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Jr. Rodeo Results announced

Three Motley County youngsters place in events

Results from the 30th Annual Motley County Jr. Rodeo have been announced. Local 4-H members placing in the event were Shane'a Russell, who placed fourth in the PeeWee Barrels with a time of 19.01; and second in PeeWee Flags, with a time of 10.16. Tristan Tomlinson of Roaring Springs placed second in Calf Riding with a time of 7.05, and Schyler Tomlinson, fourth in PeeWee Steer Riding with a time of 3.93.

A complete list of results is listed below:

PRE-KID

All Around Boy, Jayden Kirkpatrick of Lovington, NM; All Around Girl, Kaley Mathis of Haskell.

Barrels: 1st, Jayden Kirkpatrick, Lovington, NM, 18.26; 2nd, Kaley Mathis, Haskell, 18.47; 3rd, Brody Galloway, Crosbyton, 20.10; 4th, Graden Garrison, Paducah, 21.12; 5th, Joshua Noble, Clarendon, 21.93; 6th, Carli Maxwell, Paducah, 22.41.

Goat Ribbon Pull: 1st, Jayden Kirkpatrick, 10.68; 2nd, Kole Manney, 10.79, Hobbs, NM; 3rd, Carli Maxwell, 14.02, Paducah; 4th, Kara Hurt, 14.05, Guthrie; 5th, Kaley Mathis, 15.50, Haskell; 6th, Jesse Terry, 15.71, Lubbock.

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State and Local Sales Tax Revenues remain healthy

Motley County totals to date show increase over last year

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said on Friday, July 9, that the state had received \$1.18 billion in sales tax revenue in June, up 1.4 percent compared to June 2003, and marking 10 consecutive months of sales tax growth. So far in fiscal year 2004, state sales tax revenue is up 7.7 percent compared to the same point in fiscal year 2003.

Strayhorn delivered \$315.6 million in July sales tax allocations to cities, counties and other local taxing entities, up 3.2 percent compared to last July. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are running 7.7 percent higher than last year.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent July sales tax allocations of \$214 million to Texas cities, up 2.7 percent compared to July 2003. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 8 percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$18.8 million, up 0.9 percent compared to last July. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 6.8 percent higher than last year.

Eighty-five special purpose taxing districts around the state received July sales tax allocations totaling \$8.6 million, up 3.6 percent compared to last July. Nine local transit systems received \$73.9 million in sales tax allocations, up 5.3 percent compared to a year ago.

June state sales tax collections and July sales tax allocations to local governments mostly represent sales that occurred in May.

Matador, with a current rate of 2.000%, received a net payment this period of \$3,690.47, compared to \$4,124.75 last year at this time, a -10.52% change. 2004 payments to date total \$29,192.09, compared to \$18,661.56 at this time last year, a 56.42% change.

Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 2.000%, received a net payment this period of \$3,019.89, compared to \$1,608.26 last year, an 87.77% change. 2004 payments total \$21,565.32, compared to \$16,544.06 at this time last year, a 30.35% change.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, August 13.

Attention parents: Sales Tax Holiday August 6-8

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 6, 7, and 8 -- the state's sixth annual tax holiday. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

The law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

This year's sales tax holiday for clothing and footwear begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 6, and ends at midnight on Sunday, August 8. The tax break is expected to save Texas consumers millions in state and local sales taxes. This is one hard-working Texan can keep their money in their pockets for their families' priorities.

Texas State Comptroller, Carole Keeton Strayhorn, has

been a strong advocate for the sales tax holiday since its inception.

Here are some highlights about the sales tax holiday:

- The tax holiday occurs every year on the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August. Qualifying items are exempt from state sales taxes, but exemption from local sales tax is up to individual cities. This year, since no cities opted out of the holiday, qualifying items will be fully exempt from tax throughout Texas.

- Most clothing and footwear priced at less than \$100 will be exempt from sale tax. Customers will receive the break on individual items, regardless of the total amount they buy. For example, sales tax is not due if a customer buys six shirts each priced at \$99.99. But

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Bible School kids

Tyler Campbell, Jack Price and Jesse Price (left to right) are pictured here with a group of kids during one of the activities at Vacation Bible School, now in progress at the First Baptist Church in Matador. This year's school has a Lava Lava theme and will come to an end Friday night with a program and Luau, beginning at 7:45. Tyler, Jack and Jesse are the grandchildren of Bundy Hal and Dixie Campbell of Matador.

Toll-Free Hotline could be key to drug busts

A new phone number could lower drug activity on the South Plains.

The South Plains Regional Narcotics Task Force, a multi-jurisdictional "Task Force" which includes an 18 county region, is releasing a special number citizens can call to report drug activity or suspicious behavior. The new toll-free number is being introduced to assist area law enforcement agencies in reducing drug trafficking manufacturing, sales and related crimes in the 18 county area.

The new toll-free number is 1-800-621-0608.

The call goes directly to the South Plains Regional Narcotics Task Force office where you can leave a message and a Task Force officer will get back with you or you can elect to remain anonymous. The Task Force hotline will be answered in person Monday-Friday, 800 am-5:00 pm. For reporting information after-hours, holidays and weekends, please leave a detailed message.

The Task Force supports an 18 county area on the South

Plains with an estimated combined population of 408,081, with emphasis on servicing the smaller towns and rural areas. The following counties are covered by the Task Force; Floyd,

Cochran, Hockley, Terry, Lynn, Lubbock, Crosby, Bailey, Garza, Dawson, Dickens, Yoakum, Gaines, Hale, Kent, Borden, Lamb, and Motley.

State Comptroller calls for Federal Investigation into CHIP Scandal

AUSTIN - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn in separate letters to United States Attorney Johnny Sutton and United States Health and Human Services Acting Principal Deputy Inspector General Dara Corrigan, asked for a federal investigation into mis-handled contracts in the Texas Children's Health Insurance Program.

Comptroller Strayhorn took the unusual step after the Texas State Auditor issued a scathing report highlighting \$20 million overpayments to a contractor.

"Because federal dollars, as well as state dollars, are involved in this scandal, and inde-

pendent, federal inquiry is warranted," she wrote.

On Thursday, the State Auditor's Office released the scathing 72-page report citing "serious deficiencies" in the management of the CHIP program.

The report said the Health and Human Services Commission's lack of oversight and lax standards for the CHIP contractor for rural Texas led to "excessive or unnecessary" payments of \$20 million.

More than one-fourth of the money went to a company that "had no employees and did not

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Bible School Program Friday night

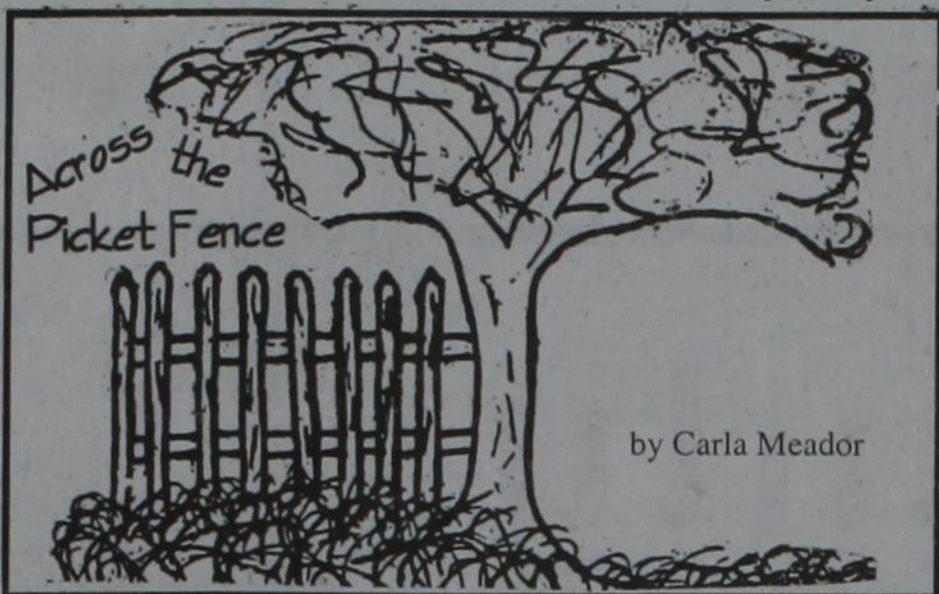
A Lava Lava Luau will be held at the First Baptist Church in Matador, Friday night, July 23, at 7:45 p.m. The Luau will bring an end to a fun-filled week of Vacation Bible School and the children will present a program. Everyone is invited to attend.

Space available for Kids' Camp

Kids' Camp director, Alex Crowder, announced Monday that there is space available in each age group to register your child for Kids' Camp.

The camp will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday of next week, July 26-30, at the Roaring Springs Community Center.

The camp also needs Team Assistants. If you can volunteer to help with this very worthwhile event, please contact Alex Crowder at 348-7336.



Motley County Lifestyles

Library Notes
by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

Last week, when Betty Henry and I were both away, Marihelen Wason helped Ruby McGuire at the library. We appreciate both ladies for their cheerful willingness to keep the library open and running smoothly in our absence.

ences that demonstrate the wisdom her grandmother had shared with her. This delightful book is for children in grades 4-6.

New adult fiction includes Janet Dailey's latest in the Calder series. This book is called *Calder Promise*. Also new to the library is James Patterson's *Sam's Letters to Jennifer*. This book is a change of pace from Patterson's psychological mysteries starring Alex Cross. Another new book is by Justin Cronin, a new author to this library. Cronin is a professor of English at Rice University and he and his family live in Houston. His new book is called *The Summer Guest*.

FACTS ABOUT TEXAS

Beaumont to El Paso - 742 miles; Beaumont to Chicago - 770 miles.

World's first rodeo was in Pecos, July 4, 1883.

The Flagship Hotel in Galveston is the only hotel in North America built over water.

The Heisman Trophy was named after John William Heisman who was the first full time coach for Rice University, Houston.

Brazoria County has more species of birds than any other area in North America.

Aransas Wildlife Refuge is the winter home of North America's only remaining flock of whooping cranes. Jalapeno jelly originated in Lake Jackson in 1978.

The worst natural disaster in U.S. history was in 1900 caused by a hurricane in which over 8000 lives were lost on Galveston Island.

The first word spoken from the moon, July 20, 1969, was "Houston."

El Paso is closer to California than to Dallas.

Laredo is the world's largest inland port.

Tyler Municipal Rose Garden is the world's largest rose garden with over 38,000 bushes with 500 varieties on 22 acres.

The State shell is Lightning Whelk.

King Ranch is larger than Rhode Island.

Tropical Storm Claudette

brought a U.S. rainfall record of 43" in 24 hours in and around Alvin in July of 1979.

Texas is the only state to enter the U.S. by TREATY, instead of by annexation. (This allows the Texas flag to fly at the same height as the U.S. flag.)

A Live Oak tree near Fulton is estimated to be 1500 years old.

Caddo Lake is the only natural lake in the state.

Dr Pepper was invented in Waco in 1885. There is no period after Dr in Dr Pepper.

Texas has had six capital cities:

1. Washington-on-the-Brazos
2. Harrisburg
3. Galveston
4. Velasco
5. West Columbia
6. Austin.

The Capitol Dome in Austin is the only dome in the U.S. which is taller than the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. (by 7 feet).

The name Texas comes from the Hasini Indian word "tejas" meaning friends.

Tejas is not Mexican for Texas.

* The State animal is the Armadillo.

The first domed stadium in the U.S. was the Astrodome in Houston.

* An interesting bit of trivia about the armadillo is they always have four babies! They have one egg which splits into four and they either have four males or four females.

Red Rovers enjoy touring area Museums on recent outing

by June Keltz

Another "best kept secret" has been discovered by those adventure seeking "Red Rovers" of Motley County. Seven ladies dressed in red and purple and one in pink and orchid, headed east for a day of fun and higher learning. Neither winter's cold nor summer's heat could stop them.

Mapping instructions were familiar to the country bred girls, such as landmarks of road-side parks, county road signs, miles of dirt roads and a weak bridge or two. Wild turkeys feeding near a fence would be a sure sign of almost there.

Museums can be a delight or a dusty, boring disappointment. The McAdams' Ranch Museum in Foard County was far beyond all expectations. Founder, owner and curator of the well organized antique exhibit is Betty B. McAdams Gafford. The building was the home of her parents where she was born and raised. Change was inevitable with time, so with a vision and a desire to preserve, as well as to share her treasures, she vacated the old house. Only a stone's throw

away she constructed a modern brick home where she and her husband live today. Betty B's talents are innumerable as well as astounding - artist, historian, seamstress, designer, woodworker, etc. A small article exhibited inside a glass showcase caught the interest of viewers. It was a can opener having belonged to Oswald, the man accused of killing President Kennedy.

With some going back through in fear of having missed something, hunger took over and on to Crowell they went. At the steakhouse they were served a delicious meal shared with a curious group of working young cowboys who wanted to ask about the red hats but dared not to.

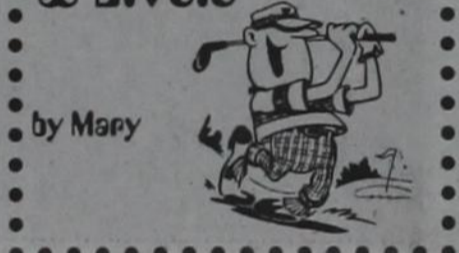
One o'clock was meeting time for the opening of the Cynthia Ann Parker Center. The eight women were welcomed into the cool, clean building by founders Betty B. and husband, Otis Gafford. Betty and June Keltz share, by marriage, the same uncle and aunt, Melvin and Erma McAdams. Kathy Whitley, a well known local artist and friend of June's joined the group for a brief visit.

Why were the Rovers not surprised when they walked a block away to visit the Foard County Fire Museum and found Betty B.'s expertise evident in every nook and corner?

The three Museums are open to the public by appointment only, due to the Gafford's failing health.

Members who made the memorable trip were Queen Mother, Joyce Campbell, Lula Swin, Marihelen Wason, Joan Patton, Norma Marrs, Ginger Gilmore, Lana Cope and June Keltz.

Pivots & Divots



Ladies play day on Thursday, July 15, was really hot! In spite of the heat, playing 18 holes were Virginia, Dartha, Francine, Liv, Jean H., Geneva,

Louise, Kay H. and Judy C. They played for a greenie on holes 3 and 12. Virginia won. It was even hotter for the afternoon group. Playing 9 holes were Tempie,

Judy R., Marihelen, Frances and Tommye. They played for long drive on #7. Tempie won the below 18 handicap and Judy R. won the above 18 handicap. Maybe next week the weather will be cooler.

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 8:30 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.

MC Cheerleaders will sponsor Bake Sale Friday

The Motley County High School Cheerleaders will sponsor a Bake Sale Friday, July 23, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon in front of Lowe's Pay-N-Save Grocery.

This will be a fund-raiser to attend Cheerleading Camp at Wellington.

Arts & Crafts Club appoints new officers

The Motley County Arts and Crafts club met July 12 at the Senior Citizens Center for a class of oil painting. Vee Gordon was instructor for the lesson. She was assisted by Lorene Lancaster. It was a lesson to

delight in; with a landscape scene for its subject. Oil painting is a media to applaud and enjoy.

President Loys Campbell presided over the business meeting prior to the class. Plans are beginning to materialize for the Fall Bazaar. There will be many new items to offer, as well as the old favorites.

The new programs for the ensuing year will be great, fun and something to achieve.

The club dined at noon with the Senior Citizens on hamburgers, tater tots, apricots and cake. It was delicious and "yummy."

The nominating committee presented the following names for the new officers: Joy Archer, President; Jo Trammell for Vice President; Vee Gordon, Secretary-Treasurer, and Reporter; Winifred Darsey. They were elected by acclamation.

Members present were Joy Archer, Vee Gordon, Lorene Lancaster, Loys Campbell, Jo Trammell, Joyce Meredith, Nova Dale Turner and Winifred.

Joyce Meredith is chairman of the telephoning committee and accepted the appointment for this new year.

The program for August will be taught by Nova Dale Turner on painting ornamental gourds. See you there!

"Ten Bits of Advice"

1. Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.
2. Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.
3. Never spend your money before you have it.
4. Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap; it will be dear to you.
5. Pride costs us more than hunger, thirst, and cold.
6. We never have to repent of having eaten too little.
7. Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.
8. How much pain have cost us the evils which have never happened?
9. Take things always by their smooth handle.
10. When angry, count to ten before you speak; if very angry, a hundred.

By Thomas Jefferson

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

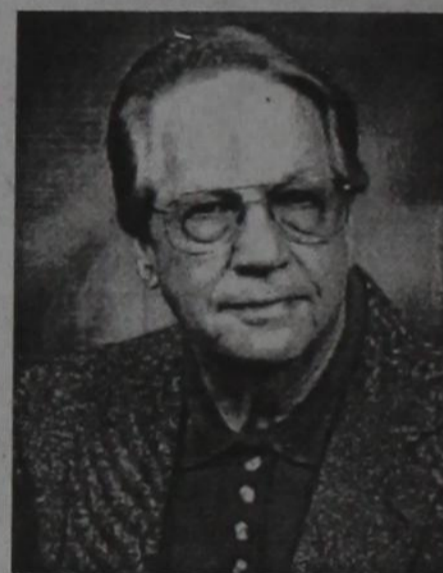
BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.



"Preaching the old time religion to modern man"

One Day Harvest Revival with Evangelist Rick Ingle



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."

Veneman announces \$2 million available funds to be issued in technical and supervisory assistance grants

TEMPLE, Texas -- On the last day of National Homeownership Month, June 30, 2004, Agriculture, Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced the availability of \$2 million in technical and supervisory housing assistance to provide rural residents with additional home repair and homeownership opportunities.

"Homeownership is the cornerstone to the economy of rural communities," said Veneman. "This funding will help over 2,000 families to improve their overall quality of life, and help build a strong economic future for their family and community."

Bryan Daniel, State Director, for USDA Rural Development in Texas, said, "Technical and Supervisory Assistance Grants offer expanded opportunities to help rural residents throughout Texas. Many rural Texans could benefit from homebuyer counseling and loan packaging which could be provided by organizations receiving this technical and supervisory grant assistance."

Veneman recently participated in several rural homeownership events as part of the national recognition by the Bush Administration of the economic and community benefits of homeownership. Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, over 188,000 families have received assistance with homeownership and housing repair through USDA programs.

These grants support programs of homeownership counseling, home loan packaging and delinquency counseling. A projected 25 to 30 different groups will receive the technical and supervisory assistance grants. An estimated 2,000 low-income families will benefit from USDA loans and grants allowing them to purchase their own home or make essential home repairs. Homebuyer training and counseling will also benefit thousands more who hope to become home owners in the near future.

The deadline to apply will be 30 days from the publication in the July 1, 2004 Federal Register.

ter. Community and faith-based and organizations are eligible to apply.

For more information, please see Rural Development's website. www.rurdev.usda.gov.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information or rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at:

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking, Socks (including athletic), Shorts, Suits, slacks, and jackets, Sweatshirts, Sweat suits, Sweaters, Swimsuits, Underclothes, Work clothes and uniforms.

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Accessories (generally) - barrettes, elastic ponytail holders, rubber work boots, ski, waders, Buttons and zippers, Cloth and lace, knitting yarns, and other fabrics, Dry cleaning services, Football pants, Golf gloves, Handbags and purses, Handkerchiefs, Hard hats, Helmets - bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports, Ice skates, Jewelry, Laundering services, Leather goods - except belts with buckles and wearing apparel, Pads - football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder, personal flotation devices, Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear and costumes), Roller blades and skates, Safety clothing, glasses, Shoes - bicycle (cleated), bowling, golf.

For more information regarding the sales tax holiday, visit <http://www.window.state.tx.us> or call toll free, 1-800-252-5555.

Tax Holiday

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full tax is due on a shirt sold for \$100; the first \$99.99 cannot be exempted.

- Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletic activities or for protective wear are not eligible for the exemption. Customers buying golf cleats or football pads, for instance, must pay sales tax. Athletic wear that is also used for participation in other non-athletic activities can qualify for tax exemption. For example, tennis shoes, baseball caps, and jogging suits are worn during everyday activities and thus may be purchased tax free during the holiday.

- Also excluded from the sales tax holiday are accessories such as jewelry and watches; items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases and wallets; clothing rentals, such as formal wear and costumes; and repairs and alterations.

Below is a selected list of items and their exemption status during the sales tax holiday.

TAX-FREE

Baby Clothes, Belts with attached buckles, Boots - cowboy, hiking, Caps/hats - baseball, fishing, golf, knitted, Coats and wraps, Diapers - adult and baby, Dresses, Gloves (generally), Gym suits and uniforms, Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts, Hosiery, Jackets, Jeans, Jerseys - baseball and football, Jogging apparel, Neckwear and ties, pajamas, Pants and trousers, Raincoats and ponchos, Robes, Shirts, Shoes -

Motley County I.S.D.

A Note from the Office ...



by Marilyn Hicks
Motley County ISD Principal

One of the goals of the site-based decision making committee for Motley County is better communication with the parents and other community members about school happenings, concerns, and good news. Mrs. Meador of the Tribune has been gracious in allowing us this space for that purpose. Either Mr. Copp, Superintendent, or I will have information for each week. If you have suggestions of items that you think parents or the public might like to know, call the school (347-2676) and we will try to comply.

July is nearly over, and the school building is clean, but quiet. Teachers are making last minute family trips and visits and are also making frequent trips to their classrooms. Every teacher in this system puts in many extra hours of work. This summer they have attended training on technology and reading as well as personalized choices from the service center in Lubbock. They are truly dedicated to providing the best possible education to the children of this community. If you see them around, give them a thank you whether you currently have children in school or not. The whole community benefits from a well-educated population.

One of the attractions of a small, community-based school is that you have the accessibility of a public school with the personal attention to each student normally only available in private schools. As we are receiving preliminary reports from Austin on the spring evaluation of our children, we can see that this is working. Final reports will be available in about a month.

We will have two new faculty members this fall. Bethany Overton will teach first grade. She is an enthusiastic, new graduate from Angelo State University. She is also newly married to the highway patrolman assigned to our area, Chad Overton. Brad Rainer is our new resource teacher and will also help with coaching responsibilities. We certainly welcome these teachers and the skills they bring.

Registration for high school students will be on August 3. Seniors will need to come in at 10:00, juniors at 11:00, sophomores at 1:00 and freshmen at 2:00. It is important that the students come in and let us know their elective preferences so

that we can "tweak" the schedule. Parents are welcome and encouraged to come in to help make these important decisions, but it is not required since we will not be signing consent forms on the 3rd. That will be done after school starts.

We have completed the continuation application for the Reading First Grant and have every reason to expect funding. This has allowed us to use the Universal Literacy System (Voyager) this year in grades K-3. Students have made phenomenal progress with this program. The teacher training from Voyager will extend to PK

this fall. It is never too early to learn to read! Another grant that has made a positive difference in our school is the TARGET grant. This has given our staff the finest technology professional development; therefore, our students are learning cutting edge skills. Shelley Cox has been working nearly all summer to complete trainer certification and allow us to offer an even broader technology curriculum. We are lucky to have someone with her expertise and willingness to learn and teach. I will give more details on these funding sources, and the results we are seeing, as well as other sources, such as the foreign language grant that is now in place, as the year progresses.

One of the new features to our school this year is a separate area just for Motley County Middle School. This includes grades 6-8. The middle school is located beyond the cafeteria doors in the elementary hallway; the Mavericks will have a space to call their own. Secondary teachers will come to the classrooms to teach. A banner has been ordered to designate the middle school, and I'm sure the cheerleaders will see to the decorating of the hallway.

If you are getting ready to buy school supplies, don't forget that several of our local stores have them. There will be some local sales beginning the first week in August. Supply lists will be available at that time. It is important that we buy as much as we can locally. If we want "stuff" here, we have to buy here. Ultimately those dollars come back to help us all. (This is just a small soapbox for the week.)

Let me know if you have a concern or a good comment to make about the school. Mr. Copp and I are anxious to hear from you.

Grandson qualifies for Jr. Olympics

Cory Multer, the 16-year-old grandson of Billy Paul and Betty Simpson of Northfield, has qualified to participate in the Jr. Olympics which will be held in Eugene, Oregon, July 28-31. The qualification meet was held in Ft. Worth July 16 and 17. Cory qualified in the discus event.

Cory will be a Junior at Garden City High School this year. He is the son of Warren and Tanya Multer of Garden City. He is also the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Multer of Ballinger and the great-grandson of Mollie Simpson of Midland, formerly of Northfield.

Texas Historical Commission supports national designation of Texas' oldest trail

AUSTIN, Texas - Texas Historical Commission (THC) Chairman John L. Nau, III recently praised the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for its unanimous passage of S.B. 2052 designating El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail.

El Camino Real de los Tejas, or The Royal Road of historic Texas, is a combination of historic routes totaling more than 2,500 miles from the Rio Grande River near Laredo to the Louisiana border. It is a trail through

Texas history used for exploration, colonization, trading, ranching and battle. It is not one route, but a road system that served as a corridor during the War of Independence and the Texas Revolution.

"Not only does this legislation draw attention to an area steeped in American and Texas history, it also allows the state of Texas to participate in the protection of this region while ensuring private property along the trail remains undisturbed," said Nau.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, is the bill's sponsor.

Nothing in the bill authorizes anyone to enter private property without the owner's consent. It also requires the Secretary of the Interior to consult with state agencies, such as the THC, in planning, development and maintenance of the El Camino Real de los Tejas Trail.

The measure now goes to the full Senate for approval. Nau was one of several individuals who testified in support of the

bill before the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in April.

Sizzling Summer Sale

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A vacation away keeps the doctor at bay

"Hurry up and relax." That could be the slogan for what a lot of Americans consider a vacation. But recent research and a growing cadre of experts suggest that the American penchant for all work and no play could be bad for your health.

"We need to take vacations seriously," says Alan Muney, MD, executive vice president and chief medical officer at Oxford Health Plans Inc.

"While we readily accept that getting immunizations, taking vitamins, or getting mammograms and pap smears is good preventive medicine, something as simple as taking a vacation is not accepted."

Two recent surveys appear to bear him out. One survey conducted by Oxford Health Plans of more than 600 men and women shows that about one in five people report feeling so overworked that they are unable to use up all of their allotted vacation time.

The survey showed that while most employers make it easy to keep medical appointments (70%) and return to work after illness (68%), other companies exude a corporate culture that discourages healthy behavior, according to the Oxford survey.

Approximately 19% of survey respondents said workplace pressures make them feel they must attend work even when injured or sick; 17% said it is difficult to take time off or leave work in an emergency, and 8% believe that if they were to become seriously ill they would be

fired or demoted.

The survey also showed that 14% of respondents feel company management only promotes people who habitually work late, according to Oxford.

Another survey of 1,100 company executives by the American Management Association, or AMA, found similar results. It showed that only about a third of executives would get away from work for more than a week at a time.

What's more, when American executives do take vacations, they are very liable to take their work with them, checking email and voice mail regularly and using cell phones. And more and more people are actually taking work along with them.

Like the Oxford survey, the AMA survey found that although one-quarter of executives have earned more than two weeks off, only 7% would actually use the time this summer.

Both surveys seem to underscore what Muney calls "a cultural belief that not working is a bad thing." And he contrasts that belief with European countries where it is the norm for workers to have three or more weeks of vacation a year.

"When we do take vacation, we seem to take these long-weekend type approaches that may or may not add up to having enough time to unwind," Muney said.

Muney says the Oxford survey was prompted by, among other things, a study appearing in the September-October 2000

edition of the medical journal *Psychosomatic Medicine*, showing that vacationing could help prevent heart disease.

In that study, conducted by Brooks Gump, PhD, of the department of psychology of the State University of New York at Oswego, the frequency of vacationing was studied among more than 12,000 men at high risk for heart disease over a nine-year period. Results showed that men who took vacations had significantly less risk of dying from heart disease - or any other condition - that men who did not.

Cardiologist Stephen Sinatra, MD, assistant clinical professor of medicine at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine in Farmington, says the Psychosomatic Medicine study confirms his own belief that too much work and not enough play is bad for the heart. "When my patients tell me they can't afford to take a vacation, I tell them they can't afford not to," he said.

Sinatra and Muney both agree that what you do on your vacation is not nearly so important as what you don't do. "Don't take your busy life along with you," Sinatra says. A vacation should truly be a holiday. And Muney says, "The message should be: Leave your laptop at home."

"A lot of what this is about is a mental attitude," Muney tells WebMD. "When you come back, you should feel refreshed with a new perspective. This would seem to indicate a period of time longer than a long weekend."

And Sinatra says vacations can be a way of reconnecting with family. Camping trips, especially, are an economical way to spend time with kids, away from the distractions of television and commercial fare.

Recalling his own camping vacations as a child with his parents, Sinatra says, "it was the greatest vacation I ever had. The best thing my father could give me was the gift of himself and his undivided attention."

Motley County Jr. Rodeo Results

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Flags: 1st, Jayden Kirkpatrick, 10.72; 2nd, Kole Manney, 11.11; 3rd, Kaley Mathis, 11.26; 4th, Kara Hurt, 12.20; 5th, Brody Galloway, 15.01; 6th, Jesse Terry, 15.61.

Poles: 1st, Brody Galloway, 25.86; 2nd, Kaley Mathis, 26.52; 3rd, Kara Hurt, 27.49; 4th, Carli Maxwell, 29.35; 5th, Jesse Terry, 30.12; 6th, Graden Garrison, 30.23.

Calf Riding: 1st, Dalton Mathis, Haskell, 8.0; 2nd, Tristan Tomlinson, Roaring Springs, 7.0; 3rd, Dayton Eddleman, Leander, 5.23; 4th, Gatlin Taylor, Pampa, 4.70; 5th, Kolby Williams, Floydada, 4.24; 6th, Jayden Kirkpatrick, 3.20, Lovington, NM.

PEE WEE

All Around Girl, Ashton Rutcowski of Haskell; All Around Boy, Tee Bateman, Dickens.

Barrells: 1st, Ashton Rutcowski, Haskell, 17.83; 2nd, Dylan Winkle, Borger, 18.58; 3rd, Kelsey Stokes, Afton, 18.96; 4th, Shane'a Russell, Matador, 19.01; 5th, Larami Stewart, Munday, 19.40; 6th, Wren Southard, Elida, NM, 19.60.

Goat Tying: 1st, Jesse Clark, Lubbock, 11.31; 2nd, Ashton Rutcowski, 18.20; 3rd, Riley Payne, Idalou, 19.09; 4th, Kelsey Stokes, 20.46; 5th, Daegan Manney, Hobbs, NM, 23.74; 6th, Jake Ware, Farwell, 24.87.

Flags: 1st, Larami Stewart, Munday, 9.58; 2nd, Shane'a Russell, Matador, 10.16; 3rd, Kelsey Stokes, Afton, 10.40; 4th, (tie) Ashton Rutcowski, Haskell, and Tee Bateman, Guthrie, both had 10.42; 6th, Tanner Arnold, Spur, 10.76.

Steer Daubing: 1st, Daegan Manney, Hobbs, NM, 2.28; 2nd, Cole Clark, Spur, 2.65; 3rd, Dylan Winkle, Borger, 3.11; 4th, Jeremy Davidson, Lubbock, 3.23; 5th, Tee Bateman, Guthrie, 3.43; 6th, Ashton Rutcowski, Haskell, 3.83.

Poles: 1st, Jake Ware, Farwell, 23.77; 2nd, Tee Bateman, 23.81; 3rd, Riley Payne, Idalou, 25.38; 4th, Jeremy Davidson, 25.68; 5th, Wren Southard, Elida, NM, 26.40; 6th, Larami Stewart, 26.78.

Steer Riding: 1st, Jesse Clark, 8.0; 2nd, Tee Bateman, 8.0; 3rd, Ty Hughes, Odessa, 4.49; 4th, Schyler Tomlinson, 3.93; 5th, Jayson Pigg, Flomot, 2.77; 6th, Guston Garrison, Paducah, 2.49.

JUNIOR

All Around Girl, Tiffani Sooter of Lovington, NM; All

Around Boy, Kelby Phillips of Guthrie.

Barrells: 1st, Tiffani Sooter, Lovington, NM, 18.68; 2nd, Cheyenne Noble, Clarendon, 18.98; 3rd, Jessica Schmidt, Morse, 18.99.

Goat Tying: 1st, Cheyenne Noble, Clarendon, 21.2.

Tie Down: 1st, Kelby Phillips, Guthrie, 29.14.

Girls Breakaway: 1st, Tiffani Sooter, 3.73; 2nd, Jessica Schmidt, 4.75; 3rd, Olivia Locke, 8.21.

Boys Breakaway: 1st, Clay Ware, Floydada, 4.04; 2nd, Kelby Phillips, 4.05; 3rd, Ty Fox, Guthrie, 4.29; 4th, Joshua Hahn, Aspermont, 5.92.

Poles: 1st, Tiffani Sooter, 23.73; 2nd, Olivia Locke, Sweetwater, 25.41; 3rd, Jessica Schmidt, 32.39; 4th, Cheyenne Noble, 35.84.

Ribbon Roping: 1st, Jake Booze, Farwell, 11.92; 2nd, Jordyn Rowland, Lovington, NM, 16.71; 3rd, Kelby Phillips, 17.17; 4th, Joshua Hahn, 20.12; 5th, Clay Ware, Floydada, 31.08.

Team Roping: 1st, Jordan Payne and Joshua Hahn, 21.78.

Girls Steer Daubing: 1st, Cheyenne Noble, 3.69; 2nd, Jessica Schmidt, 11.25; 3rd, Olivia Locke, 11.55; 4th, Tiffani Sooter, 11.73.

Boys Steer Daubing: 1st, Jordyn Payne, 1.16; 2nd, Jake Booze, 1.37; 3rd, Trevor Seaberry, Aspermont, 1.48; 4th, Matt Malloy, Memphis, 2.65; 5th, Pat Butler, Guthrie, 3.12; 6th, Clay Ware, 5.20.

SENIOR

All Around Girl, Melyssa Elliott of Paducah; All Around Boy, Dustin Pool of Canyon.

Barrells: 1st, Kelsi Arnold, Spur, 18.29; 2nd, Melyssa Elliott, 18.42; 3rd, Brook Winters, 18.44; 4th, Samantha Southard, 18.54; 5th, Cassandra Clark, Portales, NM, 19.04; 6th, Casey Jo Light, Amarillo, 19.82.

Goat Tying: 1st, Cassandra Clark, 15.90; 2nd, Melyssa Elliott, 19.44.

Tie Down: 1st, Cass Cooper, 10.68; 2nd, Dustin Pool, 10.98; 3rd, Cole Carpenter, Girard, 14.20; 4th, Tyler Locke, Sweetwater, OK, 15.27; 5th, Tom Butler, Guthrie, 19.36; 6th, Eddie Lee Fortenberry, Lockney, 28.32.

Poles: 1st, Melyssa Elliott, 21.70; 2nd, Samantha Southard, 21.72; 3rd, Brooke Winters, 22.12; 4th, Holley Hurt, 22.31; 5th, Casey Jo Light, 26.35; 6th, Cassandra Clark, 27.43.

Straight Away Chute Dog-

ging: 1st, Justin Wall, Farwell, 8.20; 2nd, Eddie Lee Fortenberry, 17.27.

Ribbon Roping: 1st, Jace Rowland, Lovington, NM, 9.76; 2nd, Cody Ware, Floydada, 10.04; 3rd, Brad Koepke, Memphis, 14.39; 4th, Colt Vernon, Post, 18.03; 5th, Cory Rowland, Lovington, NM, 19.44; 6th, Cass Cooper, Gruver, 19.96.

Team Roping: Chase Winkler/Colt Vernon, 7.52; 2nd, Brad Koepke/Jeff Molloy, 9.20; 3rd, Cass Cooper/Dustin Pool, 14.53; 4th, Colt Vernon/Trent McDonald, 15.74; 5th, Eddie Lee Fortenberry/Cody Ware, 16.13; 6th, Cody Ware/Clay Ware, 17.29.

Girls Daubing: 1st, Melyssa Elliott, 1.64; 2nd, Holley Hurt, 2.51; 3rd, Casey Jo Light, 3.19; 4th, Brooke Winter, 3.49; 5th, Kelsi Arnold, 4.57; 6th, Cassandra Clark, 12.89.

Boys Daubing: 1st, Dustin Pool, Canyon, 1.65; 2nd, Andy Carter, Dora, NM, 1.75; 3rd, Brad Koepke, Memphis, 1.87; 4th, Jace Rowland, Lovington, NM, 2.13; 5th, Cory Rowland, Lovington, NM, 2.23; 6th, Eddie Lee Fortenberry, Lockney, 2.49.

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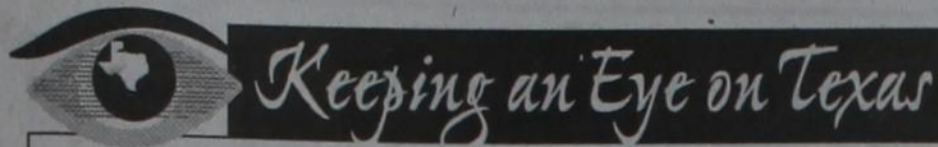
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SOURCE: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn.

Texas Big Game awards to host Panhandle Hunters Celebration in Childress

The Texas Big Game Awards (TBGA) will host its 13th annual Panhandle (Region 2) Awards Banquet on Saturday, August 14, 2004, at the Fair Park Auditorium in Childress, Texas. The Texas Wildlife Association (TWA), the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), and the Childress Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to this year's event, which is sure to be very entertaining and educational for adults and youths alike. The afternoon celebration is also co-hosted by the Texas Tech University Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society.

Along with some regional exhibitors, many of the best white-tailed deer, mule deer, and pronghorn antelope taken last season in the Panhandle Region of Texas will be on display. Samples of virtually all the important as well as the not so important wildlife forage plants in the area will be on display, along with an expert to answer any questions you might have concerning wildlife habitat nutrition from the Natural Re-

source Conservation Service (NRCS).

And, there will be other educational displays for both youth and adults alike. TPWD Biologist Dana Wright will host a youth exhibit, TPWD Biologist Danny Sweptson will host a seminar on big game management in the High Plains, and TPWD Biologist Chip Ruthven will also host a seminar on rattlesnakes!

Take a chance in the silent auction to win a Remington Rifle, Leupold Binoculars, Gerber Knives, plus many more items such as feeders, optics, and many other hunting items to get ready for the upcoming big game hunting season. In addition to honoring hunters, land managers, first-timers and youth hunters, the TBGA Banquet will also recognize two stu-

dents with college scholarships through the TBGA Wildlife Conservation Scholarship Program, sponsored by Carter's Country Outdoor Stores.

Open to the general public, the exhibits, auction, and displays will be open from 3 pm to 6 pm. Seminars for adults and youths will begin around 3 pm. The TBGA Banquet and Dinner will be 5 pm to 6 pm.

Entrance to the day's events, not including the Banquet, is \$1 per person. Kids twelve and under are free until 5 pm.

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John 3:16

CHIPS

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provide a service" that "directly benefited CHIP," according to the auditor.

"By my estimates, 17,000 children who were dropped from the children's health program could have retained their benefits were it not for the lax, possibly criminal, mismanagement on the part of the agency," Strayhorn wrote.

She noted that an internal investigation would not be independent because the Governor appoints the Health and Human Services System Inspector General.

Strayhorn also said it is disturbing that "so many of the players involved have connections with the Texas administration."

The Governor sits at the top of the Texas Health and Human Services System.

"I am disturbed by the connections between Gov. Perry's top men and the companies that are supposed to be taking care

of our children. Light needs to be shed upon the connections between the Governor's current Chief of Staff and the current rural CHIP provider and between the Governor's former rural CHIP provider," Strayhorn said.

"Since last September 149,000 children have been dropped off the children's health insurance rolls because of budget cuts," Strayhorn said. "That's unconscionable."

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We would also like to thank all of the Volunteers who helped work the rodeo gates, concession stand, office and announcers booth or just wherever they were needed and anyone else that we may have overlooked.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

ICE CREAM SUPPER

Members of the Roaring Springs Methodist Church were invited to take part in an ice cream supper hosted by the Matador Methodist Church, Sunday night, July 18. About 50 people were in attendance and there was a variety of delicious ice cream. Also served was sandwiches, cake and brownies.

Mrs. Mary Lumsden came home on Wednesday from a two-month stay in the hospital at Lubbock and Crosbyton. Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent of Lubbock came on Saturday to visit her.

Mrs. Lori Alexander came home Thursday after having surgery in Lubbock.

HOUSE OF FAITH

There were eleven children at the park last Wednesday morning for the weekly House of Faith meeting. Mrs. Joyce Meredith, Mr. Alex Crowder and Mrs. Jo Trammell were there to help out. Mrs. Trammell presented the Bible story.

Senator and Mrs. Robert Duncan of Lubbock and Mrs. Jill Duncan of Austin visited their mother, Mrs. Robena Duncan, Friday. Miss Chelsea Duncan returned to Austin with her mother, after visiting here with her grandmother for the last three weeks.

Mrs. Sammie Phillips drove Lula Swim to Lubbock on Wednesday. Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Williams

met them for lunch.

Mrs. Lana Copp drove Lula Swim to Floydada on Thursday.

Mr. Rodney Williams and Rev. Paul Stearns and Miss Lula Swim attended the Community Reunion meeting that the Full Gospel Church hosted.

Cody Meredith of Las Vegas, NV accompanied his daughter, Angelica, by plane, to Lubbock where they were met by his parents, Joe and Joyce Meredith. Cody visited the weekend with family and friends. Angelica joined her brother, Jonah, who had arrived earlier, and the two will visit for the remainder of their summer vacation. Cody's wife, Leah, was unable to attend due to work schedules. On Saturday night, Cody was honored with a "coming home" party at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Carla and Jim Meador in Matador.

In addition to Cody and children, Jonah and Angelica, those enjoying the grilled meal of ribs, chicken, German sausage and all the trimmings and homemade ice cream for dessert, were local residents, Joe and Joyce Meredith, Randy and Holly Meredith, and son John, Yancy, Daphne and Parker Meredith; Sherry, Sean and Shea Rose, Jackie and Shirley Smith, and Steve Smith of Matador; Jeremy and Whitney Jones and children Morgan and Judson of Lubbock. After the meal and lots of visiting, the group gathered around the outdoor fireplace, roasted marshmallows and told stories.

Matador News

Scott and April Edwards of Seattle, Washington and their children, Jake, Zachary and Katterli, were weekend guest in the home of Tom and Deanie Edwards. They came through Lubbock and picked up Marge Edwards who also spent the week as a guest.

Deanie took Marge back to Lubbock on Sunday and will stay over for an appointment Monday.

Tom, Deanie and Marge enjoyed being invited as a guest to the class of 1964's reunion. Marge especially enjoyed getting to visit her former students. Jack and Celia McCallie and girls, Cammie and Emily of Amarillo, visited for a short time with Tom and Deanie while they were in town for the reunion.

ANNUAL GWINN FAMILY REUNION FULLINGIM 50th ANNIVERSARY

Descendants of the C.H. Gwinn family held their annual reunion and celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Bob and Bonnie Fullingim of Harlingen Saturday, July 17th at the Community Center in Roaring Springs.

Hosting the Fullingim's anniversary were their children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ebrum of Bulverdi, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fullingim of Argile and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Ayers of Austin. Their granddaughter, Jessica Ebrum of Jacksonville, Alabama was recognized as traveling the farthest to attend the festivities.

The name of Belinda Bailey of Lockney was drawn for the treasured block family quilt that is made each year for the reunion. Mrs. Maxine Gwinn of Nacogdoches pieced the quilt and Mrs. Josie

Raetz of Matador quilted it.

Eighty two registered at the entertaining activities from Houston, Flomot, Wolforth, Lockney, Nacogdoches, Harlingen, Spur, San Angelo, Lubbock, Matador, Austin, Floydada, Childress, Taylor, Roaring Springs, Jacksonville, Alabama and Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

ATTEND TFW WORKSHOP

Wilda and Spencer Dixon were in Lubbock, Tuesday for her a medical appointment. Wednesday morning, Wilda attended the Caprock District Texas Federation of Womens' Clubs Workshop. It was held at the Mahon Library in Lubbock. Wilda serves as vice president of this association.

Mrs. Dorothy Meador is in Seattle, Washington having laser and chemotherapy throat treatment. She will be there the next six weeks. With her during the following weeks will be son and wife, Stanley and Melissa Martin and granddaughter, Ginger Martin of Andrews and daughter, Mrs. Frances Welling of Midlothian.

Bill Moss is undergoing therapy treatments in Lubbock for an injured arm and shoulder. His wife, June is with him.

Pastor Paul Stearns is visiting July 20-20 in Seattle Washington with his family. Dr. Coe T. Branch of Plainview will be the guest speaker at United Methodist Church services in Matador and Roaring Springs Sunday July 25th.

Mrs. Carolyn Ewing, daughter and family, Joley and Larry Beam, Jacey and Jaley of Floydada attended the Morris family reunion held last weekend in Plainview.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

The fleeting nature of time also bequeaths us an appreciation of every ticking moment. Each morning is a promise, each sunset not to be missed. Wisdom teaches us to embrace our mixed blessing without mixed feelings, to savor both the pleasure and the pain.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Furman Vinson is a patient at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He is having therapy treatments following recent hip replacement surgery. His wife, Beverly is staying with him. Also visiting during his hospitalization are son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Vinson of Lubbock.

Kylie Green, 19 year old twin daughter of Steve Green of Pampa former Flomot resident, had cardiac surgery Monday, July 19 at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. With them during the surgery were Steve's sister, Mrs. Kellie Martin and brother, Billy Green of Matador

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

The birthdays of Doyle Calvert and daughter, Mrs. Gwen Mandrell of Lubbock were celebrated Saturday night at the Calvert home with a hamburger cook out and all the trimmings.

Those enjoying the happy occasion were Tim Mandrell and daughter, Peyton and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster of Lubbock, Mrs. Doyle (Mary Jo) Calvert and Glen Calvert

of Flomot. Mr. and Mrs. Foster remained to visit overnight Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and houseguests, grandchildren, Kyle and Karlee Kleibrink of Clifton visited in Panhandle, Sunday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Tanner, Kelsey and Sarah. They celebrated the 8th birthday of Sarah Sunday afternoon at the Water Parks Flash in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton of Lubbock visited the weekend with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin and her sister, Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney visited in Canyon, Saturday with their cousin, Claude Currie. Also visiting was his sister, Mrs. Betty Burns of Amarillo.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock. Visiting them Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee met her niece, Mrs. Shannon Jones of Carlsbad, N.M. in Lubbock, Sunday to visit and enjoyed entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse visited during the weekend at the Gwinn home in Matador with Mrs. Michelle Jeffers of Austin and Aly Gwinn of Lubbock. Those of Matador visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Charles "Chig" Gwinn and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raetz.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you for the cards and telephone calls following the recent death of my husband, Pete Wilkerson. Your expression of sympathy is truly appreciated.

I appreciate the love and support that has been extended to me by so many from Motley County.

Annette McWilliams Wilkerson

We would like to thank all the fine people who expressed their concern and sent cards, gifts, balloons and prepared food and made phone calls regarding Meagan's accident. We really appreciate the wonderful expressions of your love and prayers for our daughter and granddaughter. Thank you so very much.

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Youth Play Day August 7th

The Motley County Youth Ag Facility Organization will sponsor a Youth Play Day, Saturday, August 7. This newly established organization is in the process of making the Play Days a regular event in Motley County for youngsters, ages 2 - 18.

The event is located at the former Peck Thompson Arena, 4 miles east of Matador (turn left by red barn).

All kids in the above listed age group, with a desire to ride, and owns a horse, is welcome to participate.

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MOTLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS

by Penny Pipkin



The following is the promised mid-year Chamber newsletter, updating the community on Chamber progress and activities:

First of all, I would personally like to thank the citizens of Motley County for their cooperation and support during my two-year tenure as President. It has been a pleasure working with the folks of this county, and I wish the Chamber continued success in promoting the business strength of the community.

In 2004 we have a record number of Chamber members, both business and individual. We have accomplished most of the goals set out in 2003 - everything from Welcome Baskets to Welcome Signs, to Motley County Bucks to Bob's Oil Well!

Hats off to the Bob's Oil Well Restoration Committee for their tireless efforts, infinite patience and ongoing commitment. The lights are once again beckoning and the structure is being transformed. In spite of a recent minor electrical mishap, the grand opening will take place sometime in the Fall.

In the past the Chamber Board of Directors has selected the Man, Woman and Business of the Year. We would now like everyone in the community to have an opportunity to have a choice in this year's nomination.

If you have a favorite choice for any one or all three categories, please submit your selections in one of the nomination boxes located in New to You, Matador Variety, Sr. Center, Library, Anna's in Matador, or Graham Supply in Roaring Springs, or email to motco@mcaprock-spur.com. You can also submit at the same time your suggestion for Matador's Mascot Cowboy.

The Picnic in the Park held during the afternoon and evening of September 11 is a definite departure from our usual annual banquet held at the school. Our aim is to have a uniquely different function that will appeal to all ages, providing interactive participation as well as good food and entertainment.

Our theme this year is a patriotic one - lots of red, white and blue, musical salutes to our independence and freedom with a silent moment of commemoration for those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. There will be something for everyone with lots of awards and door prizes. Stay tuned for more picnic information on ticket purchase, the various games in which to participate, and the names of musicians and entertainers.

See you on September 11!

Obituaries

Richard D. March

Funeral services for Richard D. March, 76, of Quitaque, Texas were held at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday July 21, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church in Quitaque with Rev. Glenda Johnson officiating. Interment followed in the Quitaque Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. March passed away Thursday, July 15, 2004, at Amarillo.

Mr. March was a resident of California before moving to Quitaque about a year and a half ago. Mr. March and his son owned and operated D&D Machine Shop for many

years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, but recently had been attending the First United Methodist Church in Quitaque.

He is survived by: two daughters: Linda Kendall of Flomot, Texas, Robin Kordecki of California; two brothers: David of Missouri and Eddie of Oklahoma; three sisters: Pat of Oklahoma, Mary of Oklahoma and Carol of Texas, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Danny March, in 2002.

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

3 John 2

Congratulations!!!

Alicia Norris



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Finding of No Significant Environmental Impact

USDA Rural Development, Rural Housing Service has received an application for financial assistance from Hackberry Creek Health Care, Inc. for construction of a 50-bed health care facility. It is located on a five (5) acre tract of land located at the intersection of North Main Street and Farm to Market Road 94, Matador, Texas.

The major elements of the proposed project will consist of the construction of a 50-bed health care facility. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), USDA Rural Development has assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed action and has determined that it will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Therefore, USDA Rural Development will not prepare an environmental impact statement for this proposed action.

Any written comments regarding this determination should be submitted within fifteen (15) days of this publication. Requests to review the Environmental Assessment upon which this determination is based should be directed to USDA Rural Development, James H. Short, Community Development Manager, 6113 - 43rd Street, Suite B, Lubbock, TX 79407.

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FARM & RANCH NEWS

Farm Service Agency News

by John Bird, Motley County CED



COC Election Cycle Begins for LAA 1 (Northwest portion of Motley Co.)

Beginning July 15, 2004, farmers and ranchers can nominate local producers to serve on the County Committee (COC). The first step in the process is for qualified voters to nominate candidates. If you are qualified to vote, you can nominate yourself or another producer to run for a seat on the committee. Nominating petitions must be submitted to the office by Sept. 3, 2004.

The County Committee helps make national farm programs fit the needs of local producers. For example they make decisions on price support loans, yields and disaster assistance.

Important dates for this year's election:

* July 15 - Nomination period begins.

* Sept. 3 - Last day to file nomination forms with the FSA office.

* Nov. 8 - Ballots mailed to eligible voters.

* Dec. 6 - Last day to return voted and signed ballots to the FSA office.

* Jan. 1, 2005 - Elected Committee members and alternates take office.

Forms are on hand at the county office. You can also find them online at: www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections. The County Committee system is your opportunity to have a voice in delivery of federal farm programs in Motley County - we encourage you to participate fully in the nomination and election process.

Soldier's and Sailor's Relief Act

Producers who are active members of the military or have been called to active duty with their Reserve or National Guard units should know about financial protections provided by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940. The act

helps offset the effects of reduced pay that often accompany extended deployments for military personnel, especially members of the National Guard and Reserves.

The Act prohibits financial institutions, including the Farm Service Agency, from foreclosing on mortgages incurred prior to entering active duty if the producer's ability to pay is materially affected by military service. FSA will not accelerate or foreclose on direct loans made for farm operating or ownership purposes. Loans guaranteed by FSA and made by private lending institutions are similarly affected by the Act. The moratorium on servicing actions includes the time the producer is on active duty and for three months following that.

In addition to delaying foreclosures, provisions of the Act can temporarily cap loan interest rates, including credit card rates, at 6 percent. To take advantage of the rate cap producers must contact their lenders and request the reduction. Producers must provide lenders a copy of their military orders and show their ability to pay has been materially affected by military service.

Loans made by FSA's Commodity Credit Corporation, including marketing assistance, Farm Storage Facility and Sugar Storage Facility loans, are also covered by the Act.

Producers or borrowers should notify the county office staff if they are full-time members of the armed services or have been called to active duty status, whether or not their financial situation has been adversely affected.

Production Evidence: Please remember to submit 2003 production evidence so that we can update your NAP yields!

"It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord." Lamentations 3:26.

USDA Rural Development to hold forums on available programs

Bryan Daniel, State Director for Texas USDA Rural Development announced a series of statewide forums to present communities with information on the many programs available from USDA Rural Development. The forums will be open to all current customers, prospective customers, and all other interested individuals and entities.

The forum of Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hall, Hockley, Kent, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Parmer, Swisher, Terry and Yoakum counties will be held Tuesday, August 30, 2004, 10:00 a.m. at the Wayland Baptist University, Nunn Auditorium (Corner of Harry Igo Blvd. and 6th Street,) Plainview, Texas. Another forum will be held Wednesday, August 4, 2004, 10:00 a.m. at the Alamo, 303 East Broadway, Brownfield, Texas.

The session will feature a presentation and discussion of all USDA Rural Development programs, in both direct and guaranteed lending opportunities, for rural utilities, community facilities, business and industry, single family and multi-family housing.

"USDA Rural Development

is committed to making its programs and services available to all rural Texans, including, small businesses, municipalities, community based organizations and traditionally underserved portions of the population. Through its support of sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality of life in rural Texas," said Daniel.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life in rural communities throughout Texas. Through the numerous programs offered by USDA Rural Development, communities can improve flow of capital to businesses and address the essential needs of housing, water, education and health care.

There is no cost to attend and all interested individuals are invited. To learn more or to make reservations to attend one of the forums, please call USDA Rural Development in Lubbock, Texas, at (806) 785-5644, ext. 4.

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PCG Officers Discuss Insurance Issues; TCP Contingent Make Washington Rounds

LUBBOCK, July 16, 2004

By Shawn Wade

PCG President Rickey Bearden and Vice President Mike Hughes traveled to Washington, DC July 12-14 with cotton producers from across Texas to discuss cotton issues and reinforce the importance of the current Farm Bill to USDA officials and members of Congress.

Bearden and Hughes were in Washington as part of a Texas Cotton Producers group seeking to discuss current cotton related issues and to reinforce the strong working relationship the cotton industry has with USDA personnel and Texas Congressional representatives.

During the trip Bearden and Hughes joined the TCP group to visit congressional staff and hear reports from key USDA agency representatives.

The TCP group met with several members of the Texas Congressional delegation including: Representatives Max Sandlin (District 1), Chet Edwards (District 11), Mac Thornberry (District 13), Ron Paul (District 14), Charles Stenholm (District 17), Randy Neugebauer (District 19), Henry Bonilla (District 23), Solomon Ortiz (District 27), and Senator John Cornyn. Representatives from the House and Senate Agriculture Committees also briefed the TCP group.

Jim Butler, USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; David Hatch, Associate Administrator of the Risk Management Agency; Ai Jennings, Director, Office of Pest Management Policy; Scott Sanford, Farm Service Agency Fibers Analysis Group; and, Carol Skelly, USDA World Outlook Board, provided USDA updates on cotton related programs and issues.

The TCP group concluded their trip with a luncheon at the National Cotton Council's Washington office attended by Special Assistant to the President Christopher Smith.

In addition to their TCP schedule, PCG's officers also met with representatives of the Risk Management Agency to discuss the current deferred appraisal period for non-emerged seed and find a solution that meets the needs of the producer in the field and the Federal Crop Insurance Program.

During the meeting several options were discussed and progress made toward development of an equitable solution. The ultimate goal is to develop a solution that can be initiated in 2005 crop year.

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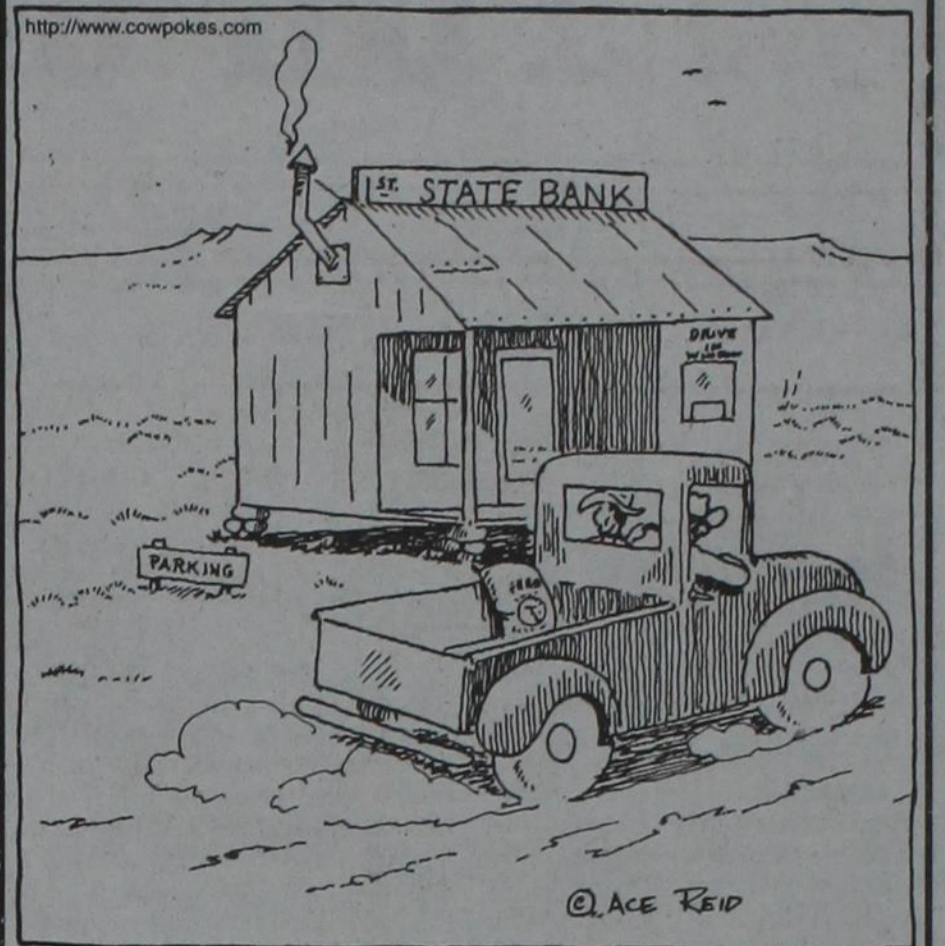
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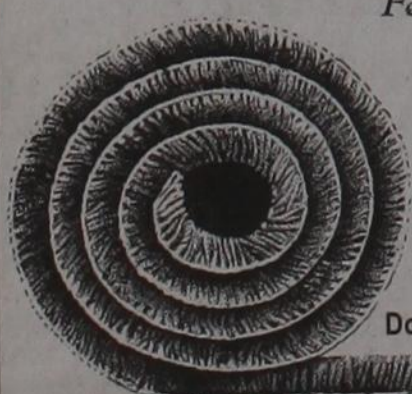
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