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CHAMBER HONOREES — Annette Hollinsworth, left, owner of New to You in Matador received the award for Business of the Year at last Saturday night's Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Alex Crowder was named Man of the Year, and Dinah Young was named Woman of the Year.

## Man, Woman and Business of the Year named at annual Chamber Banquet

by Penny Pipkin

The music was wonderful, the food delicious, and over 50 door prizes were distributed. The 2003 Motley County Chamber of Commerce Banquet, held last Saturday night, had something for everyone. The Chamber extends their thanks to Shane Jones for transforming the gymnasium into a

1950's venue, and to all those who assisted in set-up and tear-down.

The Chamber also extends their appreciation to Max Barton and his singing colleagues of FLASHBACK, Tracey Howard, Jay Hubbard and Glenn Urganhart. They wowed everyone with their fabulous nostalgic music.

Congratulations to the 2003

Business of the Year, New to You; 2003 Woman of the Year, Dinah Young; and 2003 Man of the Year, Alex Crowder.

The Chamber reminds everyone to use the Motley County Bucks program to increase business in the community and check out the new Chamber signs which now include Flo-mot, Northfield and Whiteflat.

## 80th Annual Old Settlers Reunion will be celebrated next weekend

The 80th Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers will be celebrated next weekend, August 28, 29 and 30. Activities will kick off on Thursday with the traditional Parade in downtown Roaring Springs, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in the Parade. Floats, wagons, cars, bicycles, horses and other entries are welcome. There's no need to register before Thursday morning, just show up and line up. Plaques will be presented to the winners in various events.

Tribute will be paid to Motley and Dickens County residents who have passed away since last year's get-together at the annual Memorial Service which will be held in the historical tabernacle at 11:00 a.m. Plaques will be awarded to those who have traveled the farthest, the oldest man and woman in Motley and Dickens county and the man and woman who have lived the longest in one of the counties.

After a lunch bread, the important business meeting will get underway at 1:00 p.m. in the tabernacle. The meeting is open and everyone with an interest in this historical celebration should attend.

A free dance, including a Waltz Contest, will be held in the tabernacle from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. Put your dancing boots on and practice your waltzing techniques and take advantage of this free fun.

Motley and Dickens County arena events will get underway at 5:00 p.m. Books will open at 4:30 p.m. Events will include Cutting, Flag Race, Open Age

Barrel Race, Junior Team Roping, and Motley-Dickens Counties Team Roping.

Admission is free all day Thursday.

Friday's events will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the Ranch Cutting Horse Association's Jr. and Sr. Sanctioned Classes. Books will open at 9:00 a.m. A handmade Ranger Buckle set will be given to the winner of each class. Ron and Marianne Brunson and their Cowboy Church Band will perform at 6:00 p.m. in the Rodeo Arena.

A Jr. Flag Race will be held for kids 11 years of age and under Friday and Saturday beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday will be the big day to celebrate and will begin with a team roping at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Books will open at 9:00 a.m. For more information regarding this roping contact Mike Jones at 806-348-7232.

The annual Matador Cowboy Reunion will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the headquarters of the Matador Cattle Company. A reception for Matador Ranch Cowboys, all years, will be held, in addition to a walking tour, a chuck wagon meal and other events. A big crowd is expected.

The exciting Kid's Snapping Turtle Races will begin at 3:00 p.m., Saturday. Divisions will include 0-4 years; 5-9 years; and 10-14 years. \$50 will be presented to the winners of each division. For more information contact Russell Alexander at 806-348-7958.

Pokey the Clown's WRCA Jr. Ranch Rodeo will begin at 4:30 p.m., Saturday. There will be

three age divisions, 3-7; 8-11 and 12-16. Events will include the Pony Express Race, Steer Doctoring, Wild Cow Milking and Calf Branding. The team with the most points wins and qualifies for WRCA World Championship finals at Amarillo. Pre-entry and practice will begin at 2:00 p.m.

The highly anticipated event of the year is the Ranch Rodeo which is new to the celebration. The rodeo is underwritten by the Matador Cattle Co. and promises excitement Friday and Saturday nights, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night. Events will include Bronc Riding, Wild Cow Milking, Team Doctoring, Calf Branding, Team Sorting and Double Mugging. Sixteen teams from local ranches will compete.

During Saturday night's ranch rodeo the 2003 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen will be crowned. The contestant selling the most tickets for a pair of handmade Spurs by Jim Bo Humphreys, will be declared the new queen.

Two dances will be held Saturday night with live country music beginning at 8:30 p.m. with Weldon Turpin and the Texas Fiddle Band at the Tabernacle and Texas Highway 114, a popular band from the Lubbock area, featured on stage at the concrete slab.

Charlie Carter concessions are available all three nights with hamburgers, cabrito, fajitas and more.

A general admission of \$5 will be charged Friday and Saturday. Those 12 and under will be admitted free.

## Mobile Post Office will set up at Matador Ranch

Postmaster Sara Chapman will set up a mobile post office at Matador Ranch on Saturday, August 30. All mail posted at the ranch will be marked with a special postal cancellation that honors Matador Cattle Company's celebration of 50 years of ranch ownership.

The U.S. Postal Service offers these one-of-a-kind postal cancellations to commemorate community events. Chapman will sell stamps at the mobile post office for those wishing to mail letters and have them cancelled with the special logo.

Matador Ranch will open its gates for an open house at the

headquarters from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 30. Visitors may tour grounds to learn more about the ranch, its history, Fred C. Koch who acquired the ranch in 1953, and Koch Industries, Inc. which owns Matador

Cattle Company.

A chuck wagon lunch featuring Matador beef will be served at 11:30 a.m. The day's events will conclude with the annual meeting of the Matador Cowboys Reunion.

50 Years at the Matador Ranch



## Commissioners accept resolution to forgive property tax on lots

The Motley County Commissioners' Court met in regular session Monday, August 11. Members of the Court present were County Judge Ed D. Smith; Commissioners, Ronnie Davis, precinct 1; Donnie Turner, precinct 2; Franklin Jameson, precinct 3; Russell Alexander, precinct 4; and County Clerk Kate Hurt.

Mrs. Hurt read the minutes from the previous meeting; Commissioners approved the minutes as read. Outstanding bills were reviewed and reports were read by Treasurer, Tax Collector, County Agent, Justice of the Peace, Library and County and District Clerk. All reports were approved, as well as paying outstanding accounts. Judge Smith presented a

Resolution, which had been tabled in July. The resolution would forgive the property tax on five lots in Matador and deed the lots to Market Matador. Commissioners approved the resolution.

Corky Marshall, Roaring Springs Mayor, and Bart Sherrill of TxDOT met with the court to request a resolution that would re-name Loop 42 in Roaring Springs to The Frank Mitchell Loop in honor of war hero Frank Mitchell. Commissioners approved this request.

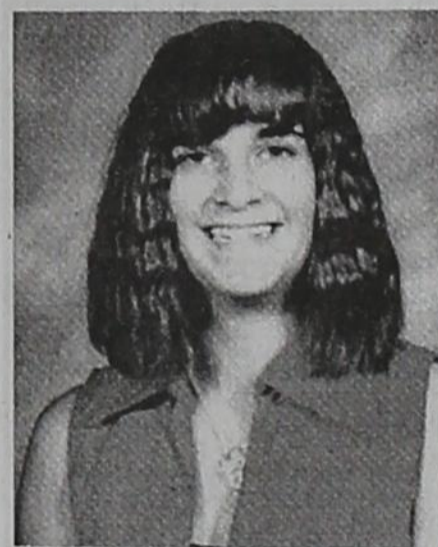
Reba Moore of the Parenting Adolescent Center (PAC) in Floydada sent information regarding Community Service Guidelines pertaining to juveniles for the courts' information.

Judge Smith, at the request of Commissioners, obtained the cost of health insurance for county employees. He reported that TAC Insurance would cost over \$92,000.00 per year, which makes it economically impossible for Motley County.

Judge Smith informed the court that the county received a request to pay \$700 for an indigent burial. The county has an indigent burial agreement with Seigler Funeral Home.

Justice of the Peace, Cora Smallwood, met with the court to inform them of the Technology fee she is to collect on each case. This money will be used for technology improvements in her office with approval of the court.

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Taynee Gilbert



Laura West

## Two Dickens County girls vie for Rodeo Queen's crown

Two young ladies will vie for the 2003 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen's crown as they sell tickets on a pair of handmade spurs by Jim Bo Humphreys. The new queen will be crowned during Saturday night's Rodeo performance. The winner not only receives the title of Queen and a crown, but also a beautiful silver bracelet especially designed for the event, 10% of total ticket sales and a cash bonus.

This year's candidates are Taynee Gilbert of East Afton and Laura West of Dickens.

Taynee is the daughter of Terry and Gail Gilbert. She is the granddaughter of Tee and Bobbye Gilbert of Paducah and Ike and Elaine Jackson of East Afton, and the great-granddaughter of Lavern Jackson of Dickens. She is a Senior at Patton Springs High School, where she is active in FFA, Basketball and the Dickens County 4-H Club. She enjoys showing

goats, riding horses and hanging out with friends. Taynee says, "I appreciate everyone's

support as I sell tickets to help me reach this goal and become the new Queen.

Laura is the daughter of Ricky and Vivian West of Dickens. She is a seventh grader at Spur Jr. High School. She enjoys horseback riding, singing, going to church, boating, participating in 4-H and spending time with family and friends. She is involved in the Bible Church of the Nazarene youth program and the Dickens County 4-H Club. She states, "I have always dreamed of running for Rodeo Queen ever since I was little. I am glad that I have the opportunity to participate in this year's Old Settlers Reunion."

Tickets may be purchased from the candidates for \$1.00 each.

## Matador Cowboys will meet for annual reunion with historical celebration

by Jerry Green

The 10th Annual Matador Cowboy Reunion will get underway about 9:30 a.m. on Old Settlers Saturday, August 30, 2003, at the Matador Ranch Headquarters, one mile south of the Matador township off highway 70.

This is a get-together of old

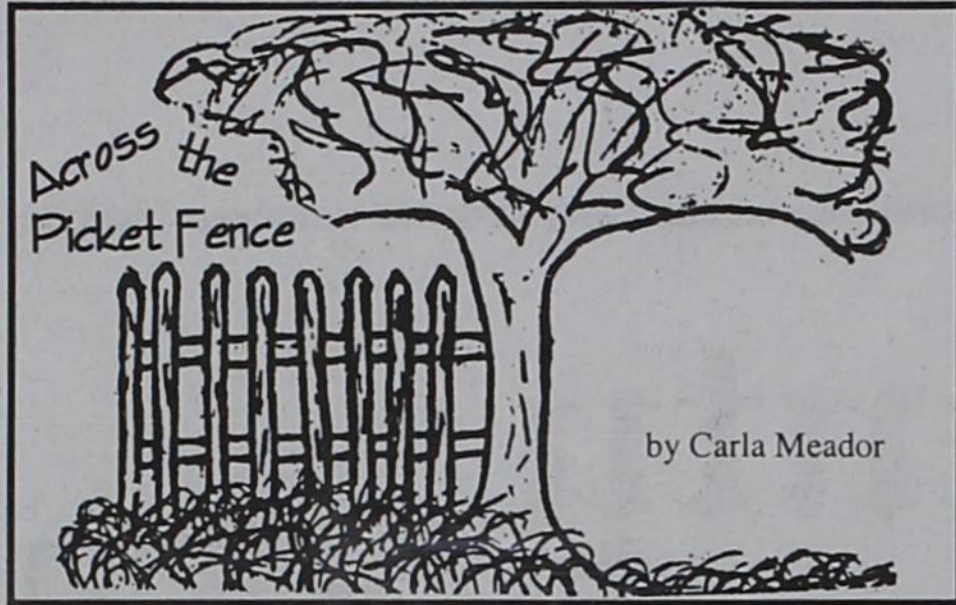
timers who worked for the Matador Land and Cattle Company and/or any of its successors, including, of course, the current Matador Ranch, owned by Koch Industries. Spouses and guests of eligible participants are welcome.

Reunion campsite is a short distance south of the Ranch "Whitehouse" right about

where the old office building once stood.

Jerry Slaton of Afton is fixing dinner featuring Matador beef. Chuck will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Moore Maker knives will be given away to a few good hands. Telephone 348-7153 or 347-2645 for additional information.



Everytime I look at the old wood sign hanging on the wall at my office, I will think of Uncle Tootie. The first week after I purchased the Tribune and relocated, he brought it in and told me that I needed that sign. He was so proud that a Meador owned the newspaper again. And I was so honored that he felt that way. "Trail Dust," which according to Uncle Tootie was the first "Trail Dust" motel sign. "This is where this sign needs to hang," he said. Of course I was thrilled. Uncle Tootie said Li a Meador had given him the sign many years ago. The Meadors had used it as an advertisement for Douglas Meador's book by the same title. This even added to the excitement of receiving the sign, a piece of Meador history.

That old sign was the first of many treasures Uncle Tootie gave me. He knew how much I loved old junk and he was always finding something out in a pasture somewhere that he took the time to pick up and haul back to me. I have many treasures that will remind me of Uncle Tootie, from old pop bottles (soda brands that haven't been on the market for years), to rusty pieces of an old wagon, a perfect cow skull, old barbed wire, horseshoes and

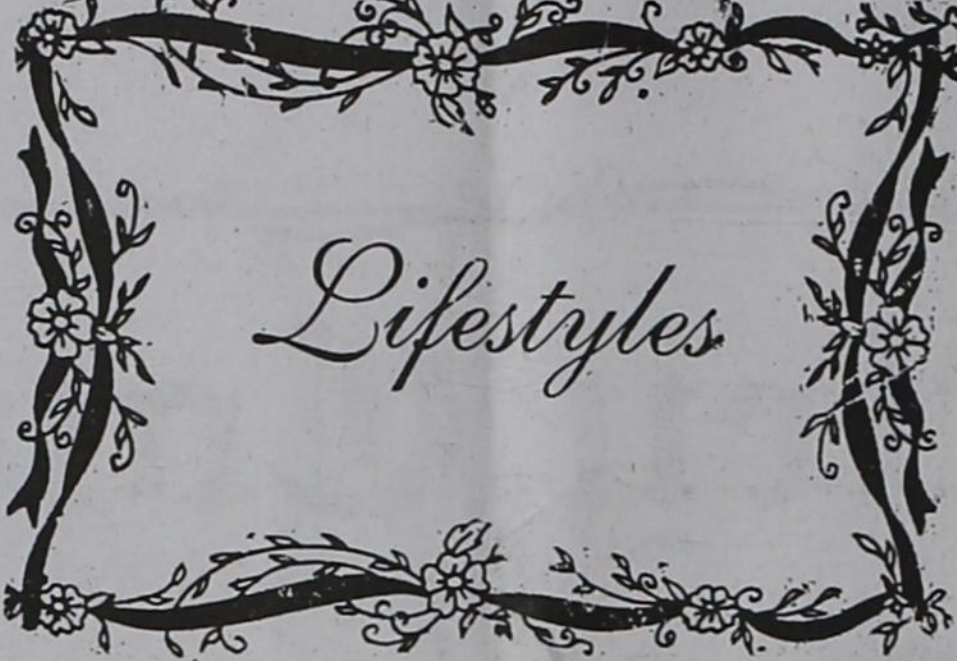
lots of rocks, to name a few. Sometimes he would bring a newfound item to my office, or sometimes he would leave something in my yard so I would be surprised when I got home.

A longtime cowboy, he loved reading ranch history and came by the office frequently to see if I had any new books on that subject, or tell me a cowboy story or a story about the Meador family. I was so glad that Tootie and Jim, with other family members were able to share a branding with the historic, 100 year-old Meador branding iron.

He was a very special part of my husband's life, someone he looked up to and admired so much. The kindness and love he displayed everyday was not only given to his family, but to just about anyone he met on the street. I truly believe that he would have taken his shirt or his boots off, on the street, and given them to someone in need.

Uncle Tootie was truly a treasure and although the old, rusty gifts he gave to me will always remind me of him, it's his kind and giving spirit that will mark his memory in my heart and the hearts of so many who knew and loved him.

Matador is missing a treasure now, but Heaven has gained an Angel.



## Citizens meet to discuss East Mound cemetery needs

by Loys Campbell

A group of concerned citizens met Friday, August 15, at 5:00 p.m. at Matador City Hall to discuss the working of East Mound Cemetery and things that need to be done.

It was decided to have a town meeting Monday, October 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Court Room at the Motley County Courthouse to elect officers and a board of directors. All inter-

ested community members are asked to attend.

Announcement of the meeting will be made in the *Motley County Tribune* October 8 and 15, so you will have time to make plans to attend.

Those present at this meeting were Gary Lancaster, president; Pat Seigler, Joyce Archer, Fred Parsons, Shane Jones, Chuck Ream, Joe Campbell and Loys Campbell.

### Pivots & Divots

By Mary

Ladies play day on Thursday, August 14, was for Most Bogies. Playing 18 holes were Liv, Francine, LaVoe, Louise, Geneva and Jeannie. LaVoe and Louise had 8 bogies. Dot joined them for 9 holes and had 4 bogies. Afternoon players Nell, Tempie, Frances and Marihelen were rained out on the third hole. It rained 4/10ths!

The Tuesday Scramble on August 12th had 21 players. Winning first, with a score of 31, were Robert Osborn, Olivia Osborn and Kelly Keltz.

Winning second, with a score of 31, were Kenny Barton, Liv Barton and Lee Jones.

Winning third, with a score of 33, were Alan Bingham, Francine Braselton and Dot Grundy.

Others playing were Conway Clary, Geneva Wilson, Kyle Moore, Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, Chad Smith, Matt Washington, Stan Hanesworth, Louise Barton, Larry Morris, Mary Morris and Roncho Grundy. Robert Osborn got closest to the pin with 7 ft. 9 in.

There will be a 2 Jacks & 1 Jill Tournament at the club the weekend of August 23 and 24. We hope to have a good turnout for this and a great time.

## Cooking Corner

### Mix Up Some Fun

(NAPS)—When kids are out of school, try letting them get creative in the kitchen and have fun making delicious and cool creations that are nutritious to boot. For a chance at a \$10,000 scholarship, kids can create their own "milk mixers" and enter the "Mix It With Milk 'n JELL-O" contest running through October 15, 2003.

Get the ideas started and take a break this summer by making a Peanut Butter & Jelly Milk Mixer for an afternoon treat. Adding JELL-O® gelatin to a glass of milk may seem like a curious mix, but this snack is as fun to drink as it is to make. Kids will enjoy the tasty combination of grape flavored gelatin and smooth, creamy peanut butter added to a full serving of milk. Moms will appreciate that this fun mixer is made with milk that provides calcium for stronger bones and other essential nutrients like protein and vitamin D.

With limitless combinations of great tasting gelatin or instant pudding mixed with wholesome milk and whatever other ingredients their imaginations can dream up, kids will be kept busy stirring up fun this summer. For more information on the "Mix It With Milk" 'n JELL-O® contest and other JELL-O® products, visit [www.jell-o.com](http://www.jell-o.com).

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**MAKES 1 serving.**  
Variation: Prepare as directed, using crunchy peanut butter.

**Nutrition Information Per Serving:** 200 calories, 3g total fat, 1g saturated fat, 32g carbohydrate, 31g sugars, 11g protein, 30% DV calcium.

...Let the Lord be glorified, that we may see your joy!...  
Isaiah 66:5 (NIV)

### "It's Living..."



In a famous movie scene the actor replied, "It's not dying I'm talking about, it's living!" Mr. Duvall seems to have summed it up rather well. Some has said, "In a material world we easily forget that life is to be lived to its fullest potential."

It is so easy to take life and its purpose for granted. While Solomon reminds us in Ecclesiastes 12 that life has its beginning and end, it is the "what's in between that matters." Life is sometimes abused. The spiritual aspect of life is not always understood. We might ask ourselves, "Why am I here?" The answer is to live all of the life God has ordained for us. Yes, we can enjoy the splendor of being a child of God.

Where is our emphasis? Is it placed on living a meaningful life or the dread of our death? In finding the answer this we read the words in John 10:10: "...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." Notice, is not death Jesus is speaking of, it is living! The bible helps us to understand that the life we have in Christ is spiritual and yet designed to bring fulfillment to us and glorify the God who created us. All of the struggles and problems in this world are real. Yet they pale into insignificance when compared to living the life powered by faith in Jesus.

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

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I don't live in Matador and I know that I don't know everything that goes on. I do know for a fact that if it had not been for Rodney Williams my mother wouldn't be living in a brand new home today. I want to commend him for his efforts in the project.

I truly believe Rodney was trying to make Matador a better place to live.

In the Book of Matthew it says "For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done." Matthew 16:27.

Jackie Green

## Commissioners meeting

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Discussion was held with elected officials and employees on the proposed budget. The Commissioners and Judge had a follow-up budget workshop. A Public Hearing on the new budget will be held August 25 at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Court room. After the budget is adopted the court will set the 2003 tax rate.

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FLASHBACK group members performing at last Saturday night's Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Matador native, Max Barton, is pictured at right.

## Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

Friday, August 29, is the Rootin' Tootin' Beans Lunch at the library. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and is a fund-raiser for the library. You get all you can eat of the best beans ever, cornbread, pickles, onions, relish, and cookies all for a donation. Plus, you will be served by Motley County celebrities. Plan to come by the library for this scrumptious meal anytime from 11:30 to 1:30. Goood Eatin'!

We appreciate the donation by Ruby Tielsch in memory of Madge Renfro. Ms. Tielsch asked if we can purchase some large-print books with this money and we will certainly do

that. Many of us need these wonderful books with big type.

The new shelves have not come in yet, but we will open the library beginning August 25, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Internet is not up and running yet, but we do have the computers ready to do word processing and spread sheets and the kids' computer is ready to play those wonderful educational games. We will also have some books to check out. We will be open the Thursday of Old Settlers and, of course, the Friday of Old Settlers is our Rootin' Tootin' Beans Lunch here at the library.

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# THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



## Hours expanded for flashing signs in highway school zones

Austin -- To increase safety zones located along state highways, state transportation officials today approved a measure expanding the hours of operation for flashing school zone signs.

The Texas Transportation Commission, at its monthly meeting, approved the use of flashing school signs for school-related events that occur during non-traditional school hours, such as athletic and other events.

Commissioners said the change will improve safety for Texas school children and thanked State Rep. Vilma Luna for suggesting the idea to extend the hours flashing school zone signs could operate.

The commission also approved the 2004 Statewide Preservation Program, which authorizes an average of nearly \$2.2 billion annually during the next four years to maintain the state's highway system.

Preserving the existing transportation system is one of

five major objectives of the commission and TxDOT. The other objectives are to provide reliable mobility, improved safety, faster project delivery and a transportation system that promotes economic vitality for Texas.

During the meeting, held in Midland-Odessa, the commission received a report from the Midland-Odessa area, that have been working since 1997 to promote the construction of LaEntrada al Pacifico, a NAFTA trade corridor.

The corridor stretches from Port Topolobampo, a deep-water port on the Pacific Ocean in the Mexican state of Sinaloa, to the bridge crossing at Ojinaga-Presidio on existing roads.

MOTRAN, in its report to the Commission, said its mission is to develop an economically viable trade corridor, in partnership with Mexico that will serve to provide economic stimulus and new jobs for the Permian Basin.

## Local student attends Girls' State

Stachia Baxter a citizen of the American Legion Bluebonnet Girls State which was held in Seguin, at Texas Lutheran University, was elected to the office of District I Attorney. She is the daughter of Don and Colleen Baxter and was sponsored to Girls State through the American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 337.

Girls State was organized as a National Americanism activity in 1937 by the American Legion Auxiliary. Non-partisan and non-political, the purposes of the Girls State program are to provide citizenship training for girls of high school age, to afford them an opportunity to live together as self-governing group and to inform them of the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities which they will assume when they become adults. They learn the problems of government by simulating the duties of city, county and state officials. Each year citizens are selected at local levels from students who have just completed their junior year in high school. The selection is based principally on character, leadership and scholarship.

The 2003 session of the American Legion Auxiliary Texas Bluebonnet Girls State has grown from an experimental conference of ninety-four girls, held at Baylor University in 1941, to become the largest single extracurricular educational program for high school girls in Texas. Because no sessions were held during World War II, the 2003 session marked the 59th year of Bluebonnet Girls State. This year 448 girls were in attendance, making a total of more than 27,000 girls in Texas who have participated in this top-level citizenship program.

Former citizens of Girls State and members of the Texas American Legion Auxiliary comprise the sixty-four members of the staff and counselors who volunteer their services to direct and lead this program. The Director is Connie Bridges of San Antonio, Texas who as-



Stachia Baxter at the Texas State Capitol when she attended Girls' State in June.

sisted by Karen Miller, Assistant to Director, of Friendswood, Texas; Associate Director of Personnel, Tammy Boclair, of West Columbia, Texas; the Associate Director of Education, Mary Ellen Trahan of Houston, Texas; and the Associate Director of Administration, Ann Doan, of Fort Worth, Texas.

The elected state officials of Bluebonnet Girls State received the oath of office Monday, June 16th in the House of Representatives at the State Capitol. Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Carole Keeton Strayhorn, gave the inaugural address. The Honorable BeaAnn Smith, Justice, Third Supreme Judicial District Court of Appeals, administered the oath of office.

One of the highlights of the session which began June 11th and ended June 17th, was the selection of two outstanding citizens of 2003 who will be sent to Girls Nation in Washington, D.C. by the American Legion Auxil-

iary. There the two young representatives will continue their study in responsibilities of the National Government.

Other speakers who addressed the citizens of Girls State included:

\* The Honorable Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

\* Lori Swann, Practicing Attorney and former Citizen and Staff Member of Texas Girls State.

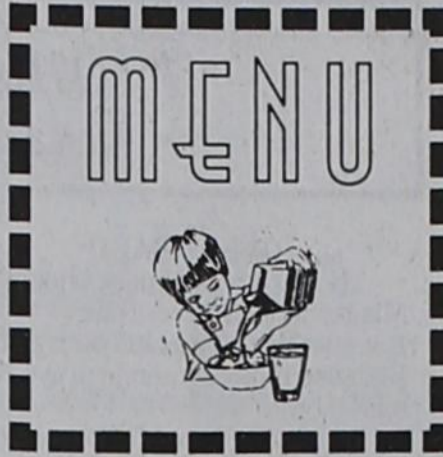
\* Nina Swink, President, American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Texas.

\* Clayton Hueske, Commander, The American Legion, Department of Texas.

\* Dr. Jon N. Moline, President, Texas Lutheran University.

\* Mark Stautzenberger, Mayor, City of Seguin.

Stachia would like to thank everyone who made it possible for her to attend Girls State.



### MONDAY, AUGUST 25

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Milk.

**Lunch:** Frito Pie, Green Salad, Crackers, Orange Fruit Fluff, Milk.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

**Breakfast:** Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Steak Fingers, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Calif. Blend, Hot Roll/Honey, Milk.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

**Lunch:** BBQ On Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Chips, Fruit, Milk.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

No School!

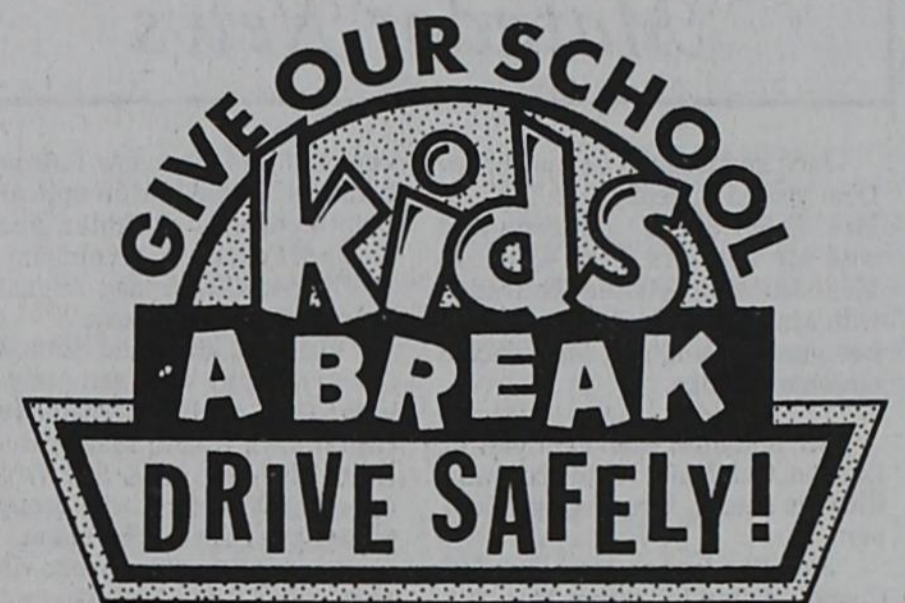
### FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

No School!

## Reserve stadium seats for sale

The Motley County Cheerleaders are now selling reserved seats at the football stadium. The seats will sell for \$10 each. To reserve or renew your seats and for more information, call Cathy Turner at 347-2676.

The cheerleaders will be available at the Spirit Rally, to be held September 4, at 7:30 p.m., if you would like to purchase your seat at that time.



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## National program provides affordable health care coverage for kids

As families get their children ready for a successful school year, the National Rural Health Association is pleased to join leading health experts and other organizations to encourage parents of uninsured children to apply for health care coverage through Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) as part of the Covering Kids program.

"All children deserve to be healthy and ready to learn when they arrive for the first day of school," NRHA President Wayne Myers, MD said. "This program helps ensure each child, regardless of their demographics, will have access to health insurance and the health services they need."

There are 7.8 million uninsured children in the U.S. according to the first in a series of Snapshots from the Urban Institute's 2002 National Survey of America's Families. More than half of these are eligible for low-cost or free health care coverage through Medicaid or SCHIP programs in all 50 states

and the District of Columbia that give children access to routine checkups, prescription medicines, hearing and vision screening, and health care when they are sick. Children who are enrolled in Medicaid and SCHIP do not have to rely on the emergency room for routine care where care is more costly and less efficient.

"Since nearly 24% of rural children live in poverty, I am hopeful this program will help bring health coverage to our rural families who need it most," Myers said.

The NRHA is a national partner of the Covering Kids and Families initiative. By informing our members about the effort, as well as encouraging you to get involved with Covering Kids & Families grantees in your area, we hope to play a role in helping to get children and families the health coverage they deserve.

To find out how you can get involved with Covering Kids and Families, call (202) 338-7227.

**HURRY!!**

**THE BIG SCHOOL SALE ENDS SATURDAY!**

**SCHOOL SHOPPING SPECIALS**

**Matador Variety**

## NOTICE

Motley County Hospital District will use the following rules to comply with its responsibility under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act.

Application can be requested at the Matador Clinic. Assistance in completing the application will be provided if needed. Contact Charles Johnson or Tony Rose for assistance.

Motley County Hospital District will use rules and procedures found in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook published by the Texas Department of Health. In summary, these rules are:

- 1. Application forms must be completely filled out.
- 2. Verification of income, residence, household composition, and resources is required, if questionable.
- 3. Maximum Countable income cannot exceed: (Monthly)

FAMILY SIZE	25% FPIL
1	\$188
2	\$253
3	\$318
4	\$384
5	\$449
6	\$515
7	\$580
8	\$645
9	\$711
10	\$776
11	\$842
12	\$907

- 4. Total countable resources and assets cannot exceed \$2000 or \$3000 if the household contains a relative who is aged or disabled. The value of a car greater than \$4,650 is counted against the \$2000 limit. Personal possessions and homestead are exempt assets.
- 5. Eligible persons must be a resident of Motley County.
- 6. Applicants must provide all information and documentation which is required.
- 7. Applicants must apply for any other program for which they are potentially eligible. The county program is payor of last resort.
- 8. Applicants have the right to appeal denials.

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### THURSDAY - FREE ADMISSION

10:00 a.m. - Parade  
11:00 a.m. - Memorial  
1:00 p.m. - Business Meeting  
4:00-6:00 p.m. - DANCE FREE  
4:30 p.m. - Books open, Counties Events  
5:00 p.m. - Cutting, Flag Race, Open Age Barrel Race, Jr. Team Roping, Team Roping  
8:30 p.m. - Weldon Turpin's Texas Fiddle Band

### FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. - Books Open, Ranch Cutting  
10:00 a.m. - Ranch Cutting Horse Assn.  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - DANCE FREE  
6:00 p.m. - Cowboy Church  
6:30 p.m. - Jr. Flag Race  
7:00 p.m. - Ranch Rodeo sponsored by Matador Cattle Co., 8 teams compete  
8:30 p.m. - Weldon Turpin's Texas Fiddle Band

### SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. - Books Open, Team Roping  
10:00 a.m. - Team Roping  
11:30 a.m. - Matador Cowboy Reunion Open House & Reception at Matador Ranch  
2:00 p.m. - Pre-entry & Practice for Pokey's (Stick Horse) Jr. Ranch Rodeo  
2:30 p.m. - Books close, Washer Pitch  
3:00 p.m. - Washer Pitch Tournament  
3:00 p.m. - Kid's Turtle Race  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - DANCE FREE  
4:30 p.m. - Pokey the Clown's WRCA Jr. Ranch Rodeo, ages 3-16  
6:30 p.m. - Jr. Flag Race  
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# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Rev. Kenny Kirk and wife, Terry, of Floydada filled the pulpit at the Roaring Springs and Matador Methodist Churches on Sunday, in the absence of Rev. Paul Stearns who was on vacation. Rev. Kirk was the Methodist Pastor of the Roaring Springs and Matador Methodist Churches about 25 years ago.

Mrs. Beverly Shorter of Mansfield brought her two grandchildren home after they had spent a week with her.

Miss Lula Swim talked to Mrs. Benny Goss on Sunday afternoon and received a report on Mrs. Vera Mitchell. Mrs. Goss said that Mrs. Mitchell would be going to Lubbock on Wednesday to see her doctor about the possibility of surgery.

The Bible group, taught by Mrs. Clint Burns, met in the home of Mrs. P.K. Green last Monday morning with nine ladies attending. Mrs. Pat Smith and Mrs. Karan Fry also gave

talks. The group is scheduled to meet at the Circle Dot Ranch, Monday, August 25.

Mrs. S.A. Swim of Bella Vista, Arkansas, visited Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim, last Thursday.

Mrs. Sammie Phillips drove Miss Lula Swim to Lubbock Monday where she kept an appointment with her heart doctor.

Mrs. Cleo Watson and Monty visited in Lubbock and Crosbyton, Saturday.

Angelica and Jonah Meredith, who had visited with their grandparents, Joe and Joyce Meedith, for the past several weeks, returned to their home in Las Vegas, Nevada, last Saturday. They were accompanied to Gallop, NM, on Friday, by their aunt and uncle, Tony and Sherry Rose, Sean and Shea, where they met their parents, Cody and Leah Meredith. The Roses and Merediths enjoyed visiting.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

My spirit was almost broken Misery was all I could see But somehow I was encouraged Because today someone prayed for me.

Someone prayed for me today, Giving me the strength to see it through.

I may never know who it is, But perhaps it was you.

### HAS HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jere Kendall celebrated his fifth birthday, Saturday with a fun filled party of games, amusements, decorated cake and all the trimmings at the Chuck E Cheese's Restaurant in Lubbock. His parents, Tim and Melissa Kendall hosted the party.

Others enjoying the happy occasion were his grandparents, Travis and Linda Kendall and his brother, Jacob of Flomot, uncle and family, Cory and Janet Kendall, Chancey and Connor of Midland.

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Mrs. Darrell (Brenda) Cruse attended a Region 16 Teacher's Work Shop held in Lubbock, Thursday and Friday. She visited overnight Thursday with her daughter, Leah Cruse.

Enjoying the Chamber of Commerce banquet in Matador Saturday night were Wilburn and Trula Martin and Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton.

With Mrs. Nada Starkey during surgery Wednesday in Dimmitt beside her husband, Jack were children, Micheal Starkey of Canyon and Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo.

Mrs. Chad (Cindy) Calvert of Warrenton, Virginia is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and grandson, Kyler, who visited here the past week, met his family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink and Karlee of Clifton in Abilene, Sunday for his return trip home.

Charles Tanner of Tulia visited his sister, Mrs. Geneva Martin, Thursday.

George Calvert of Quitaque visited Wednesday in the home of his brother, and family Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert.

Ruth and Orville Lee visited in Amarillo, Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee. Other guests were Joey and Brenda Lee and Ernie Lee of Clarendon and Jason Lee of Amarillo.

## OBITUARIES

### James Meador

Funeral services for James Meador, 77, were held Tuesday, August 19, at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Matador. Mr. Meador passed away Sunday, August 17 at Crosbyton Hospital after a long illness.

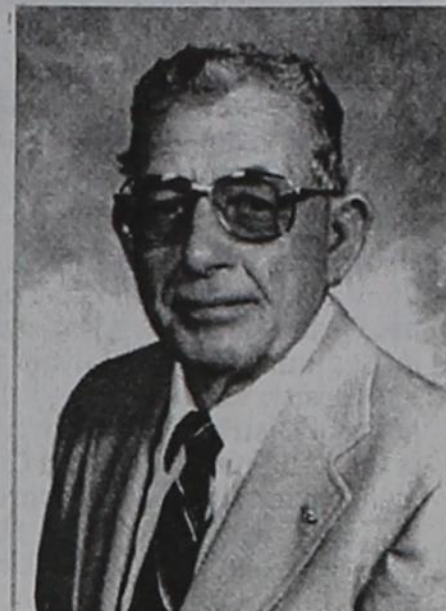
He was a native of Motley County, the son of charter members of the county, Doug and Chloe Meador. He attended school at Matador. He was a World War II Veteran. He was wounded in Germany when his company was crossing the Rhine River. In addition to being awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, he wore the ETO Campaign Ribbon with 2 Combat Stars and the Combat Infantry Badge.

He married Dorothy Martin February 2, 1986.

Mr. Meador was retired after 25 years as Ranch Manager for Lacy Feed in Waco. He started his cattle operation with cattle from the Campbell, Russell and Burleson ranches of Motley County. He started a herd of spotted Hereford cattle from the Burleson Ranch.

He was a degree Mason and Commander of V.F.W. and had received other honors from both organizations.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, James Marlon Meador.



He is survived by his wife; two sons, Charles Meador of White Deer and Joey Meador of Petrolia; one daughter, Tanya Rippetoe of Granbury; one step-daughter, Frances Welling of Midlothian; and one step-son, Stanley Martin of Andrews; one brother, John Briscoe of Matador; two sisters, Betty June Bearden of Matador, and Bessie Belle Lebow of Clovis, N.M.; eleven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

## Matador News

Jack and Decima Green of New Deal visited Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson and with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Williams. Mrs. Jameson visited Thursday with Mrs. Betty June Bearden and her guests, daughter, Mrs. Jackie Green of Tahoka.

Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Cofer of Lawton, Oklahoma visited recently with his cousin, Mrs. Juanita Cooper.

Jack Samford and Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited his niece, Mrs. Pat Gross in Tulsa, Oklahoma last week. His sister, Mrs. Nina Barton returned home with them.

Mrs. Kathryn Martin was accompanied to Plainview Tuesday by son, Hal Martin, for an optical appointment. Her daughter, Sharon Davis of Fritch, will accompany her to Plainview, Thursday, August 21, for cataract eye surgery.

Visiting Luther and Edna Ruth Green recently were son Andy and wife, Gay, and daughter Katye Green from Keller, Marge Huff of North Richland Hills, and Virginia Green of Whiteface. The group attended the Garrison Reunion.

Dr. and Mrs. Tim Green visited Luther and Edna Ruth Green for a few days recently and enjoyed hiking and picnicking at the Caprock Canyon State Park, and seeing the buffaloes.

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## School Board members plan 2003-04 school year

by Tina Brooks  
School Board Reporter

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met August 11 for their regular scheduled meeting. All board members were present. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Marilyn Hicks, Denise Ford and Chelsea Read.

Insurance quotes were reviewed and discussed and after a short discussion it was decided to accept Pat Carson Insurance as the 2003-2004 carriers.

No one was present for open forum.

During the superintendent's report, Mr. Copp informed the board about board training which will be coming up soon. There is still no word on the reading grant. Shelley Cox and Mr. Copp have attended tense training for the 3-year TARGET grant. The CN3 grant is coming to an end. Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Ford are working hard to get the last part of the grant money before deadline. There will be no more TIF grants.

The board discussed the possibility of purchasing a handicapp bus. Mr. Copp and board members will look into this matter further.

Mr. Copp commended Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Ford for their hard work to make the school look better. Mrs. Hicks worked hard on the code of conduct which is distributed to all parents and staff. He also commended Mrs. Hicks on the great job she has done to prepare the school and staff for the new year.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with corrections.

Expenditures were reviewed and approved for payment.

Bids for L.P.G. were opened and reviewed. Board approved Marshall Bro. to furnish propane for the 2003-2004 school year.

Bids for gas and diesel were tabled until more information is received.

Bids for the Roaring Springs property were opened and reviewed. After a short discussion board rejected all bids.

The budget hearing was set for August 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

The student code of conduct was read, discussed and approved.

Maryjon Pernell was approved to fill the fifth grade teaching position.

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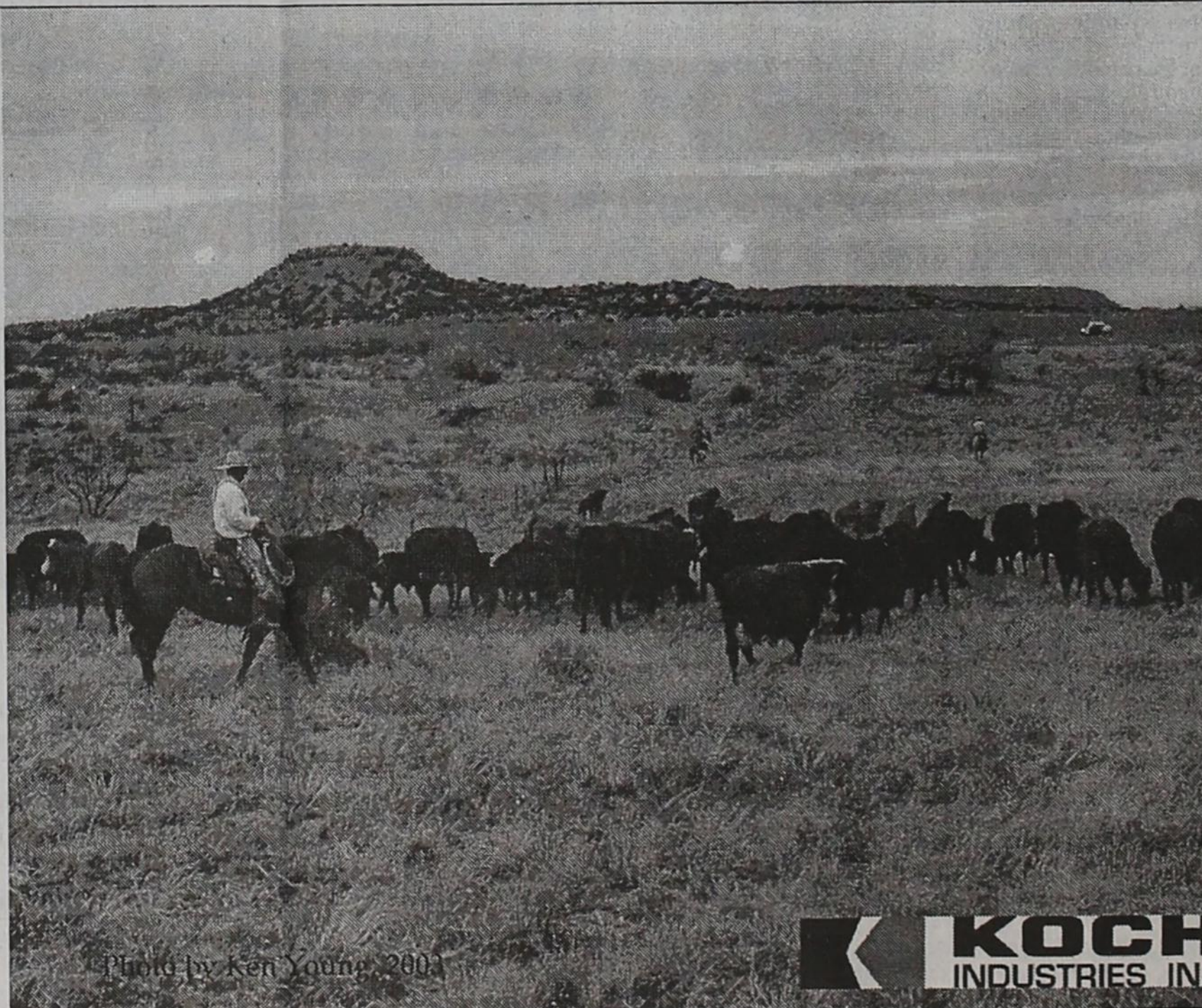
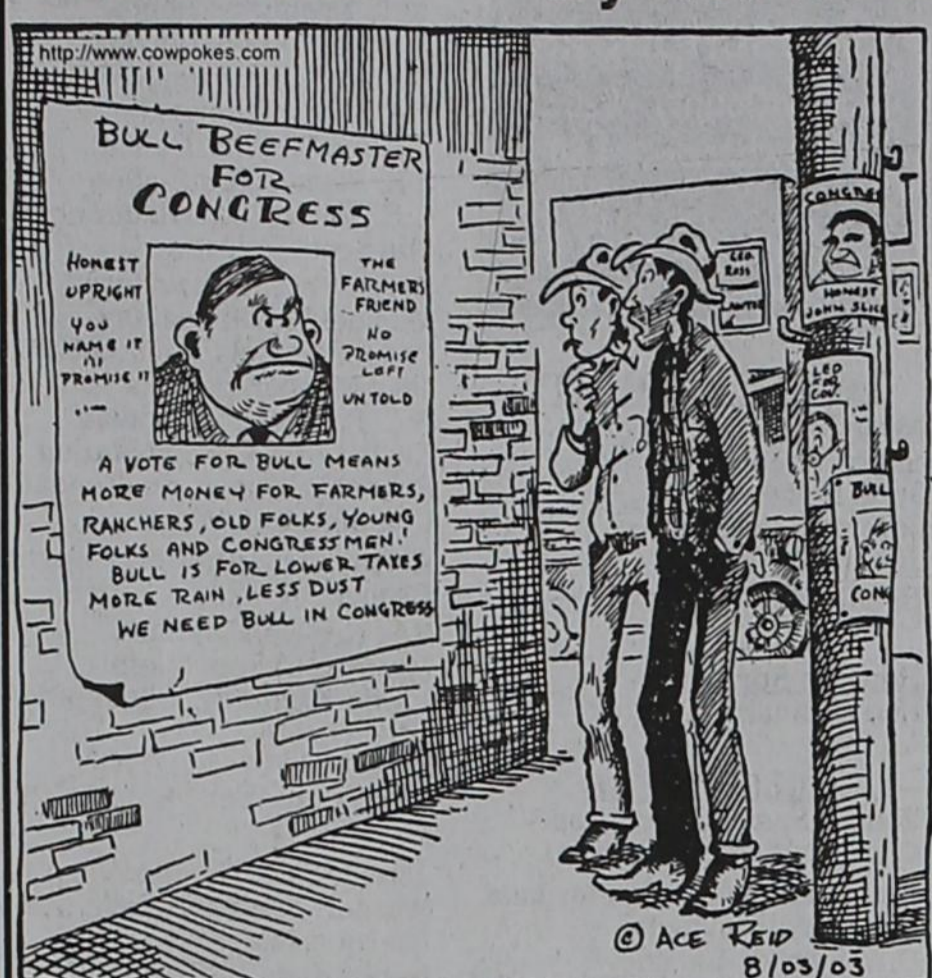


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**FARM & RANCH NEWS**

**Cotton News**  
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

**Education Takes Many Forms as International Visitors Travel to Texas High Plains**

Slamming the U.S. cotton industry and U.S. agricultural support programs has once again become the sport of choice at home and abroad as a new round of international trade talk approaches.

With few of the critics ever taking the time to do more than just scratch the surface of the issues involved, the end result is almost always an unfavorable representation of the typical U.S. cotton producer and U.S. ag policy. It is usually based on the completely inaccurate assertion that U.S. farm and trade policy is root of all evil when it comes to the problems plaguing the global cotton industry.

Combating these assertions has become a daily battle for the U.S. cotton industry. An opportunity for Plains Cotton Growers to meet that challenge arrived on the Texas High Plains earlier this month in the form of two English journalists researching a story about the global cotton industry.

When reporter James Meek and photographer Sean Smith of the London-based newspaper The Guardian received their assignment to research and report on the global cotton industry and opportunity to educate was created on the Texas High Plains.

The fact that they let their story lead them all the way to the cotton fields of West Texas shows a willingness to see and hear about the U.S. cotton industry firsthand. With PCG's help the pair were introduced to the cotton industry and a number of producers who typify the average American cotton operation.

Through hours of conversation with PCG staff and participating producers the two were given a crash course in U.S. farming practices and how U.S. cotton support programs really work.

PCG officials acknowledge there are no guarantees about which direction the story will finally lean. If everything the two heard and experienced simply "went in one ear and out the other" the story will likely be no worse than it would have been had they not traveled to West Texas.

If, however, the information they were given is used fairly and accurately, and presented in the proper context, the opportunity that a more favorable picture can be painted certainly exists.

PCG officials are hopeful that the final product will be significantly better, and provide a more favorable opinion of the U.S. cotton producer, than what was recently been written by those intent on distorting the facts to advance their own interests in advance of September's WTO Trade negotiations in Cancun, Mexico.

On a different education front, a group of Indian textile representatives recently completed a swing through West Texas as part of a trade promotion effort conducted by Cotton Council International.

The Indian contingent were given the opportunity to see and hear about what West Texas cot-

ton has to offer them and were encouraged to take advantage of the broad range of cotton fiber available for purchase within 100 miles of Lubbock, Texas.

The group also had an opportunity to meet and visit with West Texas cotton producers and merchants in order to build a better understanding of the advantages of using West Texas cotton.

**TBWEF Offering Discounts on 2003 BW Program Assessments**

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation will be mailing the 2003 assessment notices to growers in the five High Plains eradication zones on August 21.

The full amount of the assessment comes due on September 25, 2003 but producers who pay in full by September 10 will receive a 2% discount.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit on those acres completely destroyed prior to the final certification date, which was July 15, 2003. Qualifying failed acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the credit.

A lien may be attached to 2003 crop year production on any farms for which the assessment still remains unpaid on October 20, 2003.

This lien does not have priority over other liens that may be attached to a farm's cotton production but, if the Foundation lien does affect an operation, the grower will not be able to receive the proceeds from the sale of the crop until the outstanding balance for the crop year has been settled or an extension arrangement has been made.

"For those having difficulty paying their assessment, help is available by contacting the assessments department and arranging an extension agreement," said Chief Financial Officer Tina Ballard.

Producers entering into an extension agreement must make a 10% down payment, and they will be charged a late fee of 1 percent per month until their accounts are paid. Late fees begin on the date the agreement is signed and the down payment is received by the Assessment Department.

Producers who are delinquent in payment and who do not have an extension agreement are subject to a late fee of 1.5 percent per month. Producers with extension agreements have 150 days to pay their accounts.

For more information contact the TBWEF Assessments Department in Abilene at (866) 672-2800.

**Caution urged with extreme dry conditions**

Faced with a Texas landscape baked by days of hot, dry weather and an increasingly limited national pool of experienced wildland firefighters and wildfire equipment, Texas Fire Service officials say prevention holds the key to keeping Texas from becoming a major wildfire battleground.

Texas is becoming a powder keg of dead or rapidly drying vegetation growing increasingly fire-prone each day that passes, and scattered thunderstorms are lulling some people into a false sense of security that fire danger has lessened or that burn bans have been cancelled.

"Even with rain falling in some areas, the dead grasses dry out about an hour after the storm passes," said Traci Towne, Wildland Fire Prevention Specialist with the Texas Forest Service. "It is still very dangerous to burn trash or brush piles, even with a recent rain."

The hot, dry summer has added to the drought conditions that have plagued much of Texas for several years. A high-pressure ridge sitting over the state during much of July

brought with it triple-digit temperatures and made conditions ripe for fires to ignite. Many counties in the Big Country and North Texas have issued burn bans, check with local county officials or fire departments to see if your area has a ban in place.

The Texas Forest Service encourages everyone to do their part in preventing unwanted fires by following these tips: Obey outdoor burn bans - Just because an area has received some rain doesn't mean a burn ban has been lifted. Avoid using spark-producing equipment around dry grass. Keep vehicles out of dry grass tall enough to contact catalytic converters. Dispose of smoking materials properly. Contact your local fire department for tips on how to safeguard your home against wildfire.

Learn how to make your home and property firewise by logging onto [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Each year many homes are lost to wildland fires that might have been spared had owners built their homes and landscaped their property with fire safety in mind.

**Texas historic farms and ranches sought for recognition**

Austin - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is seeking applications for the Family Land Heritage Program that honors farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural production by the same family for 100, 150 and 200 years. Since the program started in 1974, TDA has honored 3,773 farms and ranches in 220 Texas counties.

"Texas was built by agricultural pioneers," Combs said. "The Family Land Heritage Program honors their contributions to the settlement of the Lone Star State. It chronicles the unique history of Texas agriculture, a proud record that otherwise might be lost forever."

To be eligible for the program, the farm or ranch must meet these qualifications:

- The farm/ranch has to have been agriculturally productive for 100 years or more and the line of ownership traced from the first family member to the present, either through direct relatives or by marriage.
- The land must fit the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: 10 acres or more with agricul-

tural sales of \$50 or more a year; or if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.

- Owner(s) must be actively managing the everyday operation of the property.

- If ALL the land has ever been rented to someone outside of the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was leased, and as much as 10 acres retained in the family for agricultural production with sales of at least \$50 annually, it will qualify.

- Deadline to submit applications for properties established in 1903 or before is Nov. 15, 2003.

Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during the ceremony in Austin in March, 2004. The history of the farm or ranch will also be chronicled in a registry. Honorees can also obtain historic farm or ranch signage for their property.

Program applications are available through TDA, county judges and on TDA's website at [www.agr.state.tx.us](http://www.agr.state.tx.us). For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Burns-Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or (512) 463-2631.

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## NOTICE

The City of Matador will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on September 11, 2003, at City Hall Council Room, Matador, Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2003. The proposed tax rate is .32325 per \$100 of value.

## NOTICE

The City of Roaring Springs will hold a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on September 8, 2003, at the City Hall Council room, Roaring Springs, Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the Tax Year 2003. The proposed tax rate is .39878 per \$100 of value.

## NOTICE

The Motley County Hospital District will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 9, 2003, in the Board Room, Motley County Clinic, Matador, Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2003. The proposed tax rate is .1224 per \$100 of value.

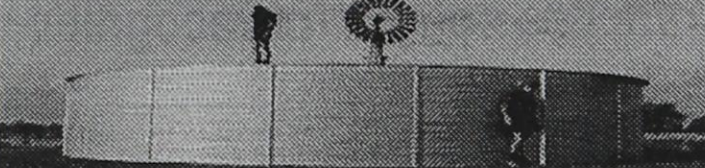
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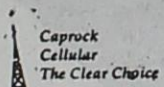
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