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Local candidates file for May elections

With Wednesday, March 21, the last date to file for the May municipal elections, only a few local candidates have thrown their hats in the race.

In Matador, with three places up for election, Incumbents James "Tootie" Meador, Jimmy Watson and Doyle Rose have filed for re-election for the City Council.

At newtime two individuals have filed for a place on the School Board, but names were not released to the

paper. There are two places up for election, those currently held by Jeff Thacker and Bill Luckett.

In Roaring Springs, with three places available on the City Council, Incumbent Venita Sedgwick has filed, along with Amy Perryman, Timmy Brooks and Alex Crowder.

The Motley County Hospital Board will have two places available, currently held by Charley Johnson and Deb Jones. Both candidates

have filed for re-election.

The election will be held on Saturday, May 5. The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and remain open until 7:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Roaring Springs, Depot
Matador, Courthouse
Flomot, Community Center
Northfield, Cemetery building.

Early voting will begin April 18 and continue through May 1.

Parent's concerns addressed at recent School Board meeting

Concerns of Mrs. Katherine Walker, a Matador resident and mother of Motley County students, were addressed when the Motley County School Board met for their regular meeting, March 8. Mrs. Walker's concerns include making sure that all precautions are in place to make sure that each and every student is supervised and monitored throughout the day; teachers are in the halls during breaks; students are not left alone in the classrooms; and the elementary teachers supervise the loading of the busses every afternoon until the drivers arrive.

The PTO is responsible for a volunteer program and the PTO president had been contacted by Mrs. Walker to volunteer for the sixth grade room. The teacher did not feel she needed a volunteer for her class.

Another concern of Mrs. Walker's which was discussed at the February meeting, was the need for a school nurse. Motley County ISD does not have the funding available to employ a full time nurse at this time. Grants have been researched to offset the cost, however, due to the size of Motley County ISD, there are no grant funds available. The Board discussed the possibility of a volunteer and would pursue this further if there is someone with a nursing degree who would be willing to volunteer their time as a school nurse. It is not necessary for the school to have a full time nurse due to the closeness of Motley County Clinic and the available medical response team in Matador.

Superintendent Rick Copp informed Board members of athletic participation information and results. Brenda Gillespie qualified for state at the regional Powerlifting

met. She received first in her division at Regional and fourth overall. The girls golf team placed second at Wellington and second at Idalou.

Mr. Copp also announced All District honors for the girls and boys basketball teams. Receiving all district honors for the boys were Clint Cooper, Casey Lawrence, Jermaine Hendrix, Chis Paul and Benjamin Ridgley. Girls receiving all-district honors are Rabeca Morris, Shandra Jones, Denise Shannon, Brittany Donaldson, Courtney Hays, and Chasity Holman.

Motley County ISD has received eight new Dell laptop computers to be used in the classroom and the Distance Learning Lab through a TIE Grant with the Regional 17 ESC.

A driver's education teacher has been contacted and will be taught for the Motley County ISD students in July. More information about this can be obtained at the administration office.

Mr. Copp announced that, at present, the attendance rate for Motley County ISD is 95.32% and enrollment is at 195.

The board approved the minutes of the previous meeting. The expenditure report was approved and financial statements were reviewed.

Mr. Jim Cooper, Ag teacher, explained to the board of the Junior FFA Program. This program is available to anyone interested, however the Junior FFA members are only eligible to participate in stock shows, no other activities. More information on this matter is available from Mr. Cooper.

Election judges were approved as follows:

Precincts 1, 5, and 6, Luther Green; Precinct 2, Fannie (Susie)

Shannon; Precinct 3, Betty Simpson; Precinct 4, D.A. McGuire.

March 22 was set for the date to draw positions for the ballot for the May 5 election.

Other items for board action included voting on Region 17 ESC board of directors; approving a waiver to TEA to continue teaching and giving one local credit and one state credit for Algebra I-IV; approving the technology plan to be submitted to TEA; and approving the Workman's Comp. plan with Hibbs/Hallmark.

Board adopted the textbook list for 2001-02. The following categories of textbooks are up for adoption for the 2001-02 school year:

Language Arts, grades 2-12; Reading, grades 4-5; Literature, grades 6-8; English as a Second Language, grades 9-12.

Board members approved the purchase of a new 28-passenger bus for delivery in the fall of 2001, with the General Services Commission.

The Board entered executive session at 8:30 p.m.

Board exited executive session at 9:08 p.m. and approved the following personnel contracts:

Coach Amy Bowles, Coach/Teacher.

Coach Robert Ridgley, Coach/Teacher.

Approved all other teacher contracts as assigned by Superintendent.

Employed Sonya Herrell as the new Principal.

Tabled Coach Michael Nordquist contract until requirements are met.

All board members, with the exception of Marisue Potts and Coy Franks were present for the meeting. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp and Betty Stevens. Representing the Motley County staff was Ronnie Cox.



ONE ACT PLAY — These cast members of the 2001 Motley County One Act Play presented "A Rose For Emily" for the community on Tuesday night. They are pictured left to right, Benjamin Ridgley as Homer Barron; Leigha Burns as Emily Grierson; Charity Bartlett as Meredith Wyatt; Dumont Darsey as Will Cartwright; Courtney Hays as Elda Tate; Stachia Baxter as Eulola Holcomb; Brandon Lee as Dewey Nix; (in front) Chooch Meyer as Reavis Quinton and Chantry Meyer as General Silas Chambers. The play is based on the short story by William Faulkner. Cast members will present the play in competition on Thursday, March 22, at Jayton. Crew members are Ashley Stevens, Kelsi Wallace and Mandi Ream.

Matador business discussed by Council members at recent meeting

The Matador City Council met for their regular meeting, Thursday, March 8. Attending the meeting were Council members, Shane Jones, Jimmy Watson, Doyle Rose, Fred Parson and Mayor Rodney Williams; Water Superintendent Steve Barton and City Secretary Linda Perryman.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Minutes from the February 8 meeting and the special meeting held February 26 were read and approved.

Bills were reviewed and discussed.

Mayor Williams presented the Council with the 2001-02 budget. After some discussion, the budget was adopted.

Council members discussed upgrading the cell phone plan to a plan with more minutes. Council voted to upgrade the plan, since this is the means of communication for city employees.

Mayor Williams informed the council that City Attorney Tom Hamilton and County Attorney Tempie Hutton are working on the negotiations concerning three lots the county owns. There are also two other lots the city is considering buying. One of the lots belongs to James Meador and Jim Meador and the other is owned by Larry Clifton. Council members discussed the prices of the lots and voted to purchase both.

Mayor Williams approached the Council about considering a leak adjustment to water customers on a case by case basis. This was tabled until the next meeting.

The Council had received two quotes from insurance companies and decided to advertise for bids.

Council member, Shane Jones, presented the council with a list of expenditures concerning the cost of redoing the upstairs section of City Hall.

Council members reviewed the Treasurer's report.

Water superintendent Steve Barton informed the Council that the rebuilt pump in Roaring Springs is working very well.

Around the County

MCYO meeting set for Monday

A MCYO (Motley County Youth Organization) meeting has been set for Monday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m., in the school cafeteria.

The upcoming Summer Baseball program will be discussed. Please make plans to attend.

Health Screening Clinic scheduled in Flomot

The Do Gooders' Club of Flomot is sponsoring a Health Screening Clinic conducted by the Texas Department of Health, Tuesday, April 3, at the Flomot Community Center. The screenings will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Texas Department of Health personnel will give blood pressure screening and other medical tests free of charge.

Everyone is urged to take advantage of this medical service.

March Sales Tax rebates delivered to Texas cities

Roaring Springs shows big percentage increase

Austin -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered on Friday, March 9, a total of \$200.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,105 Texas cities and 119 counties, a 2.3 percent increase over the \$196.1 million allocated to cities and counties in March, 2000. Sales tax rebates for the first three months of 2001 are up 4.5 percent, compared to the first three months of 2000.

Comptroller Rylander sent sales tax rebates totaling \$185.3 million to Texas cities, 3 percent higher than last March's payments of \$179.8 million. Rebates of \$15.3 million to Texas counties were down 5.4 percent compared to allocations of \$16.2 million in March, 2000.

The state's six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit

departments received \$70.9 million. Another \$6.5 million went to 58 special purpose districts.

March sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in January and reported to the Comptroller in February.

Matador, with a current rate of 1.000%, received a net payment this period of \$1,635.05, compared to \$1,810.53 last year, a -9.69% change. 2001 payments to date are \$7,964.63, compared to \$6,785.57 at this time last year, a 17.37% change.

Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 2.000%, received a net payment this period of \$815.01, compared to \$1,492.42 last year, a -45.39% change. 2001 payments to date are \$7,868.71, compared to \$2,29.60 at this time last year, a 199.23% change.



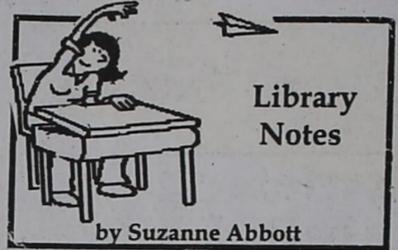
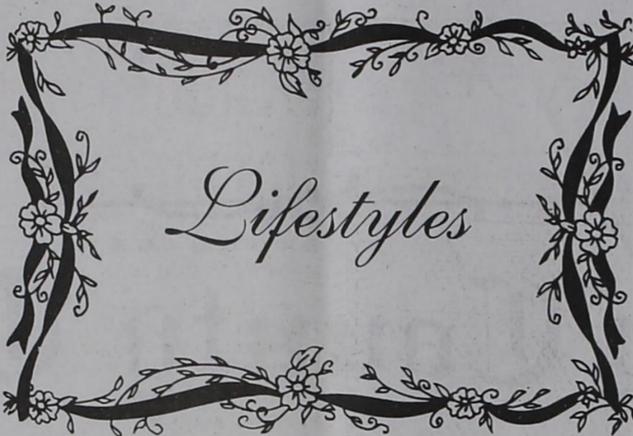
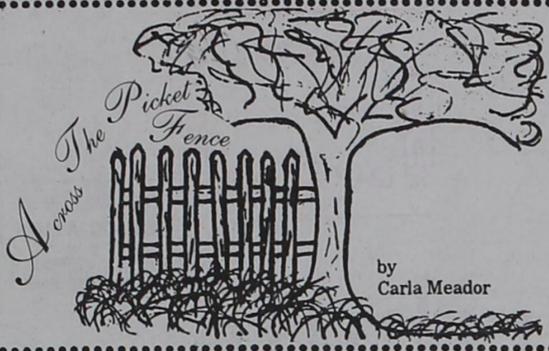
FIRST AT STATE — Brenda Gillespie is all smiles after winning first at the State Powerlifting meet held in Killeen last Friday and bringing home this gold medal.

Gillespie wins first at State Powerlifting meet

Brenda Gillespie captured gold, on Friday, March 16, in Killeen, by winning first place in the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association state meet, class 1A. Brenda competes in the 105 pound weight category and qualified to attend the state meet by lifting a total of 500 pounds at the regional meet held two weeks previous in Colorado City.

The state meet was held at Fort Hood in Abrams Gym, where approximately 450 girls from all over Texas were in attendance. The competition was tough and the outcome of the contest was not decided until the last lift. Lifts are done in three categories; squat, bench and dead lift. The lifters must lift as much weight as possible but it must also be done with style and technique. Judges at the state meet are strict and all lifters had to deal with not only the weight but the technique as well. Poor technique results in a "red light" and the lift is disqualified.

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

When in sorrow, call John 14
 When you are lonely or fearful, call Psalms 23.
 When you want to be fruitful, call John 15.
 When you want rest and peace, call Matthew 11:25-30.
 When you have sinned, call Psalms 51.
 When you grow bitter and critical, call I Corinthians 13.
 When you worry, call Matthew 6:19-34.
 When you feel down and out, call Romans 8:31-39.
 When your prayers grow selfish, call Psalms 67.
 When you are in danger, call Psalms 91.

When your faith needs stirring, call Hebrews 11.
 When God seems far away, call Psalms 139.
 When others fail you, call Psalms 27.
 When you leave home to labor or travel, call Psalms 121.
 When you want assurance, call Romans 8:1-30.
 For Paul's secret of happiness, call Colossians 3:12-17.
 For Paul's idea of Christianity, call II Corinthians 5:15-19.
 When the world seems bigger than God, call Psalms 70.

 Post these "emergency numbers" with your others, and they just may turn out to be the most important list you have.

Community Volunteers plan Kids Camp 2001

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers, Inc. discussed Kids Camp 2001, when they met for their regular meeting, March 13. Grace Zabielski and Jo Trammell, hostesses, provided a delicious meal for the group.

A report was made by the newly appointed Goals Team leader, by Alex Crowder. The Goals Team outlined the long term goals set for the organization and announced that the first thing project is to plant wildflowers all around the area. Volunteers would appreciate any flower seed donations, if anyone has some they would like to share. At the next meeting of the Goals Team on April 5, the community leaders from Spur, Dickens, Matador, Turkey and Quitaque will be invited to help brainstorm ways to improve the entire region and to promote a regional economic development cooperation.

A report on Kids Camp 2001 was made by Darleen Fletcher. The theme for this year's Kids Camp is "Kids Creating Circles of Peace." The children will learn ways in which they can help create peace within their world and also ways in which they can respond to violence in peaceful ways.

A team of Peace With Justice advocates will be hand to help. The children will also be making "trash sculptures" out of clean, safe trash. Trash donations, including items such as cereal boxes, soap boxes, plastic bowls, lids or anything that could be envisioned as a trash sculpture, are being accepted. Other items needed are old hats, scarves, gloves, clothing or any other item that could be used as props for skits are also accepted. Suzanne Abbott will accept such items at the Library.

Pivots & Divots
 by Geneva



Frances Hobbs was hostess to the first Golf Lunch for 2001 in her beautiful home on March 15. Each person brought a covered dish and the meal was delicious. Those attending and paying dues were Louise Barton, Jeanette Case, Joanie Stephens, LaVoe Thacker, Marihelen Wason, Mary Jones, Mary Lou Williams, Olivia Barton, Francis Hobbs and Geneva Wilson.
 We welcome Joanie Stephens and Jeanette Case as new members.

We need all the members we can get. Francis Hobbs conducted the business meeting. Old and new business was discussed, but nothing definitely was decided at this time.
 We couldn't play golf because of the terrible sand storm, but we enjoyed the meal and the visiting.
 Thanks to Francis for having us in her home and to Holly for making the yearbooks. They are great.
 Hope to see all of you on the golf course.

The Green of Ireland featured at Do Gooders' Club meeting

The Green of Ireland in observance of St. Patrick's Day, the patron saint of Ireland, greeted members of the Do Gooders' Club Tuesday afternoon, March 6, at the Community Center in Flomot.
 As each member entered the building, they were given a green ribbon for her lapel. When someone saw another crossing her legs, she should get her ribbon. Mrs. Barbara Payne collected the most ribbons and was presented two ceramic frogs.
 Mrs. Suzie Shannon, president, conducted the business meeting. The annual Health Clinic sponsored by the Club will be held at the Community Center April 5th. Details will be published at a later date in the Tribune. At this monthly club meeting, they voted for members to bring an April Fool Day gift to be exchanged.
 Mesdames B. Rogers, Suzie Shannon and Barbara Payne presided at green crystal appointments. A green and white table runner featur-

ing leprechauns was over a table laid with a white cloth. The centerpiece was a Jonquil plant arrangement in a large leprechaun vase. A fountain of water flowing over blarney stones and shamrock leaves sprinkled around completed the Emerald Isle decor.
 Refreshments including a vegetable tray and crackers, with broccoli dip, cake and cookies with green icing, mints, spiced tea and coffee were served.
 The birthday of Mrs. Geneva Martin was celebrated with cards, song and gifts. She won the cascading ivy plant on which chances were sold.
 Those attending were Mesdames Anna Beth Clay, Trula Martin, Waydette Clay, Tommie Jo Cruse, Mary Jo Calvert, Kathy Shorter, Geneva Martin, Nada Starkey, Barbara Payne, Suzie Shannon and B. Rogers. Guest was Tanya Starkey of Wellington.

El Progreso Club hears Nuclear operations program

by Beverly Vinson

Enthralling El Progreso club members and guests who had gathered Thursday evening, March 15, at the First United Methodist Church was Neil Stuart Harris, son of Jeanne Adams, club President. He has been with TXU for 20 years, 2 years in Nuclear Operations; 7 years in Quality Assurance and 11 years in Regulatory Affairs.

His most interesting program followed the meeting's opening, with the president calling the session to order. Invocation was given by Beverly Vinson. Grace Campbell, Federation Reporter, presented the name of Kaci Risser for the Musical Penney Scholarship from Santa Rosa District TFWC-GFWC. The club voted unanimously to endorse her. A salad supper was enjoyed by everyone as Mr. Harris proceeded with the program the night.

Mr. Harris' areas of expertise are environmental activities, chemistry, emergency planning, computer programming, certified lead auditor for quality assurance and facility security. He is responsible for supervising offsite radiation monitoring, tracking and recommending protective actions as necessary during emergencies and assuring the Texas Bureau of Radiation and the NRC are aware of conditions and recommendations and coordinating these activities.

He resides in Stephenville, but works in Glen Rose at Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant. He brought many "show and tell" items to emphasize his program, mentioning there is good and bad that can come from nuclear power, stating "quality control is the utmost aim of any project, even to checking gardens in the area for any problems."

There are 106 nuclear power plants in the U.S. with Comanche Peak one of the top ten for which it has won awards for its excellent performance. He also discussed the accidents at Chernobyl and Three-Mile Island and told what had caused them. This nuclear age started with the atom was split and now fusion is "in the works" as it produces more energy. The group was told there are four types of Reactors: 1. Boiling Water; 2. High Temperature Gas; 3. Graphite Core; and 4. Pressurized Water. Twenty-five percent of electricity in the U.S. is nuclear. Comanche Peak produces 80% of the electricity used in the North Texas area TXU services. TSU has built 12 plants in the last nine years. Squal Creek Dam was built for Comanche Peaks' use with the intake and output of the water at a constant 87 degrees. Graphics and pictures were used to show the audience what, where, how, etc. goes on at the plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Campbell were presented coffee mugs with the Comanche Peak logo. Mrs. Campbell is past president of the Santa Rosa District TFWC.

Guests attending were Peggy James, Irene Welling, Tom Adams,

Rick Copp, Greta Smallwood, Harold Campbell, Furman Vinson, Joyce Campbell, Larry Allen, Bill Koon, Stuart Harris and friend, Sherry. Members present were Gerry Jones, Jeanne Adams, Lana Copp, Lucretia (R.E.) Campbell, Opal Pipkin, Lou Walker, Loys Campbell, Grace Campbell, Beverly Vinson, Sharon Allen, Billie Koon and Winifred Darsey.

The Motley County Library has a display case full of elegant needlework that you will enjoy looking at. In addition, in frames, in the library we are displaying three beautiful pieces. We thank Rita Groves, Charlotte Johnson Robertson, Fredia Burns, Linda Ruhl, Patricia Green, Ruby McGuire, Gerry Jones, Suzanne Abbott, Lula Swim, Darleen Fletcher, Betty Moore, and Bertha Moore for lending us items for this display. We needed some tatting so Bertha Moore just whipped out her shuttle and made a beautiful string of lace. We thank all of these talented people for sharing with the library.
 We appreciate the donations to the library endowment fund by Rita Groves in memory of Alton "Susie" Marshall. We thank all who donate to the library — it helps keep the doors open and the collection up-to-date.
 We are still reading *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver for our first book discussion. The waiting list has four names on it. Since people are still reading this book, we will not set a date for the discussion just yet. We have chosen another book for a book discussion. This book is *On Bear Mountain* by Deborah Smith. If you have not read this delightful story, come in and get your name on this list also. While it will not be absolutely necessary to have read the book being discussed, you will get more out of the program if you have.

The Friends of the Library are having two functions in April. On April 11 we will have another tea party this one is an Easter Parade of hats. On April 22, the Friends will be bringing a speaker to the library at 2:30 p.m. Dr. Estelle Owens, professor at Wayland, will speak on *Life in the Texas Republic, 1836-1845*. Dr. Owens is a lively, entertaining speaker and I know you will enjoy hearing her. Please put these two dates on your calendar and join us at the library.
 Please note that the library will close today, Thursday, at 5:15 p.m.

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Codi Payton Carter Lester

Payton and Kristie Lester of Spur would like to announce the arrival of their son, Codi Payton Carter Lester. Codi was born February 21, 2001 at 1:20 p.m. at UMC in Lubbock. He weighed 2 pounds 2 ounces and was 13 1/2 inches long. He has two older brothers, Andrew, 5, and Zachary, 2. Grandparents are Dorothy Lester of Matador and Glenn Maynard of Lubbock, and Lester and Martha Phillips of Spur. Great-grandparents are Rosie and Valta Deaton of Matador.

A Note of Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their encouragement when I went to Regionals and to State in Powerlifting. The support of the community has meant a lot to me. Thank you!

Brenda Gillespie

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS!

Gospel Meeting

Matador Church of Christ
 Matador, Texas

With Carroll F. Sites, Evangelist
 of Higdon, Arkansas

In a Series of Biblical Lessons

March 25-29

Sunday Bible Classes - 10 a.m. - Have A Good Day
 Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. - Simplist Sermon Ever Preached
 Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. - Salvation - Human And Devine

Services Monday evening through Thursday evening, 7:30 p.m.

Monday Evening - The Changing of a Life
 Tuesday Evening - Salvation of Noah - The Salvation of Man
 Wednesday Evening - Security of The Believer
 Thursday Evening - The Coming Judgement

Everyone is welcome and all are invited to attend this series of Gospel Meetings

Matador Church of Christ
 Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

A MOMENT OF FEAR



Can you imagine the courage displayed by Peter when he stepped over the side of the boat and began to walk on the water toward our Lord? But then came fear.
 When he saw the waves and the violence of the storm, he became afraid. And in his fear he began to sink. Our Lord saved him but rebuked him for allowing fear to overcome his faith. (Matthew 13:31).

It was fear that kept ancient Israel from entering into the promised land. We can read of this in Numbers 13 and 14 in our Bibles. Their problem is referenced by the Hebrew writer in Hebrews 3:19. Fear is one of the most effective tools that the Devil uses upon us. The Bible says that we "are to walk by faith" and if Satan can destroy our faith and replace it with fear, he has us.

The confidence of the Christian and our reason for it is plainly revealed. "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). The Bible reveals to us that the Christian can live confidently in the assurance that our Lord is aware of us and is able to lift us up from the storms of life. When we live for Christ, refusing to give place for the Devil, then our confidence extends beyond the grave to the life beyond.

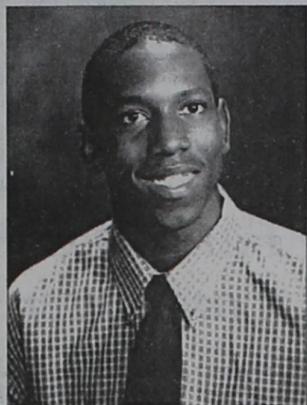
Roaring Springs Church of Christ
 Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
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 Bible Study - 10 a.m. Worship - 9 a.m.



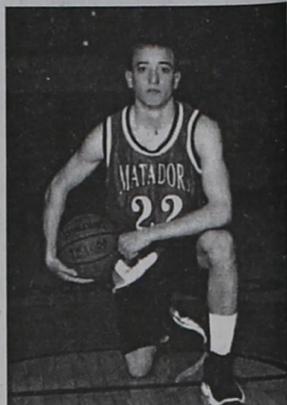
Motley County School News

All District Basketball team announced

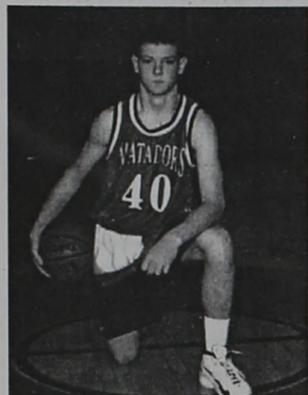
Five team members of the Motley County Matadors' basketball team were recently named to the All-District 6A team. Coach Ridgley announced that the following members of his 200-01 team made the team: Jermaine Hendrix, Senior; Clint Cooper, Sophomore; Benjamin Ridgley, Senior; Casey Lawrence, Senior; Chris Paul, Senior. Congratulations to these All-District qualifiers and all team members for a very successful basketball season.



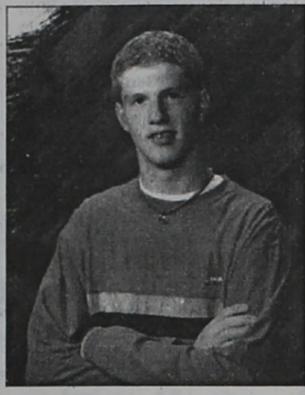
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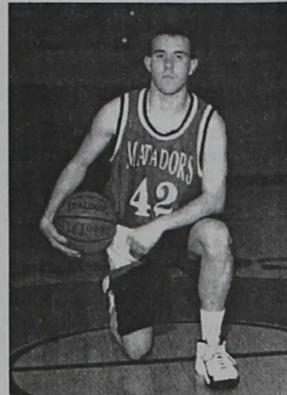
CASEY LAWRENCE



CLINT COOPER



CHRIS PAUL



BENJAMIN RIDGLEY

SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY, MARCH 26

Breakfast: Breakfast Burritos, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Pizza (Pepperoni & Cheese), Green Salad, Pineapple, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Gravy, California Blend Veggies, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

Breakfast: Sausage, Waffles, Syrup, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Curly Fries, Chocolate Brownie, Milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Breakfast: Cereal, Pastry, Juice, Milk.

Milk: Beef Fajitas, Lettuce, Tomato, Pepper, Onion, Chips, Salsa, Guacamole, Pinto Beans, Sherbet, Milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

TEACHER WORK DAY - STUDENT HOLIDAY!

Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.

—Abigail Adams



Class of 2001 Senior Spotlight



Nickname: Slim
Age: 18
Date of Birth: January 2, 1983
Parents: Casey and Deb Jones
Siblings: Shandra Jones
Who do you most admire and why: My parents, for all the miles they've followed me and put up with me. They've sacrificed a lot.
Most embarrassing moment: Falling during back-peddles in athletics.

What material thing do you most treasure: My CD player.

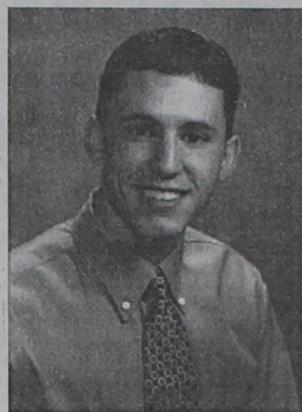
Extracurricular activities: Track, CC, FCA, NHS, Student Council President, AQHYA, 4-H, FFA.

Special honors: 6th State CC, Bauch and Lamb Science Award, Horse Judging MVP, 4-H Gold Star.

Words of wisdom for the underclassmen: Enjoy high school, it may not be as bad as you think.

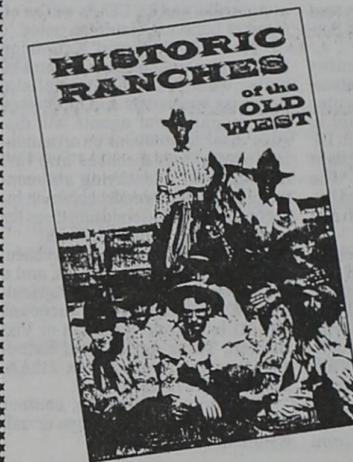
Plans after graduation: Attend WTA&M, major in Equine Industry Business Management.

Favorites:
Food: Steak
Soft Drink: Dr. Pepper
Song: Angel
Musical Group: Anything



SCOTT ALLEN JONES

Teacher (K-12) Mrs. Gillespie
Color: Blue, Black
Sport: Cross Country
Past Time: Riding my horse
Quote: "Bueno," "Practice makes perfect."



This book and many others available at the MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE

Congratulations! BRENDA GILLESPIE



First at State Meet

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Competition throughout the meet was close but near the end Brenda was in a tie with the outcome depending on the success or failure of the last dead lift. Both lifters used all the tricks in the bag to out maneuver the other, bumping up lift weights well beyond previous limits. In the end, Brenda achieved her goal of gold.

Brenda had strong support from her coach, Amy Bowles and her wrappers/spotters, Rebecca Morris and Brittany Donaldson. Their coaching and encouragement was very important in Brenda's success. Amy, Rebecca and Brittany worked hard during the meet keeping stats, keeping Brenda calm, keeping Brenda pumped up and planning strategy. Brenda also had a few fans in the bleachers including James and Kathy Gillespie and Pam Morris along with fellow powerlifting friends from along the way. Brenda stated she was very proud to represent Motley County at State. Coach Amy Bowles, Brenda, Rebecca, and Brittany all were admirable in their representation of Motley County ISD.

New Shipment

Men's Wrangler Knit Shirts

BIG SELECTION!

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Matador Variety

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Kaci Risser, a student at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, recently returned from Venezuela, where she spent her spring break as a volunteer in university ministries and cultural exchange. On Thursday, March 8, Kaci's parents, Fred and Elaine Risser, accompanied her to Abilene, where she enplaned for her trip. She arrived that evening in Maracaibo, Venezuela, and was met by Southern Baptist missionary journeyman Matt Brooks, with whom she worked last summer in Valencia.

They spent Friday and Saturday with other team members in Cabimas, meeting students at the two universities there and making plans for a project there next fall. On Sunday, they attended two churches and did visitation for a mission in a

nearby town. That evening, the group was joined by Becca Baugher of Weatherford, Oklahoma, who has also worked in Valencia with Kaci last summer.

The team spent Monday through Friday in various universities in Coro. They spent time getting to know the students and held informal meetings for group discussions. They also visited English classes and conversed in English with students of various levels of fluency.

On Saturday, March 17, Kaci was met at the Abilene airport by her parents and grandparent, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Bailey of Clyde and Mrs. Frances Dixon of Matador. After a short visit with the Baileys, everyone returned to their homes.

March Landscape Conferences slated at Amarillo, Lubbock

Lubbock -- West Texans can learn how to keep their landscape plantings healthy and long-lived at a landscape plant health conference slated in March at two locations, said a Texas Agricultural Extension Service plant pathologist.

"Our first landscape conferences is March 29 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Amarillo. The Amarillo center is at 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West," said Dr. Harold Kaufman, Extension plant pathologist based in Lubbock. "The second conference is March 30 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Lubbock."

"The Lubbock center is 3 miles north of Lubbock International Airport and 1/2 mile east of Interstate 27 on FM 1294 - take Exit 11 on I-27."

Both conferences will begin with registration over coffee and doughnuts from 8 to 8:25 a.m., and will adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Registration costs \$20 per person.

Participants can earn six continuing education units (CEUs) from

the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association at either conference. Five Texas Department of Agriculture-approved CEU's will be offered at Amarillo, and 5.5 CEU's will be offered at Lubbock, Kaufman noted.

Texas Agricultural Extension Service plant pathologists, entomologists, weed control specialists, turfgrass specialists and integrated pest management agents will discuss: disease problems on ornamental plants; turf diseases and turf management; identifying and controlling problem weeds; common insect problems; and choosing trees for landscape and home plantings.

To register for either conference, send your name and address, and a \$20 check payable to Texas Agricultural Extension Service (account 240101) to: Harold Kaufman or Viki Bartlett, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Route 3, Box 213AA, Lubbock, TX 79403.

For more information, contact your county Extension office or call Kaufman at 806-746-6101.



CAPITOL COMMENT

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WE OWE GULF WAR VETERANS SOME ANSWERS

A letter came across my desk recently that I'd like to share with you: "I am a veteran of the Gulf War. I have many, many symptoms of the Gulf War illness. I was holding a full-time job and foresaw a future of many years to take care of my family. Instead, my health is steadily declining and I am unable to take care of myself at times. No words can describe the pain I go through each day. I am unstable on my feet and I fall numerous times a week. I have lost almost all my sight, and am unable to drive a car and must depend on my family and friends to get me where I need to go."

The writer lives in Victoria, and his is only one among hundreds of similar, heart-wrenching letters I've received regarding a condition referred to as Gulf War Syndrome, which affects thousands of veterans of that conflict throughout our country.

Those who served apparently were exposed to a veritable witch's brew of known and potential health hazards, including blowing dust and sand, smoke from oil well fires, petroleum fuels and their combustion products as well as possible exposure to chemical warfare nerve agents and biological warfare agents. They were given vaccinations and bromide pills to protect against nerve agents; they came into contact with insecticides, infectious diseases and perhaps depleted uranium. They were subjected to psychological and physiological stress.

One in seven of those who answered their country's call to serve in Desert Storm were affected in some way. They are suffering from a long, painful list of symptoms, including debilitating muscle and joint pain, memory loss, severe sleep disorders, crippling depression, chronic fatigue and concentration problems, among others.

These former soldiers are ill. They are entitled to some answers -- and to appropriate treatment.

In 1994, Congress approved a bill recognizing Gulf War Syndrome and making disabled veterans who served in that war eligible for treatment and compensation. Unfortunately, the Veterans Administration has withheld that coverage from more than 9,000 such soldiers, including the one who wrote the above letter. This is unacceptable.

So I have introduced a bill that will extend the time during which these veterans will be eligible for treatment if they have not been diagnosed yet with Desert Storm Syndrome, allowing them another 10 years to claim eligibility and giving the Department of Defense an opportunity to delay the deadline even further if it is necessary to do so. My bill redefines an "undiagnosed illness" to include the delayed symptoms that still are being discovered. It would provide for the payment of compensation to Persian Gulf veterans suffering from a chronic disability resulting from their service in Kuwait.

Much investigation remains to be done into this illness to determine its exact cause and to accurately describe all of its symptoms. I believe the evidence is increasingly clear that this is not caused by stress. We have an obligation to ensure Gulf War veterans are properly diagnosed, effectively treated and compensated for any service-connected disabilities.

This bill will be a step in the right direction, a way to help repay our debt to these veterans. Not only is it the right thing and fair thing to do, but during these times of increased deployments and personnel shortages, it is in our national interest to continue to take care of our dedicated service members.

We are going to stand by those who answered their country's call. We should not still be talking about untreated cases of Desert Storm syndrome and undiagnosed illnesses 10 years after the Persian Gulf War ended.

American Legion meeting scheduled for March 26

American Legion Fleming Post 337 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 337 will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2001, in the Matador Senior Citizens Center.

A delicious covered dish supper will be served first to get everybody in the right frame of mind. After that each of two invited guest couples will

receive an award for support of the Legion and outstanding community service.

The Post and Unit will each take care of business, following the awards presentation.

Every Veteran should attend. Family members and friends of Veterans are welcome.

Family & Consumer news

by Mozelle Montano, Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences

SCOOTER RELATED INJURIES

A recent study by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Centers for Disease Control indicated a rapid increase in injuries with riding the new lightweight, folding, unpowered scooters with small, low-friction wheels similar to those on inline skates. During January through October of 2000, approximately 27,600 persons sought emergency department care for scooter-related injuries. And 22,000 of those occurred in August to October. Children aged 15 years accounted for about 85% of the injured persons. The most common

type of injury was a fracture or dislocation, of which 70% were to the arm or hand, says Mozelle Montano, Extension Agent.

Injury prevention recommendations include:

— Wear a helmet and knee and elbow pads.

— Avoid streets; ride scooters on smooth pavement without traffic.

— Do not ride scooters at night.

— Young children should not use scooters without close supervision.

Have fun with your scooters, but be careful is the rule that seems to come from this. And always wear your helmet.

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If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new land owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2001 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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¿Cual es la hora del cierre?

Si su terreno nunca ha tenido una valoración productiva, o si Ud. es nuevo dueño, debe solicitarla a su distrito de valoraciones para el día 30 de abril, para recibir el beneficio en sus impuestos de propiedad de 2001. Puede recibir hasta 60 días más si tiene una buena razón y si solicita el tiempo adicional antes del 30 de abril. Si pasa de esta fecha, es posible que todavía la podrá obtener, pero pagará una multa. Pregunte en la oficina de su distrito de valoraciones.

¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

Por lo general, si su propiedad ya recibe una valoración productiva agrícola o maderera, no hay necesidad de pedir una nueva cada año - al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Si una solicitud nueva se requiere, el distrito de valoraciones le mandará un aviso por correo.

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A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1st (and used it as their primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower their school taxes this year... and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium, or mobile home. (Counties, cities, and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.)

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled - or if you're 65 years old or older - you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowners exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. Over-65 homeowners may also transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2000, you won't need to reapply for 2001 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home - or if you've moved to a new home - you'll need to file for an exemption for 2001. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 2000, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at: 806-983-5256.

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! Varias exenciones de residencia pueden rebajar sus impuestos de propiedad!

Una exención de residencia reduce sus impuestos de propiedad. Por ejemplo, si su residencia tiene un valor de \$50,000 y Ud. recibe una exención de \$15,000, sus impuestos se calcularán como si el valor de su residencia fuera \$35,000.

¿Quien califica para una exención?

Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1 de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares... y no importa se la residencia es casa, condominio, o casa móvil. (Los condados, municipios, y distritos especiales de impuestos también pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.)

¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. es incapacitado - o si tiene 65 años o más - tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si Ud. califica para la exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años, también tiene derecho a un "cielo máximo" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. (El cielo máximo no tiene que ver con impuestos de propiedad de los condados o municipios, y esas entidades pueden ofrecer otras exenciones.) La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años y el cielo máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 o más años de edad y es dueño/duena de la casa en donde vive. También el dueño de una casa nueva que tiene más de 65 años puede trasladar un porcentaje de cielo máximo del los impuestos escolares que le tocaron en su domicilio viejo.

¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en 2000, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en 2001 - al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual - o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para 2001. Si Ud. cumplirá los 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Y si cumplió los 65 años o resultado incapacitado en 2000, tendrá que solicitar las exenciones adicionales.

¿Donde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?

Su solicitud debe llegar en su oficina local del distrito de valoraciones antes del día 30 de abril. Si necesita más tiempo, favor de ponerse en contacto con nosotros antes:

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Protect your rights! "Render" your taxable property by April 16th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. The rendition form is available at your local appraisal district office... or you may draft a similar form.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income - such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ☞ You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ☞ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☞ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2000. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2001.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2001 renditions is April 16. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be postmarked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 16 deadline.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

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806-347-2273

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Una "rendición" es un reporte al distrito de valoraciones en donde Ud. alista toda la propiedad que posee o controla el día 1 de enero, 2001. El formulario para la rendición se puede obtener en su oficina local del distrito de valoraciones... o puede improvisar una forma parecida.

¿Quien debe hacer una rendición? Debe hacer una rendición se Ud. es dueño y gana ingresos de una propiedad personal - por ejemplo, el inventario y equipo utilizado en un negocio.

¿Que ventaja me da?

Las ventajas de hacer una rendición son las siguientes:

- ☞ Ud. registra su opinión sobre la valoración de su propiedad. Si el distrito opina que el valor es más grande, deber avisarle por escrito y explicarle como protestar el nuevo valor a su junta de revisión.
- ☞ Registra su dirección correcta para que le pueden mandar sus tarifas de impuestos. Según la ley, Ud. es responsable por pagar sus impuestos sin demora o de pagar cualquier multa que resulte por haberlos pagado tarde - aunque la tarifa se haya mandado a una dirección equivocada.
- ☞ También puede someter un "reporte de valoración disminuida" para avisar al distrito de cualquier reducción significativa en la valoración de su propiedad en 2000. El distrito examinará su propiedad antes de designar un valor en 2001.

¿Cual es la hora del cierre?

16 de abril es la última fecha para mandar sus rendiciones para 2001. Favor de llamar a su distrito de valoraciones para obtener la última fecha en que puede mandar su rendición por correo. Puede obtener 15 días adicionales si los pide por escrito antes de la hora de cierre.

¿Donde hago mi rendición?

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NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

ROARING SPRINGS NEWS

BY ODESSA MULLINS

Miss Lula Swim, assisted by Mrs. Joyce Smith and Mrs. LaVoe Thacker, hosted the coffee drinkers Monday morning at the Roaring Springs Methodist fellowship hall. Those enjoying coffee and refreshments, in addition to those already mentioned, were Rev. Monte Wike, Mr. Buzz Thacker, Mrs. Reva Sweeney, Mr. Corky Marshall, Mrs. Donna Kennedy, Mr. Dennis Letkeman, Mr. Dean McInroe, Mrs. Ruby Hipp, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. Sharon Martin, Mrs. Monta Marshall and J.N. Fletcher.

Mrs. Susie Pokey Sain of Amarillo, former resident of Roaring Springs, had surgery Tuesday, March 13, in Amarillo. She is recuperating in the home of daughter and husband, Rene and Gary Laughlin in Midland.

Visiting Lorene and Tom Jordan for Spring holiday were Larry and Don Osborn of Lone Star, Kay Osborn of Birmingham, AL, and Wayne, Gabriel and Zeke Osborn of Lubbock.

Visiting Vera Mitchell Friday were granddaughters and children, Becky Jewkes, Melissa and Matt of LaPorte and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burkes of Afton. Also visiting were son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wayborn Mitchell and her mother, Mrs. Seigler of Paducah.

Odezza Mullins drove to Crosbyton Saturday morning to join Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson, accompanying them to Midland to attend a bridal shower for their granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Brandy Mullins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mullins. They visited Mrs. Stoney Mullins and Stormy and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mullins. Brandy will be married April 21 at Wilshire Park Baptist Church

in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mullins of Plainview spent Saturday night with their mother, Odessa Mullins, returning home Sunday.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patten Thursday night were her children, Becky Jewkes and Matt and Melissa of LaPorte and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burkes of Afton. Also enjoying supper with them were Zella Palmer and Venita Sedgwick.

Visiting Venita and Jerry Don Sedgwick for the weekend was his son, Neil, who was enroute to Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patten were in Lubbock Monday for his doctor appointment.

Zella Palmer and Odessa Mullins spent Thursday evening in Childress where Zella had a doctor's appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Largent spent the weekend recently in Arlington visiting.

Visiting in Dickens at Caprock Cafe Thursday were Pearl Patten, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Parker, Tara, Erica and Lisa, Becky Jewkes, Matt and Melissa and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burkes of Afton.

Kenneth Ashley, who has been visiting children and grandchildren in Costa Mesa, California for the last two months, is a patient in a Los Angeles hospital, with a blood clot in his leg.

Joe and Joyce Meredith attended church services at the First Baptist Church in Matador Sunday and enjoyed lunch at the home of Jack and Shirley Smith. Others enjoying the luncheon were Steve Smith, Jim and Carla Meador, Tony, Sherry, Sean and Shea Rose, Daphne and Parker Meredith, and John Hodges.

FLOMOT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay attended to business in Plainview, Sunday, and enroute home visited in Lockney with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Barclay.

Nada and Jack Starkey visited from Tuesday until Friday in Canyon with Michael and Connie Starkey. Nada had a medical appointment in Amarillo, Thursday, Nada and Jack visited from Friday night until Sunday in Fritch with Mrs. Jackie Davis and Michael. Joining them there Saturday were Bessie and Clifton Reid of Amarillo. The families attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Nada's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moon of Fritch, held at the Community Center in Borger, Saturday, with a renewal of their wedding vows before the reception.

Mrs. Alma Shorter visited from Monday until Thursday in Mesquite with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Elsie Beard. They visited in Tyler, Tuesday with Mrs. Shorter's sister, Mrs. Earlene Dunigan, a patient at the Health South Rehabilitation Hospital, following a stroke. Also visiting was their niece, Mrs. Jenne Anderson of Kilgore. Mrs. Shorter made the trip from Lubbock Airport.

Ersie Van Cleve of Dougherty visited the week with her mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and Mrs. Geneva Martin joined Mrs. Joy Barham and Mrs. Brenda Davis of Hart and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tanner of Tula Sunday night at the First United Methodist Church in Tula where Mrs. Kathy Shorter and the 3M musical group presented special music at the church services.

Brittany Dockery of Vernon had a fun filled week when visiting her grandparents, Carolyn and Arnold Johnson and aunt and uncle, Kayla and Neil Guest of Turkey. Her mother, Mrs. Lucretia Dockery visited from Thursday until Saturday and accompanied her home.

Mrs. Howard Rogers, Donnie Rogers and daughters, Natalie and Brooke enjoyed lunch and entertainment in Lubbock, Wednesday. Joining them were Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Calgary and Shay and Jimmy McDaniel of Lubbock. They visited Lou and Ronnie Rogers before returning home.

Brian Sehon of Ropesville visited Friday and Saturday night with his grandparents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. Kathy met his mother, Mrs. Keri Sehon in Plainview Sunday afternoon for his return trip home.

Josh Lee of Hot Springs, Arkansas visited from Friday until Monday with his father and brother, Roger Lee and Brandon and grandparents, Ruth and Orville Lee.

David Clayton of Hutchinson, Kansas visited the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen D. Tiffin.

Whitney and Jason, children of Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Browning, visited during the spring school holidays with grandparents, Mary Ann and E.J. Browning in Rising Star. Mary Ann accompanied them home Saturday and visited the weekend.

Donnie Rogers accompanied his daughters, Natalie and Brooke the Dallas Airport Sunday morning for their return trip home to Millington, Tennessee after visiting their school holiday here.

WHITEFLAT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

OVERHEARD

When asked by her Dad if she could stop talking for a minute, 4-year-old Julia replied, "No Sir! There are just too many words in my mouth that need to get out."

Guests in the home of Mrs. Juanita Cooper Tuesday night were Jack Samford of Afton and his son and wife, Mike and Piper Samford of Lake Jackson. Guests Wednesday night were Mr. Samford and his grandsons, Tim and Nathan Samford of Olton. Mrs. Cooper and Miss Lula Swim of Roaring Springs were in Plainview, Thursday for Lula a medical appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin and son, Ryan celebrated the birthday of his mother, Mrs. Kathryn Martin of Matador with a supper and all the trimmings in her home Friday night. Other guests were her daughter and family, Mrs. Nathan (Carol) Gilbreth, Kathy and Susan of Sundown who visited from Thursday until Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Risser of Matador and Mrs. Frances Dixon visited in Clyde Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Walt Bailey. The families met the Risser's daughter, Kaci, at the Abilene Airport who returned home from a Mission Trip to Maracaibo, Venezuela during her spring holidays from Wayland Baptist University

in Plainview.

Visiting Mrs. Juanita Cooper Saturday night were Lee and Van Bradford of Gruver, Vee and Harold Gordon of Matador and Jack Samford of Afton. Mr. Samford and Mrs. Cooper visited in Aspermont Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Willidee King.

Bonnie and Bob Fullingim of Harlingen, Darla and James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle, enjoyed the spring holidays, March 11-18, that included good fishing at Port Mansfield touring Padre Island National Seashore and shopping at the Mall, a tourist attraction in Harlingen.

Sharon and Lawrence Allen moved here recently from Loving County in Texas rather than New Mexico as I reported. According to the 2000 census, it is the smallest populated county in Texas with 67 residents. The Allens have a daughter and family, Audra and Marcus Flake and Nathan of Bedford, New Hampshire and son and family, James and Kelly Allen and Brendan of Highlands Ranch, Colorado.

REMEMBER WHITEFLAT HOMECOMING SATURDAY, APRIL 7!

MATADOR NEWS

Kendra and Bill Luckett and children, Cade, Gavin, Gunnar and Kara returned home Sunday night after a nine day vacation trip that included scenic and tourist attractions in eight states.

They visited in Ixonia, Wisconsin with friends, Karen and Dick Adams and children, Jacob, Jerod and Carissa. Kendra and Karen were exchange students to-

gether when in Switzerland.

En route and on return trip home, in Missouri they toured the Gateway Arch to the West in St. Louis; in Tennessee, they enjoyed the shows and tours in Nashville, Graceland, the Elvis Presley estate in Memphis and many other historical and educational tours.

Obituaries

Josephine Hamilton

Funeral services for Josephine Hamilton, 91, of Matador, were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Monte Wike, pastor, and Rev. Eddie Marcum, of Andrews. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador, under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hamilton died late Saturday, March 17, at a nursing home in San Saba, Texas.

The former Mary Josephine Moore was born April 8, 1909, at Matador. She was the daughter of Rans P. Moore and Effie Criswell Moore, who were Motley County pioneers.

She graduated from Matador High School in 1926, as valedictorian of her class. She received her Bachelors Degree in English Education from the College of Industrial Arts (now Texas Women's University) in Denton in 1930, and a Master of Education Degree from Texas Tech in 1954. She taught in the elementary grades in the Matador school for 23 years.

She was married to John Augustus Hamilton on February 14, 1935, at Matador. Mr. Hamilton preceded her in death on Feb. 15, 1969.

She was a lifetime member of the First United Methodist Church of Matador, where she held numerous leadership positions for over fifty years. She was also actively involved in community projects, study club, school activities, and professional organizations. She was a leader in Delta Kappa Gamma professional teachers' sorority, the Motley County Library Association, and the Motley County Historical Society.

Josephine had an insatiable appetite for learning and always challenged her students, her children and grandchildren by the examples she set. She was a compassionate teacher at school and at home, a strong disciplinarian, and a woman of integrity. Josephine loved good books, quilting and gardening. Many of her friends will remember how, even in her



elderly years, she grew a large garden just so she could share fresh produce with friends and those in need. She was well known for her hard work and willingness to share what she had with others.

Other than her husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, John, Bill, and Ray Payton Moore, and by a sister, Olive Russell.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Jan Hamilton of Plainview, Dick and Patti Hamilton of Willow, Alaska, Harry and Ann Hamilton of Lubbock; one daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Carl Carter of San Saba; one sister, Marjorie Harper of Loves Park, Illinois; one sister-in-law, Mary Meason of Matador; 10 grandchildren, John, Brent, Rob, Richard, Susan, David, Charlie, Keri, Scott and Christi; four step-grandchildren, George, William, Elizabeth, and John; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were her grandchildren: John Hamilton, Brent Hamilton, Rob Hamilton, Charlie Hamilton, Scott Carter, and John Schweizer.

Fay Dirickson

Fay Dirickson, 90, passed away Saturday, March 3, 2001, at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces, NM after a lengthy illness. She was born on May 6, 1910, in Joshua, TX. She moved from Matador, TX to Las Cruces, NM in 1950, returned to Matador in 1974 and then again returned to Las Cruces in 1994. She worked at various businesses as a bookkeeper until her retirement.

She is survived by two sons, James F. (Janet) Garth and Raymond H. Garth; her daughter, June Dirickson; 10 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2001, at the Masonic Cemetery in Las Cruces, NM. Services arrangements were by Graham Mortuary, Las Cruces.

Valentina Martinez

Graveside services for Valentina Martinez, 36, of Matador, were held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 16, 2001, at East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Officiating was Fr. Rudolf Crasta. Arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Miss Martinez died Monday, March 12, 2001, at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. She was born October 18, 1964, in Laredo, Texas.

Miss Martinez moved to Matador from Petersburg and had been a resident of Matador for 20 years. She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church of Matador.

Her survivors include her companion, Foy Nipp; two foster sons, Fernando Martinez and Benjamin Martinez of Amarillo; one foster daughter, Hilaria Mora of Amarillo; her parents, Sixto Sr. Martinez of San Angelo and Andria Martinez of Matador; three brothers, Frank Martinez of Amarillo, Sixto Martinez of Lubbock, and Johnny Martinez of Amarillo; one sister, Lupe Martinez of Irving.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Fernanda Martinez. Pallbearers were Fernando Martinez, Benjamin Martinez, Sixto Martinez, Frank Martinez, Jr., Adam Sanchez, and Paul Ortriz.

Tribute to a Great Lady

Grandmother, better known as Josephine Hamilton was a giant of a woman admired by all who knew her. She transmitted the strong heritage and strength of character so evident in her family. She cooked, grew vegetables for the community and found her greatest joy in teaching children of all ages. Nothing seemed to phase this ninety-eight pound composite of strength and courage. She seemed resilient to the ups and downs of life and rode the tide of change much as she rode the rubber raft through the whirlpool in Santa Elena Canyon on the Rio Grande River Raft trip she took with the family 27 years ago at the age of 65. She was generous and kind in every moment of her life, thinking of others first, no matter the level of stress it caused to her later. She told stories, played the piano, worked puzzles, wiped spilled milk, listened and loved.

We all remember the Sunday morning she wanted to burn the weeds around the barn before church, "before the wind got up," and didn't realize until the fire truck pulled up the lane that the barn was on fire. We will never forget the time she was running the shredder to keep the weeds down, got off to disentangle wire around the power-take-off and got caught herself and broke 5 ribs and her arm and her pelvis.

After surgery and rehab, she was back on the tractor again, and burning weeds. It was not only the weeds that grew from the ground she sought to combat - it was also the weeds of life. She listened to problems of those who came to her husband, a country lawyer, and sought to help them see out the problems of life. Since she and John Hamilton were childhood sweethearts and both of their families had helped to settle Motley County, she knew the backgrounds of

most folks who came to his law office, located in their home in his later years. She was a compassionate wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

She loved the intellectual stimulation of book reviews at women's club groups and was particularly interested in children with dyslexia and learning disabilities. She returned for a Master's degree in Reading after her own children, Tom, Dick, Harry and Jane were old enough to survive on their own.

She spent many hours putting together family photos and other memorabilia to share with future generations so that we could all know the heritage of Motley County and the work ethic of her parents, grandparents and past generations. Her stories of Quannah Parker, the Shannon Davidson races and Chitacagua enthralled the grand children on nights when the thunder kept them from falling to sleep in the upstairs bunk room. She hosted hundreds of young people to sleep and eat at the farm. She believed that all kids needed to learn to work. And she also believed they should learn to dance. Often at 5:00 p.m. before the Old Settler's dance she was giving young boys three times her height, a crash course in the Texas Two-Step. She was also good with "Put Your Little Foot" and the "Shottish." Shortly before she moved to San Saba she attended the "Young People's" dance with Tom and Jan at the age of 85. They recall that she never tired of the music and the fellowship.

She was a joy to all who knew her, she will be missed but the heritage she shared will live on through the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and future generations. She was a giant of a woman and as always will be a hard act to follow.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BY RITA GROVES

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BLESSING

May there always be work for your hands to do.
May your purse always hold a coin or two.
May the sun shine on your windowpane.
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend always be near you.
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

— From Kewpie Duncan

MEMORIALS

To Nell Phygina Bridge Mills, the sister of Dumont and Barney Bridge, both of Afton. She was born in Quannah in 1912. She died Monday, March 12, 2001. She graduated from Roaring Springs High School. She took nurses training at Lubbock Sanitarium Nursing School, and became a productive and honored Lubbock resident as Lubbock grew. She was a charter member of the Forrest Heights United Methodist Church, and was honored by the Red Cross for her work at the blood bank. She was a practicing nurse at Plains Clinic for Dr. Frank B. Malone.

She is survived by two daughters, Sharon Nelson of Lubbock and Pat Gill of Lake St. Louis, MO.

And to Avis Groves Dooley, daughter of Elbert Bass "AB" and Myrtle Groves, one of the last of the Groves families that sent children to Motley County Schools over a period of sixty-five years. She was a classmate of Charlie Keith in the class of 1927, and a sister of Hattie Tee Tomlinson, Dick Groves, and the late Algie Groves. Avis was born August 15, 1904, near Anson, Jones County, Texas, or at Truby, now listed in *The Roads of Texas* map book simply as a community. She married Ted Emmett Dooley in 1928 in Amarillo at the Potter County Courthouse. She worked at Pantex for many years.

To this couple were born one son who died in 1992 and three daughters. The surviving daughters are Myrtle Ellen, Mrs. John Russell Graham; Barbara Elaine Kester, and Linda Fay Menikos, who live in the Fort Worth area. Many grandchildren and great grandchildren also survive. Memorial services were held for Mrs. Dooley in Fort Worth Saturday, March 17, 2001, at 11:00 a.m.

There are Angles. An article in Parade Magazine asked children questions about their belief in angels. Who do I go around being quiet in the night lest I wake Algie? Why do you think my mail is delivered every morning by several caring angels? Is yours? I believe in angels. Sunday morning when it was very misty and almost freezing, when I armed myself with cell phone (in case I fall) and cane, and opened the door to journey out to get the heavy roll of the Sunday Avalanche, who do you think laid it on the porch rail so I wouldn't need to go out in the mist on a slick walk? Angels, that's who.

And when I think I have "gone my last mile with failing memory" when writing this column, who prompts Jennie Lou Murphy to write, "Keep up your Column;

it means so much to me." I care about and remember the friend who was an angel of my childhood. Jennie Lou's advice is the same as many others - keep busy!

Have you remembered to pray for "our Howard Graves" the Chancellor of the A&M System as he goes through therapy? I hope there is space to tell of the families of his origins. It is a fascinating pioneer story that touches many Motley County families.

J.H. Hodges, "Uncle Jesse," who was twice County Treasurer of Motley County first married Annie M. Hall in Grayson County, Texas. Their children were Mattie who married Robert Daffern; Jimmie Jane, who married Tom King; John; Gertie who married Otho Hall; and A.P. Annie died and is buried in Grayson County, TX.

J.H. married second Mrs. Isabelle Warren and came to Motley County in a covered wagon in 1898. Isabelle Warren brought to this marriage five grown sons, Ed, Roy, George, Cliff, and Claud. To these 10 children, Isabelle and J.H. added four of their children to "her kids and his kids." They were Albert, Gordon, Arthur, and a little sister Bessie who died in infancy. Find some of these individual family stories in *Traweeke's ...Of Such As These.*

Another story is of Solomon George Hodges, a forebear of Ivy Cooper. Solomon George was born January 15, 1850, in Tennessee to Joseph Hodges and Sallie. Solomon George married December 11, 1876, Mary Elizabeth Farmer in Arkansas, and they soon moved to Young County, Texas. He freighted in Centeridge near Graham, Texas, and arrived in Motley County in 1900.

He wanted to be near his cousin, "Uncle Jesse" who had come to Motley County in 1898, so Solomon George rented land from John Chalk at Roaring Springs. The two story yellow house formerly owned by John and Fern Green is known as the Chalk House. It is from Solomon George Hodges that Chancellor Howard Graves descends. The children of Solomon George and Mary Elizabeth were Ollie who married Sam O. McClure; Willie who married Pearl Hale; Oma married John Masey; Ruth married Ben Clifton; Mary married W.W. Spears; Ruby married John Thomas; Sallie died at the age of eight before the family came to Roaring Springs; Vyna married Frank Drace, and Ivy married J.J. "Jim" Cooper. There is still a Jim Cooper on the Motley County school faculty.

Sheila Lefevre and other members of her extended family are credited with the rest of this story. Frank Clifton and Mary Boren were the parents of Ben Clifton who married Ruth Hodges. Their youngest child, Velma Lee Clifton and her husband Tommy Graves were the parents of Howard Graves, who was born before they moved away from Roaring Springs.

Vada Beth Watt, of Bryan, was an overnight visitor with her Aunt Rita Groves. She enjoyed her visit to the fabulous Moore Makes Shop in Matador to purchase knives and scissors for use and for gifts

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Farm and Ranch News



Approved Texas counties accepting Livestock Assistance Program applications

The Motley County Farm Service Agency is now accepting applications for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP). According to Debbie J. Shaw, Acting County Executive Director, LAP regulations were published as a final rule on March 19, 2001, and sign-up will end on April 27, 2001. LAP provides direct payments to producers who suffered grazing losses due to natural disaster during calendar year 2000.

"Often, producers equate Farm Service Agency assistance with row crops. However, LAP is one of the many livestock oriented programs available to producers through FSA,"

said Shaw. "We recognize that individuals who raise livestock only, and those who raise livestock in conjunction with row crops have suffered devastating losses on both accounts due to recent natural disasters," she said.

According to Shaw, 2001 LAP payments are available to qualifying counties. In Texas, 240 counties have been approved for LAP, including Motley County. Eligible counties must have sustained a 40 percent or greater loss of available grazing for at least three consecutive months. Losses may have resulted from drought, excessive heat, disease, in-

sect infestation and other adverse impacts attributed to a natural disaster event.

"LAP provides assistance to eligible livestock producers who have owned or leased qualifying livestock for at least three months prior to the payment period," said Shaw. "Producers interested in LAP should be prepared to provide information including the number and kind of livestock, acres, location and type of grass forage used to support livestock, and an estimated percent of grazing loss."

Eligible livestock under LAP provisions are beef and dairy cattle, buffalo and beefalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm.

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to provide approximately \$430 million in LAP assistance by the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, Pub. L. 105-277.

Local Livestock Company to require cattle certification

Local cattle sales operator, Floydada Livestock Sales has established a certification program for their suppliers to insure that they are not receiving cattle that have been fed ruminant derived protein materials.

In 1997, the Food and Drug Administration adopted a regulation, 21 CFR 589.20000, prohibiting the feeding of any ruminant derived protein (meat & bone meal) to cattle and other ruminants. This regulation resulted from efforts to control any possible introduction or spread of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) or "Mad Cow Disease" into the domestic cattle herd of the United States.

Because of recent worldwide media attention on the BSE issue and a desire to reassure consumers that all possible steps are being taken to continue to keep BSE out of the United States, a number of beef packers/processors and retail operations have established these certification programs.

Participating packers in the certification program have made it clear that they will not purchase any cattle from producers who have not signed a certificate certifying that none of their cattle or other ruminant animals have been fed any feed containing protein derived from ruminant tissues and/or that none of the livestock being sold have illegal levels of drug residues. Thus, for some packers and buyers to purchase cattle, Floydada Livestock Sales will require a signed certification and on file prior to or at the time cattle is brought to the market for sale.

LaNell McCandless of Floydada Livestock sales said, "I very much

regret the concern and inconvenience that the packer certification requirement may cause you." She gave the following suggestions for complying with the FDA regulation.

- Prohibited feed (feed containing ruminant derived protein) must be identified with a warning label and the use of any prohibited feed in cattle rations must be avoided.

- Ruminant feed suspected of containing prohibited ingredients, should not be accepted. Producers should buy feed products only from companies that comply with FDA rules.

- If mixing feed for both cattle and non-ruminant animals, such as hogs and poultry, and you use prohibited materials in the non-ruminant feed, you must either use a completely separate mixer for the cattle feed or carefully clean out your mixer to be sure no prohibited materials contaminates the cattle or ruminant feed. Even if you do not mix your own feed but purchase feed for both cattle and non-ruminants, you must take steps to make sure that any prohibited material intended for your non-ruminant animals is not accidentally fed to your cattle or other ruminant animals.

- You must keep records for a minimum of one-year concerning all animal protein ingredients you buy and use with your cattle. Keep at least one representative copy of the label from each type of feed you buy.

- On-farm inspections may be performed by the Food and Drug Administration to verify that prohibited materials have not been fed to cattle.



PCG READIES 44TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. has finalized its line-up for the organization's 44th Annual Meeting, April 6, 2001.

The PCG meeting will be held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association's 94th Annual Meeting and Trade Show April 5-6 in Lubbock.

Featured speakers at the PCG Annual Meeting include John Maguire, Vice President of Washington Operations for the National Cotton Council, and Phillip C. Burnett, newly announced Chief Executive Officer of The Seam.

Maguire will be discussing the changing political climate influencing important agricultural issues in Washington.

He will also update growers on the status of efforts to expand budget authority for agricultural programs and on prospects for approval of additional emergency aid to growers in 2001.

Burnett will introduce The Seam to growers and explain the role that organization hopes to play in the cotton marketing system. Burnett is a 30 year cotton industry veteran and former CEO of the National Cotton Council.

The Seam is described as a totally neutral electronic global marketplace for the buying and selling of cotton and related products. The Seam's vision is to be the comprehensive marketplace for the global textile fiber industry.

The Seam hopes to increase the profits of its users through improved transaction process efficiencies, expanded exposure to potential customers and suppliers, access to real-time market information, and guaranteed trades.

Others scheduled presentation's include a President's Address from current PCG President Ronnie Hopper of Petersburg; an update on research conducted by the Plains Cotton Improvement Program by Dale Swinburn, Chairman of the Plains Cotton Improvement Committee.

Swinburn will also discuss a recently completed evaluation of the cotton breeding system in the United States commissioned by Cotton Incorporated. The report brings into focus the situation facing the industry in terms of yields and what potential exists for making further advancements in both yield and quality.

Following the Annual Meeting the PCG Board of Directors will come together for its regular quarterly meeting. The PCG Board will elect its 2001-02 officer corps as well as select the organization's 2001-02 Executive Committee.

PCG officers are elected each year. Individuals are limited to serving a maximum of two consecutive terms in each of the three elected positions.

CAC BEGINS 2001 FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

The 2001 Committee for the Advancement of Cotton (CAC) fundraising campaign is gearing up and the timing is critical for growers and individuals involved in the cotton industry at entry level.

The CAC is the cotton industry's political action committee. Its purpose is to help support legislators that have shown strong support for agriculture and cotton in the past and to identify those legislators willing to support agriculture in the future.

The ability to cement relationships and help retain the industries strongest congressional allies has never been more important than it is now.

With agriculture focused on sur-

living another bleak marketing year, the economics of farming are once again going to rely heavily on the approval of additional Federal aid.

That is where the CAC can and does make a tremendous difference. Contributions made to the CAC support the reelection funds of key members of Congress that represent cotton production regions or who are strong supporters of agriculture in general.

"When we look back at the tremendous economic support provided through the efforts of cotton's friends in the House of Representatives and the Senate the need to give a little back is painfully clear," says PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett. "Just thinking about how much additional Market Loss Assistance, Cottonseed Assistance, and Crop Loss Assistance has meant to this industry reemphasizes our need to support the people that have made it all possible."

The 2001 CAC fundraising effort is also being pursued with the knowledge that mid-term elections are just around the corner. That, plus closely balanced representation in the House and Senate makes building strong bi-partisan support for cotton initiatives imperative.

The fact that the handwriting on the wall indicates the months leading up to the mid-term elections will also see the completion of a new Farm Bill adds to the importance of the CAC's efforts.

The next 12-18 months are critical and it will be doubly important for the CAC to have the ability to support old friends and develop new relationships that will strengthen support in the future.

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Boll Weevil Foundation announces new employees

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation recently announced the hiring of several supervisors who will help direct the eradication effort in Texas.

In the newly created Northern High Plains zone, Trent Parish has been selected to be the assistant zone manager.

Parish, a fourth-generation farmer, grew up in Springlake. He joined the foundation in 1999 as a field unit supervisor and was promoted to district supervisor the next year. Parish will complete a degree in agriculture business administration at Wayland College in Plainview in May.

The Northern High Plains zone encompasses Hale, Floyd, Swisher, Briscoe, Armstrong and Randall counties in the Texas Panhandle. Wes Jones is the zone manager.

The Southern High Plains/Caprock zone, also newly created, comprises more than a million acres of cotton, and two assistant zone managers will join Zone Manager Patrick Burson in directing operations for the zone.

Michael Hester, originally from Rochester, has been with the foundation since 1996, working as a field unit supervisor before becoming assistant zone manager in the Western High Plains zone.

Hester has an associates degree in farm and ranch management from Vernon College, spent several years working on a cotton farm, and worked in a variety of agriculture-related businesses before joining the foundation.

The SHP's other assistant zone manager is Charles Scarborough. Scarborough is part of a management team that oversees farm operations in Floyd and Hale counties. He is also co-owner of a seed business.

Scarborough was born in Lubbock and grew up in Petersburg. He received a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Texas Tech in 1967.

In addition to his agriculture background, Scarborough worked for Texas Instruments for 18 years in production and financial planning.

The SHP zone is composed of Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock counties, most of Crosby County and the parts of Lynn and Garza counties above the Caprock.

Barbara Jones has been named zone manager for the Northern Rolling Plains zone, replacing Joey Hogan, who is the zone manager for the newly created Southern Blacklands zone.

Jones is a Childress native who has farmed cotton for 30 years. She joined the foundation in 1999.

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