fire Hall on May 21, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Also anyone else wanting to join as a regular firefighter is encouraged to attend also.



Steve Fosdick & Glory Road Band To Perform At Gem Theatre May 17

All Country music and gospel fans will be treated to a free show Saturday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at the historic Gem Theatre.

Steve Fosdick and the five piece Glory Road Band of Kermit, Texas will perform free starting at 7 p.m. The bandk comes highly recommended and is sure to please.

There will be a ham dinner and all the fixings with Sandy's bread all for \$6 per place and the meal will benefit the Turkey Heritage Foundation. Dinner starts at 6 p.m.

So come prepared to enjoy a night of good music and enjoy beautiful downtown Turkey, Texas.

ON THE QT

By Patsy Herrington

WONDERFUL!!! WONDERFUL!!! 2+ inches of rain this week. Who could ask for more?

This is your substitute for Patsy so this will be short and not nearly as good as she does.

Patsy Herrington flew to Austin to join her daughter and family and they went on to Houston to see Patsy's grandson, Marshall Eudy, graduate from Rice University. They will return to Austin where Patsy will celebrate Mother's Day with her daughters and their families. She will return home early Tuesday.

Elaine Harmon is recuperating from dental surgery at her home.

Joyce Price returned home this weekend from Lubbock where she had five days of intensive radiation therapy.

Ruby Mae Woods celebrated her 91st birthday this week. Buster and Ann Chadwick "partied" with her by playing "Moon". I understand Ruby Mae won.

Henryetta Price spent Saturday in Amarillo with her daughter, Mindy and Monica, and Mindy's husband Adam. The highlight of the day was entertainment which was furnished by Grayson Anderson, the 5 month old great grandson.

Lina Whittington had an exciting visit to Dr. Kopp. All went well with the doctor, but while returning, Lina was caught in flooding rain and hail and spent some time under the overhang at Dairy Queen in Lockney.

Butch and Dean Hamilton are home after spending three frustrating weeks of being in Lelia Lake off and on. Dean and most of her family were ill and Butch ended up in Clarendon at the doctor. They are grateful to be home.

Henryetta Price took Ruby Mae Woods to Lubbock on Friday for her annual check-up at the heart doctor.

Myra Whitaker Brown is scheduled to have surgery Friday, May 16 in Lubbock to help relieve symptoms of Parkinsons. There will be several surgeries over a period of about 10 days.

On Saturday Delos and Sammie Johnson, Ruby Mae Wood and Henryetta Price went to Lockney to attend the celebration of Earl and Faye McDonough's 50th wedding anniversary. They were joined there by Clois Martin of Sherman, Texas. Cloris returned to Quitaque with Henryetta. Cloris stayed through Monday to attend graveside services for Margaret Lane.

Obituaries

Rhonda Voy Norrell



Rhonda Voy Norrell of Matador left this life to begin a new one with our Lord on Sunday, May 11, 2008, Mother's Day. Rhonda was born in Matador on April 28, 1964 to Hollis Alvis Stephens and Myrna Voy Moore Stephens. She attended and graduated from Motley County in 1982 and West Texas State University with a B.S. in Education in 1986. Rhonda taught in Spur, Amherst, and Patton Springs. She married Michael Wayne Norrell on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1988. They were blessed with two beautiful children, daughter Taelor Voy, 16, and son Tanner Wayne, 14.

Margaret Owens Lane

Margaret Owens Lane passed away Friday, May 9, 2008.

She was born in Rising Star, Texas, on July 16, 1930 to George and Olive Owens. The family moved to Quitaque, Texas in 1930. Margaret attended schools in Quitaque and graduated from Quitaque High School. She married Olen Lane on November 18, 1949 in Quitaque. They made their home and farmed in Turkey, Texas, until December, 1956 when they moved to Van Horn, Texas and farmed in Lobo. They were very active in all civic activities and couples bridge clubs. Margaret was a member of L'Progresso, a civic club, and was a co-owner of Margaret's, a local dress shop, until she and Olen moved to Pecos, Texas in 1983. In 1989, Olen and Margaret moved to Midland where she lived until her death. She was a member of numerous bridge clubs while in Midland. She loved the Lord and was a lifetime member of the Methodist Church; she attended St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland. Margaret will be remembered as fun-loving and caring and greatly enjoyed her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Olen in 2004; infant daughter, Lisa Jan; her parents; brothers, Gaston and Chester Wayne; and sister, Betty.

Margaret is survived by her daughter, Leigh Ann Lane of Midland, Texas; sister, Willadeen Ebbs of Midland, Texas; sister-in-law, Rita Guest of Turkey, Texas; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Alton and Glo Lane of Ruidoso, New Mexico; nephews, Eddie Owens of Lubbock, Texas, Steve, Neil and Brent Guest of Turkey, Texas, Kevin Lane of Seattle, Washington and Greg Lane of La Mesa, New Mexico.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home Sunday, May 11, 2008 between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. Funeral services have been scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Monday, May 12, 2008 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Interment will take place at 4:00 P.M. Monday, May 12, 2008 at Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to Dreamland Cemetery, Rt. 1, Box 75B, Turkey, Texas 79761, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011W. Kansas Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701 or the charity of one's choice.

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By Earlyne Jameson

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Do Gooders' Club Speed Along

Another pair of hands and frie... make quilting go much faster it ca... right pleasant as was experienced a... ing Tuesday afternoon, May 5; at th... mot.

Mrs. Brenda Browning con... to help speed along the Club's Flom... bers well meet at 1 p.m. on Wednes... ter until the quilt is completed. The... each or six for \$4 between now an... will be announced. It is a colorful... queen sized, pieced as a courtesy... or Rising Star. They discussed o... projects including a concession sta... Hostess, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay pr... taly heirloom china service. The ta... and centered with a hydrangea pla... of blue flowers. Refreshments wer... with assorted dips, 7-Up pound ca... Those attending were Mesdame... tin, Kathy Shorter, Brenda Brown... non, Anna Beth Clay and Tommie...

Flomot Homecoming A...
The Flomot Homecoming Associ... Monday, May 19 at the Community... Cruse, president resigned due to m... annon, vice president will be in c... chairmen of committees for Flom... everyone is urged to attend this impo... Birthdays Ce...

Mrs. Kathy Shorter was honore... on her birthday with all the trimm... end guests her daughters and fami... ley Milam of Petersburg, Kevin, K... and Chad, Cindy and Cade Calvert... attending were Beverly and Louis... nifer, Allison, Matthew and Brader... Geneva Martin, L.E. Shorter and h... Flomot.

Mrs. Cally Sperry, Savannah, E... friend, Hayden Meyers of Quitaqu... birthday Saturday at the Chucky C... Scarlett and Brienne Sperry of Lu... Hayden to play Laser Tag for a fun... visited overnight Saturday with the... Joy Pool and also visited her gran... Lubbock.

Guests of Shonda and Roger Lee... Mrs. Rex Davey and Mrs. Martha... and Bud Taylor of Floydada and R... mot.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was... Day of Mrs. Judy Renfro in Matad... daughters and families, Mrs. Rach... of Turkey and Frank and Renee Mz... Flower Mound, Texas.

Wilburn Martin visited the week... ter and husband, Marilee and Fred... Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and c... yon, Mr. and Mrs. Keane Cruse and... Saturday of her mother, Mrs. Mar... Other guests were Charla and Bi... Shahala and Allen Holscher and Ki... and Ian Schafer and Mark Wason c... Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas, Ashl... Gwen Mandrell and Peyton of Lub... with their family, Mary Jo and Doyl... Mrs. Beverly Vinson and Mr. an... luncheon guests Sunday of Mr. a... Kaitlyn, Morgan and Bubba of Lub... and Mrs. Dana Vinson, Allison ar... Cantrell of Lubbock. They attend... vices at the First Christian Church... babies were honored.

Mother Day guests of Mrs. Ern... Barclay, Kayla and Colton, Mr. and... and Hudson of Lubbock, Cary Frank... Post, Mrs. Sandra Barclay, Cara Fr... Franks of Flomot.

Visiting during the Mother's Day... Butch Hughes were sons and fami... and Kate of Royce City, Rickey Hi... Roger Hughes, Reagan and Brody o... Mother Day visitors of Jack and M... Starkey and Ben of Canyon and Mrs... Visitors Mothers' Day of Mr. an... daughter, Leah Cruse of Canyon a... Derrick Cruse of Casper, Wyoming.

Mrs. B. Rogers and Donnie Roge... day to be with family members at... down was in ICU until Friday. Join... ley and Donna Sue Degan of Ka... Abernathy and Allie of Abilene. B... and Lou Rogers before returning ho... Weekend visitors of returning ho... Mrs. Lance Barclay, Kayla and Sai... Ty Barclay, Tylee, Trent and Tre... Barclay of Borger.

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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A PLEDGE: I pledge allegiance to the children of the United States of America, and to their future for which I stand, and resolve that this nation, caring and just, shall reach the potential in every child, with freedom and opportunity for all. Congratulations to the graduating seniors!

Do Gooders' Club Speed Along On Flomot Homecoming Quilt

Another pair of hands and friendly conversations not only make quilting go much faster it can make a long job seem downright pleasant as was experienced at the Do Gooders' Club meeting Tuesday afternoon, May 5 at the Community Center in Flomot.

Mrs. Brenda Browning conducted the business meeting and to help speed along the Club's Flomot Homecoming quilt members well meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Community Center until the quilt is completed. They voted to sell chances at \$1 each or six for %4 between now and July 5th when the winner will be announced. It is a colorful red, white and blue designed queen sized, pieced as a courtesy by Mrs. Mary Ann Browning or Rising Star. They discussed other Flomot Homecoming projects including a concession stand.

Hostess, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay presided at crystal and a family heirloom china service. The table was laid with a lace cloth and centered with a hydrangea plant with large showy clusters of blue flowers. Refreshments were fruit, vegetable and chips with assorted dips, 7-Up pound cake and peach tea.

Those attending were Mesdames Cally Sperry, Geneva Martin, Kathy Shorter, Brenda Browning, B. Rogers, Suzie Shannon, Anna Beth Clay and Tommie Jo Cruse.

Flomot Homecoming Association Meeting

The Flomot Homecoming Association will meet at 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 19 at the Community Center in Flomot. Donnie Cruse, president resigned due to medical problems and Bill Shannon, vice president will be in charge. They will announce chairmen of committees for Homecoming preparations. Everyone is urged to attend this important meeting.

Birthdays Celebrated

Mrs. Kathy Shorter was honored on her birthday Friday night on her birthday with all the trimmings. Attending were weekend guests her daughters and families, Christi, Emily and Haley Milam of Petersburg, Kevin, Keri and Brian of Ropesville, and Chad, Cindy and Cade Calvert of Washington, D.C. others attending were Beverly and Louis Shorter of Fort Worth, Jennifer, Allison, Matthew and Braden Moncrief of Matador, Mrs. Geneva Martin, L.E. Shorter and her husband, Clois Shorter of Flomot.

Mrs. Cally Sperry, Savannah, Blayne, Cash and Gage and friend, Hayden Meyers of Quitaque celebrated Blayne's 11th birthday Saturday at the Chucky Cheese in Lubbock. His aunts, Scarlett and Brianna Sperry of Lubbock escorted Blayne and Hayden to play Laser Tag for a fun filled time. Cally and family visited overnight Saturday with her brother and wife, Kip and Joy Pool and also visited her grandmother, Mrs. Sue Pool in Lubbock.

Guests of Shonda and Roger Lee Mother's Day were Mr. and Mrs. Rex Davey and Mrs. Martha Taylor of Plainview, Penny and Bud Taylor of Floydada and Ruth and Orville Lee of Flomot.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was a luncheon guest Mother's Day of Mrs. Judy Renfro in Matador. Other guests were her daughters and families, Mrs. Rachelle Davis, Bryer and Reagan of Turkey and Frank and Renee Mzyk, Madison and Morgan of Flower Mound, Texas.

Wilburn Martin visited the weekend in Borger with daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. He also visited Bob Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and children, Leah Cruse of Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. Keane Cruse and Reese of Turkey were guests Saturday of her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason in Matador. Other guests were Charla and Bennie Murrice of Snyder, Shahala and Allen Holscher and Kinley of Sweetwater, Kaycee and Ian Schafer and Mark Wason of Lubbock.

Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas, Ashley Calvert of Amarillo, Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and Peyton of Lubbock visited Mother's Day with their family, Mary Jo and Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Mrs. Beverly Vinson and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Vinson were luncheon guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Vinson, Kaitlyn, Morgan and Bubba of Lubbock. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dana Vinson, Allison and Elise and Mrs. Mildred Cantrell of Lubbock. They attended the morning church services at the First Christian Church where mothers with new babies were honored.

Mother Day guests of Mrs. Erma Washington were Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock, Cary Franks of Idalou, Clint Cowart of Post, Mrs. Sandra Barclay, Cara Franks and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks of Flomot.

Visiting during the Mother's Day holidays with Janice and Butch Hughes were sons and families, Bengie and J.J. Hughes and Kate and Royce City, Rickey Hughes, Kendal and Kason, Roger Hughes, Reagan and Brody of Floydada.

Mother Day visitors of Jack and Nada Starkey were Michael Starkey and Ben of Canyon and Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch. Visitors Mothers' Day of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse was daughter, Leah Cruse of Canyon and a surprise visitor, son, Derrick Cruse of Casper, Wyoming.

Mrs. B. Rogers and Donnie Rogers were in Lubbock, Saturday to be with family members at the Covenant Medical center. Kolt McDaniel, baby son of Jimmy and Shae McDaniel of Sundown was in ICU until Friday. Joining them there were Stanley and Donna Sue Degan of Kalgary, Shawna and Jake Abernathy and Allie of Abilene. B. and Donnie visited Ronnie and Lou Rogers before returning home.

Weekend visitors of Jerry and Sandra Barclay were Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Ty Barclay, Tylee, Trent and Trevor of Matador and Cody Barclay of Borger.



COOK'S CORNER

BY LAURA TAYLOR

This week I have some delicious main dishes for your family that will not break your checkbook.

Baked Chicken Croquettes

- Croquettes:
- 1 chicken bouillon cube
- 3 tbsp. boiling water
- 1/2 c. mayonnaise
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. grated onion
- 1 c. soft bread crumbs
- 1/4 c. dry bread crumbs
- 2 c. cooked & shredded chicken

Dissolve cube in water. Combine next 3 ingredients; stir in bouillon. Add chicken and soft crumbs. Shape into 6 small croquettes with wet hands. Dip in dry crumbs to coat. Place on ungreased sheet and bake at 450 degrees for 15 minutes.

- Sauce:
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 c. milk
- Cheddar to taste
- Melt butter over low heat. Stir in flour and salt until smooth. Add milk. Stir constantly over medium heat until thickened. Stir in cheddar if desired. Serve with croquettes.

Texas Country Boil

- 10 sm. red new potatoes, washed with peel
- 8 sm. ears frozen corn
- 2 lb. polish sausage, sliced
- 2 lb. med. shrimp, washed and in hull

Approximately 2 gallons water in large, heavy pot
2 onions, sliced
3-4 stalks celery, cut in pieces

- 1 bag Crab-boil seasoning
- Salt and pepper (be heavy-handed)

Bring water and crab-boil seasoning to a boil and cook for 10-15 minutes. Then add new potatoes, boil about 5 minutes, then add sausage, boil about 10 minutes, then add corn. This will cook pot; let come back to boiling, add shrimp and cook for about 5-10 minutes more. Dip from pot with slotted spoon onto large plate. Serve with green salad and French bread.

Vegetable Lasagna

- 1 tbsp. garlic powder
- 2 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. pepper
- 2 tsp. sugar, or sweetener to taste

- 2 (8 oz.) cans tomato sauce
- 8 oz. lasagna noodles, cooked
- 6 chopped green onions
- 2 c. sour cream
- 8 oz. soft cream cheese
- 2 (16 oz.) pkg. frozen Italian vegetables, drained and thawed

- 1 c. cheddar cheese
- 1 c. Mozzarella cheese
- 1 c. sliced olives
- Mix first five ingredients, bring to a boil and simmer for 5 minutes.

Mix sour cream and cream cheese. Set aside. Cook lasagna noodle according to package directions.

Layer noodles, cheese mixture and vegetable mixture twice. Sprinkle on top, 1 cup cheddar cheese, 1 cup Mozzarella and 1 cup sliced olives. Bake at 350 degrees, covered with foil, 20-30 minutes. Remove from oven let set 10 minutes.

In order that people may be happy in their work, these three things are needed: They must be fit for it: They must not do too much of it: And they must have a sense of success in it.

- John Ruskin

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- TX cowboy book: "The _____ Knife Brand"
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- where some TXns ski in NM
- sprint car assn. that races in TX (abbr.)
- today, a disfavored group in TX (abbr.)
- Pass, TX
- TXism: "_____ high on the hog" (rich)
- TXism: "still wet _____ ears"
- TWU trains in this therapy (abbr.)
- TX Roy Orbison was mostly a _____ artist
- _____ gallon price of gas is sky high
- William _____ wrote the music for "Texas, Our Texas"
- TX Nolan threw 7 of these, a record
- TX Willie (init.)
- in Red River Co. on Hwy. 271
- Gussie _____ Davis created the Kilgore Rangesettes
- _____ Lake, TX
- TX "Star Trek" man: _____
- _____ Roddenberry
- 1914 cars built in Reading, PA
- early TX gunslingers were "quick on _____"
- _____ long (bye)
- in Falls Co. on 77
- TXism: "_____ you a new hat size?"
- film for TX-born Pedro Gonzalez-Gonzalez: "_____ Your Local Gunfighter"
- TXism: "red as a _____"
- Lance _____ Gault was in "The Gambler" with TX Kenny Rogers
- _____ godmother
- TXism: "best I ever _____"
- TX Robby Benson was in this black comedy film
- TXism: "_____ vine and no watermelon"
- TX Charley Pride's "Where _____ Put Her Memory"
- TX captive: Cynthia _____ Parker
- TX Willis: "Ah _____ it away Leon"
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Lunch: Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Cheese, Chips, Orange Slices, Milk

Tuesday, May 20

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheese Toast, Peas & Carrots, Crackers, Milk

Wednesday, May 21

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Pork Roast, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Milk

Thursday, May 22

Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Soft Tacos, Salad, Chips & Hot Sauce, Mandarin Oranges & Pineapple, Milk

Friday, May 23

Breakfast: Breakfast Hot Pocket, OJ/Milk

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Valley School News

May Is Motorcycle Safety Month

May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month in Texas, and DPS urges all motorcyclists and the traveling public to practice safe driving habits.

The 852,781 licensed motorcyclists in the state can improve their own safety by following this advice from DPS:

- * Attend a professionally taught motorcycle safety course. (Call 1-800-292-5787 for information.)

- * Wear protective equipment, including a helmet, whenever riding.

- * Ride defensively.

- * Avoid risk-taking behavior, such as speeding, weaving in between traffic and riding while intoxicated. Nationally, almost half of all motorcycle fatalities involve alcohol.

Drivers in vehicles other than motorcycles should realize that motorcycles are sometimes difficult to see, so keep an eye out for them. Don't cut them off, and give them extra space.

Record numbers of Texans are taking advantage of the basic and advanced motorcycle operator training offered by the DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit. Last year, 33,697 Texans took either the basic or advanced course, setting an all-time record number for the thirteenth straight year.

The basic course may be used to waive the licensing road test, and both of the courses may qualify for ticket dismissal and insurance discounts. Motorcyclists can locate the course nearest to them by visiting the DPS Web site www.txdps.state.tx.us/msb/ and can take advantage of 81 permanent locations and nine mobile sites across the state.

"We continue to notice an increase in crashes involving returning riders, meaning those who have ridden before, took some time off from riding and are getting back into it," said John G. Young, coordinator of the DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit. "We want to encourage them to enroll in one of our courses to brush up on their skills."

In 2006 (latest statistics available), 346 people in Texas died as a result of motorcycle crashes-63 percent of those were not wearing a helmet. Texas law states that in order to be exempt from wearing a helmet, a person must be at least 21 years of age. In addition, they must successfully complete a motorcycle safety course or be covered by a health insurance plan providing at least \$10,000 in medical benefits for motorcycle-related injuries. DPS recommends all motorcycle riders wear helmets.

For additional information on motorcycle training, call 512-424-2021 or toll-free at 1-800-292-5787. More safety information is available at www.looklearnlive.org.

My concept of happiness is to be filled in a spiritual sense.
- Coretta Scott King

Happiness is a by-product of an effort to make someone else happy.
- Gretta Palmer

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will avoid one hundred days of sorrow.
- Chinese Proverb

If you want others to be happy, practice compassion.
- The Dalai Lama

Independence is happiness.
- Susan B. Anthony

Senior Spotlight

Name: Mary Kate Davidson

Age: 18

Parents: Jon & Laura Davidson

Favorite Color: Red & Pink

If you could be a Disney cartoon character who would it be? Belle

- Beauty and the Beast

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go? Rome, Italy

Most embarrassing moment: 5th grade, when Bryce Reagan found a huge hole in my pants in front of the whole class

Favorite Valley school memory: State FFA trip to SHSV my Junior yr especially the pillow fight!

Favorite website: www.yahoo.com

Favorite movie: Pride and Prejudice

Favorite Food: All seafood

If you were any element on the periodic table, which one would you be and why? Oxygen, because you can't live without ME!

Favorite sport: Cheerleading and Track

Favorite athlete: Macy & Molly Davidson

When I grow up I want to be like...why? My mom, Amby, Mudge, and Granny (the women who raised me) they have taught me to be a Christian woman

Favorite book: Love Comes Softly & Twilight Series

If you could be any character from a book or movie, who would it be? Isabella Swan, Twilight Series

Favorite thing to do with your friends: Watch our favorite mushy chick flicks!

Favorite school subject: History

Favorite beverage: Dr. Pepper

Favorite TV show: Gilmore Girls

What is your favorite/lucky number: 22

What type of music do you like the most: Country/Jazz

What is your best physical characteristic: My big brown eyes

Who do you look up to the most? My Daddy, who has taught me to work for what I want.

What is your planned major: Law

In 10 years I will be? Hopefully married, just finishing school and settling down in a law firm close to home.



Senior Spotlight

Name: Bryce Franklin Reagan

Age: 18

Parents: Joann and Bennie Reagan

Favorite Color: green

If you could be a Disney cartoon character who would it be? Goofy

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go? Hawaii

Most embarrassing moment: When I got my teeth knocked out during the basketball game

Favorite Valley school memory: Going to the Houston Stockshow

Favorite website: mspace.com

Favorite movie: Jackass 2

Favorite Food: Seafood

If you were any element on the periodic table, which one would you be and why? Neon, it shines brightly

Favorite sport: Football

Favorite athlete: J.J. Elshere, Saddle Bronc Rider

When I grow up I want to be like...why? My parents, they are both awesome

Favorite book: Beowulf

If you could be any character from a book or movie, who would it be? Hank the Cowdog

Favorite thing to do with your friends: Drive around Quitaque and Turkey

Favorite school subject: English

Favorite beverage: Coke

Favorite TV show: Family Guy

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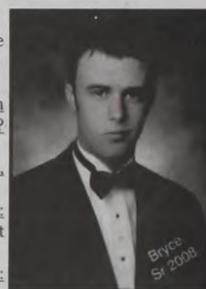
What type of music do you like the most: Texas Country

What is your best physical characteristic: My hair

Who do you look up to the most? My brother, Todd Reagan

What is your planned major: Ranch Management

In 10 years I will be? Hopefully be managing a major ranch and saving money for a horse ranch of my own.



Helping Someone in Depression

When you are living with someone its hard to notice when they are slipping into depression until things get pretty consistent and serious. You may notice some changes but tend to think it will pass. I have listed some things that may help you, help others.

1. Be Present - Don't worry about the cute little wise things to say to others. Normally, it's not what you say that really help people but your presence, your being there means the most. Clichés won't work. If your answer to depression is "just snap out of it" and "get right with God," then you don't know what depression is about.
2. Be Patient - It does take time. It's easy to be impatient. It took awhile to get to this point and it won't change over night. If medication is part of the answer, that too will likely take a few weeks
3. Be Positive - Be realistic about your being positive. Don't be stupid about this. "Everything will be all right," may not be possible. Depression may be an issue that has to be dealt with from now on but it can be managed. Give realistic answers or comments. Do some research but don't try to be an expert.
4. Get Help - Don,t have so much pride that you do not allow others to use their ability to help. There are professionals who can assist you and the one you care about. There are medications that can help. It is not a weakness to get help. In fact, it's a sign of courage.
5. Take Care of Yourself - eat, sleep, exercise. You may not feel like taking care of yourself, but MAKE yourself do it.
6. Write Your Feelings Down - this can be a good way of expressing yourself when there is not one to listen to you. It would be helpful to look back at what you wrote later down the road when the depression has lifted.
7. Remember Three Things - When the light at the end of the tunnel looks like an oncoming train and things seem as if they will never change, do these things (they sound simple but they are powerful)
 - (A) Find someone to talk to - not someone who will give you a bunch of do's and don'ts or sermons about what you "ought" to do. You need someone who will let you be you, who will listen.
 - (B) Consistent exercise - you don,t have to jog a bunch of miles but walking, lifting, moving and doing stuff on a consistent basis will go a long way in helping depression and
 - (C) Watch what you say to yourself. A person's self-talk is sneaky but very important. Make sure your thoughts are positive and supportive, not degrading. Think about those things that are true and good. [Ron Trusler is Chief Executive Officer of Central Plains Center. He can be reached at 806.293.2636 or at ron@clplains.org]

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Flomot, Texas
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Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
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Worship.....6:30 p.m.
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Prayer Meeting.....7:30 p.m.

United Methodist Church
Silvertown, Texas
Pastor: Rance Young
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
FRIDAY
Methodist Men.....6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Turkey, Texas
Pastor: Melvin Clinton
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Singing.....5:00 p.m.
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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
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Women's Missionary Society....
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Wind In A Bottle

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Together, the 7,000 megawatts of wind capacity are impressive. But the Shell-Luminant plant also features something that's almost unique: a method of storing wind energy that allows it to be used when it's most needed. Known as compressed air energy storage, the system will significantly enhance the integration of wind onto an electrical grid, because one of wind's most annoying characteristics is that it blows hardest and most energetically when it's least needed or wanted.

Oklahoma, as the song says, may be where the wind comes sweeping down the plains, but that sweeping wind continues into the panhandle of Texas. "If you look at a wind map of Texas, Briscoe County stands out," said Mark Wilby, a senior business developer for Shell WindEnergy. "Wind is substantial in the Panhandle, and Briscoe is in the southern area of it. The wind terminates there just before going into Palo Duro Canyon, so the wind energy peaks there. The wind resource in Briscoe County is one of the better areas in the entire country."

But "windswept" often goes hand in hand with "underpopulated" or even "desolate," so there hasn't been much call for building up the electrical grid in West Texas. In fact, the region has only about 5,000 MW of the high-voltage transmission lines necessary to move wind-generated electricity east to the energy-hungry markets of Houston, Dallas, Austin, and San Antonio.

Texas's current installed wind capacity already needs almost all of that. So before the state can take advantage of the wind bonanza in the west, it's going to have to spend a few billion dollars to build new transmission lines. But first, Shell and Luminant (and other builders) must harness the wind.

Most plant details are still up in the air, since the project is still in the early development stage, and much depends on ongoing studies and decisions by the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Still, a few choices have been made. Wilby said a site has been acquired "in terms of appropriate leasing activity." The plant will generate a maximum of 3,000 MW, but it won't be built all at once, nor will its output feed into the Texas grid in one giant gulp.

"Due to the sheer size, the point would be to divide up the Briscoe plant," Wilby said. Then it could feed power to the grid from different substations. Land area also hasn't been determined, but Wilby said an average 2 MW wind turbine "requires about 80 acres, depending on wind and topography." So for 3,000 MW, one would need 1,500 2-megawatt turbines covering some 120,000 acres—or about three times the area of the District of Columbia. The facility might be broken into small units spread over an even greater expanse.

Location isn't the only challenge facing a "big wind" project like the proposed Shell-Luminant plant. Another is timing: Average peak demand on the Texas Interconnect, the state's main grid, is about 62,000 MW on summer afternoons. (The all-time high was 63,239 MW set between 4 and 6 p.m. on Aug. 23, 2005.) "The wind in West Texas is highest in the morning, especially before dawn, and it drops around 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.," said Bill Bojorquez, vice president of system planning for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, the organization responsible for managing the state's electrical grid. "It's the opposite of when demand is up." Electricity can't be stored on the grid, so wind generators must shut down just when their power production is peaking.

"There are challenges with the 6,000 MW of wind available today," Bojorquez said. "So this 3,000 MW plant would be a significant challenge, especially when concentrated in one area." If the wind slows or stops when the grid is relying on that power, then other generation capacity must quickly kick in to "follow the wind"—that is, pick up the slack.

That capacity can't be coal or nuclear, because "quick" is not in those facilities' start-up or shutdown vocabularies. Instead, additional natural gas facilities, which can start and stop fast, would have to take up the slack, "almost megawatt for megawatt," Bojorquez said. New wind power in Texas might increase total available megawatts, "but it's not a great help in terms of having to build other sources for peak load and for following the wind," Bojorquez said.

Could Bojorquez be overestimating the difficulty of dealing with wind's variability? In the past, electric utilities, which had lots of small generating plants, couldn't easily absorb any variability. Today's larger, regional utilities are much more efficient in terms of generation and transmission assets. "Large regional systems can absorb a lot of wind," said Randall Swisher, executive director of the American Wind Energy Association.

Additional costs because of wind's variability might amount to 10 percent on large regional grids, according to Brian Parsons, project leader for grid integration at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. "The grid is amazing," he said. "It has a lot of flexibility. The system can handle wind very easily."

Next column...

But even if large regional grids can absorb wind's variability, ERCOT, which is limited to Texas, might not be big enough. "It would be beneficial to the grid to have a place to store the energy," Bojorquez said.

Electricity can't be stored on the grid, but energy can be stored off the grid and brought back later to generate power. One major storage method is "pump-back" hydroelectricity: Excess electricity pumps water uphill to a reservoir; when demand is higher (or power production lower), the water is sent down through turbines to make electricity. Other systems store natural gas in tanks to be released to power gas turbines when needed.

Those storage methods don't match up well with the West Texas wind projects, however. Water is scarce there, and the Texas grid already uses too much natural gas. For these reasons, Shell and Luminant now plan to build a third type of energy storage system on the wind farm, one that relies on the energy in compressed air.

Compressed air energy storage, or CAES, uses off-peak electricity from the grid to compress air that is stored at high pressures in natural underground repositories. When needed, the compressed air is raised to the surface, expanded in two phases, and then mixed with natural gas. The combination is ignited, turning a gas turbine and producing electricity.

"There are a large number of gas turbine makers, but only a few are willing to work with CAES because it only uses the back end of a conventional turbine," said Paul Denholm, a senior analyst in energy forecasting and modeling at the National Renewable Energy Lab in Golden, Colo. "The front half of a gas turbine includes a compressor, which isn't used with CAES because you're using off-peak electricity to do the compression."

Until now, there have been just two CAES facilities: a 30-year-old plant in Huntorf, near Bremen, Germany, and one built in 1991 in McIntosh, Ala. Both plants store the compressed air in salt domes, and both use the technique mainly for electricity price arbitrage—compressing air using cheap, off-peak electricity and releasing air to generate electricity at intermediate or peak-rate periods.

"Our load is mainly residential, which means there are very high swings between peak and off-load," said Lee Davis, manager of the McIntosh plant, which is owned by the PowerSouth Energy Cooperative. "So to complement our coal plant in Lohman, CAES was chosen to help stabilize the grid."

With the CAES plant, PowerSouth can generate additional intermediate or peak power without having to build another baseload coal or nuclear plant. "It gives us better ramp-up for generation," Davis said. "We can go from turning gears to 110 MW in 14 minutes, and faster in an emergency."

Besides the proposed Shell-Luminant CAES plant, two others are in early development. One, a project of the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, is the Stored Energy Park in Dallas Center, about 25 miles northwest of Des Moines. The other, planned by Haddington Ventures, will be situated in Norton, Ohio.

Why hasn't CAES been tried in the United States since the McIntosh plant was built in 1991? It's all economics. "Look over the last 20 years, and you'll see only combined- and simple-cycle natural gas plants—no coal and no nuclear," Davis said. "You could only put in gas plants." Natural gas was cheap, and CAES required expensive repository development. Today, with natural gas prices at sustained highs, CAES is suddenly an attractive option.

Naturally arched salt domes of the type used in the Huntorf and McIntosh plants aren't common in West Texas, so the Shell-Luminant CAES plant will use salt beds instead. "With a salt bed, you're looking at a big pancake, so subsurface collapse is possible," Wilby said. "You can't mine out a big area; you need multiple beds."

The geology affects the way the air is stored. Salt domes store compressed air in roughly elliptical or pear-shaped pockets mined out of the salt. With salt beds, "we're creating flat pockets," Wilby said.

The Shell-Luminant CAES plant is planned to co-locate with the wind farm, but the benefits won't accrue just to the two partners. "CAES has big advantages for the whole grid," Parsons said. "Cheap storage and flexibility for wind are good things for the grid. If you have a market with a big differential between peak and off-peak power, wind plus CAES is good. If you're building a new transmission line to a wind plant, then you can use CAES to smooth the output of the wind plant, and you can size the transmission line for the peak."

In Briscoe County, Shell and Luminant's CAES plant will store 1,000 MW of power. "To maximize the use of transmission lines, the facility will run at 2,000 MW consistently rather than 3,000 MW sometimes and zero MW the rest of the time," Wilby said. "This improves the economics for the rate-payers."

CAES makes a big difference in integrating wind onto the ERCOT grid. For one thing, it will reduce the need for more natural gas plants to compensate for wind variability. "From an operational perspective, [storage] allows wind to produce energy and not be subject to curtail

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Feedstock Makes a Difference in Feeding Distiller's Grains

When it comes to using distiller's grains in finishing rations of High Plains cattle, a Texas AgriLife Research scientist says the type of grain used makes all the difference.

Dr. Jim MacDonald, AgriLife Research beef nutritionist at Amarillo, said there's been some skepticism about using distiller's grains in this region. Distiller's grains are a by-product of ethanol processing that can be used for animal feed.

"I believe we can do it successfully, provided we have distiller's grains that are equivalent in quality to those used in the North Plains states," he said.

Two years ago, MacDonald began investigating the dramatically different animal performance responses observed in the Northern Plains and Southern Plains, and to determine how to successfully incorporate distiller's grains into this region's finishing rations.

"There are two obvious differences in research conducted in those two regions," he said. "Researchers in the Northern Plains tend to use dry-rolled corn, and in the Southern Plains, they use steam-flaked corn-based diets."

Additionally, researchers in Nebraska and other Northern Plains states utilized distiller's grains derived from corn; whereas the southern research included distiller's grains derived from sorghum, he said.

MacDonald conducted three performance trials, two using corn-based distiller's grain shipped in from a Nebraska plant, and the third utilizing sorghum-derived distiller's grains that were similar to those used in research previously conducted in this region.

"Our study in feeding sorghum distiller's grain at 25 percent of dry matter, showed the energy value for that product was 73 percent of the value of steam-flaked corn," MacDonald said. "In general, that fits with previously conducted research at Texas Tech and West Texas A&M."

Alternatively, he said, the research conducted with corn-derived distiller's grains from Nebraska would suggest the energy value was roughly equivalent to steam-flaked corn, which agrees with the northern data where distiller's grains were fed in steam-flaked diets.

"So what our observations are showing us is there are large variations in the energy value of distiller's grains derived from different cereal grain sources, similar to the differences in energy values of the cereal grains themselves," MacDonald said.

There will be a place for all of the different types of distiller's grains produced, but the producer needs to know what the energy value is and the product needs to be priced appropriately, he said.

"Additionally, our work with distiller's grains in different corn processing methods would indicate producers are able to retain the energetic advantage of flaking corn in diets containing distiller's grains," he said.

For decades, feed yards in the Southern Plains have flaked corn to increase the amount of energy, MacDonald said.

He said the question was, "If you add distiller's grains to the diet, will there still be an advantage to flaking the corn?" His research shows there is still an advantage.

MacDonald said another important thing for producers to understand is that distiller's grains from each plant may be different, so it is important to have a relationship with the provider of distiller's grains.

"Make sure they are willing to make you aware if they are making any changes to the process," he said.

Data is being developed by MacDonald and other researchers concerning the effects of changes in the distiller's grain processing.

"The more they understand what goes on in that ethanol plant, the better chance they'll have of accurately valuing the product," he said. "Clearly the most important question is what cereal grain is being used. But they also need to know about control measures for things like sulfur content and are the solubles being added back at a consistent rate."

Consider Options Before Breaking Out CRP Land

Officials with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are urging farmers to consider USDA compliance and program eligibility before converting Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres to cropland production.

"More than 1 million acres in Texas covered under CRP contracts will expire in the next year and a half, and we could see a lot of land use changes, especially in the Panhandle region," said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "We want landowners to understand options available to them and what they need to do to remain in compliance for USDA programs."

Conservation compliance, which began with the 1985 Farm Bill, is still in effect. Compliance means that farmers need to control erosion on highly erodible land, which includes CRP acres, in order to stay eligible for USDA program benefits, including farm loan programs, disaster assistance, commodity price supports, and conservation programs.

According to NRCS, the most common ways farmers get out of compliance with USDA is by eliminating soil-conserving crops, such as forage species, and adding a tilled crop, such as corn or cotton. When the farmer changes his soil cover from permanent grass to annually-tilled crops, he/she should always consider conservation compliance when planning their rotations, in addition to commodity prices.

"The lure of high crop prices may have landowners considering plowing up grassland and planting it to a commodity crop," Gohmert said. "Not only are there compliance issues to consider, but landowners should also look at what is best for the land."

According to Lori Ziehr, NRCS state agronomist, much of the land enrolled in CRP was classified as highly erodible, meaning it is susceptible to wind and/or water erosion. "That soil has not changed over the years the land was in CRP," she said. "If those acres are returned to cropland, landowners will need to take certain measures to ensure those acres will not erode beyond a level that the soil can tolerate."

For example, Ziehr said that a certain percentage of the field may need to be planted to high residue crops each year or that contour windstrips be left at certain intervals to prevent erosion. In some cases, she said, fields may already have terraces that need to be maintained to remain in compliance and help lower the potential for erosion.

Before a landowner takes any action at all, Ziehr encourages them to visit their local NRCS field office to find out what a compliance plan would entail and if there are any financial cost-share programs to help off-set some of the conservation costs. "A landowner has more options when his land is still in grass," she said. "Grazing former CRP acres is another option to consider."

CRP is a voluntary program through which farmers and ranchers to plant grasses and trees on marginal cropland acres in exchange for rental payments. The USDA Farm Service Agency administers CRP; NRCS provides technical assistance for the program.



Negotiators Reach Find Common Ground to Reach Agreement On New Farm Bill

Farm Bill negotiators gathered in the Longworth House Office Building in Washington, DC Thursday afternoon to announce a final agreement on the oft-delayed 2008 farm bill.

Culminating a process started nearly three years ago, the press conference provided a glimpse of the bipartisan support that will drive the legislation over the finish line and to the desk of President George W. Bush by the end of next week.

Despite what appears to be considerable bipartisan support for the final bill, White House spokesmen continue to indicate a strong likelihood that the President will veto the legislation when he receives it. That warning has prompted a renewed effort in Congress to assemble a veto-proof margin of support for the bill.

"Cotton producers on the High Plains will be relieved to know that the finish line for the farm bill is now within reach and that Congress plans to approve the Farm Bill Conference Report next week," says PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett. "We can't say that everything in the bill is like we envisioned it ought to be, but that is a sentiment virtually every constituency impacted by the legislation is feeling today."

"We will be actively encouraging our High Plains Congressmen and our Senators to vote for the final bill and to also work diligently to ensure the support of their urban counterparts."

Verett notes that agriculture is second only to the energy complex in economic importance to the Texas economy and it is hard to imagine a compelling reason for any member of the Texas Congressional delegation to vote against the bill.

The legislation contains monumental investments and implements significant reforms in several key areas including nutrition, commodity support, conservation and specialty crop provisions.

Among the most visible of the changes from cotton's perspective is the inclusion of a laundry list of cotton program reforms, mostly in the marketing loan program, and significant reforms in the area of pay limits that will also impact cotton producers.

With any piece of legislation as far-reaching and complicated as the farm bill the devil will be in the details, not all of which are known at this time. The only analysis that you can make at this time is that there will be a mix of positive and negative impacts on growers depending on their individual situation, crop mix and location.

Perhaps the biggest changes will be in the area of payment limitations and Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) eligibility requirements. Elimination of the 3-entity rule in favor of direct attribution of payments to individuals and modifications to spouse eligibility rules are bundled with a new and somewhat confusing mix of AGI eligibility tests in the new bill.

As with all other aspects of the bill, Conference Report language and the final legislative text will be the key to divining the intent of Congress. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson indicated during Thursday's press conference that this information, along with final Congressional Budget Office scoring for the final provisions would be made available early next week.

A comprehensive run-down of the pay limit, AGI and Commodity program changes will be provided as soon as the final legislative language and conference report are published.

ODAFF TO CREATE CUSTOM HARVESTER DIRECTORY

The state agriculture department is asking custom grain harvesters planning or willing to cut wheat in Oklahoma to be included in an online directory. Wheat harvest is expected in about two weeks and the agency hopes to help farmers locate harvest crews.

"Several producers have expressed concerns that they are having trouble getting commitments from custom harvesters this year," said Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture, Terry Peach. "This is due to a variety of factors including some harvesters leaving the business, high fuel prices and increasingly hard to find labor."

Custom harvesters are encouraged to contact Glen Schickedanz at the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry at 1-800-580-6543 or by email at glen.schickedanz@oda.state.ok.us. The mailing address is Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, attn. Glen Schickedanz, 2800 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

The directory will be available online as soon as the agency begins receiving information. The web address is <http://www.oda.state.ok.us> or www.oda.state.ok.us. Producers who do not have online capability may call the toll free number for information business days 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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As I start toward the garage, I notice mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mail box earlier.
I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.
I lay my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full.
So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first.
But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.
I take my check book off the table, and see that there is only one check left.
My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Coke I'd been drinking.
I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over.
The Coke is getting warm, and I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.
As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye, they need water.
I put the Coke on the counter and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning.
I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.
I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote, someone left it on the kitchen table.
I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.
I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor.
So, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.
Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.
At the end of the day: The car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter, the flowers don't have enough water, there is still only 1 check in my check book, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.
Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all damn day, and I'm really tired. Oh well I guess I'll try again tomorrow!

Thank You

Thank you to all who attended my 80th birthday celebration and to those that sent cards. A special thank you to Brenda Browning for the beautiful cake and Shonda Lee for her special touch with the decorations. It was a great time. I will always remember all of you who made it a wonderful day of memories. May God bless you.
Geneva "Bo" Martin and Family

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This Week In Texas History!

- May 12, 1956**
Texas Tech was admitted to the Southwest Conference.
- May 12, 1897**
The Fort Worth and Denver Railroad established a depot in Estelline. The Hall County community became the largest cattle shipping point in the U.S. for several years.
- May 12, 1858**
Texas Ranger Capt. John Ford and his men faced over 300 Comanche Indians at a large encampment near the Canadian River in Oklahoma Territory. The Rangers withstood two major Indian attacks, then Ford and his men charged, the Indians broke and ran, Capt Ford and his company chased them for six miles.
- May 13, 1975**
Bob Wills, the father of Western Swing, died in Fort Worth.
- May 13, 1865**
The last battle of the Civil War was fought at Palmetto Ranch, near Brownsville. The "Cavalry of the West", Texas Confederate soldiers under the command of Col. John S. "Rip" Ford, captured a surprised Union Army. After he had won the battle, he found out the Civil War had ended a month earlier.
- May 13, 1846**
The United States declares war on Mexico.
- May 14, 1922**
Members of the K.K.K. from Childress and Wellington joined 225 Oklahoma Klansmen in a hooded parade in Altus. An estimated 6,000 spectators were on hand to watch.
- May 14, 1876**
The Treaties of Velasco were signed by interim Republic President David G. Burnet and Gen. Santa Anna. The Treaties one public one private were never legally recognized by either government.
- May 15, 1957**
A tornado struck Silverton killing 21 people and injuring 80. Damage was estimated at \$500,000.
- May 15, 1877**
John and Cornelia Adair arrived at the Charles Goodnight Ranch in the Palo Duro Canyon. Adair and Goodnight formed a partnership and started the J-A Ranch.
- May 15, 1755**
Laredo was founded by Don Thomas Sanchez.
- May 16, 1912**
The first Estelline High School graduating class had five seniors.
- May 16, 1853**
"Jane" a slave, was the first woman legally hanged in Texas.
- May 17, 1873**
Col. Ranald S. MacKenzie led the Fourth U.S. Cavalry into Mexico to find Indians accused of crossing the Rio Grande River and stealing Texas horses. MacKenzie left Fort Clark near Brackettville with 400 soldiers and 20 Seminole Indian Scouts.
- May 18, 1938**
Fire destroyed Vernon's first and oldest hotel, The Vernon. The three story 100 room brick building was built in 1887.
- May 18, 1912**
The Battleship "Texas" was launched.
- May 18, 1873**
Col. Ranald MacKenzie and his Fourth Cavalry attacked a Kickapoo village near Remolino, Mexico killing 14 braves and capturing the chief and 40 Lipan women and children along with 65 horses. The raid effectively ended attacks by the Indians north of the Rio Grande River.
- May 18, 1881**
150 Kiowa Indians led by Santana and Big Tree attacked a wagon train at Salt Creek near Jacksboro, killing seven of the twelve teamsters. If they would have attack an hour earlier they would have caught Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman and the Inspector General of the Army, Randolph B. Marcy, as they crossed Salt Creek at the same point.
- May 18, 1839**
A company of Texas Rangers captured 600 pounds of powder and shot along with 100 horses that the Mexican government had shipped to the Indians along with plans to retake Texas along with Indian help.

Area Wide May Sales Tax Allocations

City	Current Sales Tax Rate	Net Tax Payment This Period	Comp. Tax Payment Prior Year	% Of Change	2008 Tax Payments To Date	2007 Tax Payments To Date	% Of Change
Quitaque	2.00%	\$4,488.98	\$4,197.00	6.95%	\$16,047.71	\$14,990.15	7.05%
Silverton	1.75%	\$5,102.99	\$5,431.27	-6.04%	\$17,644.40	\$18,905.07	-6.66%
Turkey	2.00%	\$3,123.09	\$3,944.15	-20.81%	\$13,166.46	\$13,323.11	-1.17%
Memphis	2.00%	\$28,279.87	\$24,186.76	16.92%	\$108,219.29	\$105,370.75	2.70%
Lakeview	1.00%	\$260.77	\$194.37	34.16%	\$881.43	\$894.82	-1.49%
Estelline	1.25%	\$894.99	\$1,540.20	-41.89%	\$6,301.97	\$7,488.37	-15.84%
Matador	2.00%	\$7,194.63	\$6,838.62	5.20%	\$27,497.12	\$27,213.63	1.04%
Roaring Spgs	2.00%	\$1,595.87	\$1,434.06	11.28%	\$7,966.81	\$8,787.23	-9.33%

Comptroller Sends Local Governments \$554 Million in Sales Tax Revenue

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced the state collected \$1.7 billion in sales tax revenue in April, down 1.8 percent compared to April 2007. "This was a slight decrease compared to the dramatic growth seen in April 2007," Combs said. "For the eight months of fiscal 2008 to date, state sales tax collections are up 6 percent compared to the previous year."

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Letters To The Editor

The Texas Department of Transportation supports state and local law mobilization during the "Click It or Ticket" campaign, as law enforcement agencies have stepped up enforcement of the state's safety belt and child safety seat laws, issuing citations unbelted drivers and occupants.

This campaign is of great value to the community, since safety belts can help prevent countless tragedies. In fact, safety belts prevented 15,700 fatalities in 2005, as well as saving \$67 billion in associated economic costs. "Click It or Ticket" messages and mobilizations will boldly remind vehicle occupants to make the conscious decision to buckle up each time they step into a vehicle, whether as the driver or a passenger. For those drivers who choose not to wear a safety belt during this intensified enforcement period, being cited may result in an unwelcome fine, but it's better than paying with their life. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 4 through 34, but wearing a safety belt is the simplest and least expensive way to reduce deaths and serious injuries.

Unfortunately, one in five people still do not buckle up, and in the U.S. a traffic accident occurs every five seconds! Across the nation young males, nighttime drivers and passengers, rural residents, teens, and pickup truck drivers suffer the most injuries and fatalities because they are less likely to use safety belts, although they are the nation's highest risk drivers.

While it's imperative to buckle up because it's the law, it is also important to be a positive influence on family and friends in the community. Use a safety belt every time you get into a vehicle, whether to drive across the state or only a few miles, day or night, Click It or Ticket.

Barbara Seal, Public Information Officer
Texas Department of Transportation, Childress District

Happiness comes of the capacity to feel deeply, to enjoy simply, to think freely, to risk life, to be needed.
- Storm Jameson

Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday Encourages Texans to Choose Energy Efficient Household Equipment

During Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26, Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes when they purchase certain energy efficient appliances and other household equipment bearing an Energy Star label. Shoppers are expected to save about \$2.6 million in state and local sales taxes.

"The Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday is a new annual tax holiday that gives Texans an extra incentive to replace old appliances with energy efficient models," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Shoppers will pay no sales tax on selected Energy Star products and they will save even more on their future utility bills as Energy Star qualified appliances use 10-50 percent less energy and water than standard models, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency."

The Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday applies only to the following appliances and household equipment: air conditioners priced less than \$6,000, ceiling fans, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, incandescent and fluorescent light bulbs, programmable thermostats, refrigerators priced less than \$2,000 and clothes washers, but not clothes dryers. Energy Star does not label clothes dryers, because most models use about the same amount of energy.

To qualify for the sales tax exemption, the Energy Star logo must appear on the appliance, the packaging or the Energy Guide label. The tax break also applies to catalog or Internet sales of eligible products during Memorial Day weekend and to items placed on layaway or removed from layaway during that weekend.

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