

Shannon Davidson



Pony Express Days

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The Name Of Shannon Davidson Is Etched Into Motley County History

by Earlyne L. Jameson

"The reward of a thing well done is to have done it."

James Shannon Davidson's name remains etched into the history and memories of Motley County when he had the courage to enter the Pony Express Race in 1939 promoted by Miss Enid Justin, of the Justin Boot Company in Nacona. The 23 year old lad of Flomot collected the 750 shiny new silver dollars as first prize winner after riding horseback 2000 weary miles from Nacona, Texas to Oakland, California. The cash was presented to him in a ceremony at the Alameda-Contra Costa building.

The citizens of Motley County had their own way of showing appreciation and honored him with Shannon Davidson Day, May 11, 1939 in Matador Texas. The entire county turned out for the rodeo, old time dancing, Indians on horseback and a parade complete with wagons, buggies and buckboards.

The modest young man had made previous trips on horseback without fanfare or ostentation. His family had depended on his guidance and endurance during difficult and happy times through the years.

His grandparents, Alice Bonner and James Monroe Davidson arrived in Dumont, Texas in the Dickens area in 1889 in two covered wagons driving cattle with them. Mr Davidson was instrumental in helping organize and create Dickens County.

Shannon's parents, James "Jim" Davidson and the former Elizabeth Franks were married in Dickens, January 16, 1901 by Judge Ballard. They became the parents of Charles Roy and Merle before moving to Quay County in New Mexico.

Shannon was born May 25, 1915 in Tucumcari, New Mexico. Other members of the family following his arrival that are New Mexico natives are Allie, Dale and Glenna Roy "B".

As a small boy, Shannon had the tendency of wandering around in the pasture. When he became tired, regardless where he was, he would lie down and go to sleep. The family became alarmed late one afternoon when he had not returned home, because they had rattlesnakes as big as one's arm. Mr. Davidson decided these jaunts had to cease. When he found

Shannon after dark, he imitated a coyote howl near him. Shannon jumped to his feet, stumbling and falling in the dark when racing back home. He never went to sleep in the pasture again!

In 1920, his older brother, Charles Roy died following the amputation of a leg that was injured when being struck by a flash of lightning during a rain storm. Shannon was now the oldest boy in the family and matured beyond his years.

Shannon and Dale rode Shannon's horse Snow Ball and Merle and Allie rode another pony to school in the winter. They walked to school in the summer.

Shannon and Merle helped Mr. Davidson drive cattle the ten miles to the Montoya, New Mexico Livestock Sale. Mr. Davidson would buy them a family style meal at the hotel before they returned home. Merle said those meals sure tasted good after the trips.

This was in the days of "nesters" vs ranchers. Cowboys were allowed to wear six shooters strapped to their waist. There were recollections of fires and wire-cutting episodes that flared up when people farmed in New Mexico. Many farm families lived in fear of repercussions of the ranchers after being threatened and left their land.

Mr. Davidson had built a nice rock home for his family and had other improvements on the land. They had cultivated and grass land, horses and cattle. His family was happy here and he was confident this would always be their homestead.

On June 16, 1926, Mr. Davidson was in the house recovering from being shot in the shoulder by neighboring cowboys. Mrs. Davidson and Shannon were plowing feed land. Merle was hoeing the corn patch. Merle saw seven horsemen going to the field where her mother and Shannon were. She then saw her father run out of the house. She ran toward him begging him not to go to the field. He replied, "I'd be a poor man not to protect my wife and son." Merle scampered up the windmill tower and heard seven shots.

Shannon, eleven years old, rode horseback the 22 miles to report to the Sheriff that his father had been killed on the Davidson land.

What a sad and shocking experience for the entire Davidson family. Shannon again met the challenge and helped his mother with preparations for another trip, moving the family

back to Texas.

Glenna Roy "B" can remember the night before they left for Texas. Her father's sister, Mrs. Annie Hand was with the children, Merle, Allie, Dale and "B" and her son, Billy B. Hand. Shannon, Mrs. Davidson and uncle Boy Hand were rounding up the cattle and horses for the trip to Texas. They were gone all day and as it began to get dark, Aunt Annie told the children to go to the backyard. She sat in a chair holding Billy in her lap and had a gun in her hand. She had them sit in a circle

around her. She said no one was to move. How frightened they were sitting in that huddle together. It was late that night by the time they had the livestock corralled.

Shannon, Mrs. Davidson and Boy Hand made the trip to Texas on horseback with wagon and cattle. Mrs. Hand and children came in a car. When arriving in Paducah, Texas, the Davidson family stayed with Mrs. Davidson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Franks.

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PONY EXPRESS DAYS SCHEDULED EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 - MATADOR:

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Arts & Crafts Faire, sponsored by the Motley County Arts & Crafts Club, American Legion building.

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., El Progreso and Eternas Study Clubs will have the old historic jail open for tours, a display of artifacts, and a bake sale. Free lemonade and cookies. Harold Campbell will provide a horsedrawn wagon for rides.

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Motley County Historical Museum open for tours and viewing.

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Music by "Texas Sand" at the bandstand on the Courthouse Square.

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Antique Quilt Display at Guys & Gals (Lancaster & Lawrence families)

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Classic Car Show and demonstration around the Courthouse Square.

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., The Matador Ministerial Alliance will host a children's train ride and information booth at the Courthouse Square.

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Motley County Senior Citizens organization will host a luncheon buffet and entertainment at the Senior Citizens Center.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 - ROARING SPRINGS:

5:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m., Breakfast served to Public (\$3.00), Community Center, Roaring Springs Community Volunteers.

6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m., 60-mile Endurance Ride begins at Old Settlers grounds.

6:30 a.m. - 7:25-mile Limited Distance Ride begins at Old Settlers grounds.

10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Virginia Sallsbury will be selling soft drinks and food at the Refreshment Center on the Old Settlers grounds.

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., The Roaring Springs Depot will be open for viewing.

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., The 4th Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) Association will provide several demonstrations.

4:00 p.m., Prelims start at Buzz Field for Quarter-Horse Ranch Race.

6:30 p.m., Texas Tech Masked Red Raider will lead a parade of the heat winners prior to the Ranch Horse Race Championship heat.

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Supper at the Roaring Springs Community Center cooked and served by the Matador Volunteer Fire Department, \$7.00.

7:30 p.m., Championship race for the Quarter-Horse Ranch Horses.

8:30 p.m., Awards Ceremony at Roaring Springs Community Center.

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m., Dance at Old Settlers Slab, with Bill Sams and the Texas Twisters sponsored by the Motley County FFA.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT:

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m., Audra McClaran & Rick Sudduth Twin Fiddles

11:30 - 1:00 p.m., Travis Williams

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Mike Porter

2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Jane & Max Thacker

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., The Texas Sand

5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Lorita and The Band

7:30 - 8:30 p.m., The 3M Company

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 - ROARING SPRINGS:

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m., Breakfast at the Community Center

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., Cowboy Church Services

DONATIONS TO MATADOR MURAL FUND

Donations to the Matador Mural Fund have been received by the following. All Donations are greatly appreciated!

Jean & J.B. Cooper
Charles & Joan Keith
B.B. & Marcie Micclebrooks
Lela C. Allsup
Joyce (Irby) Meachem
Dorothy (Wason) Campbell
John & Jana Thacker
Betty Simpson Martin

JoAnn Dickson
Vance & Betty Campbell
Yvonna Bentz
Glenda Brock
E.A. & Dorothy Day
James & Johnnie Bray
Erin Campbell Shearer
Elwanda Casey

A BIG THANK YOU!

FFA Member Awarded \$18,000 In Scholarships



Cody Timmons

Cody Timmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Timmons of Northfield has recently been notified that he is the recipient of \$18,000 in scholarships through the FFA organization.

Notification recently was sent to Jim Cooper, Motley County FFA Advisor, that Cody has been awarded a \$3,000 National FFA Scholarship sponsored by Farm Aid through the

National FFA Foundation. Nine hundred and seventy recipients were selected from over 7,300 applicants to receive scholarships that will assist FFA members in their educational endeavors above the high school level.

In addition to the National Scholarship, Cody has been awarded a \$15,000 Texas FFA Scholarship sponsored by the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo. Cody was one of 90 FFA members vying for scholarships at the Texas FFA Degree and Records Check held in San Marcos on June 12-13. Nearly one million dollars in scholarships is awarded to Texas FFA members each year by various sponsors through the Texas FFA Association.

Cody is a four year member of the Motley County FFA Chapter. He has been active in Leadership and Judging contest, has attended numerous District, Area, and State functions, and has carried on a continuous and progressive project program. Cody has also served as a Chapter and District officer. His plans for the future are to attend West Texas A&M University at Canyon and major in Agriculture.

Roaring Springs City Council Meets

The Roaring Springs City Council met Tuesday, June 10 at 5:30 p.m. with all Council members and Mayor Joey Thacker present. Also present were City Secretary Rhonda McCleskey and Water Superintendent Rickey Lawrence.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as read and bills were reviewed and approved to be paid.

Motley County Tax Assessor/Collector, Elaine Hart, met with the Council to discuss her office collecting City

taxes. No decisions were made at this time.

Glenn Martin of Spur met with the Council to discuss the possibility of setting up trash dumpsters in Roaring Springs. No decisions were made.

Council discussed who actually owned the sidewalks in front of the businesses. City Secretary Rhonda McCleskey was instructed to call the Texas Municipal League to ask about this.

Meeting adjourned.



Shannon Davidson and colts at Edd Meyer's place.

B. Rogers photo



Shannon Davidson Days are finally here! I must admit, we at the Tribune, are ready. We put a lot of hours into this paper. Due to limited space, we were not able to put in all the good pictures and other information we had obtained, but I hope it's a paper everyone will enjoy. I would like to say thank you to everyone for the pictures, stories, and other pieces of history about Shannon Davidson. Charles Keith did a lot of research for this event, and I, for one, appreciate the work he and Jerry Green, and others have put into this event. They have really worked hard.

This weekend will surely be a very busy one. I don't think there are five minutes during Saturday with nothing

going on. I'm sure no one will have time to be bored. Let's hope the weather cooperates.

I have never really known the whole story about this young cowboy, Shannon Davidson. Of course I was not here for the first celebration in 1939, and had always just heard about the Pony Express Race, Shannon Davidson, and the big celebration. But this young man was really quite a hero. It has been very interesting reading all the information and stories that were written about him. He was not only a hero in Motley County, but all over the United States. I'm sure his family was very proud of him.

Have a great time this weekend!

Look Who's New



Allison Rayanne Seward

Chad and Regina Seward of Goldthwaite are the proud parents of a daughter, Allison Rayanne, born June 6, 1997 at 10:31 p.m. at Brownwood Regional Medical Center. She weighed 8 pounds and 7 ounces and is 21" long. Her proud uncles and aunts are Roegan, Talon, Brand & Jodi, Chancy & Christie Cruse, and Dane, Ryan & Shan Seward.

Her proud grandparents are Donnie and Judy Cruse of Flomot and Don and Judy Seward of Goldthwaite.

Great-grandparents are Mary Pitts of Lovington, N.M., Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot, John and Ona Seward and Pat and Cleo Carswell of Goldthwaite, and Great-Great Grandmother is Dona Browning of Rising Star.

Elgie Heath McCleskey

Colby and Dillon McCleskey are excited to announce the arrival of their new cousin, Elgie Heath McCleskey. He is the grandson of Morris and son of Willie and Tracie McCleskey of Clarendon, Texas. Elgie Heath was born at 2:07 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 1997, weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. and 20 1/2 inches long.

He is the grandson of Morris and son of Willie and Tracie McCleskey of Clarendon, Texas. Mark and Robin Osborn of Membres, N.M., and the late Elgie McCleskey.

Barbecue Brisket Lunch

Saturday, June 21
Sr. Citizens Center

Northeast of Courthouse - Matador
11:30 - 2:30

Adults - \$6.00 Children under 12 - \$3.00

Storytelling & Western Music Planned
Sponsored by the Matador Senior Citizens

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A Quality Clothing Consignment Shop

Located inside City Grocery - 211 Broadway, Roaring Springs
Annette Hollinsworth - Owner



Selected Western Wear
10% - 20% off

Bring in this ad and receive 10% off!

IN GOD WE TRUST



In life, trust is often put in places, people and things that are not worthy of such trust. People have entrusted friends, advice columnists, talk shows, spouses, organizations, and a host of other people and things, even their own feelings - to direct them. Unfortunately, many people do not learn until it is too late that their trust has been misguided and misplaced. Many of the decisions lead not to safety but to destruction!

Jesus warned, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves" (Matt 7:15) and "if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Matt. 15:14).

Our authority should be in God and His Word, not in preachers, friends, relatives, or others. People can knowingly or unknowingly deceive others. God's Word is the only safe guide, the only answer, the only source of life.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.

Worship - 9:00 a.m.



Postmaster Freddie Morren will be at the Motley County Library, Saturday, June 21, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and will cancel your letters and cards with the special Shannon Davidson Day stamp. Bring in your letters and cards to be mailed on this very special day. We appreciate Freddie for giving his time to be in Matador to cancel the letters for Motley County residents. Thanks, also, to Geogia Wicher for keeping the Library open on this important Saturday morning.

The postcards of Shannon Davidson will be on sale in the Library that day as well as at the Arts & Crafts Show across the street. Other locations where the special postcards can be purchased on Saturday, are the Old Jail in Matador, the Depot in Roaring Springs, Thacker Supply and the Roaring Springs Cafe. We appreciate all those who are helping to sell these cards. The profits go to the Friends of the Library and ultimately to the Library.

Today, Thursday, is the third activ-

ity day of the children's summer reading program at the Library. The program begins at 3:00 p.m. for kids in grades 1-3 and at 4:00 p.m. for kids in grades 4 and 5. Last week Winifred Lee helped the students make animals out of newspapers. We had quite a menagerie of turtles, elephants, birds, and worms. We appreciate Winifred's help with this project. More fun activities are planned for next Thursday.

We really enjoyed the visit of the Young Motley County Academics when they came to the Library. Thanks to Carol Ann Turner, Susan Jameson and Deidra Clifton for bringing students to spend time at the Library.

The Dickens County and Spur Public Library has, again, shared some duplicate books with the Motley County Library, and we appreciate this generous donation of new books. Thanks to Darleen Fletcher and Kenneth Abbott for transporting these books to our Library. These new books and others will be on the shelves, ready to check out, soon.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM — Mrs. Winifred Lee, at back, led this group of youngsters at a recent Library Summer Reading Program. They are (at front) Amanda Kays; (left to right) Brady O'Pry, Lupe Gonzalez, Joel Kruesel, and Josh Kruesel.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

About that letter in the paper last week.

I'm thankful that the game was called because I had a child on the field and there was lightning.

Last year I did not appreciate it when they waited and it was to the dangerous point before they called the game.

After all, it is just a game. The safety of our children is more important than any score.

Signed,
A Grateful Mom

Dear Editor:

Enclosed are copies of pictures taken in Maador on Shannon Davidson Day 1939. Two of these include his mother and his sister, Mrs. Scott, with the two Mrs. Myers and the Myers girl. Presumably, these are the mother, wife and daughter of Billy Myers who accompanied and assisted Shannon Davidson on his famous ride from Nocona, Texas to San Francisco's Golden Gate.

Shannon Davidson was my first hero! Daily I followed him, via our Zenith table-top radio, through plains and forests, sweltering heat and drenching rain on his arduous journey to claim first prize for being the best of all those who competed in that famous ride.

Shannon Davidson was a hero in every sense of the word: tall, handsome, kind, pleasant and unassuming despite his remarkable accomplishment. My parents had observed weeks of my watching and waiting for the results of this electrifying contest, and they were quick to respond to my request for an introduction and having our picture made with him.

Mrs. Davidson, his mother, and Mrs. Scott, Shannon's sister, were lovely ladies. Mrs. Scott was outgoing and friendly and we especially enjoyed meeting and visiting with her. Mrs. Davidson's pleasure and satisfaction in sharing her son's special day are obvious in this wonderful picture of mother and son.

That great day of celebration, the very first Shannon Davidson Day created enough joy and excitement in the heart of an eleven-year-old girl to last another fifty-seven years!

We proudly assured Shannon Davidson that day we had named our new pony Ranger for his faithful mount.

Sincerely,
Jolene Bloodworth
Higginbotham

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.
—William Butler Yeats



4TH U.S. CAVALRY (MEMORIAL) QUADRILLE TEAM

The 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to enlightening the public regarding the exciting and true history of this celebrated regiment of the United States Army. Its membership of reenactors bring the period of 1869 alive again through its living history performances. The quadrille team was formed to demonstrate the fact that horsemanship was important to the 1870's U.S. Cavalry and it continued to be central to the training of the troops until the horse cavalry was dismounted in the 1940's. The Regiment continues this tradition of stressing the importance of horsemanship and teaches advanced equestration to the riding membership. Period tactics are applied to mounted drill which makes the riding performances historically correct. Precision horseback drill was practiced for three reasons. First was to train the horses and toopers to ride in a proper balanced position. Second was to move large numbers of horses in an orderly manner. Third was to prepare the trooper and horses to go into battle in a tactical formation for maximum effect. All uniforms, equipment and tack are historically correct for 1875. All horses are of a dark color and are between 14.2 and 16.2 hands in height. The performance is ridden to 1870s music as they would have done in riding review.

BRISCOE COUNTY RURAL HEALTH CLINIC WILL CLOSE EFFECTIVE JULY 3, 1997

Before July 3, copies of medical records may be obtained by contacting the Briscoe County Rural Health Clinic at (806)823-2056 or in person at 701 E. Commerce, Silverton. After July 3, requests for records can be made by calling (806)345-4576.

Have a Great Celebration! SHANNON DAVIDSON PONY EXPRESS DAYS!

Lady Bug's Transportation

Jennifer Adams — Matador

Dickens Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Annual Meeting

July 17, 1997



Arts & Crafts Show & Sale

Inside & Outside Space Available First Come, First Serve

Thursday, July 17

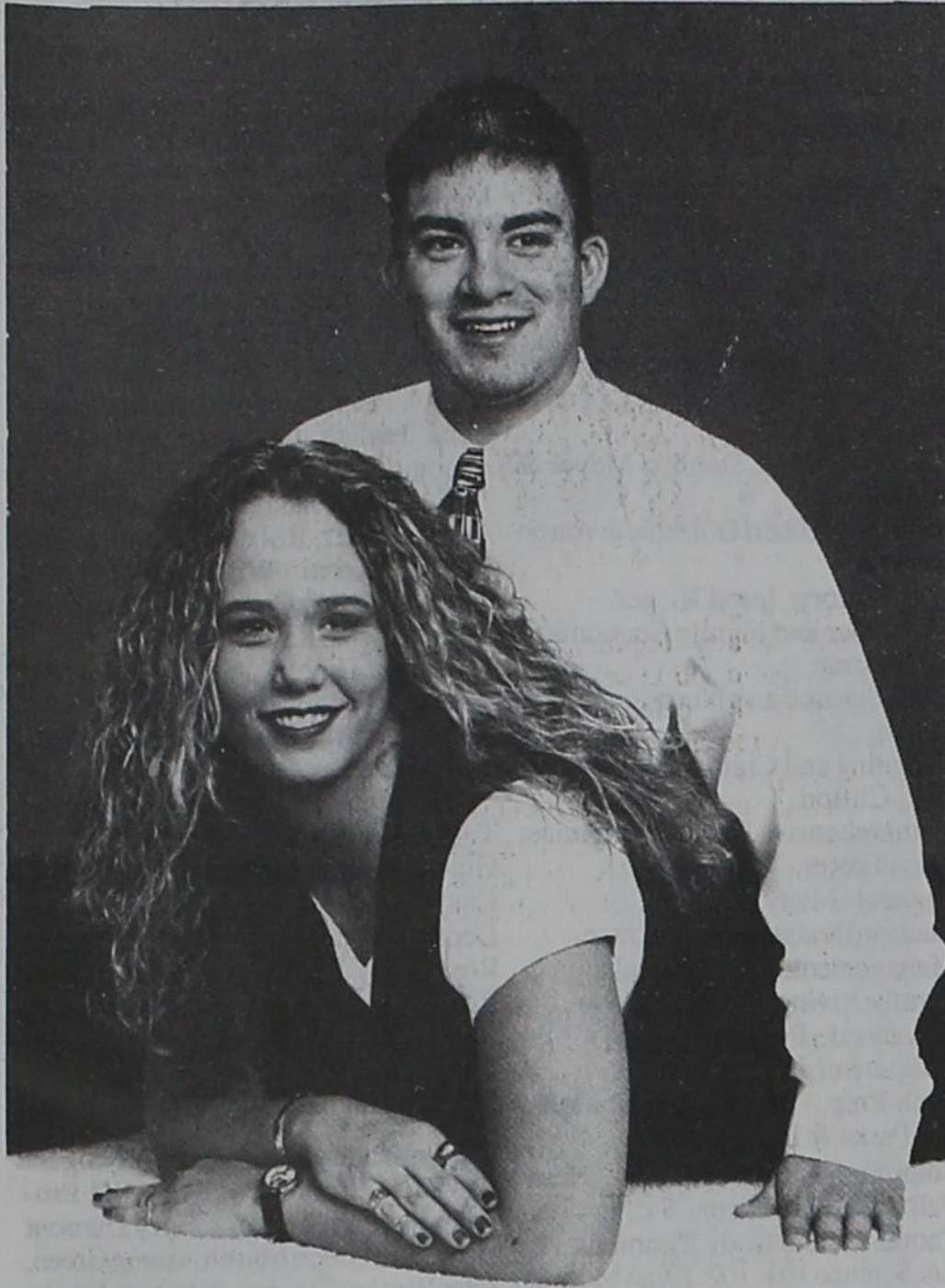
10 a.m.-6 p.m.



Anyone interested in having a booth and displaying their Arts & Crafts please contact the DEC Office at 806-271-3311

Dickens Electric
Now Sells Appliances

Engagement Announced August Wedding Planned



Brooke Brandon & Adrian Cox

Frances Brandon of Matador and Dan Brandon of Roaring Springs would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brooke Leah Brandon to Adrian Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cox of Flatonia, Texas.

The couple plan to exchange vows in the First Baptist Church of Matador, Texas on August 2, 1997 at 6:00 p.m.

Brooke graduated from Motley County I.S.D. in 1994 and attended South Plains College with a major in Music and Secondary Education. She plans to return after their marriage with a major in Public Relations. Brooke now works for U.S. Communications in Levelland in the Customer Service Department.

Adrian graduated from Levelland High School in 1995. He is attending South Plains College majoring in Law Enforcement. He intends to pursue a career as a Peace Officer following his graduation. Adrian is now employed by Levelland I.S.D. and works in the maintenance department.

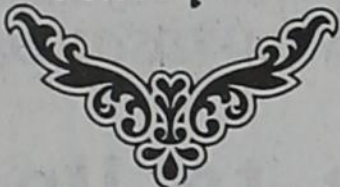
Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NIV

Welcome to Shannon Davidson Days!

New Craft Items...

- Birdhouses
- Angels
- Flower Pot Candles
- Antiques



Country Spice

Billy & Cindy Green Matador

Society News

Arts & Crafts Club Members Prepare for Craft Show

It was one of those rare and wonderful days in June for Matador Arts & Crafts club, Monday, June 2. The club met at the Senior Citizens building for its regular meeting, a workshop on painting T-shirts, and a luncheon.

Mrs. Vee Gordon was the instructor for the class. She taught how to paint a replica of stained glass on T-shirts. The finished results were beautiful with vivid and brilliant colors. Watch for these at the next bazaar.

Mrs. Gordon is an excellent teacher and a welcomed member; having joined Arts & Crafts in the Fall.

The club dined at noon at Matador's new and attractive cafe on Main Street and called, Main Street. The food was delicious and fun contagious. It was enjoyed by all.

Club president, Geraldine Key, conducted a lengthy business meeting. Plans were finalized for Shannon Davidson Day and a work day for Wednesday, June 4, to clean and arrange the Matador American Legion

building. The club is in charge of renting the booths for the vendors to sell their wares.

Persons interested in renting a booth may call Geraldine Key, Lorene Lancaster, Loys Campbell, Vee Gordon, and Joy Archer. Several booths have been rented for this memorial occasion.

Members present were Elsie Thacker, Bonnie Edmondson, Pauline Hand, Dora Watson, Loys Campbell, Winifred Lee, Pauline House, Dorothy Day, Opal Pipkin, Vee Gordon, Geraldine Key, Marion Woodruff, Loys Campbell, and Winifred Darsey.

One guest, Little Miss Hannah Rose Alexander. Hostess for the day was Lorene Lancaster.

The club will make potato beads at the next meeting. Members should have potatoes ready, also a covered dish luncheon is planned.

Come one and all to the Shannon Davidson Day celebration.

Arla Felts Presents Program 'Laughter Is A Health Aid'

Mrs. Arla Felts of Vernon, the new Motley County Extension Agent, was delighted with the cheerful welcome and introduction she received at the Do Gooders club meeting Tuesday afternoon, June 3 at the Flomot Community Center.

Mrs. Felts presented a program on 'Laughter Is A Health Aid' and told laughter is free and a wonderful medicine you can't afford to be without. Daily doses of laughter is good for you physically, emotionally, mentally, sociably and with your work. Researchers suggest that the average American should laugh 15 or more times a day for good health maintenance.

She added an individual should keep a funny story "in storage" to remember when in stress or depressed. She closed the program relating one of her amusing "in storage" incidents having the members in laughter.

Mrs. B. Rogers conducted a brief



Twelve hours after you put out your last cigarette, your body begins to heal itself.

business meeting. The club's western quilt will be on display at the Motley County Library. Members of the club will meet every Thursday afternoon at the Community Center until the quilt on which they are working is completed.

Mesdams Leona Degan and Tommie Cruse presided at a patriotic decor and appointments in observance of Flag Day. The table was laid with a white lace cloth, centered with a beautiful red and white flower arrangement and American flag. At each place setting was a miniature flag in a gold wrapped base and an envelope containing a recipe and book mark. They served finger sandwiches, lemon cake bars, coffee, punch and tea.

Those attending besides those mentioned above were Mesdames Edith Washington, Mary Jo Calvert Sylvia Lee Martin, Alma Shorter, Trula Martin, Annie B. Cloyd, Judy True, and Nada Starkey.



Shannon Davidson Days

August Wedding Plans Announced



Amy Pipkin & Cory Franks

Gerald and Syd Pipkin of Matador announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy, to Cory Franks, son of Coy and Connie Franks of Flomot. The couple will marry August 30 at First United Methodist Church of Matador.

The bride-elect attends Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Nursing and is employed by Sam's Club. The future bridegroom, a graduate of Texas Tech is employed by Plainview Acid and Delinting Co.



BREAKFAST



The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will be serving BREAKFAST Saturday and Sunday mornings during the Shannon Davidson Days Races

Saturday morning Breakfast - 5:00 a.m.

Breakfast Burrito, Coffee & Juice
\$3.00 per person

Sunday morning Breakfast - 7 - 8 a.m.
Eggs, Bacon, Biscuits, Gravy, Coffee & Juice
\$4.00 per person

Door Prizes will be given on Saturday morning only for the Breakfast Tickets Drawing

Welcome to
Shannon Davidson Days!

Have a Great Celebration!

West Texas Utilities

Matador

Welcome to Motley County!
and our 1st Annual
Shannon Davidson Pony Express Days



MATADOR VARIETY

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Endurance Rides, Craft Show, Tours, Food & Fun!

MOTLEY COUNTY'S FIRST ANNUAL
SHANNON DAVIDSON
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Celebrating Shannon Davidson's
Great Pony Express Race Win!

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Matador



THE FARM CREDIT SYSTEM

Motley County Students Receive Academic Recognition

Congratulations to the following students who have received academic recognition for their outstanding performance on the recent TAAS tests. Academic recognition in each study area is awarded to each student who answers at least 95% of the items correctly on that subject area test.

Grade 3: Chance Bingham, Reading.

Grade 4: Cody Cooper, Reading and Math; Annie Green, Reading, Math, and Writing; Kenneth Johannes, Reading; Veronica Mendoza, Math; Thomas Rice, Reading and Math; John Stevens, Reading and Math.

Grade 5: Stachia Baxter, Reading; Dumont Darsey, Reading and Math; Brandon Martin, Reading; Quinten

Rose, Math; Aleda Ross, Reading and Math.

Grade 6: Clinton Cooper, Reading and Math; Derrick Cruse, Math; Brenda Gillespie, Math; Chantry Meyer, Math; Brittany Perryman, Math.

Grade 7: Skylar Clifton, Reading and Math.

Grade 8: Leigha Burns, Reading and Math; Casey Lawrence, Science; Rachelle Renfro, Math.

Annie Green, 4th Grader, and Aaron Binder, Sophomore, received Academic Recognition in all three areas of Reading, Writing, and Math! Congratulations to all these fine students, their parents, and to the teachers who helped them "Go for the Gold."



Motley County End of School Awards

The Motley County End of School Awards program was held on the last day of School, May 30, in the high school gym. Those receiving awards are as follows:

Teachers Honor Effort Award: Roalva Mendoza and Kasey Osborn.
Best All Around Award: Kasey Parks and Cody Timmons.
Highest Ranking Student: Cody Timmons.

Scholarship Award: (Highest cumulative average per grade, 9-12), Freshman, Llan Barkley; Sophomore, Aaron Binder; Junior, Tanya Barkley; Senior, Cody Timmons.

Sportsmanship Award: Leah Cruse and Josh Lee.

UIL Academic and Athletic Award: Aaron Binder.

School Spirit Award: Dodie Morris.

Citizenship Award: Senior, Misty Thomas and Bert Darsey; Junior, Laura Mendoza and Scott Smith; Sophomore, Blair Thacker and Keane Cruse; Freshman, Vanessa Easter and Sean Rose.

Technical Assistant Award: Jay Tomison.

Lions Club Citizenship Award: Misty Easter and Darryn Perryman.

Perfect Attendance Awards: Kayla Copp, Chase Carson, Vanessa Easter, Quinn Hays, Aaron Green, Dodie Morris, Cody Timmons.

Students of the Month, Jr. High: Ashley Stevens, Matt Easter, Courtney Hays, Justin Jameson, Shandra Jones, Casey Lawrence, Rachelle Renfro, Scott Jones, Brooke Decker, Brandon Moore, Kayla Copp, Jermaine Hendrix, Mylinda Gilmore, Skylar Clifton, Leigha Burns, Tony Salazar, Rhonda Ashley, and Andy Anson.

Students of the Month, High School: Leah Cruse, Robert Gillespie, Kasey Parks, Cody Timmons, Laura Mendoza, Aaron Binder, Kandi Keltz, Darryn Perryman, Jill Stanley, Keane Cruse, Nesa McFall, Cobey Turner, Kaci Risser, Ryan Moore, Rosalva Mendoza, Ryan Martin, Brandi

Jameson, Jerod Rieger.
Students of the Year, Jr. High: Brooke Decker and Matt Easter.

Students of the Year, High School: Brandi Jameson and Cobey Turner.

PTO Literary Award: Cody Timmons.

English I: Jerod Rieger.
English III: Tanya Barkley.
Theater Arts: Rebecca Long.

One Act Play Cast: Lanie Barton and Blair Thacker.

One Act Play Crew: Vanessa Easter and Rebecca Long.

Algebra 1-4: Margaret Mangram.
Geometry: Jenny Lewis.

Yearbook: Kasey Osborn and Rebekah Jameson.

Government: Cody Timmons.
Economics: Darryn Perryman.

Newspaper: Darryn Perryman, Leah Cruse, Lanie Barton, Brandi Jameson, Misty Easter, Dodie Morris, Kasey Parks.

World History: Jason Barton and Kristi Williams.

Computer Science: Jamie Timmons.

Algebra 1-4 (1 & 2): Miranda Palmer.

Algebra 1-4 (3 & 4): Jason Clauser.
Algebra 1-4 (3 & 4): Laura Mendoza.

Physics: Cody Timmons.
UIL Science Award: Cody Timmons.

Science III: Llan Barkley
Biology II: Leah Cruse
Bausch and Lomb Science Award: Tanya Barkley.

Chemistry: Cobey Turner.
Vance Gilbreath Math Award: Cody Timmons.

Mathematics of Money: Leah Cruse.

Advance Math Award: Aaron Binder.

Algebra II: Kaci Risser & Robert Gillespie.

Algebra I: Llan Barkley.
Spanish I: Leigh Luckett.
Spanish II: Cobey Turner.

English IV: Kasey Parks.
English II: Kandi Keltz.

English as a Second Language: Laura Mendoza.

Cheerleaders: Head, Leah Cruse; Dodie Morris, Brandi Jameson, Kandi Keltz, Blair Thacker, Toni Bowden; Mascot, Kristi Williams.

Keyboarding/WP: Laura Mendoza, Aaron Binder, Llan Barkley, Tanya Barkley.

Library Award: Stephen Meyer & Kasey Osborn.

Biology I: Robert Gillespie & Aaron Binder.

U.S. History: Jerod Rieger.

Consumer and Family Economics: Lupe Saldana

Food Science and Nutrition: Kristi Williams.

Parenting and Child Development: Monica Clifton.

Comprehensive Home Economics: Vanessa Easter.

Apparel: Misty Easter.
Interior Design: Keane Cruse.

Management: Lupe Saldana.
Family Living: Brooke Barton.

Advanced Parenting and Child Development: Jill Stanley.

Tech Prep. - Micro. Applications: Kasey Parks & Leah Cruse.

Computer Applications: Nesa McFall & JoeGuterierrez.

Choral Music: Cody Timmons.
Ag. Science 101-102: Ryan Moore.

Ag Science 221-231: Nesa McFall,
Ag Science 381-321: Cobey Turner.

Agribusiness: Bert Darsey
Voc. Exp. III: Joe Mangram.

Voc. Exp. IV: Dodie Morris.

Voc. Exp. Math: Quinten Brandon.
Math: Joe Mangram.

Masonic Lodge Mirabeau Lamar Medals: Cody Timmons and Leah Cruse.

Duke University Talent Identification Program.: Skylar Clifton. Skylar took the ACT as a 7th grader.

Also qualifying for the Duke University Talent Identification program were Jessica Gutierrez and Andy Anson.

TAAS Academic Recognition: Aaron Binder, Robert Gillespie, Kaci Risser, Kristi Williams, Dayton Grundy, Keane Cruse, Blair Thacker, Nesa McFall, Kandi Keltz.

Junior High Students Receiving TAAS Academic Recognition: Leigha Burns, Rachelle Renfro, Skylar Clifton, Casey Lawrence.

Elementary Students Receiving TAAS Academic Recognition: Annie Green, Brittany Perryman, Morgan Chantry Meyer, Brenda Gillespie, Derrick Cruse, Clinton Cooper, Aleda Ross, Gary Dumont Darsey, Quinten Rose, Brandon Martin, Stachia Baxter, John Wesley Stevens, Thomas Rice, Kenneth Johannes, Cody Cooper, Chance Bingham.

Elementary Students Qualifying for the Duke University TIP-MIP Program were: Joel Rieger, Gary Dumont Darsey, Brandon Martin, Annie Green, John Wesley Stevens, Kenneth Johannes.

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HONOR ROLL

DISTINGUISHED LIST (all grades 90 or above)

Kindergarten: Tamra Ashley, Cagen Denison, Cade Luckett, Kayla Simpson.

First grade: Mylissa Gilmore, Brady O'Pry, Savannah Rose, Christina Smith, Makayla Warren.

Second grade: Fannin Gwinn, Marc Henzler, Ryan Langer, Angelica Mendoza, Martin Walker.

Third grade: Chance Bingham, Ashlee Green.

Fourth grade: Clay Cooper, Cody Cooper, John Stevens.

Fifth grade: Dumont Darsey, Susana Mendoza, Aleda Ross.

Sixth grade: Clint Cooper, Derrick Cruse, Brenda Gillespie, Chantry Meyer.

Seventh grade: Justin Jameson

Eighth grade: Scott Jones

Ninth grade: Llan Barkley

Tenth grade: Aaron Binder, Robert Gillespie, Nesa McFall, Kaci Risser, Kristi Williams.

Eleventh grade: Kimberly Ashley, Tanya Barkley, Ryan Martin, Laura Mendoza, Rosalva Mendoza, Cobey Turner.

Twelfth grade: Leah Cruse, Brandi Jameson, Kasey Parks, Cody Timmons.

Kindergarten: Annie Hurt, Shane Marks, Jasmine Porter, Shane'a Russell, Justin Todd.

First grade: Magdiel Alvarado, Isiah Archer, Jacob Blanco, Bradley

Brown, Karrie Valdez.

Second grade: Chicagra Brown, John Martin, Gene Salazar.

Third grade: Kyle Cope, Colton Russell, Ashlee Sanders.

Fourth grade: Kattie Campbell, Annie Green, Matt Henzler, Emily Hurt, Kenny Johannes, Veronica Mendoza, Dakota Meyer, Brittany Moore, Thomas Rice, Obadiah Saldana.

Fifth grade: Stachia Baxter, Amanda Hurt, Brandon Martin, Joel Rieger.

Sixth grade: Lacy Carson, Britany Donaldson, Britany Moore, Britany Perryman, Amanda Sands, Cassie Campbell.

Seventh grade: Andy Anson, Skylar Clifton, Kayla Copp, Courtney Hays, Brandon Moore, John Salazar.

Eighth grade: Leigha Burns, Hilary Decker, Matthew Easter, Jermaine Hendrix, Casey Lawrence, Rachelle Renfro, Ashley Stevens.

Ninth grade: Vanessa Easter, Quinn Hays, Candace Marvel, Ryan Moore, Jerod Rieger, Todd Thomas.

Tenth grade: Jason Barton, Blaine Cruse, Kandi Keltz, Shavonne Taylor, Blair Thacker.

Eleventh grade: Ethanice Bowden, Monica Clifton, Aaron Green, Joe Gutierrez, Rebekah Jameson, Payton Lester, Scott Smith, Jill Stanley.

Twelfth grade: Lanie Barton, Talon Cruse, Robert Darsey, Tyler Decker, Misty Easter, Joshua Lee, Darryn Perryman, Misty Thomas, Jamie Timmins, Matthew Woolsey.

Dowell Garrison Graduates With Honors At Smithville

Dowell Garrison of Smithville graduated from Smithville High School on May 30, 1997 at 8 p.m. from a class of 92 students. He received eight scholarships including the Masonic Lodge;

Noon Lions Club; Smithville VFD; Smithville Classroom Teachers Assoc.; Lisa Landry Childress; ATPE Assoc. of Texas Professional Educa-

tors; Athletic Booster Club; and FFA Booster Club.

Dowell plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University in Aiblene. He is the son of Dickie Garrison of Red Rock and Joanna Garrison of Smithville. He is the grandson of C.D. and Evelyn Garrison of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrison attended his graduation ceremonies.

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Shannon Davidson Pony Express Days



First State Bank

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Cowboy Church Service Will Wrap-Up Shannon Davidson Celebration

The final event of the Shannon Davidson Day Celebration will be a special church service on Sunday, June 22. The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys will lead a Cowboy Church Service at 8:00 a.m. at the Community Center in Roaring Springs. This service, arranged by Rod Skelton will feature Jim Carruthers singing Christian country music.

Jim Carruthers is a Christian performer whose first love is taking his "music with a message" directly to the people. He appears regularly in churches, camp meetings, rodeos, and cowboy church services. Carruthers makes the rodeo circuit every year, and from the opening ceremonies to the last bull ride, his music bursts through with sweetness and strength

of the Gospel. Carruthers grew up in Big Spring, Texas, and today he makes his home in the Dallas area. He records with Mountainview Music Group of Nashville, Tennessee.

Rod Skelton will preach the sermon for the Cowboy Church Service and Jim Bo Humphries will read Cowboy Christian Poetry. Local pastors will give the invocation and the

benediction and will introduce the program. The Cowboy Church Service will be preceded by Cowboy Breakfast at the Roaring Springs Community Center beginning at 7 a.m. The Church Service will end by 9 a.m. so that there will be time for regular church services to take place. Everyone is invited.

Disabled Person Placards To Expire Soon

The first of the permanently disabled person placards that were issued in 1992 will begin to expire on June 30. The Motley County Tax Office reminds citizens that they must obtain new placards to remain in compliance with state and federal laws.

Permanently disabled person placards are hung from a vehicle's rear view mirror and entitle the holder to certain parking privileges. Placards may also be displayed in a vehicle used by or for the transportation of a disabled person.

"State law requires that permanently disabled person placards be renewed after five years," said Elaine Hart, Motley County Tax Assessor-Collector. "We started issuing placards in July 1992 under the decision of state lawmakers and the Texas Department of Transportation, five years later, the first wave of these placard holders must get replacements. Citizens should pay close attention to the expiration date because there won't be any renewal notices for placards."

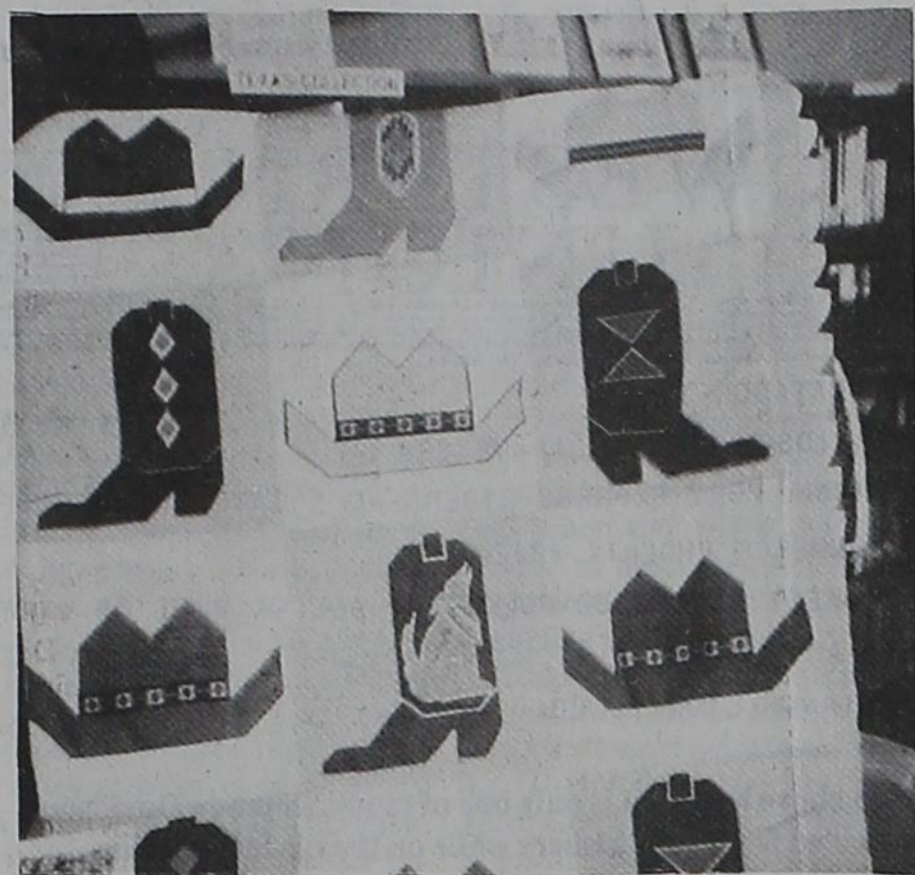
Placard renewals will be processed

through the Motley County tax collector. Citizens are asked to take their expired placards to the tax office where they will complete a form and pay a statutory \$5 fee per placard. Permanently disabled Texans may obtain up to two placards; they also have the option of getting one placard and one set of disabled person license plates.

Approximately 800,000 permanently disabled placards have been issued statewide since 1992. First-time applicants for permanently disabled person placards or license plates have to meet certain eligibility requirements; their application must also bear the signature of a licensed Texas physician or optometrist. The county tax assessor-collectors issue placards locally to individuals, not motor vehicles. Because there's no centralized database, information as to the bearer of a placard is available only through the county tax offices.

Questions about permanently disabled person placards should be referred to the Motley County tax office.

Will You Be A Lucky Winner?



The Do Gooders Club in Flomot made this Quilt which is being raffled off during Shannon Davidson Days.

Shannon Davidson Pony Express Days are here, and you could be a lucky winner if you buy the winning ticket and it is drawn at the Awards Ceremony on Saturday evening at 8:30.

You could win a beautiful handmade quilt, one made by the members of the Flomot Do-Gooders Club and the other made by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers.

Or, you could be the winner of a lucky \$100 bill being raffled off by the Roaring Springs Predicta Study Club.

And maybe, just maybe, you could be the lucky winner of a museum-quality oil-on-canvas reproduction painting of the Pony Express Rider by Frederic Remington.

These exciting items will be on display at the Roaring Springs Community Center Saturday afternoon, and you can purchase your lucky tickets from members of the organizations. The Motley County Chamber of Commerce is offering the painting, and tickets may be purchased from all the local businesses as well as from any Chamber member.

Be a winner by supporting your local community organizations!

Shannon Davidson

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Mrs. Davidson bought a small farm northwest of Flomot and struggled to make a living off 80 acres in 1929. Many families were in the same situation.

Shannon was on a horse most of his life. To supplement the family's income, he broke horses. He would do this in the river near Flomot. When he felt the job was completed, the horse would be gentle enough for Merle to ride them. He never mistreated a horse. He had a horse named Cupid that he had trained to do tricks.

When in San Jose on the Pony Express Ride, a humane officer waved Shannon on when he saw the two horses, Rocket and Ranger, were receiving the best of care. Shannon never rode beyond a trot on the trip and most of the time in a walk.

After the Pony Express Ride, Shannon spent the next three years in Hollywood, California acting in western movies, one being a Gene Autry production. He obtained a rating in the Screen Actors Guild.

He returned to Flomot and helped his mother farm. The Motley County Draft Board said they would exempt him from the draft under these circumstances. It was not a character trait of Shannon to evade fighting for his country. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

When returning home from the service he was employed in Spearman, Texas by Clarence Alexander who had cattle, sheep and wheatland. Shannon was a cowboy during the daytime and plowed wheatland at night.

Tuesday night, June 3, 1947, Shannon and R.B. Archer were heating linsed oil on a kitchen stove to preserve planking on the back of a truck. Their exit to the outside was a door that had been recently repaired. Shannon was having difficulty opening the door when Mr. Archer in haste with the flaming container bumped into Shannon and both men were a mass of fire. Mr. Archer died a few hours after the accident at the Spearman hospital. Shannon was transferred to Sanford Hospital in Perryton. Even in his critical condition he kept asking how R.B. was, because he was concerned about

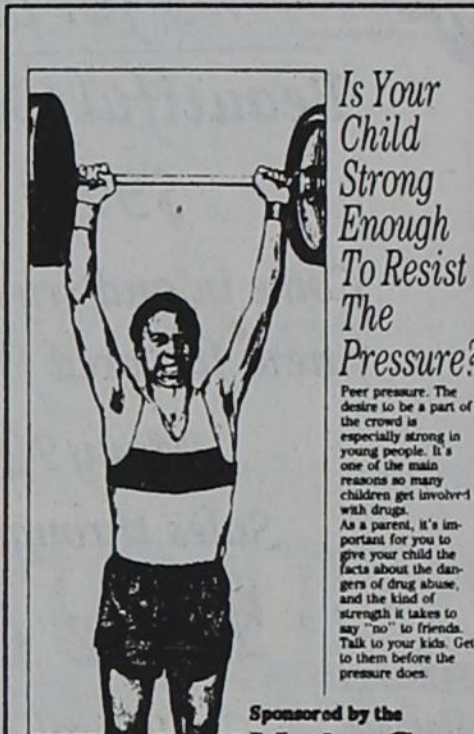
his friend. They never told him he had died.

Shannon Davidson, 32, died Sunday afternoon, June 11, 1947 at the Sanford Hospital in Perryton from burns he had suffered.

Shannon's tragic death was not how he planned to leave this world. His sister, Merle said he was shy, but an excellent partner when dancing and he loved his horses. He had said, "When I die, I hope I am horseback or dancing."

Shannon Davidson was laid to rest in the Flomot Cemetery, Monday, June 12, 1947. There's not a doubt that this compassionate and courageous man is one of God's Riders In The Sky.

(I thank Mrs. Merle Nall of Amarillo and Mrs. Glenna Roy "B" Rogers of Flomot for their help and interest in this article).



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Celebrating the First Annual SHANNON DAVIDSON PONY EXPRESS DAYS!

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Get Your Mail Canceled With A Shannon Davidson Stamp



In honor of Shannon Davidson Days Express Days, a special mail pouch will be delivered by an endurance rider to the agent in Flomot, who will then relay it to the Flomot Post Office where it can be canceled with the special commemorative stamp.

All mail that is to be delivered by horseback to Flomot must be deposited in special boxes at Thacker Supply in Roaring Springs or at the Motley County Library in Matador no later than 6 p.m. this Friday.

Additional commemorative cancellations will be available on Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Matador Postmaster Freddie Morren will be at the Motley County Library to cancel your mail, Ruth Lee will be at the Flomot Post Office, and Doris Neff will be at the Depot in Roaring Springs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Be sure to buy your souvenir postcards at the Motley County Library or at the Jail on Saturday and mail them to all your family and friends so they can experience the Shannon Davidson Pony Express Days celebration!



Dora Davidson and Enid Justin

Sue Bird photo



Elmer Stearns, Shannon Davidson, and Randall Whitworth

photo submitted by Charles Keith

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HAVE A
GREAT CELEBRATION!**

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FOR READING
THE
MOTLEY COUNTY
TRIBUNE**

**Shannon Davidson Days
Saturday, June 21 - Matador
GARAGE SALES**

9:00 a.m. - ?
Dan Barton home
Barbara Sharp home
across from Catholic Church
Yancey Meredith home, 1601 N. Main St.
4 families & RS First Baptist Church Youth
Joyce Campbell - Old Feed Store,
east of Courthouse
Colleen Baxter - Don's Tire

SIDEWALK SALES

10:00 a.m. - ?
Quality Discount Outlet - Discounted Items!
Guys & Gals - 25% off on Clothing!
Matador Variety - 30% off Wrangler Shirts
25% off all Material
The Windmill - 50% off one table
Shannon Davidson Shirts & Caps
Rose Garden - New Business
1/2 Price Table
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**Shannon Davidson
Pony Express Days!
Welcome & Have a Great Time!**

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SHANNON DAVIDSON AND WILLIE MEYER=
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KEEP RIDING WEST BOYS YOUR FOLKS ARE ALL OK WIRE OR WRITE
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MATADOR LIONS CLUB.

The above telegram is only one of many Shannon Davidson received from well-wishers while on the his famous ride.

The opportunity is often lost
by deliberating.

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Club will open at noon
TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

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MOTLEY COUNTY!**

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Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6

A cowboy had a dream.....
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GREAT 1939 PONY EXPRESS RACE
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a Motley County Cowboy
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SHANNON DAVIDSON PONY EXPRESS DAYS!

Matador Ranch

Matador Throws A Party For Pony Express Winner

MATADOR, MAY 11, 1939 -- Cow Country's bow-legged nobility roped in an estimated 6,000 persons here today — and, pardner, there was a party!

Not in the memory of the oldest leather-faced range rider had 300 saddle horses cantered in one stream past the old Motley County courthouse, not to mention the buckboards and chuck wagons and rigs drawn by spanking teams.

And — something that seemed oddly out of place to those who lived in these parts when the great Matador Land and Cattle Company Ranch was no mere 45 per cent of Motley County and 22 per cent of Dickens and a sizeable part of other counties — the sight of cowpokes marching in foot phalanxes certainly was something different.

Wranglers with corns on their knees, some of whom had forked onery cayuses from the other side of the Pecos to as far north as their sons could fly in a day, came over from Spur in their cars, leaving their pestle-tails on grass. There was nothing to do but walk or stand on the sideline — and the home of the Spur Roundup association does not let it sideline representatives come back home.

The idea of the celebration was to honor Shannon Davidson, the handsome 5 foot 11 inch 174 pound buckaroo who recently received the romance of the pony express in his winning dash to the San Francisco World's fair. Shannon (they all call him that) is a popular, retiring sort of guy who gets confused when asked to pose for pictures or scribble off an autograph — but one that, as a rider and roper, is a credit to the grass land.

The esteem in which he is held could not be shown to better effect than the attitude of his fellow punchers. When he appeared with his trick horse and failed to get the animal to perform one trick of his repertory there were good-humored sallies like: "Don't bother about that, Shannon; if I was him I wouldn't either." Or, "Let'er go, kid; you could make him if you wanted to."

Another example, attesting to the pride of scattered sections of the South Plains for the Matador champion of the Nocona to Treasure Island ride: Spur sent a check for \$20 that had been made up by well-wishers.

Matador slipped back four decades or longer in atmosphere. The only fellow on the streets who felt conspicuous was the one with garb of 1939. Even the babies wore bright shirts, occasional chaps and a sprinkling of boots.

More than one diaper showed because dresses were hiked up by sagging six-guns.

No color line was drawn — negroes had the day of their life in the middle of the finery they could muster.

Pioneer women dashed on their cutting horses through the crowds, riding side-saddles. Clowns ducked attempts to being run down.

Everybody spoke to everybody else. If there was a drunk in town, nobody saw him, or so the authorities reported.

All in all, it was a sun-fishin' shoulder-to-flank scratchin', rid-em-cowboy blowout that didn't stop with the fun. When the moon came up the fiddlers at three dances here and at least one at Roaring Springs were just beginning to get warm.

To give much idea of all that went on in this place of normally 1,500 persons would require serialized writing. The program was too crowded. Too many oldtime residents came back to clamp gnarled fists of those they hadn't seen in lots of years.

But from the minute the goat roping was begun in the morning and the exhibition bronc rides before noon, and proceeding in the afternoon through the magnificent parade, more riding by Tom Reeder and Jim Blackwell, a speaking program wherin Howard Traweck, county attorney, was master of ceremonies and G.E. Hamilton, oldtime attorney, and Miss Enid Justin of Nocona boot-making fame, were sepakers, there was something forever doing.

Dust from the old town's square fogged but the program went on unin-

terruptedly. O.B. Ratliff of Spur presented the check to Davidson; Davidson and his trick horse performed; stockmen and professional and business men competed in a mounted potato race.

Singled out for their activities in directing the show were Bob Robinson, chairman of publicity committee and leader of two goodwill trips to advertise the show; Johnnie Russell, parade boss and son of Ed Russell, former ranger now an official of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers association; the judges, Harry Campbell, ranchman and first child to be born in the county, chairman, Gus Stearns, pioneer ranchman, Jim Meador, old Matador cowhand and Cook, J.R. Moore, another old Matador rider now a ranchman; Judge Hamilton, master of ceremonies and father of John Hamilton, the judicial district attorney.

This and that: Order of the parade: The parade boss, wailing sirens, the crack band of Spur High School, approximately 45 members of which played under the direction of Robert Fielder, former student assistant to D.O. Wiley of the Texas Tech band, Davidson in a purple shirt and a half-abashed grin, pioneer women in side saddles, Matador chuck wagon, a conglomeration of range riders of both sexes (trust the women to do something unusual — one of the cowgirls wore chaps only halfway to her knees and boots and spurs below), the Roaring Springs prairie schooner (Hugh Luckett, owner) with four mules pulling against the tugs and being held by Felix Cochran and drawing Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Duff Green, Mrs. M.S. Thacker, Mrs. J.N. Scrivner, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cooper, Mrs. Rena Bowen, and Mrs. Ercy Overstreet, a buckboard driven by Paul Eubank, ex-Tech now a teacher in the schools here, accompanied by some pretty girls, the Matador wagon driven by "Doug" Meador, the meat market proprietor who presuma-

bly gathered up the entire "primary room" to ride with him, a chuck wagon on an automobile trailer (which stirred up hoots from the oldtimers) the walking punchers, and Dude Mize and a friend driving a "sulkey" to which was hitched a mule.

Representatives of the Spur Young Men's Business Club hobnobbing and advertising their roundup of June 16 and 17 ... M.J. Reilly, manager of the Matador sitting his pony on the fringe of the crowd ... Ratliff, B.C. Langley, Charles Powell, Dickens County Judge Marshall Formby, Morris Lain, ex-Tech and assistant editor of Dickens County Times, his Boss Starcher, Spur's handsome druggist, A.C. Hull, Boy Hand, uncle of Davidson and a top-flight ranchman, all of Dickens County ... punchers from the Matador, Pitchfork, Swenson, 6666, 0-0 and nearly every little spread that runs a brand in these parts ... Curtis King, the announcer who can "take it" ... Hauley Plemmons, who didn't miss a day's work on the Matador for 36 years and who cuts back calves at the big feeder shows in which the ranch takes part ... B.F. Tunnell, superintendent of the school system and all hopped up about next year's graduating class of an expected 54 ... H.H. Schweitzer and his time of 13.5 seconds in the goat roping, a typical cowpoke if there ever was one ... Red Payne's time of 1:07 in the potato race.

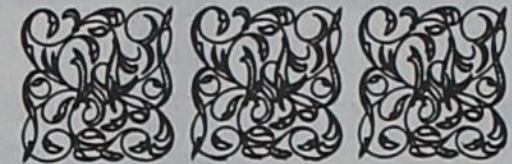
Others in the goat roping, all of whom made good time: John Hamilton, Mervin Green, Dave Best, Curtis Graham, George Mangrain, W.E. Burleson, John Stotts, Melvin Warren, Leland Timmons, Bobby Echols, Bush Patten, Roy Simms, Howard Dirickson, Davidson (whose time was a fast 24), Mrs. Ed D. Smith, Lovell Don Whitaker, James Bourland and Marvin Gwynn failed to get their goats.

In the potato race were Schweitzer, Foster Fulfer, Simms, Dirickson, Stotts - Payne, Echols, John Hamilton, Bourland and Graham.



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House Joint Resolution 4 proposes a constitutional amendment which would increase the school property tax residence homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000. The amendment would also authorize the Legislature to limit all or part of the exemption to political subdivisions that are the principal providers of elementary and secondary education within their boundaries.

In addition, the amendment would authorize the Legislature to allow the transfer of all or part of the age 65-and-over tax freeze to another homestead. Specifically, the Legislature would be authorized to provide that the current limitation against increasing school property taxes on the residence homesteads of persons age 65 or older, or their surviving spouse who is eligible to receive the exemption, may be transferred if the person establishes a different residence homestead.

The amendment would also allow the \$10,000 additional amount for the standard exemption to be used to lower the tax rate of persons cur-

rently receiving the 65-and-over tax freeze. Specifically, for a homestead affected by this limitation in 1996 or in an earlier tax year, the Legislature must provide for a reduction in the school property tax limitation in the 1997 tax year and subsequent tax years in an amount equal to \$10,000 multiplied by the 1997 school property tax rate.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing school property tax relief by increasing the residence homestead exemption by \$10,000 and providing for the transfer of the tax limitation to another qualified homestead for persons over 65 and a reduction in taxes subject to the limitation."

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el día 9 de agosto de 1997. Si usted no ha recibido una copia del informe en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 a por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711

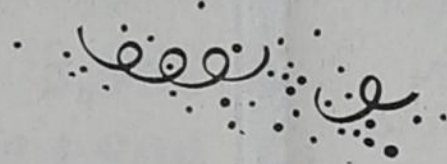
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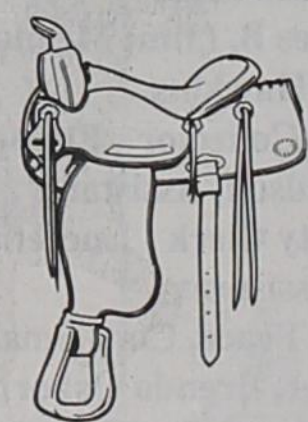
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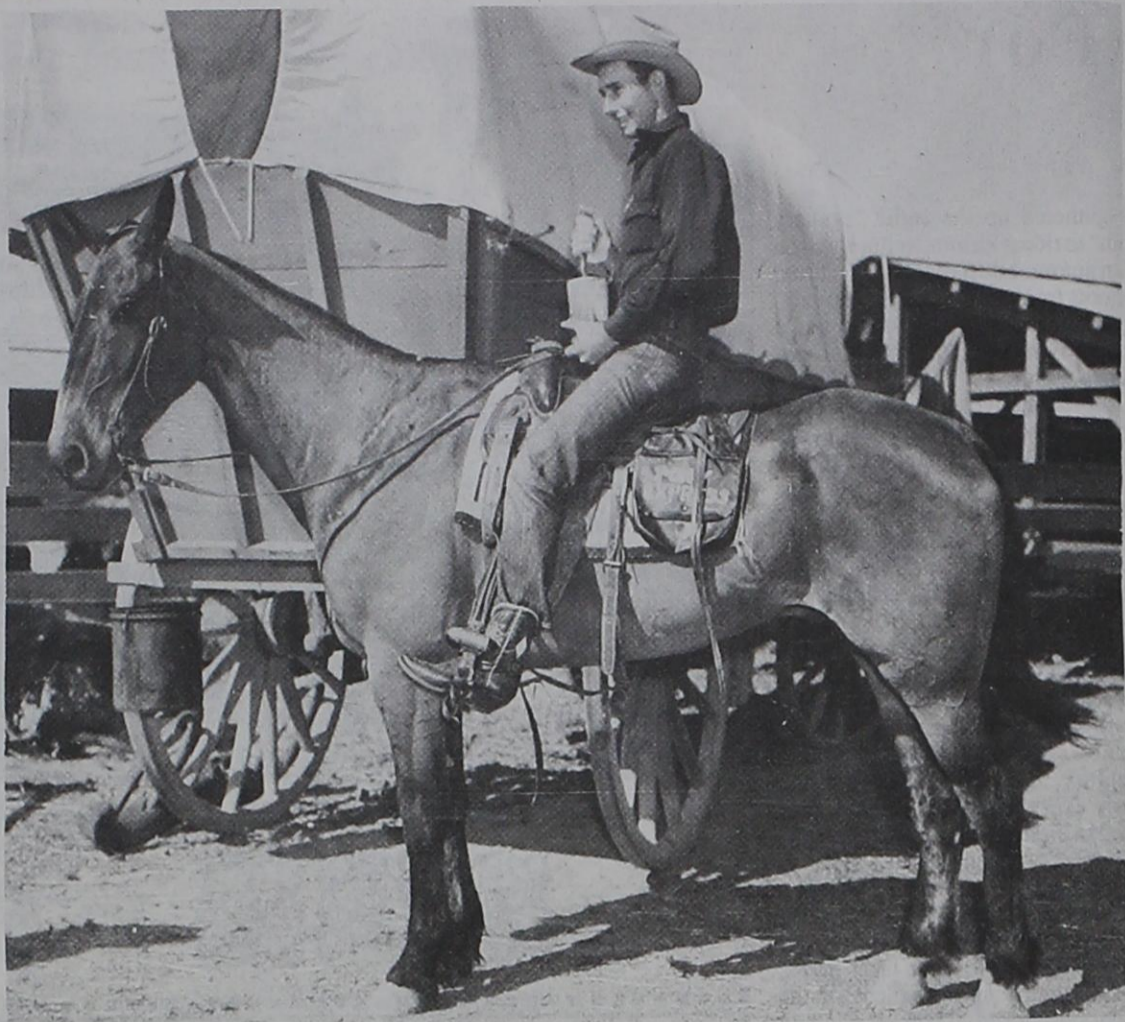
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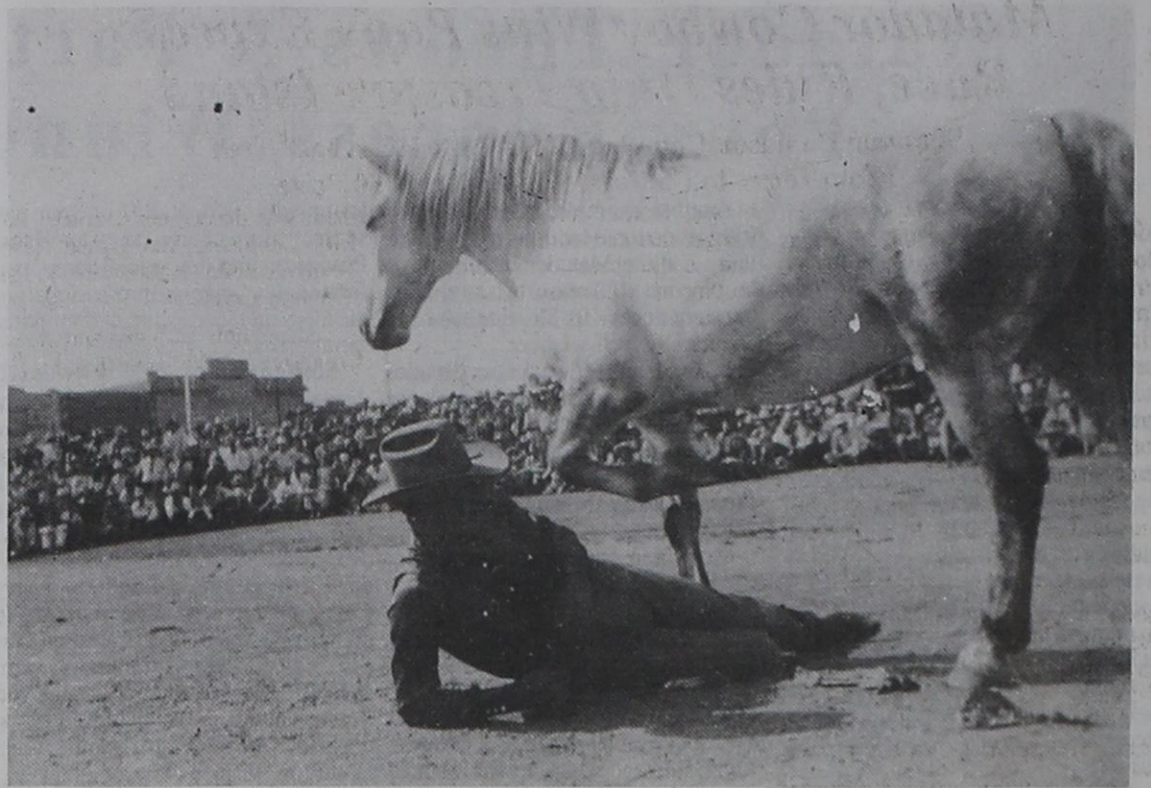
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Shannon Davidson enjoying his pineapple juice!

B. Rogers photo



Shannon Davidson with his trick horse, Cupid.

Sue Bird photo



Shannon Davidson with his mother

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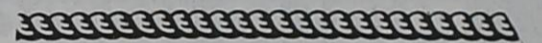
Bill Meyer at left and Shannon Davidson on the right.

Sue Bird photo



Shannon Davidson and the Bloodworth sisters, Jolene, on left, and Rosemary on right. Notice the old courthouse in the background.

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SAN FRANCISCO, March 24, 1939 - Shannon Davidson, 23, Texas cowboy, rode onto Treasure Island Friday to win the Pony Express Race from Nocona, Texas, to the Golden Gate Exposition and receive \$750 in newly minted silver for the feat.

His horse made a 200-yard spring on the "Rainbow Ramp" leading from the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge to complete the trek nearly 2,000 miles.

Davidson drew up to a yipping crowd of riders for a reception that ended the contest officially.

With the help of two other men, two horses and a truck, Davidson covered the long route in a little more than 23 days by keeping on the move most of the time.

The race started from Nocona on March 1, and there were 17 other starters. As the contest neared the final stage all but Davidson and King Kurley of Quanah had dropped out. When Davidson reached the finish line Kurley still was nearly 100 miles behind. Davidson's home is Matador.

Davidson's first concern was for his

horses, "Rocket" and "Ranger". It was Ranger that carried him to the finish line, to the cheers of the crowd, the tooting of a cowboy band, and the joyous shouts of his relatives and friends.

He saw to it that the horses were bedded down, then went out to see some of the exposition. Three hours later he rode in a scene of "The Cavalcade of the Golden West", a daily exposition spectacle.

"I'm not very tired but I would not want to make another trip like that one," he said.

Davidson said his horses were in good shape despite the long grind. He said he maintained his own energy with a special diet of raw eggs, pineapple juice and milk.

State Humane Officer, Al Girola inspected the mounts as Davidson neared the end of the race and reported there was no foundation for a complaint that they were being treated "cruelly."

About 15 loads of relatives and Texas friends rode into the fair behind Davidson's prancing steed. Among

them was the winner's mother, Mrs. J.M. Davidson. She leaned from a Texas-licensed automobile to give Shannon a kiss.

"Shannon is girl-shy and doesn't like dancing," she volunteered.

Nevertheless Davidson did not hesitate to take the bag of silver from Miss Enid Justin of Nocona. He rode smilingly through the exposition gate at the lead of the Nocona contingent

There were six miles or more of the long route which Davidson did not cover on horseback. That was the stretch of the bay bridge between Oakland and the "Rainbow Ramp."

Bridge officials refused to relax the rule against horses on the \$77,000,000 span, so Davidson, his helpers and his mounts rode to the ramp in their truck.

Bill Meyer, accompanied by Cy Countney, a deputy sheriff, handled the truck on the logg journey, hauling first one horse and then the other as Davidson exchanged mounts periodically.



Shannon Davidson on horse, Billy Meyer (young boy), Elwood Bird and Billy Meyer Sr.

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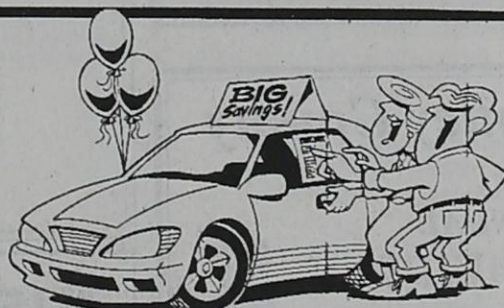
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Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Roxie Lewis

Visiting Mrs. Roxie Lewis last week were her son, her three daughters and their husbands, two of her grandsons and granddaughters, and a great granddaughter. Arriving first Monday evening was the Capshaw family, Frank, Jana, their son Mike and his small daughters, Bria and Ann, all of Boise, Idaho, and their daughter Sidnie Sebastian of Seattle; the others arrived almost together Wednesday afternoon, Charles and Marilyn Luvell Jordan of Gadsden, Alabama; W.A. Lewis and his son, Tony, of Tulsa, OK, and Cotton and Kay Smallwood. The group celebrated Father's Day, Thursday. The Lewis' left Friday at noon. Late Friday evening the Capshaws went to Lubbock to visit his sister Mamie Goodjoan and son Doug. The Jordans took an early Sunday morning flight home, and the Smallwoods left Sunday morning at 9:15 on their drive home.

Wayne Russell, here for the Watson

Reunion, Sunday, visited his English teacher of 60 years ago, Mrs. Roxie Lewis. Melton Brooks spent several days in St. Mary's hospital in Lubbock for blood pressure problems. Mrs. Brooks was with him.

Tommy Palmer and son, Adam, of Albuquerque, N.M. visited his grandmother, Vera Mitchell Sunday evening. They were here attending funeral services for his Uncle, Ted Sedgwick.

Ava Crump and Walter Clowers of Matador visited her cousin, Algie and Rita Groves, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim and her aunt Hazel Robie of Lubbock visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim for Father's Day.

Larry Watson of Austin, here for the Watson reunion, is visiting with his mother and brother, Cleo and Monty Watson. Tuesday Larry and Mrs. Watson drove to Amarillo on business and visited her sister, Sara Sain.

Matador News

EDWARDS' REUNION

The Edwards annual reunion was held June 13-15, 1997 at LaMancha Ranch on Lake Leon. In addition to visiting and telling "tall tales", fishing, swimming and boating was enjoyed by all. Pat and Jerry Edwards had a new pontoon party boat that cruised around the lake much to the pleasure of the "land lubbers" who don't have such an opportunity very often. The Friday night fish fry at the Boatal and Chef Tom Edwards' grilled hamburgers and hot dogs on Saturday were, as usual, a big success. Those attending were Pat and Jerry Ed-

wards, Palo Pinto; Phyllis, Terry, Blake, Ben T. Edwards, Eastland; Michelle Henson, Brandy, Ranger; Suzy Edwards, Wendi and Mike Arthur, Strawn; Tom, Deanie Edwards, Montgomery; April, Scott, Little Jake, and Steve Edwards, Houston; Grant Edwards, Shannon Guthery, Arlington; Valerie, Steve, Andrea Jenkins, Colleyville; James, Patty, Chris, Kristin Lane, Lubbock; Jake, Marge Edwards, Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ballard of Carlsbad, N.M. visited Inez Bailey on Friday. The Ballards were on their way to a class reunion at Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Senior Citizens Report

by Cora Hall

There were 18 present for the Senior Citizens meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, June 10.

Happy Anniversary was sung to Bill and Nora Belle Dunning. Everyone enjoyed the good meal.

Cora Hall gave the blessing for the lunch.

Plans for the upcoming Shannon Davidson Day were discussed. It was decided the Matador Senior Citizens will sponsor a Brisket Buffet from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Everyone please come and support the local Senior Citizens organization.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

DELAYED

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey, Warren Davis and weekend houseguests, Mrs. Jackie Davis and Michael of Fritch attended the wedding of their grandson, T.C. Reid and Carissa Jane Hileski held at 4:30 pm., Saturday at the J.A. Hill Chapel on the West Texas A&M campus in Canyon. T.C. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid of Amarillo. Warren and Michael were ushers.

Those attending the Starkey cousins reunion in Plainview, Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and Mrs. C.W. Starkey and her houseguests, Mrs. Nola Long of Winewood, Okla., Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, Okla. and Lola Jewel Starkey of Abilene.

CELEBRATES 95TH BIRTHDAY

H.G. Hunter of Quitaque was honored on his 95th birthday, Saturday afternoon, June 14 with a party in the home of his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter. His granddaughter, Mrs. Anita Hunter Carter of Lubbock brought a decorated cake and ice cream for the occasion. Others attending were Larry Hays of Quitaque, Rebekah Carter of Lubbock and Mrs. Melba Jo Shelton of Flomot.

Arriving Sunday to visit this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter and observing H.G. Hunter's birthday and Father's Day were his granddaughter and

family, Mrs. Steve (Susan) Smith, Emily and Allison of Austin.

Christi and Dwain Milam of Petersburg attending the Greenbelt Football Game in Childress, Saturday night in which two of Coach Milam's PHS boys competed. They visited overnight Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter and attended the Sunday morning Baptist Church services before returning home.

Aleda Elaine Ross visited Thursday and Friday night in Hale Center with Whitney and Aven, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Straw. They accompanied her home Saturday and visited Mrs. Tom Ross. Visiting in the Ross home, Sunday were Elisa and Stan Wigley and Dave Wigley of Lubbock.

Art Green and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd Helms were guests at a Father's Day supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Phillips, Autumn and Kelby in Turkey, Sunday night. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Helms, Callie and Sunny and Mrs. Annetta Helms of Quitaque.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson and her mother, Mrs. James May of Quitaque were luncheon guests Sunday of Kayla Johnson in Floydada.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin attended to business in Lubbock, Saturday and enroute home visited in Floydada with Mrs. Bessie Martin.

Whiteflat news

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

"The old-time traditional poets all had a real wonderful feeling about the cowboy and his Maker and that was translated into their poems and music. We just lift the Lord up and have a good time."

GUSTING WINDS AND THUNDERSTORMS

Losing a cotton crop because it is too wet to plant is circulating among farmers in northwest Motley County after another wind and thunderstorm Saturday night, June 14. Whiteflat reported 0.80 to 1.80 inches of rain, electrical outage and strong winds. Flomot had 0.30 to 1.00 inch of moisture. Mary Ellen Barton of Flomot has recorded 0.23 inches of rain since Jan. 1, 1997.

We are thankful we escaped the 65-75 mph winds and destruction Matador experienced. Franklin Jameson of Northfield had 1.00 inch of rain and had the misfortune of having two calves killed by lightning during the electrical and rain storm.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Driskill and Brianna of Waco visited Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. E.D. Lawrence of Matador and Mrs. Frances Dixon met Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Risner of Wheeler for supper and visiting in Childress, Friday night.

Jack Samford of Afton, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon of Matador and Mrs. Juanita Cooper were in Lubbock, Saturday and visited Levi Dummam of Afton, a patient in the Methodist Hospital. Visiting Mrs. Cooper Sunday were daughter and family, Kay, Ken and Kourtney Dummam of Amarillo. Kourtney remained to visit.

Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. visited from Wednesday until Monday with daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon. Visiting the family from Friday until Sunday was Constance Baker of Visalia, Calif. Ms. Baker is in the Air Force Reserve and is attending a school session to Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls.

Obituaries

Clint Hicks

Services for Clint J. "The Landman" Hicks, 73, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 16, in Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel with Jess Peterson, associate minister of Monterey Church of Christ and Jeff Moore officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park. Hicks died Thursday, June 12, 1997, at his residence.

He was born Sept. 28, 1923, in Lincoln, Ark. He graduated from Roaring Springs High School and attended Kippert's Business College in Plainview. He was a member of the Church of Christ and the Million Dollar Round Table. He married Ayleen Woodruff on Jan. 16, 1943 in Plainview.

He worked for the FBI before serving

in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked at Matador First State Bank from 1946 to 1956, when he retired as vice president. He moved to Lubbock in 1957, and he owned a real estate and insurance agency. He was a financial adviser for a planning consultant firm in Lubbock until retiring in 1991.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Clint Darwin of Columbus, Ind.; three daughters, Brenda Williamson and Treva Lininger, both of Lubbock and Wreathel Sanders of Morton; a sister, Lorena Moore of Plainview; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Joe Arrington Cancer Research Center or to Lubbock Meals on Wheels.

Ted Sedgwick

Funeral services for Ted Sedgwick, 65, of Roaring Springs were held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at the First Baptist Church of Roaring Springs. Officiating was Rev. Ron Kelley, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Roaring Springs, and Rev. Ernie Brown, director of the Roaring Springs Assembly of God Youth Camp. Interment, with Masonic Graveside rites, and Military honors, were held in the Afton Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mr. Sedgwick died Thursday evening at his home in Roaring Springs following a lengthy illness.

He was born May 8, 1932, in Dickens County, Texas. He was married to the former Venita Cook on December 30, 1950, at Clovis, N.M. He retired as a heavy

equipment operator in the U.S. Navy Seabees in 1975, and moved to Roaring Springs. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Roaring Springs, and the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Venita; one son, Jerry Don Sedgwick of Claude, Texas; one daughter, LaVonda Sue McGee of Summerville, Texas; one sister, Pearl Patten of Roaring Springs; 7 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Dale McGee, Audie McGee, Neal Sedgwick, Teddy Carl Sedgwick, William Palmer, Buddy Allen, Dudley Allen, and Cody Cook.

Honorary pallbearers were J.N. Fletcher, Tom Adams, Russell Alexander, Darrell Woolsey, Don Dillard, Dale Bumgardner, Ken Abbott, Bill Peacock, and Kerry McGee.

Floyd Webb

Sweetwater (Special) - Services for Floyd Gene Webb, 71, of Sweetwater were held Wednesday, June 11 in Chapel of Memories of McCoy Funeral Home with Larry Fluit, a minister of the Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial was in Garden of Memories memorial Park.

Webb died Monday, June 9, 1997 at his residence.

He was born Feb. 17, 1926 in Russellville. He attended Matador schools

and West Texas State University. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He married Billie Freeman in 1949 in Floydada.

He worked for AT&T in Sweetwater for 40 years until retiring.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Linda Ann Faith of Lovington, N.M., and Rebecca Lee Nugent of Abilene; his father, Floyd Webb of Lubbock; a sister, Jo Nita Gilbert of Lubbock; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

G.C. "George" Waters

Graveside services for G.C. "George" Waters, 74 Whitehouse were scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 14, 1997 at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery with the Rev. Sherman Mayfield officiating under direction of Lloyd James Funeral Home, Tyler.

Mr. Waters died June 10, 1997 in a Tyler hospital.

He was born Oct. 29, 1922 in Duran, N.M. He attended Gasoline school and graduated from Flomot High School. He served in the Navy in WWII and was a gunner. Then he attended T.C.U. and was a retired Survey Engineer for the city of Ft. Worth. He lived in Smith County for 17

years, and was a Baptist.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Marc Currey of Flint; two sons and daughters-in-law, Guy & Jill Waters of Fort Worth and Jerry and Carmen Waters of Port Aransas; two brothers, Geoffrey Waters of Granbury, Avon Waters of Moreno Valley, CA; three sisters, Letha Thomas of Odessa, Sylvia Lee Martin of Flomot, Wynola Washburn of Midland; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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FSA NEWS

by Billy Wayne Denison
County Executive Director

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The County FSA Committee election will be held on Dec. 5, 1997. Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidate(s) of their choice by petition. Blank petitions (FSA-669A-s) may be obtained at the County FSA Office. Each petition submitted must be:

- limited to 1 nominee
- signed by at least 3 eligible voters within the candidates Local Administrative Area (LAA)
- signed by the nominee, indicating willingness to serve, if elected
- postmarked or delivered to the County FSA Office no later than October 27, 1997.

Persons nominated should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm or ranch, including landowners only, and be well qualified for committee work. A farmer/rancher is eligible to be a County FSA Committee member if the farmer/rancher resides in the county, has farming/ranching interest in the LAA, and is an eligible voter. County FSA Committee members may not hold positions in certain farm and commodity organizations, if

these positions pose a conflict of interest with FSA duties. The positions include functional offices such as president, vice president, secretary, and positions on boards or executive committees. Also, office holders in partisan elections are not eligible to serve as Committee persons while holding office. Additional information of eligibility to hold office may be obtained at the County FSA Office.

The duties of County FSA Committee members include:

- informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA programs
- keeping the State FSA Committee informed of conditions in the county
- recommending needed changes in farm programs
- participating in county meetings as necessary
- selecting, replacing, and as necessary, removing the County Executive Director.
- performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee.

This program or activity will be conducted on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status, or disability.



STORM DAMAGE — Trees at the Road Side Park south of Matador were broken and some were uprooted during Saturday's late evening storm in Matador. Wind reports were 65-75 mph.



FLASH FLOODING — This picture shows the road next to the Matador City Park. Heavy rains fell during Saturday evening's storm.



UPROOTED TREE — This large tree was uprooted at the home of Barry Eddleman in Matador during Saturday evening's storm.



BROKEN WINDOWS — Saturday's storm blew in through the back of the old Spot Cash Grocery building and blew out the big front glass windows.

Photos by Jeremy Jones



News from the County Agent

by Motley County Extension Agent - J. Michael Lee

Producers have traditionally done an outstanding job of producing their commodities within what environmental circumstances allow. The area which traditionally has been neglected is the marketing of commodities. Farm loan programs and deficiency payments helped to cover mistakes. Now, with the possible sun setting of farm programs and increased volatility in markets, producers will have the right and obligation to determine their own financial security.

The Valley Marketing Club is a voluntary organization which provides an opportunity to participate in group educational activities for the purpose of gaining a better understanding of alternative marketing tools, especially options. The Valley Marketing Club is being established to provide participants a low-cost means to participate in the educational benefits of owning a commodity option and observe its pre-

mium value change as the market moves. This club allows participation in the buying and selling mechanics of the option. Any individual interested in the marketing of agriculture commodities living in Briscoe, Hall or Motley County can be a member of the Valley Marketing Club.

The next meeting of the Valley Marketing Club will be on Tuesday, June 24 starting at 8:00 p.m. in the Peanut House in Turkey. At this meeting we will be having District 3 Extension Economist-Management Specialist, Stan Bevers as guest speaker. This meeting will cover the basics of marketing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Valley Marketing Club we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday. If you would like to learn more about this program, feel free to call Michael Lee at the Motley County Extension Office at (806) 347-2733.

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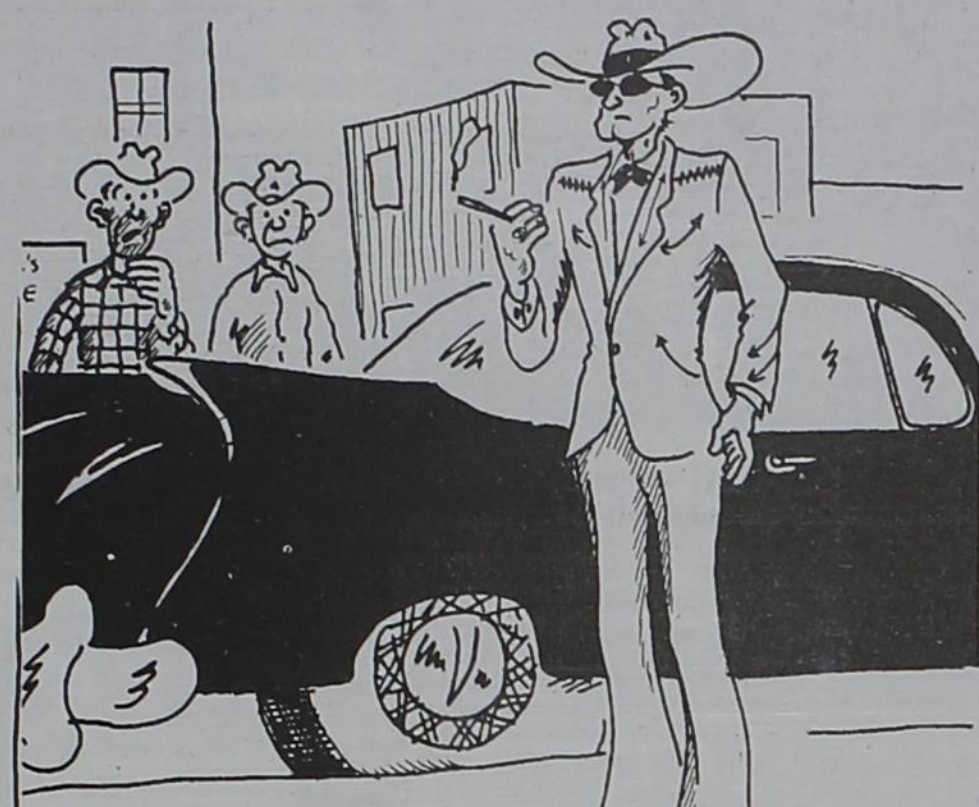
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