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## Get 'em down ...

Motley County 4-H member, Colton Russell, works to "get 'em down" in the Straight Away Chute Dogging event at the 32nd Annual Motley County Jr. Rodeo held last weekend in Roaring Springs. Young rodeo participants from all over the area and out of state competed in various events. See results at right.

## Motley County Jr. Rodeo heats things up with hot competition Final results announced

With temperatures blazing over 100° last Friday and Saturday, the 32nd annual Motley County Jr. Rodeo warmed things up even more with Jr. cowgirls and cowboys competing in various events for some heated competition. Spectators kept close to the shade trees as they cheered for the young dust kicking rodeo stars.

All around winners in the Pre-Kids division were Taylor Perryman of Clarendon and Blaise Freeman of Gail.

In the Pee Wee division all around winners were Callie Overturf of Amarillo and Riley Payne of Idalou.

Casey Ferguson of Idalou and Alexis McKee of Idalou took home the all around prize in the Junior division, while Kiel Rowan of O'Brien and Courtney Caklin of Jayton were Sr. all around winners. Reserve all around in the senior division were Cody Ware of Lockney and Melyssa Elliott of Paducah.

Other rodeo results are listed below:

### PRE-KIDS

Barrels: 1st., Blaise Freeman, Gail; 2nd., Brody Rankin, Roaring Springs; 3rd., Austin McKee, Borger; 4th., Taylor Perryman, Clarendon; 5th., Matthew Day, Quanah; 6th., Briana McCleskey, Amarillo.

Flags: 1st., Brody Rankin; 2nd., Blaise Freeman; 3rd., Cassidy Turner, Matador; 4th., Case Clark, Spur; 5th., Reagan Maxwell, Paducah; 6th., Taylor Perryman.

Ribbon Pull: 1st., Brody Rankin; 2nd., Blaise Freeman; 3rd., Matthew Day, Quanah; 4th., Tanner Freeman, Gail; 5th., Taylor Perryman; 6th., Tre Garvin, Spur.

Poles: 1st., Brody Rankin; 2nd., Blaise Freeman; 3rd., Shelby Day, Quanah; 4th., Taylor Perryman; 5th., Austin McKee, Borger; 6th., Matthew Day, Quanah.

Calf Riding: 1st., Blaise Freeman; 2nd., Jaycee Hendershot, Albany; 3rd., Cae Clark, Spur; 4th., Garrett Jameson, Lubbock; 5th., Tanner Freeman, Gail; 6th., Matthew Day, Quanah.

### PEE WEE

Flags: 1st., Audrie Ferguson, Idalou; 2nd., Aaron McKee, Borger; 3rd., Callie Overturf, Amarillo; 4th., Kara Hurt, Guthrie; 5th., Riley Payne, Idalou; 6th., Carli Maxwell, Paducah.

Poles: 1st., Callie Overturf; 2nd., Audrie Ferguson; 3rd., Carli Maxwell; 4th., Schylar Tomlinson, Roaring Springs; 5th., Lauren Little, Claude; 6th., Aaron McKee, Borger.

Goats: 1st., Riley Payne; 2nd., Callie Overturf; 3rd., Kara Hurt; 4th., Lauren Little; 5th., Aaron McKee.

Breakaway: 1st., Riley Payne, Idalou.

Steer Daubing: 1st., Riley Payne; 2nd., Aaron McKee; 3rd., Schylar Tomlinson; 4th., Kara Hurt; 5th., Carli Maxwell; 6th., Tanner Hart, Dickens.

Barrels: 1st., Audrie Ferguson; 2nd., Aaron McKee; 3rd., Callie Overturf; 4th., Kara Hurt; 5th., Riley Payne; 6th., Carli Maxwell.

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## Vote for Roaring Springs for A-Z Tour

Vote for Roaring Springs on the KCBD News Channel 11 A to Z Sports Tour. Voting for R towns began on July 16. The "R" town with the most votes will be featured on the July 30th newscast.

Go to KCBD.com Sports to vote. There is no limit to the number of times you can vote.

Flomot was featured on the tour in May and Matador was featured in June. A Roaring Springs feature would give Motley County a clean sweep, with the exception of Whiteflat and Northfield. Nazareth was the featured "N" town, while the "W" town has not opened for voting yet.

## Tribune employment yields rewarding career

by Geney Spray Stan

I worked for The Matador Tribune during my senior year in Matador High School and the summer thereafter (1962). My experience with Douglas and Lila Meador remains among the highlights of my life, and the basis of so much subsequent opportunity that I remain forever grateful. A most rewarding career came to me thanks, in large measure, to the Meadors (and my family and the entire nurturing nature of Motley County folk).

Actually I can't imagine that I was much of an asset. I hardly remember my duties, so how essential could I have been? I did make coffee (probably not very good coffee, as I didn't drink it in those days) and answer the phone. I wrote some personal items and even some wedding stories. Only now do I realize how important those personal items were, as I still read and enjoy the news of everyone I know, who they visit, where, when and why, reunions and all. I even enjoy the sorts of

wedding gowns and flowers and cakes at the weddings of daughters and sons or granddaughters and grandsons of people I know. I sold advertising (usually logos on "signature" pages, as we called them) and helped (hopefully helped) in the back shop, even tickling the keys of the linotype now and then.

The most memorable "event" without question occurred over and over, each Wednesday night, press night. What effort, hurry, flurry, care and love went into that little paper that got hefted to the post office in time for delivery Thursday morning. Poor Mr. and Mrs. Meador! And Mrs. Hazel Donovan, faithful always, worked those evenings as did Alfredo Escobar (later succeeded by Sixto Castillo). Mr. Grady Lackey had already contributed his magic at the linotype by the time the press rolled (or, more accurately, by the time Mr. Meador rolled the press). I doubt that I contributed much, other than a lot of enthusiasm, but I much enjoyed the drama and staying up until

1 or 2 a.m. Often I spent the night with my aunts in town and walked to school the next morning, an odd sort of treat for a country girl. Either they or Mr. Meador, bone-weary then I'm sure, would follow me in my family's little Ford vehicle, to the turn-off for our farm, just making sure I made it okay.

Words can't express my gratitude for this experience, which had such a far-reaching and favorable influence on my life. Because of my work with the Meadors (and their generous recommendation) I became employed by The Record-Chronicle in Denton, where I enrolled in the University of North Texas. I eventually became a feature writer there, and the funds from this job paid college expenses. Later I worked

for the Star-Telegram in Fort Worth, also as a feature writer, and then went back to the University of North Texas for a master's degree in English and philosophy. My love of words led me to a love of literature and ideas, and when I landed a job with the Dallas Community College District, I knew I had found my niche. I loved teaching composition and literature. Later, I moved to Farmington, New Mexico, to teach at San Juan Community College and once again became involved in journalism, as I sponsored the student newspaper there for three years. Afterwards I taught various English classes (composition and literature) and philosophy classes until I retired. I can hardly think of a more rewarding career for me personally.

Giving testimony to words and ideas I believe in to a group of people I care about — and getting paid for it — what could be better?

Now that I'm retired, I continue to write! Now, however, I juggle words for my own enjoyment (though I sometimes inflict my "creations" on family and friends). I continue devouring books in both literature and philosophy (and sometimes inflict these on innocent folks as well!) I have two children, Jonah and Cassandra, who enrich my life immeasurably. Jonah lives with his wife, Aurora, and son, Jeremy in Austin and Cassandra lives in Albuquerque.

Indeed, I've been given much, and it all started with the good people of, and my fortunate rearing in, Motley County.

## Motley County School Board meets

## Some employees will receive raises

by Tina Brooks,  
School reporter

The Motley County Board of Trustees met Monday, July 18 in a regular scheduled meeting. All board members were present with the exception of Robert Fisk. Also in attendance were Superintendent Randy Brown, Principal Marilynn Hicks and Denise Ford.

Mr. Brown gave the invocation. No one was present for open forum.

The consent agenda was reviewed, discussed and approved.

Mr. Brown recommended that the board set the proposed tax rate at \$1.37. The board approved.

A public meeting was scheduled for August 21 for the Budget and Proposed Tax Rate. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Legislative update 78 was reviewed. The board adopted update 78.

Mr. Brown recommended that Coach Mike Bigham's employment agreement be changed to a probationary contract. The board approved.

The board endorsed Cindy Purdy from Muleshoe to represent Region 17 on the TASB (Texas Association of School

Boards) Board.

Mrs. Hicks discussed the TAKS testing schedule. The board accepted the schedule.

During the principal's report, Mrs. Hicks informed the board that the Spirit Rally is set for August 29, at 7:00 p.m.

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## Comptroller Strayhorn reports gains in state and local sales tax revenue

Austin -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said last week the state received \$277.6 million in sales tax revenue in June, up 15.6 percent compared to June 2005.

Strayhorn delivered \$412.4 million in July sales tax allocations to cities, counties and other local taxing entities, up 19.7 percent compared to last July. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are running 15.9 percent higher than last year.

The strong Texas economy continues to generate double-digit gains in sales tax for the state and many local governments, Strayhorn said.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent July sales tax allocations of \$277.6 million to Texas cities, up 19.3 percent compared to July 2005. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 15.1 percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$25.5 million, up 23.3 percent compared to last July. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 17.2 percent higher than last year.

The 110 special purpose taxing districts around the state received July sales tax allocations totaling \$12.3 million, up 24.8 percent compared to last

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## Fire Departments respond to five grass fires in one week

The Matador Volunteer Fire Department responded to five grass fires last week due to lightning and lack of rain.

Firefighters were kept busy for 24 hours, July 10-11 at a wind blown grass fire located seven miles northeast of Matador at the Dora Faye Cook and Garland Rattan land. Constant flashes of lightning, heavy smoke and red flames were visible for miles with 1,650 acres being lost in the fire. Other Fire Departments on the scene were from Floydada, Turkey, Flomot, Roaring Springs, Paducah, Dickens and also there were the TxDOT, Texas Forest Rangers and Motley County maintainers.

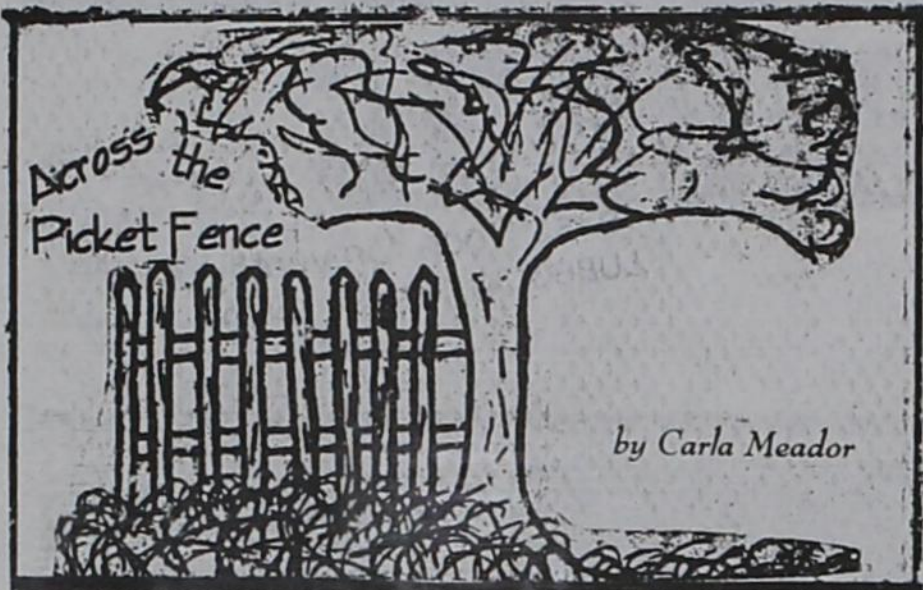
At 1:15 a.m. Tuesday, July 11, a grass fire at Tee Pee Creek on the Schweitzer pasture was controlled to 24 acres by Matador and Paducah Fire Depts. and a dozier.

Thursday, July 13, firemen responded to a grass fire at 12:05 p.m. on Stearns land west

of Assembly of God Youth Camp that Chig Gwinn leases. Fifty-one acres was destroyed. Matador Fire Dept. had help of McAdoo and Dickens Fire Depts. Then at 7:14 p.m. the same day another fire at the North Land Field at Matador was extinguished.

To end the week of fires, a quick response by Matador, Flomot and Turkey Fire Depts. at 8:00 a.m. Friday, July 14, on the Frank Barton land located east of Flomot and highway 70, kept loss of acreage to 10 acres. The flames jumped across the dirt road and Wilson Barton had fire around his rural mailbox and fence rows, but structures were spared.

Rodney Williams, Matador Fire Chief, stressed the importance of Motley County Commissioners sending their maintainers to these grass fires as they were a benefiting factor in helping fires from spreading.



I ran across this recently and thought it was good enough to share.

**HOW GOOD ARE YOU?**

- \* If you can start the day without caffeine,
- \* If you can resist complaining about your troubles,
- \* If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful,
- \* If you can graciously accept it when your loved ones ignore you,
- \* If you can overlook it when you are punished for something that isn't your fault.
- \* If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

- \* If you can take correction without correcting others,
- \* If you can resist treating your rich friends better than your poor friends,
- \* If you can conquer tension without medical help,
- \* If you can relax without liquor,
- \* If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
- \* If you can say honestly that deep in your heart you hold no malice or prejudice toward anyone of different color, creed, religion or politics,

Then, my friends, you are almost as good as your dog!

**Library Notes**  
by Suzanne Abbott  
Librarian

We appreciate the donation to the Library by Sharon, Jackie, and John Martin in memory of Florence Tilt. Donations such as this help keep the library's collection up-to-date as well as make a lasting memorial.

New books in the library include *Cover of Night* by Linda Howard, *Sandcastles* by Luanne Rice and *One Mississippi* by Mark Childress. These books are now ready to be checked out from the Motley County Library. Reading a good book is a good way to spend a hot July day.

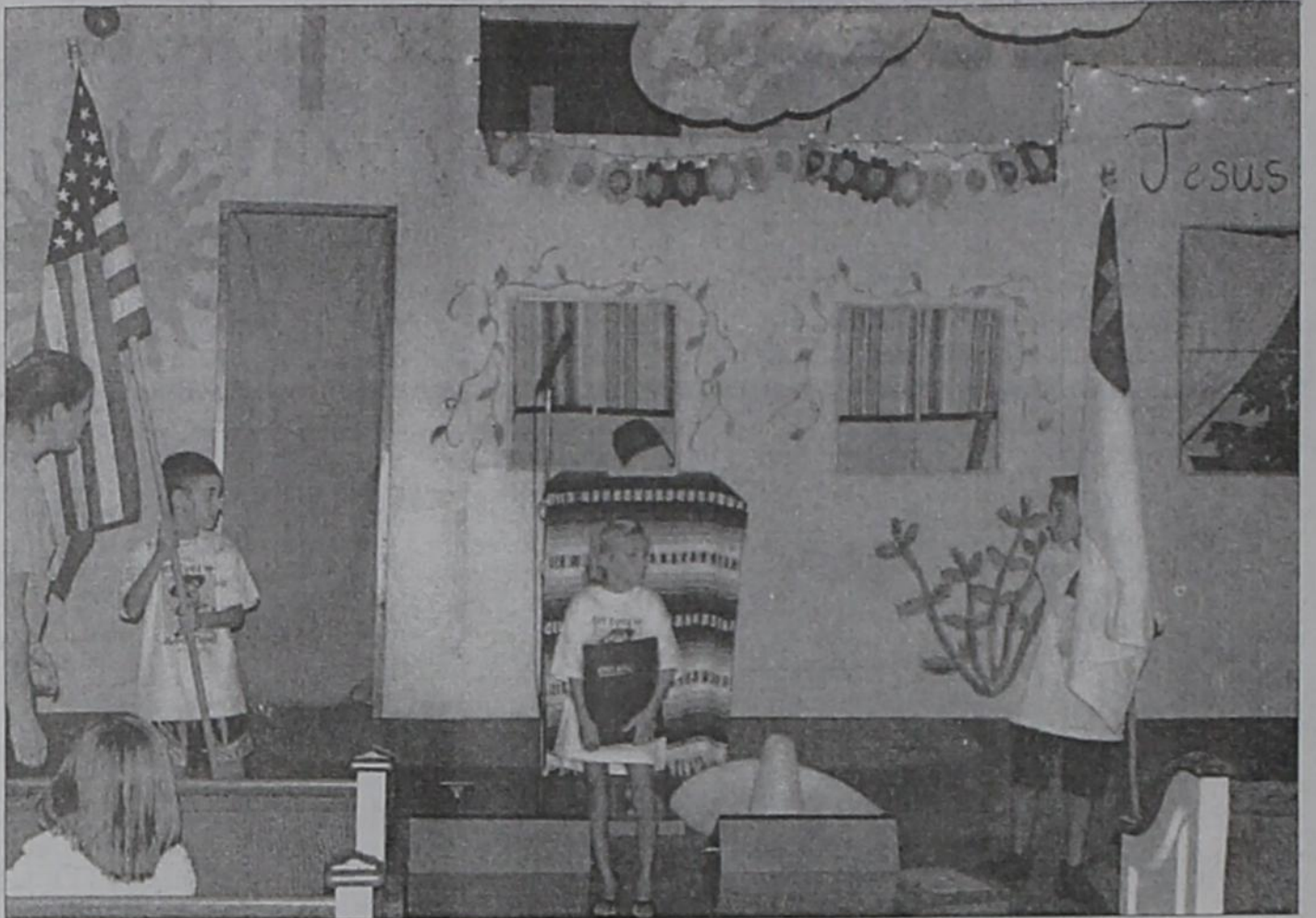
We have a fairly extensive magazine section at the library and patrons may check out the magazines just as they do the books. The library also offers *The Wall Street Journal*, which may also be checked out.

Nova Turner brings us the *Valley Tribune* and we appreciate her sharing with the library. We also thank Marihelen Wason for sharing the *Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon*. Our thanks to Carla and Jim Meador for donating the *Motley County Tribune* to the Library. We appreciate their generosity.

The Motley County Library is kept open on Mondays by volunteers. On Monday, July 10, the library was in the capable hands of Pina Sturdivant.

Pina just walked in one day and said, "I hear you need help on Mondays, sometimes." What a joy! We appreciate Pina and all of the many volunteers that make this library function.

This might be a good time to remind our readers of the library's hours. On Monday, the library is open 2:00 to 5:00. On Tuesday through Thursday we are open 1:00 to 6:00. On Friday, we open at Noon and close at 5:00 p.m. The library is not open at all during the morning hours.



**BIBLE SCHOOL** — Michael Martin, left, carried the United States flag, Macie Marshall carried the Bible, and Joshua Martin, right, carried the Christian flag, to begin the Vacation Bible School program last Friday night at the First Baptist Church in Matador. The week-long event was well attended with about 70 kids enrolled.

**Vacation Bible School to be held at Full Gospel Church**  
*Come join the Adventure at Son Treasure Island*

The Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church invites all children in the area to join them at Son Treasure Island.

Corinthians 13. Kids will have fun discovering the rich treasure of God's love with island crafts, island games and great Caribbean music.

Call Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church at 806-348-7943 or Jamie Martin at 806-469-5052 for more information.

Please register your children as soon as possible. You may register by paper forms at Anna's and Main Street Cafe, use the church's website, [www.myvbs.com/rsfgvbs2006/](http://www.myvbs.com/rsfgvbs2006/), or call Jamie Martin at 469-5052. All children between the ages of 2 to 12 years of age are welcome.

"There's treasure on this island. It's the greatest treasure of all - God's Love," said Pastor Kevin Keltz of Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church. On Son Treasure Island, children learn how Jesus' life illustrates God's love as described in 1

All children of the community and their parents are invited to join this spectacular trip to Son Treasure Island.

Son Treasure Island begins July 31 and continues through August 4, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

*Patriotic decor featured at Do Gooders' July club meeting*

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, July 11 at the Community Center in Flo-mot. Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Alma Shorter read the minutes of the previous meeting that were approved.

Elwayne Self and wife, Barbara of Turkey met with the club during the business session and they discussed the pros and cons of Mr. Self installing a new bathroom floor at the Community Center. This project received an unanimous vote. The club members were to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock, July 17 to sew blocks together for the Bazaar quilt.

Hostesses, Mrs. Judy Stark and Mrs. Nada Starkey presided at a patriotic service of red, white and blue. The table was laid with a white cloth centered with a colorful arrangement of live petunias intermingled with miniature U.S. flags. They served assorted fruit, cookies, iced tea and strawberry punch. The new tables and chairs purchased by the club added to the decor.

Mrs. Suzie Shannon was the pleased winner of the hostess gift, two decorative kitchen towels with crocheted hanging loops.

Members attending were Mesdames Erma Washington, Kathy Shorter, Waydetta Clay, Geneva Martin, Nada Starkey, Judy Stark, Mary Jo Calvert, Alma Shorter, Anna Beth Clay, Leona Degan and Suzie Shannon. Guests, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Self, were Mrs. Ann Chadwick of Quitaque, Shelby Shannon of Turkey and Mandy Saunders of Canyon.

**Fairways & Rough**  
by Geneva

**JACK & JILL TOURNAMENT**  
July 8-9

Winners: Championship Flight - 1st., Ken Marshall and Kay Bingham, score 124.

Second, Clay and Susan Simpson, score 134.

Third, Roland Cantu and Whitney Harris, score 134. Second and third were shared because of a tie.

First Flight - 1st., Sam and Judy Hunley, score 136.

Second, Kenny and Olivia Barton, score 138.

Third, Tucker and Glenna Ross, score 139.

Second Flight - 1st., Mark and Kathleen Wason, score 144.

Second, Garland and Judy Cartwright, score 145. Won play-off on card.

Third, Tempie Francis and J.R. Christy, score 145.

Third Flight - 1st., Pat Smith and Debra Scott, score 151.

Second, Cody Dodson and Tommie Keith, score 154.

Closest to pin Saturday, Tucker Ross, 9'6" on #3.

Closest to pin on Sunday morning, Mitch Rushin, 1'6", #6.

Closest to pin on Sunday afternoon, Steve Buxkemper, 24', #6.

**LADIES PLAYDAY**  
July 13

There were no 18 hole players.

9 hole players were Judy Renfro, Tommie Keith, Frances Hobbs, Pat Warren.

Tommie won the ball, long drive on #7.

**Tax Payments**  
from page 1

July. Ten local transit systems received \$96.9 million in sales tax allocations, up 19.4 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 rate of 2.000%, received a net payment of \$4,105.11, compared to \$4,190.70 at this time last year, a -2.04% change. To date, \$35,226.53 has been received for 2006, compared to \$31,674.77 at this time last year, a 11.21% change.

Roaring Springs, with a rate of 2.000%, received a net payment of \$5,953.38, compared to \$1,355.27 last year, a 339.27% change. To date, Roaring Springs has received \$20,517.82 for 2006, compared to \$22,986.85 in 2005, a -10.74% change.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, August 11.

**Matador/MC Homecoming**  
★ ★ ★  
September 22-23  
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**Saturday, July 29**  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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**Fellowship Hall**

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**Some Things Are Just Right!**

In the everyday lives we lead we are faced with decisions that have to be made. These often involve whether or not we should do or not do something. Or should we become involved? Usually a lot of things come into consideration as we make our decisions. Here are some suggestions based on the "Golden Rule".

- \* Be what you want others to be.
- \* Speak the way you want others to speak to you.
- \* Love like you want to be loved.
- \* Live like you want those around you to live.
- \* Be faithful because you want others to be faithful to you.
- \* Serve like you want others to serve.
- \* Care for others as you would want others to care for you.
- \* Encourage others as you'd like them to encourage.

These good suggestions did not originate with me but we can put these suggestions into practice. They are right and they are also Christian.

**ROARING SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.  
BIBLE STUDY 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP 9:00 A.M.

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# Greenbelt golfers complete season with trophy wins

by Tina Brooks

The Motley County Greenbelt Golfers participated in their last tournament of the year July 13 in Memphis. 115 children from around the area showed up to golf in 108 degree weather. Motley County had a great showing with 27 golfers participating in this tournament. These golfers have traveled to area towns competing against one another trying to accumulate points for the end of the season trophies. Points are awarded for first through fourth place and the final total comes from the golfers four best tournaments for first through third place trophies.

Motley County had several golfers place, starting off the year at Roaring Springs, Motley County golfers placing included Bryant Taylor, Seth Baxter, Sabra Pope, Austin Taylor, Brady Robbins, Kyla Simpson, Chicagra Brown, Chance Bingham, Isiah Archer and Stacy Perryman. The competition did not slow up. The team traveled to Paducah and adding points to their tally were Shelby Elliott, Bryant Taylor, Caleb Clary, Christian Brooks, Jonathon Osborn, Courtney Alexander, Isiah Archer and Stacy Perryman. At this time the points are accumulating and

the golfers know they have to get busy.

At Quannah, Motley County had no girls place, but the boys made up for it. Placing was Bryant Taylor, Austin Taylor, Andrew Martin, Christian Brooks, Jacob Blanco and Chance Bingham.

Gas prices continue to rise, but that does not stop these dedicated golfers as they traveled even further. Placing at Shamrock was Mattie Brooks, Caleb Clary, Conner Mason, Austin Taylor, Brady Robbins, Jonathon Osborn, Isiah Archer and Chance Bingham.

Childress seemed to be a tough course for Motley golfers. Placing at Childress were Bryant Taylor, Seth Baxter, Christian Brooks and Chance Bingham.

With only two tournaments left, receiving points at Wellington were Sabra Pope, Kyla Simpson, Karrie Valdez, Bryant Taylor, Christian Brooks, Jonathon Osborn, Chance Bingham and Isiah Archer. The team had only one tournament left and the last chance to score points for a trophy.

Placing at Memphis, for their last tournament of the year, were Austin Taylor, Christian Brooks, Chance Bingham and Isiah Archer.

All points are in and the final tallies are checked. Bringing home the overall trophies were four Motley County golfers. Bryant Taylor brought home the second place trophy in the K-3rd grade division. Austin Taylor received the second place trophy in the 4th-5th grade boys' division. Christian Brooks received a third place trophy in the 6-7-8th grade boys division. And last, but not least, Chance Bingham received the third place trophy in the 9-12th grade boys division.

If you have watched any of the golfers practice you have seen improvement all year long. Though everyone did not bring home a trophy everyone worked hard and improved each tournament. Other golfers participating this year were Braden Pope, Macie Marshall, Eli Marshall, Bryson Elliott, Mickey Clary, Bryce Brady, Blaine Brady, Sage Guerrero, Natalie Jameson, Hannah Mason, Matthew Faulks, Tristan Perryman, Korbyn Simpson, Michael Seigler, Logan Ferguson, Britt Simpson, Jaci Zingerman, Reagan Elliott, Lexi Osborn, Braden Mason, Landon Hinson, Oscar Frausto, Zane Sloan, Savannah Rose and Bradley Brown.

The competition is tough and the travel is hard, but each and every Motley County golfer did their part. They came, they worked hard, and they made Motley County proud.



**GREENBELT GOLFERS** — Pictured left to right, (back) Tina Brooks, Isiah Archer, Stacy Perryman, Bradley Brown, Chicagra Brown, Savannah Rose, Jacob Blanco, Kay Bingham; (middle) Conner Mason, Courtney Alexander, Jonathon Osborn, Christian Brooks, Braden Mason, Logan Ferguson, Reagan Elliott, Seth Baxter, Austin Taylor, Michael Seigler, Karrie Valdez, Matthew Faulks, Caleb Clary; (next row) Tristan Perryman, Mattie Brooks, Natalie Jameson, Bryson Elliott, Macie Marshall, Shelby Elliott; (front) Sage Guerrero, Hanna Mason, Bryant Taylor, Blaine Brady, Bryce Brady, Mickey Clary.

## Pray for Rain!!

### AUCTION

Saturday, July 29, 2006.....Sale Time 9:07 a.m.  
 Located: Turkey, Texas, 4 miles South on Texas Hwy 70 Then East on county road CC 1 mile around curve (Red top house on south & west side of road)  
 Morris Stephens & Sis Stephens Estate.....Owners  
 Due to the death of M. Stephens and Mrs. Stephens health the following will be sold at public auction. For more information call James G. Cruce, Auctioneer & Broker, 806-296-5050 or 806-292-1474 Cell.  
 Selling beautiful home on 17 acres with metal barn & shed - bunk house, mobile home along with some household furniture and items, with some shop, yard, & lawn equipment with many other items to numerous to list.  
 Real Estate will sell first followed by other items to be auctioned. Please be on time if interested in real estate.

<b>HOUSEHOLD ITEMS</b>	<b>YARD AND GARDEN</b>	<b>STORAGE BUILDING VAN - TRAILERS - TANK</b>
1 - Custom Built Western (Native Wood) Bedroom Suit - King Size Bed Headboard, Dresser, Mirror, Chest of Drawers	1 - Craftsman 19.5 H.P. - 42" Riding Lawn Mower 1 - Murray 14 H.P. - 42" Riding Lawn Mower 1 - Murray 12.5 H.P. - 38" Riding Lawn Mower 1 - Rototiller - Yard Cart 1 - Small 2 Wheel Utility Trailer 1 - Lot Garden & Yard Hose 1 - Yard Fertilizer Spreader 1 - Lot Lawn & Folding Chairs 1 - Lot Yard & Garden Tools 1 - Lot Yard Furniture	1 - 8' x 20' Dry Storage Van Trailer W/O/H Door 1 - 300 Gallon Fuel Nurse Tank Trailer - 4 Wheel Chassis 1 - 4 Wheel Flat Bed Trailer 1 - 2 Wheel Utility Trailer
1 - Custom Built Western (Native Wood) Desk & Chair 2 - Buggy Wheel, Custom Built, Glass Top, Hame Legs - Tables 1 - Cypress Clock & Matching Coffee Table 1 - Custom Built (Western) Coffee Table 2 - Custom Built Wood Lamps 1 - Custom Built Chick Wagon Lamp 1 - 5 Drawer Lingerie Chest 1 - Chair & Ottoman 1 - Lot Chairs 1 - Entertainment Center 1 - Lot Lamps - Lamp Tables - Stands 1 - Recliner Lounger 1 - Leather Rocker 1 - Kirby Vacuum Cleaner 1 - Eureka Vacuum Cleaner 1 - Lot Cooking Utensils - Kitchen Ware Dishes, Knives, Forks, Spoons, Pans - 1 - Lot Items Too Numerous To List	<b>ANTIQUES - COLLECTABLES</b> 2 - Collection of Flint & Arrow Heads 1 - Paul Wylie Bronze "Restin' & Cussin The Boss" (#23 of 25) With Brands of Surrounding Ranches Cross S, JA's, Triangles Four 6's 2 - Paul Wylie Western Prints 1 - McCarthy Western Painting 1 - Set Brass Horsehead Fireplace Tools 1 - Horse Collar Mirror 2 - 72" Sets of Texas Longhorn Horns (Mounted) 4 - Steel Wagon Wheels 1 - Lot Saddle Blankets - 1940s - 50s 1 - Lot Western Rugs, Pre - 1970s 1 - Brass Log Holder 1 - Antique Rocker 1 - Grindstone Round Wheel 1 - Cast Iron Pot 1 - Lot Cast Iron Cookware 1 - Triple Horse Hitch 2 - Dirt Slips 2 - Old H/D Plows	<b>NONCLASSIFIED</b> 1 - Evaporative Shop Air Conditioner 1 - Lot Shop Storage Refrigerators 1 - 2 Wheel Dolly Cart 1 - Lot Water Jugs & Coolers 1 - Organ Key Board 1 - Lot Trailer Balls 1 - Lot Pipe & PVC Pipe Fittings 1 - Lot Chains Boomers 1 - Lot Picture Frames 1 - Lot Bolts - Nuts - Washers - Screws 1 - Lot Painting Tools - Spray Gun 1 - Lot Folding Chairs - Tables Shelves 1 - Lot Electric Wiring 1 - Lot Tires & Wheels 1 - Pickup Grill Guard 1 - Lot Gas Cans - Plastic 1 - Animal Trap 1 - Lot Galvanized Wire Mesh Panels 1 - Lot Scrap & Shop Iron 1 - Lot Items Too Numerous To List

Terms of sale: Real Estate 10% in Escrow, day of sale, remainder upon closing. Closing 30 days or sooner if possible - Possession upon closing. All other merchandise, complete payment day of sale. Seller has 15 minutes to accept or reject bid on Real Estate.  
 Any Announcement Sale Day Takes Precedence.

## PROOF OF THE TRUTH

BY TOM EDWARDS

### WHAT'S EINSTEIN GOT TO DO WITH ALL THIS?

Actually, quite a bit, so far as making some scientific sense out of things is concerned, as well as a springboard to highlight what he did not do (establish constants).

Most scientific types believe that in his general and special theories of relativity, Einstein got it right, or at least close. Many tests, discoveries, and experiments have confirmed him. But, what often gets overlooked is the obvious. His theories of relativity are just that. The RELATIVE relation of certain things to each other, such as energy, mass, speed, time, etc. In other words, relative relationships, not constants.

Here a footnote. Your's truly has stumped theoretical physicists with this assertion: "Time is no thing!" We all think it is, and assume it, but it isn't. It has no power, force, or being, therefore it is nothing (and this is a key to unlocking all sorts of discoveries). What we call time is actually an abstract tool to measure the one-directional linear progression of events put in motion by the Creator.

So, for the remainder of these pieces, when time is referred to, it is that linear progression of events, but is it constant?

A most interesting postulate of Einstein's theories is that as the speed of light is approached, time slows, and apparently stops as the speed of light is reached. The same thing is thought to occur at the "event horizon" (the edge) of a "black hole" in space (caused by extreme gravity). This can set one's imagination spinning, and I guess we'll not understand it all til we get THERE, but a few things tend to become quite obvious. The most important, for our purposes, is that all these basic matters are relative to each other, not constant! Thus, extreme gravity may slow or stop time, and perhaps light, and extreme speed may do the same thing. It also follows that the farther away from a strong gravitational force something is, the faster time would be, including the speed of an electron in an atom, which is proportional to the speed of light, which clearly can't be constant either!

Next week: Some practical proof that the above is correct.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I just came from the cemetery, where I had just put out some pretty flowers in a nice vase on my husband's grave. Somebody had taken it.

I think it's pretty sad when someone can't put flowers on their loved ones grave and expect them to be there when they return.

So, whomever took these, I hope you enjoy them; maybe you will be forgiven for taking them.

Jo Ann Durham

Dear Fellow Citizens,

I don't know how many of you have had the opportunity to witness the exemplary work of our fire department. I recently witnessed two night fires that our firemen fought and won. It was not easy, especially the most recent one north of town. We were called because Kelly takes care of Garland Rattan's ranch. The firemen that night couldn't catch a break as the wind drove the fire northward, fueled by dead love grass and made more treacherous by sandy ground.

The guys put out the fire in Garland's side quickly and also worked on the land to the north. As the night went on, the fire trucks from other towns began to show up, three of which got stuck in the sand up to the top of the wheels. But they all continued to work. Our Fire Chief, Rodney Williams, coordinated all the work, and without his direction, it would have been chaos.

We finally returned home at 12:00 a.m. only to be called back about thirty minutes later. The wind had changed, and Mr. Rattan's land was on fire again. They needed my husband to lead in the water tankers. Kelly finally came back home at 5:30 a.m. The fire was still burning but not on Mr. Rattan's land. Our fireman stayed out there two days without leaving.

I don't know about you, but I believe we have the best volunteer department around. Be sure to say thank you when you see them, donate a dollar or two for equipment, and certainly keep them in your prayers.

Thanks so much, guys; we really appreciate you and what you do.

Yours truly,  
Diana Meyer

## School Board

from page 1

Mr. Brown informed the board that he has accepted the resignation of Jamie Huddleston, former Cafeteria worker. Tammy Simpson has been hired to fill this position. Myra Brackeen has been hired as the new Special Education Aide, and Carolyn Lancaster has been hired for the ITV Facilitator. There will be a TASB policy review meeting September 25 and 26. More information will be given on this at a later date. The regular August board meeting will be held on the 14th at 7:30 p.m. This will be the last meeting for the budget workshop. A public meeting on the Budget and Proposed tax rate will be held August 21 at 7:00 p.m.; at 7:30 p.m. there will be a called board meeting to adopt the 2006-07 Budget and Tax Rate. Motley County has re-

ceived preliminary rating of Superior Achievement for the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas.

Board goals for the district were discussed with more information to be given at the August meeting.

The board entered executive session at 8:38 p.m. and exited the session at 9:40 p.m. Out of executive session a motion was made to give Carolyn Johnson, the school secretary, a 10% raise and to change her from a 10 month to a 12 month contract.

Rosalee Davis, cafeteria supervisor will receive a 10% raise. Clara Mangram, cafeteria employee, will receive a 10% raise. Special Education aide, Brittany Moore, will receive a 10% raise.

PEIMS/Transportation secretary Judy Woolsey will receive a 10% raise. Beverly Barton, lead custodian, will also receive a 10% raise.

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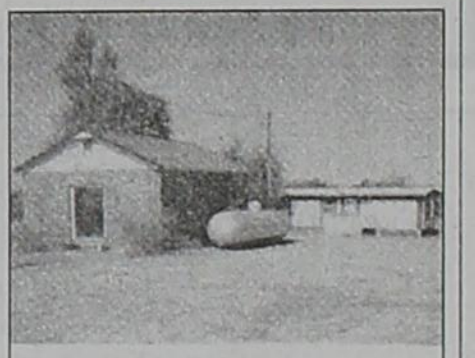
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ATTEND STATE CONVENTION — Motley County FFA members, Courtney Alexander, left, and Shane'a Russell recently attended the State FFA Convention held in Ft. Worth.

## Local FFA members attend State Convention

The 78th Annual Texas FFA Convention was held July 11-14 at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Ft. Worth. The Texas FFA Association is the nation's largest with more than 61,000 active members and nearly 7,000 junior members. At this year's convention more than 1500 young men and women were honored for their efforts and activities and nearly \$2 million in scholarships were awarded to deserving FFA members.

The Motley County FFA Chapter was represented by Shane'a Russell and Courtney Alexander who were accompanied by Chapter Advisor Jim Cooper and his wife Judy.

Shane'a and Courtney represented their home chapter and Area I as voting delegates in the State President election and in the Annual Business Session. Tyler Treptow from Weimer in the Area III Association was elected to serve as the 2006-07 Texas FFA President.

Convention attendees heard many inspiring speakers including Rosemarie Rosetti who was paralyzed when an 80 foot tree

fell on her in 1998. Rosemarie shared her story and the lessons she has learned in living life with conviction and humor. Dave Roever was back to bring his unique story of perseverance and courage. Dave was burned beyond recognition while serving with the Navy Seals in Vietnam. His story is inspiring and uplifting while talking about solutions to problems teens face today.

In addition to the Convention, the Motley County group also attended the Texas FFA Rodeo finals held in the historic Ft. Worth Stockyards Pavilion, had a fun day at Six-Flags, toured the Cowgirl Hall of Fame which was of particular interest because Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton of Flomot is honored there, and attended the Annual FFA Fun Night and Dance.

Motley County FFA Advisor Jim Cooper invites any students or parent of interested students in grades 7-12 to contact him anytime for information regarding the Agricultural Science/FFA program at Motley County school.

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## FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

by John Bird, CED

### GOOD NEWS: EMERGENCY CRP Grazing EXTENDED FOR MOTLEY COUNTY

On July 18, our office received a notice that all Texas Counties have been approved by Washington, DC for an extension of emergency CRP grazing. This extension will go through September 30, 2006. If you previously signed up for emergency grazing and have not grazed below the height set forth by NRCS in your grazing plan, you may begin grazing again. Only those specific fields which have been signed up, paid for, and approved by the county committee, may be grazed.

Also, under the new emergency extension, producers are to pay a 10% reduction rather than a 25% reduction. Those that previously paid a 25% reduction are entitled a refund of the 15% difference. Those that signed up for managed grazing of CRP may switch to emergency in order to only be charged the 10% reduction. If this is done, producers will pull cattle off of the CRP by September 30 rather than October 31.

Regardless of the grazing period, you must pull your cattle off of CRP that has been signed up for grazing once you reach the height determined by your NRCS grazing plan. Grazing CRP acreage more severely, or below the height prescribed by NRCS, is considered a violation, and may result in penalties or in the producer having to re-plant the grass at his own expense.

### NOMINATION PERIOD ENDS AUGUST 1

Nominations for the 2006 FSA County Committee elections will end on August 1, 2006. LAA 2, the area currently represented by Bill Luckett, is currently up for election. To see who is eligible to run for this area, please come by the office. The committee makes very important decisions that affect all producers, so it is important that you nominate and vote for someone who will represent you well.

### FARM RECONSTITUTION DEADLINE

August 1 is the deadline for the 2006 crop year to request a farm division or combination. Any requests made after that time cannot be completed until the 2007 crop year.

### TREES ON CRP

If you have mesquites or salt cedars on CRP you should consider management to prevent a non-compliance issue. Though the field may currently be in compliance, another year or two may put the land out of compliance with the provisions of CRP. A few scattered and small trees are not a problem, but they will spread quickly. Large areas of trees that are not affecting the grass are currently not considered "out of compliance", but are not desirable on CRP. Producers may grub, spray, use pellets, etc...to control, but please get the trees before they get you!

## Grasshoppers thrive in hot, dry weather

While crops and gardens suffer under the hot summer sun, grasshoppers thrive, eating more and growing faster, said a Texas Cooperative Extension expert.

"For a number of reasons, grasshoppers thrive under hot, dry conditions," said Dr. Allen Knutson, Extension entomologist, Dallas.

And with little to find to eat in the pastures and dryland crop areas, home gardens or watered lawns look like "an oasis" to them, Knutson said.

Grasshoppers lay their eggs along fence rows, ditches and pastures, he said.

"Eggs of different grasshopper species hatch out at different times, so young grasshoppers can be seen throughout the spring and early summer," Knutson said.

Fungi are one of the main threats to grasshopper eggs. Hot, dry weather limits the growth of fungi and thereby results in a larger proportion of eggs hatching.

And grasshoppers just thrive in hot weather - period, Knutson said. As insects are cold-blooded creatures, hot weather means their metabolism runs faster, so they eat more and grow faster.

Extension agents and personnel reported grasshoppers are pervasive throughout most of East Texas.

"We've got them bad, said Diana Cantu, Extension office manager, Houston County. Cantu and her husband have 10 acres near Grapeland where they keep horses.

"Between the drought and the grasshoppers, we don't have much left," she said.

Cantu said grasshoppers also are invading Crockett and other towns.

In Polk County, to the south of Cantu, the situation is much different said Mark Currie, Extension agent for agriculture.

"We've had a little more rain than some, and so the grasshoppers aren't as bad," he said. "To the north and west of us, it's a different story."

In Rusk County, Blaine Jernigan said they've "got plenty of grasshoppers."

"They've gone through a couple of instars (growth stages) and they seem to just be getting larger and larger," he said.

In Wood County, some have been spraying for grasshoppers, said Clint Perkins, Extension agent for agriculture. Other people don't have enough grass for the grasshoppers to eat to justify the cost of spraying.

Most of Panola County is relatively grasshopper free, said Doug McKinney, Extension agent for agriculture.

"The eastern part of the county received 6 to 7 inches of rain in June," McKinney said. "Now the western part of the county, where I live, got less than 2 inches, so we have some grasshoppers. But it's much worse to the west of us."

Weed control in the fall and spring can reduce grasshoppers throughout the summer, Knutson said.

"Eliminating weeds will starve young hoppers and later

discourage adults from laying eggs in the area," he said.

But if there are already a lot of grasshoppers in the weedy areas, it's not a good idea to spray or till.

"Destroying weeds infested with large numbers of grasshoppers can force the hungry grasshoppers to move to nearby crops or landscapes," he said.

There are a number of insecticides that will kill grasshoppers, Knutson said. Most pesticides, however, do not persist for more than a few days, and grasshoppers are likely to quickly re-infest a sprayed area.

The most successful treatment plan is to spray when the grasshoppers are small, he said. The larger, more mature grasshoppers are harder to kill.

Some insecticides may be safe for home lawns but not for gardens, Knutson said.

Whether treating home landscapes, crops or gardens, he recommended homeowners and agricultural producers contact the Extension agent for agriculture and natural resources in their county.

A phone list for Extension offices in all Texas counties can be found on the Web at <http://perdir.tamu.edu/phone.cfm>. Links to county office web sites can be found at <http://county.tx.tamu.edu/>.

Knutson also bulletin L-5201: "Grasshoppers and Their Control," which should be available at County Extension offices.

## COW POKES® By Ace Reid



"Ole hoss, I jst don't know who's the biggest fool. Her fer jumpin' or us fer holding onto her."

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**OIL & GAS UPDATE** by Thomas Musser

### FLOYD COUNTY:

Apollo Energy Operating Company, LP/W.D. Miller Lease Well #1: After last week's update stating the W.D. Miller lease well #1 continues to be pumped producing oil, the W.D. Miller lease well #1 was shut-in on Friday, July 14. It was observed that the generator was removed from the location. The W.D. Miller lease well #1 was pumped and produced from January 2006 to July 2006. When the June and July production reports are filed the total oil production figures will be updated.

The Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Misener Lease Well #1 has been swabbing following the frac job.

Work continues on the BASA Resources, Inc. Foster Lease Well #1 preparing for the second state frac job.

A test tank has been set on the Tynor Texas Operating Company Kenneth Brosch Lease Well #1 location. In their July 6, 2006, news release Tynor Resources Ltd. indicated they would be evaluating the Brosch #1.

### SOZO ENERGY HOLDINGS LLC:

On May 26, 2006, Nancy L. Shockey and Joseph B. Harker formed Sozo Energy Holdings LLC. Both Nancy L. Shockey and Joseph B. Harker are listed as managers and Joseph B. Harker is listed as the registered agent. Nancy L. Shockey is the CEO of LaEsperanza Oil and Gas LLC and the Chairman of Shockey Enterprises Inc. and was the Chairman and Registered Agent of Legacy Exploration LLC.

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	<b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 94 Low: 69
	<b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 94 Low: 65
	<b>Monday</b> Isolated T-storms High: 95 Low: 68
	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 95 Low: 66
	<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 92 Low: 65

**In-Depth Forecast**  
Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 100°, humidity of 34% and an overnight low of 71°. The record high temperature for today is 107° set in 1951. The record low is 62° set in 1959. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 99°.

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Last Week's Local Almanac				
Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Sunday	100	70	95/71	0.18"
Monday	101	74	95/71	0.08"
Tuesday	100	69	95/71	0.14"
Wednesday	99	73	95/71	0.00"
Thursday	104	74	95/71	0.00"
Friday	102	73	95/71	0.16"
Saturday	101	72	95/71	0.00"

**Weather History**  
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Sun & Moon Times	
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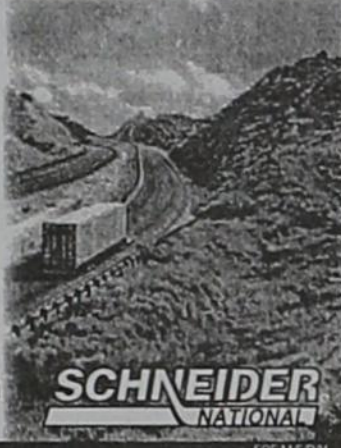
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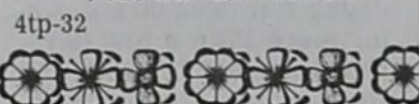
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