

2018 Farm Bill changed payment limitation

The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) changed payment limitation and pay-

ment eligibility provisions. These changes are effective for the 2019 fiscal, calendar, or program year, as applicable.

The changes that will have the most profound impact on the Mississippi Delta are as follows:

Beginning with crop year 2019 Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) and Market Loan Gains (MLG) are no longer subject to payment limitation or payment eligibility provisions which includes "actively engaged in farming" and "cash-rent tenant" provisions for covered commodities and peanuts.

With removal of the limitations on LDP's and MLG's, the ACR/PLC program has a limitation of \$125,000 per person or legal entity.

First cousins, nieces and nephews have been added to the definition of family member. The new definition is applicable beginning with FY 2019 or the 2019 program year whichever is applicable. Adding niece and nephew will include recognizing the affiliations of aunt and uncle.

One thing that DID NOT CHANGE is the Adjusted Gross Income limitation. It remains at \$900,000.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



As you know, our public schools have been in the news with issues such as inappropriate teacher/student relationship, teacher shortages, disciplinary issues, and multitude of other relevant issues.

Holmes County has five representatives on the school board who were each elected to set a vision for the future of our children's education.

Every resident in Holmes County should be asking themselves the following question..... What is the Role of My Holmes County Consolidated School Board Member?

The Holmes County School Board sets the vision for the entire Holmes County School District and the decisions they make at their monthly meetings make a difference for our Holmes County Schools.

The word "public" in public school refers to the fact that it is the citizens of Holmes County themselves who control the public schools. We did this in part by electing the five school board members who represent the One-Five Beats

who must be residents of the Holmes County School District.

The most important thing the Holmes County Consolidated School Board does is to establish a vision for the Holmes County Public Schools that reflects a consensus of the board, community and district staff.

The Holmes County School Board has a wide variety of additional responsibilities, such as:

- Set the vision and goals for the entire Holmes County School District;
- Hire and evaluate the superintendent;
- Adopt and oversee the annual budget;
- Manage the collective bargaining process for employees of the district;
- Adopt policies that give the district administration direction to set priorities and achieve its goals including areas such as student assignment and student discipline;
- Advocate on behalf of public education;
- Follow state and federal

guidelines as it applies to the proper use of school funds, school property, including school vehicles.

Whatever the vision the Holmes County School Board establishes, it's up to the school superintendent to implement it. LET ME REPEAT THIS STATEMENT: Whatever the vision the Holmes County School Board establishes, it's up to the school superintendent to implement it.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This is why one of the board's most crucial decisions is the hiring and firing of the superintendent. The School board also approves the superintendent's personnel recommendations.

School board meetings must be open to the public with the agenda publicly posted in advance.

We can learn a lot about our district's policies and challenges by simply attending a meeting. There is a public comment section on the monthly agenda which allows the public up to three minutes to express ones opinions to the board and the community.

Holmes County Citizens, until next time...

You can reach me at 662-458-2766 if you need to speak to me directly.

Sheila Head Tchula

church youth day on Sunday, June 2 at 2 p.m. 5-23,30

FBC DURANT

First Baptist Church in Durant will host Vacation Bible School for first through fifth graders from Monday, June 3 through Wednesday, June 5. Pre-registration is at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 3. The Family Fellowship Program will be at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5.

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ALCORN ALMUNI

The Holmes County Chapter of Alcorn State University Alumni will host its annual picnic at Holmes County State Park on Saturday, June 8 at 11 a.m. All

5-23,30

LEBANON DISTRICT

The Lebanon District of MS General Baptist Association will host its pre-musical at Mt. Calvary M.B.C. in Tchula on Sunday, May 26 at 6 p.m.

5-23

SHILOH M.B.C.

Shiloh M.B.C. will host its annual revival services May 28-30 at 7:15 nightly.

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WEST M.B.C.

West M.B.C. in West will hold revival services May 28-30 at 7:00 nightly.

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GREATER FAITH

Greater Faith International Church in Lexington will celebrate its Pastor's 14th Anniversary on Sunday,

Sweetwater C.M.E. Church will celebrate its

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, 4:00 P.M.

NARCONON

Narconon New Life Retreat would like to remind families to stay educated on the signs and dangers of drug abuse. Methamphetamines and opioids are on the rise in both rural and city areas. Learn the signs and protect your loved ones from drug abuse and addiction.

The amount of deaths caused by Methamphetamines has almost tripled since 2014. To learn more, visit: <https://www.narconon-newliferetreat.org/blog/the-other-drug-epidemic.html>

Free Drug Education: Narconon provides free drug education materials covering a wide range of topics. Please call today for your free drug education materials at: 1 (800) 431-1754.

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WEST GROVE M.B.C

West Grove M.B. Church in Lexington will hold its Annual Family and Friend's Day Program on Sunday, May 26 at 11 a.m.

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NCPDD

The North Central Planning and Development District area agency on aging

will host an Over 60 Celebration on Wednesday, May 29, at the Montgomery County Coliseum from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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GUIDING LIGHT

Guiding Light C.O.G.I.C. will host Vacation Bible School from June 3-6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., ages 3-17.

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ST. JOSEPH C.O.G.I.C.

St. Joseph C.O.G.I.C. in West will host the Armstrong Fiffer and Miller Family and Friends Day program on Sunday, May 26 at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. These events are free and open to the public.

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TRINITY M.B. CHURCH

Trinity M.B. Church will host its 131st Annual Church Anniversary on Sunday, June 2 at 11 a.m.

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Obituary

PATRICIA BAILEY RODGERS

Patricia Bailey Rodgers, 88, of Lexington, died Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at the North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, after a sudden illness. Funeral services were held Friday, May 17, 2019.

Pat was born on June 2, 1930 in Lexington, MS. She was the daughter of Troy and Lula Belle Bailey. Pat was married to Carl (Teat) Rodgers on August 15, 1948. She lived her entire life in Lexington and was a lifelong member of Oregon Memorial Church where she remained active until the time of her death. She was honored on Mother's Day as the oldest mother attending church.

Survivors include her children, Clay (Mickie) Rodgers of Lexington, Cathy (Bob) Spewak of Falls Church, VA and Gail (Bert) Langford of

Lexington. She was preceded in death by her husband, Teat, and son, Ken. She will also be missed by her seven grandchildren, Stephanie (Bill) Walker of Brandon, Greg (Mary Leigh) Rodgers of Gluckstadt, Carla Christenson of Springfield, VA, Josh Christenson of Tampa, FL, Suzanne (Jeremy) Gillean of College Grove, TN, Justin (Allison) Langford of Lexington and Blake (Randi) Langford of Lexington. Her 11 great grandchildren will also greatly miss her: Tyler, Katelyn and Makenzie Walker of Brandon; Dylan and Teagan Mahoney of Springfield, VA; Jon Wyatt, Chance and Brayden Langford of Lexington; Easton and Mason Rodgers of Gluckstadt; and Parker Langford of Lexington.

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