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Love Fund established

A Love fund has been established for Michael and Lisa Nordquist of Oakwood, Oklahoma who recently lost their son, Riley, 13, in a tragic vehicle accident.

Mr. Nordquist was a Coach at Motley County High School and Mrs. Nordquist was sixth grade teacher for the school year of 2000-01.

Riley attended fifth grade here, and would have entered the eighth grade in the fall.

Donations may be given to Andrea Henzler at the Bank and will be collected until July 3.



Painting the town ...

Downtown Matador is taking on fresh, new look with several businesses getting new signs painted. Calico Treasures, Mane Place and the Library have new signs on the west side of Main Street, as pictured above. And just across the street on the east side, New To You also has a new sign. The added small hanging signs from the sidewalk overhead, gives a sense of nostalgia to town, as most of the businesses, at one time, had similar signs.

Texas Farm Service Agency announces sign-up for Crop Disaster Program

Texas producers can expect to receive financial assistance for crop losses through the Crop Disaster Program (CDP), launched by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Friday, June 6, 2003. According to Debbie Shaw, County Executive Director for the Motley County Farm Service Agency (FSA), CDP is available to producers with qualifying crop losses for the 2001 or 2002 crop years.

"The Farm Service Agency recognizes the hardships caused by adverse weather conditions and believe this program will allow farmers and ranchers to regain some of their lost income."

Crop disaster payments for 2001 and 2002 production and quality losses will be calculated similar to the 2000 CDP. Eligible producers with greater than 35 percent loss will receive payment at 50 percent of the established price if the crop was covered by crop insurance or the non-insured crop disaster assistance program (NAP) or if the coverage was not available. Payments will be based on 45 percent of the established price for crops that could have been insured or covered by NAP, but were not.

"CDP payments will be limited to \$80,000 per producer and/or entity, but funding for the pro-

gram is unlimited. "Although no sign-up deadline has been announced, we are striving to implement this program in a timely fashion in order to effectively benefit the producer."

Producers are encouraged to begin organizing relevant crop loss documentation and contact the Motley County FSA Office to schedule an appoint-

ment to discuss program eligibility and the application process.

For more information regarding CDP and other disaster assistance, contact the Motley County FSA office at 806-347-2263 or visit the USDA Web sites at <http://www.usda.gov> and <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

Library will close for renovation

The Motley County Library will close on July 4 and remain closed through the end of August so that new carpet can be laid and new shelves and the kids' mural can be installed.

The last day to check out books is June 19. This date will give everyone two weeks to return the books before the library closes. Patrons will be able to use the computers and do other types of research in the library from June 20 to July 4.

On July 9 the huge task of moving the books and furniture will begin. Betty and Wayland Moore have donated all the boxes and tape needed to pack

the books. This donation will save the library a great deal of money and will make all the boxes of books uniform and easy to stack. If anyone wants to help pack books, he is welcome to do so.

Motley County I.S.D. and the Matador Methodist Church will provide storage rooms for the books and furniture. These borrowed rooms will keep everything safe and dust free.

The library renovation has become a community project, which is not surprising since Motley County residents and organizations always come through when help is needed.

Deadline approaching for Economic Injury Disaster loan

Fort Worth -- Businesses in some Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico counties have until June 23, to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses due to drought and excessive temperatures, that occurred from January 1, 2002, and continuing. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply.

All counties in the western two-thirds (2/3) of Texas are eligible to apply.

Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-368-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the severe weather reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the disaster are not eligible.

Roaring Springs will celebrate July 4th in Old Fashioned style

Roaring Springs will hold an old-fashioned style July 4th celebration beginning at 9:00 a.m. The day will begin with a Memorial Service at the Roaring Springs Veterans Memorial Park. At 10:30 a.m. the third annual Riding Lawnmower Parade will begin. The unique parade promises to be one of a kind with a variety of unusual and fun entries. Prizes will be given for best entries in various divisions.

At 12:00 noon activities will break for lunch. Those attending are welcomed to bring their own lunch and picnic in the park, or the Hitchin' Post Cafe in downtown Roaring Springs will serve their delicious fried chicken buffet.

Afternoon activities will begin at 2:00 p.m. with a Dog Style Show at the Roaring Springs Community Center. This event is new to the celebration. Celebration chairman, Alex Crowder, says there are a couple of rules to this activity, including the fact that all entries must be 'real dogs,' and they must be on a leash. Ribbons will be given for first, second and third place. A sack race and other activities will begin at 2:30 and a patriotic sing-song will begin at 3:30.

The evening will begin with a delicious barbecue supper, beginning at 6:00 p.m. or, again, those who would like, may picnic at the park. At 8:00 p.m. homemade ice cream will be served at the Community Center.

The kids who are anxiously awaiting the fireworks show, can use the time to participate in the second annual Stick Horse Derby. There will be three age divisions - (2-3), (4-5), (6-7). At 9:00 p.m. the second annual Steeplechase run will begin with the same age divisions.

The fireworks display is scheduled to begin at about 9:45 p.m. or dark. Each year a large crowd, from near and far, is welcomed to Roaring Springs to enjoy this beautiful display. With less funds this year, Community Volunteers are asking for donations to help purchase the fireworks. Cans have been set up in various businesses in Roaring Springs or those wishing to make a donation may call Alex Crowder at 348-7336 or contact any Volunteer.

This event is sponsored by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers and they invite everyone to enjoy the festivities to celebrate July 4th, 2003.

Operation Round-up awards \$21,000 in scholarships

Lubbock -- Operation

Round-Up, a program supported by the members of South Plains Electric Cooperative, awarded \$21,000 in scholarships as a demonstration of the cooperative's commitment to its local communities. Twenty-one local students each received a \$1,000 award for the 2003-2004 school year. These students were selected from a total of 60 applicants on their scholastic records, school and community service activities and financial need. The recipients include:

Jenny Allen, Roosevelt; Chris Bates, New Deal; Tabatha Benningfield, Jayton; Kathryn Boyd, Guthrie; Meredith Breitling, Shallowater; Kathleen Brosch, Slaton; Kara Conoly, Frenship; Sara Conoly, Frenship; Ne'Lee Crum, Lubbock-Cooper; Kelly Gannon, Jayton; Emily Gilbert, Frenship; Kelly Hildebrandt, Roosevelt; Juliana Lehman, Paducah; Erin Lutrick, Cotton Center; Jeremy Maines, Lubbock-Cooper; Drew McEachern, Paducah; Alyssa McMenamy, Lubbock; Katelyn Nash, Idalou; Tonya Perkins, Slaton; Cristalyn Sageser, Cotton Center; Shanna Wiggins, Lubbock-Cooper.

The recipients were honored at the Fifth Annual Operation Round-Up Scholarship Banquet at Cagle Steaks in Lub-

bock in May.

Several thousand members of South Plains Electric Cooperative voluntarily participate in Operation Round-Up, an innovative program to provide funding for many worthy projects here in our local communities. It's administered by the South Plains Electric Trust, a 10-member board of area leaders serving on a voluntary basis. Current South Plains Electric Trust board members include: President Sam Owings, Lubbock; Vice President Jean Sonnamaker, Spur; Treasurer Donna Campbell, Lorenzo; Secretary Linda Black, Lubbock; Buddy Baldrige, Jayton; Gloria Grawunder, Shallowater; Wayne Mathies, Levelland; David Miller, Lubbock; Jori Parks, Paducah; and Henry Ricff, Hale Center.

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Roaring Springs City Council meets

The Roaring Springs City Council met for the regular meeting, June 9. Those attending were Mayor Corky Marshall, Mayor Pro-Tem, Alex Crowder, and Council members, Timmy Brooks, Kelly Keltz, Patricia Green, and Gary Simpson; Water manager, Robert Osborn; City Secretary, Zella Palmer, and Larry Burnside from the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

Mr. Burnside presented a proposal for insurance coverage. A discussion for the proposal will be held at the August Council meeting.

Minutes of the May 19 meeting were read and approved. Bills were approved to be paid as presented.

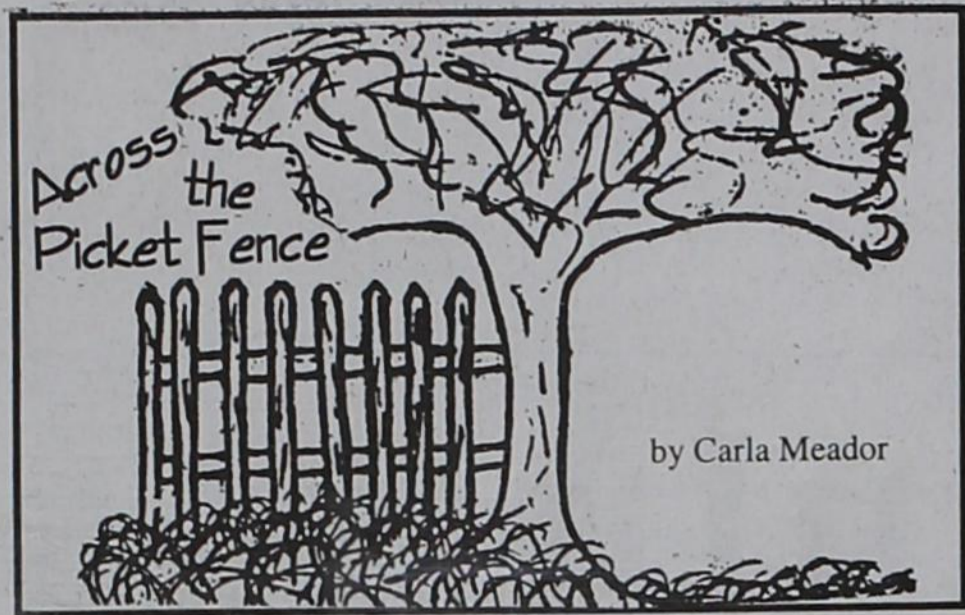
Council discussed the need to replace playground equipment in the City Park. Council voted unanimously to pursue further exploration to improve the playground equipment.

Requests have been made for use of the City backhoe, outside of the City. When the backhoe was purchased, Council voted not to take the backhoe out of the City for any kind of work.



CLEAN UP — These volunteers worked at the Bob's Oil Well site recently cleaning the place in preparation for renovation. Another work day is scheduled for this Saturday, June 21. All help and donations are appreciated.

Clean up workday at
BOB'S OIL WELL
Saturday, June 21



My niece and nephew, Angelica and Jonah, are visiting from Las Vegas, Nevada. After a year of not seeing them, we are always ready for their summer vacation. My nephew, Parker, is especially glad to see them, as are Morgan and Judson. The five children are stairsteps, Angelica is 9, Jonah is 8, Parker is 7, Morgan is 6 and little Judson is 3. Although the youngest of the group, Jud never misses a beat. He doesn't know he's smaller and younger.

Angelica spent the night with me last week. She has been staying overnight with me since she was a baby. Of course, I have loved every minute of it. With each year, she grows and changes so much. She's always been such a happy little girl. She gets along with everybody and always has a smile on her face. When she was very little she would walk around the yard with me helping to water and garden. This year I can tell she's getting in that 'tween stage. You know the age between a child and a teenager. The words, "Sissy, I'm bored," were uttered several times. I asked her if she knew what bored actually means, and she answered, "I don't have anything to do." She's really a tomboy and wanted to go back to Nana's to play with the boys. She even told me that I was a 'girly girl'.

I explained to Angelica that I don't remember, ever in my life, really being bored. I really don't! When we were at home, if we ever uttered the word bored, Daddy would make sure we had plenty of chores so as not to have time to get bored. And when we were not doing chores, we had plenty of cousins to play with so we didn't have time to be bored.

Some kids really don't know what fun is now. We played outside all day, had cracker picnics, walked to the rodeo grounds and back and forth to town, usually barefoot, several times a day. We searched for pop bottles to sell so we could buy a coke

and candy. And we usually found enough so that we could all have a treat.

If we weren't looking for bottles, we were scouring under grass and weeds looking for horny toads and jumbo grasshoppers. Our mothers would give us a big coffee can with a lid and we sometimes would fill that can to the top with horny toads or grasshoppers. Yuck! I can still see and hear all those grasshoppers crowded together in that coffee can. We must have scared all the horny toads away, I rarely see one now.

I guess my sister, my cousin and I were probably tomboys, too, as we were three girls out of lots of boys in the group. We weren't afraid to pick up a big ole' horny toad or a big, fat grasshopper. Well, I can tell you that I would not pick up one of those big jumbo grasshoppers now. Double yuck!!

We didn't know what sitting around watching TV or movies was and we had never heard of a VCR or a video game, much less a computer or the internet! And if they had existed I don't think our mothers would have let us sit around in the house.

But, although kids here in Motley County have all the movies, video games, and internet, they really do get to experience the fun of being a country kid. Jonah, Parker and Angelica have a big washtub, now, full of tadpoles. The boys went on one of those hunts today and found a baby bird, which they are keeping in a birdcage and feeding. They get to play in the lot next door, with the neighbor kids, practicing T-ball and Softball. And they love to run in the grass under the water sprinkler on a hot day.

The city kids have come back to the country. Even if for a few short weeks, they are experiencing the fun their dad and their aunts and uncles had as children. And even if I am now a 'girly girl,' I could tell Angelica a few grasshopper stories!



Matador Eastern Star installs officers

by Beverly Vinson

Matador Masonic hall was resplendent with Christmas trees, poinsettias, wreaths, roses and all sorts of decorations denoting the theme of the income Worthy Matron, Frances Reedy, Saturday evening, June 14. "Keeping Christmas With Love" will be carried out throughout the year. It was a beautiful setting for the open installation service. Candelabras were lighted by Matador members, Judy Cartwright and June Hale. Music was provided by Dorothy Hodges of Crosbyton Chapter #891.

Master of Ceremonies was Miss Jean Sauze, escorted by Mr. Dean Porter, both of Norman Read Chapter #1010 of Midland. The invocation was by Mr. Farris Benham, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas A.F.&A.M. from Amarillo. The installing officers being presented were Mrs. Frances Reedy, escorted by Mr. Wes Campbell, both of Matador Chapter #66; assisting installing grand officer, Mr. Dean Porter from Norman Read Chapter #1010, escorted by Mrs. Lynn Campbell of Matador #66; Installing Grand Marshall, Mrs. Betty Benham, Past Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Texas O.E.S. from Amarillo escorted by Mr. Farris Benham; Installing Grand Chaplain Mrs. Gerry Porter from Norman Read Chapter #1010, escorted by Mr. Bob Black of Norman Read Chapter; and Installing Grand Secretary Mrs. June Dunkin from San Angelo Chapter #10, escorted by Mr. Farris Benham.

The Holy Bible was presented by Mrs. June Dunkin, the Square by Mr. Furman Vinson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F.&A.M. from Matador Chapter #66, the Compasses were presented by Mr. Farris Benham. Presenting the Angel was Mrs. Beverly Vinson, the Heart by Mrs. June Hale, the Dove by Mrs. Judy Cartwright, and the Poinsettia by Mrs. Betty Ray from Shallowater Chapter #1134. As each was presented the emblem was placed on the top of a Christmas tree in front of the East.

The Star Point Emblems presented Adah, Mrs. Edythe Talley, escorted by Mr. Rex Talley, both members of Matador; Ruth, Mrs. Margie Payne, escorted by Dean Porter, from Norman Read Chapter; Esther, Mrs. Betty Jean Campbell, escorted by Mr. Mac Ray of Shallowater; Martha, Mrs. Lee Peacock, escorted by Mr. Farris Benham; and Electa, Mrs. Lynn Campbell, escorted by Mr. Wes Campbell.

Mr. Wes Campbell, outgoing Worthy Patron called the meet-

ing to order after the presentation of the installing officers and presenters. The retiring 2002-2003 officers entered the Chapter room prior to the conductress opening the Holy Bible. The Lord's Prayer was recited, pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags were given and the National Anthem and the Eyes of Texas were sung. The outgoing Worthy Matron, Mrs. June Hale, welcomed the group and recognized the distinguished guests, Mrs. Betty Benham, Past Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter Texas, O.E.S., and Mrs. Frances Reedy, Credentials Comm. District 2 Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S. The presentation of the installing officers followed with the current officers preparing for the installation ceremony.

Officers installed were Worthy Matron, Frances Reedy; Worthy Patron, Rex Talley; Associate Patron, Furman Vinson; Secretary, Judy Cartwright; Treasurer, Beverly Vinson; Conductress, June Hale; Assoc. Conductress, Lucretia (R.E.) Campbell; Chaplain, Wes Campbell; Marshal, Deborah Martin; Adah, Edythe Talley; Ruth, Margie Payne; Esther, Betty Jean Campbell; Martha, Lea Peacock; and Electa, Lynn Campbell. The Bible was closed and closing ode "Silent Night" was sung with the Mizpah Benediction recited.

The Worthy Patron addressed the group as did Frances Reedy, Worthy Matron. Presentations were made. The benediction was given by Wes Campbell and the officers and installing officers retired.

A reception was held in the dining hall with decorations befitting the Worthy Matron's theme for the year with red poinsettias, greenery and all the Christmas decorations possible. Punch from a fountain was enjoyed as well as cheeses, sandwiches, cream puffs filled with chicken salad, tidbits of all kinds, sugared and barbecued pecans, fresh fruit and a large Italian Cream Cake in the shape of a Christmas tree was enjoyed by all.

Sunday morning the group was invited to a breakfast for those spending the night and local members, at the Senior Citizens center where the new Worthy Matron served orange juice, fresh fruits, sausage and ham quiches, cheese grits, different types of muffins hot from the oven, coffee and good visiting and fellowship.

All in all it was an exhilarating affair which all enjoyed with the ladies in glittery formal tops with black crepe and chiffon over skirts and the men in suits.

Anyone interested in joining our Chapter is asked to contact one of the members for a petition.

Russels celebrate 60th anniversary

A reception honoring Dorothy and John (Sonny) Russell on their 60th wedding anniversary was held Saturday, June 14, at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

Friends and family from as far away as New Mexico and as near as down the street gathered to share in the celebration.

The couple's children and their families were hosts to the event. They included Marilyn and Randy Hicks of El Paso and

soon to be of Matador, Linda and Tom Roy of Weatherford, Caron and Jesse Perkins of Snyder, and John Douglas and D'Anna Russell, also of Matador. Grandchildren and their spouses, along with four great-grandchildren also assisted.

The family gathered for a cookout that evening at the Roaring Springs Ranch, and joining them were Cox family members.



Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

We appreciate the donations received at the library last week. We thank the Motley County Arts and Crafts for their donation to the art book fund. We also thank Ruth and Orville Lee for their donation in memory of Myra Spears.

We had an exciting, if abbreviated, summer reading program for kids this year. Last week saw sixteen sidewalk artists drawing in front of the library. Some of their work is still visible. Come by and see the kids' colorful drawings. We thank Betty Henry for her help with the art projects this year.

We also thank Annie Green, Ashley Green, Rachael Bartlett, and R.J. for being such good helpers. Pam Thacker and Jan

Jones were wonderful story readers and Ruby McGuire checked in books, helped with the kids and did whatever else needed doing. We thank Patricia Green for her "Bear the Artist" display. Winifred Darsey and Jeanette Case provided delicious refreshments for the kids. We thank all these people for making the summer reading program a success.

New books in the library include *Living History* by Hillary Rodham Clinton, *The Kalahari Typing School for Men* by Alexander McCall Smith, *Perseus* by Lee Child, and three new large print novels *Miss Willie* by Janice Holt Giles, *The Postcard* and *The Crossroad* by Beverly Lewis.

Pivots & Divots

by Mary

Ladies Playday on June 12th was for most pars on odd holes. Playing 18 holes were Francine, Geneva, LaVoe, Liv and Louise. LaVoe and Liv tied and both won a ball.

Playing 9 holes were Dartha, Dot G., Frances, Judy C., Marihelen, Mary, Nell, Olivia O., Tempie, Tommye and Wendi. Tempie won the ball.

There were 30 in the June 10th Tuesday scramble. Winning, with a score of 29, were Rian Freeman, Brice Dye, Gene Marshall, Jeanne Marshall and Keith Hewitt.

Second, with a score of 31, were Dot Grundy, Lacy Carson, Jim Watson, Mike Nelson and Geneva Wilson.

Third, with a score of 32, were Don Nickson, Row Nickson, Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, and Roncho Grundy.

Others playing were Alan Bingham, Gerald Pipkin, Garland Cartwright, Judy Cartwright, Cassie Campbell, Cody Dodson, Kendra Dodson, Russell Alexander, Stacy Alexander, Mindy Jameson, Sut Braselton, Francine Braselton, Bill Heatly, Stan Hanesworth and Louise Barton. Jim Watson won closest to the pin.

Fun Day, held on Saturday, June 14, was a big success.

Thanks to all who made this possible. A special thanks to Dan who cheerfully lends a helping hand to the many things we ask him to do.

There were 56 in the golf scramble. Closest to the pin on #6 was won by:

Men - Mike Hancock, 27' 10"
Ladies - Jeanne Marshall, 5' 8"

Winning the putter drawing were:

Men - Jerry Johnson
Ladies - Row Nickson
Winning teams were:

First - Roger Hitt, Dianne Hitt, Louise Barton, Jerry Johnson and Jeannie Johnson.

Second - Alan Bingham, Kay Bingham, Carol Williamson, Dartha Westbrook and Dot Grundy.

Third - Jerry Collins, Betty Collins, Jerry Chatwell, Linda Chatwell and Ken Marshall.

Fourth - Robert Osborn, Olivia Osborn, Shane Taylor Timmy Brooks, and Stan Hanesworth.

Fifth - Tommy Evans, Janelle Evans, Lynn Morris, Rodney Huffacre and LaHonda Huffacre.

Sixth - James Stephens, Don Nickson, Row Nickson, Elton Faulkner and Peggy Faulkner.

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"In Decline..."

Not unlike those of the baby boom generation, the churches of America are also aging. We see the decline of the church almost on a daily basis. We see the church's vulnerabilities and as we recognize our own.

But unlike us "boomers" the Church will endure somewhere. God will see to it and Jesus has promised that in Matthew 16. But in our community, will it endure? It will when we seek to protect that which we profess to love so much and if we pass the stewardship on to reliable children. They will insure that the church in our communities will enrich the lives of many for years to come. If we don't do our part, the church in our small communities will be our companion in the cemetery.

The greatest enemy of the local church is declining participation. Church workshops, seminars, gospel meetings, revivals, all these are attempts to overcome the steady decline in member participation. This problem is actually the foundation for many of the other difficulties presently facing the small town church today. If we can increase the participation of the membership many things that troubles us will disappear.

With active participation comes interest. With interest will come the sustained contributions that are so necessary to the well being of any church. Yes, we understand that time is the enemy of any relationship or organization. Time is what ages us and puts things into decline. But with good stewardship on our part we can keep the process manageable. Can we all be faithful participants?

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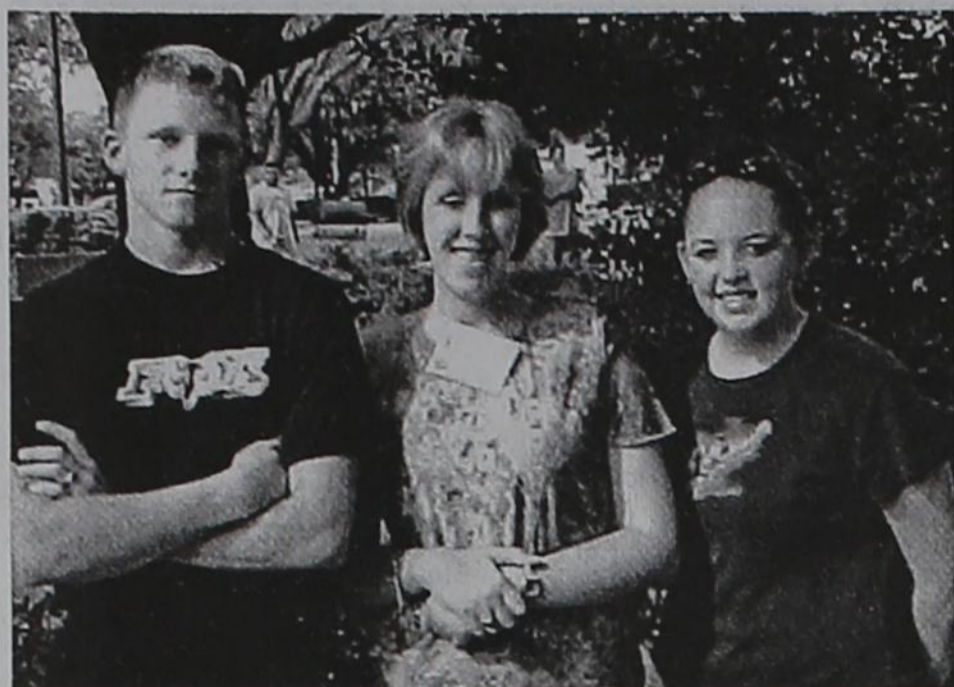
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ATTEND CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR — Quinten Rose, Shea Rose and Amanda Hurt recently attended the Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo.

Local students attend Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar

San Angelo — Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 4th Annual Citizenship Seminar here, June 2-6, were Quinten Rose, Shea Rose and Amanda Hurt.

Sponsored by the Motley County Farm Bureau, they were among approximately 350 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to Seab Washington president of the Motley County Farm Bureau.

"Farm Bureau — Your Host" was presented by Vernie Glasson, Texas Farm Bureau Executive Director, after the students were welcomed to Angelo State University. "Martin Lefevre (TFB Field Representative), and Maria Swearingen (2002 Miss TFB and TFB Speech contest winner), presented "Farm Bureau Scholarship Opportunities."

The students also participated in a program called "Congressional Insights", which allowed them to simulate a Congressional office and election.

Other speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects were as follows:

David Vernon, Lubbock Christian University, "Basics of Free Enterprise" and Ronald Trowbridge, Hillsdale College, "The Constitution."

In addition, the students participated in a panel discussion led by Ron Trowbridge and David Vernon followed by a question and answer session on "Our Rights, Our Freedom, Our Responsibility."

The students were entertained on Tuesday evening by Neal Jeffrey of Dallas, a humorist and motivational speaker. Damon Whaley, former TFB Talent Find Contest winner, provided special entertainment. Damon is an accomplished musician, comedian and impressionist.

After the presentation of their free enterprise projects on Wednesday evening, the students were treated to cake and ice cream in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Citizenship Seminar.

Clebe McClary, a motivational speaker, challenged the students to "Press on Regardless" at Thursday evening's banquet.

Study suggests prayer can help heart patients recover

by Robin Foster
Health Scout News

The power of prayer just might help heart patients heal. A new study from Duke University Medical Center shows that intercessory prayer — as well as guided imagery therapy, relaxation therapy and touch therapy — improved the recoveries of 120 heart patients who underwent various coronary procedures for their conditions.

Although all the non-medical therapies showed a 25 percent to 30 percent reduction in adverse outcomes when compared to standard medical treatment alone, the most provocative finding was that prayer had the most profound effect on healing.

Even more startling, the researchers say, was the fact that the 30 patients in the prayer group did not know of the prayers for their health, yet they showed the fewest complications six months after their procedures.

"I don't know what to make of it. As a scientist, I can't explain it, and there needs to be further study," says Dr. Harold Koenig, one of the study's authors.

That's exactly why the researchers say they have already started a larger study at nine medical centers around the country. Roughly 500 patients are already enrolled in the 1,500-patient study, which should be completed by late 2002 or early 2003.

"If they find 25 percent to 30 percent in that group, that would be incredible. We'd have to rethink a lot of things. You'd have to look at some physical alteration in the universe, something that is not known in phys-

ics," Koenig says. "The only possible scientific explanation other than that is to say God is doing it. It's not totally unimaginable. It's scientifically highly unlikely, but not unimaginable."

In the study, 150 heart patients were randomly selected to be in one of five groups: intercessory prayer, stress reduction therapy, healing touch therapy or guided imagery therapy together with standard medical treatment, or standard medical treatment alone.

The study appeared in the November issue of the *American Heart Journal*.

This is not the first time intercessory prayer has been shown to help in the healing process.

In 1999, a Missouri study found that heart patients who unknowingly received prayers from strangers did better than those who received standard medical care. In that study, 1,000 people with a variety of coronary problems were studied during a one-year period. The half that unknowingly received prayers from prayer groups showed 11 percent fewer complications a month later than did their counterparts.

The author of that study says the Duke study is tantalizing at best.

"I think they have properly couched this. This is not something that should be blown out of proportion," says William Harris, a heart researcher at the Mid America Heart Center at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. "It's a step ahead, but there's no conclusions."

Of the 120 who were assigned to noetic, or non-medical, therapy, 118 completed the study. All 150 patients were

checked six months later. Although the mortality rate was higher in the groups that received noetic therapies, those groups also had the greatest reduction in complications. And the prayer group showed the fewest postoperative problems of all.

Because of the small sample size, "as a stand-alone study, you couldn't conclude that prayer did anything. You need a larger study," he says. "The second study will be the test. This is the hors d'oeuvre. I do think it portends of good things to come, as hors d'oeuvres do."

And previous studies have pointed to the benefits of prayer therapy, so the Duke findings do add to that body of research, he adds.

An expert in religion and medicine says prayer therapy is definitely not a new concept.

"Science is only one way of approaching the world," says Dr. Dale Matthews, author of the book *The Faith Factor*. "Billions of people throughout the world would attest to the effects

of prayer. This has been a phenomenon that has been talked about for centuries."

Still, Matthews notes he was taken aback by the finding that intercessory prayer was potentially so powerful. Having authored a small study on the effects of two kinds of prayer with arthritis patients, which appeared in the December 2000 issue of *Southern Medical Journal*, Matthews notes he found intercessory prayer did not seem to have an added health benefit while laying-on of hands did.

"I'm actually surprised by that result. I found that personal contact was much more powerful than the distant prayer. That's very interesting," he says.

Perhaps the most influential study on the effect of praying on health was conducted in 1988 by Dr. Randolph C. Bryd at San Francisco General Hospital. It was the first finding that showed proof of the benefit of prayer in healing.

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and
The Staff
at
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Kandi Keltz named to President's List

Kandi Keltz was named to the President's List for the Spring Semester at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, with a 4.0 GPA.

Kandi is a Senior at Tech with a major in Exercise Sports

Science with Pre-Physical Therapy.

She is a 1999 graduate of Motley County High School and the daughter of Kelly and Pennie Keltz of Roaring Springs.

Anna Christy named to Dean's List

Anna Christy has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the 2003 spring semester at South Plains College.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while carrying at least 12 semester hours with no failing grades.

"We want to commend these students for their dedication and persistence in maintaining excellent grades during their studies this past semester at South Plains College," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president.

Anna is the daughter of Tempie Francis of Matador. She is a 2000 graduate of Motley County High School.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Mrs. Jo Crowder returned home last Thursday after visiting in the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vanaria of Sunbury, CT.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock of Lubbock visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Peacock for Father's Day weekend.

Mrs. Darleen Fletcher was the Roaring Springs Methodist delegate to the Annual Conference in Amarillo this past week. The Methodist Pastor, Paul Stearns, also attended.

Mr. Lee Watson and Mr. David Young of Canadian visited in the home of Mrs. Cleo Watson, Larry and Monte.

Mr. and Mrs. Sailor Watson of Gladewater visited in the home of Mrs. Cleo Watson and were here to attend the Watson Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fletcher of Ruidoso, N.M. visited Mrs. Cleo Watson and family on Saturday.

Visiting the Alex Crowders Sunday were their son, Buddy Crowder of Lubbock; daughter, DeNisa Porder and granddaughter, Amber Porder of Irran, Texas; friends Mr. Cill Gentry and sons Brandon and Culley, Mrs. Dorothy Young and Robert Hale, all of Irran.

RETURNS FROM TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Swim of Abilene spent last Sunday night with their aunt, Lula Swim. She accompanied them to Blue Jay, California to visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Swim. Also joining them there for a visit were Mrs. Becki Knight, Josh and Brittany of LaMirada, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Swim and family of Chino Hills, Calif. They had supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Dayton and family of Blue Jay. Mrs. Dayton was married to Mike Swim. He was killed in a boat accident several years ago. They had three daughters. They traveled up to see Mrs. Viola Robinson of Yruba City, Colorado. They also visited her son, Leon.

In Lubbock the Swims visited Mrs. Zona Ruth Cammack, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Swim and Miss Emily Swim.

They were through Sudan on

Thursday on their way home and Lula Swim visited with Rev. and Mrs. Monte Wike. They were loading to move to Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim of Lubbock were here Sunday to take his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim and his aunt, Lula to lunch at the Hitchin' Post.

R.J. Marshall of Hedley is visiting in the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Kay Jones.

Mrs. Zella Palmer spent Father's Day in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Palmer and family.

Mrs. Modean Brooks fell and broke her hip on Saturday. She was conveyed to UMC in Lubbock. She underwent surgery on Monday. Last report was that she is doing well.

Lula Swim received word Monday evening that Ralph Trice of Hobbs, NM passed away. He was a former coach and teacher at Roaring Springs.

FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND

Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker joined their children and grandchildren for a Father's Day weekend celebration at the lake home of their son and wife, John and Jana Thacker in Cason Cove, Lake Brownwood, Texas. Joining them there were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thacker, Amanda, Isaiah, and Emmalee, of Lubbock; grandchildren Matt and Melanie Paul, Amy Thacker and friend Chris Smith from Abilene; and grandson Brad Thacker of Amarillo. Unable to attend were Jeff, Pam and Blair Thacker of Roaring Springs and Lubbock; also Weslyn was not present. A fun weekend was enjoyed by all from Friday through Sunday.

Jeff Thacker attended a Primerica convention in Atlanta, Georgia Thursday through Saturday. Returning Sunday morning by plane to Lubbock, where Pam and Blair met him and celebrated Father's Day. They were joined by Brad, who was returning to his home in Amarillo.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
Two guys were out fishing, when one says to the other, "Last week, I caught a 3-foot trout right here."

The other fisherman responds, "Last week, I hooked a lantern right here and it was still burning."

"Why don't you at least tell a story that is halfway believable?" asks the first.

"Okay," says the second. "You knock 2 feet off your trout and I'll blow out the lantern."

Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton of Borger visited Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay.

Leah Cruse of Lubbock visited the weekend with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Derrick. Visiting Sunday was Keane Cruse of Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson, and daughter, Mrs. Kayla Guest of Turkey met Mrs. Lucretia Dockery and daughter, Brittany of Vernon in Childress, Sunday and enjoyed a Father's Day luncheon at K-Bob's restaurant.

Father's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon, Shonda Davies of Plainview, Roger Lee and Brandon Lee of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were guests Father's Day in the home of daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger. Other guests were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cooper, Cory Cooper and son, Gavin of Borger.

Visitors Father's Day of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers were children and families, Ronnie and Lou Rogers and Richard Rogers of Lubbock, Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Calgary and Donnie Rogers of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited in Higgins, Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Kennedy and children, Tanya and Jackie Lee. Tanya and Jackie Lee returned home with them to visit. Visiting them during the weekend was daughter, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch.

Luncheon guests Father's Day of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Milam and daughters, Emily and Haley of Petersburg, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stark of Flomot.

Mrs. Darla Gwinn joined by Mrs. Marilyn Holcomb of Floydada, Mrs. Josie Raetz of Matador, Aly Gwinn of Lubbock and Mrs. Shirley Winters of Lancaster, Pennsylvania enjoyed tourist attractions from Thursday until Saturday in Ruidoso, N.M.

Visiting Father's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington was daughter, Mrs. Connie Franks of Flomot and her weekend houseguests, children, Cara Franks of Canyon and Cary Franks of Lubbock.

Elisa and Stan Wigley of Lubbock visited Wednesday with her parents, Aleda and Tom Ross. They celebrated Aleda's birthday with a luncheon and all the trimmings.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell and daughter, Peyton, of Lubbock, visited Father's Day with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert, Glen Calvert and Justin Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen D. Tiffin attended the annual Jehovah Witness Assembly Friday and Saturday held at the Civic Center in Amarillo. Over 4000 attended from Kansas, New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas.

Matador News

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon were in Lubbock, Thursday where they met her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. Mrs. Hester and Mrs. Dixon had medical appointments and received good reports.

Mrs. Clay (Melinda) Jameson and friends from Spur enjoyed a vacation trip to Laughlin, Nevada from Thursday until Sunday.

Virginia Green of Whiteface visited her parents, Luther and Edna Ruth Green, for Father's Day.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Koon were son, Kenneth W. Koon and wife, Diana of Plano, and daughter and family, Mrs. Karen Fleming and Amanda of Little Rock, Ark. They celebrated the birthday of Mr. Koon, which was June 5, and Father's Day. Mrs. Fleming remained for a longer visit.

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way."

— Psalm 37:23

OBITUARIES

Riley Dean Nordquist

Eagle City -- The funeral for Riley Dean Nordquist, 13, was held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at Watonga Christian Church. Doyle Warren officiated. Burial followed in Eagle City Cemetery. Arrangements were by Haigler Funeral Home Inc.

He was born September 19, 1989, at Okeene to Michael and Lisa Oldfield Nordquist, and died Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at Oklahoma Medical Center, Oklahoma City.

He lived in Eagle City for the first five years of his life, moving with his parents to Higgins, Texas. He attended school at Higgins through fourth grade. His family moved to Matador, Texas, where he attended fifth grade at Motley County School. He attended sixth grade at Knox City-Obrien School at Knox City, and finished seventh grade at Cranfills Gap. They returned to Eagle City, May 31.

He was a member of the exclusive South Eagle City Country Club. He also was in Vo-Ag showing in all the local county shows, and the major shows in Texas. He was a member of Who's Who Among American Science Students, receiving the all-State Academic Recognition Award in Texas for every grade he attended in school.

Surviving are his parents, Michael and Lisa of Oakwood; his grandparents, Kelly and Bernadine Nordquist of Canton, and Scott and Pati Cornwell of Madisonville, Tenn.; and his great-grandmother, Rose Mary Olson of Madisonville, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandfather, Ole Olson.

Memorials may be made to the Riley Scholarship Fund, with the funeral home acting as custodian of the fund.

Joseph Augustus Cooper

Graveside services for Joseph Augustus Cooper, 85, of Midland were held at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 12, in Resthaven Memorial Park with Rev. Jimmy Nunn officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Gus was born Jan. 8, 1918, in Roaring Springs, Texas. He was the first baby born in that new West Texas Town.

When he was six months old, his father bought a ranch 15 miles north of Clayton, N.M. and moved the family.

When Gus was nine, the family moved back to Roaring Springs and stayed there two years and then moved back to the ranch in Clayton.

Gus attended a one-room school, first through eighth grade. He graduated from Clayton High School in 1935 and got a football scholarship to West Texas State University. After his freshman year, he entered Texas Tech in the fall of 1936. He graduated in 1941.

He was accepted to train in the first Reserve Officers training

school at The Academy in New London, Connecticut.

Early in WWII he was assigned to the USS Leonard Wood, an assault transport. He participated in the invasion of Sicily and then five invasions in the Pacific Theatre. His ship was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for exceptionally meritorious service in action.

After WWII he was employed by Carnation Company for 22 years mainly in the Dallas area. He then joined Price's Dairy as vice president and general manager of their operations in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

He married Peggy Whitener on July 1, 1949. She preceded him in death on April 5, 1990. On March 3, 1992, Gus married Bea Crawford in Lubbock.

His parents, three brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

His wife, Bea Cooper of Midland; his sister, Frances Nevenheim; and a niece, Donna Litterer, both of Prescott, Ariz.; and a nephew, Flip Whitener of Little Rock, Ark., survive Gus.

Wreathel Alanee Long Persons

Memorial services for Wreathel Alanee Long Persons, 83, of College Station, Texas, were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 7, at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs.

She died Monday, June 2, 2003, at her residence.

She was born Oct. 15, 1919, in Grow, Texas. She moved with her family to Roaring Springs at the age of four, where she graduated from high school. She married Amos D. Persons of Quitaque, Texas on June 21, 1941. They resided in Borger until after Mr. Persons retired as district vice president of Southern

Union Gas Company. She moved to College Station following his death in 1993.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Ethel Long; brothers, Thomas Edward (T.E.) Long, William B. (Billy) Long; and Charles Long of Roaring Springs.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra Weir, and Ina Beth Vaughn of College Station; a son, Andy Persons of Amarillo; a sister, Ina Mae Baird of Lubbock; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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FARM & RANCH NEWS

Credits available for damaged cotton

(Ablene) -- One sure fact of High Plains weather is that when storm season arrives, it usually brings hail with it, and many farmers will suffer the brunt of a damaging hailstorm. Cotton farmers in the Southern High Plains/Caprock Eradication Zone whose crops have been hailed out may be eligible for a credit against their assessment if they certify the crop as failed with their local Farm Service Agency office by July 15, according to the Texas Bill Weevil Eradication Foundation. The commissioner of agriculture has approved giving growers in the zone a full credit against the assessment for failed acres, provided all plants in the fields have been destroyed by the July 15 date, and the fields are kept free of cotton plants capable of supporting weevil feeding and reproduction for the remainder of the growing season.

The policy is the same as the one in force during the 2002 growing season. Foundation personnel will keep watch on failed fields to ensure they remain free of cotton and will report any field out of compliance to the farmer and to the Assessments Department in Abilene, officials said. Fields that have not been kept free of cotton throughout the growing season do not qualify for the credit. Growers with questions about the failed-acre credit may contact their local boll weevil office or foundation Headquarters in Abilene. The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.



2003 CROP STANDING ON THE BRINK; 2002 CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES

What's good for the goose isn't always good for the gander and evidence of how true this old saying is, is easily found on the Texas High Plains after several rounds of intense West Texas weather.

So far, conventional wisdom categorizes an estimated 500,000 acres as unsalvageable victims of hail, wind and rain. Add in another 500,000 acres or so suffering varying degrees of damage from back-to-back thunderstorms, and potential losses in 2003 acreage and production potential could be staggering.

On the heels of the storms that have ravaged cotton fields in PCG's 25-county area, many producers are making the decision to re-plant to other crops or stick with cotton. Either way the outlook for 2003 has taken a significant hit.

The flip-side of the coin, however, is that the same storms that wreaked havoc on early May-planted cotton fields have opened the door for overdue dryland producers.

As many irrigated producers weigh their options north of Lubbock, the dryland decision-making process for producers south of Lubbock is shaping up as more of a foregone conclusion — plant cotton.

As the remainder of June shapes the 2003 crop, producers need to keep in mind that the current situation will also impact ongoing boll weevil eradication efforts. Producers are encouraged to keep failed cotton fields free of hostable cotton throughout the growing season.

2002-Crop Figures Released by NASS
Final figures on the 2002 crop show the Texas High Plains produced 3,245,600 bales on some 2,825,900 harvested acres in the 25 county region served by Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Overall, 2002 production was a significant 752,900 bales better than what the area produced in 2001.

2002-Crop Figures Released by NASS

Abandonment totaled 756,300 acres in 2002 while harvested acreage increased some 400,000 acres over 2001.

Yieldwise, the High Plains averaged 551 pounds of lint per harvested acre in 2002. Irrigated cotton averaged an impressive 748 pounds per harvested acre while dryland yields averaged 263 pounds per acre in 2002.

The 748 irrigated yield figure marks the highest average irrigated yield in 25 years and only the third time in that same time period that irrigated yields have eclipsed the 700 pound mark. Irrigated yields in 1993 averaged 716 pounds and were followed by a 706 pound irrigated average in 1994.

The following table shows the official National Agricultural Statistics Service production figures for the 25-county Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. service area.

Texas High Plains 2002-crop Upland Cotton Production

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

	Planted	Harvested	Yield/HA	Production (480lb Bales)
Bailey	83,000	49,500	592	61,000
Borden	20,500	16,400	383	13,100
Briscoe	39,300	27,700	425	24,500
Castro	81,200	77,300	1,084	174,600
Cochran	131,500	95,500	596	118,500
Crosby	211,200	202,500	443	187,000
Dawson	293,000	216,500	421	190,000
Deaf Smith	54,300	30,100	850	53,300
Dickens	22,200	21,800	337	15,300
Floyd	175,800	118,000	548	134,600
Gaines	265,800	195,000	625	254,000
Garza	43,100	40,300	397	33,300
Hale	256,700	219,500	809	370,000
Hockley	251,200	225,000	487	228,300
Howard	130,400	77,300	310	50,000
Lamb	205,500	195,000	758	308,000
Lubbock	265,500	228,500	498	237,000
Lynn	292,000	277,000	338	195,100
Martin	156,500	61,600	312	40,000
Midland	32,000	13,800	330	9,500
Motley	24,700	23,500	249	12,200
Parmer	80,500	78,700	1,092	179,000
Swisher	84,200	70,400	708	103,800
Terry	252,900	186,000	430	166,500
Yoakum	129,200	79,000	529	87,000
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PCG encourages producers to properly clean up any remaining cotton plants in fields being re-planted to another crop. This is particularly important to both the continued success of boll weevil eradication and to the pocket books of those growers. Failed cotton acreage is normally eligible for a credit offsetting any boll weevil assessment that would otherwise be due as long as the acreage is kept free of hostable cotton during the remainder of the growing season.

However, if hostable cotton is found in a failed cotton field after the certification date, the

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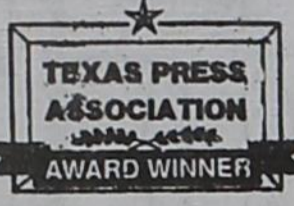
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The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the program, what it entails and what it would mean for Matador.

The City of Matador encourages citizens to participate in the development of this program and to make their views known at this public meeting.

Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views to Mayor Williams at City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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