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Coaches hired at recent School Board meeting

Contracts for Coach Michael Nordquist and Coach Amy Bowles were approved at the Motley County School Board meeting held Monday, June 11. Coach Nordquist was employed as the head coach for the boys' programs and Coach Bowles was employed as the head coach for the girls' programs. The Board plans to employ two (2) assistant coaches.

Resignations were accepted from Coach Robert Ridgley and Mrs. Patricia Ridgley.

Tammy Simpson was employed as a reading aid for Kindergarten, First and Second grades. This position was created due to an Accelerated Reading Grant from TEA.

Mr. Pat Smith, Matador resident, attended open forum of the meeting to express concerns about enrollment declines and athletics. Mr. Smith said that he feels the school board and administration should be more in tune with the way the school and athletic program is being operated.

Superintendent Rick Copp presented his informational report, which consisted of the following:

— Title VI class reduction grant. The school received \$6,947.00 from TEA for the 2000-01 school year and this money was budgeted under code 8911, which is used for teacher salaries.

— The Texas Professional Reading Initiative report was given. This test, TPRI, is used for gauging the

reading levels of Kindergarten, First and Second graders. The test was given at the beginning of the school year and again at the end. The results showed that the students in these grades are progressing in their reading skills.

— A copy of enrollment projections for the next seven years were shared. The report shows that the number of students will continue to show a decline, unless families begin to re-locate to Motley County.

— Yolanda Kautz has volunteered to be the Junior High Cheerleading Sponsor, replacing Trish Ridgley.

— Student and faculty handbooks were distributed to the board to review and have questions or comments at the July board meeting.

— Ms. Herrell, Principal, has compiled the Spring survey results that she has mailed out to staff and parents. These results were shared with everyone and ideas from these surveys will be implemented in the 2001-2002 school year.

Other items for board action including approving the minutes from the previous meeting and approving the expenditure report. Financial statements were reviewed.

Board approved contracts with the Region 17 Service Center in the following areas:

1. Bilingual/ESL
2. Purchasing
3. Title I

4. Title II
5. Title IV
6. Title VI
7. Gifted/Talented
8. Media
9. Computer Software
10. Adult Education
11. Legal Services.

The Board also approved the Chemical Hygiene plan for the 2001-02 school year.

The regular July board meeting set for July 9, was changed to be held on July 16.

The Teacher Appraisal Calendar, PDAS, for the 2001-02 school year was approved.

All board members were present for this meeting, with the exception of Coy Franks and Les Woolsey. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp and Bettye Stevens. Representing the Motley County Staff were Jan Jones, Barbara Parks and Shelley Cox.

School Board members, with the exception of Coy Franks and Les Woolsey, met with Superintendent Rick Copp for a called meeting, Thursday, June 14.

The Board approved the bid of the First State Bank of Matador as the depository for Motley County ISD for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school years.

The Board also approved to allow MCYO (Motley County Youth Organization) to build a storage building at the baseball field.

More letters received in support of Bob's Oil Well project

I am writing you today to express my support for the renovation of Bob's Oil Well in Matador, Texas.

I have heard many stories about Bob's ingenuity and business sense. He was a true American entrepreneur before the word was ever invented. The impression his business left on the community and his customers, is still missed today. This business was an indelible landmark in people's minds that lived in the South Central part of the United States because of his creative marketing. The marketing of his business was nothing short of a legend. I understand that he had numerous billboards across the United States that read, "1,128 miles is a filling station in Matador, Texas called Bob's Oil Well. See Tigers and watch a Rattle Snake Show!" His amazing business is comparable to other great entrepreneurs across the country like Wall Drug in Wall, SD (www.walldrug.com) or Rock City in Lookout Mountain, GA (www.seerockcity.com). I have included a picture of Rock City's barn billboard's that compares only to the original Bob's Oil Well.

I am excited about the possibility of a renovation to Bob's Oil Well.

Sincerely,
Charlie Hamilton
Norman, OK

To Whom It May Concern:

I support the restoration of Bob's Oil Well and Cook Shack, located at the junction of US Highway 70 and Texas Highway 70 in Matador, Texas. I am involved in a similar business. My company owns and operates travel centers in seven states and we have been serving the needs of travelers for forty-three years. I believe the restoration of this property into an informational visitors center will provide an economic boost to Motley County and the towns along the Highway 70 corridors, as well as an historic stop for motorists and commercial truckers.

During my pre-teen years I lived across the highway from Bob's Oil Well. I have fond memories of a dynamic, going business of yesteryear. I strongly support the City of Matador's application to the federally funded Transportation Enhancement program as administered by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,
B.R. "Rip" Griffin
Lubbock

I grew up in New York City and have recently visited Matador to meet my son-in-law's family. As you might guess Matador is drastically different from my New York City neighborhood. Nevertheless, comparisons can be drawn. One thing that can be said about both towns is that there is a lot of history in the towns. I will never forget the story of Bob's Oil Well. Bob's Oil Well is like The Empire State Building. It represents the entrepreneurial spirit and the "can do" mentality that this country was built on. No one would ever think of letting the Empire State Building be run down! I strongly support the preservation of history through the restoration of Bob's Oil Well.

Sincerely,
Thomas A. Aurelio
Phoenix, AZ

I want to express my support for the renovation of Bob's Oil Well. I think it is a much-needed renovation. Bob's Oil Well is a proud part of Matador history. It stands for the entrepreneurial spirit and the hard work mentality that still can be found in Matador today. Renovating Bob's Oil Well will help bring pride back into the community and give the community something to rally behind. Matador deserves the State Funds needed to do the renovations. Moreover, the community needs the jobs that the renovations would provide. It will be hard to get the State Funds for the renovations, but nothing worth fighting for is ever easy. Matador is worth it!

Sincerely,
Kathleen Aurelio
Norman, OK

It has come to my attention that an application is being presented to the Texas Department of Transportation for support in renovating the old Bob's Oil Well into a travel center. I think this is wonderful project. Too many of our small towns are suffering from lack of funds in which to renovate and restore landmarks and businesses. Matador was my birthplace. The place where I grew up, received an education, and enjoyed all the benefits of small town Texas life. Matador holds a special place in my heart, therefore, I want to offer my vote and support for this project, the renovation of Bob's Oil Well into a travel center.

Sincerely,
Vickie Holt Phelps
Longview, Texas

We support the restoration of Bob's Oil Well and believe it would have a great economic impact and be a moral booster to the community, if restored.

Sincerely,
D.J. and Paka (Barton) Horen

So many small towns are "dying on the vine." This restoration would mean more people stopping in Matador. If they find this interesting they may make a few more stops, library, museum, and more than likely some of the businesses.

Let Bob's Oil Well beacon shine once more with the re-establishment of this attraction.

Dr. Pat and Mary Lou Williams

As a boy in the 1950's, I fondly remember stops at Bob's Oil Well after Sunday church services to see the rattlesnakes and buy a "cold drink," but things have changed so much since then.

Now, when I drive into Matador, I see a ruined building with walls literally falling down. I understand that it's possible to secure grant money as one possibility to at least clean up this historic building, which is one of the first things visitors see as they enter Matador from three directions along U.S. Highway 70 and Texas Highway 70.

I strongly support efforts to get something done with grant money, fund-raising, whatever means shows a possibility of success. Best of luck on this project.

Larry S. Elliott
Beaumont, TX
Matador High School, 1967

Basketball tourney to benefit Motley County residents' grandson

The 3rd annual "Heat in the Street," 3 on 3 basketball tournament will be held in the Childress City Park during the July 4th celebration. There will be divisions for males and females from 3rd grade through adults. Entry forms are due by June 30 with \$30 entry fee. All proceeds will go to benefit 6-year-old leukemia patient, Conner Washington, grandson of Flomot residents, Seab and Dianne Washington.

For an entry form or more information call Leah Helm at (940) 937-8042.



A LITTLE EXTRA HELP — T-Ball Coach Shane Taylor gives Rug Rat team member, Matthew Mount, a little extra help by instructing him on how to hold the bat to get the perfect hit during a Monday night game. T-Ball and Softball games are held each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday night in June at Forrest Park in Matador. The last game is scheduled for June 29. Matthew is the five-year-old son of Hank and Karen Mount of Roaring Springs.

Roaring Springs Volunteers to sponsor Old Fashioned July 4th Celebration

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will sponsor the annual July 4th Old Fashioned Celebration, Wednesday, July 4th.

The day's festivities will begin at 7:00 a.m. with breakfast at the home of J.N. Fletcher, south of Roaring Springs.

A Riding Lawnmower parade, which promises to be entertaining, will begin in downtown Roaring Springs at 10:30 a.m. There will be five divisions: Riding mowers; push mowers; Golf Carts, ATV, and other small wheeled riding vehicles. Rib-

bons will be awarded to first, second and third place. All those wishing to participate are welcome to bring their lawnmower and join the parade. Riders are encouraged to decorate their parade entries.

LaNita's Cafe in downtown Roaring Springs will serve a fried chicken buffet, beginning at 12:00 noon. Or bring your own picnic lunch and picnic at the park.

A Memorial Service will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Frank Mitchell Memorial City Park.

At 3:30, a patriotic sing-song will

be held at the Community Center. A barbecue supper will be served at the Center, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Meal tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Or again, those wishing to, may bring their own picnic.

At 8:00 p.m. homemade ice cream will be served to everyone, and at approximately 9:45 p.m. (or dark) a Fireworks Display will begin.

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers extend an invitation to everyone to come to Roaring Springs and enjoy these July 4th festivities for some old-fashioned fun.

Local students attend Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar

Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 38th Annual Citizenship Seminar, held in San Angelo, June 4-8, were Motley County students, Courtney Hays and Justin Jameson.

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, county Farm Bureau president.

"Farm Bureau - Your Host" was presented by Vernie Glasson, Texas Farm Bureau Executive Director, after the students were welcomed to Angelo State University.

Dale Bullock (TFB Field Representative), Jade Lusk (2000 Miss TFB), and Kerri Schneider, the 2000 TFB Speech contest winner, presented "Farm Bureau Scholarship Opportunities."

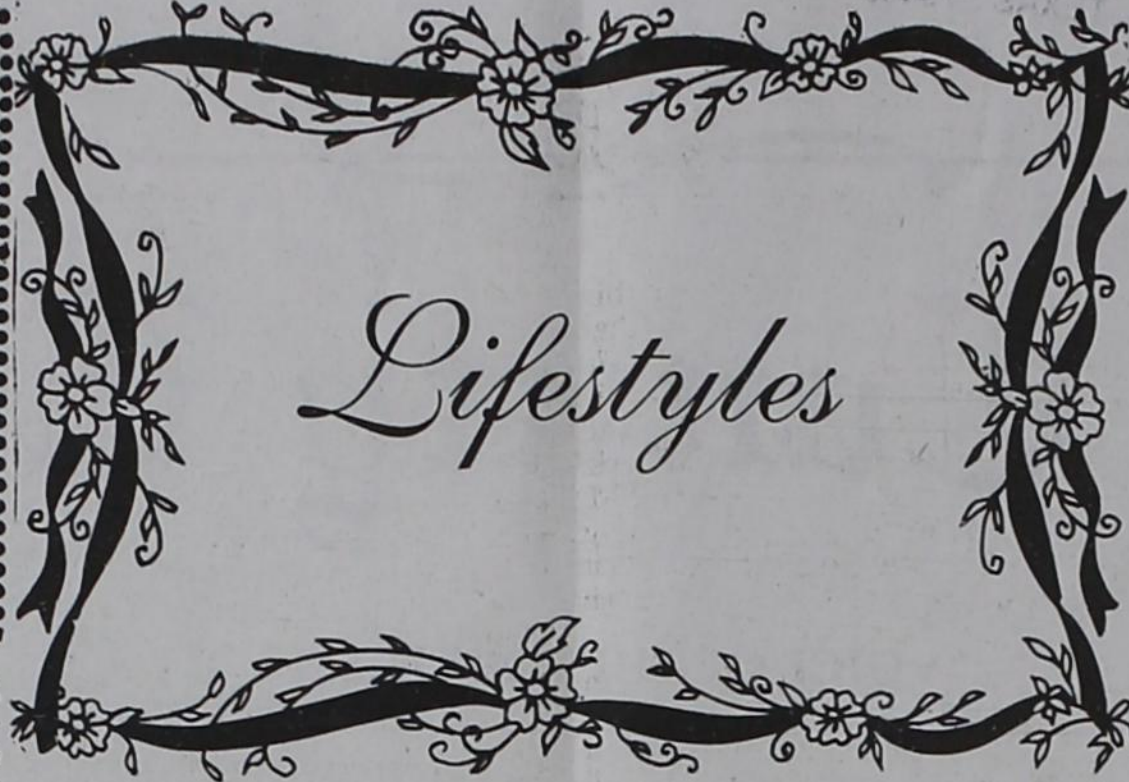
The students also participated in a program called "Congressional Insights," which allowed them to simulate a Congressional office and election.

Other speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects were as follows: David Vernon, Lubbock

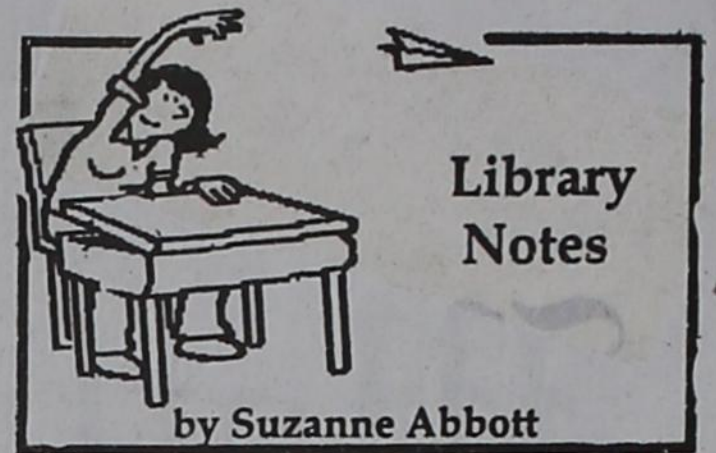


ATTEND SEMINAR — Courtney Hays and Justin Jameson recently attended the Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar held in San Angelo. Courtney and Justin will be Motley County High School seniors next year. Courtney is the daughter of Vaden and Carrol Hays and Justin is the son of Travis and Lou Anne Jameson of Matador.

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Lifestyles



Are you as excited about the 'Bob's Oil Well' project as I am? I think it's great. Let's just keep our fingers crossed - and it wouldn't hurt to say a few prayers - that we will be accepted for the Grant.

What an entrepreneur! Mr. Bob Robertson was a real go-getter. He had the foresight to know what this county needed, what would grab the public, and Bob's Oil Well fit the bill.

Just imagine how great it will be when passersby can drive into Matador and be greeted by the majestic "Bob's Oil Well." It could again be known around the nation. I agree with Mr. Aurelio's letter - "Bob's Oil Well" is our Empire State Building. Let's pull together, work together and make this a reality. Even if (God forbid) the grant is not awarded, let's keep this enthusiasm going and set out to raise the funds and re-build our Empire!

If you haven't attended a T-Ball or Softball game yet, you are really missing out. The little T-Ball kids are hilarious. Half of them really don't

quite know what's going on anyway, so the just make their own entertainment - dig in the dirt, look at the clouds, or play a little game of 'throw the glove in the air and see if I can catch it.' If a ball happens to reach outfield, they all take out after it and it's almost a fight to see which one will get to pick it up and throw it back in. They are so cute! Some of them are just babies.

The older kids are entertaining, also. These kids mean business. They are in the game! And some of these games really get exciting.

If you're bored with TV, go to a ballgame. The evenings are cool, you can visit with some people you don't see everyday and you can get a delicious supper at the Concession stand. Show these kids some good old Motley County support - how often is it when there is actually something to do in Motley County on a Summer night? But you better hurry, the season will come to an end at the end of this month. The last games are scheduled for June 29.

Do Gooders meet for quilting party

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, June 5, at the Community Center in Flomot and had a quilting party.

Mrs. Suzie Shannon, president, conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Kathy Shorter, secretary and treasurer, read the minutes and gave a financial report that was approved. They discussed the need for a new air conditioner at the Community Center building. They have two more quilts on the agenda to complete.

Hostesses, Mesdames Anna Beth Clay, Tommie Jo Cruse and Waydetta Clay presided at a watermelon designed service. They served

cantaloupe, watermelon, strawberries and grapes with fruit dip, chips and dip and ham and cheese crackers with iced tea. The table was laid with a white cloth and centered with a large birdhouse decorated with murals of ivy, sunflowers and watermelons.

Members attending were Mesdames Nada Starkey, Edith Washington, Tommie Jo Cruse, Erma Washington, Anna Beth Clay, Waydetta Clay, Geneva Martin, Barbara Payne, Suzie Shannon, Mary Jo Calvert, Kathy Shorter and Connie Franks. Guests were Walker and Ryleigh Carson of Turkey.

Methodist Churches to have new pastor

The new United Methodist minister of the Matador and Roaring Springs churches, Paul Stearns of Phoenix, Arizona, will arrive Thursday afternoon, June 21.

The administrative boards of both churches will meet at 6:30 p.m., Friday, June 22, at the Methodist Church in Matador. Following the

meeting, an outdoor ice cream social will be held at the home of Dale and JoEtta Bumgardner to welcome him to Motley County. Those attending are requested to bring a freezer of ice cream or cookies and your lawn chair.

A cordial invitation is extended to anyone who wishes to attend.

El Progresso Club members hear program on lighthouses

El Progresso Club met May 10 at the Senior Citizens center at 3:30 p.m. for a program on conservation.

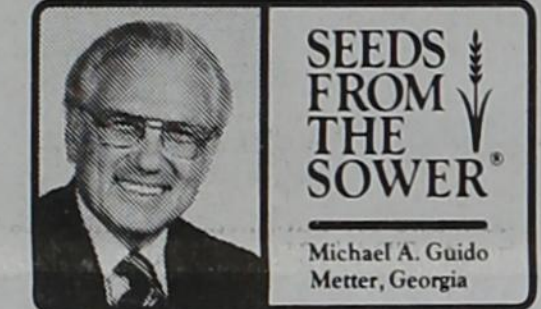
Club President, Jeanne Adams, presided over a brief business meeting and introduced Freida Burns, who was program leader for the day. Mrs. Burns introduced Lana Copp who presented a program on "The Beauty and Wonder of a Texas Lighthouse." The program was a wonderful study of Texas Lighthouses.

Reports of committees were reported. Mrs. Jo Ann Dickson won first place in the state for her short story on Christmas. It was very interesting about a cat. She also won second place with her poems.

The tea table was decorated with a blue cloth and centered at each end by a charming miniature lighthouse. The napkins were blue and green featuring ships, the ocean and lighthouses. It was a most outstanding decor.

The food was delicious with sandwiches, fruit and potato salads, relishes, punch and coffee. Hostesses were Lana Copp, Deborah Martin and Jeanne Adams.

The entire meeting was very interesting, very well planned. Members present were Lana Copp, Lou Walker, Deborah Martin, Loys Campbell, Jo Ann Durham, Grace Campbell, Jo Etta Bumgardner, Freida Burns and Winifred Darsey.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

A father drove to the post office to mail his letters, but his little boy insisted on dropping them in the box. He leaned too far out of the window and tumbled to the ground. Getting

up he cried, "Pop, you didn't get close enough."

There are times in everyone's life when God seems far away. They come at a moment of disappointment, defeat, disease, or the death of a loved one. And you tumble. Why?

God hasn't moved. You didn't get close enough.

Right now the Bible urges, "Draw near to God." I will. Won't you?

Pivots & Divots by Geneva

FUN DAY GOLF SCRAMBLE June 9

Winners: First, with a score of 61, (play-off on card), were Alan Bingham, Kay Bingham, Roy Stephens and Chance Bingham.

Second, with score of 61, were Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, Jake Goodson, Geneva Wilson and Bob Bevers.

Third, with a score of 63, were Rodney Huffaker, Lehonda Peters, James Ball and Carl Sayles.

Fourth, with a score of 63, (play-off on card), were Kyle Morse, Lynn Morse, Tommy Evans, Janell Evans and Roddy Huffaker.

Fifth, with a score of 63, were Jerry Collins, Betty Collins, Jerry Chatwell and Nathan Bailey.

Closest to pin on #3 was Yvonne Koetting, 6' 5". Closest to pin on #6, Richard Petty, 8' 6".

Mike Mauldin, President of Security State Bank of Idalou gave each player a sleeve of golf balls.

He also gave two ping putters and a gift certificate to Golf Headquarters in Lubbock. The putters were won by Olivia Barton and Vida Elkins. The gift certificate was won by Bob Hines. Thanks, Mike, for doing this for us.

We had 51 players to play in the tournament.

It really was a fun day! The weather was great, the course beautiful (thanks to the employees).

Thanks to everyone that helped in any way, but especially to Buzz and LaVoe Thacker for doing the cards. That is not an easy task.

The Roaring Springs Ranch newsletter will have more about all that played golf, the Craft Show, the meal and all the prizes and the winners of each.

Thanks to Mike Porter for the good music. I didn't get to hear you, but everyone said they really enjoyed it.

TUESDAY SCRAMBLE June 12

Winners: First, with a score of 31, Alfred Barton, Louise Barton and Randy Martin.

Second, with a score of 33, Mike Nelson, Jay Nelson and Geneva Wilson. Alfred Barton got closest to pin on #3, 20' 2".

Others playing were Alan Bingham, Sut Braselton, Francine Braselton, Jerry Chatwell, Linda

Everyone hears what you say. Friends listen to what you say. Best friends listen to what you don't say.

—Anonymous

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Trusting in God

Joshua and Caleb were upset with the children of Israel because they refused to trust God and go into the land of promise. At this point the children of Israel wanted to select a new leader that would take them back to Egypt and slavery. Their fear of the unknown had blinded them to such an extent that they had forgotten the horror of slavery. Joshua and Caleb were upset with the people because they refused to believe God. In the book of Numbers 14: 7-9, their address to the people is recorded.

"The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land which flows with milk and honey. Only do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them and the Lord is with us. Do not fear."

Here is our point: Trying to change some people's minds and attitudes is very difficult. Trusting in God requires a conscious effort, for some this is too much.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Carla,
Had to start this letter over, as I wrote it Friday after we had a pasture fire on Thursday, then believe it or not we had another at Rob and Tempie's house and our house on Saturday!

The reason I am writing this is that I do not feel most of us begin to appreciate the Volunteer Fire Departments in our county. I know I did not realize the extent these guys go to, even though I have seen them in action more than one time. They put in many hours on Thursday, on a very small fire, but one that could have been a disaster not only for us but our neighbors as well had it not been for their persistent work. Many of them take time from their jobs (yes some of them do get paid while fighting fires, but several are self-employed so there is no pay check). They use their own vehicles, they purchase their own gas to haul the guys, equipment, etc. One of our firemen drove to Plainview to repair a radiator (in his own vehicle). This does not include the many, many hours or days they spend at the station repairing, cleaning, etc. to make sure they can be ready for the next time we need them. They are also out working any time we have bad weather doing more than their share to protect the rest of us as we go about our busy lives.

They are doing all of this on a

very limited budget! As I asked how they can operate on the little funding they receive from the county (which could be depleted in one large fire), they all are very complimentary of our community saying they are very good to donate the much needed funds they have to have to keep going!!

Thanks guys! (Thanks to your families for giving us your family time).

Sondra

RS. Guys, I have not completely lost it. (I know some of you will dispute that). Van told me to get the water hose!

Dear Editor,

Trisha and I have loved being a part of Matador. We love this community and this school. We love the kids, and pray that each of them will succeed as they grow into adults. That is why it is so difficult to say goodbye.

We cannot express the love we feel for this community, so we simply want to say thank you for all you have done for us. We have been blessed through this wonderful community. God loves everyone here, and wants to shower this town with love and blessings. Our prayer is that Matador continues to open its heart to the guidance of our Lord and Sav-

ior.
We prayed and cried over this decision, but in the end we knew that this is what God wanted us to do. We are God's instruments, and this is his plan for us, to teach children, and to show His love through our work. God has a job for us in Hatch, NM, and it will not only mean teaching and coaching in the classroom, but it will give us the opportunity to reach out in His name.

This move is a gift from God, in that we are able to meet a financial need as Ben begins college. God is a good God and everything we have, all that we are, comes from Him alone.

We hope only the best for Matador, and say again how much we loved being a part of your lives.

Thank you,
Coach Ridgley
and family
(Philippians 1:3-9)

Dear Editor,

I want to update everyone about the Frank Mitchell Memorial project that the Roaring Springs Lions Club is working on.

To date we have received 40 donations, 36 named and 4 anonymous. We now have \$2,683.00 in the account. The Lions Club voted in our last meeting to begin work on this project. Kenneth Abbott has been hired to do this and he has laid out the plans at the site and will pick up some supplies and begin work on it this week.

Alex Crowder and I will help and other Lions Club members as well. We will need several more to help when we are ready to pour cement.

We will need volunteers to help paint the letters black on the granite slabs before they are set into the concrete stands and also volunteers to help us lift them into the stands.

We will need more money to finish this. If we can get enough donations over the cost, we plan to build signs to put on each highway coming into town so that people will know that this is the hometown of Medal of Honor Recipient, Frank Mitchell, and that there is a memorial here to him and to all our veterans.

The names who have donated are listed. If I have missed anyone, please let me know.

- Bennie Guinn, Nacadoches
- Long Insurance, Roaring Springs
- Joyce Smith, Roaring Springs
- Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder, Roaring Springs
- Don Warren, Matador
- Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs
- Wayburn Mitchell, Paducah
- Grady Glenn, Odessa
- Nona Williams, Granbury
- Nona Byers, Odessa
- David Walker, Matador
- Dean McInroe, Roaring Springs
- W.K. Birchfield, Roaring Springs
- J.N. Fletcher, Roaring Springs
- Predicta Study Club, Roaring Springs
- Tom Brian, Crosby Co. Abstract
- Virgie Bannister, Plainview
- Robin & Beverly Darsey, Matador

- W.H. Marshall Family Trust
- Stanley and Ira Lavell, Ft. Worth
- Corky & Monta Marshall, Roaring Springs
- Vanella V. Shirley, Odessa
- Glen Woodruff, Lubbock
- In memory of Charlie Meador, Matador
- Tootie Meador, Matador
- Marshall Family Reunion, Roaring Springs
- Pace & Lula Cramer, Arlington
- Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brandon, Roaring Springs
- Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Andrews, Lubbock
- Dan Brandon, Roaring Springs
- Dumont Bridge, Afton
- Gilbert Perry, Childress
- Lona De. Gaylor, Abilene
- Stanley Brooks, Spicewood
- W.C. Pallmeyer, Meridian
- Several Anonymous donors

If you haven't made a memorial donation in honor of a veteran in your family or friend who served our country, please help us complete this memorial to them. Send donations to:

Roaring Springs Lions Club
c/o Kelly Keltz
PO Box 83
Roaring Springs, TX 79256

Our club meets at LaNita's Cafe at 11:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. You are welcome to join us. With your help we are going to complete this project soon.

If you have questions contact me at P.O. Box 307, Roaring Springs, TX 79256, 806-348-7000, e-mail address, corkymon@caprock-spur.com.

Sincerely,
Corky Marshall, President
Roaring Springs Lions Club

Wayland names Matador students to honor roll

Kim Jenschke and Erin Jones of Matador were included in the President's List at Wayland Baptist University for the spring semester. Students included on the list maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the semester, carrying at least 12 hours.

Farm Bureau Seminar

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Christian University, "Basics of Free Enterprise;" Ronald Trowbridge, Hillsdale College, "The Constitution;" and Clebe McClary, a motivational speaker, "Press on Regardless."

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 Thursday evening by Neal Jeffrey of Dallas, a humorist and motivational speaker.

WORD of GOD

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

— Philippians 4:13

Courtney Hays named All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Courtney Hays from Matador, has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Courtney attends Motley County High and was nominated for this national award by Tommy Gleghorn, Counselor.

Courtney will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects All-American



Courtney Hays

can Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation by teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors. Once awarded, the students may be recognized by the USAA for other honors.

Courtney is the daughter of Vaden and Carrol Hays of Matador and the granddaughter of DruNell Clancy of Shamrock.

TDA accepting applications for Family Land Heritage program

Austin -- The Texas Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for the 2001 Family Land Heritage Program. The program recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural operation for 100 years or more by the same family.

"The wealth of Texas history that lies within the fences of these farms and ranches is truly amazing," Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said. "What is even more incredible is the spirit of the early Texas settlers that still lives on today in these men and women who continue farming and ranching through the generations. We want to recognize this dedication to agriculture."

Since the program started in 1974, the Family Land Heritage Program has honored 3,580 farms and ranches in 219 counties. For the first

time last year, TDA recognized farms and ranches in the 150- and 200-year categories. There were three ranches honored for 200 years and nine operations recognized for 150 years.

"Texas agriculture has endured generations, and these new categories help us honor the legacy that is passed on to our sons and daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren," Combs said.

Program applications are available through county judges and TDA. Applications may be obtained on TFA's website at www.agr.state.tx.us or by writing to Melissa Burns, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 1847, Austin, Texas 78711; or by calling Ms. Burns at (512) 463-2631. The deadline for submitting an application to TDA is Nov. 15, 2001.

The "Bob's Oil Well" project is off and running. More letters and support funds are coming in.

Your consideration is most appreciated.

Friends of the Bob's Oil Well Project will be honored in a special way.



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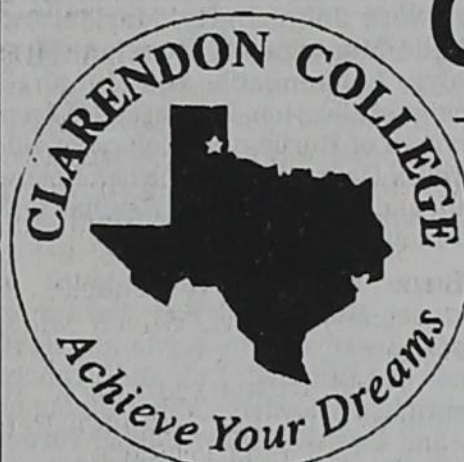
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ID#	TIME	DAY	DEPT	NBR	SEC	DESCRIPTION	HRS /INST
1	6:00-9:50 p.m.	TTH	ACCT	2302	11	Managerial Acct.	3 Staff
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500	1:00-4:50 p.m.	TTH	BUSI	1301	1	Intro to Business	3 Staff
1000	9:00-1:00 a.m.	MW	HIST	1302	1	US His. 1877 to Pres.	3 Myers
1400	6:00-10:00 p.m.	TTH	MATH	1314	11	College Algebra	3 Perryman
2900	9:00-1:00 a.m.	TTH	SOCI	2301	1	Family in Society	3 Myers
3200	9:00-3:00 a.m.	MT	VNSG	1230	1	Maternal & Neonatal	2 Rust
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200	5:30-9:30 p.m.	MW	BIOL	2402	43	Human A&P II	4 Wiginton
LAB				0		Human A&P II	
700	5:00-6:00 p.m.	TBA	ENGL	306	43	Dev. English I	3 Staff
800	6:00-10:00 p.m.	TTH	ENGL	2333	43	World Literature II	3 Edwards
900	6:00-10:00 p.m.	TTH	GOVT	2302	43	US & TX Government	3 Nippert
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1500	5:00-6:00 p.m.	TBA	MATH	306	43	Developmental Math	3 Anglin
1600	6:00-10:00 p.m.	MW	MATH	1324	43	Finite Mathematics	3 Anglin
2300	6:00-10:00 p.m.	MW	PSYC	2301	43	General Psychology	3 Johnston
2800	5:00-6:00 p.m.	MW	READ	306	43	Dev. Reading I	3 Staff

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2	5:30-9:30 p.m.	TTH	CHEM	1412	77	General Chemistry II	4 Wiginton
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1800	1:00-4:50 p.m.	TTH	MATH	1314	21	College Algebra	3 Buckhaults
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3100	6:00-9:50 p.m.	MW	SPCH	1315	31	Public Speaking	3 Wilson

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1300	6:00-10:00 p.m.	MW	HIST	1302	53	US Hist. 1877 to Pres.	3 Rowe
1900	5:00-6:00 p.m.	TTH	MATH	306	53	Developmental Math	3 Wilson
2000	6:00-10:00 p.m.	TTH	MATH	1316	53	Plane Trigonometry	3 Schmidt
2600	6:00-10:00 p.m.	TTH	PSYC	2301	53	General Psychology	3 Klink



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County Agent's Report

by Lonnie Jensechke - Motley County Extension Agent



TEXAS PREPARES FOR EMERGENCY ANIMAL DISASTER

With 254 counties and more than 36 million head of livestock on a wild life at risk, Texas animal health officials cannot afford to wait until a foreign animal disease strikes to plan for disaster. For nearly four years, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock regulatory agency, and the Texas staff of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Veterinary Services (USDA-APHIS-VS) have prepared to respond to an animal disease or pest emergency, address bioterrorist events involving livestock, or respond during a natural or man-made calamity, including a flood or hurricane.

Each member of the joint state and federal first-strike force called the Texas Emergency Response Team (TERT), has advance duty assignments, to lessen confusion when disaster strikes, says Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the TAHC. Furthermore, nearly all of the state's 21 regulatory veterinarians are foreign animal disease diagnosticians, trained to recognize dangerous animal diseases, and properly collect and ship samples for laboratory diagnosis, she said. In years past, said Dr. Logan, the USDA had sufficient funding to develop and maintain first-response teams, which were called READEOS, or Regional Emergency Animal Disease Eradication Organizations. Because of funding and staffing cuts, the USDA today operates only two READEOS, and states have to be able to respond immediately, Dr. Logan pointed out. "The 216 TAHC staff and the Texas USDA alone could not sustain eradication efforts for a long-term or widespread animal disease outbreak, so we also joined forces for a long-term or widespread animal disease outbreak, so we also joined forces with Texas' Department of Emergency Management, where we can draw on services, technical expertise, equipment and manpower statewide," said Dr. Logan. "On March 29, 2001, Governor Rick Perry recognizing the importance of the Texas livestock industry to the state's economy, appointed the TAHC as a full-fledged member of the 32-seat State Emergency Management Council." Governor Perry then established, by a letter dated April 5th, the Foreign Animal Disease Working Group, chaired by Dr. Logan. The objective is to manage an animal disease emergency in the most efficient manner possible. More than 30 state agencies are members of this group, which is working closely with the Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Public Safety.

Among the members are: the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL), the Texas Department of Highways, Texas A&M University, and the Texas Department of Agriculture. Dr. Logan said the TAHC also has organized a Stakeholder Advisory Group that includes all the major livestock industry organizations in Texas. This group will provide input and to be a part of the planning process needed to manage all animal health emergency. The Foreign Animal Disease Working Group and Stakeholder Advisory Group are working to complete the Texas plan to manage animal health emergencies. The infrastructure developed as part of this state plan will be tested in late June in a simulated animal health emergency. "With the industry's support, we can succeed. Without it, all our best efforts could fail," commented Dr. Logan. She said the 12 governor-appointed members on the TAHC commission also represent facets of the livestock industry, including cattle feeding, exotic livestock and fowl, equine, veterinarians and public members.

For several years, TAHC field staff across the state also have developed valuable contracts with local leaders, including county judges, local disaster agencies, agriculture teachers county agents and private veterinary practitioners through the TRACE - or Texas Rural Awareness, Compliance and Education effort. With increased threat of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), field staff revisited community bellwethers to provide disease information and instructions on how to report suspect cases.

Dr. Logan pointed out that livestock producers may avoid reporting cases, for fear of crying "wolf." Diagnosis can also be confused with vesicular stomatitis, VS, a viral disease that, during the past 10 years, has resulted in sporadic outbreaks in New Mexico, Colorado and Texas. Unlike FMD, however, VS can affect horses. In sheep, blisters and erosions also can be caused by bluetongue, or contagious ecthyma, better known as "sore mouth."

"If a producer sees an animal with erosions or blisters around the mouth, in the mouth, excessive slobbering, lameness or foot erosions, we want them to immediately contact their local veterinarian, the Texas USDA-APHIS-VS, or the TAHC," said Dr. Logan. "We have a 24-hour hotline, and one of our foreign animal disease diagnosticians is always available to take calls. We'll dispatch a diagnostician to the premise to collect samples and assess the situation."

To promote livestock health

awareness, TAHC staff are encouraged to actively seek speaking engagements for youth associations, producer groups, and Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions' Clubs. The TAHC also distributes numerous news releases, information kits and brochures to keep producers and the public informed not only about regulations but also disaster preparedness, said Dr. Logan.

Because it's not enough to just plan for disaster, Dr. Logan said five TAHC veterinarians have had month-long stints in Great Britain, as part of the USDA's international assistance to the foot-and-mouth (FMD) disease outbreak. "Seeing field cases of FMD and working on-site in an eradication effort is the most valuable training for our foreign animal disease diagnosticians," she said. This spring, Dr. Logan also attended a reunion of people who battled FMD in Mexico in the late 1940s and early 1950s. "These folks have a wealth of practical experience they can share," said Dr. Logan. "These men and women are heroes, having spent several years eradicating the outbreak so near to us."

With a common border stretching 1,237 miles, Texas continues to maintain communication and share livestock health information with Mexico's livestock producers and veterinarians. Dr. Alejandro Perera, formerly a USDA veterinarian in Mexico; is the TAHC binational liaison, and works closely with the other border states: New Mexico, California and Arizona.

In November, 2000, Texas participated in the Tripartite Exercise, involving Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. The exercise was designed to test plans, policies and procedures that would guide emergency response efforts to a multi-site outbreak of FMD in North America. Hidalgo County, in South Texas, was the site of a simulated foot-and-mouth disease outbreak. This was the first time in the world that field staff were deployed in a "real-time" exercise of eight days' duration.

Although the scenario began in mid-October, for purposes of the exercise, it was not reported to livestock health officials until early November. In the simulated storyline, a South Texas swine producer on October 15 retrieved food scraps for his animals from a foreign ship docked in Brownsville. Unwittingly, the producer had collected scraps from food that originated in an FMD-affected country. According to the scenario, after cooking the wastefood, the swine owner poured it back into the unwashed transport barrels to carry it to the animals' troughs.

Within a few days, the producer's swine exhibited signs of illness and several litters of piglets had died. The owner finally contacted the TAHC on November 1, but by then, he had sold several pigs from the premise, and more than 1,200 susceptible animals had moved through a nearby livestock market. These animals were exposed to the disease when the virus became air-borne.

"What began as a one-site foreign animal disease investigation in the South Texas county of Hidalgo literally 'blew up,' within two days, as we received reports of sick animals next door in Cameron County and as far away as Dallas County in North Texas," said Dr. Logan. "Furthermore, the storyline included our need to 'catch' a truck that had been contaminated with the virus. The driver had criss-crossed the country from Harlingen to Canada and back, and from Missouri to the Rockies, potentially spreading the disease far and wide." "This exercise gave us a 'homegrown' demonstration about how fast foot-and-mouth disease can get out of hand. Within 24 hours after the disease was passed through the market, exposed animals were sent to more than 30 ranches and feedlots in four states," she said.

In just Hidalgo County, the estimated cost to stamp out the disease would be more than \$50 million, she pointed out. "We're using this knowledge to reinforce the need for producers to report animal illnesses or death losses to private practitioners or regulatory agencies," she said. "Furthermore, after seeing that this exercise mirrored several of the actual outbreaks worldwide in the past 18 months, the Texas legislature has worked with us to ban the waste-food feeding of meat or meat products to swine," said Dr. Logan.

The law is effective September 1, but penalties will not be exacted until December 1. The law will affect 610 TAHC-permitted wastefood feeders in Texas. Currently, Texas USDA animal health technicians make herd health checks on the wastefood feeders at monthly intervals and make temperature checks of the devices used to cook the wastefood to kill parasites, bacteria and viruses.

As of September 1, the permitted wastefood feeders will be allowed to feed only "unrestricted garbage," which includes vegetables and fruit, dairy or baked goods. Additionally, it will be against state law for restaurants, schools or other establishments to provide wastefood meat or meat products for swine feeding. The TAHC still will permit wastefood feeders, and inspections by USDA and TAHC field staff will continue for disease surveillance, noted Dr. Logan.

In late June, Texas will step up its preparedness with an FMD exercise in College Station that will involve the state's emergency manage-

ment system. Staffing up is one thing; maintaining a major eradication effort for 190 days or longer will tax all entities, reports Dr. Logan. "The exercise will give an opportunity to review the organizational structure and develop greater cooperation between agencies. We'll also have an opportunity to discuss issues like biosecurity, decontaminating, humane depopulation issues and other animal-related topics that may be foreign to other members of the state emergency structure. We also want to address the issues that will be associated with how to pay indemnity to producers." "We'll be tapping the expertise of agencies, such as law enforcement, including county sheriff's departments and the Department of Public Safety troopers, on how to enforce quarantines and movement restriction. We'll also be learning from community service agencies that aid with stress and mental anguish, and other agencies that provide radio and phone communications and ground support -- like construction equipment for moving dead animals and digging trenches for burning carcasses."

"Will be ready if -- or when -- a disaster occurs? That's a question that keeps me awake nights," lamented Dr. Logan. "No one is ever fully ready, as there will always be surprises. But, with the state emergency management system, we've got a lot of experienced folks who have weathered tornadoes, fires, hurricanes and other catastrophes. The livestock industry wants to be involved and has demonstrated their concern and willingness to be a part of the planning process. Our staff is intent on preparedness. I only hope this preparation won't be needed."

Five committees have been formed to consider and evaluate selected issues regarding foreign animal disease mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery issues, as well as on-going operations of the Texas Emergency Response Team.

These committees are:

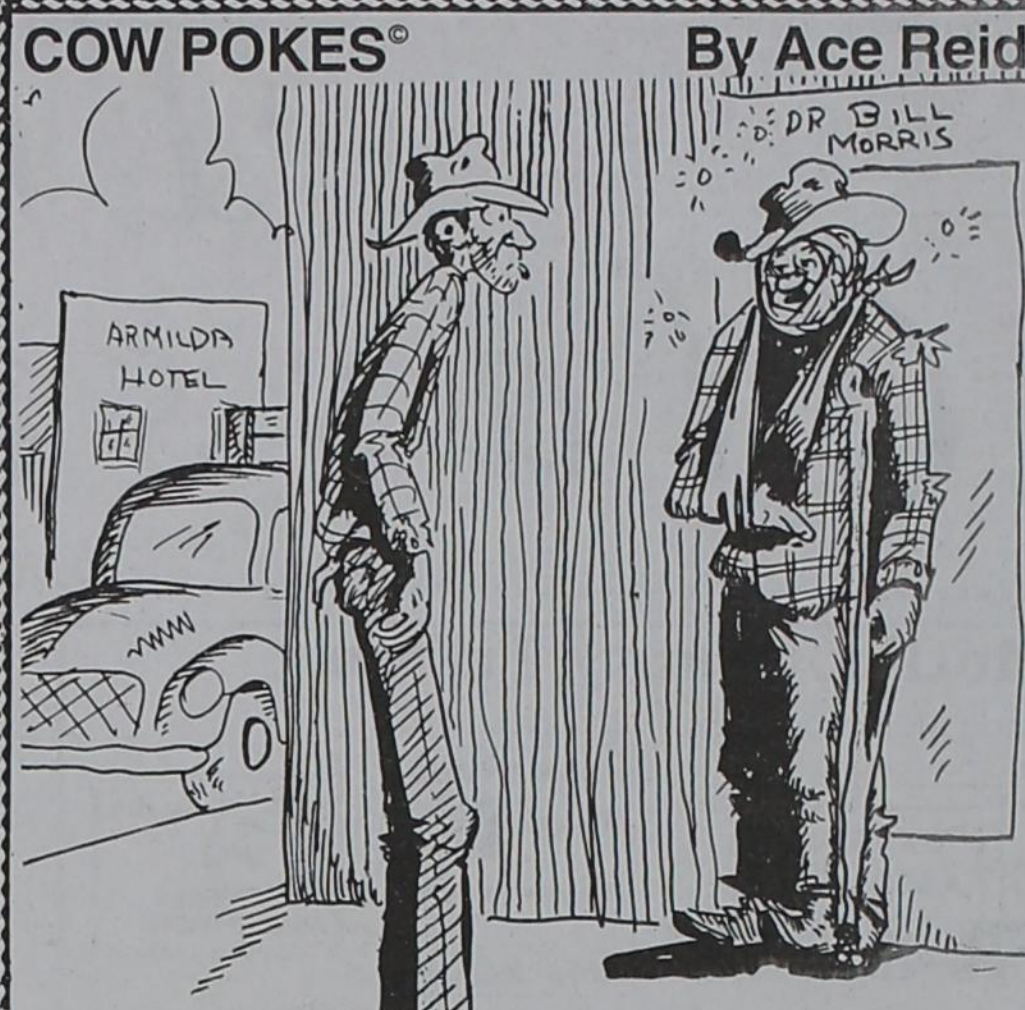
Impact Assessment Committee - This committee will handle economic, funding and legal issues.

Security and Containment Committee - This group will prepare for all facets of the disease eradication operations, as well as handle on-going operational issues.

Environmental Committee - This committee will address the many health and safety concerns related to disease containment and eradication.

Community Impact Committee - This group will assess and define the potential short- and long-term impacts of a foreign animal disease emergency on Texans.

Public Information Committee - Because communications and providing rumor control is so crucial, this committee will consider all facets of providing and responding to the media, public, and producers.



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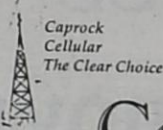
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