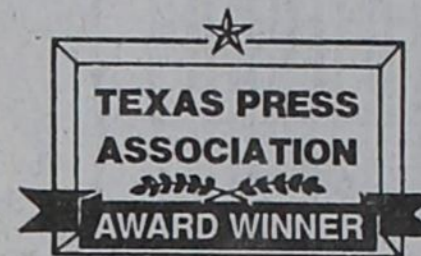
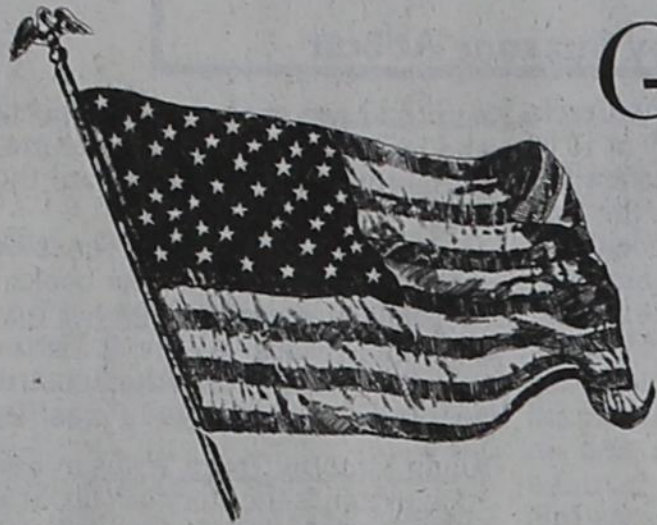


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## Woodworking hobby leads to furniture business for local entrepreneur

Local entrepreneur, Jim Belk, has turned his love of a woodworking hobby into a Rustic Furniture business. Mr. Belk makes beautiful wood furniture at his home workshop in Matador. The large, wood, rustic items are displayed on his lawn on north Main street.

Mr. Belk began working with wood 30 years ago as a young man in Oregon. He credits his mother for teaching him the skill. "She (his mother) made things with wood and taught me everything I know about the process of creating a piece of furniture," Mr. Belk said in an interview earlier this week. "I loved the fact that I could create something from a simple piece of wood."

Jim moved to Matador about 3 years ago. His furniture pieces, which include rocking chairs, benches, beds (in all sizes), bunk

beds, tables, chairs, and other items, are made with cedar posts. "I buy all my cedar at Higginbotham, here in Matador," he said. "Donnie is good to work with." Each piece of cedar is peeled with a draw knife, until the natural sheen and beauty of the wood is obtained.

Several pieces of the furniture have been sold locally. He has custom made items to his customer's specifications, also. "I sell all my pieces at 75% off what it would sell for in the bigger market, such as Lubbock, Dallas, Ruidoso, and other larger cities," said Mr. Belk. "I don't see any reason to charge outrageous prices for something I love creating. I just need to get a little for my supplies and my time. I really want the customer to enjoy the piece of furniture they select. That's what is important."

What started out as a front yard display floor, has turned into an Internet business. Mr. Belk and his wife, Gale, now have their own website with pictures of the handmade furniture pieces. Mr. Belk's furniture pieces are also for sale at some Motley County businesses and at the Turkey Hotel.

Gale has joined forces with Jim and now makes birdhouses, other wood items and dolls also offered for sale. "God has been so good to us. He has given us everything we have and made all that we do possible," she stated.

The beautiful handmade furniture pieces may be viewed at the couple's website, [www.jimsrusticfurniture.com](http://www.jimsrusticfurniture.com). They may be contacted at [rustic@caprock-spur.com](mailto:rustic@caprock-spur.com) or by calling 806-347-2165 or 806-346-0603.



**RUSTIC FURNITURE BUILDER** — Jim Belk is pictured on his front yard display floor with some of the rustic furniture pieces he has built. Mr. Belk turned his love for working with wood into a lucrative business.



### Cheer Camp

These girls attended the Mini-Cheer Camp sponsored by the Motley County High School Cheerleaders, Monday and Tuesday of this week. Pictured with the girls are 2002-03 cheerleaders (left to right, at back) Charli Ream, Brenda Gillespie, Brittany Donaldson, Emily Hurt, and Mandi Ream. Not pictured is Mascot, Cassie Campbell. The cheerleaders taught the young girls cheering techniques and other skills associated with cheerleading. They presented a program to close the camp on Tuesday afternoon.

## School Board members to attend Summer training sessions

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met June 10 for their regular meeting.

Mr. Copp informed the board that the Texas Primary Reading Instrument, that is given to the Kindergarten, first and second graders, had been completed. The test is administered as the students enter their respective grades and again at the end of the year to check for progress. All but one student had shown progress in all areas of reading and this student will be worked with individually to help improve their skills.

A copy of the spring survey results from parents and staff was given to the board members to read. A small sampling of the surveys were returned and the results were presented to the Site Base Team to begin looking for ways to help improve any negative concerns that were expressed.

Mr. Copp also presented each board member with a copy of the new student handbook and code of conduct for the 2002-2003 school year for

review before the July board meeting.

Mr. Copp stated that he and Ms. Stevens will be contacting Mrs. Washington of Thayer & Washington, to ask for an explanation of the audit report.

Board training dates were presented to the members for the summer. July 1, at 6:00 p.m., will be board orientation for new members; July 18, at 6:30 p.m., will be Level II training; and August 5, at 7:00 p.m., Level I new member training. All training will take place at Motley County via the ITV system.

Mr. Copp also informed the board that at the present time, there are no resignations from any staff member.

Items for board action included the following:

— Approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

— Approved the expenditure report and reviewed the financial statements.

— Approved the following ser-

vices and contracts with the Region 17 Service Center to be provided during the 2002-2003 school year.

1. Bilingual/ESL Services
2. Purchasing Program
3. Title I Services
4. Title IV Services
5. Gifted/Talented program
6. Media Services
7. State Computer Software Support

8. Adult Education Services
  9. Legal Services
  10. Curriculum Services
- Approved Chemical Hygiene plan for 2002-03.
- Approved PDAS calendar for 2002-03.

All board members were present with the exception of Douglas Campbell and Les Woolsey. Also attending were Superintendent Rick Copp, and Bettye Stevens. Representing the Motley County staff was Judy Cooper.

No one was present for open forum.

## Storms produce much needed rainfall for area

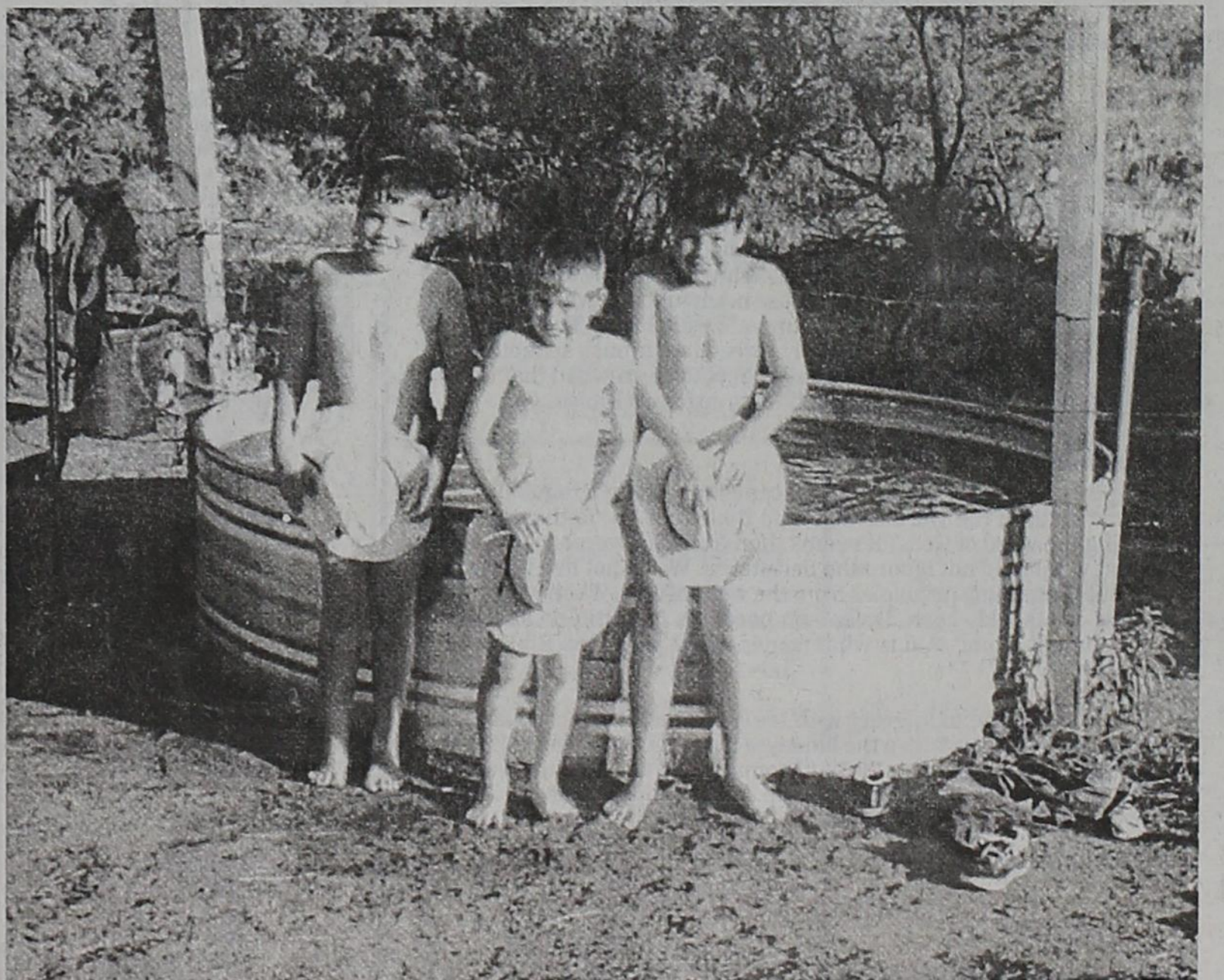
Last week's storms produced some much needed rainfall for this area, with some areas receiving as much as three inches.

Although the area needed the rainfall desperately, the storms also brought large hail and high winds resulting in damage to crops and homes.

Homes in north Matador received the most damage, with residents reporting broken windows, damaged roofs, broken tree limbs, etc. Flower beds were flattened at some homes.

Although no official reports have been received at the Tribune, some severe crop damage has been rumored.

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY  
SUNDAY, JUNE 16**



### Summer (Skinny) Dip

These boys' hats came in handy when they were caught skinny dipping recently at their grandfather's ranch near Whiteflat. Zach, 8, Colton, 9, and Caleb, 10, Shaw of Bryan were visiting their grandparents, Don and Jane King when their mother, the King's daughter, Jan Shaw, snapped this picture.





by Carla Meador

On Sunday we will honor our fathers. Of course, in my opinion, I have the best daddy there is. Happy Father's Day, daddy!

Father's Day, contrary to popular misconception, was not established as a holiday in order to help greeting card manufacturers sell more cards. In fact when a "father's day" was first proposed there were no Father's Day cards!

Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "father's day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness

her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington. At about the same time in various towns and cities across America other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day." In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Father's Day is a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends are all honored on Father's Day.

In observance of Father's Day, I would like to share this poem. Some of you may have received it e-mail. It's very touching and I thought appropriate for Father's Day.

**A Dad's Poem**

Author Unknown

Her hair was up in a pony tail, her favorite dress tied with a bow. Today was Daddy's Day at school, and she couldn't wait to go. But her Mommy tried to tell her, that she probably should stay home. Why they kids might not understand, if she went to school alone. But she was not afraid, she knew just what to say. What to tell her classmates of why he wasn't there today. But still her Mother worried, for her to face this day alone. And that was why once again, she tried to keep her daughter home. But the little girl went to school, eager to tell them all. About a Dad she never sees, a Dad who never calls. There were daddies along the wall in back, for everyone to meet. Children squirming impatiently, anxious in their seats. One by one the teacher called, a student from the class. To introduce their daddy, as seconds slowly passed. At last the teacher called her name, every child turned to stare. Each of them was searching, for a man who wasn't there. "Where's her daddy at?" She heard a boy call out. "She probably doesn't have one," another student dared to shout. And from somewhere near the back, she heard a daddy say, "Looks like another deadbeat dad, too busy to waste his day." The words did not offend her, as she smiled up at her Mom. And looked back at her teacher, who told her to go on. And with hands behind her back, slowly she began to speak. And out from the mouth of a child, come words incredibly unique. "My Daddy couldn't be here, because he lives so far away. But I know he wishes he could be, since this is such a special day. And though you cannot meet him, I wanted you to know, All about my daddy, and how much he loves me so. He loved to tell me stories, he taught me to ride my bike. He surprised me with pink roses, and taught me to fly a kite. We used to share fudge sundaes, and ice cream in a cone. And though you cannot see him, I'm not standing here alone. "Cause my daddy's always with me, even though we are apart. I know because he told me, he'll forever be in my heart." With that, her little hand reached up, and lay across her chest. Feeling her own heartbeat, beneath her favorite dress. And from somewhere in the crowd of dads, her mother stood in tears. Proudly watching her daughter, who was wise beyond her years. For she stood up for the love of a man not in her life. Doing what was best for her, doing what was right. And when she dropped her hand back down, staring straight into the crowd. She finished with a voice so soft, but its message clear and loud. "I love my daddy very much, he's my shining star. And if he could, he'd be here, but heaven's just too far. You see he was a fireman and died just this past year. When the airplanes hit the towers and taught Americans to fear. But sometimes when I close my eyes, it's like he never went away." And then she closed her eyes, and saw him there that day. And to her mother's amazement, she witnessed with surprise. A room full of daddies and children, all starting to close their eyes. Who knows what they saw before them, who knows what they felt inside. Perhaps for merely a second, they saw him at her side. "I know you're with me Daddy," to the silence she called out. And what happened next made believers, of those once filled with doubt. Not one in that room could explain it, for each of their eyes had been closed. But there on the desk beside her, was a fragrant long-stemmed pink rose. And a child was blessed, if only for a moment, by the love her shining bright star. And given the gift of believing, that Heaven is never too far.

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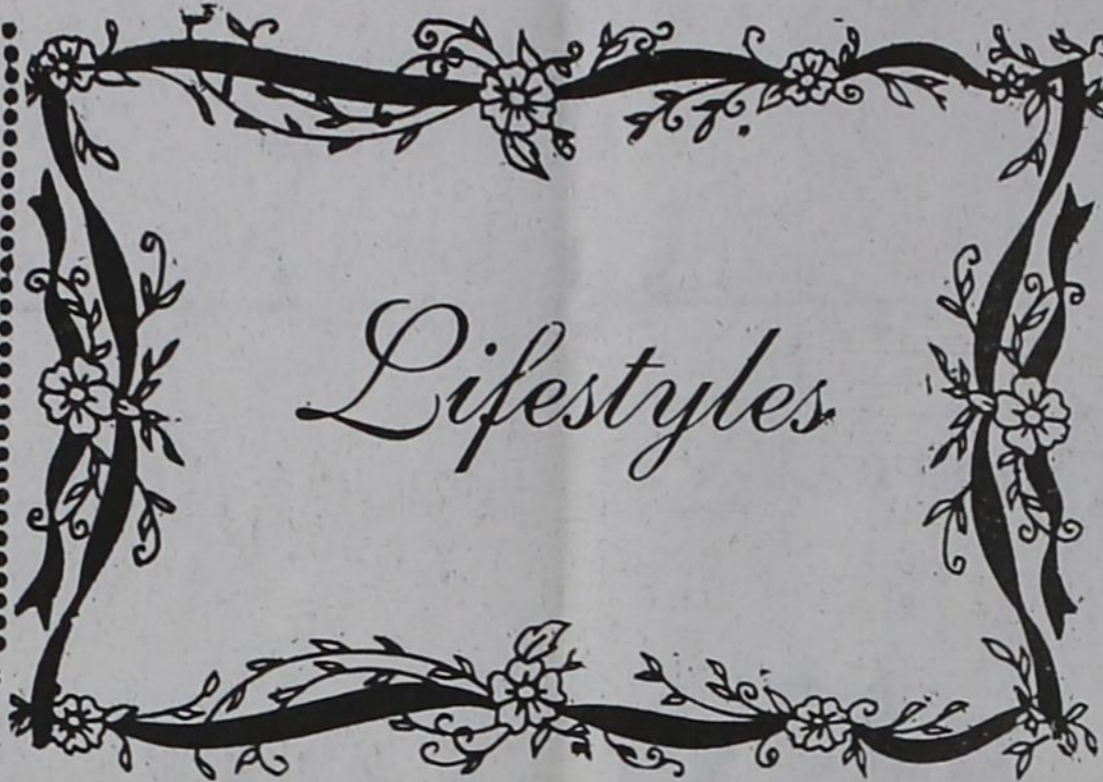


There are times when all of us feel overwhelmed with all that goes on in our lives. There may even be times when we feel defeated and spiritually discouraged. It is in those moments that we are ineffective in our walk with Jesus. The problem is usually traced to our busy schedules. They have become so crowded that there is little time to read our Bibles.

It is so easy to give in to complacency regarding a regular reading and study of the Word of God. The Bible tells us "faith comes by hearing the word of God." It seems then from that verse in Romans 10 that we should not ignore the Scriptures. We do not live very well without the guiding principles from the word of God. When we try the results are quickly seen. Defeatism becomes our attitude and malnourishment of our soul is what comes about when the Bible is ignored.

We need time to interact with the Word and therefore gain the wisdom to enable us to live the life-style that Jesus set before us. The Apostle Paul wrote in Acts 20:32, "I commend to God and the word of His grace which is able to build you up..." We need the word of God in our lives and on a regular basis.

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**Do Gooders ready center for Flomot Homecoming**

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, June 4, at the Community Center in Flomot. Mrs. Waydetta Clay conducted the business session. Mrs. Alma Shorter read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved as read. The solar window screens have been installed, new window blinds inside the building have been completed and plumbing repairs done at the Community Center. Mrs. Kathy Shorter reported she had purchased a new vacuum cleaner for the Center.

In other business, a community Work Day will be held Friday, July 5, in preparation for the Flomot Tri-Annual Homecoming, Saturday, July 6. The club's ragtime quilt with patriotic colors in response to the tragic events last September, is on display

at JUST BECAUSE, floral and gift shop in Quitaque. The drawing of the winner's name will be at the Flomot Homecoming.

Mesdames Leona Degan and Waydetta Clay presided at a pink service. They served refreshments of assorted cookies with pink fruit punch. The table was laid with a pink cloth trimmed in lace and centered with an overflowing garden of flowers in a basket. Mrs. Degan won the raffle ticket drawing for a coffee mug filled with a bouquet of colorful suckers.

Those attending were Mesdames Erma Washington, Connie Franks, Mary Jo Calvert, Waydetta Clay, Leona Degan, Alma Shorter, Nada Starkey, Kathy Shorter, Anna Beth Clay and B. Rogers.

**Pivots & Divots**

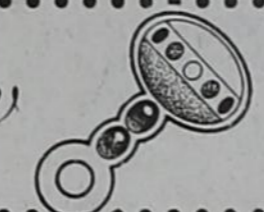
by Mary



Play day on June 6th was for longest drive on #5. Playing 18 holes were Louise Barton, Olivia Barton, LaVoe Thacker and Geneva Wilson. LaVoe

won the ball. Playing 9 holes were Nell Berryman, Frances Hobbs and Judy Renfro. Nell won the ball.

**Look Who's New**



**Wyatt Lee Stalling**

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey announce the birth of a great grandson, Wyatt Lee Stalling, who arrived Saturday, June 1, 2002, at the Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed five pounds.

Welcoming the new arrival are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Stalling, sisters, Taylor and Robin, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey of Canyon.

**Erin Jones receives degree**

Erin Jones received a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies degree in Early Childhood Education during commencement ceremonies held at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, May 18. Erin and her husband, Jade, and daughter, Ashley, live in Matador.

**Ashley Stevens named to Dean's List**

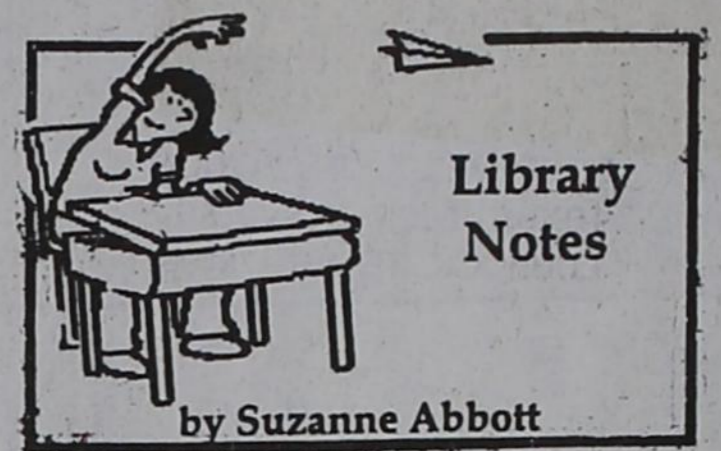
Ashley Stevens of Lubbock was placed on the Dean's List at South Plains College for the Spring Semester, 2002. Ashley is a Communications Major and had a 3.6 average. She will be a Sophomore at South Plains College in the Fall.



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Matador Variety



The Motley County Arts & Crafts Club will meet at the library at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, to view the library's new additions to the fine arts section. The library received a Texas Book Festival grant and part of that money was spent to enhance offerings in art books and videos.

We appreciate the donation by Minnie Kathleen Stephens Dennis in memory of G.W. Sexton and in memory of Frances Jones Hambright. Donations such as this help keep the library's collection up-to-date and make lasting memorials to special people.

We also appreciate the donation of the book *Abandonment Theology* by Grace Campbell. We thank Charley Johnson for his donation to the library. Two weeks ago when Ken-

neth had eye surgery, Lea Peacock and Ruby McGuire filled in for me at the library and we appreciate their help.

The library now has a Texas Collection for Kids. Two new books in that collection are *The Story of Texas* by John Edward Weems. It features many colored pictures that illustrate an interesting history of Texas. *Tag-*

*Along Timothy Tours Texas* by Jean Richardson is the story of a little rabbit that takes the readers on a tour of south-central Texas.

Two other new books for kids are *Fossil Fish Found Alive* by Sally M. Walker and *The Bug Cemetery* by Frances Hill. These and other new books are ready to be checked out and enjoyed.

**A Touch of Faith A Gift of Love**

"A Touch of Faith — A Gift of Love! (Leaving the Shadows of Suffering for the Sunshine of Truth)" will be the fourth of six sessions of the "Living a Life of Love & Laughter" Bible study series at the First Baptist Church, Matador, this Sunday evening, June 16, at 7:00 p.m.

The video series, which features Christian humorist Dennis Swanberg, provides spiritually sound instruction for facing life, accompa-

nied by plenty of lighthearted moments along the way.

Facilitator for the study is Pastor Jack Boggs.

Everyone in the community is invited to be a part of this study. Each session is self-contained, so anyone may attend any or all of the sessions. (There is no cost and no homework) For information, please call the church office at 347-2345 or 347-2782.

**Family & Consumer News**

By Jennifer Trufan, Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences



I would like to say a big HOWDY to all the residents of Motley County! My name is Jennifer Trufan and I am the new family and consumer science extension agent at large for Throckmorton, Motley and Foard counties.

I hope to bring a vast array of educational information to the people of the community. Being a small town gal and former avid 4-Her, I look forward to serving the community. Some of the topics that I can assist you with include health related issues such as diabetes education, osteoporosis, and cancer awareness along with many other health related topics. In addition, other areas that I have information on are nutrition, food safety and food protection, parenting and other family related issues. I will also be working with

youth on 4-H program development including food, clothing and consumer related projects and invite anyone who would like to volunteer to assist with the 4-H program to contact the county extension office.

Also, I am happy to have some great co-workers including Ag Agent Lonnie Jenschke. I hope to become an effective co-worker and team player to help him.

I am very excited about this opportunity and hope to be able to effectively and efficiently serve each and everyone of you in the Motley County area.

Please feel free to contact me at the local extension office on Wednesdays or at the District Extension Office in Vernon with any questions, comments or just to say Hello.

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# Recollections

by John Duff Green



## TEXAS

Part 2

If accounts are at all reliable, the soldiers had little trouble in finding the main Indian camps when they reached the splendidly watered and sheltered places that were found about the Caprock or Escarpment of the Llano Estacado. They had indeed found the home proper of the squaws and papooses, places where they could be left with all security while the warriors were either on their hunts or raids.

From the Yellow House breaks on the Double Mountain River via Blanco Canyon, the cover and pockets formed by the headwaters of Pease River and the Quitaque, that vale of tears, and on to the Palo Duro, that miniature Grand Canyon, was found a series of the most secluded and sheltered places any nomadic people had ever found in which to live.

Naturally Quanah Parker and his braves, with their redoubtable Kiowa allies, put up one grand fight in defense of their stronghold and when they lost, as it was inevitable that they would, they were subdued, their spirit was broken and they became a conquered people, never to trouble the white settlements of Texas again. It isn't to be inferred that the Comanches and Kiowas were all captured. They were severely beaten and had the misfortune of losing their horse herd. It is said that General McKenzie rounded up and shot some fifteen hundred head on the Tule Canyon, a southern arm of the mighty Palo Duro, putting the Indians afoot and rather defenseless and helpless so far as supporting themselves in the open was concerned.

The last fight on the Palo Duro was in the fall of 1873. Later on, the Indians voluntarily stayed more closely on the reservation allotted them by the government and lying beyond the muddy Red River.

The Indians, viewing with alarm the destruction of the buffalo herds by the hide hunters, sallied forth in the spring of 1874, in one last effort to save their meat supply. They went out, the Indians claim, a thousand strong - Comanche, Kiowa, Cheyenne, Caddo and what not of the Plains Indian tribes, to stop the wanton slaughter of the one animal they loved above all others. They went forth, they thought, fortified with the strategy of secrecy, knowing not what a Judas was being sheltered among them to in due season slip away and

give warning. The Adobe Walls fight on the banks of the South Canadian in the Panhandle of Texas cost them heavily in warriors at the hands of twenty-eight buffalo hunters and was their last struggle on a big scale in Texas, though they ever slipped away to their old hunting grounds and did what they could to stay the hand of the hunter. After the Adobe Walls failure, they were never quite so bold and kept to their coverts, slipping around and raiding the small hunting outfits, killing and stealing when possible.

It is questionable if the Indians ever knew why they found twenty-eight marksmen good and true forted up behind the Adobe Walls, for they likely never surmised a Judas was among them. After the buffalo were gone, the Indians rarely ever went back into the territory that had been their former happy domain. Occasionally in after years, a few small bands were seen passing through, though these excursions were peaceful ones. They were possibly carried out more to satisfy sentimental feelings deeply seated in their natures than for any other reason. It may be that they could never believe, without seeing for themselves, that the buffalo had been so quickly exterminated.

Feeling or sentiment is a plant that is perennial and ever found in the human breast regardless of refining influences of civilization. Along about the good year A.D. 1906, Quanah Parker brought a band of Indians to and camped near Matador for several days. The Matador ranch people furnished them several beeves a day and later they were allowed to deer-hunt in their range. While on this trip, the Indians visited a spring of water near the town of Guthrie. On arriving there, an old, old squaw who had accompanied them very likely for the sole purpose of revisiting this scene, broke down and cried like a child. Who may say what the cause may have been? The refreshing of memory, either of sorrows or of joys, had loosed the well-springs in her being and she wept, but the feeling was there in her heart through the long lonely years before and she had not forgotten. More than likely she had long lived with the hope of once more visiting the scene that held memories dear to her heart, though she was an untutored savage, presumed to be devoid of those finer and more delicate feelings that her cultured sisters possessed.

To be continued....

# Kids paint ladybugs at the Library

The craft activity last Wednesday at the Motley County Library's Summer Reading Program for kids featured painting rocks to look like insects. The kids painted red and green and yellow ladybugs. Mrs. Betty Henry directed this art activity. Each child received a special prize for attending.

Mrs. Pam Thacker read a story called *Sylvester's Magic Pebble* to the kids. Mrs. Jan Jones and two of her students, Ashlee and Annie Green, helped with all of the activities.

Mrs. Deb Spray provided cupcakes, orange slices, colorful bottled drinks, and bags of snacks for the children.

Children participating were Meagan Ford, Cassidy Turner, Logan Ferguson, Jacob Woolsey, Tanner Norrell, Trevor Moore, Parker Meredith, Seth Baxter, Christian Brooks, Alexis Moore and Jordan Moore. The next children's program at the library will be June 19 at 10:00 a.m. and will feature a cowboy story and craft activity.



Parker Meredith paints his rock to look like a Ladybug. Christian Brooks looks on.



**DISTRICT FFA OFFICERS** — At the recently held Greenbelt District FFA elections and degree check held at Memphis High School, Cassie Campbell was elected to hold District office. She will serve as the District Parliamentarian for the 2002-2003 school year. Cassie is the daughter of Douglas and Janie Campbell of Matador. She is a 17 year old Junior at Motley County High School and is a member of the Motley County FFA Chapter. Cassie was also elected to serve as Chapter Secretary for the next school year. Clint Cooper is the outgoing Greenbelt District Vice-President, having served for the 2001-2002 school year. Clint is the son of Jim and Judy Cooper of Matador. He is a 17 year old Junior at MCHS and was elected by Motley County FFA chapter members to serve as Chapter President for the 2002-2003 school year.

## A Note of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and meals and called me while I've been recuperating from my hip surgery. I have appreciated everything, especially your prayers and words of encouragement. I have gotten back to my law office a couple of days already. I hope to be out of the wheelchair in another four weeks.

Thanks again,  
Tempie Francis

I would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, calls and your prayers during my recent illness.

Thank you,  
Sue Shannon

To the beautiful people of Motley County, relatives and friends,

Our heartfelt thanks for the care and concern you've shown us in the tragic death of our son, Kelly earned his MBA from The University of Texas Permian Basin and his Ph.D. from Texas Tech. He loved flying and approached it as though it were another degree to be earned. He had his instrument rating along with his commercial license, and he never made a mistake. However, he could not foresee the plane with no radio that cut across his flight path, causing him to have to bank so sharply to miss it that his plane stalled. Since he was on his landing path, he was too low to recover.

We brought Kelly home to Matador as a newborn baby, and when we later moved to Plainview after three years in Los Angeles, Kelly often rode the bus, alone, to visit relatives in Matador. He knew the bus driver and everyone in Matador, and everyone knew him. This gave him a new found freedom and we often said that Kelly thought he'd go to Matador when he died because that was as close to heaven as he thought anyone needed to be.

Well, on May 24th we again took him home and so many of you welcomed him and us as warmly as you did over forty-three years ago.

Kelly was the Methodist Women's Baby of the Year in 1958, and the women of that sweet Church, and other friends, once again honored him, this time by serving food after the service to those of us he loved.

Thank you, dear friends and relatives, and thank God for you! You've made the grief easier to bear.

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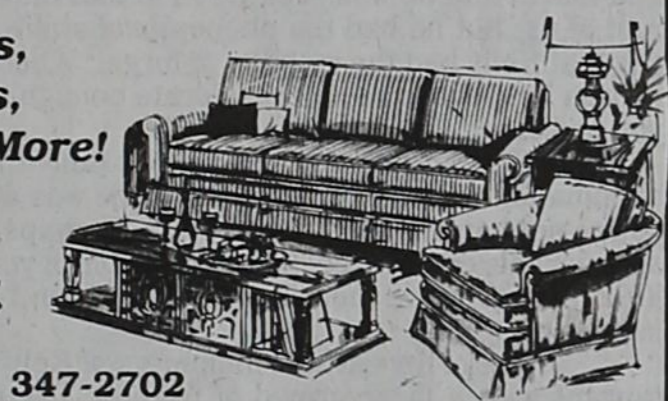
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# NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Larry Watson and his mother, Cleo Watson, tended to business in Lubbock Thursday afternoon.

Mary Lumsden kept a doctor's appointment in Lubbock Friday and visited with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent.

Pat Palmer of Eureka, Kansas, and her granddaughter, visited with her mother-in-law, Zella Palmer recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mullins of Plainview spent Saturday night with his mother. Joining them for lunch on Sunday were his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins and guests, Mrs. Mullins sister, Virginia, John Tores and Mary Cruze and daughter Emily, all of Lubbock.

Visiting recently with Vera Mitchell were some of her grandchildren, Christy and Clinton Kaufman, Jennifer Lester of Shallowater, Kim Sedgwick of Lubbock, Laura Holland and son Kyle and a friend from Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayborn Mitchell of Paducah visited his mother, Vera Mitchell, Saturday afternoon.

Coffee drinkers, Monday at the Methodist Church fellowship hall, were Dean McInroe, Reva Swinney, Linda Hotchco of

Dickens, Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Ruby Hipp, and Corky Marshall. Lula Swim is still recuperating at home and hopes to be back next week. LaVoe furnished the food.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Thacker went to Post Saturday night to see the play, "The Night of January 16th," at the Garza Theatre. Their daughter, Blair, is one of the actors in the play. The play concludes June 15 and 16.

Buzz and LaVoe Thacker attended the Fun Day activities at R.S. Ranch Club. A golf scramble, picnic dinner and music by Mike Porter was enjoyed by over 120 members. Dean McInroe attended with the Thackers, and Geneva Wilson of Matador was in their group.

**To report Roaring Springs news, PLEASE call Odessa Mullins at 348-7962 before Monday, to be included in that week's paper. You may also call the Motley County Tribune office at 347-2400 if you miss Odessa**

## Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

### HAS SURGERY

Mrs. Barbara Payne had surgery, Monday, June 3, at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She had complications following previous surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were in Lubbock, Tuesday, June 4, for cardiac medical tests. Mrs. Martin had pace maker heart surgery at Covenant Medical Center, Friday, June 7. Their daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger was with her during surgery and returned home Saturday.

Junior Payne had recent knee replacement surgery at Covenant Medical Center in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil George were in Lubbock, Thursday for him a medical appointment.

Mrs. C.W. Starkey, Johnnie Starkey, Jack and Nada Starkey attended a Starkey Cousins Reunion held in Plainview, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks visited in Lubbock, Saturday with son, Cary Franks and Sorrel Schmidt. Their daughter, Cara Franks of Canyon visited them Sunday.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse has been in Abilene during the week with her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star, a patient in the Rehabilitation Unit at Hendricks Hospital following knee replacement surgery.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter, Sunday, were Mrs. Keri Sehon and son, Brian, of Ropesville and Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg. Mrs. Milam and daughters remained to visit overnight Sunday.

Attending the Farewell Party, a courtesy for Larry and Deidra Clifton who moved from Turkey to Cisco, held Saturday night on the patio of Hotel Turkey, were Mrs. Brenda Cruse and son, Derrick, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse and her houseguests, Mark and Derinda Patton and daughter, Tally of Silverton.

## Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

My heart holds a special place that only my Dad can fill, no matter how many years roll by When the world slows down and time gets still, my thoughts go back to when I was a kid, and I think about all the things we did: driving the tractor, stacking hay and checking on cattle at the close of the day.

A warm smile, a touch of his hand on mine, leaving there a nickel or dime. I thought I was rich, but little did I know, that the love he planted would grow and grow And today I am a millionaire because I had Dad to care. I can still hear him say, just do your best. Dad, I just want to say, I'll always love you.

Shannon Jameson of Santa Fe, N.M. visited from Friday until Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson. He attended to business in Clovis, N.M., Thursday, and en route home, Monday. Mrs. Marilyn Holcomb of Floydada,

Mrs. Josie Raetz of Matador, Aly Gwinn of Lubbock, Mrs. Shirley Winters of Pennsylvania and Mrs. Darla Gwinn enjoyed the tourist attractions Tuesday and Wednesday in Ruidoso, N.M.

Mrs. Elaine Risser and Mrs. Dan Barton of Matador and Mrs. Frances Dixon attended the funeral and graveside services of Mrs. Zelma Brogdon held in Levelland Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. LaRue Whitefield of Spearman visited Wilda and Spencer Dixon, Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon met in Lubbock, Friday, for her mother, Mrs. Jane Hester and Mrs. Lillian Cook of Livingston, N.M. to visit and attend to business.

Darla and James Gwinn and daughter, Danielle attended the Farewell Party given for Larry and Deidra Clifton held Saturday night at the Hotel Turkey. Mr. and Mrs. Clifton moved from Turkey to Cisco recently.

Kaci Risser of Plainview, her mother, Mrs. Elaine Risser of Matador and grandmother, Mrs. Frances Dixon enjoyed the performance of NIGHT OF JANUARY 16TH Saturday night at the Garza Theater in Post.

## Obituaries

### Zelma Brogdon

Services for Zelma Brogdon, 88, of Matador were held at 3 p.m., Saturday, June 8, in the Geo. C. Price Funeral Chapel in Levelland, with the Rev. George Price officiating.

Burial was in the City of Levelland Cemetery under the direction of Geo. C. Price Funeral Directors of Levelland. She died Thursday, June 6, 2002. She was born June 17, 1913. She

moved to Matador in 1974 from Escalon, Calif. She married Melvin Brogdon on Dec. 15, 1933. in Clovis, N.M. He died Feb.

8, 1990. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Matador and was a homemaker.

Survivors include a son, James Daniel of Matador; a sister, Butch Price of Levelland; and two grandchildren.

### Wreathel Sanders

Services for Wreathel Hicks Sanders, 57, of Lubbock, were held Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at 12:00 p.m. at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with Mr. Jess Peterson officiating and Mr. Joe Hamilton assisting. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park. Services were under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock. She died Monday, June 3, 2002, in Lubbock.

She was born January 27, 1945, in Matador, Texas. She graduated from Monterey High in 1963 and then graduated from Merriman Business College in Lubbock. She worked for America's Hair Design and was an apartment manager in Oklahoma City, OK for 9 years. She moved to Lubbock from Matador in 1957. She was Church of Christ by faith.

She is survived by her husband, Sandy Sanders of Lubbock; a daughter, Kim Andress Carey of Bedford; two sisters, Brenda Williamson and Treva Liniger both of Lubbock; a brother, Clint Darwin Hicks of Columbus, Indiana;



Wreathel Sanders

mother, Ayleen Hicks of Lubbock; and two grandchildren. Her father, Clint J. Hicks preceded her in death on June 12, 1997.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

### Gerald D. Willingham

Private services for Gerald D. Willingham, 73, of Lubbock, were held Tuesday, June 4.

He died Saturday, June 1, 2002. He was born November 27, 1928, in Whiteflat. He attended school at Whiteflat and Matador schools. He married

Frances Lee Cullum on August 3, 1950, in Dallas.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Robert Cullum of Lubbock and Jerry D. Terrell of Lubbock; and four grandchildren.

### In memory of Kelly Wason



Note: This was written by a fellow church member and very close friend of Kelly's as a gift to his parents.

I've had the pleasure of knowing Kelly Wason since the day he and his family visited our church some 5-6 years ago. Like everyone else who has known him, his sudden passing rips my heart out...for we have lost a good and faithful friend. He will be missed sorely...but memories of him and his uniqueness will stay with us a long, long time, because people like Kelly leave us with lasting impressions.

Kelly Wason was a man of great passion, and that passion was applied in practically everything he engaged in. It didn't take long for any new acquaintance of his to realize the incredible intellect he possessed and how he thirsted for knowledge. Though he was a man of brilliance, he delighted in simple conversation with the rest of us...and I believe that was so because he loved people...he loved knowing about people...and what was happening in their lives.

If Kelly could advise us this moment in time, I've sure he would suggest that the world needs more compassion, as well as passion. He attacked every interest and endeavor with the same level of passion. Be it work, or music, or the arts, or personal friendships...he never lacked passion.

Kelly was a good listener. Perhaps that is what made Kelly a great friend, and a great educator -- his resolve to listen carefully... and to remember. What more can an educator teach his pupils that to demonstrate that learning never ends? Few things ever remain constant.

I've developed a theory about superior intelligence such as Kelly's, and that is that he wasn't exposed to that much more information that the rest of us...but he had the phenomenal ability to remember...or you could say that Kelly had the inability to forget. Whether it was ability or inability, he was kind enough and considerate enough to show real interest in what you had to say.

Another characteristic about Kelly that should affect us is his determination to have fun at whatever he was doing. "It's not worth doing if you're not having fun," he said often. Perhaps he was right. Life should be an enjoyable experience. In fact, a couple of years ago his New Year's resolution was to "have more fun this year than I had last year...and I had fun last year!"

One of my earliest memories of Kelly happened at an Italian restaurant with a large crowd of friends. The food, fun and laughter was superb...and the only thing that would make it better was to have an Italian tenor serenade our table. Not a problem. Kelly stood up in front of us all and the rest of the dining patrons and belted out an Italian love song to the shock...and eventual delight of us all. He was a tuxedo kind of guy.

Kelly loved God and God's people. What he did not love was the ways in which the people of God so often assume undue, self-inflicted religious burden on themselves that is not from God. Because of that, he leaves us behind here a little more sensitized to our quest to follow the mandates of God - and not of ourselves.

Good-bye Kelly, it has indeed been fun.

### 1958 - Kelly Don Wason - 2002

Note: One of Kelly's childhood Sunday School teachers was inspired to write this in honor of Kelly. She said God told her to use only her initials in the poetry He gives to her.

The sun rose in beauty that morning  
Its grandeur for the world to behold -  
There were unseen angels there weeping  
Their bowed heads made a pathway of gold.

There were legions of escort angels  
From the call and command of God -  
As they escorted this saint into glory  
He gave them his staff and his rod.

He was born, and then he was chosen  
By a family with billows of love -  
His life intertwined with their living  
As it was planned at birth from above.

He became a dear son closely knitted  
As if from their own flesh and blood -  
God works through lives countless mysteries  
With blessings poured out like a flood.

There were visions in his youth of flying  
Those dreams he would never defy -  
And with timing, study and forbearance  
He captured the eagles flight in the sky.

Oh, the freedom, no words can describe it  
Alone with God's presence drawing nigh -  
His last flight ended in Heaven  
Triumphant, he flew higher than high.

He was a master of knowledge and wisdom  
With the touch of genius he was blessed -  
His deep love and concern for youths learning  
Drove him till they passed the test.

He knew the requirements of study  
How to learn and then understand -  
The students his life touched can't be numbered  
They are scattered throughout the land.

His family will now walk through the valley  
To the sunlight through suffering and pain -  
But there is a day of glad happy reunion  
Where they will never be parted again.

There must have been silence in Heaven  
Then a thundering roar of applaud -  
As though the glittering gates of splendor  
Kelly stood in the presence of God.

## Matador News

Mary Jones returned home Monday from a visit with her daughter and son-in-law, John and Jana Thacker, in Abilene. She also visited granddaughters, Amy Thacker and Matt and Melanie Paul. On

Sunday they attended the Spring Garden Tour sponsored by the Abilene Preservation League. The Thacker's garden was featured in the tour.

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# FARM AND RANCH NEWS

## Farm Service Agency News

by Debbie Shaw, CED



### SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR 2001 CROP LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENT (LDP) COMMODITIES (GRAIN)

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 provides special provisions for 2001 crop year LDP's for approved grains, corn, wheat, barley and oats. The special provisions extend 2001 crop year LDP eligibility to producers who:

- Produced eligible contract commodities on non-Production Flexibility Contract (PFC) farms
- Lost beneficial interest in an eligible commodity produced on a non-PFC or PFC farms.

These special provisions for the 2001 crop year only authorize LDP's to be issued to eligible producers who 1) lost beneficial interest before submitting an LDP; 2) did not previously receive a loan or LDP on the applicable commodity; 3) the commodity harvested would have otherwise been eligible for a marketing assistance loan or LDP; 4) has not exceeded the 2001 crop year payment limitation; 5) produced contract commodities and retained beneficial interest and; 6) produced and harvested eligible contract commodities

on non-PFC farms.

Producers who produced and harvested a contract commodity on a PFC farm that lost beneficial interest in the commodity are eligible for a 2001 crop year LDP.

Producers need to submit an LDP request on or before 30 calendar days after the publication of the regulations in the Federal Register. The final date for accepting these requests will be announced when we are notified.

The LDP rate will be determined as follows: if the producer has 1) lost beneficial interest in the crop, the LDP rate in effect on the date the producer lost beneficial interest; 2) fed their commodities will use the LDP rate in effect on the date or date the commodity was fed; 3) used LDP quantities for seed will use the LDP rate in effect on the date the commodity was seeded.

For eligible producers who produced and harvested commodities on non-PFC or PFC farms and retain beneficial interest, the LDP rate will be based on the date of the request.

Please contact the FSA Office for further information at 806-347-2263 ext. 2.

## County Agent's Report

by Lonnie Jensechke - Motley County Extension Agent



### IT'S OFFICIAL. TEXAS LOSES CATTLE TUBERCULOSIS "FREE" STATUS

Texas ranchers will need more than a truck and trailer to move breeding cattle and bison out of state for the foreseeable future. On June 6, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) published its "interim rule" that officially downgraded Texas' cattle tuberculosis (TB) status from Accredited-Free to Modified Accredited-Advanced. Texas' status was lowered because TB infection was confirmed in two Texas cattle herds in 2001. Now, unless they are moving directly to slaughter, Texas breeding cattle and bison must be officially identified and be tested for cattle TB within 60 days prior to being transported across state lines (interstate movement). Untested Texas cattle and bison still can move freely within the state. "Stock covered by the breeding cattle testing and identification requirement include weaned heifers, bred heifers, cows and bulls intended for breeding purposes," explained Dr. Max Coats, assistant executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission, the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "The USDA has delayed until January 1, 2003, additional restrictions on moving feeder cattle out of the state. Feeder animals include steers, bull calves and heifers destined for grazing and feeding for slaughter."

"We've worked to prepare Texas cattle producers for the impact of this regulation change for several months and have conferred frequently with related industry associations. Brochures outlining the changes in then testing requirements can be obtained from the TAHC at no charge," said Dr. Coats. "This new federal regulation will require ranchers to plan ahead before selling or moving their breeding cattle out of state," he said. "Ranchers may find their breeding cattle to be more marketable if the animals are tested prior to arrival at the livestock market. Untested breeding cattle and bison will be restricted to movement only within the state or directly to a slaughter plant, unless a

buyer makes arrangement to have the animals held and tested after the sale.

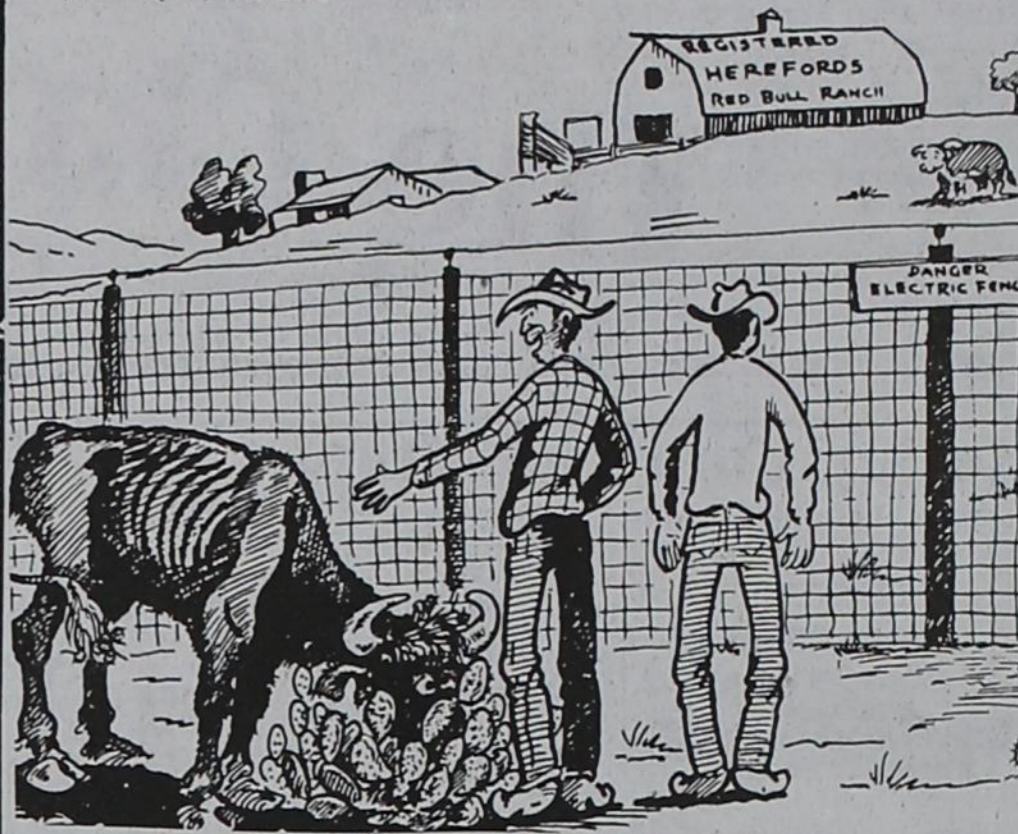
Ranchers will be responsible for paying their USDA accredited, private veterinary practitioners for testing. To conduct a TB skin test, an accredited veterinarian injects a tiny amount of tuberculin into the animal's skin near its tail, in an area called the "caudal fold." After a 72-hour waiting period, Dr. Coats said the veterinarian examines the site for swelling that might indicate the animal has been exposed to cattle TB. If there is no response, the accredited veterinarian can issue a document as proof of testing, recording on it the test results and the animal's official identification -- either a brucellosis ear tag, or for purebred cattle, a firebrand or tattoo registered with the breed. "About one percent of the 'caudal fold' tests will be positive, and this is expected, as there can be false-positive test results," noted Dr. Coats. "If this occurs, a state or federal veterinarian must run a second test within 10 days. This 'comparative cervical' test, run on the animal's neck, also requires a 72-hour waiting period, and if it is negative, the animal can move freely. A positive test, however, is strong indication the animal may have cattle TB, and it must be slaughtered and carefully examined for internal TB lesions. Tissue samples will be collected and forwarded to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa for laboratory confirmation."

"There are three exceptions to the TB testing requirements for breeding cattle moving across state lines," said Dr. Coats, who heads up TAHC's field operations and animal health programs. "Nursing calves can move without a test, if they accompany their TB-tested dam. Cattle going directly to a slaughter plant from a farm or livestock market don't need a test. Ranchers also can move animals freely from a TB accredited-free herd, a status gained through annual herd testing." (Dr. Coats advised producers to call the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242 for information about the TB accreditation program.) "We are working with the USDA, states that receive our cattle, and the livestock industry to develop a plan for adequately identifying feeder steers and spayed heifers moving out of Texas on or after January 1, 2003," said Dr. Coats. "We continue to wrestle with how to handle feeder heifers and bull calves after that date, as these animals could be selected for breeding purposes after being moved out of state. As quickly as possible, we will provide additional guidelines regarding the movement of these animals." Dr. Coats explained that Texas initially earned Accredited-Free status for cattle TB in November, 2002, with the exception of El Paso and Hudspeth Counties, which were "zoned out" by the

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## Farmers urged to destroy remaining cotton plants after storm

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The loss of a crop can be devastating financially to an individual grower, but the cost to area cotton growers is compounded if growers do not take care to destroy any remaining plants in fields affected by severe weather.

Cultural controls are an important part of the eradication effort, said Charles Allen, program director for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

One of the most important of USDA, due to low levels of infection that occurred in several large dairies in the area. For purposes of cattle movement and cattle TB eradication, he said Texas will remain "split," as El Paso and Hudspeth Counties cannot apply for Accredited-Free status until at least three years after its dairies are depopulated and no additional infection is detected. On the other hand, he noted, the state's other 252 counties may reapply to the USDA for TB Accredited-Free status in two years, if no more infected herds are found.

The USDA is accepting public comments on the US cattle TB regulations until August 5. A copy of the regulation downgrading Texas' cattle TB status and instructions for submitting comments may be obtained on the internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/ra/d/webrepor.html>, or by calling the USDA's Regulatory Analysis and Development at 301-734-8682.

these controls is the elimination of a food source and place for boll weevils to reproduce, Allen said, and the damaged cotton remaining in storm-affected fields can be a good place for weevils to find both.

"This will allow needless increases in the boll weevil population and costs to growers in the eradication program," he said.

Allen urged growers to destroy cotton in fields that will not be brought to harvest as soon as possible. He also said growers should be careful to destroy any cotton remaining in a field that will be replanted in another crop.

"Weevils will find the cotton left in these fields and use it for feeding and reproduction," he said.

Growers who destroy plants in weather-damaged fields, or who fail cotton for any other reason, by July 15, are eligible to receive a credit in the amount of their assessment provided they keep the fields free of hostable cotton until the first killing freeze.

Through elimination of cotton plants in fields that will be planted to another crop is also necessary to prevent boll weevil population increases, Allen said.

These fields are also eligible for the credit against assessments as long as they are kept free of all hostable cotton until the first killing freeze.

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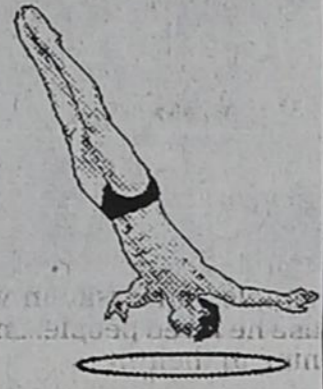
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