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A COOL ENDING — These kids are being cooled off by Matador Fire Department member, Lee Jones, to end Kids' Camp last Friday afternoon. Mr. Jones had presented a program to the kids and gave them a treat with this big spray of water to give a cool ending to a fun, but hot camp. As seen in this picture, the kids enjoyed the treat.

(photo by Joyce Meredith)

Matador Ranch to celebrate 50 years

Matador Ranch and its employees will celebrate 50 years of ownership by Matador Cattle Company at the ranch Saturday, August 30.

"In 1953, Fred C. Koch acquired part of the old Matador Land and Cattle Company," says Bob Kilmer, ranch manager. "In honor of our golden anniversary as a Motley County business, we're welcoming former Matador cowboys, their families and the local community to the ranch for visiting and a great chuck wagon meal."

An open house with a walking tour of the headquarters and grounds will begin at 9:30 a.m. The day's events will conclude with the annual Matador Cowboys Reunion business meeting that will commence following the luncheon speaker.

Fred C. Koch acquired the ranch in January 1953, and operated his Texas, Montana and Kansas ranches as Matador

Cattle Company, which is today owned by Koch Industries, Inc. Matador Cattle Company operates three ranches totaling about 410,000 acres in Texas, Montana and Kansas.

A native of Quanah, Koch was an entrepreneur who invented refinery equipment that greatly improved processing operations. Today, Koch Industries, which has two of Mr. Koch's sons as company leaders, operates in more than 30 countries around the world. While rooted in the refining business, Koch Industries' subsidiaries are involved in all aspects of the energy industry, commodities trading, minerals and fertilizer, chemicals, plastics and fibers, pipelines, as well as various other manufacturing and financial business.

Matador Ranch covers more than 128,500 acres in Motley, Dickens, Floyd and Cottle counties.

Prizes, awards will highlight Chamber of Commerce banquet

Prizes and awards will highlight this year's Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Awards will be presented to the Business of the Year, the Man of the Year and the Woman of the Year. Nominees for the business of the year are New To You, Traveler's Inn, Calico Treasures/Decorator's Studio, and The Hitchin' Post. Man of the year nominees are Rodney Williams, Alex Crowder and Jerry Green. Nominees for Woman of the Year are Frances Taylor, Dinah Young and Judy Renfro.

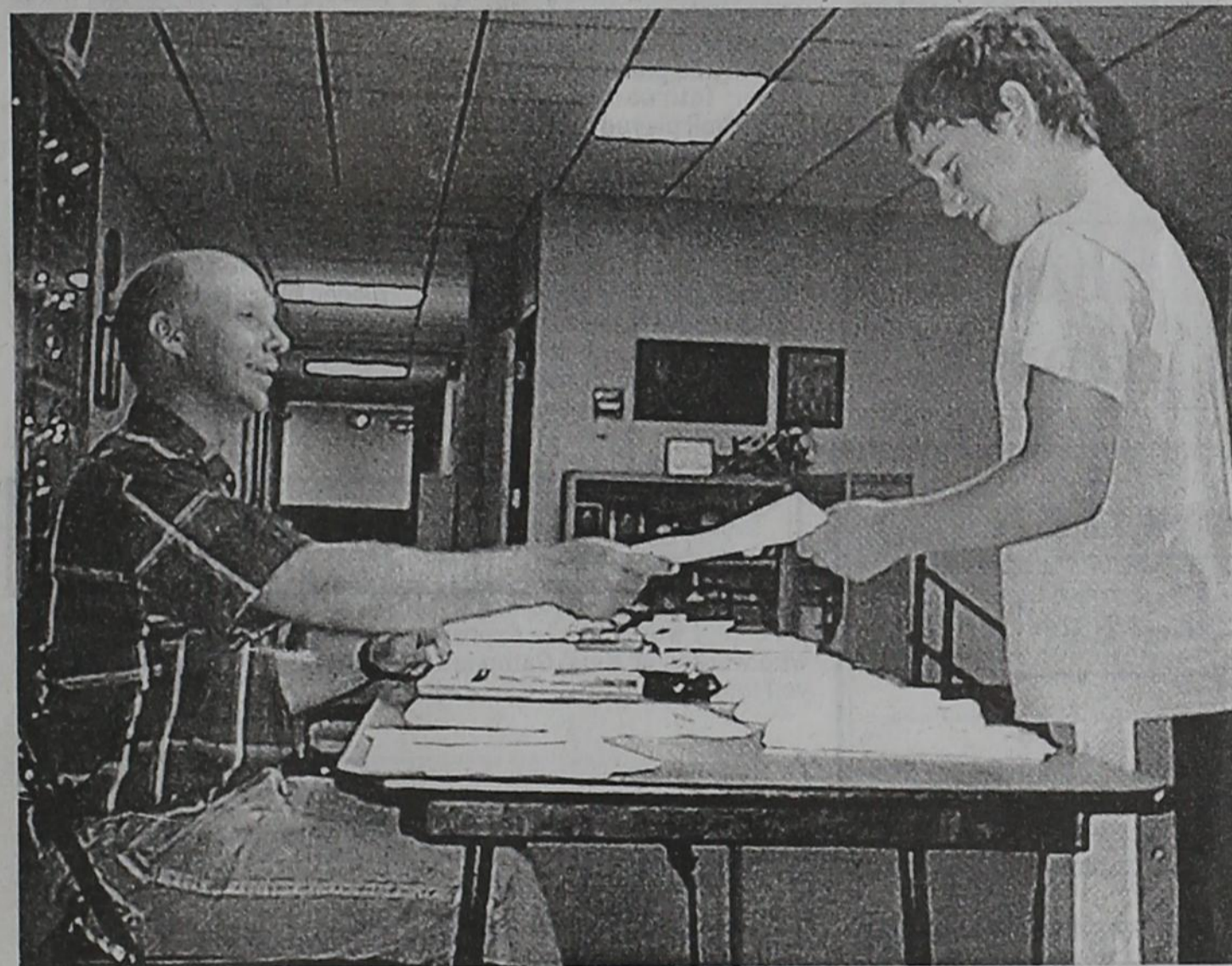
The Chamber gala which will feature a "Nostalgia" theme, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in

the high school gym with a Business Fair, showcasing informational booths of area businesses. Each business will offer booth prizes to lucky banquet attendees. A "best booth" prize will be awarded.

The banquet menu will feature chicken and fish, prepared and served by River Smith's of Lubbock.

Flashback, the evening's entertainment of music from the 50's and 60's, will begin at 8:00 p.m. The group will also perform some country music selections.

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BACK TO SCHOOL TIME — Cameron Jeffcoat picks up high school registration papers from school counselor, Tommy Gleghorn, at Monday morning's registration. The 2003-2004 school year will begin at MC schools Monday, August 18. Cameron will be a Freshman at Motley County High School. He is the son of Marsha and Don Dillard of Roaring Springs.

Immunizations must be up to date for beginning of new school year

Motley County Schools will begin August 18th. School immunizations need to be up to date in the school office. If your child received immunizations during the summer, please get this information to Carolyn

Johnson as soon as possible in order for your child's records to be in compliance with the minimum state vaccine requirements for Texas children.

compete for prizes and money in six events: Bronc Riding, Wild Cow Milking, Team Doctoring, Calf Branding, Team Sorting, and Double Mugging.

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16 teams line up for Old Settlers Ranch Rodeo

The telephone line was hot on Friday, August 1, as sixteen teams and six alternates lassoed their position in the Ranch Rodeo sponsored by the Matador Cattle Co. at the 80th Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo. The action will take place on Friday and Saturday, August 29 and 30 at the Roaring Springs arena beginning at 7 p.m. Eight teams will take to the arena each night.

Tentatively, the regionally scattered teams range from Stanton to Aspermont to Clarendon and include Le Major, Masterson, Guitar, Spade, Four Sixes, Tongue River, Rafter S, Hart, Bateman, Foster, Parramore, Bridle Bit, NT, High Card, and a team

captained by J.D. Russell and one by his son, Colton Russell of Matador.

The competition is expected to be tough and the action exciting as these working cowboys

Motley County Clinic to observe National Health Center Week

by Daphne Meredith
LVN, Motley County Clinic

National Health Center Week is August 10-16, 2003, and we at the Motley County Clinic would like to invite you to our free blood pressure clinic on

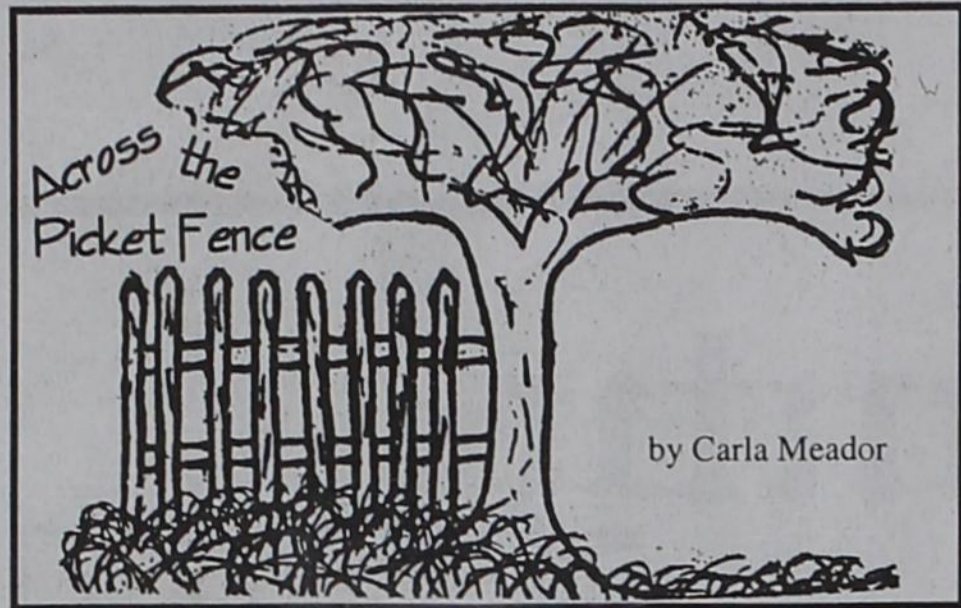
Wednesday, August 13, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. We would also like to remind you that blood pressures are free at all times, just call for the best time to come.

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Nine siblings hold MC diplomas



FAMILY OF MC GRADUATES — George W. and Clara Mangram have had 9 children graduate from Motley County High School. Pictured left to right above are Debbie, 1981 graduate; George and Clara with son, Tim, the most recent graduate, receiving his diploma May 27, 2003; Margaret, a 1998 graduate; (middle left to right) Regena, a 1987 graduate; Melba, a 1984 graduate; Donna, 1986 graduate; (top) Joe, 1998 graduate; Kathy, 1990 graduate; and Matt, 1994 graduate. Mr. and Mrs. Mangram can also brag that all of their children have attended college. The Mangram children say their parents provided a strict atmosphere for them and taught them the value of hard work and the importance of a good education. They also instilled in their children to lean not in your own understanding, but to always put their trust in God. The Mangram children may not have always had what they wanted, but all their needs were provided. The family has a very special closeness. They also acknowledge Mable B. Barrett, a family member and school teacher, for assisting in their upbringing. She helped with homework, discipline and made sure they were all involved in the 4th Program. George and Clara have had children in the home for over 40 years. Now with just the two of them, they plan to enjoy their nine grandchildren. Congratulation to the Mangrams for their successful family of Motley County graduates!



Complain, complain...that's all we do. If it rains, we want it to "stop raining for awhile." If it's cool, we "wish it would get a little warmer." If it's hot, we "wish it would cool off," and if it's dry, we "wish it would rain!" We're just never satisfied! And I'll admit I'm just as guilty as everyone else with complaining about the weather. It is HOT, and I do WISH it would RAIN! I imagine God thinks, "I just can't please those people!"

Praise God that He does know what's best and when. Although everything with the weather and the rainfall may not go our way, He always has so many blessings for us, everyday. Even when it's 105°!

I was visiting with a friend earlier this week about just how

wonderful God is. This friend and I were talking about how God had healed loved ones in our lives, and how amazing it is to witness a true miracle as a healing from God.

Think about it -- a loved one, who is sick and in pain, whom has been made well again by God. Now that's something to marvel at. Talk about showers of blessings.

I know there are instances when a healing or a certain request doesn't come and it's so hard to understand why. But someday, I think, we will know why certain things didn't happen the way we thought they should.

Anyway, isn't God amazing? And we complain about a little hot weather!



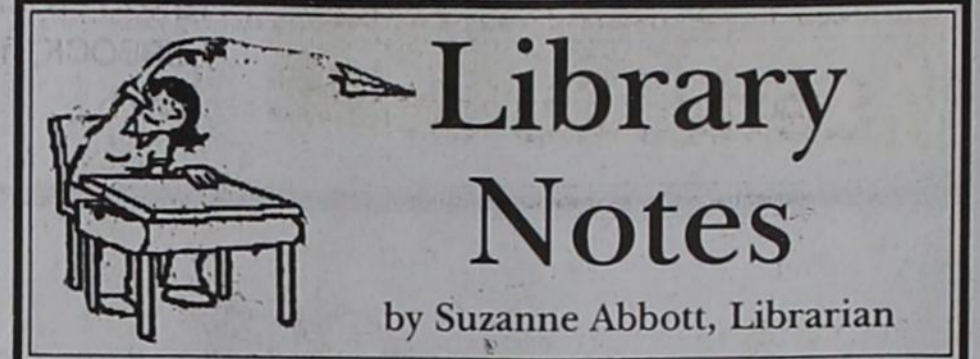
Renowned photographer to judge Floyd Co. Fair contest

David J. Sams, a noted outdoor and environmental photographer will be the photography judge at the Floyd County Fair on August 13.

Sams is the contributing photographer for *Field & Stream* and *Texas Parks & Wildlife* magazines, and regularly contributes to *Ducks Unlimited* magazine. He has been published in *Newsweek*, *Forbes*, *Time*, *Reader's Digest*, and *New York Times Magazine*. His

work has earned him a nomination for a Pulitzer Prize. His first book about fishing the Gulf Coast, *Fly Fishing the Texas Coast, Blackcountry Flats to Bluewater* was published in 1999 to the delight of gulf fishermen throughout the world.

An avid sportsman, he lives, hunts and fishes with his wife and two daughters as much as their busy schedules allow. Sam lives in Dallas, Texas.



Library Notes

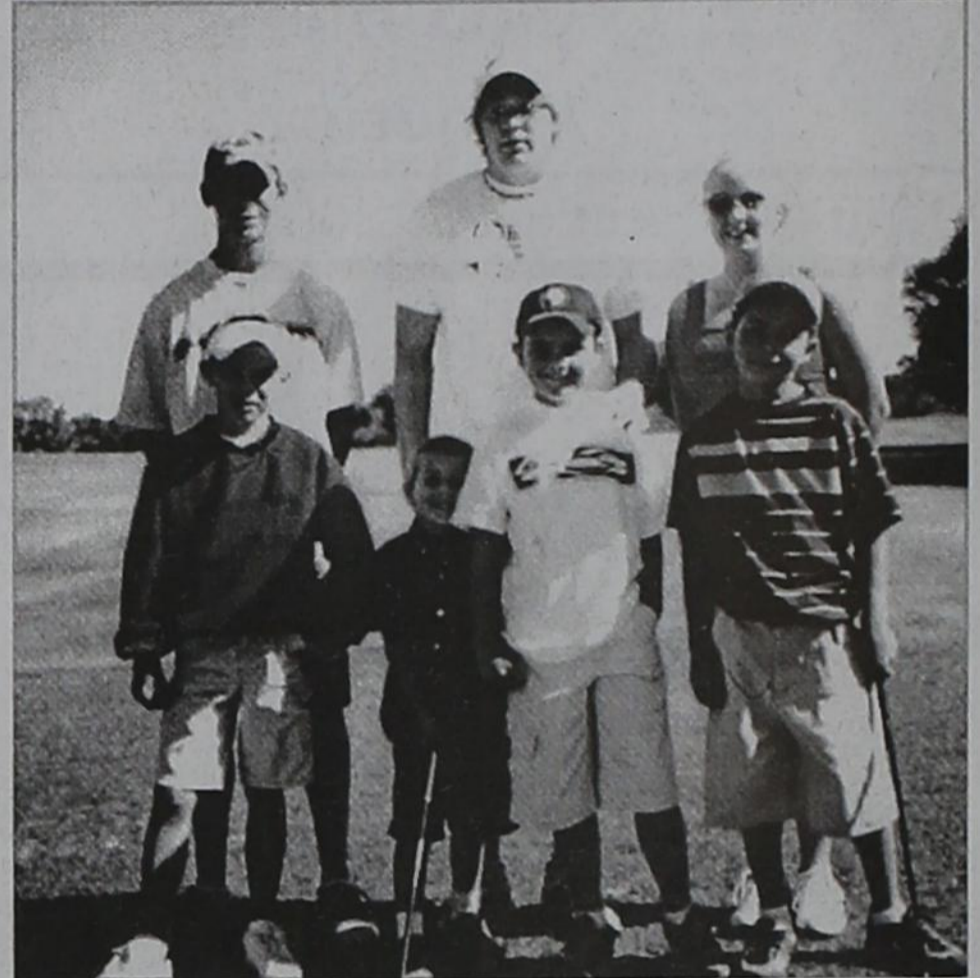
by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

Please come to the Friends of the Library meeting tomorrow, Friday August 8, at 3:00 P.M. at the library. We have some important decisions to make and we need all of our Friends to help us decide.

We appreciate the donation to the library by Peggy Welling James in memory of Patty Edwards Lane. These donations help the library and make a lasting memorial to a friend. The new carpet has been laid and it is beautiful. I had forgot-

ten what it looked like. All we need now are the new shelves and we'll be back in business. We even have some new books coming in but I won't mention the titles until we are able to open up and offer them to our readers. At least we'll have some new books for our new shelves.

See you at the Friends meeting tomorrow. I think Betty Henry will have a wonderful surprise for us at that time.



These young golfers participated in the Summer Greenbelt Golf Association. They are pictured left to right (back) Chance Bingham, Cole Grundy, Cassie Campbell; (front) Austin Taylor, Caleb Clarey, Christian Brooks, and Jonathon Osborn. Not pictured are Bryant Taylor and Brady Robbins.

Young golfers participate in Greenbelt tournaments

Nine local children represented Motley County in the Greenbelt Golf Association. This association had over eighty participants. Area golf courses hold tournaments throughout the summer.

Three local children played in the 9th-12th grade division. Chance Bingham played in three of the six tournaments. He brought home a third place medal and placed fourth in two other tournaments. Cassie Campbell played in one tournament and placed first. Cole Grundy played in the Roaring Springs tournament.

There were six children in the K-3rd grade division. Bryant Taylor and Caleb Clarey played for their first time this year and did an excellent job. Brady Robbins played in the Roaring Springs tournament and placed

first. Austin Taylor, Jonathon Osborn and Christian Brooks also played and did very well. These three boys played in all six tournaments. Austin received one first place medal, one second place medal and placed fourth in two tournaments. Jonathon received one first place medal, one second place medal and placed fourth in two tournaments. Christian received two first place medals, two third place medals and placed fourth once.

Points are awarded for first through fourth place in each tournament. The points are split in case of a tie. Christian Brooks placed first place overall for the year; Jonathon Osborn placed second; and Austin Taylor placed fourth. Motley County was well represented.

Look Who's New



Journey Ruth Blair

Brian and Kobbi Blair of Salem, Oregon are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Journey Ruth, at 8:13 a.m., on July 24, 2003. She weighed 7lb. 9 oz. and was 19 in long.

Journey's grandparents are Fred and Elaine Risser of Matador; Max and Donna Graham of

Kilgore; and Larry and Cathy Blair of Latrobe, PA.

Great-grandparents are Frances Dixon of Matador; Walt and Mary Bailey of Clyde; Burnice Austin of Kilgore; and Fred and Barbara Cole of Silver Springs, FL.

Pivots & Divots

By Mary



Ladies play day on Thursday, July 31st, was for Most Penalty Shots. Playing 18 holes were Louise, Geneva, LaVoe, Liv, Francine and Jeannie. Dot played 9 holes. LaVoe won the ball with 2 penalty shots. Playing 9 holes were Marihelen, Nell, Tempie and Francis. Tempie won the ball with 3 penalty shots.

There were 41 players in the Tuesday scramble on July 29th. Winning 1st, with a score of 30, were Kenny, Liv, Sut, Francine and Casey. Winning 2nd, with a score of 30, were Alan B., Kay, Mindy and Dot. Winning 3rd with a score of 30, were Paul, Dartha, Tyler, Brice and Cassie.

Others playing were Ken, Chet, Rian, Louise, Corky, Robert, Olivia O., Wendi, Kelly W,

Stacia, Mary M., Tim, Geneva, Jake, Kelly K., Buzz, LaVoe, Roncho, Cole, Red C., Gerald, Alan C., L.V., Frances and Stan. Alan Bingham was closest to the pin with 25ft. 6 in.

The Tuesday, July 22nd Scramble had 29 players. Winning 1st, with a score of 28, were

Ken, Kelly, Dot and Tyler W. Winning 2nd, with a score of 30, were Buzz, LaVoe, Brice D. and Chet D. Winning 3rd, with a score of

31, were Kenny, Liv, Conway and Stan. Others playing were Robert, Olivia, Shane, Mickey H., Alan, Geneva, Roncho, Corky, Casey, Rob, Tempie, Robert, Fritz, Rian, Penny M., Kelly R. and Louise. Conway Clary was closest to the pin with 11ft 2in!

Chamber Banquet

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Although it is optional, everyone is encouraged to come dressed in 50's styles -- poodle skirts, saddle shoes, Hawaiian shirts -- the works! The most creatively-dressed will be acknowledged.

The evening will end with the grand prize of \$100 to be given away by the Chamber. To be eligible, be sure your ticket is signed and left in the "hopper" at the registration desk.

With authentic music, dress, food, and decor, Saturday evening, August 16, promises to be truly nostalgic! Banquet tickets are available at area businesses and from the Chamber office. For more information, contact Barbara Armstrong at 347-2968 or Penny Pipkin at 347-2747.

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A Note of Thanks

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to all who worked at Kids' Camp and to all who made donations. Thank you for caring.

Alex Crowder

Power In Conviction

Guest Editorial by John Gipson



Recently there was a television biography on former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, a woman who has been called "a conviction politician." She once asked, "Do you think you would ever have heard of Christianity if the Apostles had gone out and said, 'I believe in consensus?'"

Without question, the apostles of Christ spoke out of conviction:

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved...For we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard...We must obey God rather than men...The God of our fathers raised Jesus whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins...The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all men everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all men by raising him from the dead...And every day in the temple and at home they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

No polls were taken; no consensus sought; the apostles, out of conviction, simply preached the gospel of Christ. The result? "So the word of the Lord grew and prevailed mightily." (Acts 19:20).

Do you suppose it's possible that in an effort to conciliate and accommodate we have lost both our conviction and our power? "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?"

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In regards to Rodney Williams. You see it started long ago with a dream. A vision of someday making a difference or having an impact. Like having a new fire station. The old one was small, cold and out dated. The work started when he recruited the people, he went to the county, he went to the city, and he presented to the people of Motley Co. Then he and six or eight other people started to build it. After six years of hard work the vision became real.

Then the training vision and before you knew it the fireman are trained. Then the new communications vision. After a couple of years a radio system was in place so the people of Motley Co. could be better served. Then the equipment vision, after a lot of hard work they had better equipment housing vision.

Do you get the point, Rodney Williams is and will always be a visionary. Did he do all these things by himself? No he did not, he recruited good people to help. You see, you attract what you are and Rodney has always surrounded himself with good people. He is a leader, something Motley County needs in a bad kind of way.

You see you can get stale and mold, complacent, "We have always done it that way" is an ignorant phrase. I have never heard Rodney Williams say anything like that. As a matter of fact he has always removed the obstacles in his path to reach the goal in the vision.

I want to share with you something a friend of mine shared with me. "Where there is no vision people perish."

"Man will never reach the moon, regardless of all future scientific advances" Dr. Lee DeFrost, A father of Radio- Feb 25, 1967.

"Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value" - Marshall Ferdinand Foch, French Military Strategist and WWI Commander - 1911.

"Everything that can be invented has been invented" Charles H. Duell U.S. Commissioner of Patents.

"He is not very intelligent" - Albert Einstein's elementary teacher.

"He doesn't have much talent" - Micheal Jordan's High school coach.

Your visionary had to resign because of small town talk, small town jealousy and small town politics. Now what?

This will not stop Rodney and Glenda Williams. It's just another small obstacle they have to go around to reach a bigger vision. You see a visionary never runs out of visions. They just keep on giving their all and keep on doing good.

Keith Paschal
Friend and brother in Christ

Dear Editor:

Through the years I have worked with the former mayor, Rodney Williams, on many projects related to improvement of Matador and our larger community, the county. The work with Rodney on any project was always a delight, because we would come up with a goal, draw up a plan, prepare a time-line, take assignments, and get the job done. I feel cheated that his leadership and direction have been stifled by a complaint know to me only as a rumor.

Since I do not know what allegations were made or by whom, I can only state that Rodney had a vision for Matador. He could imagine how we could attract jobs, families, school students, tax dollars and prosperity. And he could put together people who also wanted to accomplish these goals.

The former mayor could not go along with what a person once told me, "Little towns come and go. Your town is dying. Why don't you just let it die?" To Rodney, there is hope that, working together, we can revitalize Motley County by developing oil and gas, or attracting a dairy, a pipe yard, grants for improvement and housing, or establishing a nursing home that would employ fifty people. He has worked tirelessly to put together blocks of lots that might be attractive to someone with a business proposal and then, to increase their attractiveness, encouraged the city to keep these lots mowed. The city park, in my memory, has never looked better. I am sure other people can come up with other things that have improved during the time Rodney has served as mayor.

In our sparsely populated community many of us, like Rodney, have to wear many hats. Often our civic duties spill over into our chosen professions, i.e., volunteer fire department answers calls during business hours. We do not tackle these jobs for gain or glory, but because we think they need to be done. In our efforts to accomplish our goals, we sometimes alienate those with opposing

I do know this: those who attempt to change the status quo will be criticized. Not to diminish the contribution of newly appointed mayor, Fred Parsons, or other city councilmen/women, but I feel our community has suffered a major setback with the resignation of Mayor Rodney Williams.

Sincerely,
Marisue Potts

WORD of GOD

Return Unto The Lord!

If ye do return unto the Lord with all your hearts, and prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only: he will deliver you

1 Samuel 7:3



CHEERLEADING CAMP — The Motley County Cheerleaders sponsored a Mini-Cheer Camp Monday and Tuesday. The future cheerleaders are pictured with Mascot Amanda Hurt, (back left to right), and Cheerleaders, Sabrina Osborn, Mandi Ream, Kittie Campbell, Charli Ream and Emily Hurt. Angie Marvel is not pictured. The girls learned cheers, routines and dances and presented a program Tuesday afternoon to end the camp.

Local youth learns leadership qualities on European tour

Dumont Darsey, 17, of Afton, and 20 other young leaders from all over America gathered in Denver, Colorado on July 1 for the kickoff of EuroTrain, one of Top Flight Leadership's key training experiences for young leaders. Dumont was nominated by Jane Bridge, of Afton, and his application was accepted.

EuroTrain is Top Flight Leadership's flagship training experience. Building on mentoring sessions that he had with Frank Ortiz of Matador before he left home, Dumont participated in historical mentoring field trips, small group interaction, concerts of prayer, leadership interviews, and numerous practical leadership training projects as he traveled through England, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Romania, and Hungary, July 1-24. The entire experience is available on-line at: www.eurotrainEJOURNAL.com.

Before leaving for Europe, the young leaders visited Vedavoo, Wyoming, to rock climb and rappel, learning about trusting God and working as a team. In London, England, Dumont learned about his personality and strengths from two American psychologists. The team also visited places where William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army, had worked in London. In the Winston Churchill War Rooms, they learned about overcoming failure. In Brighton, England, the young leaders began to

"think without the box" after a creativity session, and visited Brighton Beach, where Hudson Taylor received his vision for inland China missions. Then the young leaders visited a cathedral in Salisbury and learned about time management and project planning. Next, the Euro Trainers traveled to Bristol, England, where John Wesley preached "against the grain," and where George Muller supported thousands of orphans, relying totally on God, never asking for donations.

The EuroTrain team then visited Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and prayer-walked in various areas and learned about world evangelism. Next was Beverwijk, The Netherlands, where the group embraced a Moroccan, Surinamese, and Indian culture in a bazaar, and then visited the Corrie Ten Boom house in Haarlem, The Netherlands. The next destination was Richterswil, Switzerland, where each person had a "day alone with God" and simply communed with Him all day. The team then took a train to Rapperswil, Switzerland, where they took a ferry boat to Zurich, Switzerland, and then a train to Oradea, Romania.

In Oradea, the EuroTrain team learned about servant leadership from either painting doors in a new orphanage, or cleaning an old orphanage. Then they traveled to Timisoara, Romania, where they met up with the people who sparked the Romanian Revolu-

tion that freed Romania from the unbearable rule of communist Nicolae Ceausescu. After this, the group went to their last location, Budapest, Hungary and learned how to unpack all the information they had received once they got home, and created statements about the EuroTrain experience as well as growth plans for the future.

Then the team returned to Denver, Colorado, and dispersed back to their homes.

Dumont is the son of Robin and Beverly Darsey of Matador.

He is a Senior at Patton Springs High School.

He summed up his experience with this statement, "EuroTrain was so awesome! God taught me so many things and most importantly, that if He is my only focus in life, then I will be able to fulfill my destiny, and receive wisdom and peace!"

"I wish to thank all those who provided for me to go to this life-changing event. Your financial and prayerful support is greatly appreciated! God will bless you richly for the impact you caused in my life. Thank you."



Dumont Darsey, pictured third from left on the second row, with other EuroTrain group members in Haarlem, The Netherlands.

Clinic

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Gail Ream PA-C would like to remind you to apply your insect repellent due to the mosquito causing diseases such as West Nile virus.

Dr. Jeff Hannell MD states, "On children that are young and put their hands in their mouth it would be a good idea to limit exposure outside. Do not use Deep Woods Off on small children or nursing moms." He recommends using Avon Skin So Soft bug repellent on children 6 months of age and older and nursing moms. On children one month or older Dr. Hannell recommends using regular Avon Skin So Soft bath oil.

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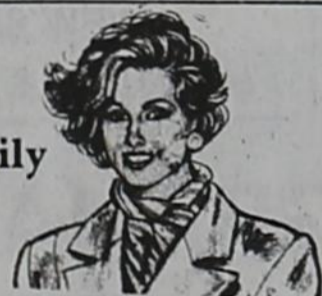
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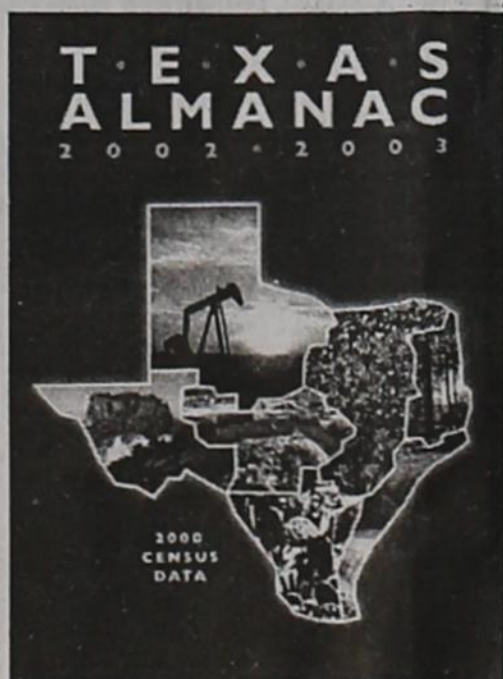
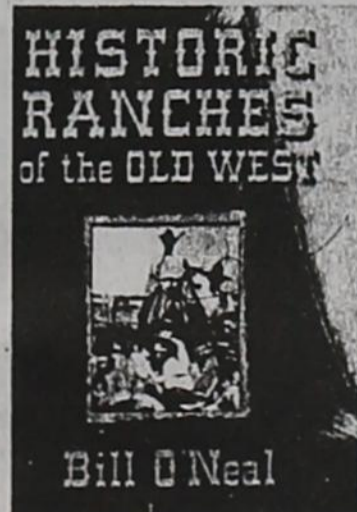
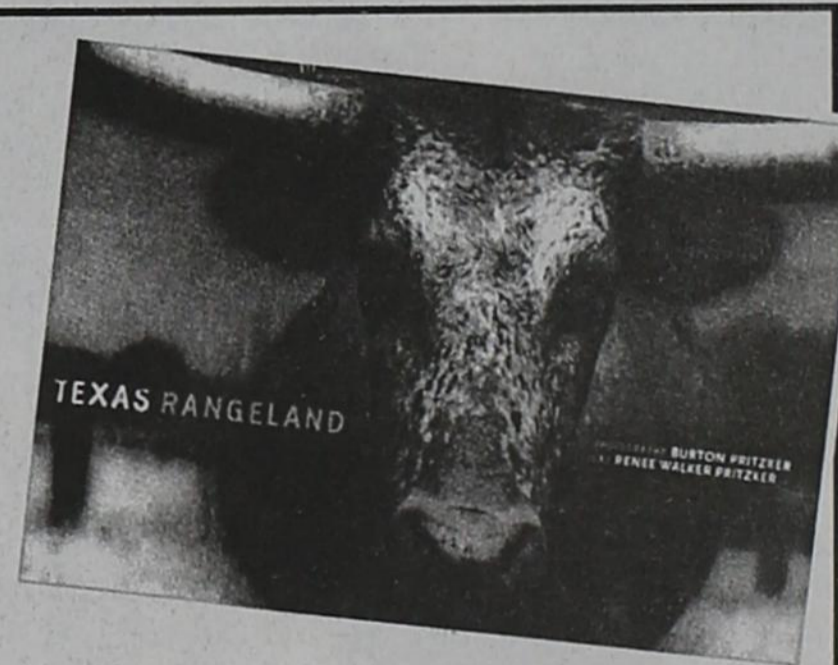
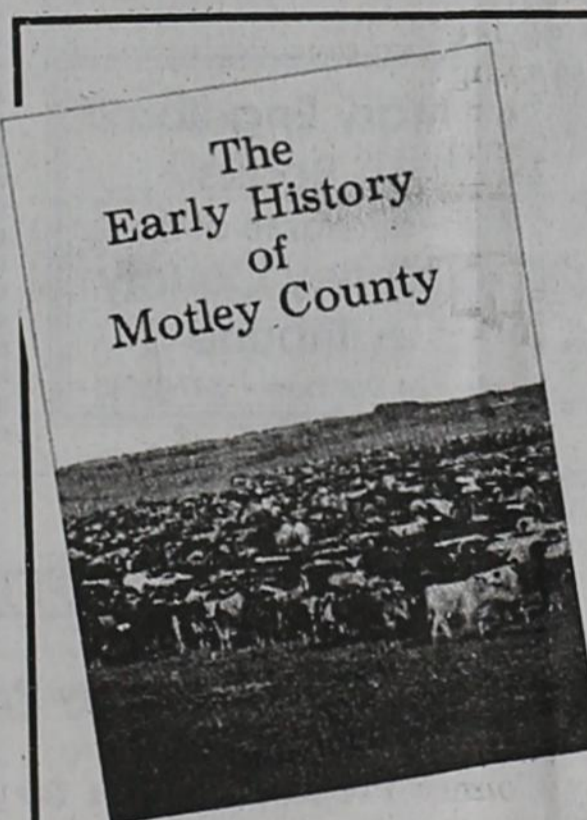
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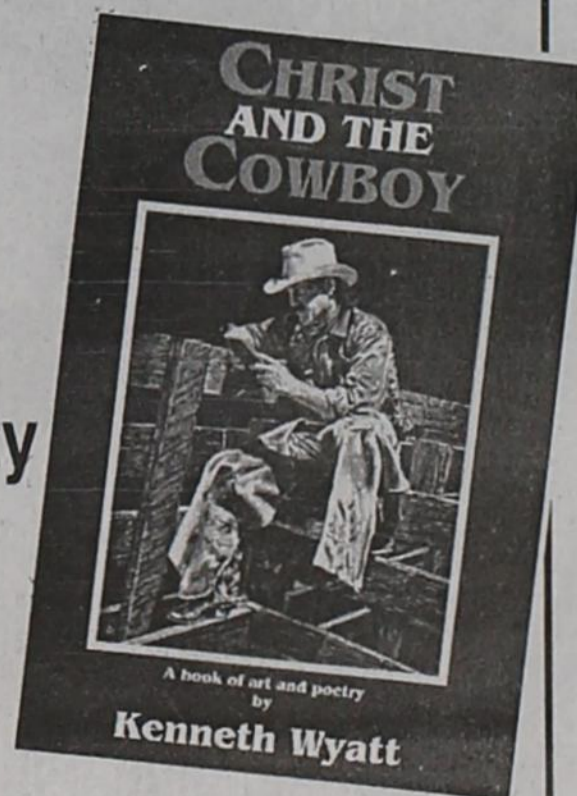
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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

The Kids' Camp closed out on Friday afternoon after having a successful week. Several reported that they really enjoyed the week. I enjoyed eating hamburgers with them on Friday.

Miss Lula Swim was in Lubbock on Tuesday to see her eye doctor. She had surgery on her eye on Wednesday.

Miss Kelsey Hlaick of Austin returned home on Wednesday after visiting the past week in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Robena King.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder were in Ardmore, Okla. on Monday. Yancy, Daphne and Parker

Meredith returned from a vacation trip to the Dallas area, Sunday. They enjoyed the Canton Trade Days while in the area.

Angelica and Jonah Meredith and grandparents, Joe and Joyce Meredith enjoyed homemade ice cream at the home of Jim and Carla Meador in Matador, Sunday afternoon.

Joyce Smith met her daughter, Michelle and they flew to Houston to help granddaughter and daughter and family move into another home in Houston. Joyce also enjoyed her great-granddaughter, Ellie Marie.

Matador News

Ryan and Krista Turner, children of Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Turner of Houston, arrived Wednesday July 30th and will visit their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turner until August 10th. Rickey is in England attending to business.

Fred and Elaine Risser and Frances Dixon returned Saturday, August 2, from Salem, OR, where they visited the Risser's daughter and family Brian and Kobbi Risser

and new daughter, Journey.

Mrs. Risser flew to Salem on July 13, and was joined by her daughter, Kaci Risser of Plainview, on July 22, and both were present at Journey's birth on July 24. Mr. Risser and Mrs. Dixon joined the family on July 26.

Kaci visited in Roseburg, OR, July 25-27, and attended the wedding of Melissa Hahn and J.R. Cano and then returned to Salem to visit until August 5.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
Did you ever think that ANGER is just one letter short from DAN-GER?

REUNION OF PIONEER FAMILY

The descendants of Benjamin Franklin and Symantha Emalne (Fannie) Vaughn Turner held their annual family reunion, Saturday, August 2, 2003, at the Community Center in Flomot. The 45 who registered enjoyed meeting family members and reminiscing with those they knew. The good food included the savory smoked brisket roasts and sausage that Richard Turner of Matador had cooked on outdoor grills with mesquite wood.

B.F. and Fannie married in 1887 in Bell County, Texas. The young Turner family came to Motley County in 1891 and settled southwest of Flomot. The original Turner landmark remains in the family and the acres of land are owned by grandson, Richard Turner.

Families represented were Maggie (Mrs. Doug Meader), Tom (Mrs. Estelle Scrivner), Luther B. (M. Rose Jones) and Lizzie (Mrs. L.B. Archer).

Members of family attending included Incline, Nevada 2; in Texas, Lubbock 10, Abernathy 1, Amarillo 14, Flomot 1, Slaton 2, Houston 2 and Matador 13.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen D. Tiffin during the weekend and attending the funeral and graveside rites of Mrs. Lura Mae McDonald were Garrett Clayton of Hutchinson, Kansas; Mrs. Joyce Jeffers of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Mrs. Ann McDonald and Tawney of San Diego California; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Tiffin, Floyd Tiffin, Karen and Sue Tiffin of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tiffin of Earth; R.C. McDonald and Mae Von McDonald of Lubbock.

Horace McDonald, Lynn and James Lee of Pampa; Lonnie McDonald of Hart; Rickey Tiffin of Slaton and Floyd Tiffin, Jr. of Amarillo. Mrs. Velma Moseley and Mrs. Wanda Davis of Lamesa attended the memorial services in Lubbock.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Margie Cypert of Lockney was honored with a birthday luncheon, decorated cake and bouquet of money on her 80th birthday at the home of her mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey, Saturday. Forty-five family members attended from Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Texas and enjoyed watermelon Saturday afternoon.

Donnie Rogers accompanied his daughters, Natalie and Brooke Rogers, who visited their summer holidays here, to Lubbock Airport Saturday for their return trip to Monterey, California.

Mrs. B. Rogers was a hostess at a baby shower honoring Coy and Julie McKay of Vernon held at the First National Bank Community Room in Quitaque Saturday afternoon.

Visiting Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington were Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton of Borger, Caleb Clary of Matador, Cara Franks of Canyon and Mrs. Connie Franks of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Borger, Friday with daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. They enjoyed the performance of "Lone Star Rising" at Lake Merideth Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin visited Saturday night and Sunday at the Gwinn home in Matador with his sister and husband, Bonnie and Bob Fullingim of Harlingen who were en route home from a vacation trip to Colorado.

Lou and Morris Degan of Medicine Mound and grandsons, Shawn, Stetson and Shane of Chillicothe visited Saturday night and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Leona Degan. They had attended the performance of "Texas" at Palo Duro Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited last weekend in Fritch with daughter and son, Mrs. Jackie Davis and Michael. They also visited her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moon and their guests, Bro. Kim and grandchildren of Korea. Mr. Moon met Kim who was a young child when serving as a medic in the Korean War. They have kept in contact through the years.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross spent an entertaining afternoon in Plainview, Sunday.

OBITUARIES

Frances Gainer

A former resident of Whiteflat and Matador, Frances Gainer of Lewisville, passed away Friday, July 11, 2003, at Cross Timber Care Center at Flower Mound.

Frances was reared in the Whiteflat Community and graduated with honors from Whiteflat High School in 1933.

She was born to Sherman and Lillian McCary December 30, 1915. She married A.L. Berryman, April 1936, at Whiteflat. He preceded her in death August, 1939. She married Glenn H. Gainer in 1940. He preceded her in death June 11, 1972.

Frances was a member of the

Lakeland Baptist Church where she was very active. She worked as a financial counselor for St. Paul Hospital and was a Mary Kay consultant for twenty years.

She is survived by a daughter, Carolyn Crawford; a son, Sherman Glenn of Sulphur Springs; a brother, Blynell McCary. A son, Vernon, and five grandchildren, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 14, 2003, at the Lakeland Baptist Church. Dr. Ben Smith officiated the service. Interment followed in Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.

Lura Mae McDonald

Memorial services for Lura Mae McDonald, 79, of Lubbock, former Flomot resident, were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, August 2 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Lubbock, officiated by Virgil Lowery.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, August 1, at Flomot Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Home in Quitaque.

Mrs. McDonald was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. V.D.

Tiffin of Flomot. She was preceded in death by a son, Ron McDonald.

Survivors include her husband R.C. McDonald; a daughter, Mae Von McDonald of Lubbock; a granddaughter, Tawney McDonald and daughter in law, Anne McDonald of San Deigo, California; two brothers, Glen D. Tiffin of Flomot and Rex Tiffin of Plainview and a sister, Mrs. Joyce Jeffers of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Billy Munsey Cogdell

Silverton, Texas - Billy Munsey Cogdell, 70, died at 7:58 p.m. Monday, July 28, 2003, at BSA Hospital in Amarillo, Texas. Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 31, 2003, at Silverton High school auditorium with Jess Little, Joe Howard Williamson and Randy Mulin officiating. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery.

Mr. Cogdell was born November 25, 1932, in Childress, Texas to David Munsey and Johnnie Kats Cogdell. He married Bette Barnes on Sept. 29, 1961, in Tulia Texas. He was a rancher in Briscoe County. He was a member of the Vigo Park Methodist Church. He was a member of the NCHA and the AQHA. He was a past director of the NCHA and is a Hall of Fame member in NCHA. He received the Foy Proctor Memorial

Cowman Award and the National Ranching and Heritage Award.

Survivors include his wife Bette Cogdell of Silverton Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Penny Lee and Ken Carpenter; three sons and daughters-in-law, Billy Rank and Toy Cogdell, Dick Munsey and Kippi Cogdell and Jim David and Pam Cogdell, all of Silverton, Texas; 10 grandchildren, Cooper, Blaze, Ruder, Rowdy, Candy Cate, Harlee, Riley Bill, Lucchese, Colton and Cash. He was preceded in death by his brother, D.M. Cogdell Jr.; and two sisters, Joni Sue Stiff and Martha Ann Cogdell.

Memorial should be made to the Billy Cogdell Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Silverton Cemetery Fund or to a favorite charity.

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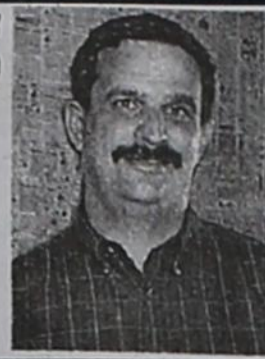
The Motley County Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 was filed in the Office of the County Clerk Monday, August 4, 2003. The proposed budget can be reviewed during normal business hours.

PROPOSED SALARY/EXPENSE INCREASE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS OF MOTLEY COUNTY AS REQUIRED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE: CHAPTER 152.013				
	02-03 FY	INCREASE	03-04 FY	
Ed D. Smith, County Judge(salary)	\$ 14,501	\$ 3,000	\$ 17,501	
Ed D. Smith, County Judge(Travel Allowance))	\$ 3,000	\$ 500	\$ 3,500	
Kate Hurt Co./District Clerk	\$ 19,621	\$ 981	\$ 20,602	
Cora Smallwood, Justice of the Peace	\$ 13,358	\$ 1,642	\$ 15,000	
Eva Barkley, County Treasurer	\$ 14,969	\$ 748	\$ 15,717	
Elaine Hart, Co. Tax Assessor/Collector	\$ 14,568	DECLINED	\$ 14,568	
Jim Meador, County Sheriff	\$ 21,440	\$ 2,560	\$ 24,000	
Tempie Francis, County Attorney	\$ 13,644	\$ 682	\$ 14,326	

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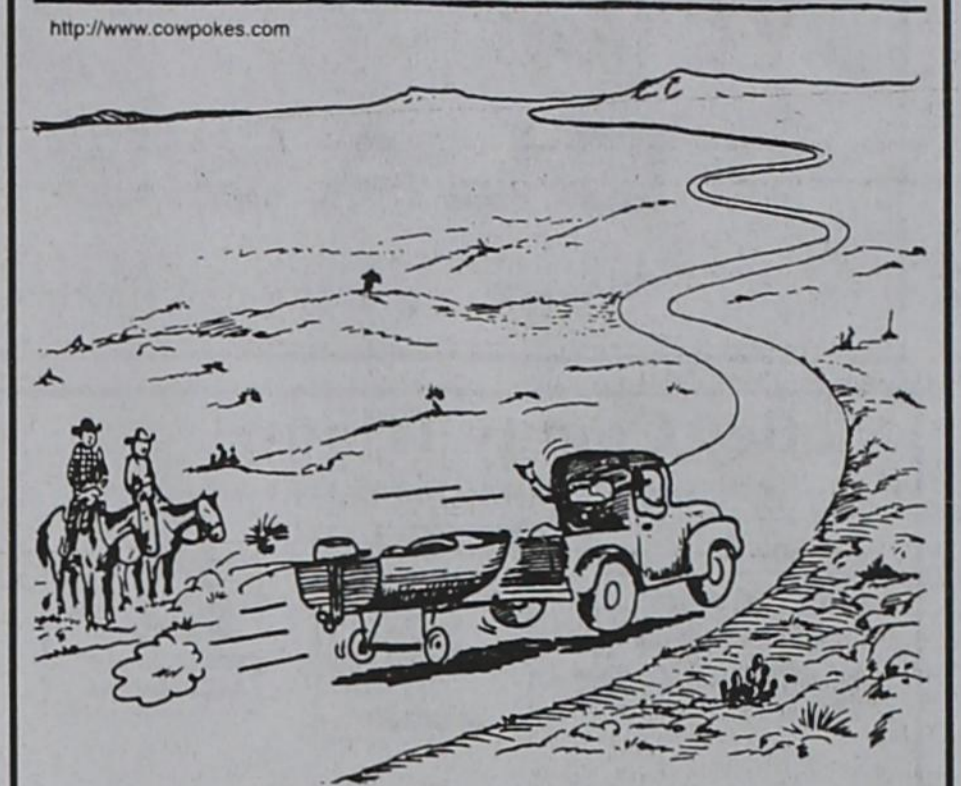
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by Lonnie Jenschke
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PCH PARTICIPATES IN WASHINGTON TRIP WITH LUBBOCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Representatives from the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, including PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett, traveled to Washington, DC July 22-24.

The purpose of the trip was two-fold. First, the Lubbock contingent participated as co-sponsors with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for a reception honoring newly elected 19th District Representative Randy Neugebauer. Secondly, the group made numerous legislative contacts, including a meeting with the Texas Senatorial delegation to discuss issues critical to the area.

The West Texas contingent, which included business people and Chamber of Commerce representatives from Lubbock, Big Springs, Midland, Odessa and Seminole, received legislative updates on a wide ranging set of issues.

Briefings were held with staff

members from the offices of Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn. The group also met with Senate and House Agriculture Committee staff members and sat down with 17th District Representative Charles Stenholm of Stamford and newly elected 19th District Representative Randy Neugebauer of Lubbock.

Policy areas discussed by the group included the latest developments on trade, agriculture, and energy.

Verett reported that during the trip he has been able to discuss issues such as the need for a 2003 crop disaster program; the devastating effects recent U.S. trade pacts have had on cotton, especially the severe impact it has had on the U.S. textile industry; Agricultural Appropriations legislation and the importance of defending the mechanisms of the 2002 Farm Bill and allowing them to function as designed; and implementation issues for conservation programs.

COLLAGEN BASED WOUND SEALANT

Scientists at Texas A&M recently developed a collagen-based wound sealant. It could be an alternative for human and animal wound care treatment. Poured or injected into the wound, the material helps speed closure by about 50 percent. Wounds treated with the sealant healed in three days. Untreated wounds took about six days to heal. Collagen has been considered a good material for wound treatment because it is inexpensive, easily prepared, and can be readily shaped to fit the wound site. As a naturally occurring substance in the body, it also causes few allergic reactions. (Contact: Dr. Douglas Miller, (979) 845-0426).

PURPLE RICE MARKS THE SPOT

USDA scientists have discovered a new bacterium present in soil which could help control beetle populations. The purple bacterium proved to be especially effective in controlling the Colorado Potato Beetle.

Researchers are now trying to determine what types of soil the bacterium is present in and how it can be used safely and beneficially. To determine if bacterium is present, rice grains are placed in moist soil. In about three days some of the rice grains will turn purple if bacterium is present. This testing method has proven to be as sensitive as more expensive methods that depend on copying DNA.

HOW REPEATABLE IS WEANING WEIGHT?

Arkansas researchers wanted to know how well ranking of adjusted 205-day calf weight in one year would compare to the next year. Cows were divided into top, middle, and bottom thirds based on the 205-day weight of their calves. The next year, the probability was 51% that a top cow stayed in the top third, and 18% that she moved to the bottom. For bottom cows,

the probability was 50% that she stayed in the bottom third, and 20% that she moved to the top. So, weaning weight was fair predictor, but no guarantee by far.

WEANED CALF PRICE, WHEN IS IT HIGHEST?

The majority of cow/calf producers sell calves at weaning. When do weaned cows bring the highest price? According to Harlan Hughes, North Dakota State economist, this has changed a little over time, moving from June to April. Still, calves that are weaned and sold then are born in the fall. And cost of production for fall-born calves is generally higher than for spring-born, because you're wintering a cow that is lactating instead of dry. Beyond April, prices have tended to decline into the fall. But Hughes says in recent years there has been a "mini-peak" in calf prices in September, before dropping considerably in October and November.

DISTRICT 3 4-H RECORD BOOK JUDGING

"Go the extra mile there is very little traffic." I would like to congratulate five Motley County 4-H members for going the extra mile and completing a 4-H record book for the District 3 record book competition that was held July 15 in Vernon.

These record books require a lot of time and effort by the members.

The five Motley County 4-H members competed in their age division and category against 25 other counties.

Junior Division:

Garret Jenschke, Beef - 1st place.
Shane'a Russell, Food and Nutrition - 4th place.

Senior Division:

Charli Ream, Rabbit - 3rd place.
Mandi Ream, Photography - 2nd place.
Colton Russell, Horse - Participant.

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2001-02 Crop Disaster sign-up moving ahead

Signing up for the 2001-2002 Crop Disaster Program has been a challenging process for many growers, but not for the resource many might expect.

Yes, the program is complicated, but most information is already in the computer and accessible to the folks at the Farm Service Agency.

In fact, one of the more challenging aspects of the process has just been getting into the office to complete the application. Fortunately, the overlapping priorities have been juggled quite nicely by FSA employees and the process continues to move forward.

One aspect of the program that producers do not need to worry about right now is whether or not they will run out of time to sign-up for the program before they can get down to the FSA office. Officially, the 2001-2002 CDP sign-up window ends August 25, 2003, and leaves plenty of time for setting appointments and getting the FSA office. Due to handle the number of applications that some counties must handle, some offices are already scheduling CDP appointments for after August 25 date.

It is important to note that the regulations governing the program DO provide for an extension of the sign-up period. The rules allow the FSA Deputy Administrator the discretion to set a later date as necessary.

It also provides growers who did not qualify for benefits for the crop loss portion of the program, time to study whether they can qualify for assistance based on reduced crop quality.

The 2001-2002 Quality Loss Program will be figured on a bale-by-bale basis comparing the average quality of each bale to an average quality for the county. A 20 percent decrease in the average loan value of a bale compared to the county average will trigger a payment under this section.

Texas Cooperative Extension Risk Management Specialist Jay Yates has prepared a short summary of the Quality loss program to help producers make this determination.

It is important to note that producers who only suffered quality losses will have to contact FSA in order to determine their eligibility.

A copy of the TCE publication is available on the PCG website at: www.plainscotton.org.

Wilting July weather discouraging for Motley County farmers and ranchers

by Earlyne Jameson

Lack of rain in July did not help dryland cotton acres, feed that has not been baled or pastureland. We were fortunate for good rains in June and escaping damage that other counties had due to bad weather, but crops are wilting now due to needed rain in Motley County.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers reported triple digit temperatures

and July total moisture; Betty Simpson, Northfield 0.12; Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot .00;

Jim Stockton, Whiteflat .00; Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 0.26; Kelly Meyer, Matador 0.13 of an inch.

Texas Legislature passes driver's license bill

The Texas Legislature passed a bill during the 78th Regular Session that allows the voluntary listing of medical information on a driver's license. HB 1330, sponsored in the House of Representatives by Representative Jim McReynolds and in the Senate by Senator Todd Staples, provides an applicant for a driver's license the opportunity to voluntarily list any health condition that may impede communication as evidenced by a written statement from a licensed physician. Through this legislation a person can now voluntarily alert a peace officer, through information noted on the driver's license, of significant medical information that would assist in the communication between both parties.

Joining in support of this legislation were members of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities (CTD), the Texas Rural Health Association (TRHA) and the Texas Forestry Association

(TFA). Dennis Borel, Executive Director of CTD, said, "This is a voluntary program that is proactive in improving communications in the field. A simple code on the driver's license will go a long way in alerting the peace officer of any communication problems that a driver may have." Robert Turner representing TRHA said, "HB 1330 is most beneficial for those Texans who, because of some physical disability, cannot respond adequately if questioned by a peace officer. Rep. McReynolds and Senator Staples are to be commended for their positive action on this important issue. Ron Hufford, Executive VP of TFA said, "A TFA member in Jasper County brought this to our attention as a means of helping one of his employees. It is a law that will benefit many other Texans and we were honored to support the passage of this bill."

The effective date of this legislation is January 1, 2004.

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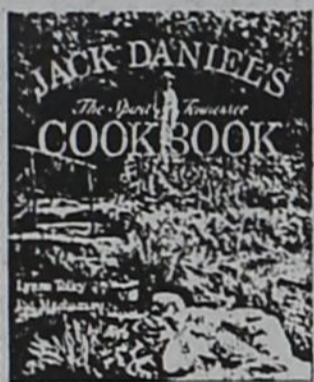
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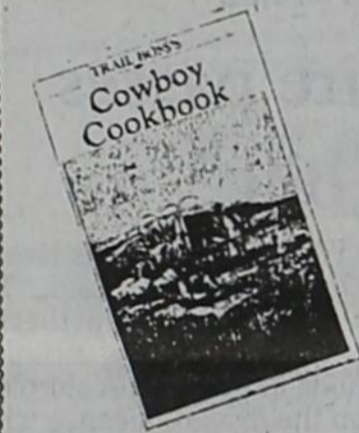
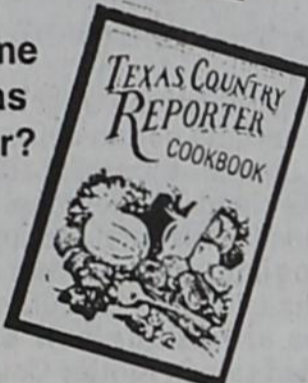


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BID NOTICES

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Childress
Contract 0132-01-045 for DISTRICT WIDE SEAL COAT in DICKENS, County, etc., will be opened on September 10, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 10508

State Office
Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)
Childress District
District Engineer
7599 U.S. 287
Childress, Texas 79201-9705
Phone: 940-937-2571

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

2tc-33

MOTLEY COUNTY ISD is accepting sealed bids on the Roaring Springs property and house. Bids must be submitted by 5 p.m. on August 8, 2003. For more information call 806-347-2676.

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