

# Local Bale Count Rises

Gaines County gins processed over 33,000 bales last week, which in turn bumped the county's total processed bale count to 130,733, according to a Monday morning polling conducted by the *Seminole Sentinel*.

Monday's total comes on the heels of an announcement by the National Agricultural Statistics Service, which lowered their production estimate for Texas in their November report to 5.9 million bales.

In October, NASS projected Texas production to be at 6.1 million bales. Their last estimate for the High Plains, which was released last month, was 3.96 million bales. At this point, based on reports from area gins, PCG projects the 2012 High Plains cotton crop to be somewhere in the vicinity of 3.4 to 3.5 million bales.

## 2012 Gaines County Cotton Bale Count (as of Monday, Nov. 12, 2012)

Gin	Total Bales
Five Points	8,220
Four Way	10,377
Tri-County	14,000
Oasis	54,752
Ocho	20,996
Pioneer	6,052
Ten-Hi	6,700
Seminole Service	9,636
<b>Total Bales</b>	<b>130,733</b>

Thanks to optimal harvest weather, a significant percentage of the High Plains crop is off the stalk, and many producers could be finished by the Thanksgiving holiday.

According to *Southwest Farm Press* this past week, it was estimated U.S. cotton production was raised 160,000 bales, to 17.45 million bales, with increases in the Southeast and Delta more than offsetting a reduction for the Southwest.

U.S. cotton yield is expected to average 802 pounds per acre. Upland cotton production is forecast at 16.8 million bales, up 14 percent from 2011. Pima cotton production is forecast at 657,000 bales.

World production was raised 500,000 bales, reflecting increases for Uzbekistan, the United States, and some African countries. World consumption was reduced 500,000 bales, mainly in China, where free supplies are tightening due to the accumulation of cotton in the national reserve.

World trade is raised marginally from last month. Forecast world ending stocks now exceed 80 million bales.

As of Thursday, the USDA-AMS Cotton Classing Office in Lubbock had classed 817,699 bales, 298,050 of those within the last week. Quality continues to improve, with almost 84 percent of cotton classed this past week at color grade 21 or 11. Average Staple was 35.77, Strength 30.74 g/tex, Uniformity 79.95 percent and Micronaire 3.86 for the week. Leaf grade for the week was 2.64.

## GED Testing Scheduled for Dec. 8th

Officials with the Seminole Independent School District have announced their 2012 General Educational Development (GED) testing schedule for the upcoming calendar year.

The available testing date is slated for December 8. Persons interested in participating in the testing process must provide the following items:

- \* Two forms of identification (driver's license or government issued photo identification, and social security card) We cannot accept school identification cards.
- \* letter from a certified teacher or an adult education center indicating that you have passed the required pretest; and
- \* evaluation fee (\$65 for initial testing or \$10 for each retest)

If you would like to register, please call Becky Ottaberry, Chief Examiner, at (432) 201-0408.

More information can be found at [www.seminoleisd.net](http://www.seminoleisd.net) by clicking Seminole GED Testing Center under quick links.

## 1-2 COMBO



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### BATTLE ON THE BORDER CHAMPIONS

Seminole FFA members Zeth Henson (above) and Rusty Lanier (below) brought home top honors in a "Battle on the Border" lamb show held recently in Yoakum County. Henson finished with the Grand Champion Lamb at the Plains show, while Lanier exhibited the reserve champion lamb.



## News Briefs

### Food Drive to Benefit S. Plains Food Bank

A canned/boxed food drive is being conducted through Nov. 30, with collected goods slated to be donated to the South Plains Food Ban, Inc.

The joint effort is being spearheaded by the SPFB and Crop Plus Insurance Agency.

The desired food list includes: canned meals, vegetables, fruit, soup, juice, tuna fish, other canned meat, tuna/hamburger helper, dry soup mixes, macaroni dinners, rice, pasta, peanut butter and jelly/jam, crackers, cereal (hot/cold), corn oil/shortening, corn meal, flour and sugar.

Drop off locations in Gaines County include: Crop Plus Insurance, 113 S.W. Ave. C in Seminole; Wylie Implement, 412 U.S. 62/385 in Seminole; Gaines County USDA Service Center, 1301 S. Main in Seminole; KIKZ/KSEM in Seminole, 105 N.W. 11th St. in Seminole; Seminole Thriftway, 1401 S. Main St. in Seminole; and Lowe's, 905 Railroad Ave. in Seagraves.

For more information, contact Bree Nelson at (432) 758-9188 or Billy Tidwell at (806) 787-1682.

### Military Academy Appointment Aps Due Thursday

WASHINGTON, DC – Representative Randy Neugebauer reminds students that the deadline to submit applications for military academy nominations to his office is Thursday (Nov. 15).

"As a Member of Congress, I am proud to nominate outstanding young candidates from the 19th District of Texas to four U.S. service academies: the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. These institutions prepare college-age Americans to be officers of the United States uniformed services.

"I have the privilege of giving a few remarkable students the opportunity to receive a great education, open challenging doors, and honorably serve our country. I look forward to working with each student as he or she strives toward this admirable goal."

Open to high school seniors, the deadline to apply is Nov. 15th. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Mary Whistler in Congressman Neugebauer's Lubbock office at (888) 763-1611 to learn about the options available to you.

## Obituary

### Monte Marshall

Monte Marshall, age 53, passed away on Sunday, November 11, 2012 in Odessa after battling with cancer since 2007.

He was born November 10, 1959 to Madeleine Marshall in Odessa. His most recent job was at Seminole Memorial Hospital as a Respiratory Therapist and prior to that he was a traveling Respiratory Therapist for 20 years. He lived in Maine, Montana, Hawaii, Florida and Colorado. Monte also worked at Medical Center Hospital in ICU and CCU as a Respiratory Therapist for eight years. He touched lives and saved lives for many decades.

Monte loved football. He was an exceptional football player for Permian High School in the late 70s and then continued his football career in Southern California.

He then coached Pop Warner football at Blanton Elementary and LBJ Elementary for many years.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Madeleine Marshall and his brothers, Steve and Mike Marshall.

He is survived by his cousin, Rick Elder of Oklahoma City, OK; close friends, Shelley Rash of Odessa and Laine Friesen of Seminole. He is also survived by many friends whom he worked and kept in touch with and who loved him and will miss him dearly.

His friends request that memorials be directed to Hospice House.

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