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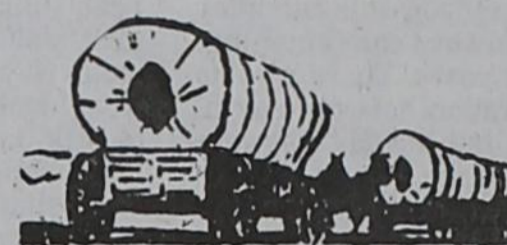


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Chamber launches new program

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce launches a new program to benefit Motley County businesses, Thursday, June 12. The program, Motley County Bucks, is designed to help the businesses of Motley County increase their sales.

One part of the program is a gift certificate which can be purchased from the Chamber or First State Bank to be given away as a gift, reward or prize. The certificate is the perfect way to give for weddings, birthdays, graduation, Christmas, etc. Motley County Bucks can be used at any Motley County Chamber business.

Motley County Bucks will keep the money in Motley County!

The second part of the program is a free \$5 Motley County Buck which will be given out to visitors, encouraging them to spend the \$5, and hopefully more, at a Motley County business.

To explain and promote the program, an informative reception, sponsored by the Chamber, will be held Wednesday, June 18, at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. This reception, called "After Hours," will be the first in a series of Chamber of Commerce get-togethers. Re-

freshments will be served.

Businesses who don't already belong to the Chamber, and don't want to miss out on being included in this great program, should join the Motley County Chamber of Commerce.

Membership fees are \$35 per year for a business, or \$10 per year for an individual. Contact the Chamber office at 347-2968 for more information. The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon.

29th Annual Motley County Junior Rodeo set for July 11-12

The 29th Annual Motley County Junior Rodeo has been set for July 11 and 12. The Rodeo, sponsored annually by the Motley County 4-H, will be held at the Old Settlers' Arena in Roaring Springs.

There will be two rodeo performances. The Friday night performance will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Saturday night performance will begin at 4:00 p.m. Rodeo books will close at 5:00 p.m. on July 7th.

Saddles will be awarded to the All-Around Boy and Girl in the Senior Division (ages 16-19). A set of Kevin Elkins Spurs will be given to the all-Around Boy and Girl in the Junior Division (ages 13-15). A set of Kevin Elkins Bits will be awarded to the All-Around Boy and Girl in the Pee-Wee Division (ages 9-12). Trophy Buckles will be awarded in the Pre-Kids Division (ages 8 & under) for the All-Around Boy and Girl. Montana Silversmith Belt Buckles will also be awarded for first place

in each event for all age divisions.

The events for the Rodeo are: Barrel Race, Flag Race, Pole Bending, Goat Tying, Goat Ribbon Pull, Tie Down Roping, Ribbon Roping, Breakaway, Straight-Away Chute Dogging, Team Roping, Steer Daubing, Calf Riding and Steer Riding.

All interested youth are encouraged to enter the Rodeo and spectators are invited to watch the action.

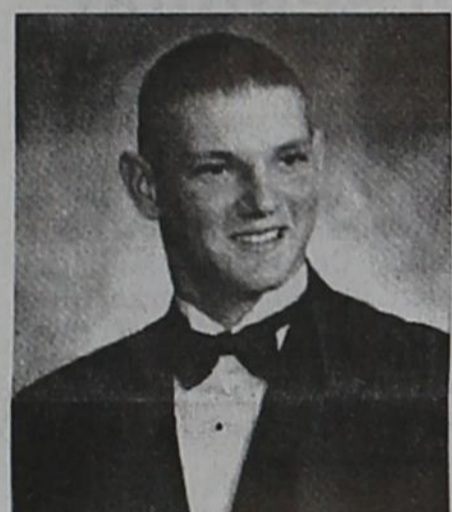
For more information or entry blanks, contact Debbie Shaw, Rodeo Secretary, (806) 347-2083, or call the Motley County Extension office at (806) 347-2733.

For a \$50 donation you will have a chance to win a 5 x 16 Half Top, Single Axle, Reyes Trailer, to be given away July 12. Chances are 1 in 250. Contact the Motley County Extension Office at (806) 347-2733 for ticket information.



Sidewalk Art ...

These kids, who were attending the Motley County Library's Summer Reading Program, Tuesday morning, enjoyed drawing on the sidewalk with big, colored chalk for their art project. Tuesday was the last day for the program.



Clint Cooper



Brenda Gillespie

CapRock Telephone awards scholarships to two local seniors

Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc. established a Scholarship Achievement award in order to play a role in the continuing educational efforts of area youth.

Since the inception of the scholarship award program, CapRock has provided \$40,000 for area students to continue their education. This year Cap Rock awarded eight \$1,000 scholarships to young men and

women across the area.

Two scholarships were awarded to Motley County High School graduates, Brenda Gillespie and Clinton Cooper.

CapRock Telephone is honored to contribute to the beginning of each recipient's educational success. The entire staff wishes all area graduates continued success in the pursuit of a higher education.

Motley County ISD will offer computer class

Motley County ISD is offering a "Beginning Word" computer class on Thursday, June 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This class is part of the CN3 Grant and will be taught by Cathy Morton from Lubbock.

There is no cost for the program and anyone wanting to take the computer class should call the school at 806-347-2676.

There will be a limit of 24 on a first come basis.

Struggling economy affects area counties

Motley County, as well as other area counties, is affected by the struggling economy. In the recent Economic Update, by Texas Comptroller, Carole Keeton Strayhorn, local economic statistics shows Motley County, with a resident population of 1,403, as of July, 2001. The chart shows a per capita personal income of \$15,286, with total (thousands) of \$21,920; median household income of \$28,348. The chart says that 276 persons are living in poverty, a rate of 19.4%. The Labor Force shows 672, with 661 employed and 11 unemployed, 1.6%.

Of interest, Dickens County, with a population of 2,762, shows a per capita income of \$17,270 with total (thousands) of \$47,148; a median household income of \$25,898; 388 persons in poverty, a 17.4%; 800 in the labor force, with 773 employed and 27 unemployed.

Cottle County, with a population of 1,801, shows a per capita income of \$23,097, with a total (thousands) of \$43,491; a median household income of \$25,446; 342 persons in poverty, an 18.4%; 812 in the labor force, with 772 employed and 40 unemployed.

Floyd County, with a population of 7,669, has a per capita income of \$25,795, with total (thousands) at \$199,599; a median household income is \$26,851; persons living in pov-

erty are 1,639, 21.5%; the labor force is 3,087, with 2,842 employed and 245 unemployed.

Hall County, with a population of 3,792, shows a per capita income of \$16,969, with total (thousands) at \$64,042; median household income is \$23,016; 985 persons are living in poverty, a 26.3%; there are 1,812 in the labor force, with 1,738 employed and 74 unemployed.

Briscoe County, with a population of 1,790, shows a per capita income of \$21,147 with total (thousands) at \$37,662; a median household income is \$29,917; there are 286 persons living in poverty, 16.0%; 793 are in the labor force, with 765 employed and 28 unemployed.

In the report, Mrs. Strayhorn says that after adding jobs every year from 1988 through 2001, during which non-farm employment rose by nearly 50 percent, Texas employment fell by 26,400, or 0.3 percent, during 2002. Most of this loss happened early in the first half of 2002, as the total loss was only 1,700 jobs from June to December. The lion's share of the lost jobs was in the manufacturing sector (33,900), and the majority of these were in only a few industries. Electronic equipment, computers, and apparel (clustered mainly along the Texas-Mexico border) accounted for most of the jobs lost in 2002.

Texas continues to struggle with the economic slow down that has plagued the entire U.S. economy for two years. The nation underwent a mild recession during the first three quarters of calendar 2001, and recovery has been on a rocky road since. Until recently, relatively strong consumer spending was the major factor helping the nation avoid a deeper recession, but this was mostly held aloft by vigorous automobile sales in response to low loan rates and other incentives. In recent months, consumer spending has surrendered to the general climate of slow wage and income growth. One exception is housing construction, which has benefited from the lowest mortgage rates in nearly forty years.

Still Texas fared better than much of the nation in the downturn of 2001 and 2002. Nine of the ten largest states lost jobs over the past year. Based on the rate of job change over the past year, Texas ranks third best among the ten largest states. Among these large states, Florida was the only one to add jobs, with a small gain of only 0.9 percent.

A rising tide of consumer confidence has failed to materialize so far. Occasional optimistic blips have been followed by declines in the face of a job market that has yet to blossom. Through much of 2002, the eco-

nomie slowdown did not stop consumer spending. Residential construction, in particular, was boosted by low mortgage rates to its best year since 1998. Mrs. Strayhorn says the real problems were, and are, a weak stock market, a plethora of corporate bookkeeping scandals, and a lack of business investment, which was clobbered by huge purchases of information processing and other equipment during the late 1990s. In Texas, the business investment downturn particularly hurt the state's once-booming firms producing computers, electronic components, telecommunications, and other high tech products.

During most of 2002, Texans established at least 6,000 new incorporations per month. New business incorporations during 2002 averaged 6,234 per month, up over 25 percent from a level of 4,975 per month during 2001.

Since it is a major factor driving housing, automobile and other major purchases, consumer confidence is a key to economic health, but it has been trending downward for over two years and is now at its lowest level in nine years.

Since the productivity of Texas workers has increased at a faster rate than the loss of jobs, Texas voided joining the

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Commissioners meet in regular session

Motley County Commissioners Court met for their regular meeting Monday, June 9. Members of the court present were Ed D. Smith, County Judge; Commissioners, Ronnie Davis, Precinct 1; Donnie Turner, Precinct 2; Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3; Russell Alexander, Precinct 4; and County Clerk Kate Hurt.

The County Clerk read the minutes from the previous meeting. The Court approved the minutes as read. Outstanding bills were reviewed by the Commissioners along with the reports by the Treasurer, Tax-Collector, County Agent, Justice of the Peace and Library. All bills and reports were approved.

Mayor Rodney Williams and Mr. Paul Westbrook met with the court to present an update on the Hackberry Creek Care Center. Mayor Williams informed the court that a new proposal will need to be drawn up to apply for the grant. They will be seeking \$3,500.00 from four entities to fund this. After discussion, Commissioners voted to table the matter.

Judge Smith presented the updated agreement with MHMR Center in Plainview. Commissioners voted to renew the Interlocal Agreement.

Tony Ellison from Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P., the tax attorney firm for the county, met with the court to discuss amending the contract with the County from 15% to 20% that the taxpayer will pay on delinquent taxes. This will be on 2002 delinquent taxes, anything previous will always remain at 15% as it has been. Commissioners voted to amend the contract.

Douglas Campbell of TxDOT informed the Commissioners the county will receive 500 yards of RAP. TxDOT will haul the materials and charge the county by yards.

Judge Smith informed the court that the position of Jennifer Trufan, Extension Agent, was eliminated by the State. Mrs. Trufan was employed by the Extension Service. Beth Whitner will fill the position and serve Cottle, King and Motley County.

School Board appoints new member

by Tina Brooks
School Board Reporter

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met on May 19, in a called meeting. All board members were present. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, David Stafford and Denise Ford.

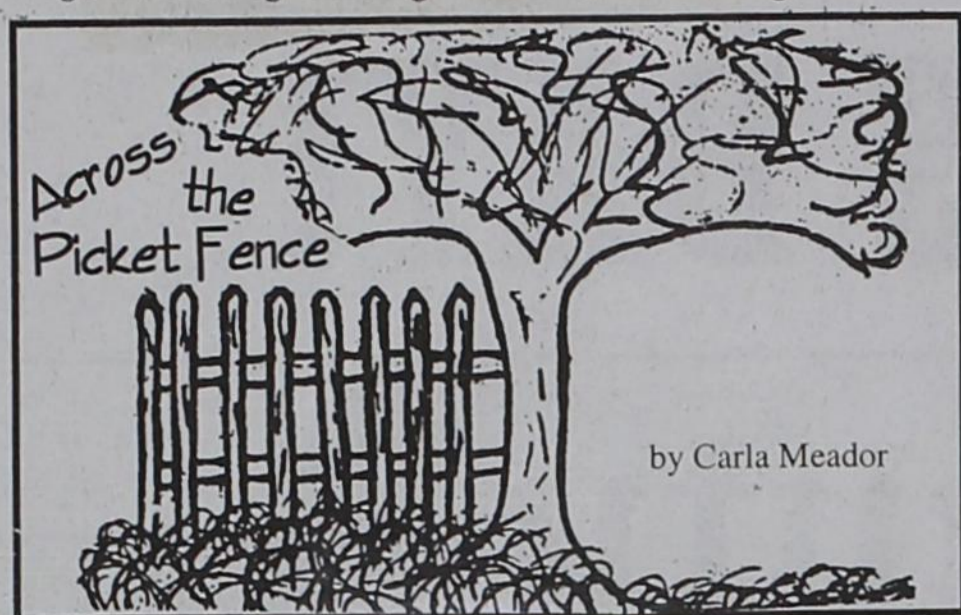
Mr. Copp informed the board that new signatures were needed for the bank card and reminded all members about the board training at Region 17 on June 3.

Tina Brooks made the motion, seconded by Pat Smith to appoint new board member, David Stafford, to replace J.D.

Russell. David Stafford will hold the position until the next regular election in May of 2004. Motion carried 6/0/1. J.D. Russell abstained from voting.

The Oath for the newly elected/appointed officer was administered by Denise Ford to David Stafford.

Mr. Copp informed the board of the Site Base decision to employ Marilyn Hicks as Principal for the 2003-2004 school year. Motion made by Pat Smith, seconded by Tina Brooks to employ Marilyn Hicks for a one year contract as principal for Motley County ISD. Motion carried 7/0.



Last Friday I celebrated my birthday. I won't say which one, although birthdays have never bothered me. I'm just glad and thankful to be here each day and to celebrate each birthday. I think I enjoyed this birthday more than any I can remember in recent years. There was no big celebration, not even a birthday cake, but the day was very special for me. My grandchildren, Morgan and Judson, and I set up a tent in my backyard and camped out. We had so much fun. We roasted marshmallows, told stories, made shadow puppets on the tent wall with a flashlight, and looked at the stars. We listened to the crickets and the birds sing and snuggled under quilts in the cool night. It was a wonderful experience.

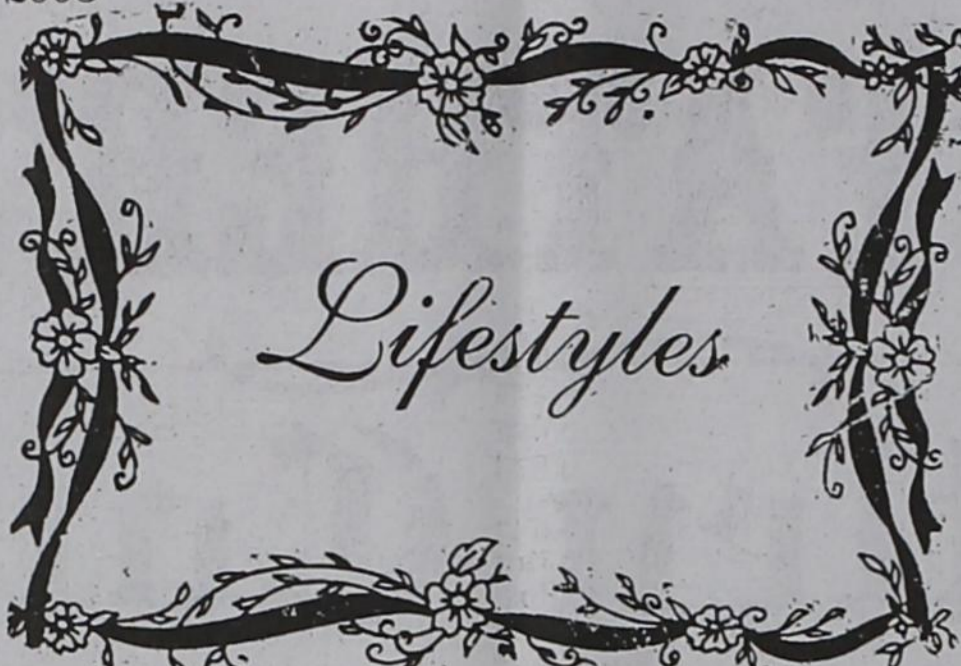
The evening brought back memories of when my son, my nephew Sean, and I camped in a tent in our backyard. Sometimes that tent would stay up for several days. It was such a treat to sleep outside. Jeremy was young and Sean was little, but it seems like yesterday. If you've never looked at the stars with your children or grandchildren, I highly recommend it.

When I was a child, my sister, my brothers and I loved to sleep outside. We didn't have a tent, just an old mattress and a

few blankets. All of us, two or three cousins, a few dogs and probably lots of fleas, would all sleep on that mattress in the wide open night under the stars. That even seems like yesterday. I can still remember the excitement we felt. We would talk and laugh way up into the night. We would look at the stars and try to pick out the big dipper, the little dipper, and searched for other shapes.

I guess there's just nothing better than feeling and smelling the cool, fresh night air. But I must confess, at 4:00 a.m., Meme woke up freezing. I was so cold I was shivering. Morgan and Judson were sleeping soundly and very comfortably. After trying to get warm and worrying if they were really warm enough, I gave in and went inside to get Jim to help me bring the little ones in. They never knew, and when they woke the next morning, Jud said, "Meme, why we not in the tent?" I just couldn't tell him that Meme was a whimp, so I explained how they were cold.

We're planning many more tent sleep-outs. And I plan to make sure I put in more covers. And for sure, an air mattress, because somehow over the years I think the ground has hardened!



Sunshine smiles and decor at Do Gooders club meeting

Though the weather was cloudy and damp Tuesday afternoon, June 3, members of the Do Gooders' Club brought sunshine smiles and laughter to the Community Center in Flomot.

Mrs. Waydella Clay conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Alma Shorter read the minutes of the May 6 club meeting that were approved. They will finish their projects for the Floydada and Lockney Care Centers at the next meeting. They put five each of the items completed in packets decorating them with colorful ribbon bows.

Hostesses Mrs. Alma Shorter and Mrs. Kathy Shorter

presided at a yellow flowery designed service. The table was laid with a yellow cloth with a beautiful crocheted overlay.

It was centered with a Spanish spot over flowing with a fern arrangement. They served crackers and pretzels with dip, nuts and pineapple punch.

Mrs. Erma Washington won the fern centerpiece in the raffle ticket drawing.

Those attending were Mesdames Nada Starkey, Susie Shannon, Barbara Payne, Leona Degan, B. Rogers, Geneva Martin, Trula Martin, Tommie Jo Cruise and those mentioned above.

Pivots & Divots

by Mary

Ladies play day on June 5th was for longest drive on #5. Playing 18 holes were Geneva, Jeannie, LaVoe and Louise. Jeannie won the ball. Playing 9 holes were Dartha, Judy, Nell, Tempie and Tommye. Nell won the ball.

Tuesday, June 3rd, scramble had 15 players. Winning first

with a score of 32 were Buzz, LaVoe and Tempie. Winning second with a score of 33 were Chance, Cassie and Geneva. Winning third with a score of 34 were Sut, Francine and Alan. Others playing were Russell, Lori, Conway, Gene, Jeannie and Corky. Alan won closest to the pin.

Kid's Camp Organizational Meeting will be held June 17th

An organizational meeting for Kid's Camp will be held Tuesday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center in Roaring Springs. Those who have volunteered and those who

would like to volunteer to help with Kid's Camp are urged to attend this meeting.

Kid's Camp is scheduled for July 28 - August 1.

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THREE GENERATIONS — Opal Bradford, a long time Motley County resident, celebrated her 95th birthday March 15, with family and friends. Pictured above are three generations, (from left to right) Chelsea Reid, great-granddaughter; Vana Reid, granddaughter; Mrs. Bradford, and son Van Bradford.



Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

The library appreciates the memorial donations that were received last week. We thank Jack and Shirley Smith and Steve Smith and Peggy Lee Krebbs and boys for their donation in memory of Leona Smith. We also appreciate the donation from Franklin and Susan Jameson in memory of Gale Stafford. We thank Betty and Vance Campbell for their donation in memory of Patty Lane. We also thank D.A. and Ruby McGuire for their donation in memory of Patty Lane.

Excitement is high at the Motley County Library as we prepare for our new shelves and carpet. We can hardly wait, too, to hang the new murals in the

kids' section. These murals are going to be colorful, entertaining, and educational all at the same time.

We have "weeded" some of the older adult fiction books and they are for sale now at the library. You can't beat the bargains - twenty-five cents for a hardback book and ten cents for a paperback. Come in and stock up on good reading material for these hot summer days.

The rain has been wonderful and best of all none of it is coming in the back door of the library like it used to. We appreciate the efforts of the County Commissioners in keeping our back yard clean and graded so we don't flood anymore.

Matador City Secretary attends recent seminar

Lara Davey, City Secretary and Matador Housing Authority Secretary, participated in a Rural Rental Housing Association of Texas, Inc., Advanced Rental Housing Management Seminar May 13-15 in Levelland. She successfully completed the management classes required by the Housing Authority by finishing the final exam at the top of her class with a grade of 100%.

During the management training, participants were divided into learning teams and were given case studies to study and present to the other groups involved in the training. The

case studies were based upon situations involving three components of management of a multi-family complex. Those components consisting of Occupancy, Community Management, and Maintenance. Mrs. Davey was named the secretary and co-manager for the Stewart Street Apartments in Matador, effective February 1, 2003.

After going through a complete renovation this past year, the apartments are accepting applications for tenancy. Contact Lara at City Hall for further information, 347-2255.

Ashley Stevens named to Dean's List

Ashley Stevens was placed on the Dean's Honor List at South Plains College for the 2003 Spring Semester. Ashley maintained a 3.50 average as a full-time student. She is also employed full-time as the Crime Victims Compensation Coordinator with the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office.

Ashley will continue her education in the fall at Texas Tech. She is the daughter of Bettye Stevens of Stinnett and Steve Stevens of Childress, and the granddaughter of John V. Stevens, Abilene, and Dorothy Hamilton of Paducah.

She is a 2001 graduate of Motley County High School.

GREAT BOOKS FOR DAD!

Too many titles to list!
Come see!

Motley County Tribune

"Your Influence is Powerful"



Never underestimate the power of individual influence. Jesus talked about His disciples being the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." Matthew 5:14-16. In the latest issue of *Evangelistically Speaking*, I read the following:

The Institute for American Church Growth asked over 10,000 people this question: "What was responsible for your coming to Christ and this Church?"

- * 5% responded that they were influenced most by a gospel meeting.
- * 1% replied that they had simply visited that church.
- * 3% indicated that they had a special need that was met by that particular church.
- * 3% said they just walked in off the street.
- * 5% gave credit to Bible classes.
- * 6% credited the minister.
- * An incredible 79% said that a friend or relative influenced them the most!!

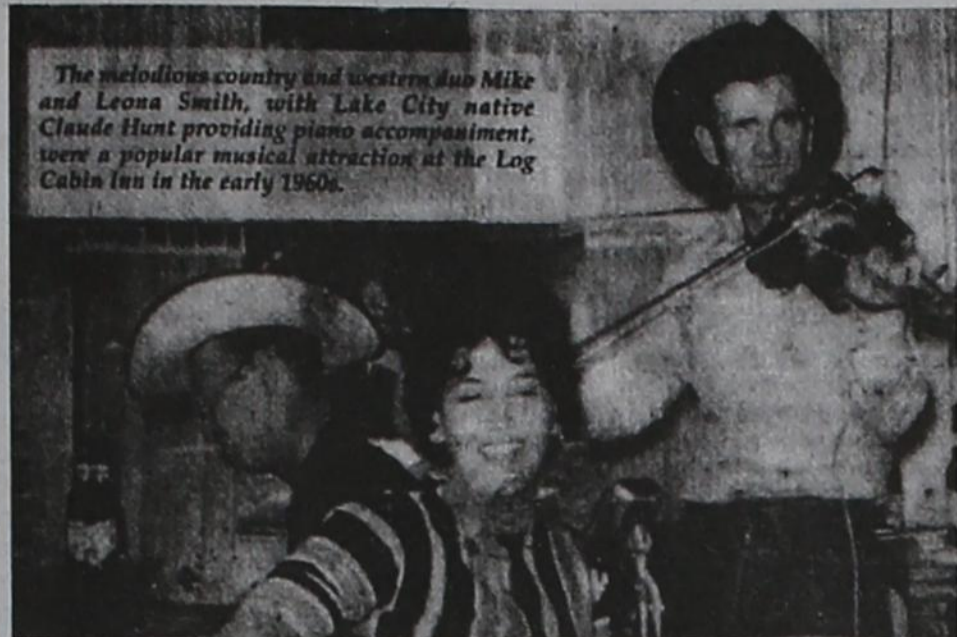
Now, read the above again carefully. Does anything jump out at you? How about PERSONAL INFLUENCE? What about your friends -- relatives -- could it be that they are just waiting your invitation? Could it be that some soul will be in heaven just because of YOUR personal influence? It's something to think about.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.



Leona Smith with husband Mike, right, and friend on piano perform at the Log Cabin Inn in Lake City, Colo. in the early 60's.
(Lake City Silver World photo)

PTO Plans



by Mary Ann Potts

As of Monday, May 19, the Motley County PTO met for the last time for the 2002-03 school year.

After D'anna Russell, President, called the meeting to order, the minutes were quickly read by Mary Ann Potts, Secretary, and Wendy Taylor, Treasurer, gave an account overview.

D'anna gave everyone an update on the Lowe's Register Receipt Contest which ended March 31. Motley County School collected over 81,000 Bonus Points to help purchase much needed school equipment and supplies. More information and details to follow.

Also, the two scholastic book fairs yielded MCS a profit of \$850, which allowed the PTO to purchase an array of books and software for the classrooms and library.

Since most of the PTO business had been taken care of at the April meeting, D'anna graciously thanked all the PTO members for making this school year a successful one, and presented all the officers with a thank you gift. We will hang out decorative country flag with pride. Thank you. D'anna also received an appreciation gift from all the PTO officers for her hard work, dedication and "periods of unappreciation" she endured. May you enjoy and display your decorative country flag with pride also.

And lastly, the election of officers for the 2003-04 school year took place with the following members elected to represent Motley County PTO next year:

Tina Brooks, President; Lara Davey, Vice President; Brooke Barton, Treasurer; and Mary Ann Potts, Secretary/Reporter.



PTO OFFICERS — Newly elected officers for the 2003-04 year are pictured left to right: Brooke Barton, Treasurer; Mary Ann Potts, Secretary/Reporter; Lara Davey, Vice-President; and Tina Brooks, President.

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Leona Smith remembered as popular musician

Note: This article first appeared in the *Lake City Silver World* of Lake City, Colo.

Lake City lost the final link with an important tourist-era musical legacy Thursday, May 29, 2003, with the death of Leona Holt Smith.

Mrs. Smith, 78, had been in poor health for some time prior to her death at Crosbyton Hospital in Crosbyton, Texas. She was buried beside her husband at Garden of Memories Cemetery, Paducah, Texas, on May 31.

The names Mike and Leona Smith conjure a near-magical memory for Lake City music devotees of the early 1960s through early 80s. Generations of Lake City residents and seasonal visitors were indoctrinated by the old-time ballads and contemporary country and western songs belted out by Leona, with subtle fiddle or guitar accompaniment by her husband, Mike.

Lake City played an important and continuing role for both of the musical Smiths. Their introduction to the area came in 1961 when they were hired to play at Frank Ponce's Quiet Valley Ranch on the upper Cebolla.

One summer evening, with guitars in hand, they moseied into Buster and Mary Walker's Log Cabin Inn on Third Street in Lake City and the rest, as they say, is pure musical history. "Everybody loved them, so we

hired them," Mary Walker Colopy recalled years later.

Between 1961 and 1982 the Smiths lived in Lake City on a near-continuous basis, their music venues including Jim and Therese Ryan's Elkhorn and, later, the Broad Axe; the Pine Cone Bar for both Stan and Nina Wronski, and Claudia Kirby; Frank Watters' VC-Bar Lodge; Dot and Aubrey Smith's Western Belle; and, finally, the Silver Street Saloon for Pete and Bobbi Petersen.

Leona attributed their Lake City longevity to unknowingly taking a drink from Hobo Springs on Henson Creek in the early 1960s. "There's just something special about these hills," she said with a sigh.

Prior to leaving Lake City for Matador, Texas, in 1982, Mike and Leona Smith paid tribute to their adopted mountain home by recording the country and western song, "Lake City, Colorado," a portion of the lyrics including the sentiment "Have you ever been up to Colorado? I spend a lot of time there in my mind. If God don't live in ole Lake City, I'll bet that's where he spends most of his time."

The song was described by Leona as a "sentimental look at Lake City, we wanted to leave something of ourselves."

According to the Smith's son, Lee, Mike and Leona longed for Lake City after their final move to Texas in the early

1980s. "It was the major part of their life, they longed to be there...that's where they wanted to be."

Leona Holt was the youngest of eight children both to Cottle County, Texas, pioneers Arthur P. and Sarah Melissa (Hendricks) Holt. She was born in Paducah, Texas, May 11, 1925.

Leona was noted for her singing and guitar-playing abilities at an early age, receiving her first guitar at age seven. She met her musical soulmate, E.B. "Mike" Smith while still in elementary school and married him at age 14 in 1939.

Mike Smith worked as a Texas cowboy, although it was the couple's love of music that took them on performing tours through Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, and Oklahoma. At his death in July, 1995, after 56 years of marriage, Leona noted, "and I wanted him for 56 more years."

Leona Smith is survived by two sons, Lee Smith, Matador, Texas, and Dennie Smith, Paducah, Texas; eight grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. She is also survived by a sister, Bonnie Porter of Paducah.

Summer Baseball Schedule

The first game on every night begins at 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12:

Liberty vs. Hornets
Twisters vs. Sluggers
Wolver vs. Waterdogs

FRIDAY, JUNE 13:

Hornets vs. Patriots
Liberty vs. Sluggers

MONDAY, JUNE 16:

Hornets vs. Midgets
Patriots vs. Liberty
Wolver vs. Waterdogs

TUESDAY, JUNE 17:

Liberty vs. Twisters
Sluggers vs. Patriots

THURSDAY, JUNE 19:

Sluggers vs. Hornets
Liberty vs. Midgets
Rangers vs. Waterdogs

FRIDAY, JUNE 20:

Patriots vs. Midgets
Hornets vs. Twisters
Rangers vs. Wolver

MONDAY, JUNE 23:

Patriots vs. Twisters
Sluggers vs. Midgets
Wolver vs. Rangers

TUESDAY, JUNE 24:

Twisters vs. Midgets
Ranges vs. Waterdogs

THURSDAY, JUNE 26:

Hornets vs. Liberty
Sluggers vs. Twisters
Waterdogs vs. Wolver

FRIDAY, JUNE 27:

Patriots vs. Hornets
Sluggers vs. Liberty
Coaches vs. Parents

TROPHY NIGHT!

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1st Grade: Conner Mason, Hannah Hulsey.

2nd Grade: Hance Davey, Juan Flores, Christina Moehringer, Neal Potts, Britt Simpson, Austin Taylor.

3rd Grade: Braden Mason, Clarissa Elizonda, Christian Brooks, Keyan Kautz, Garrett Jenschke.

4th Grade: Jay Potts, Kyla Simpson, Adriann Walker.

5th Grade: Xavier Elizondo.

6th Grade: None

7th Grade: None

8th Grade: None

9th Grade: Chance

Bingham, Ashlee Green.

10th Grade: Clay Cooper, Cody Cooper.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Joe and Joyce Meredith returned from a trip to Las Vegas, NV on Saturday, where they visited their son and family, Cody and Leah

Meredith, Angelica and Jonah. Angelica and Jonah accompanied them home for their summer vacation.

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

Today, old age and lack of faith, keep me chained to my easy chair. Then comes the thought that there are those who have no chair, nor the leisure to use it. Turn on the TV, and the smiling wide-awake face of a commentator greets you. There is an early bird who got out of bed and got to a job with a smile. An excuse, often not a reason, to "rise and shine," can be found, but what if everyone shirked his duty? What I think I am trying to say is that life was actually better when I was forced to help someone tote his share, instead of not being able to do so now; there are so many beautiful volunteers.

Even the passing of time, on which we can depend, is often a blessing. A comforting thought came to me recently when I was dreading an appointment with my ophthalmologist, that my mother was forever saying, "This also shall pass away." I could imagine the retina in my right eye had detached again, or that surely I could not go another year without an implanted lens, but the doctor dilated my pupils, and said he could see no change since last I saw him. Come back in another year! I hastily got out of there, saying to myself, "whose gonna be here next year"? Then back to my worrying.

MEMORIES OF THE TOM KING FAMILY

Daughter Myra died Friday. Her mother set many a "plate lunch" down on the counter in front of me

when I first had a job in Matador, and I paid a quarter for each one. I don't believe I had ever heard of tipping; anyhow, what could I have used?

I don't know what Tom King did. Do you suppose he cooked? Memory fails me again. I know I earned \$12 dollars every week. The jobs were a relief measure for teachers who could not find jobs during the Depression. The King boys were Curtis, Leonard "Toughy", and Carl "Froggy". My last memory of Myra was when she brought a wonderful chocolate cake to Lodge the night her husband received his 50-year membership pin. Myra was a lady-gracious, witty, intelligent, and a fateful, kind, friend.

On Saturday, my sister - in - law, Ruby Nichols, and niece Rita Little came, and we had lunch at the cafe, where they met my old friends. We visited Mrs. Daniell at the Travelers Inn. She showed Ruby and Rita upstairs to see all of the rooms in use. Ruby had a cafe in the building sometime in the '60's. Rita Little, who works with Childrens protective services in Lubbock, made fast friends with Edith's canary. Ruby and Rita Little also visited with Ruby's sister, Margie Payne. Edith is a wonderful hostess and cook.

Other visitors were Mrs. Ralph Marshall and Mrs. Coy Morris, former Patton Springs teachers, now residing in Crosbyton, who visited in Roaring Springs on Thursday.

Matador News

Visiting Friday through Sunday with Mrs. Juanita Cooper was her daughter and husband, Lynn and Pat Minton of Grandbury and granddaughter Chery (Minton) Rockwell, Elizabeth and Andrew of San Antonio. Joining the group on Saturday were family and friends to celebrate Juanita's 80th birthday, daughter and husband, Ken and Kay Dunnam of Amarillo; Van and Lee Bradford of Gruver; Gordon and Freddie Harmon of Mansfield; Lonnie Harmon of Hedley; Bill and Martha Harmon of Lubbock; Arthur Harmon of Amarillo; Harold and Vee Gordon, Joe and Loys Campbell, Jack Samford and Nina Barton of Matador.

Sunday afternoon Jack Samford and Mrs. Juanita Cooper drove to Amarillo and listened to the St. Stephens Methodist Church Choir perform in concert. Her

granddaughter, Kourtney Dunnam is a member of this group and did several specials. They had returned from a tour to Nashville, Tenn. Sunday afternoon.

Dan Barton attended memorial services for Inez (Pharis) Roe. The ladies graduated in the class of 1937. She married Pete Roe and they made their home in Floydada. The services were conducted in the Chapel of Moore-Rose-White funeral home, Saturday, June 7, at 2:30 p.m.

Luther and Edna Ruth Green drove to Whiteface to the home of their daughter, Virginia. She accompanied them to Cedar Park where they visited in the home of their eldest daughter, Patsy Scoggins, and attended granddaughter, Emily's high school graduation and a family reunion.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Chains do not bind a marriage together. It is threads, hundreds of tiny threads which sew people together through the years.

FAREWELL PARTY

A family fish fry and farewell party was given for Chad and Cindy Calvert Friday night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. They are moving to McLean, Virginia where Chad will be employed by the federal government with computer responsibilities.

Those attending and wishing them the best were Mrs. Keri Sehon and son, Brain of Ropesville; Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Milam and daughters, Emily and Haley of Petersburg; Mrs. Wanda Calvert of Turkey; Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador and granddaughter, Jacy Beam of Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter; Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stark of Flomot.

COMPETES IN GYMNASTIC REGIONAL III MEET

Danielle Gwinn was a competitor in the Regional III Gymnastic Meet the weekend of June 6-8 at the Civic Center in Lubbock. She placed 5th in her Trampoline Flight and 7th in her Tumbling Flight. Many states were represented in the Meet.

Her mother, Mrs. Darla Gwinn accompanied her to Lubbock and they were guests in the home of Mrs. Aly Gwinn. Also attending were Mrs. Maria Cruse of Turkey and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Mrs. Waydette Clay and Mrs. Geneva Martin attended the funeral services of Jake "Dake" Merritt held in Morton Monday morning, June 2nd.

Dane Degan and son, Kyler of Crosbyton visited grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and uncle, Donnie Rogers, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock visited the weekend with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert, Glen Calvert and Justin Reed.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Friday with his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey.

Ruth and Orville Lee attended to business and enjoyed entertainment in Lubbock, Saturday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross, Friday were Joe Edd Carson of Cotton Center and grandson, Sawyer Straw of Littlefield; Don Carson of Olton and grandson, Julian Patton of Lubbock.

Those attending the Chemical Seminar at the Farm Store in Quitque, Friday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington, Mary Ellen Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee, Roger Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers, Donnie Rogers, and Arnold Johnson. Attending from Floydada were Marisue Potts and Ralph Powell.

Karlee Kleibrink of Clifton visited from Sunday until Thursday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay accompanied her home as they were enroute to Houson for Mrs. Clay a medical checkup at the MD Anderson Hospital. On their return trip home they accompanied their son, Tanner, from Clifton, where he had visited in the Kevon Kleibrink home.

Struggling Economy

from page 1

nation in recession, but just barely. Texas skirted along with negligible output growth. The state's employment growth fell to an annualized rate of just below one percent in the second and third quarters of 2002, but according to the Comptroller's econometric model of the Texas economy, productivity growth was sufficient to counterbalance the net loss of jobs in every quarter.

Texas' average unemployment rate in 2002 was higher than in 2001, but after rising

steadily for nearly a year and a half, its monthly levels remained stable, at around 6.4 percent, over the last nine months of 2002.

Comptroller Strayhorn said in her report that the outlook for 2003 and 2004 is good. During the next two years, the Texas economy will gradually improve, but given the depth of the national and international slump and the characteristics of the market, the process will be more gradual than is typical after economic downturns. The state comptroller predicts that real gross state product growth will edge upwards toward a more moderate 3.5 percent in 2003 and 4.2 percent in 2004.

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Obituaries

Bonnie Turner Grimland

Bonnie Turner Grimland, 74, died Sunday, May 18, 2003, in Matthews, North Carolina.

A service in Amarillo will be announced by the family at a later date. Arrangements are by McEwen Funeral Service.

Mrs. Grimland was born April 3, 1929, in Flomot, Texas a daughter of the late Thomas Turner and Estella Scrivner Turner. She had worked as a dental assistant at the Veteran Hospitals in Amarillo and Lubbock for 30 years. Mrs. Grimland was an active supporter and volunteer with the Hospice in Texas.

She had lived in the Charlotte area for the past several years to be

close to her children.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Roy Grimland in 1983.

Survivors include two children, Sandi Kibat and husband, Bob of Matthews, N.C. and Tommy Grimland and wife, Cynthia of Mint Hill, N.C.; a sister, Thelma Brown of Amarillo; two brothers, Riley Turner of Lubbock and Ben Turner of Incline Village, Nevada; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to a Hospice of the donor's choice.

James 'Dake' Merritt

Funeral services for James "Dake" Merritt were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 2nd at the First Baptist Church in Morton. The Rev. Paul Lively officiated. Burial was in the Morton Memorial Cemetery.

He was born March 24, 1927, in Matador and died May 29, 2003, in Decatur. He attended schools in White Star, Whiteflat and graduated

from Flomot High School in 1945. He lived in the Morton community since 1947. He was a farmer.

Survivors include two sons, Dee of Decatur and Coy of Morton; mother Amy Bynum Merritt of Morton, brother, Evin Merritt of Granbury; aunt Irena Morris of Keller; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Myra Spears

Funeral services for Myra Spears, 91, of Matador, were held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, June 8, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Jack Boggs, pastor. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Spears died early Friday at Crosbyton Hospital.

The former Myra Jessie King was born October 13, 1911, at Matador. She married Tom Spears April 4, 1935, at Plainview, Texas. They made their home at Flomot from 1937 until moving to Matador in 1961.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Matador. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and had worked as the bookkeeper for Spears Gin in Flomot, until moving to Matador.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Curtis, Leonard, and Carl King. Tom Spears died January 19, 1996.

She is survived by a sister-in-law, Rene King of Floydada and by several nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were David Thompson, Tommy Hurt, Crystol Swaringen, Grady Swaringen, Larry Hoyle, and Kenny Barton.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Keep up the good work. We love reading your newspaper although we live in California. We have many family members who live in Matador and Roaring Springs who we get to read about and hear what is going on in their lives. You do a great job covering the current events that are going on in the world as well as what is happening in Motley County.

We enjoyed reading about the businesses in your area. We are looking forward to checking out the Traveler's Inn in Roaring Springs next time we are out for a visit. We especially enjoy reading about what is going on in the lives of the High School kids. We recognize a lot of them because they are our family and we are proud to see that they are all doing so good in school and in sports.

We enjoy all that you put into the paper, we know it is hard work. To you and your staff, we send a great big THANK YOU!

Vern and Brenda Jones
Atascadero, California

PRAY!

I was concerned to learn of the water damage in the Motley County Museum. I feel it is important to preserve the rich history of Motley County and would like to see the problems at the museum building corrected as soon as possible.

The old hospital building that now houses the museum holds a lot of memories for me as both my grandfather and great-grandfather who practiced there (Dr's A.C. Traweek Jr. & Sr.).

I have recently made a donation towards having the problems at the museum building fixed and I hope others will follow suit. This museum belongs to all the people of Motley County and to see it fall into disrepair would be a tremendous loss to the citizens of the county. This important repository of Motley County history must be preserved.

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FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

by Debbie Shaw, CED



CROP DISASTER PROGRAM

The Crop Disaster Program sign-up began June 6, 2003. The office staff will be trained the week of June 9. We are receiving software and RMA downloads and will receive the CDP handbook while at training. Please call for an appointment.

Livestock Compensation Program. If you had eligible cattle that you had owned 90 days with June 1st of 2002 being within the 90 day ownership period, please come into the office. Producers are required at time of sign up to furnish documentation for sold livestock and/or death loss and must be in compliance with HEL provisions.

LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION II

The final date to apply for LCP-II is July 3, 2003. This program is for producers who missed signing up for the first

CROP REPORTING
Tuesday, July 15th is the final date to certify all crops and cropland for 2003 or request measurement service.

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

by Lonnie Jenschke
Motley County Extension Agent



CONVERTING LIVESTOCK WASTE INTO ELECTRICITY

Dairy and stockyard producers could soon find their biggest challenge becoming a huge asset. A USDA pilot project in California's Chino Basin could help livestock producers dispose of animal waste, protect the environment, and make money all at the same time. A device called the "manure digester" uses microorganisms to break down methane in manure and convert it into electricity. Producers could then use the generated electricity to maintain their operations, or possibly sell the electricity to other entities. Using this device reduces the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus deposited on the land and into lagoons. If the program proves successful, producers could turn a stream of waste into a stream of income.

Examples for Estimating Wheat Yields

The following is an example to use when estimating potential wheat yields.

Example models 1, 2, and 3 below estimate yields at 15, 20 and 40 seeds per pound. These examples give a constant seed size of 16,000 per head. Example

4 estimates yield at 20 seed per head with a seed size of 18,000 per pound.

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Example 1: assume 15 seeds per head and seed size of 16,000 seeds per lb.

Yield = ? heads per sq. ft. x (15/16,000 x 726

Yield = ? heads per sq. ft. x 0.68

Example 2: assume 20 seeds per head and 16,000 seeds per lb.

Yield = ? heads per sq. ft. x 20/16,000 x 726

Yield = ? heads per sq. ft. x 0.91

Example 3: assume 40 seeds per head and 16,000 seeds per lb.

Yield = ? heads per sq. ft. x 40/16,000 x 726

Yield = ? heads per sq. ft. x 1.82

Example 4: assume 20 seed/head and 18,000 seed/lb.

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DISASTER SIGN-UP OFFICIALLY BEGINS; TEXAS FSA ANNOUNCES UNHARVESTED FACTORS
Officials from the Texas Farm Service Agency have announced another piece of the Disaster Program puzzle with the release of 2001-2002 Disaster Assistance Program unharvested factors.

The announcement of a 12 percent unharvested factor for Upland cotton is good news for Texas producers who lost crops in either 2001 or 2002.

"Our primary focus at Plains Cotton Growers in regard to the Disaster program's unharvested factors was to fight for the lowest factor possible in order to keep producers from taking additional, unwarranted reductions on disaster payments," explains PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

Verett added that, "Since early May we have worked closely with the State FSA Committee in examining the requirements of the disaster program in regard to setting unharvested factors. PCG encouraged the State Committee to use the full discretion allowed by the Disaster Bill to set an unharvested factor for cotton that most accurately reflects the true harvest cost of the crop."

Verett points out that further justification for the single factor, as opposed to the multi-tiered unharvested factors used in 2000, is the new benefit cap provisions that will prevent any program participant from receiving more through insurance and disaster payments than they would have received without a crop loss.

Working closely with Texas FSA personnel, Texas Cooperative Extension and growers, PCG helped develop realistic production budgets and provide that information to the Texas State FSA Committee for their use in developing the unharvested factors for Upland cotton.

Additional unharvested payment factors of interest to High Plains producers include, 14%, Grain Sorghum, 14%, Peanuts, 25%; and, Wheat, 14%.

Even though the official start date for 2001-2002 Disaster Assistance Program has finally arrived, producers probably shouldn't worry about getting to the FSA office in any big hurry.

There are a number of reasons why the Disaster sign-up process will probably not get to full speed until later this month.

The first is that recent rains will undoubtedly spur an increased need for crop certifications so that farms destroyed by recent hail storms can be released to insurance. Also, FSA staff are still working through the ongoing CRP sign-up and receiving training on the in's and out's of the completely new Crop Disaster Program for 2001-20002.

For producers the best advice is probably to hold off a little while before trying to set up a Disaster Program sign-up appointment. The extra time will provide both producers and FSA the breathing room they need to take care of the other's priority needs first and make sure the Disaster sign-up process proceeds at the smoothest, possible pace.

COTTONSEED ASSISTANCE UPDATE

USDA officials have reported that 2002 - crop Cottonseed Assistance payments have been processed and that recipients of the payments should have begun seeing evidence of the transfer as early as Thursday, June 5.

The final payment rate for the 2002 Cottonseed Assistance program was \$7.75 per ton or roughly \$2.99 per bale of cotton ginned in 2002.

The full \$50 million, less a reserve amount of \$50,000 to handle appeals and corrections, was distributed.

Any gin that has problems in verifying the electronic deposit of the Cottonseed assistance payment should contact the bank to determine if the payment has been received and properly credited or of necessary call USDA's Gene Rosera, at (202) 720-8481, for assistance in tracking the payment and correcting the situation.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

FATHER'S DAY BAKE SALE, Saturday, June 14, in front of Lowe's. This is a fund-raiser for Brittany Moore to represent Motley County and Texas in Columbus, Ohio, for a national basketball tournament.

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