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Roaring Springs Memorial Day program honors fallen heroes of the armed services

by Monta Marshall

What a lovely day for a Memorial Service held in the Roaring Springs Memorial Park to honor fallen heroes of the armed services. Alex Crowder welcomed the 54 folks gathered to pay tribute to those servicemen who have given their lives so that we might be free. Clint Burns, pastor of the Church of the Foothills gave the invocation.

Suzanne Abbott related the story told by Red Skelton of how his teacher explained the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag to her students so that the Pledge might have more meaning to them. She felt it was very important that each student might be able to recite the Pledge with personal understanding. That was in the days that each morning school was opened with a prayer and the Pledge to the Flag given before classes began. His teacher thought perhaps they were really just repeating words they had memorized but did not understand; so she made sure that they did. Then Suzanne led the Pledge to the Flag.

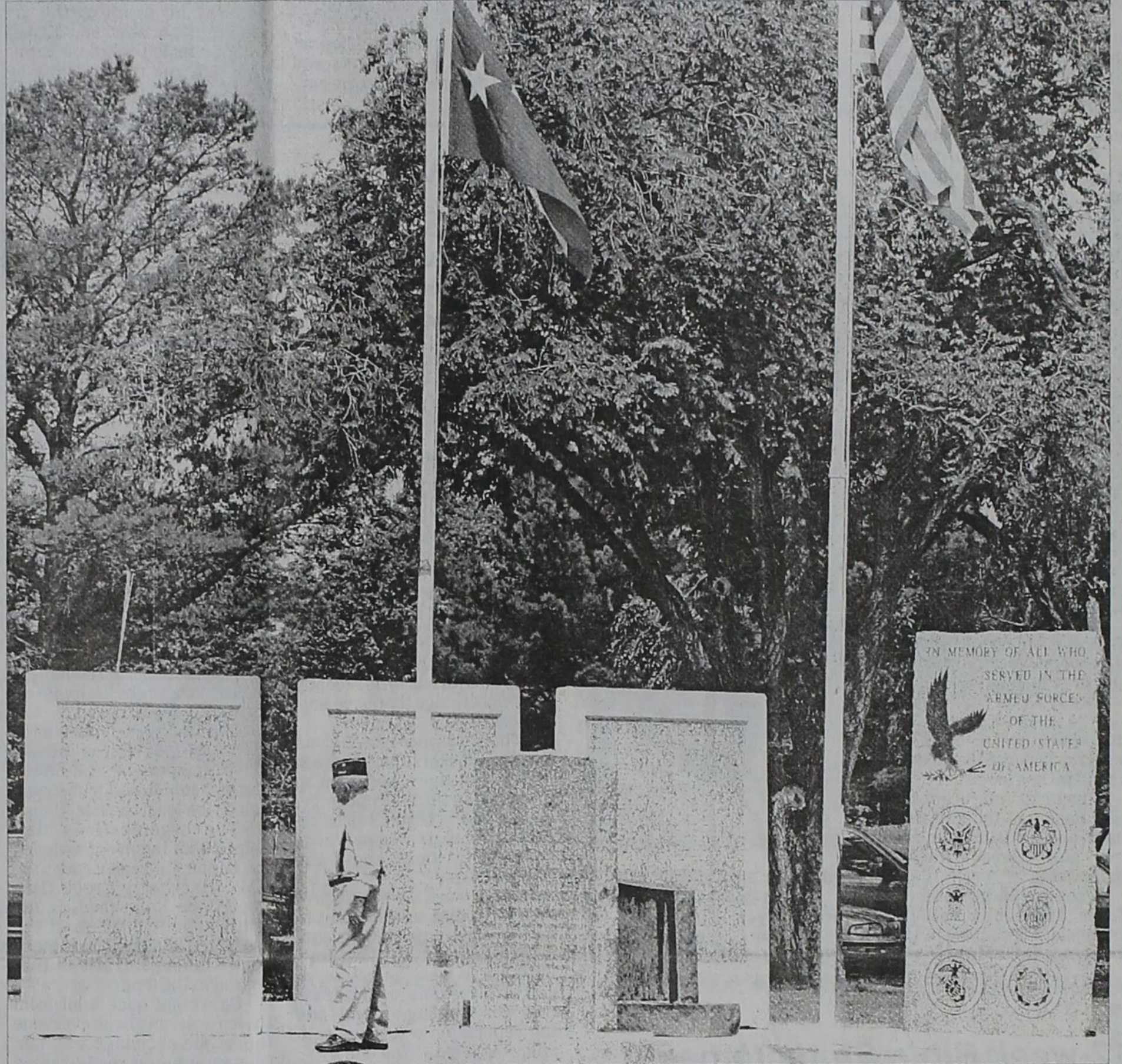
Mike Crowley, minister of the Church of Christ and a Marine who fought in Viet Nam,

told of the flag that was made to fly over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812. Two women were asked to make a flag large enough that the British war ships 2 1/2 miles out could see flying over the American fort. Mary Young Pickersgill and Caroline Purdy hand sewed a flag that measured 30' x 42' feet. It was the American icon to boost morale in a 25 hour continuous bombardment of the fort. Francis Scott Key penned the words in tribute to the flag and the men who fought so valiantly to keep the flag aloft under unimaginable conditions of the long battle. Those words were set to music and adopted as our National Anthem, the Star Spangled Banner.

Nancy Long led the group in My Country 'Tis of Thee and the moving Star Bangled Banner.

Motley County's Robert Fisk, who has been called back to serve a third time in Iraq, was recognized, and what his patriotism means. Robert was to have been the speaker Monday had he not been called back to active duty.

The benediction was led by Winfield Davenport, pastor of the First United Methodist Church.



PAYING TRIBUTE — Motley County armed services Veteran, Bud Barton, pays tribute to fallen heroes and veterans as he reads the names listed on the Veterans' Memorial in Roaring Springs Monday after the moving Memorial Service held near the monument in the downtown park.



HIGHEST GPA — Savannah Rose was presented a plaque for having the highest grade point average for the entire high school during last week's Moving Up and awards ceremony held on the last day of school. Savannah will be a Senior next year. She is the daughter of Lisa Rose and the late Kenny Rose. See more pictures on page 3. (photo by Walter Taylor)

Wind Energy activity begins in Motley County

by Ryan Martin
Motley County Extension Agent

Some activity has begun in Motley County dealing with the wind energy industry. Several landowners in the southern half of Motley County have begun the process of leasing their land for the development of wind farms. Although this activity is concentrated south of Roaring Springs, it only means that wind companies are becoming more interested in our county.

Last week I had the opportunity to visit with a wind company that stated they are interested in leasing the remainder

of the county and are starting to contact landowners and develop leases to present. If these developments continue to progress,

the impact on Motley County will be great with the development of new jobs and the increase of revenue from current businesses.



Motley County Senior, Chicagra Brown, received a scholarship from CapRock Telephone. Chicagra is the granddaughter of Harold and Bobbie Brown of Matador.

CapRock Telephone awards scholarship to Chicagra Brown

Chicagra Brown, a 2007 Motley County Senior, was recently awarded a scholarship from CapRock Telephone.

CapRock Telephone Cooperative, Inc. established the Scholastic Achievement award in order to play a role in the continuing educational efforts of area youths.

Since the inception of the scholarship award program, Cap Rock has provided \$72,000

for area students to continue their education. This year CapRock awarded eight \$1,000 scholarships to young men and women across the area.

CapRock Telephone is honored to contribute to the beginning of each recipient's educational success. The entire staff wishes all area graduates continued success in the pursuit of a higher education.

Matador First Baptist Church to host Family Fun Day Sunday

The First Baptist Church of Matador will host a Family Fun Day Sunday, June 3.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m. and worship services begin at 11:00 a.m. Fun Day activities will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the fun will continue until 3:00 p.m. Come for Sunday School and Church or just the

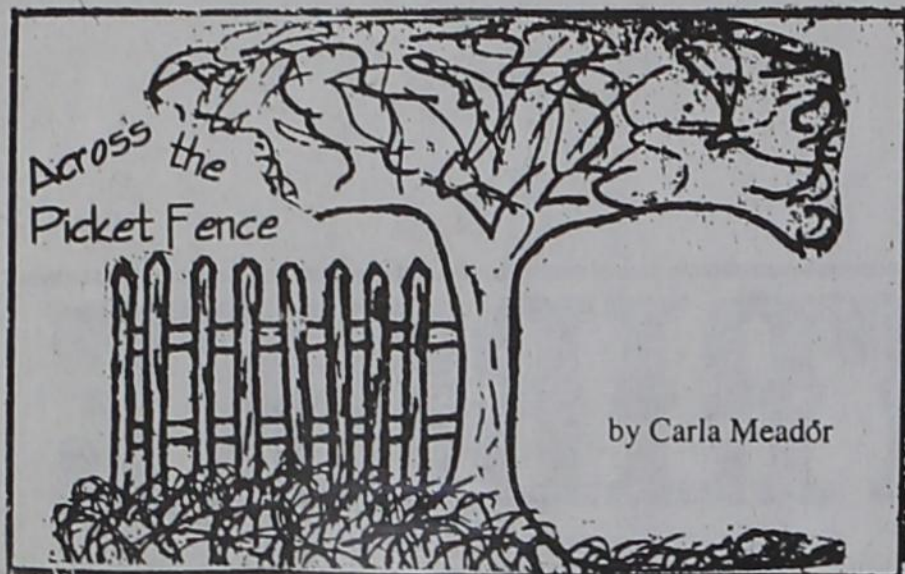
Fun Day. All are invited and everything is absolutely free!

Hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixings will be served, including homemade Ice Cream. Games and a Bounce House will be part of the fun.

Kick off the Summer right! For more information call the Church at 347-2345.



MOTHER'S HELPER CHRISTIAN PRE-SCHOOL CLASS OF 2006-2007 — Standing left to right are Jaden Pigg, Mrs. Crowley, Cooper Hill, John Jones, Case Drum, Colton Martin, Keygen Woolsey, Saraya Davey; (sitting) Baylor Cruse, Dawson Baker, Tyne Flowers, Andrew Dawson, Tatum Guerrero, Andrew Moore, Jackson Rains, Tyne Marshall, Trace Osborn and Kenzie Clary. Three students, Stafford Baker, Tatum Guerrero and Jaden Pigg, members of the "Reading Class" will be going into Kindergarten next year. The pre-school's annual program will be held Friday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m.



An old country road can hold many treasures. With paper sack in hand, my grandchildren, Morgan and Judson, and I started out for our treasure hunt on a beautiful Saturday morning.

Morgan said, "Meme, one person's trash is another person's treasure." I thought, she sounds like me!

Judson said, "Meme, there are sure a lot of treasures on this road!" And with hoe in hand, he began his search. He brought a hoe, carrying it all the way, "in case we need it for a snake or something, Meme."

Jud's hoe came in handy, as it was a big help in digging up some of our treasure pieces. And he was right, there are a lot of treasures on that old road. Our treasure trove included four or five aluminum cans - "So,

we can make windchimes, Meme," Jud said; an old license plate connected to a piece of an old board, two pieces of a metal grate of some sort, a 3' length of rope, a few pretty rocks, and a piece of an old rusty chain.

Not only did we find a treasure trove, we also gathered a big, beautiful bouquet of wildflowers. Our mile and a half walk yielded much to carry home, but more than anything - many memories.

Some might say - why would you pick up old trash like that? Well, Morgan's right - "one person's trash is another person's treasure" and on this trip the treasure is invaluable. The time spent with my sweet grandchildren and the 'treasure' we found on the old country road is more precious than silver and gold.

Library Notes

By Suzanne Abbott,
Librarian



We appreciate the memorial donations that the library received last week. We thank The First National Bank of Floydada for its donation in memory of Vance Campbell. We also thank Mr. and Mrs. Tom Farris for their donation in memory of Vance Campbell. We appreciate the donation in memory of Vance Campbell from Bill and Lea Peacock.

Some of the Friends of the Library gathered at the library Tuesday for a workday. These ladies cut out 35 ponies for the children to decorate in the Summer Reading Program. They also glued 35 lions heads on paper plates so that the children can make a lion mask. They cut yarn, glued seed packets and bagged decorations for the children to use.

We thank June Moss, Marihelen Wason, Beverly Vinson, Ruby McGuire, Penny Kline, and Betty Henry for spending a morning to get these items ready for the children to make. We ended the work session with delicious pizza from Lowes.

If you haven't registered your children for the Summer Reading Program, there is still time to do so. There is no limit to the number of children that can take part in this reading program. There are five spots left in the art class and there is time to sign up for that. If your child does not attend either the reading program or the art classes, he or she can still participate in the Reading Bingo program and maybe win a bicycle. You can register at the library.

CHAMBER NEWS & VIEWS

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider:

This life, right here and right now, is all you're going to get. You'd better smell the roses while you can, because you and the roses will disappear sooner than you might think. All that junk, all those honors and awards you worked for, will be left behind for the living to pick over and discard. You will be forgotten, as indeed we all will. Therefore, if you aren't enjoying what you're doing, then don't do it.

- Charley Reese
in Not Feeling Guilty

Life, right here and now in Motley County, has been providing us all with lots to do recently, enjoyable things that have kept us busy.

There was more to tell about the Boondockers Races here in March, but there has been so much going on that upcoming events had to be the topics recently, and there was no way to squeeze in more about the Boondockers.

There were the Wind Farm meetings, that can turn out to be the most important events for Motley County in a long time. First there was the heads up call so everyone could know they were coming up, and then the reports on what was said and what needs to be done.

Then there was information on the bicycle tours for the Parenting Cottage, five tours from the Roaring Springs Ranch Club to different parts around the area.

And some of the bicycle tours took place on the Saturday of the Highway 70 70-Mile Garage Sale, an event that brought lots of people from surrounding areas to our county.

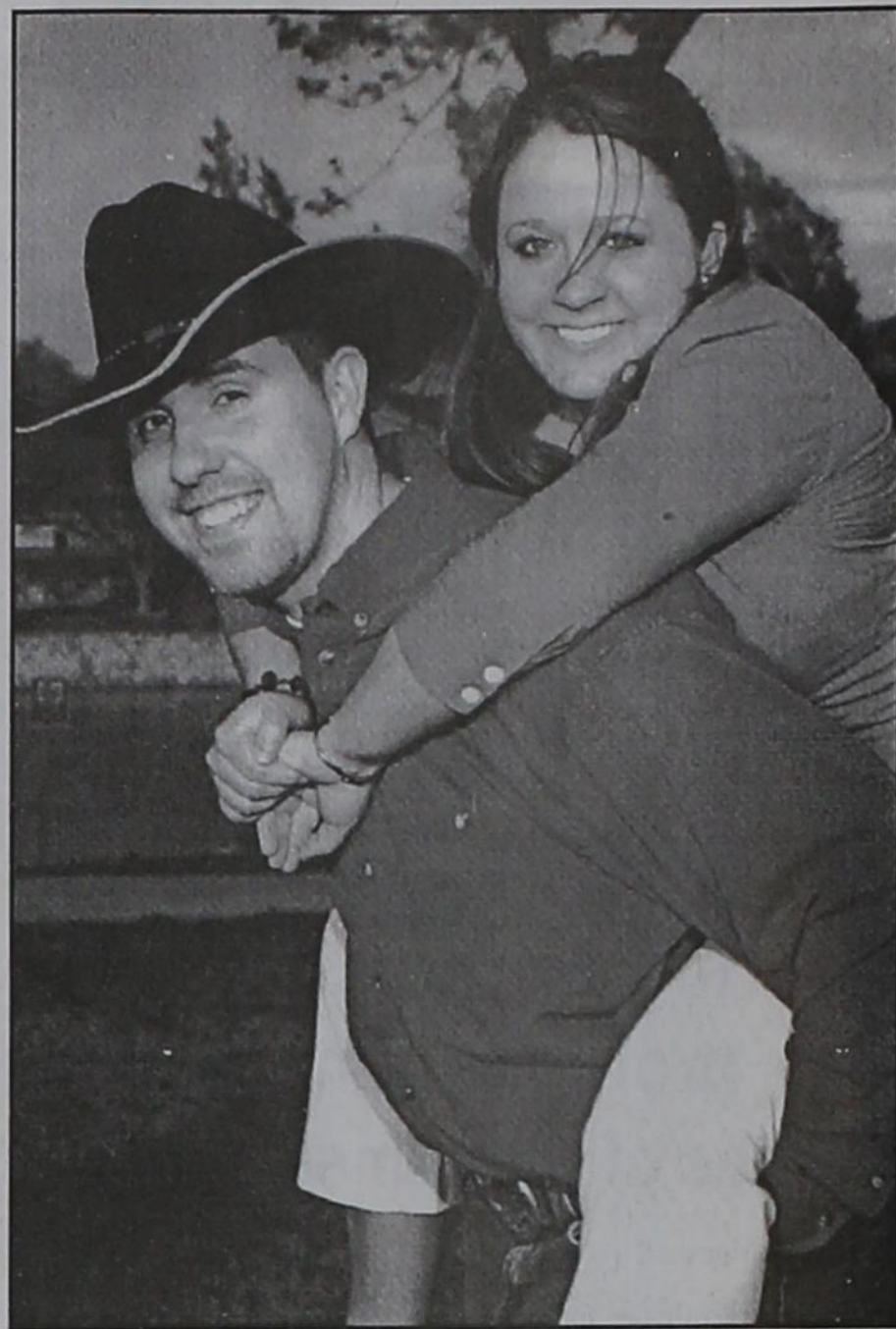
Then the events came hard and fast - Mother's Day, the Bluegrass Festival in Flomot, and then the graduation ceremonies.

So only now is it possible to get back to the Boondockers Races. As they said at the outset, they would donate half their profits to the community, to be divided among the non-profit organizations that helped with the preparations, the running of the races, and the clean-up afterwards.

Half their profits amounted to \$1,598.02, so that is the sun they turned over to the Chamber of Commerce for distribution to the local organizations.

The organizations that helped with the event included the Senior Citizens Center, the EMS, Hackberry Creek Care Center, the Relay for Life, the Full Gospel Church and the Catholic Church. Thus, these were the organizations that shared in the money.

So we got back a lot from those races, and hope everyone thinks the exchange was fair. The community really rallied round, and made the day memorable. It seems that lots of people must have thought they enjoyed the event, because lots of people participated.



Benjamin Ridgley and Lorelle Richey

Wedding plans announced

Lorelle Janette Richey and Benjamin James Ridgley announce their engagement and wedding plans. The couple will exchange vows June 16, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at The Wedding Garden, located at 25311 S. Soncy Rd. in Canyon.

Parents of the bride are Terry and Belinda Richey of Odessa. The groom's parents are Robert and Patricia Ridgley of Imperial, formerly of Matador.

The couple invites all friends and family to their wedding celebration.

Fairways & Rough

by Geneva



JACK & JILL TOURNAMENT
The Jack & Jill Golf Tournament was held May 19-20. Twenty-four teams entered.

Winners are as follows:
Championship Flight: 1st., Chance Bingham and Whitney Welch won play-off, with a score of 134.

2nd., Robert and Olivia Osborn, 134.

3rd., Frankie Rivera and Zenyth Propal, 135.

First Flight: 1st., Conway and Lacy Clary, 139.

2nd., Randy Martin and Donna Cain, 141.

3rd., Rudy Esparza and Edna Cantu, 142.

Second Flight: 1st., Shawn and Shonda Elliott, 153 - won play-off.

2nd., Monte and Lisa Elliott, 153.

3rd., John and Vicki Sollis, 155.

Closest to Pin on #3 Saturday was Donna Cain, 24 ft.

Closest to Pin on #6 Sunday was Liv Barton, 21'7".

TUESDAY SCRAMBLE
May 22

Winners:

1st., with a score of 32, David Taylor, Wes Mason and Ray Martin.

2nd., with a score of 33, Ken Marshall, Pat Warren and Stan Hanesworth, play-off on card.

Others playing were Jimmie Watson, Dwayne L., Keith H., Randy Martin, Andrew Martin, Jan Martin, Alan Bingham, Corky Marshall, and Paul Westbrook.

Closest to Pin, carry over until next week.

Look Who's New



Brayden Todd Rose

Quinten Todd and Kristin Rose of Shallowater would like to announce the arrival of their son, Bradyn Todd.

Bradyn was born Monday, May 28 at 10:33 p.m. at UMC Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 5 pounds 9 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Lisa Rose and the late Kenny Todd Rose of Matador and Billy Joe and Marcy Roys of Shallowater.

Great-grandparents are Roger and Linda Ashley of Littlefield, Doyle Rose of Matador, Linda Bearden of Canyon,



and Vera Roys of Wolforth.

Great-great-grandparents are Joyce Thrasher of Plainview, and Nadine Childress of Silverton.

12-week Bible Study to begin at Matador First Baptist Church

Have you ever wondered what a "Worldview" is or want to know how a Christian's worldview lines up with others?

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wants for us? Yes, we are alive but are we living the abundant life? To help answer this question here are some suggestions that might help all of us find the life Jesus promised us.

1. Let's begin by putting the Beatitudes to work in our lives. In Matthew 5:1-12 we find successful living principles for all ages.

2. From God's Word learn about Him and His will for our lives. Romans 1:19-22 will teach of His power and John 4 and John 17 will help us learn His attributes.

3. We need to realize that we have been created for a purpose. Our purpose is revealed to us in the Bible.

4. Let's admit that this life has its burdens. Job 14:1 tells us of shortage of days and filled with troubles.

5. Acknowledge that God is faithful when He has promised that "all things work together for the good of them who love the Lord," Romans 8:28.

6. Why not just accept what Jesus promised? The abundant life in John 10:10.

There are many promises in the Bible. We have touched one of them. Set your attitude on the positive and live for Jesus.

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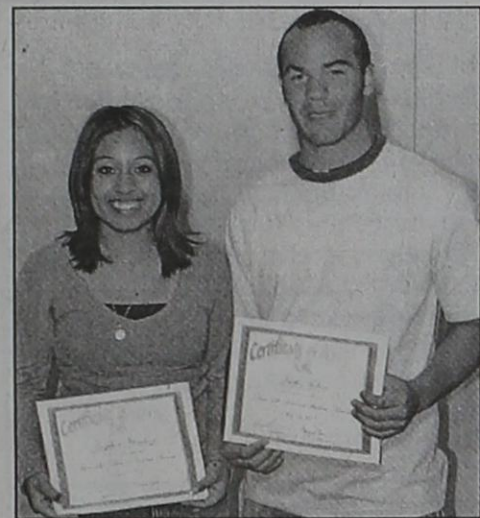
— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



CITIZENSHIP AWARD — These students received citizenship awards at last week's Moving Up and awards ceremony. Pictured left to right are Justin Newman and Melissa Flores (9th grade); Jasmine Porter (in front) (10th grade); Brendan Wiltshire (11th grade) and Marc Henzler and Griselda Flores (12th grade). Courtney Alexander (second from left) received the award for School Spirit.



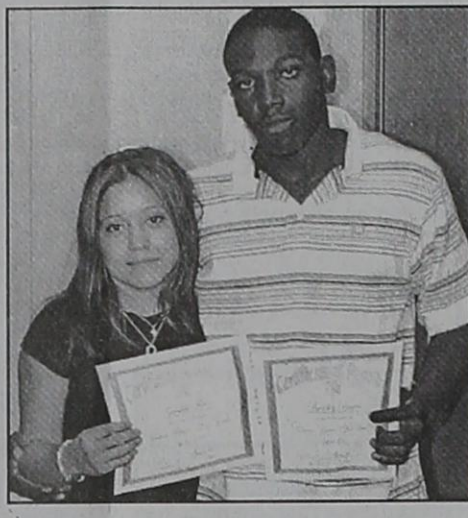
HONORED ON RETIREMENT — Mrs. Pam Thacker (center) was honored on her retirement from Motley County ISD after many years of teaching, at the annual faculty breakfast held last week. Mrs. Thacker is surrounded by family near a table holding a beautiful cake in recognition and celebration of Mrs. Thacker's dedication to the school and the students of Motley County.



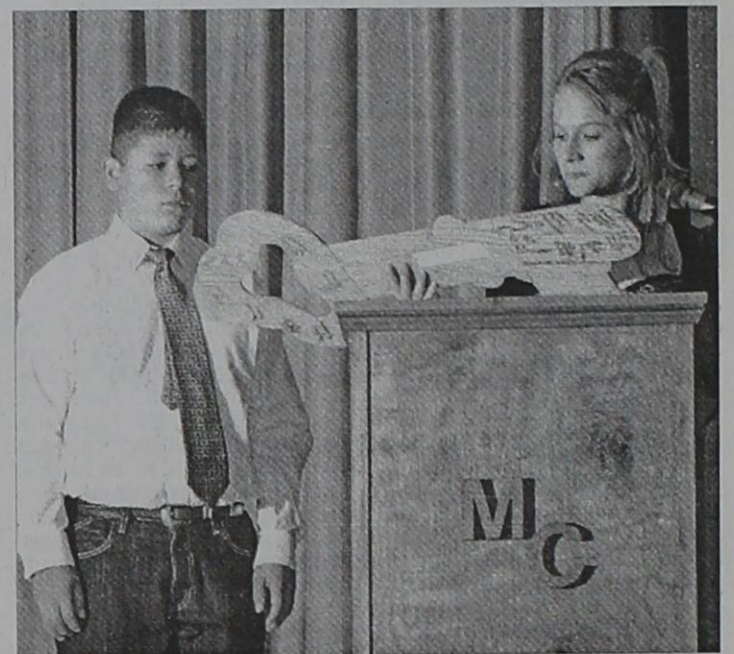
BEST ALL AROUND AWARD — Angelica Mendoza and Isaiah Archer.



SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD — Marc Henzler and Chicagra Brown.



TEACHER HONOR EFFORT AWARD — Griselda Flores and Bradley Brown.



CLASS KEY PRESENTATION — Motley County 8th grade graduate, Sarah Ferguson, right, presents 7th grader, Keyan Kautz with the Class Key during last week's 8th grade completion ceremony.

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News Around the County

OBITUARIES

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Word was received that Beth Hinson, former Roaring Springs resident and the wife of the late Brown Hinson, died Tuesday, May 22. Beth was buried in Victoria, Texas on Saturday, May 26. Beth left Roaring Springs in the late 1990's after Brown died. She had lived with her son and daughter until a broken hip caused her to need to live in a nursing home. Beth was a good neighbor to Corky's mother, Hattie Marshall and a good friend to many.

We have had a note from Dorothy Lee again. She is doing well and is enjoying living in Muleshoe in a Senior Citizen's complex. Her address is #805 W. Ave. K, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

Buzz Thacker attended the wedding of his granddaughter, Amy Thacker and Chris Smith at his son and daughter-in-law, John and Jana Thacker's home. The wedding was held in their beautiful back yard.

Some more gorgeous flowers are blooming in Buzz's yard. He has red geraniums blooming around his red oak tree in his front yard. Another lovely yard here in Roaring Springs belongs to Vince and Laura Taylor. I enjoy admiring the handiwork of some very good gardeners.

Don Dillard is continuing rehabilitation therapy in Lubbock. He has moved to the Heritage Oaks Nursing Home and Rehab Center at 5301 University in Lubbock. The zip code is 79412. Benny Dee said that he is doing well.

Leslie Daniell and Anna spent the Memorial Day holiday with Glennard and Edith Daniell.

The second chuck wagon supper to raise awareness of the Old Settler's Cowboy Camp Meeting will be served at 7:00 p.m. in the Roaring Springs Memorial park on Friday evening, June 1st. A hamburger cook out is on the menu this time. The public is invited. There is no charge for the supper but a donation to Camp Meeting Association would be appreciated. Their business meeting will be held at the Roaring Springs Community Center Monday, June 4th. Anyone inter-

ested in the Cowboy Camp Meeting is invited to that meeting also.

Corky and Monta Marshall attended the Coronado High School graduation of Monta's great-nephew, Dan Ferguson and great-niece, Alexandra Potess. Both were honor graduates. The graduation was held in the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock on Saturday, May 26th.

Jo Scott is in the Crosbyton Hospital. She hopes to come home on Wednesday.

Buddy Allen of Pampa, TX visited with his mother, Pearl Patten on Friday of last week.

Don and Billie Stuckey attended the Wendy Ryan Memorial roping in Decatur, TX. Billie attended a Ranger's baseball game with their daughter, Leander Whittenberg and grandchildren, Matthew and Kenna. Matthew and Kenna are returning with Cappy and Gram to spend some time with them.

Joe and Joyce Meredith and grandchildren, Angelica and Jonah Meredith attended a cookout at the home of their daughter and husband, Sherry and Tony Rose, Friday night, May 25, in Matador. The supper was in honor of Angelica for her 8th grade graduation from Motley County Jr. High, and was held in the Rose's beautiful back yard. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, dips and lots of goodies were enjoyed by those attending, including Shea Rose, Jim and Carla Meador, Jackie and Steve Smith, Daphne and Parker Meredith, Jeremy, Whitney, Morgan and Judson Jones and Danielle Stewart. The Merediths, with grandchildren, Angelica, Jonah and Parker, visited in the home of their daughter and husband, Carla and Jim Meador, in Matador, Sunday afternoon, where they help celebrate the 10th birthday of their great-granddaughter, Morgan Jones. Also celebrating were Morgan's brother, Judson, and her parents, Jeremy and Whitney Jones of Lubbock. Everyone enjoyed Morgan's favorite chocolate cake and homemade chocolate ice cream.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

I came of age in the diary era. It was a time when young girls kept had bound books in which they detailed the thoughts and activities they preferred to keep secret. Those confessions of love, hate, doom and glory were sure to be secure in Dear Diary and its trusty lock.

Today, having secrets has gone out of style. What I would consider Dear Diary information details about crushes, sexual conquests, insecurities and aspirations are for everyone far and wide to know on television shows and the Internet. Not for just friends, but even strangers! Discretion value is eluded.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mrs. B. Rogers was honored on her birthday Sunday in her home with all the trimmings including a beautiful decorated cake. Those sharing the happy occasion were Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Calgary, Richard, Randy and Trina Rogers, Jimmy, Shay, Kyler and Luke McDaniel of Lubbock, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruise of Turkey, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hand of Roaring Springs and Donnie Rogers of Flomot.

Mrs. JoAnn McFall of Silverton and Mrs. Janice Hughes enjoyed the tourist attractions in Santa Fe, N.M. last weekend.

Shae Lynn Reed of Lubbock visited Wednesday with her grandparents, Mary Jo and Doyle Calvert and uncle, Glen Calvert.

Memorial holiday guests of Mrs. Erma Washington and enjoying cookouts were Tim and Dena Washington of Roaring Springs.

Matador News

VACATION TRIP TO NEW YORK

Rodney and Glenda Williams returned home Thursday night from an exciting and enjoyable vacation trip to New York City.

They attended the David Letterman television show and Rudy Giuliani, ex Mayor of New York City and a presidential candidate on the Republican ticket was the featured guest. They enjoyed the televised show, TODAY and shook hands with friendly Al Roker, the weatherman. They were impressed with the colorful and entertaining Broadway play, CHORUS LINE.

Among the many other tourist attractions adding to their memorable trip were the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, China Town, Fashion District, Wax Museum, Empire State Building, architectural Rockefeller Center, Central Park and Ground Zero Trade Center.

En route to New York they had a good airplane flight, but on return trip home, their luggage was lost. However, they encountered a weather delay and their luggage was found before their flight home.

Mrs. Chelsee Read, as representative and lay speaker of the Matador United Methodist Church attended the 98th Northwest Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. It was held from Monday until Thursday at the Amarillo Civic Center and at the Polk Street United Methodist Church.

Shop at Home first!

Cory, Amy, Madison and Hudson Franks and Cary Franks of Idalou, Anissa Huckert of Lubbock, Lacy, Caleb, Micky and Kenzie Clary of Matador, Cody Barclay of Borger, Connie and Coy Franks, Sandra and Jerry Barclay, Cara Franks and Josh Lee of Flomot.

Brandon Lee of Plainview visited Saturday with his grandparents, Ruth and Orville Lee.

Mrs. Ocky Sperry was in Lawton, Okla. Monday and accompanied Pecos and Kelby Williams here to visit until Friday. They met her mother, Mrs. Christi Yates of Andrews and her brother, Kip Pool in Lubbock to visit, Friday.

Visiting during the Memorial holidays with Janice and Butch Hughes were sons and families, Bengie, J.J. and Kaitlynn Hughes of Royce City, Roger, Tiffany, Tara and Reagan Hughes, Rickey, Tasha, Kendal and Kason Hughes of Floydada and Billy, Brennan and Baylee Hughes of Lubbock.

Mrs. Shonda Lee visited in Floydada Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Pennie Taylor. Other guests were their parents, Rex and Wanda Davey of Plainview.

Scotty Stark of Quitaque was a luncheon guest Tuesday of Mrs. B. Rogers and Donnie Rogers. B. and Donnie were in Lubbock, Friday to celebrate the second birthday of Luke McDaniel in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McDaniel. Before returning home, they visited Lou and Ronnie Rogers, who are having medical problems.

Ms. Aly Gwinn of Lubbock, Mrs. Marilyn Holcomb of Floydada, Mrs. Derinda Patton, Tally, and Teah of Silverton were the out of town visitors of Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn Sunday and they attended the senior VHS graduation of their son, Fannin, Sunday night.

Visiting during the Memorial holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter and their houseguests, Cindy and Chad Calvert and Cade of Bogota, Colombia were Louis Shorter of Fort Worth, daughter, Jennifer Moncrief of Matador, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg, Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville, Mrs. Geneva Martin and L.E. Shorter of Flomot. A birthday celebration with all the trimmings was given for Keri Saturday.

Leon D. Cobb

Leon D. Cobb, 66, of Lubbock died Thursday at his home. Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 12, 2007, in the East Mound Cemetery, in Matador. Memorial services followed at 1:00 p.m. in the Westmont Christian Church, with the Rev. Clint Stephenson officiating.

Mr. Cobb was born in Lubbock and attended schools in Lubbock. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1957 to 1961, where he served in Spain and Alaska. He graduated from the Philco-Ford Electronics Institute in California.

Leon married Sharon Worsham

Barker Jan. 20, 1978, in Shallowater. Leon returned to Lubbock in 1997, where he retired in 2001.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon; his brother, Roger Robinson and wife Betty; and a niece, Stacy Barker and husband Charlie of Midland.

His step-father, Corbie "Boone" Nelson, and his mother, Bell, preceded him in death.

Memorials may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 2929 Carlisle, Suite 230, Dallas, TX 75204, or the Westmont Christian Church Music Dept., 4802 Utica Church, TX 79414.

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Proof of the Truth

By Tom Edwards

WOULD TEACHING INTELLIGENT DESIGN IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS VIOLATE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE?

If you've been reading these articles you know that the answer to the above question is a resounding "No!" But, a majority of the Texas State Board of Education, the ACLU, and some Federal Courts, say, "Yes."

We should all know that the phrase "separation of church and state" is NOT in the Constitution, but was coined by Thomas Jefferson to describe the First Amendment's prohibition upon the "Federal Government" (only) from establishing a state-favored church. The resulting mess has come from federal courts ordering "total state neutrality," which incidentally, is impossible, but that's where we are. Ordering God (theism) out of the classroom does not create neutrality, it favors atheism! And, the only theory of origins allowed to be taught is Darwinian Evolution, which is atheistic - and wrong.

Intelligent Design is much more of a scientific inquiry than Darwin's theory, but the "problem" is twofold.

First, Intelligent Design

leads to the inescapable conclusion that there has been a very powerful and intelligent designer at work, because you can't have intelli-design without an intelligent designer. That's the law of cause and effect. And, that is "consistent" with some of the attributes of God!

Second, many (but not all) proponents of teaching Intelligent Design are "religious" types, even though they include scientists who have concluded that Darwin's theory is false and bankrupt. But they are suspect and their message is "dead on arrival" because they "may" be attempting to "backdoor" religion in our public schools - horrors!

So, while we can still say the Pledge of Allegiance, which includes "under God," in our schools, we can't teach true science because it might be consistent with some of our beliefs about Him! What's left? Do we continue to teach our students false, or kick open the doors? What about you?

Correction: The last article should have said, "Saying the cause of the universe was 'within' it, would be saying that it created itself, which is ridiculous!"

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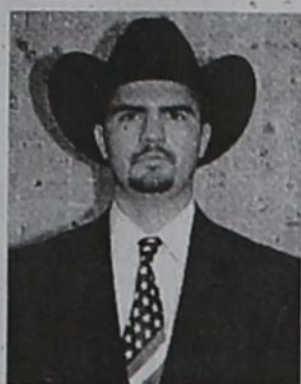
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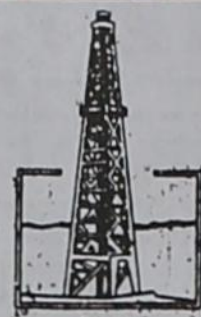
County Agent's News

By Ryan Martin,
Motley County Extension Agent



OIL & GAS REPORT

BY THOMAS MUSSER



MOTLEY COUNTY: The Patterson-UTI Drilling Rig #712 is scheduled to move to the Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Black 4 Lease Well #1 this week. As of Tuesday of this week the rig move is delayed due to the Monday night rains. The Black 4 Lease Well #1 is located 850 feet from the North line and 1200 feet from the East Line of Section 4, Abstract-1094, Indianola Railroad Company Survey, 10

miles, Northwest of Matador. **FLOYD COUNTY:** The Four Mile Pipeline Connection from the PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. McIntosh location to the Atmos Distribution Pipeline has been completed. This Operation is now waiting on the gas treatment plant equipment to arrive on location. Completion work continues on the PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. McIntosh Lease Well #176.

4-H SUMMER CAMPS
4-Hers who are interested in attending a summer camp need to come by the Extension office to register. Prime Time, a 3 night 4 day camp, is for youth ages 9-13 years. It is designed for youth to meet new friends, develop new skills, and learn how to work with others.

SpecTra is for youth ages 14-18. This camp is for youth to enhance project knowledge, expand leadership skills, explore careers, and strengthen their self-image. These camps will take place at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood. If anyone would like to attend, please come by the office to get registered.

Hunting bird grower and hunting preserve conferences set for June

A series of conferences for landowners wanting to know more about the bird hunting industry will be held throughout the state in June. The meetings are designed for anyone who wants to improve bird hunting, breed birds for release and protect their birds against disease losses, said Dr. Lee Cartwright, Texas Cooperative Extension poultry

science specialist. Registration is free. Participants who pre-register will receive a free lunch. Each meeting will be held from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Dates and places are: June 1 Amarillo; June 5 in Stephenville; June 7 in Overton; June 8 in Beaumont; June 13 in San Angelo; June 15 in El Paso; June 21 in Temple; and June 27 in Corpus Christi.

Topics will include:
— The Game Bird Business: Profitability and Business Models.
— How to Hunt Your Property.
— How to Manage Property for Wild Birds.
— Planting Your Property - At What Cost?
— Promoting Your Birds and Your Preserve.

— Threat-Proofing Your Business. Speakers will outline the national poultry improvement plan. A hands-on session with a disease-testing school and necropsy/bird posting health examination will also be presented. More information about locations and registration is available from Cartwright, 107 Kleberg Center, TAMU 2472, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-2472, 979-845-4319, a-cartwright@tamu.edu, or from <http://gallus.tamu.edu/> and click on the link for Workshops and Symposia.



NESTING DUCK — This duck sits atop her nest in a playa lake in Floyd County. With the rainfall amounts this area has received the past few months, there are several of these bodies of water in the area.

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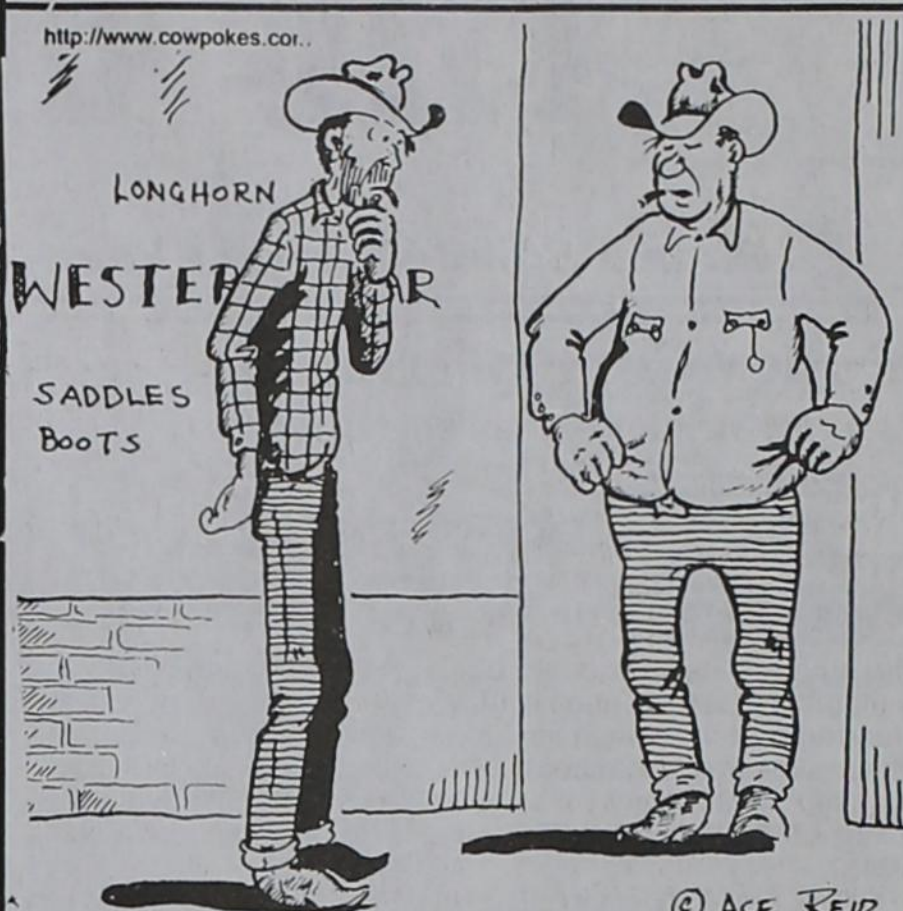
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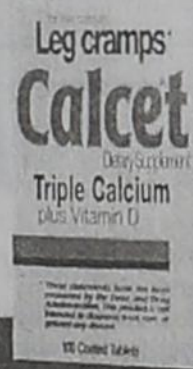
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