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Big and Beautiful Tree

This big, beautiful Mimosa tree, located at the home of Randy and Holly Meredith, south of Roaring Springs, was in its full glory covered in gorgeous pink blooms when this picture was taken. There are several Mimosa trees in Roaring Springs and throughout the county showing their glory in recent weeks. Although the age of this tree is unknown it is believed to be fairly old considering its size. The tree is huge and is believed to be the largest Mimosa tree in the county.

July 15th last day to register for Kid's Camp

Thursday, July 15, is the last day to register for Kid's Camp. Those wishing to register their child may pick up forms at the Motley County Library or by contacting Alex Crowder in Roaring Springs at 348-7336. The annual camp will be held at the Roaring Springs Community Center July 26-30, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Motley County ISD will run a bus each day. The bus will leave from the front of the school at 8:40 a.m. and return at approximately 3:15 p.m. If you would like for your child to ride the bus, permission forms must be completed and turned in to Mr. Crowder or presented to the bus driver on Monday, July 26.

This year's camp has lots of great activities planned. Kids will have the chance to learn first aid, woodworking, painting and much more. The popular Science Spectrum display will also be on hand with some surprises in store. Every child, age 6-11, (completed Kindergarten through the completion of fifth grade) are encouraged to attend. The cost of the camp is only \$5.00 for the entire week. Camp organizers want every child who would like to attend camp to be able to do so. If finances are a problem, scholarships are available.

Don't let your child miss this exciting event!

A planning meeting for Team leaders and assistants will be held Saturday, July 17, at 10:00 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall in the Methodist Church at Roaring Springs. All team leaders and assistants should attend this meeting.

For more information contact Alex Crowder at 806-348-7336.

Motley County Commissioners Court meets for regular session

Motley County Commissioners Court met for their regular meeting Monday, July 12. 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. Also in attendance was Sheriff Jim Meador.

Mrs. Hurt read the minutes from the previous meeting. Outstanding bills were reviewed by Commissioners, as well as reports by the Treasurer, Tax Collector, Justice of the Peace and Library Report. Elaine Hart, Tax Assessor/Collector, presented a delinquent tax list to Commissioners for their approval. Commissioners approved minutes, bills, reports and the delinquent tax list.

Douglas Campbell from TxDOT met with the Court to inform the Commissioners that work on Tom Ball Bridge will be closed to through traffic until it is completed. The new bridge will be 26 feet wide and 60 ft. long.

Judge Smith informed the court that three Department of Public Safety Officers representing the DOT Branch of the DPS met with him and Mr. Campbell and presented information concerning moving DPS scales from Slaton to Matador. After much discussion on the subject, Commissioner Davis made the motion for the Judge to acquire more information about the matter and what the cost will be to the county, seconded by Commissioner Alexander. Commissioners Jameson and Turner voted against with Commissioners

Davis, Alexander and Judge Smith voting for Motion passed. Judge Smith will compile this information and present it to the court for final vote.

Judge Smith informed the court that WTRCA had sent information on the county's premium for blanket liability insurance. The premium is down \$986 for the next fiscal year to \$20,344.00.

Sheriff Meador informed the court that he has rehired Rickey Lawrence as full time deputy. Matt Coates will begin July 15 as a deputy with salary supplement from the City of Matador.

Tax Collector Elaine Hart and Charlie Johnson representing the Hospital District met with the court to discuss a split tax payment method and doing away with early tax payment discounts. Commissioner Turner made the motion to con-

tinue to honor the split tax payment system and to request the other taxing entities give their input on this matter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jameson. Motion passed by full approval of the court. Commissioner Davis made the motion to continue to offer discounts for early payment of taxes, seconded by Commissioner Alexander. Motion passed by full approval of the court.

Judge Smith presented to the court the names that were submitted for approval for the Democratic and Republican Election Judges. Commissioner Alexander made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jameson to accept the names as presented. Motion passed by full approval.

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30th Annual Motley County Jr. Rodeo held last weekend in Roaring Springs

The 30th Annual Motley County 4-H Jr. Rodeo was held last weekend, July 9-10, in Roaring Springs.

Due to the fact that Motley County is now without a County Agent or a County Agent Secretary, no one remembered to notify the *Motley County Tribune* of the event, so there was no coverage in last week's paper. Please remember that we at the newspaper are just like anyone else, we don't know unless

someone tells us. We try to remember from year to year when an event takes place, but that's a lot to remember! We do apologize.

The annual rodeo is spon-

sored by the Motley County Adult Leader's Association. According to association member, Mrs. D'anna Russell, the absence of a County Agent or Secretary will also make getting results together a little slower, but the association hopes to have Rodeo results, sponsors and donors, ready for next week's paper. Mrs. Russell, along with others put in many hours of hard work to make this year's event possible.

Winners of the money drawing give-away sponsored by the Rodeo Association were: Caron Perkins, Snyder, \$1,000.00; Jay Hurt, Guthrie, \$300.00; and Joey Martin, \$200.00.

Education board considers extra science requirements

A \$200 million plan being considered by the State Board of Education would require high school students across the state to take four years of science classes in order to graduate - double the current requirement.

Proponents say the more rigorous standards are needed in the face of poor test scores in science. But critics cite a lack of science teachers and say the increased costs needed to build hundreds of new science classrooms and laboratories could take away from other areas and hurt already cash-strapped districts.

Under a new law passed by the Legislature, beginning this fall Texas high school students will have to take at least three years of science to graduate. Previously, only two years of science classes were required.

The board approved the four-year requirement 14-1 in a preliminary vote in May. The measure, which could take effect in the fall of 2005, comes up for final consideration next week.

"There's no question we need more strength in our sci-

ence core," board Vice Chairman Cynthia Thornton said in Saturday editions of The Dallas Morning News. "If you look at the most recent TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) results in science, we are hurting."

Thornton said almost 94,000, or about 36 percent of high school sophomores, failed the science section of TAKS this year.

The four-year standard exists in only three other states: Alabama, Idaho and North Dakota.

Groups including The Texas Association of School Administrators said the change would only exacerbate money woes at many school districts.

In a letter to superintendents across the state, the group said "school districts are currently experiencing tremendous financial strain. Implementation of the proposed rule will add further to the financial crisis in our schools."

The only board member to vote against the plan during the preliminary vote was Dan Mont-

gomery, R-Fredericksburg.

"I'm not opposed to a more rigorous curriculum for our students, we just need to give a proposal this sweeping more study," he said. "No other large

Matador City Council meets with short agenda

Matador City Council met in regular session Thursday, July 8, with the following present: Mayor Paul Westbrook, Council members, Jim Watson, Chuck Ream, Pat Seigler, Shane Jones, Bert Darsey, Water Superintendent Steve Barton; and City Secretary, Lara Davey.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Westbrook.

No one was present for open forum. Items for action included the following:

— Minutes from the June 10 meeting were read and approved.

— A list of expenditures was

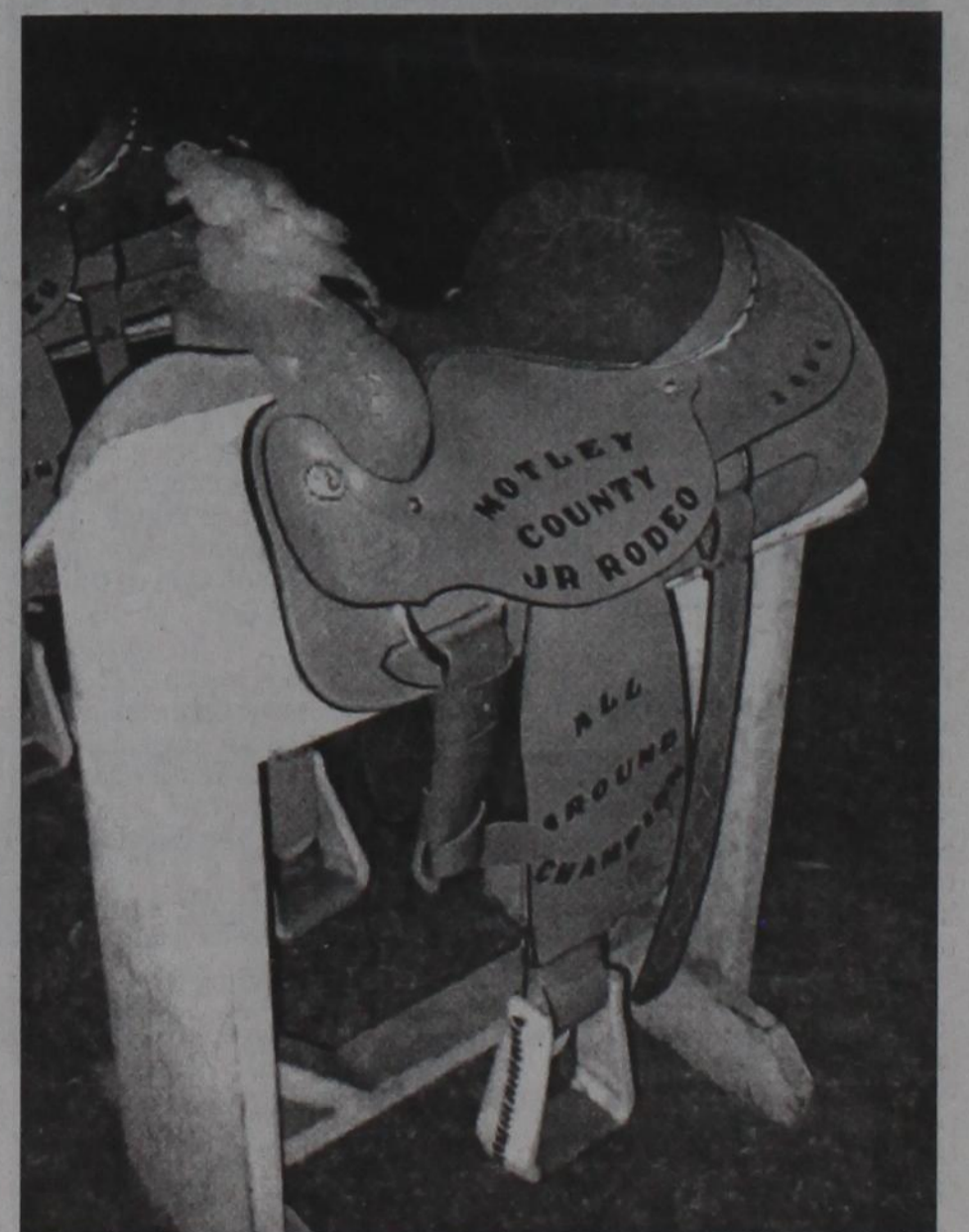
presented and approved for payment.

— A revised personnel manual was reviewed and approved.

— A resolution for the City Council to approve the City's section of the Regional Mitigation Action Plan for South Plains Association of Governments was presented and passed.

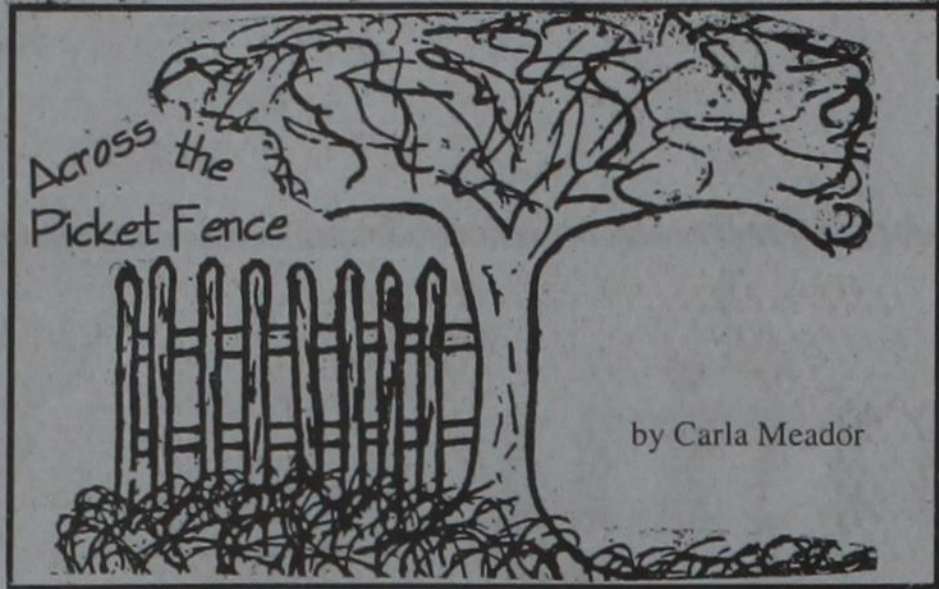
Mayor Westbrook advised Council that the application for the Nursing Home is still in Lubbock and being reviewed by Lance Smith of the USDA office. Mr. Smith advised Mayor

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PRIZE SADDLE — A handmade saddle, constructed in Post, was presented to the High Point Senior winners, Melyssa Elliott of Paducah and Dustin Payne of Canyon. Melyssa and Dustin were not available for pictures due to the fact that they had to leave for another rodeo. See more photos on page 4.

(Rodeo photos by D'anna Russell)



People over 35 should be dead. Here's why —

According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 40's, 50's, 60's, or even maybe the early 70's, probably shouldn't have survived.

Our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paint.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets, ... and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets. (Not to mention the risks we took hitchhiking.)

As children, we would ride in cars with no seatbelts or air bags.

Riding in the back of a pickup truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle.

We ate cupcakes, bread and butter, and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but we were never overweight because we were always outside playing.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle, and no one actually died from this.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then rode down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. NO CELL PHONES!

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, video tape movies, surround sound, personal cell phones, personal computers, or Internet chat rooms.

We had FRIENDS! We went outside and found them.

We played dodge ball, and sometimes, the ball would really hurt.

We fell out of trees, got cut and broke bones and teeth, and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. They were accidents. No one was to blame but us. Remember accidents?

We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it.

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms, and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rang the bell or just walked in and talked to them.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment.

Some students weren't as smart as others, so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade.

Tests were not adjusted for any reason. Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected.

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law. Imagine that!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever.

The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

Most people under 30 are just whimps!

Couple Exchanges Wedding Vows in Summer Garden Ceremony

Stephanie Leigh Anne Nielsen and Robert Thomas Darsey III exchanged wedding vows at 7:00 p.m., May 15, in a beautiful garden ceremony at the home of Scotty and Sandra Stark of Quitaque. Stuart Smith of Turkey officiated.

Parents of the bride are Jerry Allen and Kellye Payne of Quitaque. Grandparents are W.E. and Shirlee Hawkins of Quitaque and Roger and Oveta Nielsen of Robert Lee. Great-grandmother is Artie Mae Gilbert of Turkey.

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas Darsey, Jr. of Matador. Grandparents are Mrs. Robert Thomas Darsey, Sr. of Matador, Dorlores Fox of Dickens, and Mr. and Mrs. Dumont Bridge of Plainview.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride arrived at the wedding in a white horse-drawn carriage provided by Odie Reagan of Quitaque.

Hunter Sturgess of Seminole, nephew of the bride, served as the messenger "cowboy" who rode his stick horse in and carried the message that announced the arrival of the bride.

Maid of Honor was Mindy Leal of Quitaque. Bridesmaids were Amanda Roys of Lubbock, Crystal Blain of Mangum, Okla., Sally Smith of Goodlett, and Dawna Warren of Lubbock.

Jr. Bridesmaids and flower girls were Dottie Payne, sister of the bride, of Quitaque and Audrey Kos, cousin of the bride, of Amarillo.

Ring bearers were Chester Kos of Amarillo and Colton Smith of Lubbock, both cousins of the bride.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas Darsey III and Pastor Stuart Smith.

Paige Davis of Seminole registered the guests.

Best man was Nathan Shannon of Matador. Groomsmen were Dumont Darsey, brother of the groom, of Matador, Clay Bridge, cousin of the groom, of Afton, Aaron Green of Matador, and Rob Gillespie of Lubbock. Ushers were Terry Simpson of Matador and J.C. Pigg, cousin of the bride, of Quitaque.

Music for the wedding and reception was provided by Billy


Kaine Robison of Turkey and Brody Davis of Amarillo. Photographer for the wedding was Michael Kos, uncle of the bride.

The reception was held in the garden after the wedding. Members of the house party were Cindy Kos of Amarillo and Susie House of Turkey, both aunts of the bride, Cheri Davis of Lubbock and Sandra Stark of Quitaque. Servers were Sammie Dee Ross of Quitaque, Randa Green of Matador, Laura Payne of Flomot, Tammy Simpson and Brittany Moore of Matador.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Valley High School. She is attending Clarendon College majoring in Agriculture Education.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Motley County High School and attended South Plains College. He is presently a councilman for the City of Matador and is a partner in South Plains Contracting of Matador.

After a honeymoon trip to Pagosa Springs, Colorado, the couple have made their home in Matador.



Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

The library has several new adult fiction books including Janet Evanovich's newest, *10 Big Ones*. The library has several of Evanovich's books in paperback, hardback and on audio tape.

We also have *Circle of Grace* by Penelope J. Stokes. This is the story of four college friends who have kept a "circle journal" going around to each other for thirty years. This book emphasizes the blessings and redemptive power of women's friendships.

The library also offers Catherine Coulter's latest, *Blowout An FBI Thriller* and Elizabeth Lowell's *Color of Death*. James Lee Burke has written a new novel, *In the Moon of Red Ponies*. Kathy Reichs continues her series about a medical examiner that

divides her time between North Carolina and Quebec in a new book called *Monday Morning*.

Also new to library shelves are *Ice Run* by Steve Hamilton and *Full Dark House* by Christopher Fowler. Gerry Boyle has written a book called *Home Body*. These many more new books are ready to be checked out at the Motley County Library.

Former Ghetto Gang Leader to speak at First Baptist Church

Dr. Rick Ingle, evangelist, and a former ghetto gang leader, will hold a One Day Harvest Service Sunday, July 25, at the First Baptist Church in Matador.

Ingle was a teenage gang leader in the ghettos of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania before his conversion. Now a full time evangelist he has conducted over twelve hundred revival campaigns across the world. The top ten churches in the 16.5 million Southern Baptist Convention, honored for their outstanding baptismal records, have been led by evangelist Ingle.

In 1973, his conversion story, "From a Ghetto Gang Leader to the Pulpit," was broadcast worldwide, on every continent, and beamed over the iron and Bamboo curtains in several languages, on over 400 radio stations.

Dr. Ingle graduated from Eastern and Immanuel Baptist colleges and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He holds both the Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Literature degrees. He is the author of six books.

The local congregation will provide special music for this Harvest Service.

Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m. and worship services begin at 11:00 a.m. Evening services will be conducted at 7:00 p.m.

A pizza supper and magic show for grades 1-6 will be held at 6:00 p.m. A fabulous pizza pig-out for Junior and Senior High, College and Career will be held at 8:00 p.m.

Pastor Jack Boggs invites the public to all the Sunday services. A nursery will be provided.

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• Pivots
& Divots

• by Mary



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Ladies Play Day on Thursday, July 1, was for Most One Putts. Playing 18 holes were Dartha, Judy C., Francine, Geneva, Jean, LaVoe and Louise. LaVoe won with 10 one putts. Playing 9 holes were Frances, Nell, Tommye and Virginia. Nell won with 3 one putts. Welcome to Virginia! We are glad you have joined us.

Ladies Play Day on Thursday July 8, was for Most Bogeys on Odd Holes. Playing 18 holes were Louise, Liv, Mary Morris, Francine, LaVoe, Jean, Geneva and Judy C. Mary won with 6. Playing 9 holes were Nell, Tommye, Marihelen, Frances and Mary. Nell and Frances had 3 each.

The Tuesday Scramble held on June 29 had 43 players - a great turnout! Jim Bays won closest to the pin on #3 with 13' 8 1/2". Winners were:

First - 27 - Mike Hancock, Jan Hancock, Darrell Cruse, Derrick Cruse and Matt Washington.

Second - 28 - Alan Bingham, Kay Bingham, Chance Bingham, Isaiah Archer, Corky Marshall and Randy Martin.

Third - 30 - Cody Dodson, Weasel, Tom Hale, Brandon Moore and Casey Lawrence.

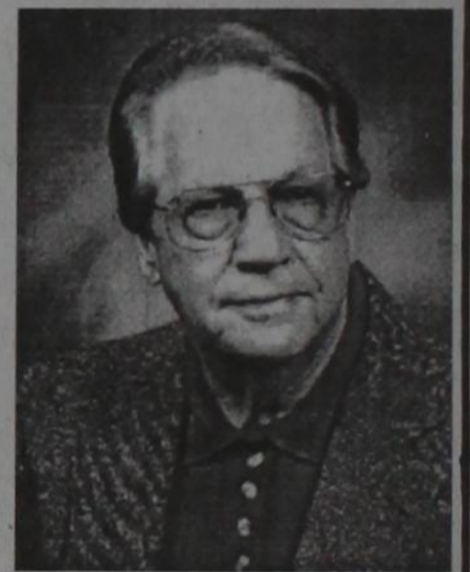
Others playing were Bill Hoover, Jean Hoover, Stan Hanesworth, Don Wilson, Lee Jones, Frank Mzyk, Kenny Barton, Liv Barton, Robert Osborn, Olivia Osborn, Paul Westbrook, Ken Marshall, Chet Dye, Brice Dye, Cody Dye, Rian Freeman, Geneva Wilson, Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, Billy Tidwell, James Allen, Conway Clary, Rob Francis, Tempie Francis, Jim Bays, Robert Francis and Fritz Francis.

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Former Ghetto Gang Leader

Sunday, July 25

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.

Pizza Supper & Magic Show - 6:00 p.m.
for grades 1-6

Fabulous Pizza Pig-Out - 8:00 p.m.
for Jr. High, High School, College & Career

First Baptist Church

Matador, Texas

"... Not by might, nor by power,
but by My Spirit saith the Lord."

The Journey



"Life is in the journey." Another old saying, and yet so very true. As you and I travel through this life we have many opportunities. Many good things happen and some things not so good also happen. When things are going great for us we remember God. But many times when things happen like crisis, depression or tragedy, we question God or the very existence of God.

Why is it that sometimes we forget who is in control? In Ecclesiastes Solomon tells us about his many experiences during his journey through this life. He speaks of wisdom, of foolishness and of pain and pleasures. He concludes that all these things when weighed against Eternity are simply vanity. Solomon's expression is ... "a striving after the wind."

Whether we are going through good times or bad, Solomon reminds us to remember our Creator. No matter what happens, our God is there for us. We also remember the Apostle Paul's reminder in Romans 8:38-39, "I am convinced that ... any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Sure. Life is in the journey! Rejoice. It is God who has given us this life.

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

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

Greenbelt Golf kids compete in area tournaments

by Wendi Taylor

Motley County Greenbelt Golf kids have been busy competing in various golf tournaments in the area. On Saturday, June 19, Hance and Hayden Davey, Austin and Bryant Taylor, Christian and Mattie Brooks, Jonathon Osborn, Lexi Osborn, Britt Simpson, Seth Baxter, Logan Ferguson, Bryce Brady, and Isaiah Archer traveled to Childress. Austin tied for second, but wasn't able to clench the chip off and came home with the bronze medal instead. There was a tie for third place in the 4th and 5th grade division and after tying twice on a chip off the third time was a charm and Jonathon Osborn was able to bring home the bronze medal as well. Isaiah Archer placed fourth in his division.



Mattie Brooks concentrates on her swing at a recent golf tournament.



Shelby Elliott has good form as she prepares to swing at a Greenbelt Golf Tournament.

In the K-3rd grade boy's division Austin Taylor received the silver medal. Chance Bingham placed second and Isaiah Archer grabbed the fifth spot in the 9th-12th grade division.

The Greenbelt Golfers traveled to Memphis for their last tournament of the season, Tuesday, July 6. Making the trip were Austin and Bryant Taylor, Hance and Hayden Davey, Macie Marshall, Bryce Brady, Sage Guerrero, Christian and Mattie Brooks, Jonathon Osborn, Jay and Neal Potts, Reagan and Shelby Elliott, Seth Baxter, Isaiah Archer, and Chance Bingham. In the K-3rd grade division Austin Taylor placed second shooting a 21. His little brother, Bryant, and Seth Baxter were right on his heels shooting a 23. Although they shot the same score, Bryant did not have any pickups and was able to take the fourth place finish with Seth coming home with fifth. Jonathon Osborn placed first in his division. On one hole he took an eagle with an awesome drive and perfect chip. Chance Bingham placed second and Isaiah Archer placed sixth in their division.

With Memphis being the last tournament of the season trophies were distributed to the first three places of each division. Austin Taylor received the second place trophy in the K-3rd grade division. Chance Bingham brought home the first place trophy, and Isaiah Archer wasn't far behind bringing home the third place trophy in their 9th-12th grade division. This was Isaiah's first year to play and he chose to join the older age group rather than his 6th-8th grade division. He very obviously held his own. Great job, Isaiah!

A great group of kids represented Motley County this year. With the exception of four or five kids, each one was a beginner and improved tremendously between the first and last tournament. Most of these kids aren't old enough to drive, which means that there were a lot of parents, grandparents, and even an older sister who helped out along the way. Even though we had a great time and are glad this season is over we will be even more excited next year and hope that more kids will consider joining our Greenbelt Golf Association.



Isaiah Archer, Chance Bingham (back left to right) and Austin Taylor, (front) were presented trophies and medals for their accomplishments at the Greenbelt Golf Tournaments. Isaiah received third place in the 9-12 division, Chance received first in the same division, and Austin received second in the K-3 division.



Britt Simpson, Christian Brooks, Austin Taylor, Jonathon Osborn and Lexie Osborn, at a recent tournament.

Vacation Bible School to be held August 2-6 at Full Gospel Church

Power Up! Join the team. Make a difference the world will see. A fun-packed Vacation Bible School program will take place daily from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., August 2 - 6, at the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church. The high impact experience is about far more than being in shape. It offers kids the opportunity to help reshape their world.

Kids will explore five of the one-another passages in the Bible and discover that Jesus builds them up from the inside out. Through hands-on activities they will see that they can reshape their world as they Love One Another, Accept One Another, Serve One Another, Comfort One Another, and Forgive One Another.

"We've packed the week full

of challenges and excitement, including Word of Life Center, Movers and Shakers Fitness Fun, Munch and Crunch Cafe and High Impact Crafts," said Brooke Barton, a director. "So get ready to do the spiritual stretch! Sit up. Push up. Pull up. Don't give up. You're cross training for life."

Kids 2 years old through the sixth grade are invited to attend. On Friday, after the program, a hamburger cookout will be held and kids can have fun jumping in the big air jumper.

Pre-registration will be held at Joe P's Drive-In and Anna's Mexican Restaurant in Matador or The Hitchin' Post in Roaring Springs. For more information contact Brooke Barton at 347-2970.

Science Requirements from page 1

coursework includes one required credit in biology, as well as electives in chemistry, physics or a combination of the two.

To satisfy the fourth credit, an earth science course would be added. To make room for the extra class, an elective would likely have to be eliminated.

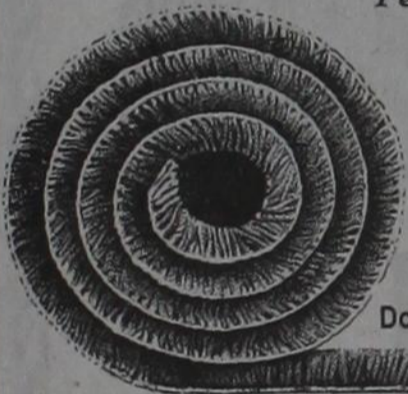
The Texas Music Educators Association said that could have a negative impact on students and teachers.

"This is yet another step in eliminating electives for students despite the fact that studies show elective courses are a key component of keeping kids in school," said Robert Floyd, the group's executive director.

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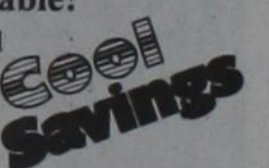
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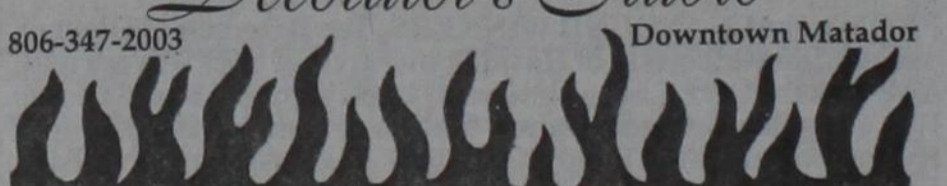


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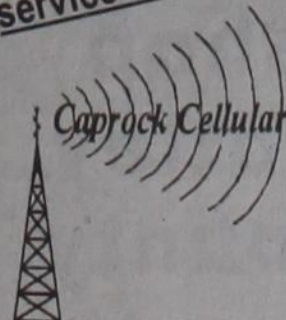
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Historical Whiteflat Cemetery, a connecting place for families

by Earlyne Jameson

The historical Whiteflat Cemetery is a peaceful place to explore and renew memories. As Thomas Jefferson said, "A morsel of genuine history is a thing so rare as to be always valuable."

The acres of land at the Whiteflat Cemetery was donated by A.B. Echols, July 8, 1913, and finalized July 11, 1913. He was a highly successful and much respected citizen of Motley County. He filed on a claim north of Whiteflat and in 1895 purchased a 17,000 acre ranch in the foothills of the Caprock. He added more land to his holdings as the years went by.

When donating the land, Mr. Echols made the stipulation that it be used as the Whiteflat Cemetery. The survey No. 50 in block T is located southwest of Whiteflat.

The oldest headstone is in the corner of the cemetery. The thin gray stone tells of Daisey Emily Green who died February 29, 1913. She was buried here five months before the land was donated. She was the sister of J.C. Green, Sr. and died of influenza when she was 32 years old. The most recent burial at the Cemetery was Katheryn Martin, January 29, 2004. She is buried by her husband, Henry L. Martin, who preceded her in death, July 12, 1988. He was a World War II veteran.

In the book, "The Interments in Motley County" by Mrs. Rita Groves, she has recorded 110 Whiteflat burials in this Cemetery plot up to 1977. Seigler Funeral Home has had 17 Whiteflat Cemetery burials

since 1977 for a total of 127 gravesites here.

As I walked by these graves, I tried to imagine what life had been like for them. It was easy to become lost in thought about those who had come and gone before I arrived on the scene. Some graves are old and undefined while others are marked by headstones with loving tributes. There are men buried here that had returned home as honored veterans of their patriotic duty.

In the past, Whiteflat and ex-Whiteflat residents took care of the Cemetery taking lawn mowers, hoes and rakes to the location. As time elapsed, those conscientious citizens have either died or are physically unable to continue this courtesy.

Ryan Martin, who lives in the Whiteflat rural community, volunteered to be the caretaker of the cemetery since he has family members buried here. His offer was accepted with gratitude. The land has good water drainage and no sunken graves. He and wife, Jamie have this landscape in the best of conditions even grubbing up small mesquite trees. The Whiteflat Cemetery Association bought a weed eater and chemical hand sprayer to help with the chores. They had Robert Gillespie spray mesquite trees here the past year.

To help with on-going expense, those that wish to donate to the Whiteflat Cemetery Fund or give a Memorial can send it to Mrs. Frances Dixon, P.O. Box 180, Matador, Texas 79244.

"A people without a history is like the wind over buffalo grass."

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, A. B. Echols, of the County of Motley, State of Texas, for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar and other good and valuable considerations, to, me in hand paid by C. B. Whitten County Judge of Motley County Texas. a receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have Granted Sold And Conveyed, and by these presents do Grant, Sell and Convey, unto the said C. B. Whitten, County Judge, and his successors in office of the County of Motley State of Texas, all that certain parcel of land being subdivision No. one of survey No. 50 in block No. T. in Motley County Texas; beginning at a point in the E. B. line of the said survey No. 50 and 913.6 VS South of its N. E. corner said point is marked by a thimble skein of a wagon driven in the ground; thence 300 VS a stake; Thence West 112.9 vrs. to a stake; Thence North 300 VS to a stake; Thence East 112.9 VS to the place of beginning; containing six acres.

The above described tract or parcel of land to be used for public graveyard and for no other purpose.

I hereby certify that the said is no part of my homestead nor has it ever been used by me as such.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging, unto the said C. B. Whitten, County Judge of Motley County and his successors in office heirs and assigns forever and I do hereby bind myself and my heirs, executors and administrators, to Warrant and Forever Defend, all and singular the said premises unto the said C. B. Whitten, County Judge and his successors in office his heirs and assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

Witness my hand at Matador, this 10th day of July, A.D. 1913.

A. B. Echols,

The State of Texas | County of Motley |

Before me, C. M. Glenn, a Notary Public in and for Motley County, Texas, on this day personally appeared A. B. Echols, known to me: to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 10th day of July, A. D. 1913.

(SEAL).

C. M. Glenn, Notary Public, Motley County, Texas.

Filed for Record this the 11th. day of July, A. D. 1913, at 7:07 O'clock A. M., and duly recorded this the 9th. day of August, A. D. 1913, at 1:26 O'clock A. M.

Clerk County Court, Motley County, Texas.

USDA announces 100 million to assist rural emergency responders

TEMPLE, Texas -- Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced last week that \$100 million is committed for a new USDA First Responder initiative to support rural emergency responder efforts by prioritizing the financing for needed equipment and services.

"The Bush Administration is committed to assisting rural communities prepare for emergencies and the delivery of life-saving services," Veneman said during a visit here with Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge to the University of Minnesota to recognize the new Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence of Agro Security. "The funds announced are a major investment in the lives and security of our citizens and are part of USDA's ongoing investment in the future of rural communities and their ability to better prepare for emergency situations."

Bryan Daniel, Texas State Director for USDA Rural Development said, "We are pleased with projects funded in Texas for this important first responder initiative. We are proud of the job all first responders do in helping Texans with local emergencies."

Veneman said that as part of USDA's First Responder Initiative, a minimum of one dollar of every five dollars of fiscal year 2004 community facility funding available, will be dedicated to first responder type requests. USDA Rural Development provides financing of a variety of community facilities, such as: libraries, courthouses, fire and rescue facilities and equipment, police and emergency vehicles and services and other community focused facilities and services. The initiative will prioritize the funding of at least \$100 million to specifically strengthen the ability of rural communities to respond to local emergencies.

The following types of projects are emphasized through this initiative: fire protection equipment, police station, fire station, police car, fire trucks, civil defense building, rescue and ambulance service, equipment building, emergency response training, hospital, physicians clinic, outpatient care, early storm warning, office building, county health department office migrant health center, food preparation, distribution center communications center, animal shelter, veterinarians mobile communications center, education facilities for emergency.

Veneman said that so far \$81 million has been obligated to fund 20 fire stations, 24 fire trucks, 8 police cars and other fire and rescue equipment, including \$36,500 for a fire truck and an ambulance for Minnesota. In addition, funding will support over 20 health care related efforts such as hospitals and medical centers, as well as nine ambulances. In total, over

100 first responder applications have been approved for funding. Funding of selected applicants will be contingent upon meeting the conditions of the loan and/or grant agreement. A first list of the individual awards can be found at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/newsroom/news.htm>.

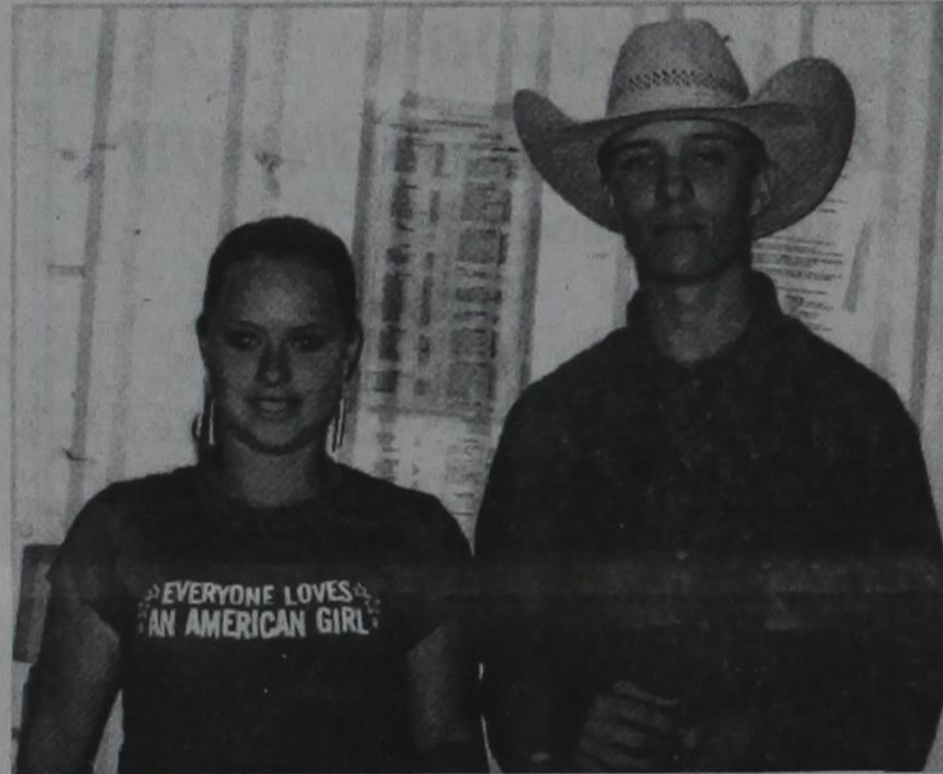
During the Bush Administration over \$1.5 billion has been invested by USDA Rural Development to address essential community needs that assist with public needs, including: the purchase of 508 fire trucks, 103 police cars, and 156 ambulances and construction or renovation of 79 hospitals, 71 public or charter schools, and 155 child care centers. In addition, \$29 million in grant funds have been invested in 93 telemedicine grant projects to develop technologies needed to enhance medical care involving 846 health care institutions.

Secretary Veneman and Secretary Ridge were in Minneapolis on July 6 to highlight a new Department of Homeland Security Centers of Excellence for Agro Security. In January of this year, President Bush signed a Homeland Security Presidential Directive, known as HSPD-9, which is a national strategy for food and agriculture. It formalizes security strategies and approaches, including the establishment of these university-based Centers of Excellence.

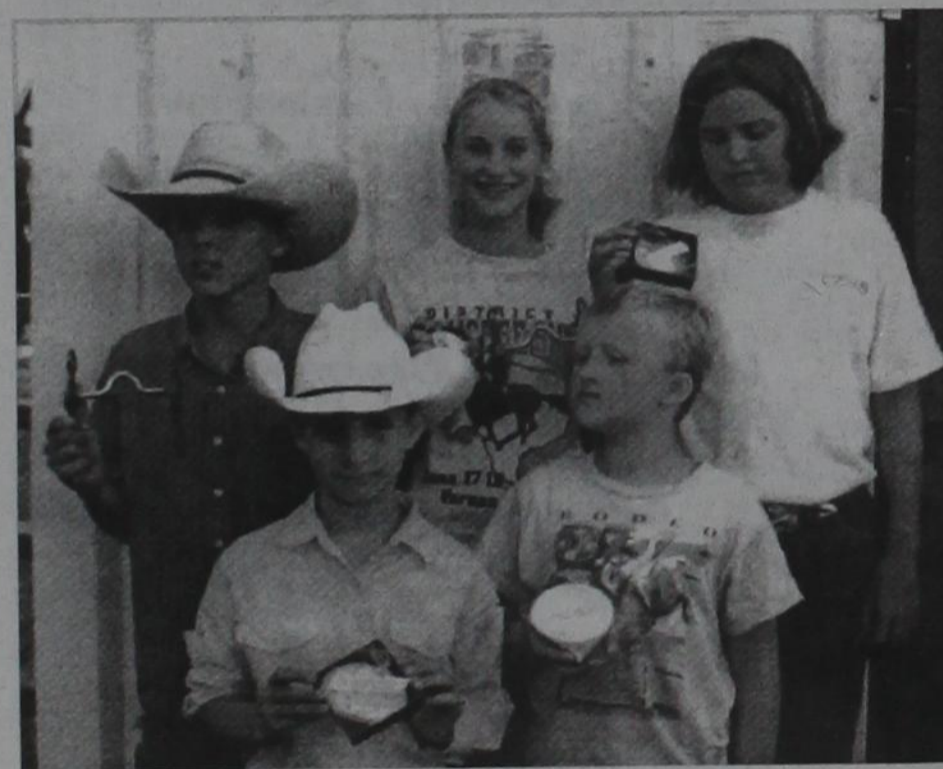
In April, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced that Texas A&M University and the University of Minnesota were chosen to lead two new centers. DHS anticipates providing Texas A&M University, the University of Minnesota and their partners with a total of \$33 million over the course of the next three years to address security in two

key agricultural sectors - foreign animal diseases and food security. The work that will be done at these two outstanding institutions is a vital component of our efforts to engage partners at all levels, including governments, academic and the private sector, to help protect food and agriculture.

"The stakes are very high, not only in terms of human health and our agriculture system, but also in terms of our economy," said Veneman. "The food and fiber produced in our nation account for \$1.24 trillion or more than 12 percent of our gross domestic product. The food and agriculture sectors also employ nearly 24 million Americans or about 17 percent of our workforce. Research conducted at these institutions will greatly enhance our ability to protect against animal and plant pests and diseases and food pathogens."



JR. ALL AROUND WINNERS, at the 30th Annual Motley County Jr. Rodeo were Tiffani Sooter of Lovington, NM and Kelby Phillips of Guthrie, (13-15 age division).



PEE WEE ALL AROUND WINNERS, Tee Bateman of Dickens and Ashton Rutkowski of Haskell, pictured at back left to right. Also pictured are Larami Stewart, back right, of Munday, Pee Wee Flag Race winner; Dalton Mathis of Haskell, Pre-Kid Calf Riding winner and Brody Galloway of Crosbyton, Pre-Kids Poles, pictured in front left to right.

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Energy Conservation Tips

Lower your energy bills when the temperature rises by following these guidelines

Houston - With the onset of warmer weather in West Texas, WTU Retail Energy L.P. offers energy conservation tips for residential consumers. From inexpensive, do-it-yourself steps to long-term investments requiring the help of professional contractors, these suggestions are for every area of the home. They will conserve energy, which in turn will lower customers' electric bills.

Tips for Free and Easy Savings:

* Turn up the thermostat to 80 degrees or higher throughout the day, turning the air-conditioner off when you are not at home. Typically, raising the temperature just five degrees will reduce cooling costs by 15 to 25 percent.

* Close the blinds, shade, or draperies during the hottest part of the day.

* Use ceiling or other fans to keep comfortable when the thermostat is set to higher temperatures. Remember to turn fans off when you leave the room.

* Run your dishwasher only fully loaded and on the air-dry cycle.

* Set the water temperature to warm or cold on your washing machine, using only cold water for the rinse cycle. Line dry clothes when possible. Only run full loads in the dryer and clean the lint trap after each use.

* Set the water heater temperature to a moderate level of 140 degrees.

* Use a microwave instead of an oven range whenever possible.

* Cook more than one item at a time in the oven. Preheat the oven only five to eight minutes when baking.

* Use small cooking appliances such as electric fry pans and toaster ovens whenever possible.

possible.

* Defrost your freezer when ice or frost buildup is 1/4 inch or thicker.

* Vacuum or brush the cooling coils in the back of your refrigerator at least every six months.

Low Cost Tips

* Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent lights, which use 75 percent less electricity.

* Clean or replace the filter in the air conditioner, whether it is a central or window unit, every month to save as much as two percent on your electric bills. Having trouble remembering? A good rule of thumb is to clean or change your filter each time you pay your electric bill.

* Shade an outdoor-air-conditioning unit to conserve up to 5 percent of the energy it uses while being in the sun.

* Install a programmable thermostat that automatically adjusts your home's temperature settings in line with your schedule and you could save up to 20 percent on your energy costs.

* Weather strip, seal and caulk leaky doors and windows, and install foam gaskets behind outlet covers.

* Install a glass fireplace screen to prevent cooled air from escaping up the chimney.

Investing for Improvement

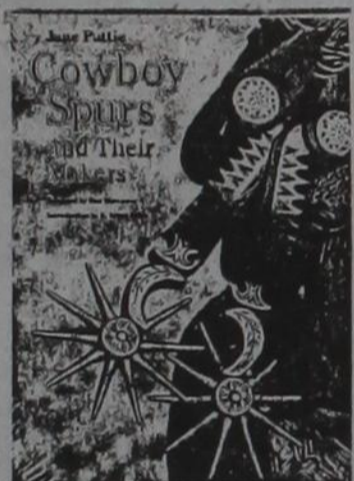
* If your air-conditioning unit is more than 10 years old, consider replacing it with a properly sized, high-efficiency system.

* Replace old windows with new high performance, energy efficient windows.

* Install a whole house fan in the attic to draw cooler air into your home and force hot air out through attic vents. Use it when the air is cool outside and in the early morning hours.



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After the Storm

The beautiful Texas sky was in full glory after a late June thunderstorm in Matador. This picture was taken after a down-pour of rain. Although June rainfall totals were good, July has only small amounts recorded.

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News Around the County

MOTLEY COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
NEWS & VIEWS
by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robert Keith and grandson of Georgetown visited in the home of Mrs. Rita Groves last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock of Lubbock visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Peacock for the weekend. Mr. Julian Zabielski visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zabielski this past week.

Miss Lula Swim went with the Red Hat organization to Crowell last Friday. They had a very good time at the Crowell Museum. They also toured the Cynthia Ann Parker and the Fire Station Department Museums. They had lunch at the Steak House.

Rev. Paul Stearns and Lula Swim attended a church meeting at Plainview on Thursday night.

The group of children met at the park on Wednesday morning for the House of Faith meeting. Twenty-one children and one dog were present. Mrs. Jo Crowder gave the Bible lesson. Adults helping were Rev. Paul Stearns, Mrs. Joyce Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trammell and Mr. and Mrs. Corky Marshall.

There were fifteen ladies meeting in the home of Mrs. Lana Copp, Monday morning, July 12, for bible study. The group is led by Mrs. Clint Burns. The study was from the 10th chapter of Acts. The business was conducted by Mrs. P.K. Green. Mrs. Copp closed the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Lana Copp drove Miss Lula Swim to Floydada, Tuesday.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

How I like to get a letter,
A letter full of news
And maybe with some
clippings
And some self-made photo views.
How I like to get a letter
From a relative, a friend,
And revel in good wishes
And affection that they send
How I like to get a letter.....
There's a certain drawback
though
It means that there is now one
More letter I owe.

MORRIS FAMILY REUNION

The annual Morris family reunion was held Saturday, July 10 at the Holiday Inn in Plainview. Highlight of the reunion was the celebration of the 98th birthday of Mrs. Dillie Morris Garrett of Plainview, the only surviving member of the eleven Morris children.

Enjoying the festivities were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay of Flomot and their children, Mrs. Tina Carson, Walker, Ryleigh and Parker of Turkey, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee of Clifton and Mrs. Julie Edwards and Jaxon of Flomot; Mrs. Kathy Shorter and daughter and son, Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot. Others attended from California, Georgia and throughout Texas.

FAREWELL PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter hosted a Fish Fry at their home Sunday, night, July 11 for their son in law, Chad Calvert of Warrington, Virginia. He and their daughter, Cindy Shorter Calvert are leaving July 19th for Bogato, Columbia where Chad will be with the United States Embassy.

Those attending the courtesies were Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petrolia, Kevin and Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot.

HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Deana Washington of Roaring Springs was honored on her 50th birthday at the Springs Ranch Saturday. It was a Hawaiian luau with the wearing of lei flowers and Hawaiian shirts. She was presented a decorated cake adorned with a picture of her with a birthday cake on her fourth birthday.

Hosting the celebration was her family, Tim Washington, Matt, Ashley and Brazos Washington of Roaring Springs and Conway, Lacy, Caleb, Mickey and Kenzie Clary of Matador.

Guests attending were Erma and Bill Washington and Mrs. Connie Franks of Flomot; Bobby McWilliams, Christi and Danny Maynard, Chance and Macy of

Quitaque; Bruce and Ann McFall of Adrian; Martha, Amy and Zech Ludwig of Hereford; Mary Sue Bingham, Donna and Jim Taylor and Dallas of Amarillo; Wayne Womack and Courtney of Canyon.

Linda Kendall has been in Amarillo this week with her father, Richard March of Quitaque, a patient in the Veterans Hospital.

Visiting last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Browning, Malcolm, Whitney and Jason were Mrs. Donna Hernandez, Kayla and Kelly of Childress.

Mrs. Janice Hughes visited Saturday night and Sunday in Lubbock with her sister, Mrs. Marsha Blake. They celebrated the birthday of Janice's six year old grandson, Brennan Hughes at the Southwest Sport Center. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Hughes of Lubbock. They had a fun filled time.

Visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay are their grandchildren, Kyler and Karlee Kleibrink of Clifton.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse met her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning and brother E. J. Browning of Rising Star in Amarillo to attend the Browning family reunion Friday and Saturday. It was held at the Day's Inn. Also attending was Mrs. Foy Lane of Turkey. Thirty nine relatives attended.

Mrs. Darla Gwinn accompanied daughter, Danielle to White River Camp Sunday where she will enjoy activities until Friday.

Clarendon College offers entrance exam for Vocational Nursing Program

Clarendon, Texas - Clarendon College is offering an entrance test for individuals interested in applying for admission into the Vocational Nursing Program on Wednesday, July 7.

Cost for the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is \$40 and will be given at the Vocational Nursing Program classroom located at 313 South Kearney. Achieving a passing score on the TEAS is one of the admission requirements for the program and individuals may only take the test a maximum of two (2) times. Test times are by appointment only. Other test dates for the TEAS will be July 13 and August 23.

Vocational Nursing is a one-year program being offered in Clarendon. Satisfactory completion of the program entitles the student to receive a Certificate of Completion and to take the examination required by the State Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse in the state of Texas.

To register for the TEAS test or for more information about the Clarendon College Vocational Nursing Program, contact Sharron Rust at (806) 874-3571.

Consider:

"In times like these it is good to remember that there have always been times like these."

-- Paul Harvey

The Chamber of Commerce website has two kinds of information -- the information that is obviously important to have on the site and the information that seems so obvious that it is hard to remember that it, too, is important to have on the site.

The first kind of information relates to things like the wild game that can be hunted in this county. It is important to include that information on the website so that people in other places know what they can find here, because many ranches are anxious to lease their land to hunters. Visitors also need to know what they will find here in the towns -- lodging, restaurants, shops, services, and recreational opportunities. Then there are the special events that draw people to our area like the Bluegrass Festival and the 70 Mile Garage Sale or the July 4th

and Old Settlers celebrations. The other kind of information is less obvious, simply because it relates to things that are obvious to people who live here, and often need to be reminded of their importance to people in other places. Residents of Motley County are accustomed to seeing hawks, and there are several nesting sites in the county. What we tend to forget is that this is something that makes this area special, and that there are bird watchers who travel great distances just to see what we are treated to on a regular basis.

We would like your help finding the second kind of information to add to our website; the information that seems so obvious that we tend to overlook it, but that could make folks in other parts of the country decide to come and visit us. You can visit the website at www.motleycounty.com to see what we have included, and then send us any suggestions at our e-mail address, motcocm@caprock-spur.com or call or come by the office.

Matador News

Dr. and Mrs. Tim Green of Austin, Mrs. Noel Scoggins and daughter, Allison, of Cedar Park, and Virginia Green of Whiteface accompanied Edna Ruth Green to Fargo, Ok

on July 6 to attend the funeral services of Margie Lee Huff. Mrs. Huff was the mother-in-law of Andy Green of Keller.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

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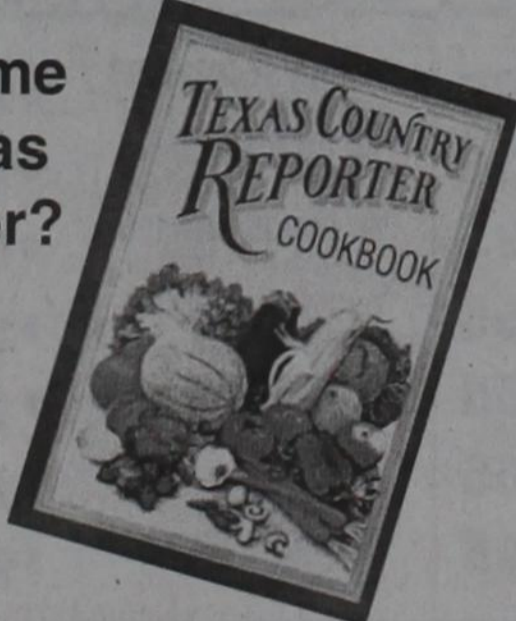
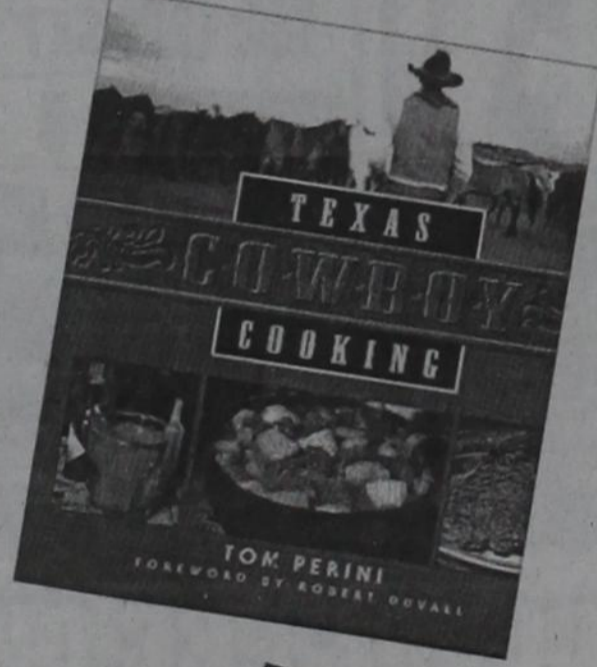
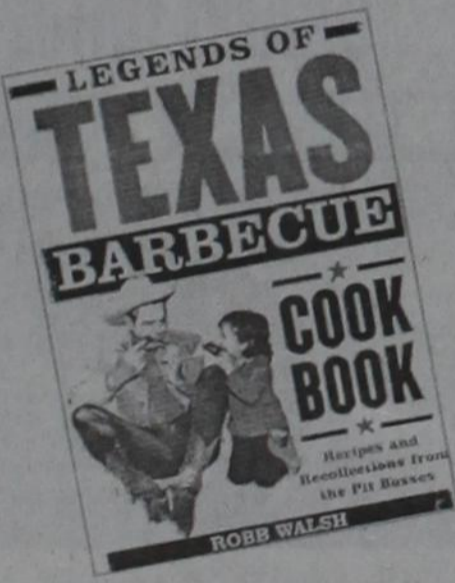
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Obituaries

Orval B. Latimer

Orval B. Latimer, 84, of Amarillo, died Thursday, July 8, 2004.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m., July 10, in Temple Baptist Church with Troy Richardson, pastor, and Tom Edmondson officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery by N.S. Griggs and Sons Funeral Directors.

Mr. Latimer was born Oct. 24, 1919, in Paducah. He moved to Matador as a young boy, and lived there from 1924 until 1942. He attended Matador schools. He married Louise Edmondson in 1938. He and Louise moved to Amarillo in 1942, where he worked at the Pantex Plant for many years. He worked for Time Chemical and Janitor Supply for 27 years, retiring in 1989. He was a member of Temple Baptist Church for many years, where he

served as a deacon. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, Lodge No. 1239, AM-FM. He was also a member of Golden Spread Coin Club in Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Barbara Ann Stanton and husband, Dewayne, of Greenbriar, Ark.; a son, David Latimer and wife, Vivian, of Houston; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Loyd Latimer of Lubbock and Murrell Latimer of Flower Mound.

The family suggests memorials to the transplant fund for patient Valerie Latimer Axelson, NTA# 3475 W. Chester Place, Suite 230, Newtown Square, PA 19073, 1-800-642-8399.

Elsie Mae Mullins Roller

Elsie Mae Mullins Roller, 74, died Wednesday, July 7, 2004. She was born November 24, 1929 in Dickens County to the late Frank and Grace Mullins. She married Jessie (Bud) Roller June 16, 1951, in Matador.

She is survived by her husband, one son, Billy Roller and wife of Lubbock; one granddaughter of Lubbock; one sister, Avis Haney of

Muleshoe. She was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister.

Her wishes were to donate her body to the Texas Tech Medical Center. No memorial services were held.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock, 1102 Slide Rd., Ste. 3, Lubbock, TX 79416.

COMMISSIONERS from page 1

Department of Human Services presented to court a resolution requesting counties to sign and support the DHS in getting the State to stop and examine what the local impact would be on counties if it were to downsize from 12 offices to five. Judge Smith made the motion to sign the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Turner. Motion passed by full approval of the court.

The court set July 22 and 29 as Budget workshop days to prepare the new fiscal year budget.

City Council from page 1

Westbrook that a statement is needed from the City Council stating that it is their intention to annex the property designated for the Nursing Home, when and if the loan is approved. Council approved the annexation of the property located north of town.

Water Superintendent Steve Barton gave a brief report. Council reviewed the budget.

Motley County Treasurer's Report Quarterly Report

OF EVA BARKLEY, COUNTY TREASURER OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM APRIL 1, 2004 TO JUNE 30, 2004

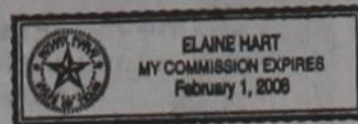
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GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,339.55	\$ 96,764.90	\$ 93,758.36	\$ 4,346.09
GENERAL FUND - Investment	\$ 138,000.00	\$ -	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
SPECIAL FUND	\$ 811.42	\$ 26,097.96	\$ 26,595.56	\$ 313.82
SPECIAL FUND - Investment	\$ 26,900.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 27,900.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1	\$ 2,106.85	\$ 15,068.75	\$ 15,197.39	\$ 1,978.21
R+B # 1 - Investment	\$ 44,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 37,250.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2	\$ 1,727.67	\$ 13,623.05	\$ 13,818.06	\$ 1,532.66
R+B # 2 - Investment	\$ 62,200.00	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 56,700.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3	\$ 1,598.94	\$ 13,298.91	\$ 13,370.38	\$ 1,527.47
R+B # 3 - Investment	\$ 63,500.00	\$ -	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 58,250.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4	\$ 2,077.03	\$ 12,399.01	\$ 13,770.44	\$ 705.60
R+B # 4 - Investment	\$ 29,500.00	\$ -	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 25,200.00
LIBRARY	\$ 16,136.43	\$ 2,056.85	\$ 3,748.38	\$ 14,444.90
LATERAL ROAD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 2.49	\$ 1,091.21	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 93.70
COURT COST&ARREST FEES	\$ 13,537.93	\$ 9,464.04	\$ 20,797.71	\$ 2,204.26
BOND PROGRAM	\$ 316.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 316.50
HOT CHECK	\$ 3,620.18	\$ 301.58	\$ 428.76	\$ 3,493.00
INVESTMENT	\$ 29,850.00	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,250.00
TOTALS	\$ 437,224.99	\$ 200,566.26	\$ 322,285.04	\$ 315,506.21

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BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED EVA BARKLEY, MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER, WHO BEING SWORN, AND UPON OATH, SAYS THAT THE WITHIN AND FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Eva Barkley
COUNTY TREASURER

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 15th DAY OF JULY, 2004



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FARM & RANCH NEWS



Farm Service Agency News

by John Bird, Motley County CED



Agriculture Secretary declares victory for farmers and ranchers

By: Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs

Far too often, Texas and American farmers and ranchers have felt that courts have ignored their private property rights. When it's been the case of Man vs. Insect, courts have ruled time after time for the insect, leaving farmers, ranchers and other entities with land they couldn't use, develop or sell. In other words, land that was rendered virtually worthless.

The same held true when private property was "taken" for public projects. More than likely, landowners were not fairly compensated and land they did retain was often devalued or worse yet, destroyed.

Well, something commendable happened on the way to the courthouse.

The Texas Supreme Court recently upheld the decision that the Tarrant Regional Water District "took" the property of O.L. Gragg by flooding when the district discharged water from a reservoir after heavy rain.

In addition, the court upheld the lower court's award for damages. This is a ruling that has far-reaching implications to property owners across the state beyond a first glance. It was a crucial decision and one that stands up for private property rights across Texas.

The concept of "takings" comes from the Fifth Amendment of our nation's Constitution, which prohibits the taking of private property by the government for a public use without just compensation.

The Graggs have owned their land since 1949, and the ranch is one of the largest in East Texas located in both Anderson and Freestone counties. The Trinity River borders the land in some places and crosses the ranch's midpoint. Regular floodings of the river made the land extremely fertile, and the land was excellent for raising cattle with its abundant supply of natural forage.

The Tarrant Regional Water District is a water control improvement district that provides for the storage and conservation of water. In 1987 the district completed the 1.2 million acre-foot Richland-Chambers Reservoir to supply water to Tarrant County and the surrounding areas. The reservoir was built to supply water, not control floods, and the district keeps the reservoir as full as possible.

In March 1990 heavy rain caused extensive flooding in the Trinity Basin and for the first time, the reservoir released water through floodgates. Consequently, for the first time, the Gragg Ranch suffered monumental flood damage, destroying levees and washing away crops and large tracts of land. O.L. Gragg and his partners sued for inverse condemnation, alleging that the flooding made their land useless for extended amounts of time. By the time the

case was tried in 1998, the ranch had experienced a number of extensive floods similar to the one in 1990.

The court rule that "a taking" had occurred, and damages were calculated based on the value of the property before and after the taking. The court appeals upheld the verdict, as did the Texas Supreme Court.

For too many years, uncompensated takings have been an expensive burden of private property owners, who have often borne the full burden of the costs for the public good. It's a cruel consequence when landowners lose land to federal, state or local authorities and are not justly compensated for it. It has created an adversarial situation of doubt, distrust and discouragement.

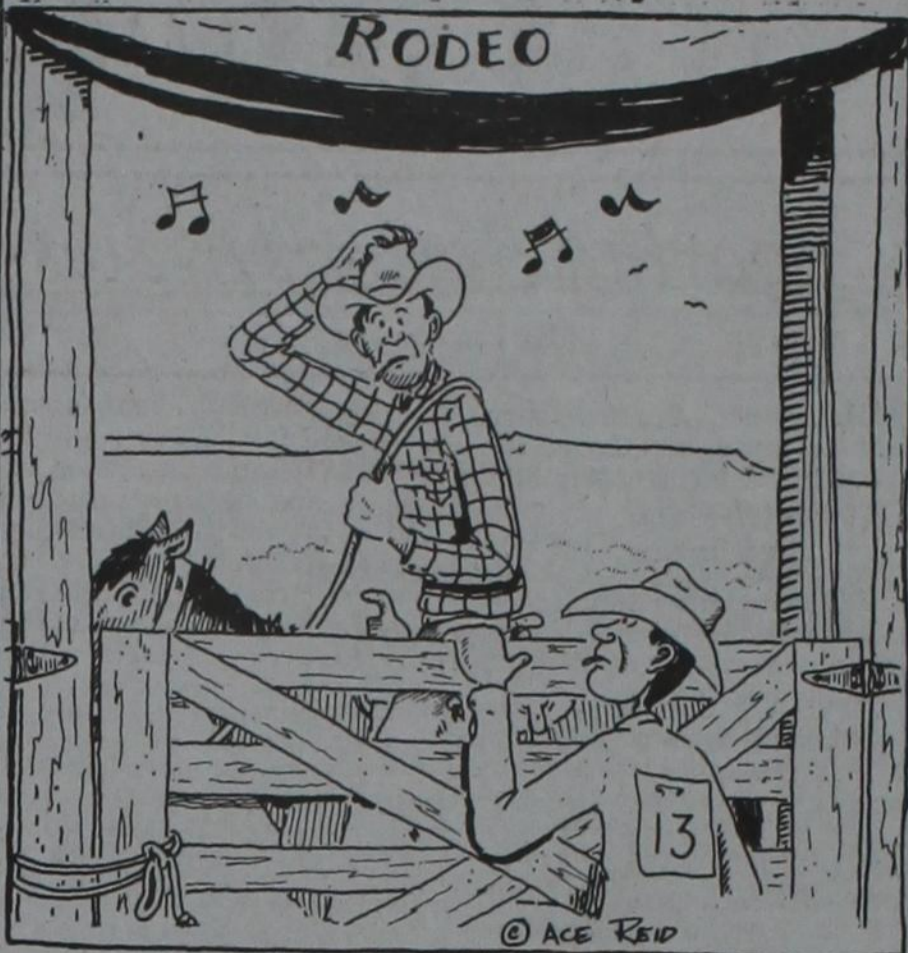
While serving in the Texas Legislature, I was proud to author the Texas Private Property Rights Preservation Act protecting Texas landowners. That's why I applaud the Texas courts and the Texas Supreme Court for their bold actions and just decisions. It was a matter of fairness and responsibility - the water district needed to take responsibility for its actions and the Graggs and their partners deserved fair compensation for their devastating loss.

There isn't much doubt that Texas must plan for its future water needs. The state cannot afford to be "water short." But when planning water projects - especially when constructing reservoirs - water districts and local authorities must ensure that landowners are justly compensated when their land is used or impacted for the public good. This basic right guaranteed by our Constitution. It should not only apply to land that is lost when the reservoir is built and filled, but also the downstream easements in case water releases cause downstream flooding.

In addition, if cities should outright condemn property to obtain surface water rights, first they must assure that they have implemented the highest levels of water conservation before going to our rural areas in search of water and private land for reservoirs. Legislation passed during the 78th regular legislative session makes that a law. In addition, the legislation requires cities to prepare a drought contingency plan; make a good faith effort to obtain practicable alternative water supplies; and show that the city needs the water right to provide for domestic needs within the next 10 years.

Ownership of private property has been the foundation of this country. I applaud the Texas Legislature and the Texas Supreme Court for upholding this principle.

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If you requested a measurement service for spring seeded crops, we will get the slides in late summer or early fall before we can measure. Please remember that when we notify you that the measurement service is complete, you have five days to come in without penalties.
CHANGING OPERATORS
Don't forget, if you are planning on changing operators on your farm, please notify them by certified letter well in advance of their planning crops for the next year. This includes fall seeded cover crops. Please notify us, too. Doing this will help keep your farm eligible for FSA programs.
MAINTAIN FORAGE PRODUCTION RECORDS
Currently, there is no disaster program in place for 2004 crops. However, past crop disaster programs have required specific records for haylage, hay and other forage crops fed to livestock. Verifiable records based on documented measure-

ments are needed to support quality loss claims. An example is actual measurements by approved feed or forage consultants. Records must be dated and be crop and quantity specific. Quality losses must be documented with a test from a state university lab or other approved lab. Their tests must also be quantity and crop specific. If your first cutting of hay was poor, you should act not to document your problem. Contact the office for more details.

MAINTAIN AND DCP ACREAGE
DCP participants are required to control water and wind erosion and weeds including noxious weeds and ALL DCP base areas. Weeds are not an acceptable cover. Program benefits will be lost if the County Committee determines you failed to demonstrate a good faith effort to control weeds and/or erosion.

BANK ACCOUNT CHANGES
In order to make timely payments, you need to notify the office if you change or close your account, or if your bank is purchased by another financial institution. Payments can be delayed if we are not aware of changes to account or bank routing numbers.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." Psalm 121:1.

A Note of Thanks

The Matador Fire Department would like to thank the T.B. Edmondson Estate for donating the lot behind the Fire Station in memory of Mr. and Mrs. T.B. Edmondson, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Edmondson, Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Hoyle, and H.B. Edmondson and honoring Mrs. H.B. Edmondson. This lot will be used for further expansion.

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 - B. LPG.
 - C. Fleet Insurance
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 - E. Janitorial Supplies
- All bids must be turned into the Superintendent's office by 4:00 p.m. on August 6, 2004. For more information and bid forms contact Rick Copp at 806-347-2676.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

KID'S CAMP REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY 15

The deadline to register for Kid's Camp is July 15. Those wishing to sign-up for the camp, which will be held July 26-30 at the Roaring Springs Community Center, can pick up enrollment forms at the Motley County Library.

Depending on the number of children enrolling for camp and the team size, there will be some possibility that a child will be accepted after July 15, but to make sure your child is enrolled please meet the deadline.

For more information contact Alex Crowder at 348-7336.

KIDS' CAMP PLANNING MEETING

A planning meeting for Kids' Camp will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 17, at the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church in Roaring Springs. All Team Leaders and anyone who wants to be a team assistant must attend this meeting.

DUMONT HOMECOMING

The Dumont Homecoming will be held August 21 and 22, 2004. Saturday, the agenda calls for Sandwiches for supper and visiting. The food will be supplied by the Dumont Homecoming committee. The Sunday noon meal will consist of Barbeque, red beans, potato salad and cole slaw. Ladies are asked to bring vegetables, salad or dessert. Remember Aug. 21 & 22.

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