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Leadership award presented to Senator Robert Duncan

Texans for Lawsuit Reform (TLR) presented its highest award to state Sen. Duncan, R-Lubbock, last week, in recognition of his outstanding effort to reform Texas' medical liability laws and its civil justice system.

"Sen. Robert Duncan's leadership to improve Texas' civil justice system and to make medical liability laws more fair and equitable is an example of a job well done. Sen. Duncan placed the economic health of all Texans above the special interests of plaintiff trail lawyers in supporting this critical legislation. It was not a job for the faint of heart and Sen. Duncan's constituents, as well as all of Texas, can be proud of his dedication to curbing lawsuit abuse," TLR Chairman and CEO Richard W.

Weekley said.

TLR President Richard J. Trabulsi, Jr. joined Weekley in presenting the 2003 Civil Justice Leadership Award to Sen. Duncan at a ceremony in Lubbock. The award is the highest honor given by TLR and is presented to lawmakers who go above and beyond the call of duty to improve the civil justice system.

"I am honored and privileged to receive the distinguished award. TLR's dedication to improving the justice system is admirable and is a tribute to its leadership and members," Sen. Duncan said.

"This award indicates that Sen. Duncan's work on tort reform in the Texas Legislature is worthy of special recognition.

Sen. Duncan knows all too well that the devastating cost of lawsuit abuse is lost jobs, restricted and expensive medical care, and diminished business activity. Sen. Duncan's courageous support of civil justice and medical liability reform will help ensure Texas' legal system is used for justice, not personal gain," Trabulsi said.

During the 2003 legislative session, Texans for Lawsuit Reform successfully advocated the most comprehensive set of lawsuit reforms ever passed by any legislature in the United States. The new laws were enacted under the Omnibus Tort Reform Bill (HB 4) and HJR 3 and included:

* Establishing caps on non-economic damages in medical

lawsuits.

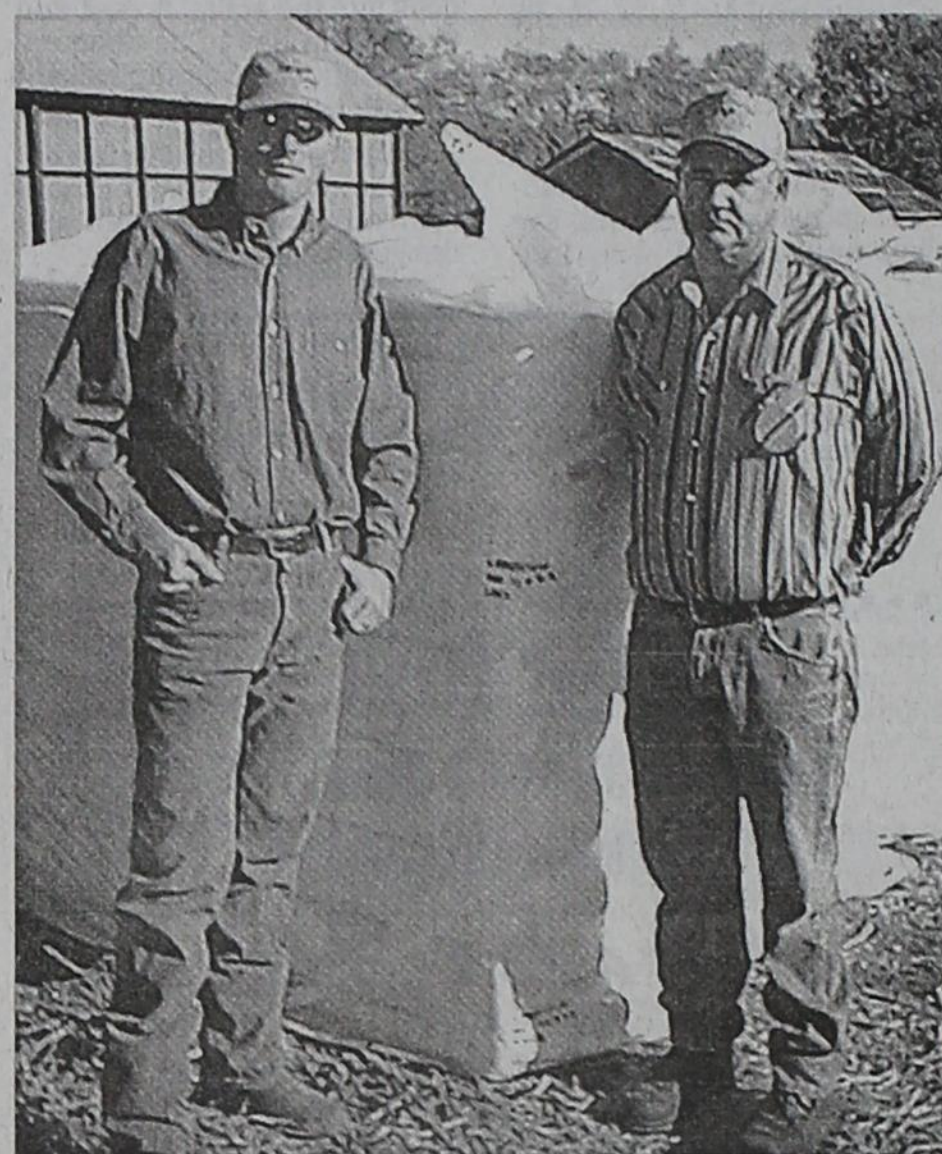
* Providing incentives for parties to make and accept reasonable settlement offers in lawsuits.

* Reforming class-action lawsuits.

* Allowing a jury to hear all the facts in a case when determining allocation of fault among the responsible parties.

* Reforming product liability law.

Texans for Lawsuit Reform, the state's largest lawsuit reform organization, is a bipartisan, volunteer-led coalition with more than 11,791 supporters residing in more than 610 Texas communities and representing 1,110 different businesses, professions and trades. For more information visit: www.totreform.com.



Kid's Praise set for Nov. 5

It's Kid's Praise time again! All children in the community, three years old through 6th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, November 5, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Matador. There will be songs, crafts, a Bible story, food and fun for all.

Kids' Praise is a monthly event sponsored by the Women on Mission of the Church's WMU.

Men's Breakfast Saturday

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, Nov. 1, at 7:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. All men of the community are invited to attend.

Comptroller Strayhorn delivers \$302 million in tax payments

(Austin) - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn recently delivered \$302.2 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 1.1 percent increase compared to October 2002. Since January, local sales tax rebates are down 0.3 percent compared to the same period in 2002.

October sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in August and reported to the Comptroller in September. The state's share of sales tax reported in September was \$1.12 billion, up 2.1 percent compared to a year ago.

"The September 2003 uptick in sales tax receipts may be largely attributable to the Advance Child Tax Credits that the U.S. Treasury mailed out to 1.8 million Texas families in late July and early August. This pumped about \$1.12 billion into the Texas economy," Strayhorn said. "In addition, the Sales Tax

Holiday during the first week-end of August was once again a success. Sales tax reported by clothing and apparel stores rose 3.6 percent, or \$1.6 million, for the month."

Comptroller Strayhorn sent sales tax rebates of \$207.6 million to Texas cities, 2.9 percent more than October 2002. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax rebates are up 0.9 percent. Texas counties received October sales tax rebates of \$17.5 million, down 1.1 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 0.6 percent higher than last year.

Eighty special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$8.3 million in sales tax, up 1.9 percent compared to last October. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to special purpose districts are up 1.3 percent compared to 2002. Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems received \$68.7 million in October sales tax rebates,

down 3.7 percent compared to a year ago. Year-to-date, transit sales tax revenues are down 4.1 percent.

In Motley County, Matador, with a rate of 2.00%, received a net payment this period of \$3,884.06, compared to \$2,063.35 at this time last year, a 88.24% change. 2003 payments to date are \$32,122.16, compared to \$24,358.72 at this time last year, a 31.87% change.

Roaring Springs, with a rate of 2.00%, received \$3,512.25, compared to \$2,774.46 last year, a 26.59% change. 2003 payments to date have been \$29,710.91, compared to \$24,104.44 at this time last year, a 23.25% change.

First Bale of Cotton ginned

Gary Ford, left, of Roaring Springs brought in the first cotton ginned in Motley County for 2003. The cotton was ginned October 13 at the Red Ball Gin in Roaring Springs. It weighed 550 pounds with a 31% turnout. Seen turnout was 49.65%. Mr. Ford was given a premium and the cotton was ginned free. Also pictured is James Gwinn, co-owner of the gin.

Motley County ISD lands high financial rating

Motley County Independent School District received a "superior achievement" rating under the Texas' new School's FIRST financial accountability rating system.

Motley County received the highest rating in the system which measures the quality of a school district's financial management and reporting.

DPS urges drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters

Darkness settles and Jack-o-lantern's ghoulish smile beckons little ghosts and hobgoblins to come out and play. In hopes that all the night's partakers return home safe and sound, the Texas Department of Safety is reminding Texans to be safe and responsible this Halloween.

"Halloween is a fun time for both children and adults, but often times people act or drive carelessly or are not aware of their surroundings," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "Many pedestrians will be on the streets, and drivers need to watch for them."

To prevent tragedy befalling our children, motorists are urged to drive slowly in neighborhoods and be on the lookout for trick-or-treaters.

Safety tips for trick-or-treaters include:

* Look both ways before crossing roadways. Always walk, don't run.

* Cross the roadway at intersections and crosswalks when possible.

* Avoid toy guns and knives - they could be mistaken for the real thing.

* Wear costumes that are light in color, and short enough to avoid tripping.

* Wear shoes that fit.

* Reflective material of some kind on the costume is strongly encouraged.

* Avoid masks - use face paint instead for better visibility and peripheral vision.

* Travel in groups with adult supervision.

* Carry a flashlight and make sure an adult accompanies small children. Exercise caution when crossing streets.

* Never trick-or-treat in unfamiliar areas.

* Take all treats home for an adult to inspect before eating anything. Never eat unwrapped candy.

* Make sure children know their home phone number and how to call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost.

Frank Mitchell Memorial Loop to be dedicated on Veterans Day

The City of Roaring Springs will officially dedicate the newly named Frank Mitchell Memorial Loop on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11. The ceremony will be held in downtown Roaring Springs on the median, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend the event. Refreshments will be served at Traveler's Inn Hotel immediately following the dedication.

The loop, previously known as Loop 42, was renamed through efforts of the Roaring Springs City Council and Senator Robert Duncan's office.

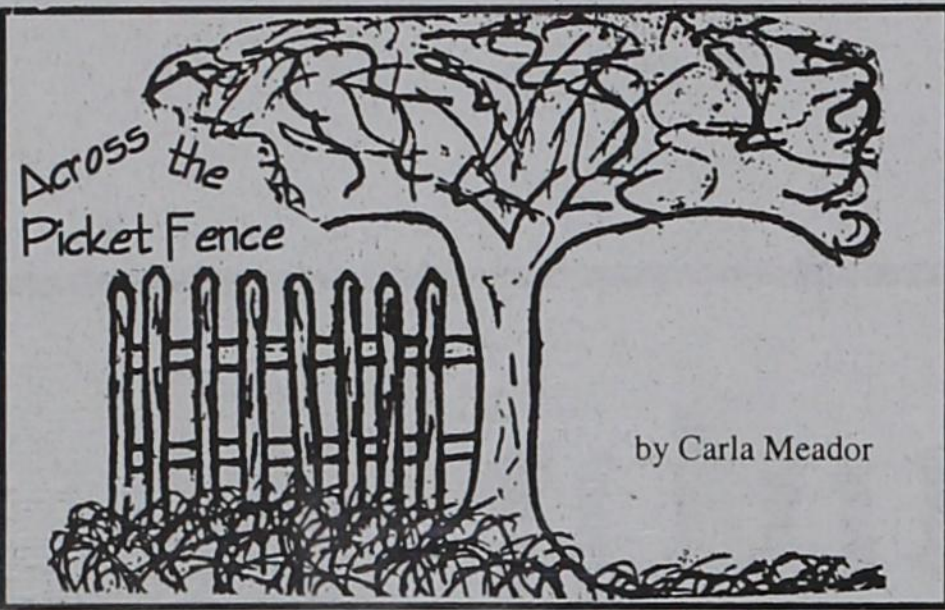
Marine First Lieutenant, Frank N. Mitchell, a native of Roaring Springs, lost his life in the Korean War, and earned the Congressional Medal of Honor.



Fall Festival Royalty

Sixth grade students, Eric Simpson and Jessica Reyes were crowned Fall Festival King and Queen, while Kindergarten students Maegan Jameson and Bryant Taylor were crowned Princess and Prince at last Saturday night's Annual Fall Festival. Eric is the son of Gary and Lisa Simpson of Roaring Springs. Jessica is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guadalupe Reyes of Matador. Bryant is the son of Shane and Wendi Taylor of Matador, and Maegan is the daughter of Brad and Mindy Jameson, also of Matador.

BLACK OUT PEP RALLY
Friday, School Gym, 2:00 p.m.



Motley County Lifestyles

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

Have you noticed how beautiful the trees down Main Street are getting with the Fall season? The leaves, in shades of gold and red, are falling and blowing in a striking fashion as if to say "we're getting rid of the old, so the new can begin."

napped and killed for coming close to breaking up a cartel in Mexico. I don't know if the event is observed much here anymore. I know the kids at school used to wear red ribbons and tie them on to their cars during the week.

Wouldn't it be great if we could do that, with every changing season. If we could shed our bad and bring in some new. Get rid of our old habits and put away our negative thoughts, let our wrong doings blow away, dry up and crumble.

We tend to think that since we live in such a small area we don't have a drug problem. But we are not exempt. There are more drugs in this area than you would think. And I can tell you, as the wife of our Sheriff, and the mother of a Lubbock Police Officer, it's a problem that weighs heavy on their hearts. To get the drug dealer is not an easy task. There is so much that goes into the actual arrest, and everything has to be done exactly right or he or she will get off with not even a hand slap.

And wouldn't it be great, if we then would let new behaviors, fresh ideas and good, loving thoughts bloom about us. If we would truly let go of our old ways and let our new appear with a fresh new beginning.

We need to keep our law enforcement in our prayers and remember what a tough and dangerous job they have.

This week is National Red Ribbon Week. It was established in 1986 when a Drug Enforcement Agent was kid-

"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain."

Psalm 127:1

Trick or Treat
 Friday Oct. 31, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 Stop by for a Treat!

Matador Floral
 Designs by Vickie

You are cordially invited to attend
 an
 Open House
 of the new location of

Karen Houchin Law Office

124 West California Street
 Floydada, Texas
 One Block West of the Courthouse

Friday, October 31, 2003
 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Light Refreshments will be served

"Right Living"

Somewhere I came across these "Rules for Living." Read over them and see if they make sense to you:

- I try never to say anything behind a man's back that would give me the least embarrassment to say to his face.
- Every day I greet every person I see with a smile and make a special effort to do so if the person is poor or in unfortunate circumstances.
- Every day I read from the Bible - feeding the mind and soul is more important than feeding the body.
- I try to close every day as if it were my last day on earth, closing the books on all regrets, worries and annoyances.
- The last thing I do at night is to count one by one the blessings of the day. In this spirit I hope to close life's journey and drift into eternity.

Try these for a month and see what you think. It may be that you will want to make these rules a part of your life's every day - for the rest of your life. I think one thing is sure - people will like you better...and you will probably like yourself better!

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
 Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

Arts & Crafts Club plans Fall Bazaar

by Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met October 6 at Senior Citizens for its regular meeting to finalize plans for the Fall Bazaar and a class of painting on clay jars.

The class was an outstanding one, learning to paint on red clay jars, a plain clay pot became a thing of beauty; after a coat of sage green paint enhanced with flowers and butterflies. Watch for these at the bazaar.

Vee Gordon was instructor of the class and she had made all preparations for the class. She is an outstanding artist with an innate talent.

President Loys Campbell held a business meeting at 10 a.m. Plans were discussed for the club's Fall Bazaar to be held November 15. This will be a good time. Everyone is invited

to come and browse, enjoy cookies and coffee at the refreshment table. There will be many new items and some of the old favorites

The quilt is on display that will be given away in December. Don't forget to purchase tickets which will be on sale for only \$1.00 each. The quilt is a Dutch Boy and Girl made by the members. It is very beautiful and well made.

The members dined with Senior Citizens on Mexican food. It was spicy and delicious, O'le!

Members present were Joy Archer, Loys Campbell, Lorene Lancaster, Joyce Meredith, Linda Hemm, Vee Gordon, Grace Evelyn Garrison, Jo Trammell and Winifred Darsey. Our next meeting will be held November 3 at the Senior Center. See you there!

Pivots & Divots



by Mary

The Roaring Springs Ladies Golf Association had their year-end meeting on October 23 at The Hitchin' Post in Roaring Springs. After a delicious buffet meal, the winners of Play-Yourself were announced. The winner of the 18-hole group was Olivia Barton with 58. This group included all players with a handicap of 16 and below. The winner of the 17 and above handicap was Francine Braselton with 68. Olivia Barton and LaVoe Thacker tied for the best putts with 13 each.

The winners of the 9-hole (after 5:00 p.m.) players were Tempie Francis and Frances Hobbs who tied with 33. This group had a handicap of 26 and below. The winner of the 27 and above handicap was Tommye

Keith with 40. Tommye and Nell Berryman tied for low putts with 6 each.

Officers elected for 2004 were Francine Braselton, President; Jeanie Johnson, Vice President; Olivia Barton, Secretary-Treasurer; and Mary Jones, Reporter.

After the meeting the group enjoyed a scramble at the golf course. The winners were LaVoe, Olivia B. and Geneva. Others playing were Judy Renfro, Frances Hobbs, Nell Berryman, Marihelen Wason, Dot Grundy, Tommye Keith, Jeanie Johnson and Louise Barton.

All ladies of the Springs Ranch are invited to join us in April of 04.

Contest seeks Christian Poetry

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by Christian Fine Arts Society, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all, including a \$1000 Grand Prize, totaling almost \$5,000.00

To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 9588 Thornbush Lane Fishers, IN 46038. Or enter at www.freecontest.com. The deadline for entering is November 8, 2003.

Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inference. A typical poem might be a love poem, or poem of praise, one that inspires the reader.

Be sure your name and address appears on the page with your poem. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

WORD of GOD

"Ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."
 Isaiah 55:12

Get all your Halloween supplies here!

Large Selection Fall & Christmas Fabric & Fabric Remnants 1/2 Price!

Matador Variety

We had a small but enthusiastic group for story time last Tuesday. An added feature of this fun event is drawing time. The children will get to draw pictures of the story that Shea reads. Of course, resident artist, Betty Henry, will be there to help instruct. Kids K-6 are welcome Tuesday, 3:30 - 4:00 at the library.

A Library Celebration will take place on Sunday, November 9, at 2:30 P.M. at the library. We will be celebrating our new look and the fact that finally the library is all back together.

There will be a short program at 2:30 and we invite everyone to attend.

A new book in the library is Snow Bride by Debbie Macomber. Another is Missing Susan by Sharyn McCrumb. This latter is in large print and is a mystery.

For the kids we have Where Have All the Flowers Gone? By Ellen White. This is an American Girl diary. In that same format is Kristina, The Girl King. This book is in the Royal Diaries series.

Senior Notes

by Tommie Keith, Director



Hello! Haven't visited with everyone much in the last few months but maybe, just maybe, I'll do better this F/Y. Sure kinda' get a little busy sometimes.

Would like to say thanks to everyone for the donations, memorials and coming to eat with us. The memorials, donations, eating, exercising and anything else we decide to do are what will keep this place going. If you haven't tried Georgia's good cooking come out and give it a try, we would sure like to see you.

Thursday, October 30, we will have a movie night. Mouse Hunt is what we will be showing and it will start at 6:30 p.m. Finger foods will be served.

Come out and have a good time. All donations are appreciated.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday we have walking exercise tapes starting at 10 a.m., except on Monday's when we will start at 10:30 a.m. This one is pretty fast! On Tuesday and Thursday, we will begin at 10:30 a.m. We have just started a fitness for seniors and this is arm-chair aerobic and strength improvement. Would like to see everyone come out and get in really good shape.

I need for some of the card and domino players that would like to play to get in touch with me and we can figure out a time for this.

Hope to see y'all at the Center!

Turkey Heritage Foundation will present Gene Watson concert

The Turkey Heritage Foundation will present Gene Watson & The Farewell Party Band in concert at the Bob Wells Gymnasium, November 8, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each. For reservations or ticket information call (806) 423-1420. A Brisket Supper will be served from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Bob Wells Cafeteria, sponsored by the Turkey Extension Club at \$6.00 per plate.

Gene Watson started his recording career in 1974 with his first hit called "Love In The Hot Afternoon." From that point on, Watson has had over 20 top 10 singles including "Farewell party," "Fourteen Carat Mind," "memories To Burn," "Paper

Rosie," "Nothing Sure Looked Good On You," and "Should I Come Home (Or Should I Go Crazy)."

Born in Palestine, Texas, Watson was one of seven children of a sawmill worker and crop picker. In his late teenage years, Watson became an auto body worker. On weekends he began singing in Houston nightclubs where he was met with immediate popularity and was later discovered and was signed to a recording contract.

Robert K. Oermann, the dean of country critics says it best, "The world stops spinning when Gene Watson sings. In his voice is all the ache of existence."

We, of the MATADOR CHURCH OF CHRIST, want to extend to you this invitation to join us in an afternoon of fine "a capella" singing by the Lubbock Christian University Chorus. A warm welcome awaits you.

What: "SERMON IN SONG"

Where: Matador Church of Christ Matador, Texas

With: Dr. Camp and the LCU Chorus

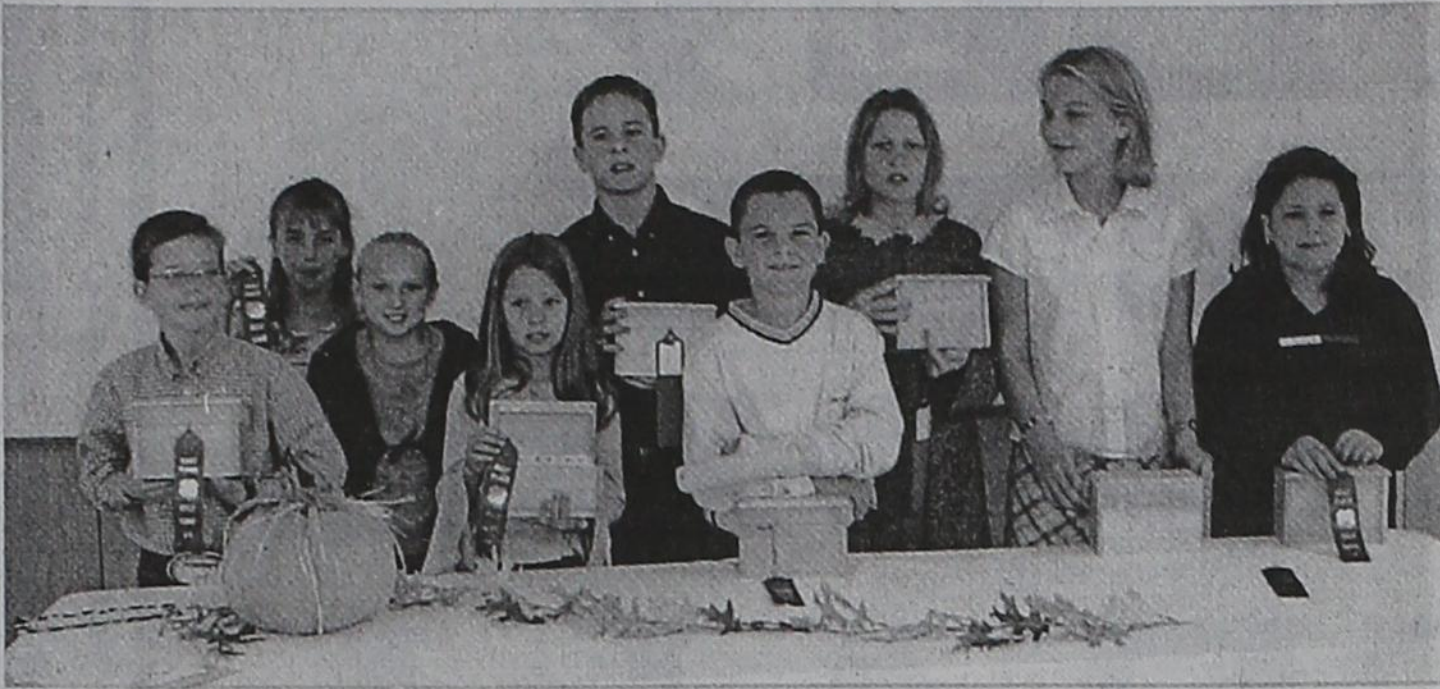
When: SUNDAY, November 2, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome and all are invited to come and enjoy an hour or so of good gospel music presented by this group of talented young people

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



Motley County 4-Hers compete in food show

Nine Motley County 4-H members competed, October 12, for the opportunity to advance to the District Food Show to be held in Vernon November 8. Pictured above left to right are Garrett Jenschke, Jr. Main Dish; Kyla Simpson, Jr. Nutritious Snacks; Leeanne Jameson, best interview; Alexis Osborn, Jr. Bread & Cereal; Cory Durham, Intermediate Dessert; Christian Brooks, Jr. Fruits & Vegetables; Shane'a Russell, Intermediate Main Dish; Kaleigh Kerns, and Brett Fletcher, Jr. Dessert. Advancing to District will be Garrett, Shane'a, Christian, Alexis, Kyla, Cory and Brett. Also competing in the show but not pictured were Jay and Neil Potts.

SPC teams up with Discovery to help Motley County students get charged up

Motley County students have been selected to take part in a new educational initiative sponsored by Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, in partnership with South Plains Electric Cooperative and Discovery Channel School, provider of educational materials to schools nationwide.

The Get Charged! program which provides basic information about electricity, how it works and how to use it will be administered through South Plains electric, part of Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

Approximately 12 fifth-grade students will take part in the program which will provide a variety of educational tools including videos, CD-ROMs, a Teachers Resource Guide, student activity books and other collateral materials all at no charge to augment the existing curriculum.

In support of its ongoing commitment to community service, South Plains Electric Co-op is launching the Get Charged! program during National Co-op Month to give students a real-world understanding of power, the purpose of electricity, and the important role electric cooperatives play in delivering the juice that runs their everyday lives.

"We are delighted to provide these materials to Motley County fifth-graders," said James Driver, general manager. "This program is the latest in our ongoing school safety initiatives that we have provided for many years."

Since 1937, South Plains Electric Co-op has provided energy services to this area. Currently, the cooperative serves more than 40,000 meters in 18 counties. In addition to the Get Charged! program, SPC also sponsors other school safety programs, including a classroom presentation and an outdoor safety program at one of its local offices.

Discovery Channel School products have been developed by the world's most respected brand for television quality and recognized by leading educational groups for their excellence. Drawing on Discovery's award-winning programming for much of its content, the curriculum and materials used in



Ginger Gilmore, left, Motley County elementary teacher, receives Discovery Channel School educational materials from SPC representative Peggy Teague.

the Get Charged! program were developed specifically by Discovery Channel School for classroom use and comply with National Science Education Standards. The Get Charged! program represents a first-time partnership for Discovery with a non-educational entity to provide content directly to schools.

"Lots of kids are still in the dark about electricity," said Paul Thomas, vice president, Discovery Education. "We're delighted to partner with the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives to help get kids energized about power."

Touchstone Energy Cooperatives is a national alliance of local, consumer-owned electric cooperatives providing high standards of service to customers large and small. More than 600 Touchstone Energy cooperatives in 44 states are delivering energy and energy solutions to more than 16 million customers every day. Touchstone Energy cooperatives serve their members with integrity, accountability, innovation and a long-standing commitment to communities.

Discovery Channel School

provides teachers a growing line of educational video, print, and multi-media resources spanning the curriculum. Drawing much of its content from Discovery programming, the product line includes over 600 videos, CD-ROMs and print resources tailor made for use in today's classrooms. DiscoveryChannel.com, a top-10 traveled education Web site, offers free resources for teachers, students and parents. Discovery Channel School products reach 1.5 million teachers and benefit 35 million students each year.

Correction

Enrollment for Motley County ISD is 115 for grades PK-6 and 68 in grades 7-12, for a total of 183, as of Oct. 24. The total was incorrectly printed as 117 in last week's School Board report.

Thank you for reading the
MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE

The Motley County Cheerleaders and Sponsor would like to thank the following for donating items to the Spirit Bag.

The winner was Caron Perkins

New To You

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Matador Variety

Calico Treasures

Higginbotham-Bartlett

Matador Implement

Snow Cone - Quality Discount Outlet

Anna's Mexican Restaurant

Preferred Choice

JoAnn's Country Coiffure

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Wendi Taylor (Creative Memories)

Petticoat Junction

Alexander Fuel

Graham Supply

Cathy Turner (Pampered Chef)

Cynthia Stafford (Tupperware)

Coca-Cola

Ashley Washington (Mary Kay)

D'anna Russell (Tupperware)

Kathy's Beauty Shop

Matador Floral - Designs by Vickie

School Menu

MONDAY, NOV. 3

Breakfast: Hot or Cold Cereal, Fruit, Toast, Milk.
Lunch: Spaghetti, Meatballs, Cheese Sticks, Salad, Fruit, Milk.

TUESDAY, NOV. 4

Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Fish Sticks, Au Gratin Potatoes, Hush Puppy, Pickle Spear, Jello, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5

Breakfast: Cereal, Blueberry Muffin, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Asst. Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Potato Chips, Sherbet, Milk.

THURSDAY, NOV. 6

Breakfast: Pancake, Syrup, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Corndog, Baked Beans, Salad, Pickle Spear, Apple Cobbler, Milk.

FRIDAY, NOV. 7

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

Black Out Pep Rally to be held Friday

Motley County High School Cheerleaders will hold a Black Out Pep Rally Friday, October 31. They will sell glow in the dark necklaces and bracelets, at \$1.00 for the set. Students will use these at the pep rally and may take them home.

Students must bring \$1.00 with a completed form which was distributed to them at school, to their teachers one day this week, to purchase the set. The necklaces and bracelets will be delivered on Friday to their teachers. For more information call 347-2676.

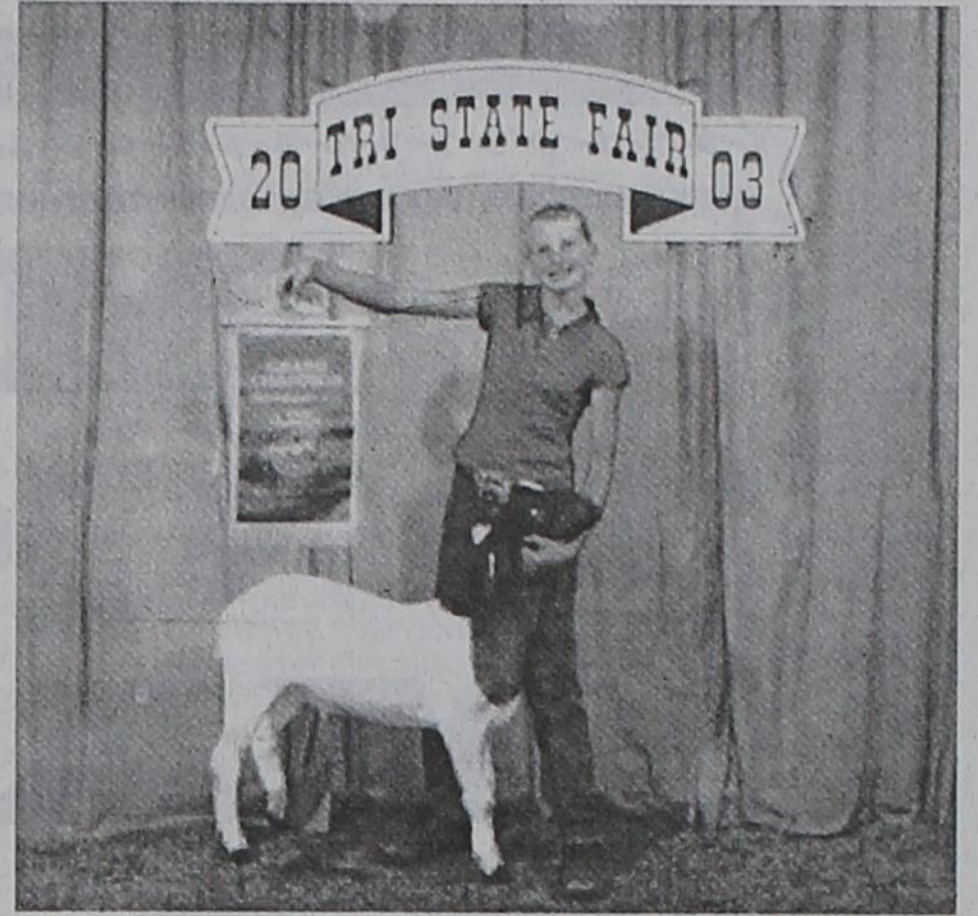
Matadors defeated by Hedley

by Amanda Hurt

The Motley County Matadors traveled to Hedley, Friday, October 24, to face the Owls. The Matadors played a good game but were defeated, 40-22.

Net rushing yards for the Matadors were 200. Total offensive yards were 348. Seagram Sims led in rushing with 148 yards. Seagram was also lead scorer with 12 points. Chance Bingham wasn't far behind, scoring six.

The Matadors will face Silverton, Friday, October 31, so come out and support the Mighty Matadors.



Kortney Williams, a Motley County ISD 6th grader, with her prize winning goat. Kortney's goat won grand champion at the Tri State Fair. She entered three goats and had two first places and one second place. She is the daughter of Larry and Kellie Williams of Floydada.

Motley County student wins meat goat prize

Note: This article first appeared in the *Amarillo Globe News*, by Kay Ledbetter.

Kortney Williams waited patiently as Junior Meat Goat Show judge Richard Parmer of Lometa sifted through more than 100 goats and took three hours to find his Grand Champion Goat.

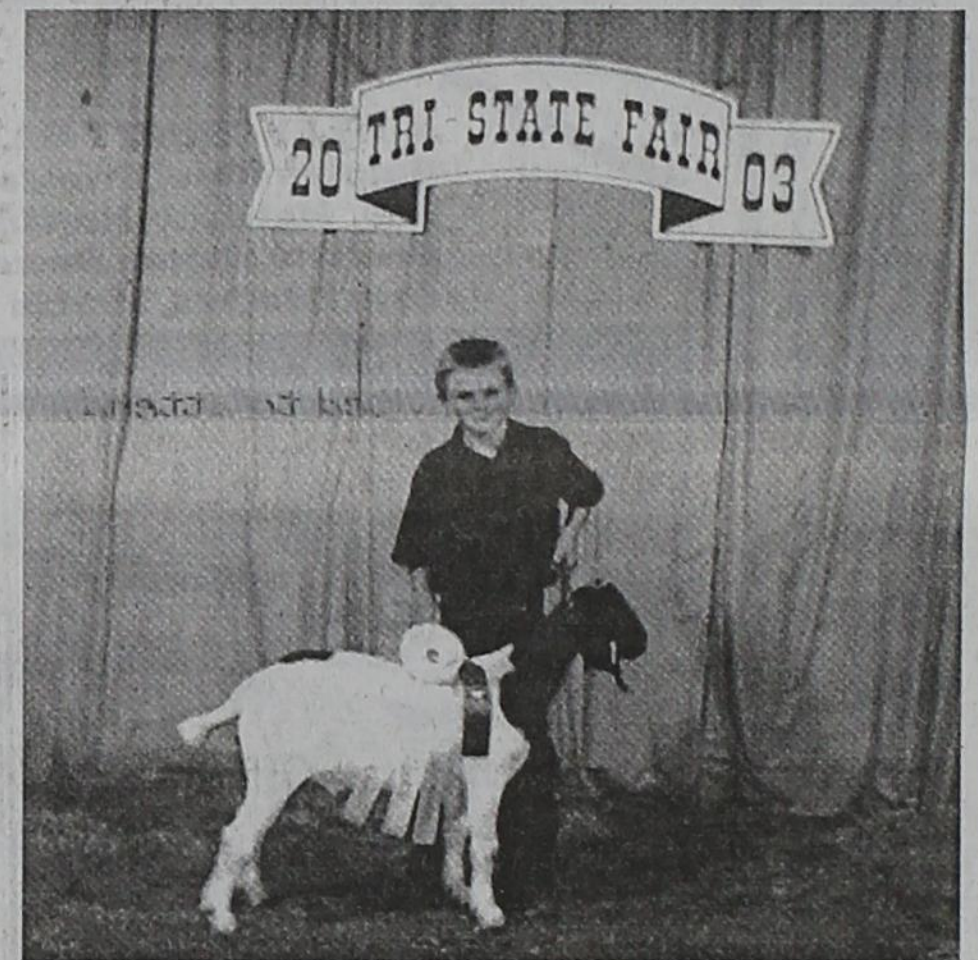
Floyd County 4-H'er Williams, 11, exhibited animals throughout the show, but it was Bibleman, a Boer goat cross, that caught Parmer's eye and earned her more than \$1000 in prize money, as well as a belt buckle presented by the Tri-State Fair.

Williams, a sixth-grader at Motley County Independent

School District, said this is her fourth year to show goats and she's got a few wins under her belt, but she hopes to get more down the road at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock and the State Fair in Dallas.

The family raises 21 goats, so feeding and exercising them takes a considerable amount of time, she said. But the hardest part, Williams said, is training them.

The goats must learn to keep their head up and to brace the show off their muscle while they are in the ring. Williams said she uses a rope to teach the goats to hold their heads up and they teach the goats to push by backing them off a trailer.



Kolby Williams showed this goat and two others in the Tri State Fair. He won second place and two third place prizes. He also won second place in his age division.



Girl and boy scouts to hold hockey night

The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts are holding a Hockey Night with the Lubbock Cotton Kings at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium on Nov. 8 starting at 7 p.m. The two organizations will gather and show their support for the Cotton Kings while also providing community awareness about the Girl and Boy Scouts of America.

Hockey night encourages the Girl Scouts to get acquainted with other troop members and have a good time as a national organization. The event is offering tickets at a discounted group rate for all the Caprock troops. To make everything more fun, troops are encouraged to

wear their uniforms. At the end of the night the organization, Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, with the most uniforms will earn a special prize.

Family and friends of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts are also invited to attend the festivities. The troops, family and friends will have fun while supporting their fellow members.

Tickets for the Girl Scout and Boy Scout Night will be available through Caprock area troop leaders. For rates and more information please call the Girl Scouts of Caprock Council Office at (806) 745-2855 or the Plainview office at (806) 296-7295.

"Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways."

Psalm 128:1

Lay-A-Way Now for Christmas!

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Kenneth Wyatt Note Cards
Antiques, Candles, Collectibles and much more!

Come find a treasure at
Calico Treasures
Decorator's Studio

Downtown Matador
806-347-2003

Since Halloween is Friday we will be closed this Friday night to allow employees to take their children trick-or-treating.

THANK YOU!



Due to the rising cost of the food industry we have found it necessary to raise our Buffet prices slightly

— Beginning November 2 —

Buffet Lunch - \$6.25

Sunday Buffet - \$7.25

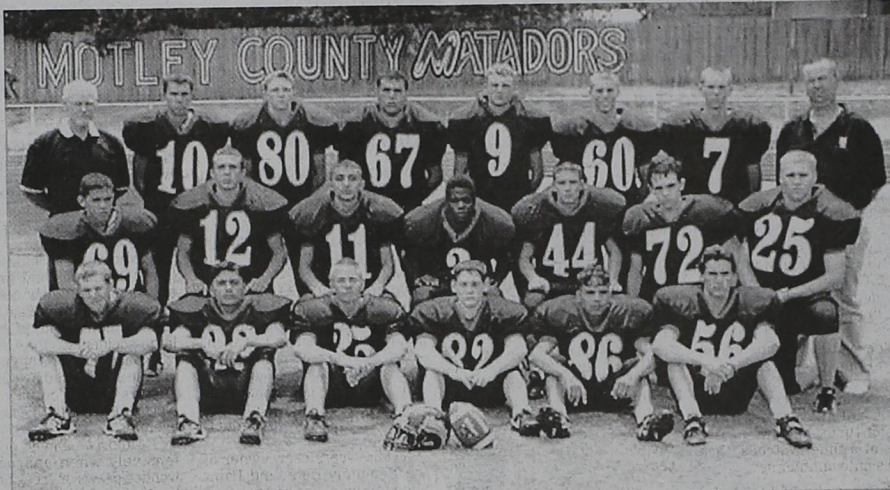
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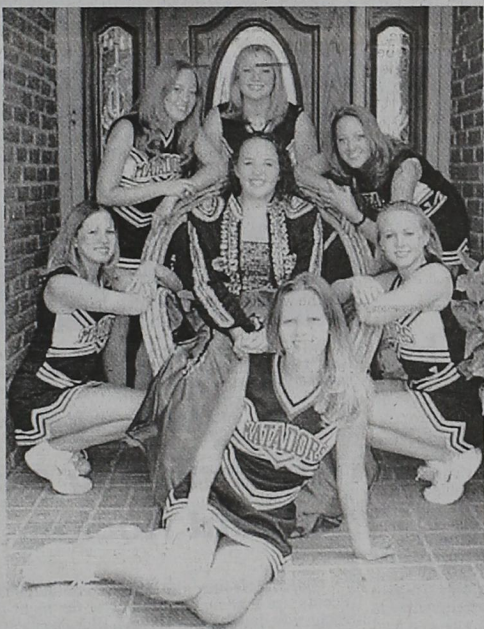
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MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS — Beginning at back, left to right, Coach Cooper, Chance Bingham, Quinten Rose, Brandon Martin, Kenny Johannes, Cody Cooper, Clay Cooper, Coach Dodson; 2nd row, Matthew Martin, Levi Buckner, Lorenzo Salazar, Seagram Sims, Matt Henzler, Brandon Gressett, Colton Russell; (front) Sam Stapleton, Gene Salazar, Aaron Dodson, Cameron Jeffcoat, Jose Ramirez, Martin Walker.



MOTLEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS — Charli Ream, Angie Marvel, Mandi Ream (back l-r); Emily Hurt, Amanda Hurt, Mascot, and Kittie Campbell (middle); in front is Sabrina Osborn.

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2003-2004 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE			
Date:	Opponent:	Site:	Time:
September 12	Spur	Here	7:30
September 19	Guthrie	Here	7:30
September 26	Meadow	There	7:30
October 3	New Home	There	7:30
District			
October 10	Patton Springs	There	7:30
HC * October 18 **	Happy (Saturday)	Here	5:00
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Former resident featured in Amarillo-Globe News article

NOTE: Former Matador resident Terry Carson was featured in an article, Monday, October 20, in the *Amarillo Globe-News*. The article, by Greg Cunningham, was headlined "A Day In The Life: Seeking Out Hot Spots - Zen and the art of groundskeeping guide days"

There's a word for people who spend almost every day on the golf course: retired.

A different word applies in Terry Carson's case, however. The word is employed.

As the grounds supervisor at Borger Country Club, Carson spends his days tending to the golf course using a shed full of tools, rather than chasing a ball across it with a bag full of clubs.

"You know, I like the game, and I play a little bit," Carson said. "But I'm out here at least eight hours a day, and that makes it a job."

Don't get him wrong, though. Carson takes his career seriously, but he also knows it's a job for which a lot of people would kill.

"This job's got a lot going for it," Carson said. "I'm outside, working on a golf course with good people. I've definitely had worse jobs."

There's a weird mixture of Zen and science that goes into caring for a golf course, and the 47-year-old Carson has learned to mix both in managing the Borger course, which he has been doing for 5 years.

The science consists of the mechanical - mowing the greens and fairways with \$50,000 riding mowers - and the chemical - applying fertilizers and pesticides.

The Zen comes from treating the course as a living, breathing thing, desperately in need of attention, yet also desirous of being left to its own devices.

"It's a lot like baby sitting," Carson said. "This course has character. It can be nice, and it can be mean. You have to figure out the ways to make it be nice."

Carson is not a New Age kind of guy. In fact, he'll tell you he's a simple country boy. But when it comes to tending a golf course, Carson said it's crucial

that you treat the course as something alive and worthy of respect.

Attaining that relationship with the course is especially difficult on the greens, which is where Carson and his five-man crew start their day each morning about 7 a.m. Two of the helpers take the mowers to the greens, trimming the bent grass to a height of one-eighth inch.

That's the easy part. The hard part is eyeing the greens and knowing where the dreaded hot spots - areas that don't get enough water - are going to crop up.

Hot spots can develop for any of a hundred reasons, ranging from improperly aligned sprinklers to invisible tree roots that suck up all the moisture to grass that is packed so tight that water runs off it instead of soaking in.

The trick is that if you wait until the hot spots start to brown and become clearly visible, you're probably too late to save that part of the green, Carson said.

"I can tell you where every hot spot is on every green out here," Carson said. "I can tell you where they are before they even get hot. You just get a feel for these things after a while."

After he gets his crew working on the mowing - they try to be done before the first duffers hit the course - Carson moves on to the watering.

Carson keeps a schedule of how long to water each green, fairway and tee box.

But again, feelings factor into it. Carson said he modifies his schedule based on temperature, humidity, rain and gut instinct.

The watering goes on for several more hours as Carson tends to the valves that control the sprinklers. Borger is without an automatic system, so Carson turns on four to five holes at a time, watches, then moves onto another set.

Water is the lifeblood of a golf course, and Carson said he is lucky to have an ample supply. Unlike many courses that rely on limited supplies or recycled gray water from the

city's treatment plants, the Borger course has its own well.

Once the course has had its fill of water, a million tasks await the crew.

Some days it's edging around the hundreds of tees that dot the course; some days it's repairing a tee box or fixing a restroom.

The day-to-day stuff is enough to keep the crew busy, but time still must be found for improvement projects, which have been ongoing since Carson took over five years ago.

"When I got here, the course wasn't maintained in a respectful way," Carson said. "It needed some attention. We spent a lot of time cleaning it up and getting it to where it should be."

You don't have to take Carson's word for the effect he has had on the course. Thad Lasater, head golf pro, said Carson and the other club employees have made such a dif-

ference that Borger is starting to become a destination.

"I think our play has really increased this year just because of the shape the course is in," Lasater said. "We're getting quite a bit of Amarillo play, and a bunch from Pampa and other cities. People are becoming aware of this course."

And in the end, that's the payoff for Carson. Standing in his maintenance shed's door, Carson looked out over an expanse of green that would cause the groundskeepers of many high-end courses in Amarillo to, well, turn green with envy.

Borger may not have the fancy facilities, but Carson said he'll put the quality of the course itself up against any in the area.

"I think this is the reason I do it," Carson said. "You talk about stress relief. When the course looks like this, it's worth all the work."

Grandson returns home after serving in Iraq

Adam Scott Palmer, who served with the U.S. Marines in Iraq, has returned to his home near Albuquerque, New Mexico. He served as a Humvee gunner while his unit assisted in protecting the supply lines. Later, his unit was given another assignment that involved an actual skirmish with the enemy. Meanwhile, however, Adam and another Marine were given special assignment and were not present when their unit made actual contact with the Iraqis.



Adam Scott Palmer

Adam is the only grandson of Vernon and Jolene Higginbotham who has served in the Military. Recognition of his service, together with that of his grandfather Higginbotham, will appear on a brick at the Lubbock Area Veterans War Memorial. Dedication of the Memorial is scheduled for December 7, 2003.

Adam's parents are Tommy and Nancy Palmer of

Edgewood, New Mexico. His grandmother Pearl Patten, and great-grandmother, Vera Mitchell, live in Roaring Springs. His sister, Jenny Louise Phillips, and husband, Peter, live in Albuquerque.

Motorists beware: Now is prime season for deer on roadways

The next few weeks are one of the most dangerous times of the year for motor vehicle collisions involving deer, an insurance industry spokesman said.

The highest number of auto accidents involving deer traditionally occur in November, making this a hazardous situation for motorists traveling around the state, according to Mark Hanna, a spokesman for the Insurance Council of Texas.

"Statistics show that the majority of deer/vehicle accidents in Texas occur during the fall of the year," Hanna continued. "Behavioral changes, especially the increased activity associated with the rut or mating season, archery season (Sept. 26 - Oct. 26) and the general hunting season, which begins in most counties on Saturday, November 1, all play a role in deer moving across our highways." According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, 15 people were killed and more than 1,500 people injured in motor vehicle collisions with animals in 2000.

In Llano County, described as the deer capitol of Texas, Llano County Chief Deputy John Keith said the rut, which coincides with the start of deer season, put animals on the move. Keith said the collisions between deer and motorists occur both day and night, making it a dangerous situation for drivers.

Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. John Stafford of Kerrville said motorists kill at least one deer every day on Highway 16 between Kerrville and Fredericksburg.

"It happens so frequently in this area that about half of the accidents are not reported to law enforcement," Stafford said. "The locals just call their insurance agent the next day and explain what happened. The agent tells them to go get it fixed."

Collision insurance coverage will pay for the cost of fixing or replacing your vehicle after the accident, minus your deductible.

Eddie Overstreet, owner of the Economy Body and Paint Shop in Llano, has been repairing vehicles in Llano since 1969.

"The average collision with a deer runs around \$1,500. That's for light damage to the vehicle's grill, radiator, hood, fender and lights," Overstreet said. "Most trucks fare better in collision with a deer, but the damage cost-wise is about the same."

Sgt. Stafford said the best way to avoid hitting a deer is to beware that they are there. "Be watching for them. If you see one, slow down," Stafford said.

Most importantly, Stafford said don't swerve to miss a deer. "Brake and hold your steering wheel," Stafford said. "More people suffer serious injuries

from trying to avoid hitting deer than having the actual collision with a deer."

If you hit a deer, law enforcement officials recommend that you pull off the roadway and contact law enforcement authorities to make an accident report. The following list of safety tips are recommended by the insurance Council of Texas to help reduce the number of deer-related accidents:

- * Deer activity is highest during the dusk and dawn periods. Drivers should be particularly alert in the early morning and evening.

- * Motorists should drive defensively when approaching wooded draws or creek bottoms that intersect highways, especially in agricultural settings.

- * Newly constructed roads through deer habitat often have a rash of deer/vehicle accidents. Be on the lookout.

- * Highway traffic signs indicating deer crossings should be

a clear reminder to all motorists to use extreme caution in these areas especially during the early morning and evening hours.

- * Drivers are advised to scan roadways for deer; if at night motorists should look out for deer eye reflections. Passengers can help "keep an eye out for deer."

- * Deer are often dazed and confused by vehicle headlights. When a deer is spotted, drivers should reduce speed but maintain control. Use emergency flasers or pump the brakes to alert vehicles approaching from behind.

- * Most severe deer-related accidents result when loss of control occurs while trying to avoid a deer. Maintaining control of the vehicle is essential. It is recommended that a driver steer straight rather than risk losing control and colliding with oncoming traffic or hitting objects off the road.

A NOTE OF THANKS

The family of Bryan Bateman would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the many thoughtful things that they did during Bryan's illness and after his passing including: cards, flowers, food, money and prayers. We will always remember these MANY acts of kindness. Thank you for remembering us in your prayers.

Thank you so very much,
Judy Bryant, Tana, Tara and Kory Bateman
Stanley Bateman and family
Shellie Bateman and family
Travis Bateman and family

To the wonderful people of Matador:

Our thanks are sent to all of you for the caring, feeling help, food, cards and flowers that you gave us in the death of our mother and grandmother, Jerline Pitts. We will never forget the goodness from your heart that you gave us.

The Pitts family
and Betty Graham (sister)

We would like to thank everyone who sent cards and called us on the phone at the death of my mother, Florine Angell. To my bridge clubs, I want to say the plant is beautiful, your words of comfort helped get Billie and myself to hold up and carry on.

Billie & Faye Slover

County officials take leadership role to protect taxpayers

A group of county elected officials from across Texas, last Thursday, agreed to take a leadership role in protecting taxpayers from being saddled with higher property taxes due to actions by the state that mandate counties to spend additional funds.

During a meeting at the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) in Austin, a subcommittee of TAC's Policy Analysis Group (PAG) decided to seek a referendum in both the Republican and Democratic Party primary elections next spring.

The referendum was proposed by Bee County Tax Assessor-Collector Andrea Gibbud and quickly approved by other members of PAG's Subcommittee on Unfunded Mandates who were present, including its Chairman and Brazoria County Commissioner Jack Harris, Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector Marsha Gaines, Dallas County Commissioner Jim Jackson and Gibbud.

The referendum would give voters the opportunity to express their feelings on better protecting local taxpayers through a proposed constitutional amendment. The amendment will be presented to the Legislature when it meets again.

The referendum will state: "For or against a constitutional amendment protecting taxpay-

ers by prohibiting state mandates that require local property tax increases."

"The subcommittee believes there should be a grass roots effort to pass this very important constitutional amendment," Brazoria County's Harris said. He added that the amendment would be known as the Taxpayer Protection Amendment.

Subcommittee members noted that legislative budget actions during tough financial times often have a direct impact on counties and their property taxpayers, even when legislators do not intend to burden the counties. During the 78th session that ended earlier this year, examples include cuts to health care, mental health and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) that have resulted in counties having to pick up more of the tab.

"There are many unintended consequences of legislative actions that cause the burden to fall on local governments and their taxpayers," said Dallas County's Jackson.

TAC is composed of local elected officials from all Texas' 254 counties. The TAC board of directors authorized the Policy Analysis Group (PAG) in 1997 to explore new paths to progress for county government, rather than always following the same old trials.



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By Lula Swim

Welcome Home, Lula!

Lula Swim arrived home Wednesday morning, October 22, after being hospitalized since August 18. At this writing she is doing better with hopes of continued improvement.

BIRTHDAY LUNCH

The postal group had their luncheon at The Hitchin' Post, Thursday, October 23. They were to honor Ray Zabielski and Callie Giesecke for their birthdays. Those enjoying the event, in addition to Mr. Zabielski, were Mrs. Zabielski, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown of Dickens, Mrs. Juanita Cooper of Matador. Mrs. Giesecke was unable to attend.

HONORED AS OUTSTANDING LAY LEADER

Miss Lula Swim was honored with a surprise dinner honoring her on being an outstanding Lay Leader of the Methodist Church, held at the Community building, located between Lockney and Floydada, Saturday, Oct. 18. Mrs. Swim was unable to attend, as she was still in the hospital at that time. The following is what the church members put in the program about Miss Swim:

"The Roaring Springs UMC nominates Miss Swim as their Outstanding Lay Person. Miss Swim has been a member of the Roaring Springs United Methodist Church since 1931. She has served as treasurer since 1946. She has served as president of the Guild. She is a Charter Member and has been attending regularly since the ladies from Quitaque came down and we organized the Guild in 1952."

They also said that "Miss Swim is known for her generous love and hospitality. She cooks and takes food for every need. She is also faithful to attend meetings of the Church."

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FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY

Kenzie Clary was given a birthday party Sunday afternoon in the home of her grandparents, Tim and Deana Washington of Roaring Springs. A baby wearing a hat with one candle perched on top was her unique, colorful decorated cake.

Cake and lemonade were served to her parents, Lacy and Conway Clary and children, Mickey and Caleb of Matador, great grandparents, Erma and Bill Washington of Flomot and Bobby McWilliams of Quitaque; Matt Washington and Brazos of Roaring Springs, Mrs. Connie Franks and Cara of Flomot, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks and Madison and Cary Franks of Lubbock; Mrs. Brent (Jana) Marshall, Macie, Eli and Cambrie and Tristan Perryman of Matador.

Fred Risser, a patient in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following a recent vehicle accident, had neck surgery Friday, Oct. 24. He is in ICU and listed in serious condition. With him during surgery and hospitalization have been his wife, Mrs. Elaine Risser and her mother, Mrs. Frances Dixon; his daughter, Kaci Risser of Plainview and his mother and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Bailey of Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Ray Slover attended the funeral services of her mother, Mrs. Florine Angell, 92, held at 2 p.m., Monday, Oct. 20 at Jerry Woods Funeral Home in Nocona. Joining them there were daughter

and family, Barbara and Jerry Luster, Amanda and Lisha of Cisco. Lisha gave a loving memorial tribute to her great grandmother at the services.

David Dixon of Rockwall visited his uncle and aunt, Wilda and Spencer Dixon from Tuesday until Thursday. He also visited in Lubbock with Fred Risser.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper met with William and Mary Jo Brown of Dickens and Ray and Grace Zabielski in Roaring Springs for lunch at The Hitchin' Post, October 23. The postal group was celebrating Ray's birthday.

Mrs. Ann Smith of Paducah, Mrs. Winona Welch of Coahoma and Mrs. Juanita Wood of Big Spring visited Mrs. Juanita Cooper on Friday, Oct. 24. These ladies are former Matador residents and are nieces of Juanita's and daughters of Lane and Annie (Cooper) Cartwright. They enjoyed visiting with friends at the Senior Citizens. Juanita drove to Paducah that evening and had dinner with them and Ann's husband, Bill Smith and their brother and wife, Bill and June Cartwright of Paducah.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. "Sonny" Russell were in Amarillo, Wednesday, October 29, for him medical tests.

Shirley Smith underwent back surgery Monday, at St. Anthony's Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. At newstime, she is reported to be doing well and is a patient in room 766.

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Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Today I hear people complain that too many trick - or - treaters come to the door asking for treats. They would REALLY complain if they had to go out in the rain on the morning after Halloween and found their outhouse was gone!

DISPENSE OF LANDMARK TREE

Kenneth and Anita Baldwin were down from Santa Fe, N.M. this past week to cut down a special tree that has stood in front of their farm house for four generations and nearly one hundred years. Glen and Doyle Calvert provided major help. The Baldwins were returning to Santa Fe following the burial of her oldest sister Uarda Tooley Hill in Vernon, Texas.

SECOND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Madison Franks, daughter of Amy and Cory Franks of Lubbock celebrated her birthday Saturday afternoon in her home with a fun filled party. She blew out her number two candle on a colorful cookie cake decorated with a frog. She was a delight when opening her gifts.

Guests attending were grand-parents, Connie and Coy Franks of Flomot and Mrs. Syd Pipkin of Lubbock; great grandparents, Erma and Bill D. Washington of Flomot. Others attending were Cary Franks, Heather and Scott Blount and Sklyar, Leigh Ann Pipkin and friend of Lubbock, Mrs. Lacy Clary, Caleb, Kenzie and Mickey of Matador, Cara Franks of Flomot and Matt Washington and Brazos of Roaring Springs.

ENCOUNTER SNOW ON TOUR

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin enjoyed a weekend tour to Fort Davis that included the historical Fort Davis site and Neill Doll Museum. Sunday morning, after spending overnight Saturday at the Indian Lodge at Fort Davis National Park they awoke to a surprising inch and half of snow on the ground. En route

home, they encountered snow fall all the way to Monahans.

MODEL AT STYLE SHOW

Mrs. Darla Gwinn was one of the featured models at the "Modeling The Cure" sponsored by the breast cancer luncheon fund held Saturday at the Community Center in Quitaque. Other models were Mesdames Nadyne Childress, Juannah Jennings and Marlene Stephens, all of Silverton.

Visiting last week with Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Jones was his son, Pepper Jones of Austin. Visiting the family, Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, local residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee met her niece, Mrs. Shannon Jones of Carlsbad, N.M. in Lubbock, Sunday to visit and enjoy entertainment.

Stan and David Wigley of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ross attended to business in Plainview, Thursday.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was a luncheon guest, Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Marisue Potts at Mott Camp Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay visited in Lockney, Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Barclay.

Mrs. Keri Sehon and son, Brain of Ropesville visited overnight Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter.

Kenneth and Anita Baldwin of Santa Fe, N.M. were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert Friday night.

Luncheon guests of Mrs. Leona Degan, Sunday were Stanley Degan of Kalgary, Jimmy McDaniel and son, Seth of Lubbock. They visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Mrs. Connie Starkey and Taylor Stallins of Canyon visited the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Eubank of Farewell visited Wednesday with daughter and family, Gina and Tim Shannon and Nellie Bly.

Matador Class of 1973 celebrates 30th reunion

The Matador High School class of 1973 celebrated their 30th reunion on Saturday, October 18, at the Whitaker barn. Billy and Donna Whitaker catered a delicious BBQ meal for his classmates.

Attending the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hoover, Pete and Linda (Cammack) Allen, all of Canyon; Tommy

and Nancy (Higginbotham) Palmer and son Adam of Edgewood, NM; Linda (Campbell) Oliver of Dumont; Dorothy (Williams) Lester of Lubbock; Donna and Billy Whitaker of Dickens; Kellie and Hal Martin, Thanie Smallwood, Wayland Moore, the Brent Whitaker family and the Bert Whitaker family, local residents.

OBITUARIES

Nancy Florine Angell

Services for Nancy Florine Angell, 92, of Wichita Falls, were held Monday, October 20, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. at the Jerry Woods Funeral Home Chapel in Nocona. Officiating was Reverent Les Ryan. Interment was at Nocona Cemetery under the direction of Jerry Woods Funeral Home. She died October 18 at

Wichita Falls. She was born January 17, 1911 at Grand Saline, Texas.

Survivors include her children, Bobby Ray Angell of Wichita Falls, Betty Smith of Dallas, Evelyn McPherson of Burkville, and Faye Slover of Matador.

American Legion offers way to thank troops

With thousands of troops deployed overseas and thousands more readying for deployment, The American Legion has re-launched a free, easy way to thank them for their service on the eve of Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

The electronic greeting cards are also ideal to thank all veterans, of all generations, who have served in the U.S. armed forces.

"Veterans and those serving in the military services today need to see that there are friends and family members who are proud of their sacrifices for America," John Brieden, National Commander of The American Legion said.

Anyone who has an e-mail account can receive the special cards. Creating the card is quick at The American Legion's website, www.legion.org. "Our

troops serving overseas often have access to e-mail and they look forward to the cards that do not take up a lot of bandwidth," Brieden said.

The American Legion site offers e-mail cards representing each military service along with the service song that plays when the card is opened. Each card provides plenty of space to compose a personal message.

The free service is being offered for the fifth consecutive year. Cards may be sent now through Nov. 12, 2002.

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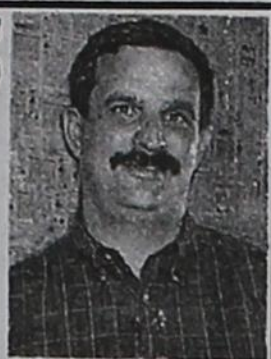
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There will be a Private Applicators Training and Testing November 3, 2003 at 6:30 in the Motley County Courthouse. If you are interested in obtaining a license, please contact my office as soon as possible. There is a study manual that needs to be reviewed before the training and testing. My office number is 806-347-2733.

A&M TO LEAD REBUILDING AG ECONOMY IN IRAQ

Texas A&M is leading the effort to rebuild Iraq's agricultural economy. Funding for the project's first year is set at \$37-million. Associate Vice Chancellor Ed Price says they are trying to get things started immediately. Agriculture in Iraq is in crisis because of decades of neglect and poor planning. The first goal is to double agricultural production on 30,000 Iraqi farms. Another priority will be to rebuild Iraq's Cooperative Extension Agency.

TIFTON - 85 VS. COASTAL 1/2 - AMD 1/4 - BRAHMAN STOCKERS

Researchers at TAES-Overton compared Hereford X Brahm (1/2) and Hereford X Angus- Brahm (1/4) weaned calves. Calves were weaned on Jun. 9, kept in drylot for a week and grazed until Aug. 31 on either Tifton-85 of Coastal supplemented with 2lb/ha/day of 28%

CP mix. For the first 41 days after weaning, ADG was similar on both treatments at about 1.65 lb/da. Calves on TIF - 85 gained slightly more during the final 42 days. But stocking rate was over twice as high on TIF - 85, resulting in 551 lb gain/acre, compared to 225 for Coastal. Over the entire 83 days, 1/4 calves gained about 1.4 lb/da on both pastures, but 1/2 calves gained 2.2 on TIF - 85 and 1.83 on supplemented Coastal. TIF-85 produced faster gains and more gain acre, and 1/2 Brahm was superior to 1/4.

GRAZING HYBRID FORAGE SORGHUMS

Workers at the TAMU - Amarillo Center grazed brown midrib and normal Sorghum X Sudan hybrids in two successive years. Grazing was from Jul. 20 to Aug. 30 the first year and Jul. to Sept. 13 the second year. Stocking rates were similar both years, averaging 115 head-days/acre for B and 114 for N. ADG and gain/acre averaged 2.94 lb/day and 337 lb/acre for B and 2.62 and 300 for N. Authors noted that ADG was higher than often seen, due to shorter than usual grazing periods. They stressed the need to balance stocking rate and length of grazing to optimize forage quality, animal performance, and total production. In third year, B was planted May 23 for continuous grazing and May 23, Jun 4, and Jun 14 for rotation grazing. Grazing on both treatments was from Jul. 9 to Sep. 27. ADG was very similar but rotation grazing yielded 10 more head - days/acre and 25 lb/acre more gain. The authors stated that, not only was total gain higher by rotating, the system also works better for a combination of grazing and haying.

Farm Service Agency News

Many producers have requested 2003 advance counter-cyclical payments on their 2003 DCP contracts. If you want to change your counter-cyclical payment request, that change must be made by close of business, Friday, October 31, 2003. If you are unsure you made a counter-cyclical payment request, contact the FSA Office immediately at (806) 347-2263, ext. 2.

DCP SIGN UP

The DCP sign-up period for fiscal year 2004 is from Oct. 1, 2003 to June 1, 2004. The CCC-509 form, "Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program Contract," includes base acres, payment acres, payment yields, producer payment shares, advances, advance direct and counter-cyclical payment selections and signatures of the producer and county office representative. The CCC-509 must be submitted by June 1, 2004. All owners and operators who will share in the DCP payments on the farm must sign the CCC-509. Forms with signatures that are obtained after June 1, 2004, but before Sept. 30, 2004, will be accepted, but the farm will be assessed a late-file sign-up fee of \$100. Farm producers must apply for DCP on an annual basis and can opt out of participating in DCP for any year if they so choose. Contact the county office to schedule an appointment to enroll your farm. When updating the 2004 contract, you may elect to receive your advance direct payments any time from December 2003 through September 2004.

REPORTING CHANGES IN YOUR FARM OPERATION

Any time you make changes in your farming operation, including changes in land ownership, tenants or crop share arrangements, you need to report it to your local FSA office. Many changes you may take for granted could affect your eligibility for payments. Your farm operating plan, certified by you on form CCC-502, will need to be updated any time you:

- add or drop farms
- make changes in lease arrangements
- change the way labor and/or management are contributed to the operation
- Other significant changes that need to be repeated are:
 - changes in membership of a partnership or joint operation
 - changes in stockholder interest of shares in an entity
 - death of a producer
 - settlement of an estate
 - transfer of land, capital or equipment to a limited partnership
 - forming new entities for estate planning purposes

2001-2002 CROP DISASTER PROGRAM

The county office continues to accept applications under the Crop Disaster Program. To be eligible, a unit must have suffered a production loss of at least 35 percent in either 2001 or 2002. The program also includes compensation for quality losses. To be eligible for a quality adjustment, a unit must have at least a 20 percent loss in quality on the affected crop in either 2001 or 2002.

NAP DEADLINE APPROACHING

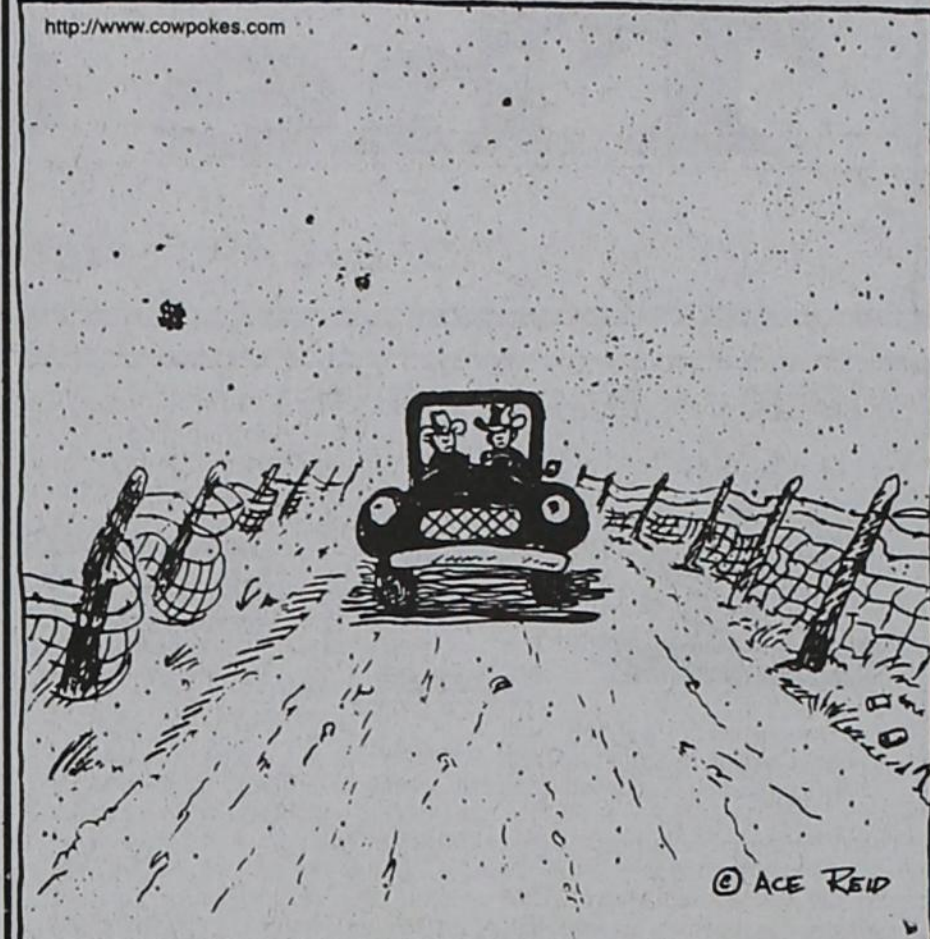
The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) can soften financial losses caused by natural disasters, but only if you've timely applied for coverage and paid the application fee. The application deadline for certain 2004 NAP crops is approaching. NAP kicks in when natural disasters result in a catastrophic loss of production of an eligible crop. NAP coverage is equivalent to that provided by Catastrophic Risk Protection Plan (CAT) insurance and is available for commercial crops or agricultural commodities produced for food or fiber for which CAT is not available. Producers who already have coverage on 2003 CAP crops may choose to continue coverage on the same crops for 2004, if the applicable fee is paid by the application closing date. A new CCC-471, application for coverage, does not require a signature when applying for continuous coverage of the same crop or crops. Producers who choose to add or delete a crop from previous year's coverage or change crop shares must timely file a new CCC-471 and timely pay a service fee. Producers with 2003 NAP coverage must remember to complete the following to qualify for benefits:

- Timely file acreage reports and keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods. For example, bale weights or other means of determining quantities of hay are required.
- File a Notice of Loss within 15 days of when the loss is apparent.
- A NAP application deadline for native and improved grasses is December 1st.

LIVESTOCK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LAP) SIGN-UP EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 21

November 21st is the final date to apply for the Livestock Assistance Program. The program provides relief to livestock producers who suffered grazing losses due to drought, severe weather and related causes that occurred in 2001. Hurry in or contact our office for details. REMEMBER! THERE ARE NO LATE FILE PROVISIONS!!

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USDA ANNOUNCES FIRST 2003 - CROP COUNTER-CYCLICAL ADVANCE PAYMENT

United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Ann. M. Veneman announced late last week the first advance counter-cyclical payment rates for the 2003 - crop Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP).

For Upland cotton producers the first partial advance payment toward the 2003 - crop Counter-cyclical payment was announced at 2.01 cents per pound. That figure equals 35% of the projected final payment rate of 5.73 cents per pound.

For producers who have watched market prices for cotton surge over the past few weeks, the announcement was met with a mixture of appreciation and concern as higher prices could still zero out the CC payment calculation and create a situation where producers would be required to repay all or part of the advance payment.

Early on prognosticators had opined that the 2003 CC payment could be eroded by as

much as 4-6 cents as a result of then steadily improving market prices.

Back in June the December 2003 New York futures contract was trading in the 52 - cent range. Take a snapshot today and the same contract is trading near 80 cents with little indication that a huge drop can be expected.

Knowing that the bulk of the marketings used to calculate the weighted average price received by growers for any given crop year occurs during the November, December, January and February time period forms the crux of producer concerns that a repayment situation could still be created.

Make no mistake, producers are happy that prices have surged upward. As a result, those that have cotton to sell will gladly take their money from the market instead of the government.

The concern that you hear however, stems from the fact that for many on the High Plains there is simply no cotton to sell as a result of a tough 2003 growing season.

2003 DCP Counter-cyclical Payment Projections & First (35%) Advance Payment Rates

Commodity	Unit	Projected Rate-Total	First Partial Advance Rate
Wheat	bu	\$0.0900	\$0.0315
Corn	bu	\$0.2200	\$0.0770
Sorghum	bu	\$0.0400	\$0.0140
Upl. Cotton	pound	\$0.0573	\$0.0201
Rice	cwt	\$1.6500	\$0.5775
Peanuts	short ton	\$104.0000	\$36.4000

Source: USDA, Farm Service Agency

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The City of Matador will be accepting bids on a 38" Riding Mower, Field Fencing Wire, Chain Link Fencing, and Mosquito Fogger on Trailer. Bids will be accepted at City Hall until 5:00 p.m., November 13. Matador City Council has the right to refuse any or all bids.

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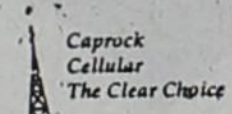
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