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Commissioners meet for regular May court session

The Motley County Commissioners Court met for their regular meeting, Monday, May 9. Members of the court present were County Judge Ed D. Smith; Commissioners, Ronnie Davis, Precinct 1, Donnie Turner, Precinct 2, Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3, and Russell Alexander, Precinct 4; and Kate Hurt County Clerk. Also attending were County Attorney Tom Edwards and Sheriff Jim Meador.

Mrs. Hurt read the minutes from the previous meeting. Outstanding bills were reviewed, as well as reports by the Treasurer, Tax-Collector, Justice of the Peace, Library and County Agent. All bills and reports were approved.

Commissioners discussed adjusting the hourly wage the county charges for the use of the back-hoe, loader and motor-grader. Due to the increase of fuels and expenses for operation, Commissioner Davis made the motion to raise the hourly wage to \$65.00 per hour for the back-hoe, loader and motor-grader, and \$20.00 per load for the dump truck. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion and the court passed by unanimous vote.

Roy Hobbs, President of the First State Bank of Matador, presented to the Court a bid for the County Depository Contract. After the court reviewed and discussed the bid, Commissioner Turner made the motion to accept the contract, seconded by Commissioner Jameson. Motion passed with Commissioner Davis abstaining from the vote.

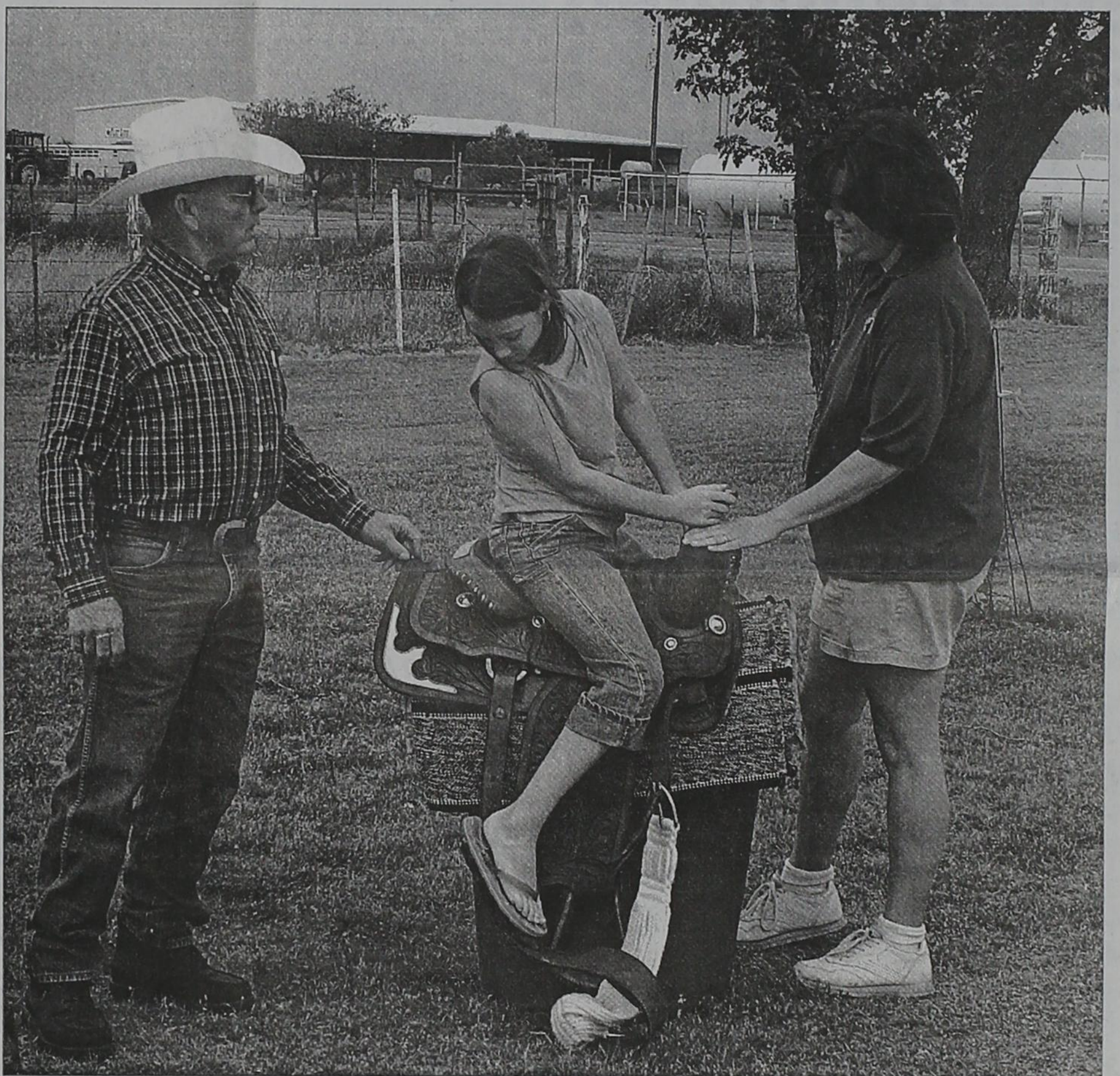
The Motley County Investment Policy was reviewed. Commissioners adopted the current investment policy. Resolution #2005-01 was signed by the court to keep the current investment policy in force.

The Court discussed the new HAVA law that will become effective as of January 1, 2006. The law states that each polling place must have an Electronic voting machine by January 1, 2006. The court discussed combining some of the polling places before purchasing the DRE's. The county now has 7 voting precincts counting the early vote. The DRE's starting estimated cost are \$8,000.00 per machine, per precinct. The State will reimburse the County a set amount for the machines. The State does mandate that the machines be purchased by the county before any reimbursement is made. This was tabled until further input can be obtained.

The court discussed the county drug testing policy. Judge Smith is to check with our current testing company and request what the extra fees, if any, would be to have all drivers of county vehicles tested.

Judge Smith read two bids he had received to paint and repair the District Courtroom. Due to the high price of the bids, the Commissioners decided to table the decision until budget time.

Eric Lewis, County Agent, met with the court to report on programs that are available to the County. Mr. Lewis stated his office is now planning the upcoming Jr. Rodeo.



Let's Make a Deal ...

Vann Bradford, left, discusses a price for the sale of his saddle to some out of town shoppers, during the Highway 70 Garage Sale, held last Saturday. People flocked to this area to take advantage of garage and yard sales from Spur to Turkey on highway 70.

Increased enforcement of safety belt laws start this month

Austin -- The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is marking the 20th anniversary of Texas safety belt laws by kicking off the largest-

ever statewide *Click It or Ticket* education and enforcement campaign. Thousands of state troopers and local officers will be patrolling Texas highways

and streets between May 23 and June 5 to issue citations to drivers and front seat passengers not wearing safety belts. Drivers whose children aren't buckled up also will be ticketed.

Thanks to the state's safety belt laws, federal officials estimate that 17,800 fewer Texans have been killed in traffic crashes since 1985 and 420,000 injuries have been prevented, resulting in economic savings that top \$77 billion. In the past twenty years, the safety belt use rate in Texas has climbed from 14 percent to 83 percent.

TxDOT says its goal this year is to get at least another 3 percent of Texans -- roughly 350,000 drivers -- into the habit of buckling up. That's why officials are directing stepped up law enforcement efforts at the one in five Texans who don't fasten their safety belts. They include pickup drivers and passengers, teens and parents whose children aren't properly secured.

"Most people know the benefits of safety belts, but sometimes it takes the threat of an expensive citation to get drivers and passengers to obey the law," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's division director of

traffic operations. "Since we started participating in the national *Click It or Ticket* initiative three years ago, safety belt compliance in Texas has climbed by almost 10 percent."

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Local Election results

Voters went to the polls Saturday, May 7 with only two positions in the county contested.

With six candidates on the ballot for Matador City Council, results were as follows:

Chuck Ream, 131
Bert Darsey, 121
Brad Jameson, 74
Jeromy Jameson, 43
G.W. Mangrum, 53
Jim Watson, 131

All three incumbents were re-elected.

In the Motley County ISD School Board race there were two positions available, with results as follows:

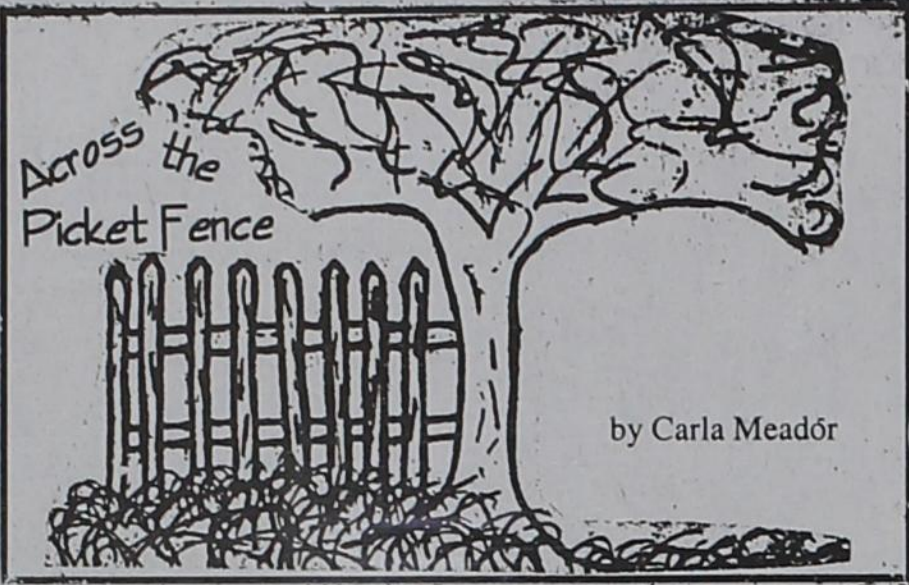
Robert Fisk, 141
Pat Smith, 118
Tina Brooks, 178.

Early deadline for next week's paper

The Motley County Tribune will have an early deadline for next week's paper, the May 19 edition. All news and ad copy should be submitted for that edition no later than 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 16. Thank you for your cooperation.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER -- Pictured above, are only a few of the Motley County residents who braved the cool, foggy, damp early morning to attend the National Day of Prayer breakfast held at the First Baptist Church in Matador last Thursday. Special prayers were said for National, State and local elected officials. Afterwards those attending enjoyed breakfast burritos, coffee and visiting before going to work. See picture and related story on page 4.



If you missed last Thursday's National Day of Prayer fest, you really missed a blessing. The early morning was beautiful. The damp foggy morning brought a peaceful quietness, a blessing from God and a perfect time for special prayer. There were actually about 100 people there. The prayer was a blessing, the breakfast burritos were delicious, and visiting was refreshing. What a perfect start to the day!

From the number of people in town Saturday, May 7, I would think the Hwy. 70 Garage Sale was a big success. It was nice to see the streets in town full of cars. I have heard that Roaring Springs was full of people also. This project has proven to be successful and I give a hats off to the Texas Highway 70 Association for establishing the event. When people come to

town, they not only drive around searching for garage sales, they see what our area has to offer.

What a great time to have the Operation Clean-up project in progress. If some of the same people came last year, maybe they noticed the difference in the appearance of areas of our town. And knowing that we care in this town and that people are on the move, may put a bug in someone's ear that this just might be a good place to live!

Anyway, I for one, had a great time scrounging through junk. I love junk! Jim says I'm a junk-a-holic. Someone else's junk is another's treasure, (isn't that the way that saying goes?) There are a lot of good things that can be made from junk, and that's fun.

I've said it before and I'll say it again - if anyone says there's nothing to do in Motley County, they just must be crazy!

Motley County Chamber of Commerce News & Views by Marie-Louise Lieber-Harkort



Next he (Mark Finn) tells us to beware of experts. He gave a great quote from Thomas J. Watson, who was chairman of IBM in 1943: "I think there is a world market for about five computers."

— John Mauldin

The Chamber had a visiting expert at the last meeting on April 19th, but his ideas were a bit more in tune with the times than that of Thomas J. Watson. His name was Efren Villanueva, and he came to us from the Small Business Development Center at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Car trouble prevented him from being on time in his arrival, but he still managed to meet with and advise 5 people from the county, both business owners and people wanting to start businesses, and he deemed the talks a success.

Then he came to our meeting, and talked about what the people at the Small Business Development Center do and what they might be able to do to help us. Efren presented a number of ideas on how we as your Chamber can be of more help to the businesses here. He also pointed out that women and minorities have the best chances of getting funding from a variety of sources.

Apparently there had been some confusion at the beginning, because some people con-

fused the Small Businesses Development Center with the Small Business Administration. The Small Business Development Center deals with the educational end of helping small businesses, not the financing, as does the Small Business Administration. Efren and the Center he works for give advice on starting businesses and improving existing businesses.

Other items on the agenda on the 19th were the Boondockers Motorcycle Race, that has been approved by the City Council. We will contact the Boondockers now and try to set up such a race for next March or April. We also discussed some small matters as well as the membership drive letter. It is almost finished and should be reaching you soon. But you don't have to wait for your letter to become a member for the year. While we hope to write everyone with interest in supporting us, we might miss someone, and we hope you will come to the Chamber office in the Museum on Wednesday afternoons or drop by New to You and let us correct the oversight.

So now you are up to date on the last meeting, and we look forward to greeting you (every business owner and member is welcome) at the next meeting, which (as always) will take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, May 17th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Library.



Matador Lions, Roy Hobbs and Jim Watson, pictured left to right, and Roaring Springs Lions, Alex Crowder, as well as other members are working on the newly purchased building, located next door to the Library, in order to extend space.

Lions working on building to extend Library space

The members of the Matador Lions Club and the Roaring Springs Lions Club joined forces Monday night to start the renovation of the building next door to the Motley County Library. This building, purchased by the Friends of the Library, will be used as a Community Room, storage for the library, and the home of the library's extensive genealogy collection.

The Lions who worked are Charley Johnson, Tom Edwards, Roy Hobbs, Ronnie

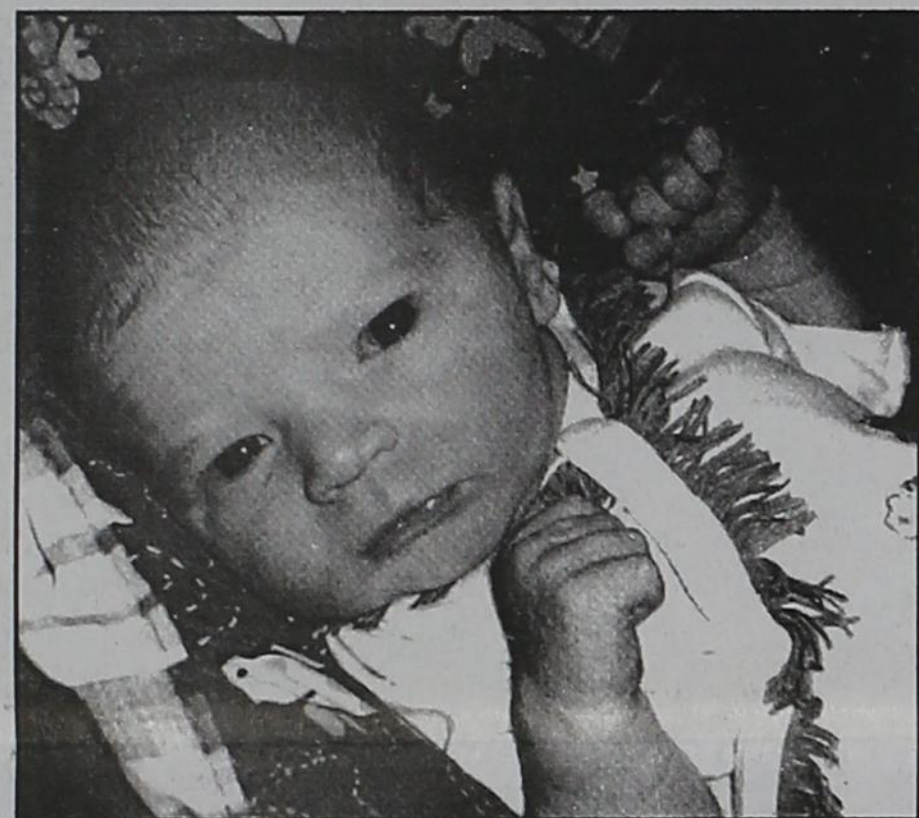
Vandiver, Paul Westbrook, Jim Watson, Larry Hoyle, Alex Crowder and Kenneth Abbott. Earlier in the day, George Kline of Roaring Springs and Joel Spray of Matador helped Kenneth build the back porch for the new building. The ladies on the Library Board provided supper for the work crew. Those good cooks are Marihelen Wason, Ruby McGuire, Susan Jameson and Deanie Edwards. The hard work of all these people is greatly appreciated.

Library receives grant

The Tocker Foundation of Austin, Texas, has granted \$13,756.00 to the Motley County Library to purchase a new check-out desk. The Tocker Foundation has been very generous with the Motley County Library. In addition to the new check-out desk, the Tocker Foundation is joining with the Gates Foundation to provide a new computer to the library.

The purpose of the Tocker foundation is to distribute funds principally for support, encouragement, and assistance to small, rural Texas libraries. In the past, this foundation has provided the funds for this library's new book shelves, computer desks and chairs and out-door book drop. The library and its patrons are grateful to the board of the Tocker Foundation for its generosity.

Look Who's New



KADYN ALLEN KITCHENS

Greg and Jill Kitchens of Midland welcome the arrival of their little cowboy Kady Allen Kitchens rode in on April 12, 2005, at 4:09 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 22 inches long.

Kady's very proud grandparents are James and Margaret Stanley of Lubbock and George and Patsy Kitchens of Midland.

"Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth!"

Psalm 47: 1-2 (NIV)

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A Positive Thing



It is easy to become so disheartened with some trends of our society that we forget the good positive qualities of our nation with so many freedoms. This might be a good time to remember the words from the Apostle Paul in I Timothy 2: 1-3, "I exhort therefore that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be a peaceful life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior.

Even with our problems and faults, we are blessed to be able to live and work in America in 2005. That's a positive!

Growing up in America with our freedom to seek the Lord has been such a blessing. Would it not be a good idea for us adults to share some memories from our past? Those early memories of our religious training could be of great benefit? In sharing them, it might be a way to show our appreciation for those who have meant so much to us now and who had such a great part in shaping our lives. That early training was then and remains today, a positive thing.

Surely it would be a reasonable for us to spend some time reflecting upon the blessing for the opportunities offered us as we live in a free nation. God's wonderful providence is a positive thing. Don't you think so?

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

Arts & Crafts news

By Winifred Darsey

It was a Blue-Ribbon workshop for Motley County Arts and Crafts club when it met May 2 at the Senior Citizens Center for a class of painting.

Joy Archer was the instructor for the class and should receive a blue ribbon for the effort. It was wonderful to paint, the subject - your favorite sheet music of a beautiful song. The subject was a copy of the "Yellow Rose of Texas," with a garland of yellow roses painted along the side. The picture was superlative, formed to enhance the paintings and would receive top honors in any critique.

Club President, Joy Archer.

presided over a brief business meeting and reported the present officers will retain their offices another year.

The members dined at noon with the Senior Citizens and enjoyed a luncheon of pepper steak, peas, carrots, hot rolls and pumpkin bars.

Members present were Nova Dale Turner, Vee Gordon, Jo Trammell, Joyce Meredith, Dorothy Knight, Lorene Lancaster, Winifred Darsey, and Club President Joy Archer.

June's meeting will be a class on painting "Trio Boxes." See you there!

Display of colors brighten damp afternoon for Do Gooders meeting

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, May 3, and throughout the Flomot Community Center a display of beautiful colors brightened the over-cast damp afternoon.

Hostesses, Mrs. Leona Degan and Mrs. Connie Franks presided at multicolored service from a table laid with a blue cloth. The centerpiece was a lovely arrangement of pink rosebuds in a milk glass vase. They served refreshments of Temptation peanut butter cup cakes with colorful miniature candy in the center and red fruit punch. The hostess gift, a pretty shower curtain was won by Mrs. Kathy Shorter.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Alma Shorter read the minutes and gave a financial report that was approved.

The Homecoming quilt is completed and the quilt and pictures of the quilt will be on display at different locations in the

area. They are selling raffle tickets for \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. You can contact any of the members for a ticket. The name of the winner will be announced at the July 2 Flomot Homecoming and does not have to be present to win.

Members were pleased with the completed quilt top with a white star at each corner that B. Rogers had done for the Club's Bazaar. It will be put into a frame to begin the club's quilting.

Monday, May 9, was designed as Clean Up Day outside and inside the Community Center. They will meet at 8:30 a.m. and were encouraged to participate in this project.

Those attending were Mesdames Suzie Shannon, Anna Beth Clay, Mary Jo Calvert, Leona Degan, Connie Franks, Kathy Shorter, Alma Shorter, B. Rogers and Tommie Jo Cruse.

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Library Notes
By Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

We thank Monta Marshall for her donation to the Friends of the Library Building Fund. We also thank all of the Lions who helped with the clean-up of the new building. We thank the ladies of the Library Board for feeding the workers last Monday evening. If anyone would like to donate to the building fund, you may bring your donation to the library or you may mail it to Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 557, Matador, TX 79244.

New books in the library include *Superstition* by Karen Robards and *True Believer* by Nicholas Sparks. Lee Cook has given the library some very interesting and informative non-fiction books. Many of these books deal with the Mid-East and its many conflicts. She has also given us a book about Russia after the fall of the USSR. It is a picture book called *Broken*

Empire. These books are slowly appearing on the shelves. They will all be ready to read soon. We thank Lee for these great books.

The Friends of the Library met last week and made plans for the Summer Reading Program for Kids. The Friends will provide refreshments for each session. In addition the Friends of the Library will pay to bring a Magician to the last Summer Reading meeting on June 28. There will be more information later on the Summer Reading Program and the Summer Art Program at the Library.

Tee Time
by Judy C.

RSRC Ladies Play Day, Thursday, May 5, was for Best Poker Hand. Playing 18 holes were Geneva, Louise, Jean and Virginia. Winning with a three-way tie with five of a kind, were Geneva, Jean and Virginia. Playing 9 holes were Tempie, Frances, Judy R., Glenna and Dartha. Tempie won with 5 of a kind.

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— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



Motley County ★ Class of 2005 ★ Senior Spotlight



VERONICA MENDOZA
Age: 18
Date of Birth: September 19, 1986
Parents: Ramiro and Cristina Mendoza
Siblings: Angelica, Luis, and Thalia
Pets: None
Who do you most admire and why? My mother because she has always been there for me offering her love and support.

Favorite high school memory: the field trips we went on

Extracurricular activities (Sr. year): One Act Play, NHS, FCCLA, Basketball Manager, Class Officer-Sec./Treas.

Special honors: Most Likely To Succeed, Most Scholarly, National Honor Roll, and Who's Who Among American High School Students

Words of Wisdom to the underclassmen: Where there's a will, there's a way!

Plans after graduation: Attend WT and pursue a career in nursing.

FAVORITES:

Food: sour cream enchiladas
Hangout: Monica's house
Movie: The Notebook
Musical Group: Montez de Durango
Color: baby blue
Past time: cooking
Soft Drink: Dr. Pepper
Book: That Camden Summer
Song: Quien Te Dijo Eso
Teacher: Mrs. Gillespie
Sport: track

Life Lessons



The school year is quickly approaching its end. Graduation invitations are being sent out and cap and gown pictures are being taken. I never believed it when I was told that your senior year goes by so fast...but I do now!

These last few weeks have been some of the most memorable times in my life. For thirteen years, the majority of the graduating class of 2005 have grown up together in the halls of Motley County I.S.D. Although most of the time we complained about homework, truth is, we are all going to miss the comfort and security that MCHS has brought. We found our first, and maybe even our best friendships past those doors. Graduation will be a joyous time in our lives...but it will also be the ending of a very important chapter as well.

We have been making choices about our futures...where to go to college...what to study...what I want to be now that I have completed high school. I hope that when this chapter finally ends, we will take all that you have given us, all the lessons and knowledge that you have instilled in our hearts, and make an impact on the world. It is such a comfort to call this place home.



FFA JUDGING TEAM — Cody Cooper, Colton Russell and Clay Cooper. The team recently qualified for the State Contest by finishing in the top five teams at the Area I judging contest at Tech.

FFA Judging Team qualifies for State

The Motley County FFA Range and Pasture judging team recently competed at the State Range and Pasture Contest hosted by Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. Team members are Colton Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Russell of Matador; Cody Cooper and Clay Cooper, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cooper of Matador.

The Range and Pasture contest covers a broad subject area that includes determining the class of land, degree of utilization of range site, the range condition, management practices to apply to a range site, and identifying different range plants including grasses, legumes, forbs, and trees.

The team qualified for the State Contest by finishing in the top five teams at the Area I judging contest hosted by Texas

Tech University in Lubbock. The team finished 3rd in the Area and 2nd in District. At the State Contest in Stephenville the team placed 23rd.

Clay Cooper was the high point individual at the Texas Tech Contest out of approximately 65 contestants. He was offered a \$500.00 scholarship by the Dept. of Range and Wildlife Science at Texas Tech for his achievement.



SELLING DONUTS — Motley County High School Cheerleaders sold Krispy Kream donuts during the Highway 70 Garage Sale, Saturday, May 7. They are pictured left to right, Chicagra Brown, Shane'a Russell, Christy Smith, Courtney Alexander and Kayla Hollinsworth. Not pictured is Savannah Rose.

Mini Olympics set for May 21

Mini-Olympics has been set for Saturday, May 21 at the football field in Matador. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and events will begin at 10:00 a.m. Children, ages 2 through 6th grade are encouraged to participate in this fun event.

For more information contact Tammy Simpson at 347-2202.

Sports Banquet May 12

The Annual Motley County Sports Banquet will be held Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the School.

Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased by contacting D'anna Russell at 347-2601 or 269-2602. Ticket price is \$3.00 per person. A delicious Mexican Stack-up Supper will be served.

Everyone is invited to attend and be a part of honoring Motley County athletes.



School Lunch Menu

MONDAY, MAY 16
Breakfast: Cinnamon French Toast, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Gravy, California Blend, Roll, Honey, Milk.

TUESDAY, MAY 17
Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk

Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Chips, Cookie, 1/2 Apple, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

Lunch: BBQ Ribs, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Bread Slice, Fruit, Milk.

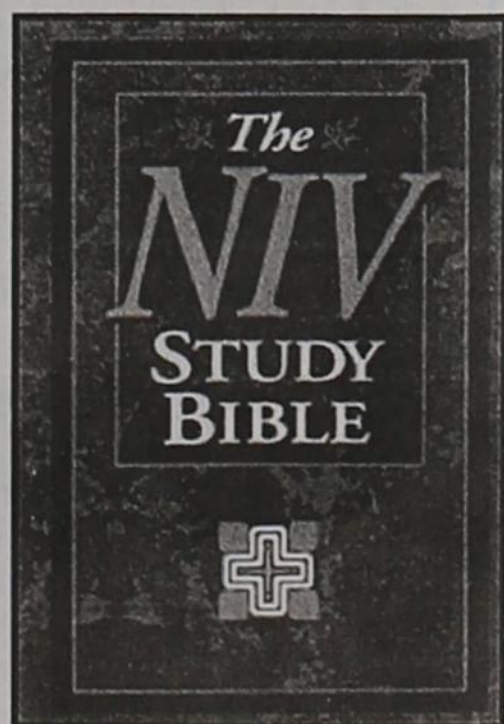
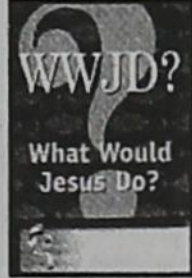
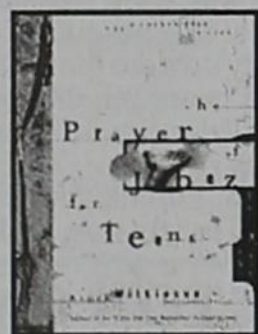
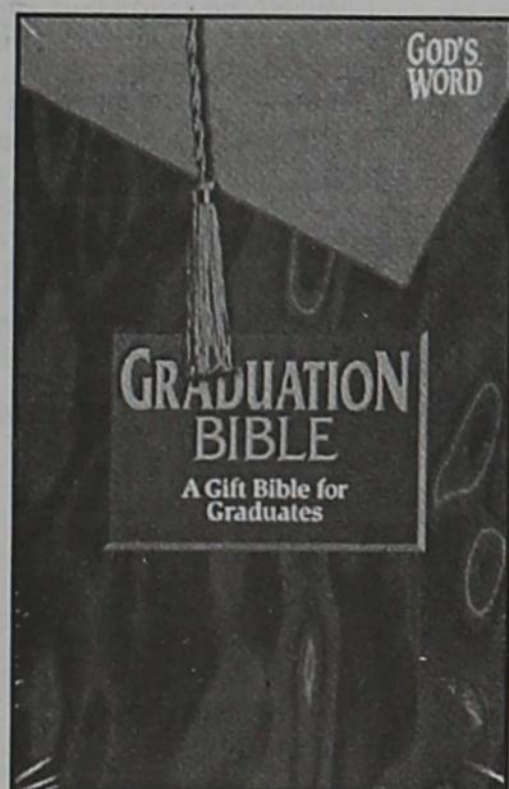
THURSDAY, MAY 19
Breakfast: Pancake, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Chips, Cake, Milk.

FRIDAY, MAY 20
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk

Lunch: Frito Pie, Salad, Corn, Dessert, Milk.

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Proverbs 23: 22

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TEAMS

T-Ball



BRAVES

Coaches: Tim Ward and Crawford Mason: Color, Royal Blue.

Team: Caleb Clary, Mickey Clary, Catherine Ward, Christopher Ward, Allison McCoy, Michael Seigler, James Thomas Cooper, Brendan Fisk, Jerimiah Torres, Ruby Klebahn, Erin Gonzalez, Ethan Mason.

RED SOX

Coaches: Ruthie and James Stephens. Color, Red.

Team: Logan Ferguson, Gabby Silva, Michael Silva, Alycia Silva, Jared Stephens, Kenesaw Stephens, Matthew Faulks, Natalie Jameson, Emily Jameson, Adrian Ramirez, Trevor Buckner, Sierra Jameson.

PANTHERS

Coaches: Tammy Simpson, Brittany Moore, Jana Marshall. Color, Baby Blue.

Team: Korbyn Simpson, Tristan Tomlinson, Taylor Karmazyn, Marcus Ortiz, Macie Marshall, Eli Marshall, Hannah Mason, Stratton Karmazyn, Rivers Marshall, Zachary Ashby.

TITANS

Coaches: Denise Ford, Cathey Turner, Lewis Drum. Color, Lime Green.

Team: Cassidy Turner, Carley Turner, Meagan Ford, Mikenna Ford, Jonathan Collett, Brielle Collett, Crystal Collett, Katrina Lopez, Trey Lopez, Cade Drum, Cameron Stafford, Erin Sharp.

TWISTERS

Coaches: Shawn Elliott, Bobby Barton, Lee Jones. Color, Light Grey.

Team: Michael Martin, Joshua Martin, Shelby Elliott, Bryson Elliott, Katie Barton, Tucker Barton, Bailee Perryman, Logan Everett, Tristan Foster, JoJo Lopez, Tristan Perryman, Logan Jones.

YELLOWJACKETS

Coaches: Brad Jameson, Brandi Baker, Pat Smith. Color, Yellow.

Team: Seth Baxter, Luis Mendoza, Thalia Mendoza, Allen Martin, Maegan Jameson, Garrett Jameson, Sage Guerrero, Tatum Guerrero, Logan Salazar, Gage Baker, Dawson Baker.

MINOR LEAGUE

RED SOX

Coaches: Tim Ward, Crawford Mason. Color, Red.

Team: Braden Mason, Chase Buckner, Taylor Tomlinson, Kyla Simpson, Schyler Tomlinson, Conner Mason, Timothy Ward, Jamie Jameson, Savannah Day, Conrad Day.

DRAGONS

Coaches: Daphne Meredith, Shea Rose. Color, Green.

Team: Parker Meredith, Jonah Meredith, Alexis Osborn, Cody Martin, Keyan Kautz, Reagan Elliott, Angelica Meredith, Ky Christopher, Dominique Quillimaco, Nayo Santos, Mark Quintero.

MAJOR LEAGUE

QUIET RIOT

Coaches: Tim Ward, Casey Lawrence. Color, Red.

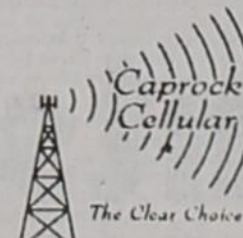
Team: Delynne Collett, Shane'a Russell, Christy Smith, Casey Fletcher, Bradley Brown, Chicagra Brown, Ashley Fonseca, Matt Henzler, Sam Fletcher.

MOTLEY CREW

Coaches: LeJeanna Faulks, Lizabeth Estrada. Color, Black.

Team: Brittany Moore, Chance Bingham, Monica Huddleston, Marc Henzler, Isiah Archer, Stacy Perryman, Savannah Rose, Courtney Alexander, Andrew Martin.

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MORE APOLOGETICS RESOURCES

This completes a brief mention of major apologetics resources. Sadly, they are woefully short in the Panhandle area, but most are accessible via the internet.

The very best radio program is Dr. R.C. Sproul's 30 minute, "Reviewing Your Mind," which is on Lubbock's FM 92.7, M-F at 12:30 p.m., and also at www.ligonier.org. Dr. Sproul and Dr. Norman Geisler are perhaps the two top apologetics in the country today, after the death of Francis Schaeffer, a few years ago.

Other important websites are Ken Ham's answers in Genesis and Seattle's Discovery Institute.

On her program, "America" (both radio and TV), Janet Parschall regularly interviews leading apologetics on cutting edge issues. I understand that she and the American Center for Law and Justice are on XM Radio Channel 170, as well as an independent Lubbock TV station, KGLR. They are both well worth listening to.

Warning: All these resources mentioned are "top-drawer," and may become habit-forming. I hope so.

And then there are books. As earlier mentioned, I've got around 130, covering practically the waterfront, that I'll loan to anybody. Please ask.

But, the "must-read" list is very short (only 3), and the first two are very inexpensive (about \$10 each) and easy to read, making great graduation gifts. They are both by Paul Little and titled "Know What You Believe" and "Know Why You Believe," and should be read in that order - first "What," and then "Why." The "what" is Orthodox Christianity and "Why" is why it is true (basic apologetics). These are the beginning books for anybody interested in the subject.

Finally, the best of the best came out last year, combining in one book, almost the entire spectrum of Christian apologetics. It is by Norman Geisler and Frank Turkey, titled "I Don't Have Enough Faith To Be An Atheist," from Crossway Books. It covers general apologetics at an intermediate level, and is one you will want to re-read repeatedly. Our local library should stock these three books.

Next week: Getting Straight on Separation of Church and State.

Health Officials search for person(s) who handled puppy at Lubbock Animal Shelter Adopt-a-Thon Saturday Individual is in threat of Rabies

The City of Lubbock Health Department is still searching for a woman who may have been exposed to rabies after bringing in a stray female Australian Shepherd mix puppy. It is urgent that the woman contacts the Health Department to discuss her probable exposure to rabies from the puppy. This puppy was brought in to the Animal Shelter Adopt-a-Thon on Saturday, April 30, between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m., and stayed at the Animal Shelter until Monday, May 2, at approximately 5:30 p.m. The puppy later tested positive for rabies. It is described as a 7-8 week old, female puppy being black/grey in color, a long tail and medium length hair. Information is also sought regarding the puppy's mother and littermates.

In addition, Health Department officials continue to seek other potentially exposed persons who may have had contact with this puppy during the Adopt-a-Thon. Any person who had contact with this animal may have been exposed to the virus. Any individual who attended the Adopt-a-Thon during the afternoon of Saturday, April 30th, or who may have visited the shelter on Monday, May 2, should contact the City of Lubbock Health Department at 775-2935. These individuals need to

be evaluated to determine if rabies treatment is necessary. People who attended the Adopt-a-Thon before 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, would not be at risk for exposure. Again, any person who may have had contact with this puppy needs to contact the City of Lubbock Health Department at 775-2935.

Rabies is most often transmitted by bites, but transmission can occur when saliva from an infected animal enters a person's body. A series of post-exposure shots, if given in time, can prevent rabies from developing. Treatment must occur before symptoms appear. Once symptoms develop, rabies is almost always fatal. In humans, the incubation period for rabies and after exposure is usually 3 to 8 weeks, and in rare cases as short as 9 days or as long as 7 years, depending on the location and severity of the exposure, among other factors.

Rabies can occur in wild and domestic animals such as dogs, cats, foxes, coyotes, bats, skunks, raccoons and other biting mammals.

Prevention is the key in protecting against rabies. Newly acquired pets should be checked by a veterinarian and vaccinated, and family pets should be kept current on their immunizations as well.



BOWING IN PRAYER — Some small groups continued to pray after prayers were said for the National, State and Local leaders at last Thursday's National Day of Prayer Fest held at the First Baptist Church parking lot in Matador.

Cowboy Camp meeting to be held in Roaring Springs

The First Annual Old Settlers Cowboy Camp Meeting will be held May 26-28 at the Old Settlers grounds in Roaring Springs.

The Chuckwagon Dinner will be served Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and the evening service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Camp Preachers will be Steve Cody from Lenapah, Oklahoma and Johnny Morris from Afton. Music leaders will be Pennie and Kelly Keltz.

A Chuckwagon Breakfast will be served Friday and Saturday at 6:30 a.m. Bible studies

and youth ministries will begin at 9:00 a.m., followed by a group service at 11:00 a.m.

A Chuckwagon lunch will be served Friday and Saturday at 12:00 noon. Prayer Trees (prayer and testimonies) will be held at 3:00 p.m., along with Youth Ministries.

A Chuckwagon Dinner will be served Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

After dinner there will be "music around the campfire" each evening. This will be "a Christian experience for all ages."

Quinn Hays earns Bachelors degree

Quinn Hays, a 2000 graduate of Motley County High School, was one of more than 200 students who received degrees in ceremonies held Saturday, May 7, at the Rip Griffin Center on the campus of Lubbock Christian University in Lubbock. Quinn received a Bachelor of Arts in Visual Communications. He was hooded by his sister, Courtney Fowler, of

Roaring Springs.

On Monday, May 9, Quinn and approximately 35 fellow members of the LCU Praise! Choir left from the Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport for Australia where they will spend three weeks doing mission work and presenting their "Sermon in Song." They will return to Lubbock on May 27.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid."

Psalm 27:1

NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the voters for their support in the recent election and also for the past three years. Serving on the School Board has been challenging and rewarding. This is a great school with great teachers that work very hard for our kids. During the past 2 years some very difficult decisions had to be made by the Board that affected people in the district. Those decisions were made on behalf of the District as a whole and not in the interest of a few. I have a lot of respect for the commitment and dedication of this Board. Most of our Board members have children that attend this school and they will do whatever they can to assure they get the best education possible. With that said, I ask all parents in Motley County whose kids go to another school to look again at our school. It's moving in a positive direction and changes are taking place. My kids love this school and will get out of it just what they put into it. Thank you again.

Pat Smith

We would like to thank everyone who offered prayers, sent flowers or cards, for the phone calls and the words of comfort. We appreciate those who came to the service and those who prepared and served the meal at the Methodist Church. A special thanks to Billie Dean Smith for the extended check out time and to Pat Seigler and Nathan Shannon for all their help and kindness. If we have left anyone out we apologize. We truly appreciate the love and kindness shown to us during our loss.

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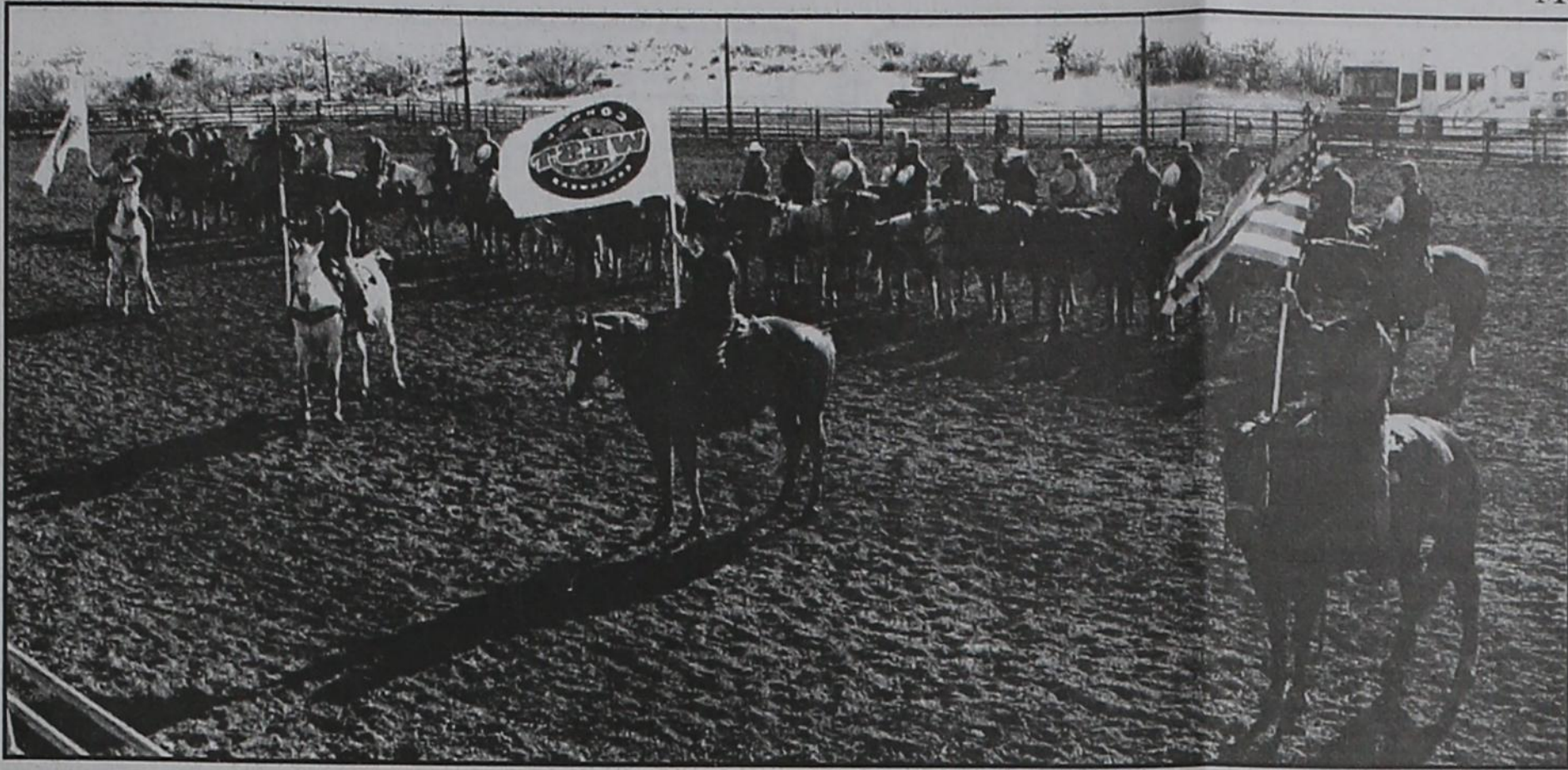
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Senior Ropers line up at the Drag A Steer Roping at Burleson Arena, Sunday, April 24, 2005.

19th Annual Drag A Steer Roping held

The weekend of April 23-24 at Burleson Arena, Flomot brought members of the I S R A (Invitational Steer Ropers Association) and S S R A (Senior Steer Ropers Association) together for the 19th roping competition. Members of both associations came from New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma to challenge each other for the fastest time to rope and tie a steer.

Amarillo, with a time of 12.09 seconds.

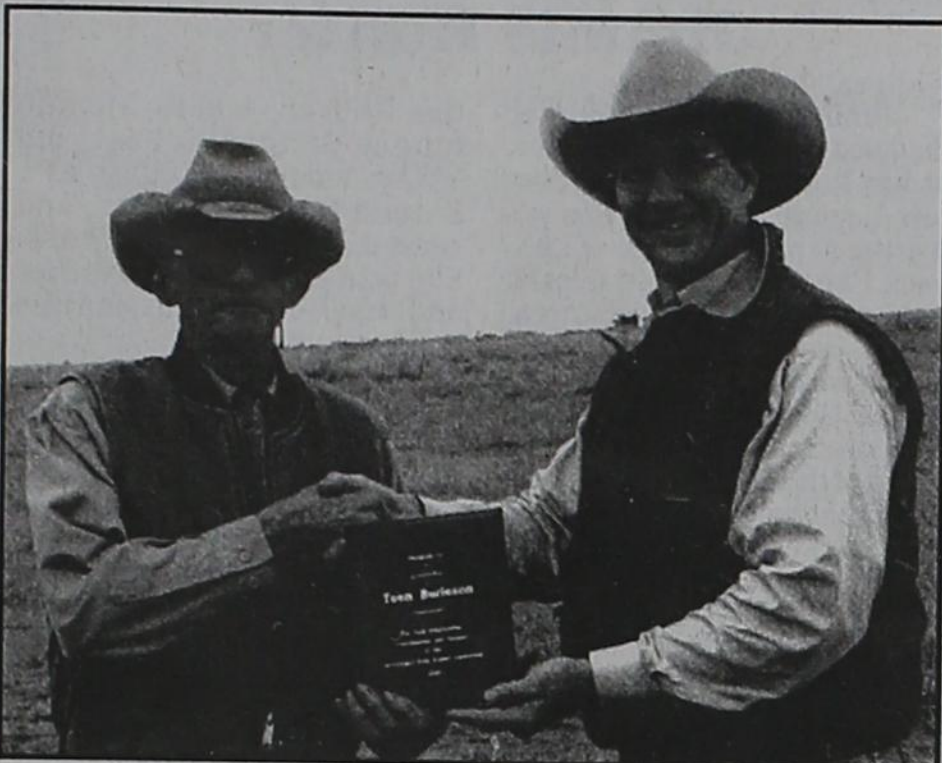
The second day, Sunday, April 24, always begins with the Senior Steer Ropers who range from "50" year old "rookies" to 78-year old "veterans." Bob Schulte, Nazareth, Texas had the best average with a time of 62.39 seconds. Robert Campbell, Amarillo, of the Super Seniors had an average time of 61.85 seconds. C.A. Lauer, Buffalo, Oklahoma had the fastest time of 12.58 seconds.

Those classified as "A" ropers, because of their equal abilities from previous roping times, compete against each other for the average time winner of the day. The "B" ropers are trying to better their times to advance to the "A" competition, but also compete for the average time of the day.

There was a combination of twenty ropers in both "A" and "B", from Oklahoma and Texas. The shared money prizes as well as buckles given by S.C. Burleson. The buckles were made by Wade Brannon, Silverton. On Saturday, Cecil Wilson, Boise City, Oklahoma had the best average time of 54.39 seconds on 3 goes and a short in the "A" and Justin Bay, Woodward, Oklahoma had the best average time of 54.03 seconds in the "B" competition. The fastest time of the day was made by Robert Campbell,

After the introduction of the "A and B" ropers on Sunday, the association presented S.C. Burleson with an appreciation plaque for the nineteen years he has hosted the Drag A Steer Roping. As the ropers started to rope, it began to rain intermittently and the arena was covered with ropers in "yellow slickers." The rain does not stop a roper from competition. Rance Jameson, Dumas, had an average time of 42.98 seconds in both "A" and "B" ropings. He took home "four" buckles, two given by S.C. Burleson and two given by the association. Fastest time for the "rainy Sunday" was 11.73 seconds by Larry Dugan, Canyon.

The weekend came to an end with the sun shining and the "yellow slickers" put away for another rainy day.



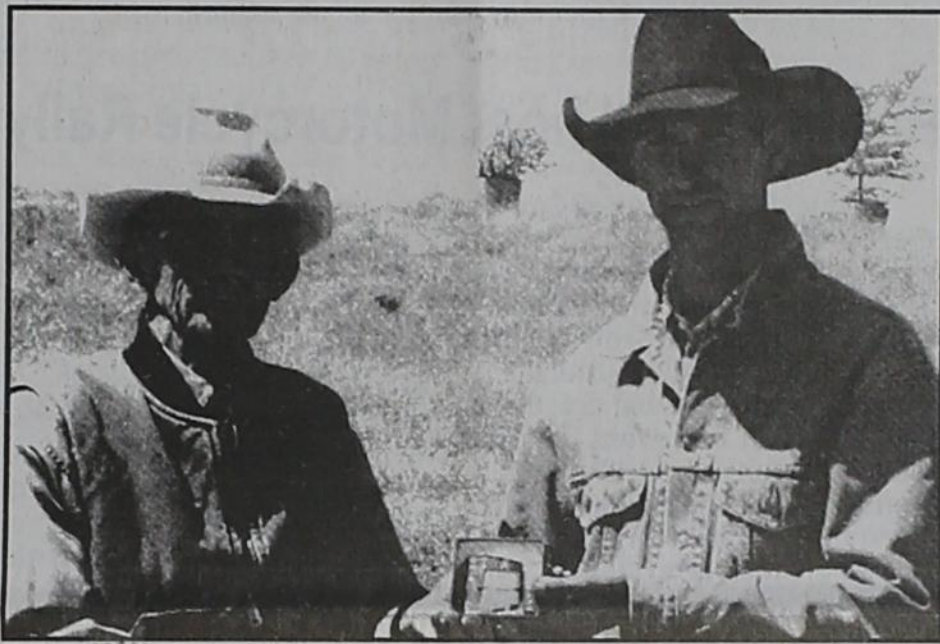
PRESENTED PLAQUE - Trey Quinn, right, President of the I S R A, presented an appreciation plaque to S.C. Burleson at the Drag A Steer Roping, April 24.



"A" BUCKLE WINNER — S.C. Burleson, left, presents Cecil Wilson of Boise City, Oklahoma with a buckle as the "A" roping winner.



4 BUCKLE WINNER — Rance Jameson of Dumas, right, and S.C. Burleson, left, display the 4 buckles Mr. Jameson won as the "AB" winner.



"B" BUCKLE WINNER — S.C. Burleson, left, presents Justin Bay of Woodward, Oklahoma with a buckle as the "B" Roping winner.

Letter to the Editor

Carla,

This letter is in response to a letter to the editor printed a couple weeks back about the Roaring Springs Cemetery. The Roaring Springs Cemetery does not charge for the spaces or lots within the cemetery. There is a \$50.00 interment fee that was started a few years ago to help defray some of the maintenance cost. This alone can and will not pay for the upkeep and maintenance that needs to be done on the cemetery grounds. The only other income a small cemetery would have is donations and contributions made by the public to go towards the mowing, spraying, and other work that needs to be done.

It is not a lack of pride and dignity that is the Roaring Springs Cemetery's problem. The problem can be summed up in 3 words which are 'Lack of income.' Most of the lots in the cemetery must be weed-eaten because of the curbing that is placed around most family plots.

My question to Mrs. Fletcher is when was the last time you made a contribution towards the upkeep and maintenance at the cemetery? I would suggest taking a weed eater out and cleaning around family plots until the mowing can be done. After all, there is no perpetual care guarantee in a cemetery that does not charge for burial plots.

Donations to the cemetery can be sent to Buzz and LaVoe Thacker or we can take them here at the funeral home. Buzz and LaVoe have worked and donated their time for many years taking donations, doing book keeping, keeping up with interment records, and seeing to it that the cemetery was mowed as often as possible. So you see it's not a lack of work or pride that is being done within the cemetery that is the problem, it's a simple lack of funding. Donations are tax deductible and are always appreciated.

Yours truly,
Nathan W. Shannon

TxDOT will begin Spring seal coat project

Childress - Various roadways will be getting a fresh, new look starting this spring as highway construction crews start putting down a new rock and asphalt (seal coat) surface.

Work got underway May 2, starting in Cottle County. Weather permitting the estimated completion date for this seal coat project is October, 2005.

According to Rickey Gonzales, TxDOT Chief Seal Coat Inspector, this \$6.5 million project is part of an annual preventative maintenance program across the 13-county Childress TxDOT district. "Seal coat" is a rock and asphalt layer put down on the highway to re-seal the surface and keep moisture from damaging the road base. It extends the life of the highway.

The seal coat project will begin in Cottle County and then move to the other 13 counties in Childress District in this order:

- Hardeman, Foard, Knox, King, Dickens, Motley, Hall, Briscoe, Donley, Collingsworth, Wheeler and Childress.

The contractor for this project is Lipham Construction Co., Inc., of Aspermont and chief inspector for Lipham is Isadora Rojas.

"Motorists will encounter workers who will direct them through the work zone, and there will be brief lane closures in those areas on the two-lane roadways where seal coat work

is being done," said Rickey Gonzales. "Drivers should always use caution and drive carefully and choose alternate routes if possible, while the seal coat work is underway."

Anyone with questions about this or any other TxDOT project should contact Barbara Seal, Public Information Officer at 940-937-7145.

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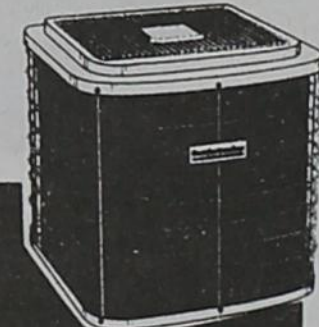
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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

Pearl Patten was hostess to the Wesleyan Guild when it met Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist Fellowship Hall. JoEtta Bumgardner was in charge, as the president, Debbie Martin, was absent. JoEtta also gave the devotional. There were no minutes. Chelsea Read read from the book *I'm So Glad You Told Me!*, written by Barbara Johnson.

Enjoying the delicious food, in addition to those already mentioned, were Robena King, Joy Beeson, Lula Swim. Chelsea offered the blessing for the food.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim and Lula Swim attended funeral services in Plainview, Saturday morning, for Ruth Swim Gooch.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Estes of Harbor Height were here Saturday to visit his mother, Mrs. Ruby Hipp.

Mrs. Martha Stewart and her sister of Ft. Worth were in church Sunday. Mrs. Lea Peacock had a friend, visiting from Minnesota, with her at the services. Mrs. Joy Beeson had her daughter from Afton, as a guest in Church. Jaci Zingerman had a girlfriend with her.

Mr. Larry Watson and Kim Kendall of Austin visited Cleo Watson for the weekend.

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

— 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Swim of Abilene and their son and wife, Edward and Kimberly of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim of Lubbock brought lunch and everyone met at the home of Lula Swim. J.T. and Imogene Swim were also present.

Senator Robert Duncan and Matthew of Lubbock visited his mother, Mrs. Robena King on Saturday.

There were 14 ladies meeting in the home of Mrs. Paul Westbrook on Monday, May 10 for Bible Study. Mrs. Freida Burns was in charge. Mrs. Dartha Westbrook gave the opening prayer. The study on prayer continued. Mrs. Burns gave the closing prayer.

PLACES AT STATE TUMBLING MEET

Jaci Zingerman, daughter of Lori and Russell Alexander, competed in Levelland, Saturday, April 30, at the State Tumbling and Trampoline Meet. She brought home two silver medals.

James and Pat Palmer of Eureka, KS, James, Jennifer, Dylan and Ty Adams of Lubbock and Stephen and Miranda Slover of Lubbock visited Zella Palmer on Mother's Day.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

The year that lies ahead for new high school and college graduates will come and go quickly than they can possibly understand. We encourage them to strive for wisdom and for excellence in all of their endeavors. On the journey before you, we wish you GODSPEED.

Tom Ross visited the weekend in Crowell where he met Mr. and Mrs. B.T. O'Connell of Denton and they enjoyed the Quannah Parker celebration.

Darla and James Gwinn were in Lubbock, April 29 for Darla a medical check up following recent eye surgery. They visited his sister, Aly Gwinn. Aly visited here this weekend and enjoyed the 70 Mile Garage Sales.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert and celebrating Mother's Day were Alvina Jo Calvert of Dumas and Sherrilyn and Dan Foster of Lubbock.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse visited Sunday and Monday in Rising Star with her mother, Mrs. Dona Brown.

Guests Mother's Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers were Ronnie and Lou Rogers, Richard, Tina and Jerod Rogers of Lubbock, Dane Degan and sons, Kyler and Kason of Crosbyton, and Donnie Rogers of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were in Lubbock, Monday for her a cardiac check up.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton joined Mrs. Dixie Campbell and Mrs. Judy Renfro in Matador, Saturday and they had a garage sale in front of the PCA office as part of the 70 Mile Garage Sale. They had fun!

Luncheon guests of Mrs. Leona Degan Mother's Day were grandson and sons, Dane Degan, Kyler and Kason of Crosbyton.

Brenda and Darrell Cruse had a family Mother's Day luncheon, Sunday honoring her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador. Guests were Bennie and Charla Marricle of Snyder, Leah Cruse and Derrick Cruse of Canyon, Lacy and Keane Cruse of Turkey, Mark, Kathleen and Dalton Wason and Shahala and Allen Holsher of Lubbock.

Matador News

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dunnam and daughter, Kourtney of Amarillo, visited Mrs. Dunnam's mother, Mrs. Juanita Cooper, Saturday.

Dick and Marlene Hamm of Brownfield, accompanied her mother, Inez Bailey, back to Inez's home in Matador last week. Inez will

once again happily be residing here. Dick and Marlene also visited her brother, Ronald and wife Kay, who have recently moved back to Matador.

Mrs. Betty Simpson of Northfield reported 0.82 moisture for the month of April.

Paducah will host Motorcycle Rally

Paducah Chamber of Commerce will sponsor an Arts & Crafts, and Food Festival in June, along with the Cottle County 4-H sponsored Bean Poker Run Motorcycle Rally.

A large crowd is expected to participate in the event which takes place on June 4. The Arts, Crafts & Food Festival will take place in the Norris Building on the north side of the square.

Those interested in having a booth, should contact Lisa

Wood at 806-492-2713, and leave a message.

To participate in the Motorcycle Rally Poker Run, contact Justin Nash at 806-492-3151, or Terry Sexton at 806-492-2286.

Garage Sale spaces will be available, as well.

In addition to the booths and rally, hourly drawings will be held at the Norris Building, with a grand prize drawing at 5:30 p.m.

Obituaries

Earline Vaughn

Graveside services for Earline Vaughn, 94, formerly of Matador were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 9, at the East Mound Cemetery with Michael G. Crowley officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Vaughn died Friday, May 6, at a Round Rock Care Center.

Earline was the daughter of William Milton Mask and Velma Camelia Bounds Mask. She married Marvin Key Vaughn in 1931 at Lubbock, Texas. He preceded her in death on August 7, 1978. Mrs. Vaughn was a resident of Matador since 1943 except for several years away. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn owned and operated a drugstore in Matador for a number of years.

Earline loved to read and enjoyed many years of association with the Motley County Library. She moved to Austin about 5 years ago due to failing health. She was also preceded in death by her parents, one brother and two sisters.

She is survived by one son, Key Vaughn of Austin; one daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and George Tsagaris; one sister, Erma Lickfelt of Burnet, Texas; two grandchildren, Teresa and husband Brad Osborne of Kyle, Texas and Tara and husband James Balandran of Austin, Texas; four great-grandchildren, James Balandran, Jr. of Austin, Cameron Balandran of Austin, Shannon Williams of Kyle and Reagan Williams of Kyle.

Jimmie Hunter

Jimmie Lee Speer Hunter died peacefully on May 10, 2005, at her Lubbock residence, Sisters Loving Arms. She was under the care of Hospice of Lubbock. She will be greatly missed by her children, grandchildren, friends and caregivers. A memorial service will be held at the Baptist Church in Flomot at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, with burial of the ashes of Wayne and Jimmie at the Flomot Cemetery after the service.

Jimmie was born in Dickens County on December 18, 1924. Reared in Flomot, she was the third of Joe and Effie Speer's six children. After graduating from Flomot High School, she attended Texas State College for Women (now Texas Women's University) in Denton, where she obtained a bachelors degree in speech and drama. She taught school in Quitaque, Flomot, Matador and South Plains, and directed one-act plays. She also served as Motley County Librarian.

Jimmie married Wayne Hunter of Turkey on July 9, 1946, at the Baptist Church in Flomot. They lived in Quitaque, Denton, Ft. Worth, Plainview and Flomot, before retiring to the Carillon in Lubbock in 2000. For the last two years, Jimmie and Wayne have lived at Sisters Loving Arms, a small home-like care facility in Lubbock.

Jimmie and Wayne were very active in the Flomot Baptist Church, where Jimmie

taught Sunday School, led YMA's, taught an English as a Second Language class, and served as an officer in WMU. She was an avid bird watcher and enjoyed watching sunrises and sunsets.

Her husband, Wayne preceded her in death on March 23, 2005. Their younger son, Randy, died in a tragic automobile accident in January, 1995. She was also preceded in death by her parents, her brother, John Speer, and her sisters, Alyce Montoya and Melva Jo Shelton. She is survived by a brother, Walter Speer of Colorado Springs, a brother, Raymond Speer of Seattle, Washington, a daughter, Anita and husband Brad Carter of Lubbock, a son, David and wife Rhonda, of Midland, a daughter, Susan and husband Steve Wayne Smith, of Austin; seven grandchildren,

Ross Hunter of Houston, Greg Hunter of Albuquerque, Allison and Emily Smith of Austin, Amanda Carter, Rebekah Carter and Virginia Flores of Lubbock; three great-grandchildren, Cheyenne, Kristian and Nehemiah of Lubbock, and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

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MAY NEWSLETTER

There is a May newsletter, but it will not be mailed out due to budget cuts. You may pick up a copy at the office or view it online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tx/Motley.htm>.

FSA STRATEGIC PLAN

The Farm Service Agency's draft Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2005-2010 is available on the agency's Web site (<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/bpms>) for public review and comment. The plan complements USDA's Strategic Plan and will serve as the agency's guide to improving its service to farmers and ranchers.

Producers are encouraged to review the plan, which is also available at the FSA county office, and offer their comments. Producers can request a printed copy of the plan by calling the Strategic Performance and Evaluation Staff at (202) 418-9064, or by sending an e-mail request to YourFSAComments@wdc.usda.gov.

Comments on the draft plan can be submitted via e-mail to YourFSAComments@wdc.usda.gov or by fax to the Strategic Performance and Evaluation Staff at (202) 418-9125.

MEASUREMENT SERVICE

Farmers who would like a guarantee for their crop and land use acreages will be ahead

of the game to use FSA's measurement service. Producers must file a request with the county office and pay the cost of furnishing the service.

Measurement service helps insure accurate acreage reports, if the planting is limited to the measured area. Incorrect acreage certification could result in reduced program payments or marketing quota penalty or loss of price support for the crop.

ACREAGE REPORTING FOR NAP

Acreage reporting time is rolling around. As a producer, you should remember that filing a timely and accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs, including the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

If you would like more information about USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Animal Identification Program, stop by the FSA county office and pick up a copy of APHIS' brochure, The National Identification System (NAIS), Program Aid No. 1797.

Information about NAIS is also available online at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues/naais/naais.html>.

Fire threat growing across entire state

from the Texas Forest Service

Dry, windy weather facilitated the spread of several fires across the state last week. Texas Forest Service responded to several large fires, including 10 in Southeast Texas and one in Central Texas.

April is normally a wet month, but most of Texas is sitting high and dry. Many areas of the state saw little, if any, precipitation in the last 30 days, which has fire officials concerned that fire season is coming on quickly.

"We are not in a critical stage yet," said Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator for Texas Forest Service. "But the longer we go without significant rain, the risk of large fires increases."

With pretty weather on the weekends, people are drawn outdoors. We are asking people to put off any outdoor burning until we get some precipitation and to be especially cautious with any spark-producing equipment, such as chain saws.

Arsonists set 15 fires which burned 330 acres in the Newton area, according to Texas Forest Service law enforcement officers in Woodville. The fire occurred roughly in the same area that experienced a major arson fire, the Moore Branch Fire, in September of 2000. That fire burned 15,864 acres of timber and destroyed five homes, six barns and 14 outbuildings.

In south Central Texas, a 20-acre fire near Helotes in Bexar County began after a small trash burn escaped control lines. Along with Texas Forest Service, a Texas Army National Guard Blackhawk helicopter dropped almost 13,000 gallons of water on the fire, which threatened two major subdivisions before it was brought under control. Debris burning, including burning brush and leaf piles, is the number one cause of wildfires in Texas.

Like most of the state, West Texas received record amounts of rainfall last year, which means there is an abundance of vegetation available to fuel a wildfire. High winds prompt red

flag warnings from the National Weather Service.

Lightning is a major cause of wildfires.

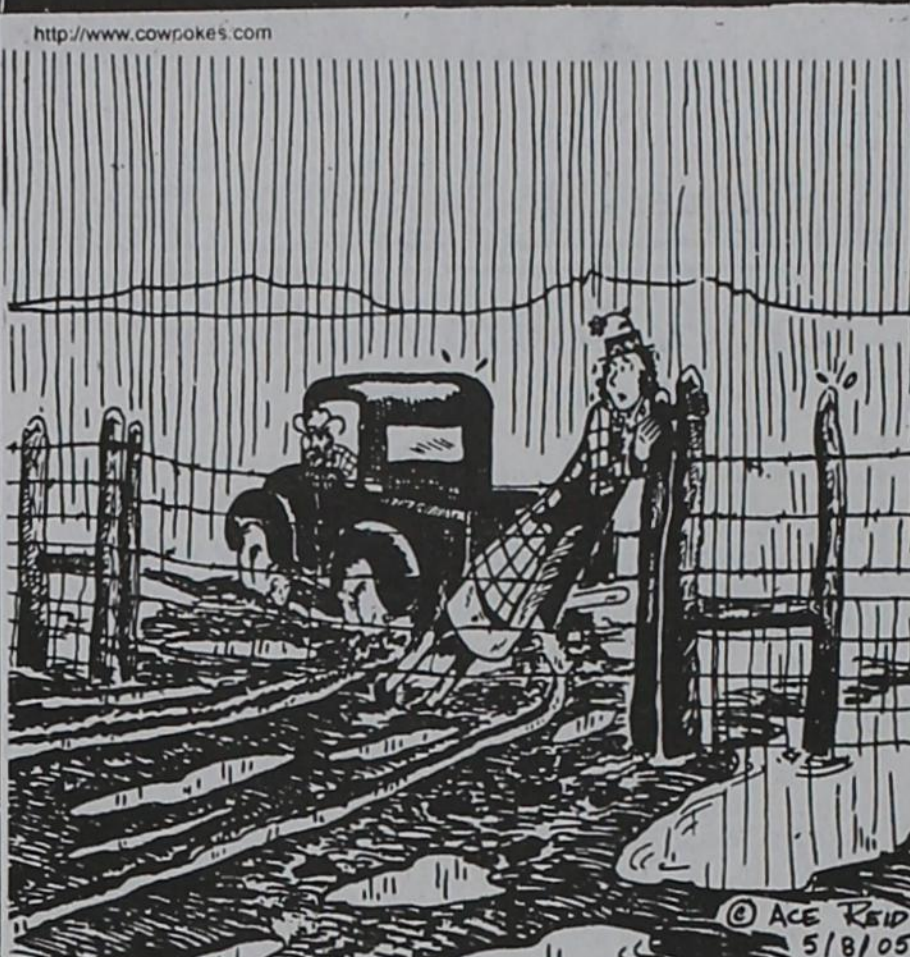
"Based on information about the weather and vegetative dryness we gather, we can pre-position our fire crews in the areas with higher risk," said Mark Stanford, Chief of Fire Operations for Texas Forest Service.

Texas Forest Service offers the following tips for outdoor fire safety:

- Before building a campfire, make sure there are no outdoor burning bans. Build campfires only in open level spots away from trees and overhanging branches. Extinguish the campfires completely with dirt and water. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.
- When cooking outdoors, remember coals and ashes are still a fire hazard until they are cold to the touch. Make sure coals and ashes are removed from barbecue pits before towing them down the highway. Do not light the barbecue pit until it is parked in a safe location away from flammable vegetation.
- Check wheel bearings, tires and tow chains on recreational and boat trailers before using them. Trailers that have not been used for a while often need wheel bearings repacked so they don't freeze up and throw sparks going down the highway. Also, make sure tires are in good condition, since towing a trailer with a flat tire can start several roadside fires before the driver realizes there is a problem. Dragging tow chains also throw sparks that can ignite fires.
- Keep spark arrestors on recreational equipment in proper working order. The same holds true for agricultural equipment, chain saws and other internal combustion engines.
- Use an ashtray when smoking in a vehicle. When smoking outdoors, stay in areas free of dry vegetation nearby and dispose of cigarette butts safely.
- Call 911 immediately to report any wildfires.

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By Ace Reid



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2005 Assessment rate set for Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone

(ABILENE)—The Texas Department of Agriculture has established the 2005 assessment rate, due date and discount date for the Southern High Plains/Caprock zone of the boll weevil eradication program.

The assessment for 2005 in the SHP is \$6 per dryland acre and \$12 per irrigated land acre, the rate established by growers and landowners in the original referendum.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit on those acres destroyed before the final certification date. Qualifying failed acres must re-

main free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the credit.

Assessment notices will be mailed by August 19, and payment is due September 30. Growers who pay by September 15 are eligible to receive a 2 percent discount on their assessment.

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 cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

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LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Motley County Tribune Weather May 12, 2005

7-Day Forecast

- Thursday**
Isolated T-storms
High: 83 Low: 59
- Friday**
Isolated T-storms
High: 77 Low: 53
- Saturday**
Isolated T-storms
High: 78 Low: 56
- Sunday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 77 Low: 57
- Monday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 80 Low: 61
- Tuesday**
Isolated T-storms
High: 78 Low: 59
- Wednesday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 81 Low: 60

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 83°. The record high temperature for today is 100° set in 1963. Friday, skies will remain mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
5/16	5/23	5/30	6/6

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	71	45	79/53	0.00"	0.16"
Monday	48	42	79/53	0.04"	Normal precipitation 0.67"
Tuesday	48	45	80/53	0.05"	Departure from normal -0.51"
Wednesday	51	45	80/54	0.06"	Average temperature 56.1°
Thursday	71	51	80/54	0.00"	Average normal temperature 66.8°
Friday	81	53	80/54	0.01"	Departure from normal -10.7°
Saturday	74	61	81/55	0.00"	Data as reported from Childress, Texas

Weather History

May 12, 1971 - Dust storms suddenly reduced visibilities to near zero on Interstate Highway 10 near Casa Grande, Ariz. Chain reaction accidents involving cars and trucks resulted, killing seven people.

Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today 6:44 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:36 p.m.
Moonrise today 9:46 a.m.
Moonset today 12:15 a.m.

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Keep Pecan Scab Under Control

Pecan growers know that a considerable investment of time and money is needed to make a profitable crop. Pecan production is labor intensive, with many factors requiring constant attention.

That's especially true for disease control, since pecans are susceptible to a variety of diseases that can affect both yield and quality. It means paying constant attention to rainfall, crop stage and humidity. And, it means fungicide treatments as needed throughout the growing season.

Pecan scab can be a grower's worst nightmare, with the potential to affect every bearing area of a pecan tree if left untreated. It is the most potentially destructive - and economically devastating - disease in pecans. The distinctive small, circular, olive green-to-black spots can occur on leaves, elongating twigs and nut shucks. It stunts and deforms leaves and can reduce the size of the shell, lower the kernel weight, and possibly cause nut drop.

The first signs of pecan scab can often be seen on leaves any time following bud break and can remain active through November.

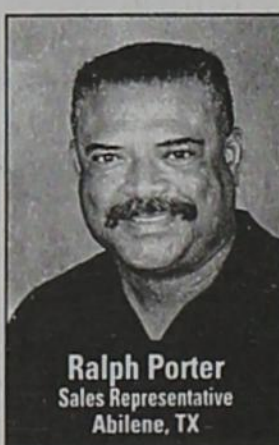
University studies have shown that the potential for scab outbreaks is greatest when the canopy of pecan trees have been wet for 10 to 12 hours. Measurable rainfall is needed for scab development, although multiple amounts of trace rainfall (as little as 1/10 of an inch) during periods of high humidity may also trigger scab activity.

Fortunately, most pecan growers utilize fungicide spray programs that are very effective in controlling pecan scab and the resulting losses. One of the most effective treatments for scab and other fungal diseases in pecans is Enable® 2F fungicide. The active ingredient in Enable provides protectant residual activity against the fungal scab fungus, including some pecan scab strains that have shown resistance to other products, and is not a restricted use pesticide.

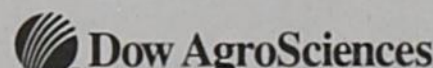
Enable can be safely applied from bud break to shuck split, allowing growers to effectively control leaf scab during pre-pollination and nut scab during post-pollination. Enable provides up to 14 days of residual protection from leaf scab and up to 21 days of protection from nut scab, while also controlling secondary diseases like downy spot, zonal leaf spot and vein spot. Plus, tests show that Enable consistently delivers superior nut size and quality.

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