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Texas' cotton industry is facing its worst harvest in years — costing the state more than \$2 billion

Cotton is Texas' largest crop, and industry experts say they expect just half the normal annual yield — which will drive up costs for consumers.

JAYME LOZANO | TEXAS TRIBUNE

LUBBOCK — Cotton production has been decimated by drought and extreme heat this year, costing Texas High Plains farmers and other agricultural industries at least \$2 billion, according to one estimate.

"There's just not much crop out there," said Brad Heffington, a cotton farmer in Littlefield. "A lot of cotton burned up and a lot of it never even made it up to begin with."

Heffington's farm is about 40 miles northwest of Lubbock in the state's High Plains, an area that stretches from Lubbock to the tip of Panhandle and covers 42 counties. The region produces an abundance of cotton and cottonseed, accounting for 66% of the state's total yield. It's more than a third of the na-



COTTON PLANTS grow in a field while a dust storm blows ahead of a late summer thunderstorm on Aug. 29, 2022, in Terry County. Cotton production is expected to be at its worst level in years. | JUSTIN REX FOR THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

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POOL PROGRESS On Monday, fill dirt had been added to the pool at Swenson Park, beginning the process of the renovation, a community service project by Argo Blockchain. | TEXAS SPUR PHOTO

70th Annual Spur Homecoming sets tentative schedule



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE



- Thursday (October 6) 8:00 PM – Pep Rally in Rickels Mini-park
 - Following Pep Rally, Bonfire in Swenson Park
- Friday (October 7) 10:00 AM– Throughout most of the day – Registration and visiting at the Ex-Student Building
 - About 3:00 PM – Pep rally in DogDome Gym
 - 7:30 PM – Ballgame Spur Bulldogs v. Wellman–Union Wildcats at Spur Jones Stadium
 - 9:00 PM–12:00 AM – Dance in Dickens County Show Barn
- Saturday (Oct. 8) 8:30 AM – Donuts and coffee served in DogDome Foyer
 - 10:10 AM – Assembly in DogDome Auditorium
 - 11:30 AM–1:00 PM – Catered meal in Spur School Cafeteria
 - 2:00 PM – Parade participants and floats start lining up in high school parking lot
 - 3:00 PM – Parade
 - 3:30 PM–?? – Class reunions
 - 7:00 PM – Hopefully some entertainment at the Palace Theater
 - 9:00 PM–12:00 AM – Dance in Dickens County Show Barn



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, MATADOR is among Texas churches that have voted to exit the United Methodist Church. | COURTESY PHOTO

Area churches vote to join Global Methodist Conference last week

BARBARA BRANNON | THE TEXAS SPUR

At church business meetings August 29, Methodist churches in Matador and McAdoo voted to sever ties with the United Methodist denomination and band together with a new group, the Global Methodist Church.

The churches' decisions, which have been under discussion for some months, center on a division over the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) issues, including ordination

and same-sex marriage.

For individual congregations, disaffiliation from the UMC denomination is complicated by the ways member churches are governed and how they own property. A vote is required by each congregation exploring the option of disaffiliation, though it is not the end of the process.

As Rev. Chuck Harrison, pastor of both the Matador and McAdoo churches, ex-

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SPUR FARMERS MARKET The free outdoor farmer's market sponsored by Spur Hardware will be Saturday, Sept. 10 in the lot across Burlington Avenue from Spur Hardware. Vendors can set up as early as 8 a.m. and may stay as late as they would like. Organizers encourage vendors to bring fresh vegetables, home canned goods, crafts, and other items for sale. For more information call Michelle Bilbrey at (806) 269-1698. | TEXAS SPUR PHOTO

COMMUNITY | news@TheTexasSpur.com

What's happening

COMING UP IN TEXAS SPUR COUNTRY

Submit your community announcements (maximum 75 words) to news@thetexasspur.com for events within the coming month, to run up to 4 issues.

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MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU (rated PG-13) will be shown at the Palace Theater Saturday evening, Sept. 10, courtesy of the Dickens County Historical Commission. Show time is 7 p.m., and doors and concession stand open at 6:30. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for ages 12 and under.

CROSSVIEW YARD SALE Crossview Christian Camp will hold a FREE yard sale (donations appreciated) on Saturday, October 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at CrossView Christian Camp (808 TX Hwy. 114, Dickens). Items available include appliances, equipment and many miscellaneous items. Buyers must be able to haul off what they want to take. Call Seth Appleton at (806) 787-1381 for more details.



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#12 Spur falls to #9 Irion Co.

KAY ELLINGTON | THE TEXAS SPUR

On Thursday night in Blackwell, the #12-in-the-state Spur Bulldogs ran smack-dab into the #9 Irion County Hornets and got stung, 83-36.

Irion County jumped out to an early 8-0 lead in the first quarter, as Jordan Harrison took the handoff up the right sideline and dragged defenders with him all the way for the first touchdown of the game.

Spur answered back with a rushing touchdown by Cory Hamilton, with the point-after kick by Kayden Martinez good.

But in the second quarter the Hornets unfurled their passing game, as quarterback Trevin Coffell hit receiver Bo

Morrow in the end zone, and the Hornets extended their lead to 30-16.

The Hornets' air attack would prove the difference in the Bulldogs' 83-36 loss. All total, Irion County would score five touchdowns in the air to Spur's none.

Spur pretty much went toe-to-toe with the Hornets in the ground game, 275 yards for Spur to 326 for Irion County, but the Hornets' passing game appeared to be too much.

Coach Tate Clark characterized the game candidly: "It showed us a lot of flaws. It's not fun losing, but sometimes we have to play good teams

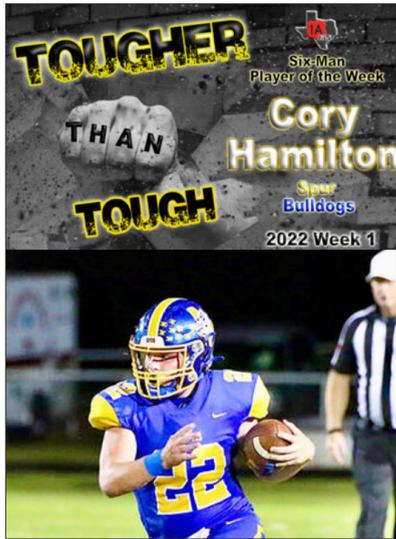
and figure out where our issues are so we can get them corrected."

Cory Hamilton and Ryan Davis both turned in 100 yard-plus rushing games. Hamilton carried the ball 19 times for 169 yards, and Davis toted it 14 times for 101 yards.

Next week the Bulldogs travel to Motley County to play the Division 2 state championship runners-up. However, 2022 has not as kind to the Matadors, and graduations have left them with a rebuilding year, and they have lost to Ira and Knox City in the new season. It should be an interesting matchup.



SPUR BULLDOGS came up short in last week's matchup with the higher-ranked Irion County Hornets. | TEXAS 1A FAN PHOTOS



PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Texas 1A Fan selected Cory Hamilton of the Spur Bulldogs as their Six Man Player of the Week for Week 1, which ended August 27. | COURTESY GRAPHIC



STICKER STANDOUT Senior Ian Tagle of Spur (#50) was selected as a standout player by Texas 1A Fan in the Spur vs. Irion County game. | TEXAS 1A FAN PHOTO



Spur Area Chamber of Commerce hosts 4th of July Parade, National Night Out

COMPILED FROM MINUTES

Despite the challenges posed when businesses had to close or scale back during the pandemic, the Spur Area Chamber of Commerce has carried out a robust slate of community activities, and during 2022 even added a big one.

Spur hadn't held a 4th of July parade in recent memory, but with a small committee headed up by Chamber members Janet Bridges and Gracie Hadding, the group pulled off an inspiring celebration on Monday, July 4.

At its regular meeting of August 15, Hadding provided a full report on the event. She thanked those who helped coordinate the parade and contribute to its success.

The list included Janet Bridges, Gracie Hadding and Gayle Massaro, who bought decorations for the Veterans float; Richard Bridges, J.C. Emerson, Gayle Massaro, Martha Pickens, Connie Rainbolt, who helped decorate the float, and Emerson and Rainbolt, who pulled it; Janet Bridges and Gayle Massaro for providing flyers and promotions; J.C. Emerson and Richard Bridges, who helped identify and recruit local veterans and provided advice on how to display flags; Barbara Brannon and Kay Ellington of The Texas Spur for sharing information; City of Spur employees for removing flags after the event.

Thanks also went to those who provided prize money for parade entries; to Spur Mayor Louise for providing contact info for veterans, and other help and advice; to Police Chief Billy Spears for planning the route and leading the parade; to Officer Taylor Howerton,



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is an annual, nationwide neighborhood event that brings citizens together to meet one another and get to know public safety officials. The Spur Area Chamber of Commerce hosted Spur's 2022 NNO on August 2. | THE TEXAS SPUR



for providing rear escort; and to Matt McArthur for cooking hot dogs in the park after the parade.

"A special thank you to all who participated in making the parade a success," said Hadding.

Members present at the meeting were Janet Bridges, Richard Bridges, Steve Bridges, J.C. Emerson, Gracie Hadding, Taylor Howerton, Matt McArthur, Martha Pickens, and Connie Rainbolt. Two visitors from

Mortenson Construction, Keke Wright and Chris Chappell.

Another recent activity of the Chamber was National Night Out, held Tuesday, Aug. 2, in Rickels Park as a come-and-go event. The Chamber cooked and served 40 hamburgers and 60 hot dogs to participants of all ages.

Several popular activities are coming up this fall. Trunk or Treat is tentatively planned for Saturday, Oct. 29, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on the south side of the Lawrence Brothers grocery store on Burlington Avenue in Spur.

Late Night Shopping is traditionally held in early December, and Chamber members will poll downtown businesses regarding the best night to hold the event.

In other business, the Chamber is soliciting nominations by text, email, or other method, for 2022-23 officers and directors.

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Ordinance #610 City of Spur Structural Standards Code, As to Section 1:

"All Structures regardless of date of construction shall comply with the Code and all structures in violation of the provisions of the Code shall be abated as provided therein"

Substandard Building Ordinance:

"Notification of Hearing: (Form 2) Owner of property will be notified by certified letter of the public hearing before the city council and given the opportunity to meet with the council concerning the property and compliance with the ordinance. If unable to contact owners by mail a notice will be published two times, within 10 consecutive days in local newspaper."

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