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A Patriotic Ride

This patriotic riding lawn mower was only one of the red, white and blue decorated entries in the fourth annual July 4th parade held in downtown Roaring Springs last Saturday. This first place entry, driven by Boyd Long, was decorated by his granddaughter Breanna Reddin (not shown), and Kelsey Hladik, who seems to be having a fun time as a passenger. See more pictures on pages 3 and 4.

July 4th Celebration is big success

The fourth annual July 4th Celebration, held in Roaring Springs last Saturday, July 3rd, was deemed a big success. The sun was shining bright and the wind was calm which made a great backdrop for a fun and patriotic day.

Events kicked off at 9:00 a.m. when a Memorial service was held at the Roaring Springs Veterans Memorial Park. At 10:00 the parade, which has been labeled unique and fun, got underway, led by a Roaring Springs fire truck. Lots of red, white and blue were displayed throughout the stretch of parade participants with everything from little tyke cars to 18-wheelers.

The colorful parade trailed through downtown and on to the Community Center where prizes were awarded.

Parade participants were judged in seven divisions. In the Riding Lawnmower division Boyd Long received the first place blue ribbon; second place went to Neil Harris and third place to Sean Braselton.

In the Bicycle division, Parker Meredith and Jonah Meredith shared the first place ribbon; second place went to a young Mr. Woodall from Odessa. Third place in the bicycle division went to Patrick Harvey.

In the big wheel division, Rob Osborn received first place, Eugene Daniell, second place, and Aaron Lamar Daniell, third place, with their 18-wheelers.

Jeanne Adams with great-granddaughter Amber McKinney and friends. Maury

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Campaign to restore CHIP campaign urges state to change policy

126,000 additional children may be at risk of losing health insurance

The Campaign to Restore CHIP, a broad-based coalition made up of over 230 organizations across Texas, has called on state officials to change the way families pay their share of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), restoring it to the original plan that made insurance affordable for working families.

"Cost-sharing is an important component of CHIP. For three years, families shared the cost of health insurance premiums, office visits, and medications, and the system worked well," said Helen Kent Davis, Governmental Affairs Director for the Texas Medical Association. "Yet, with the state's increased monthly payments, it is difficult for families to afford CHIP, putting their children at risk of losing health insurance. Without coverage, many families will have no choice but to delay or forego necessary preventive and acute care services for their children. Taxpayers ultimately pay the costs when children miss school and families turn to publicly funded hospitals and clinics for care."

In early June, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission sent out notices to 70,004 families with an estimated 126,000 children that were at least one month behind in paying their health insurance premiums for CHIP, telling families to pay this month's bill and informing them that if they did not pay their payment each month, their children would lose

CHIP coverage.

"Even though many of these families will remain on CHIP, with this many families behind in their monthly payment, clearly there is a problem with the new cost sharing policy," said Anne Dunkelberg, Senior Policy Analyst at the Center for Public Policy Priorities. "The state should figure out what's not working and make it easier for families to pay."

The Campaign to Restore CHIP also issued an alert to families urging them to look for the notice from the HHSC. "CHIP is a valuable program for families. It covers doctor visits, hospitalization and prescriptions. It's important for families who may be behind on their premiums to know that their children are still enrolled in CHIP. They can keep the coverage by making the current premium that is now due and then regular monthly payments," said Julia Easley, Chair of the Dallas Area TexCare Coalition. "Despite the change to CHIP, it still provides a strong package of medical services for Texas children."

Low-income families must make difficult choices every month in deciding whether to pay for basic needs or health insurance.

"For a single parent making \$1,400 per month raising two children, there's not much discretionary income. A car repair or an increase in rent could throw their monthly budget into crisis," said Patti Evert, Executive Director of the Children's

Defense Fund of Texas.

Representatives also noted that it was important to recognize that other changes made to the CHIP program have also had serious impact on families. All children enrolled in CHIP

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Motley County has good rainfall and escaped hail storms in June

by Earlyne Jameson

The month of June entered with rain and made a departure with rain. Recent rainfall has covered dryland acreage in Motley County. Even after hail and strong winds inflicted severe crop damage in portions of the northern High Plains, Dougherty and South Plains, standing feed and cotton acreage in Motley County is heading into July.

Above average rainfall for June was reported by Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 7.70; Kelly Meyer, Matador 7.52; Betty Simpson, Northfield 7.10; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat 6.85 and Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot 10.27 inches.



Kaci Risser with Samburu Church at Loosuk in Kenya.

Mission team member will tell of recent trip to Kenya

Kaci Risser will be at the First Baptist Church, Matador, on Sunday evening, July 11, at 7:00 p.m. to tell about her recent mission trip to Kenya. Everyone is invited to the church's Fellowship Hall to hear Kaci and see her display some of her photos. Refreshments will be served.

Kaci traveled to Kenya with the Baptist Student Ministry of Wayland Baptist University, Plainview. The mission team left Lubbock on Sunday, May 2 and arrived in Nairobi, Kenya on Tuesday, then traveled to

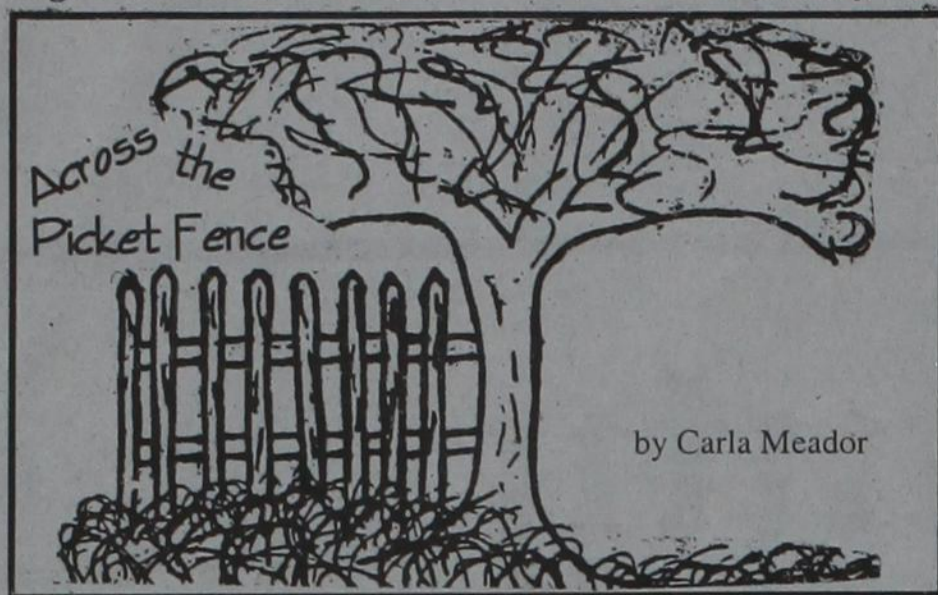
nearby Brackenhurst Conference Center, where they spent the first two nights. On Wednesday they returned to Nairobi to exchange money and to shop. They also attended chapel at Kenya Baptist Theological Seminary at Brackenhurst.

The team spent the next two weeks in the Maralal area, first at Yare Camel Lodge and then at Maralal Safari Lodge. Each day during this time they went out in groups of three or four to meet with Samburu people at various churches and preaching

points throughout the area. Most of these churches meet under a tree or beside a home.

The Wayland students used the storying method to share the Gospel. This method involves a chronological telling of Scripture from the creation through Jesus, and is an effective method in cultures with a strong oral tradition. During this time, nearly 200 people became Christians, including several older men, which is a rare occurrence.

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One of my favorite things in life is being a grandmother. I love the things my granddaughter, Morgan, and grandson, Judson, say. Their little minds are always thinking. One of the things I most liked that Morgan once said, was when she asked me how old I was. I answered with "how old do you think I am?" She replied "25." And I said, "you're right!"

When I celebrated my birthday last month, someone asked how old I was, and Morgan quickly replied "Meme's 26."

The fun with these little precious people never ends, and I treasure every moment that I spend with them. My cousin, who is also a grandparent, recently sent the following to me and I knew all you grandpar-nts would also get a kick out of it.

WHAT IS A GRANDPARENT?

(Taken from papers written by a class of 8-year-olds).

* Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's.

* A grandfather is a man grandmother.

* Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the store and have lots of quarters for us.

* When they take us for

walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

* They show us and talk to us about the color of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on "cracks."

* They don't say, "Hurry up."

* Usually grandmothers are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes.

* They wear glasses and funny underwear.

* They can take their teeth and gums out.

* Grandparents don't have to be smart.

* They have to answer questions like "Why isn't God married?" and "How come dogs chase cats?"

* When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.

* Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television, because they are the only grown ups who like to spend time with us.

* They know we should have snack-time before bedtime and they say prayers with us every time, and kisses us even though we've acted bad.

* A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "She lives at the airport, and when we want her we just go get her. Then when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

Motley County Lifestyles



Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

We have several new books in the library including some new cookbooks. We have the **Big Book by Backyard Cooking** by Betty Rosebottom, **Fresh and Fast Inspired Cooking** by Marie Simmons, **Picnics** by Sara Deseran and **The Working Parents Cookbook** by Jeff Morgan.

The "Harmony" series is similar to Jan Karon's "Mitford" series. These books are Christian fiction and are by Philip Gulley. We have three of these novels: **Home to Harmony**, **Just Shy of Harmony**, and **Life Goes on A Harmony Novel**.

We have two new true crime

books: **Death in a Texas Desert** by Carlton Stowers and **Into the Kill Zone a Cop's Eye View of Deadly Force** by David Klinger. The library also has a copy of one of the many books that have recently been published purporting to explain the novel **The Da Vinci Code** by Dan Brown. The book we have is **Breaking the Da Vinci Code** by Darrell Bock.

While I am on vacation this week and part of next, the library is in the very capable hands of Betty Henry and Ruby McGuire. I appreciate them and all of their help.



Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fullingim

Medicare prescription information to be discussed at Senior Citizens Center

On Wednesday, July 14th from 12:15 pm-2:00 pm at the Matador Senior Citizens Center, Spur Covenant Home Health Care will present "The Medicare Prescription Benefit-How Will It Affect You?". The program will last about 45 minutes with a question and answer session immediately after.

Representatives will also be available to assist interested persons in assessing the Medicare website, comparing cards for best prices available for each individual, and assisting with the enrollment process. Any person interested in this service will need to bring his or her prescription bottles or a list of current prescriptions, including drug name, strength and quantity taken each month.

During the enactment of the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA), fewer Medicare beneficiaries than expected have taken advantage of the potential savings on their prescription drugs.

Drug costs have continued to be the fastest growing sector of the healthcare industry as the overall costs have risen and the number of prescriptions each person takes has grown. The Medicare population traditionally had no assistance with prescription costs, even as more of the US population took advantage of prescription discount cards associated with employment, retirement benefits of Medicaid coverage.

The new legislation creates a transition period from June 2004 through December 2005. In January 2006, the prescription drug benefit will be renamed and administered as Medicare Part D, a voluntary premium required program.

During the transition period, eligible Medicare beneficiaries are able to enroll for a prescription discount card. Administered by private pharmacy benefits managers, these cards typically offer a 10 to 15% discount on prescriptions, although not all drugs are covered, nor are all drugs discounted the same amount. Included in this transition period

is a yearly \$600 credit for low income beneficiaries who qualify.

In 2006, the transition program and the drug discount cards will expire. By that time, Medicare will have part D in place. Beneficiaries who elect to sign up for Part D will owe a \$420 yearly premium and have a \$250 deductible. However, after those expenses are met, enrollees will pay only about 25% of their prescription costs and the remainder will be paid by Medicare.

Most healthcare professionals feel that the slow response to the program is due to the complexity of the enrollment process. Deciding in which prescription program to enroll it, and obtaining enrollment information are time consuming, and sometimes challenging tasks.

To the Friends and Family of Bob and Bonnie Fullingim, former residents of Matador, Texas

You are cordially invited to celebrate with Bob and Bonnie fifty years of marriage.

Please join them as they celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary Saturday, July 17, 2004, at the Community Center in Roaring Springs between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m.

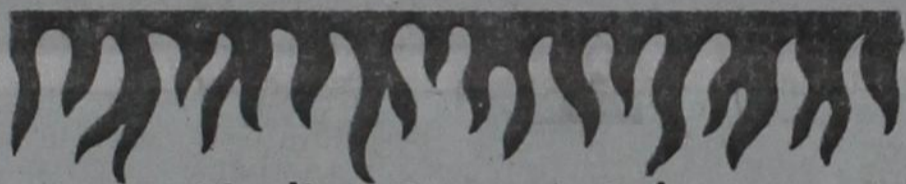
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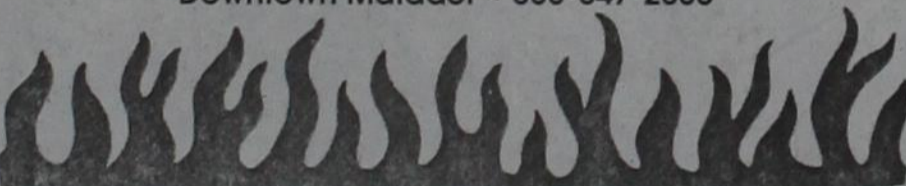
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Using Our Abilities



I recently came across this little quote, "YOU are the only person on this earth who can use YOUR abilities." As I read this I thought of the Parable which Jesus told about the talents. One servant was given five talents, to another was given two, and to one was given one. The master took his journey. Upon returning, he settled accounts with the three servants. The fellow who was given five had gained five

more. So with the one with two - he had gained two more. Both were blessed by this master. Now how about that servant who had been given only one? Because of FEAR, he had failed to do anything. He simply brought to the master the one he had been given. The reaction of his master: "And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matthew 25:30.

Now what was the problem here? The one talent servant was the only person on this earth who could use that one talent. His problem was not the fact that he had been given only ONE TALENT -- but rather that he did not use that ONE TALENT he was given.

NEVER FORGET: "YOU are the only person on this earth who can use YOUR abilities." Whether or not you use it depends on YOU. How it is used depends on YOU. If YOUR abilities are not used, you can blame no one but YOU.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

Full Gospel Church to host Emotional Healing Service

The Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church will host a very special service Sunday, July 11. This Emotional Healing Service will be led by Bill and Pam Malone and is for the entire community. There will be a morning and an evening service. The Malones are the parents of Rick Collett of Afton.

They are the founders of "Pray USA." They have inspired many and have teachings to equip God's people in practical prayer. They promote prayer and unity in the body of Christ.

The Malones have authored three books, **Come to the Waters**, **How to Make Prayer Exciting**, and **Healing Prayer**. They have organized many prayer events such as The National Day of Prayer in San Francisco and Tampa Bay, the March for Jesus in San Francisco, Prayer Cruises, Excursions and Seminars.

Pastor Rickey Lawrence says, "Everyone is welcome and invited to attend these services, where they are sure to receive a blessing."



Kids in the last art class for the summer at the Library did self-portraits under the direction of art teacher Betty Henry. Here, displaying their pictures are, (back l-r) Alexis Moore, Delyne Collett, Fritz Francis, Jay Potts and Kayla Hollinsworth. In front are Jordan Moore, Madison Mzyk, Morgan Mzyk and Meagan Ford. There will be more art classes and special reading programs next summer.

NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you for the cards, telephone calls, visits and prayers following my recent heart surgery. Your thoughtfulness, friendship and concern are truly appreciated.

Billy Shannon

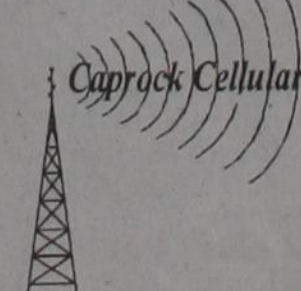
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FIRST PLACE FLOAT — These kids had fun and kept cool as they traveled the parade route on this trailer, equipped with a cool-water filled pool.



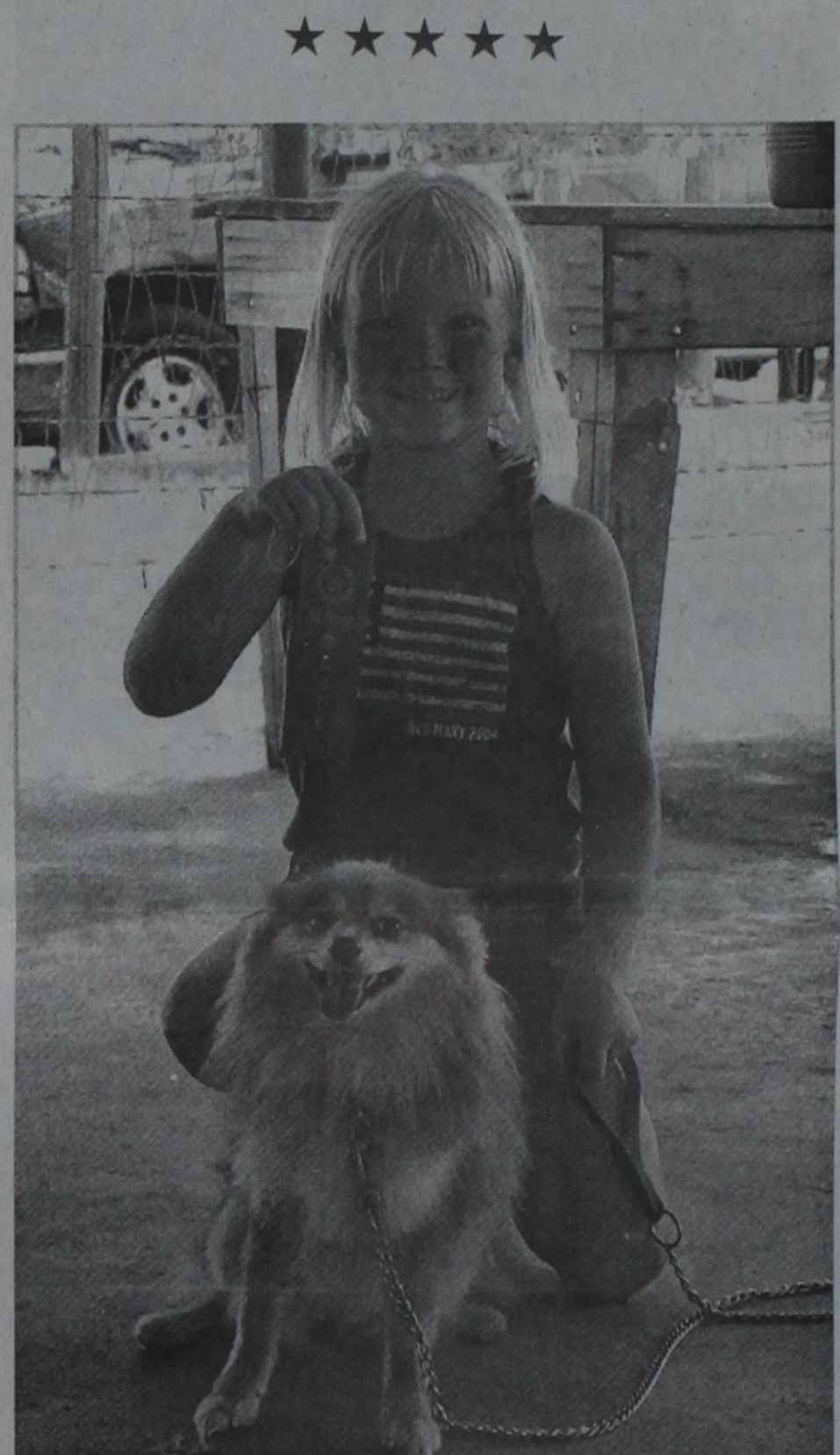
BURSTING IN AIR ... A burst of tiny lights filled the sky as part of the fireworks display to end the day at last Saturday's July 4th celebration in Roaring Springs.



Derrick Fisk, (left picture), received the first place ribbon for showing George in the Dress-up division of the Dog Show, part of the Roaring Springs July 4th celebration held last Saturday. He also helped his brother, Brenden, show Lucy, who received third place. Derrick and Brenden are the sons of Robert and Christi Fisk of Matador. At right is Sky Robinson of Lockney and her dog Spritzer, receiving the second place ribbon. In the Trick Division of the show, Dana Graham and her dog Beulah received first place, while Alex Crowder and Rosie took the second place prize and Don Stuckey and Gus, third place.



Parker Meredith, left, and Jonah Meredith, shared the first place prize for Best Bicycle.



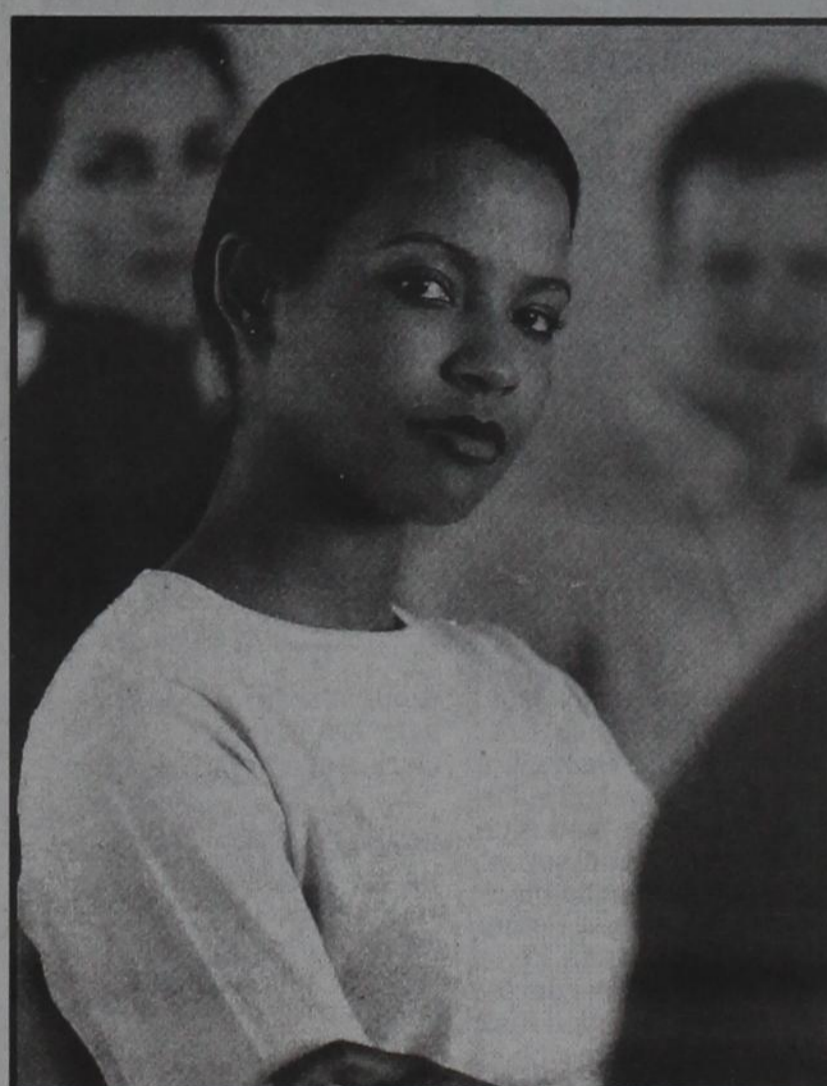
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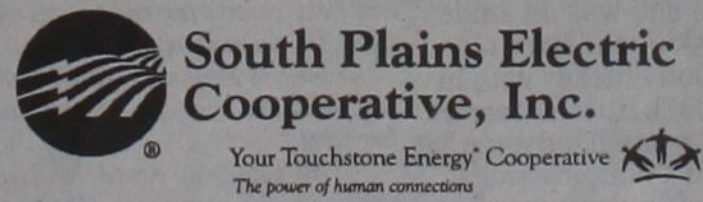
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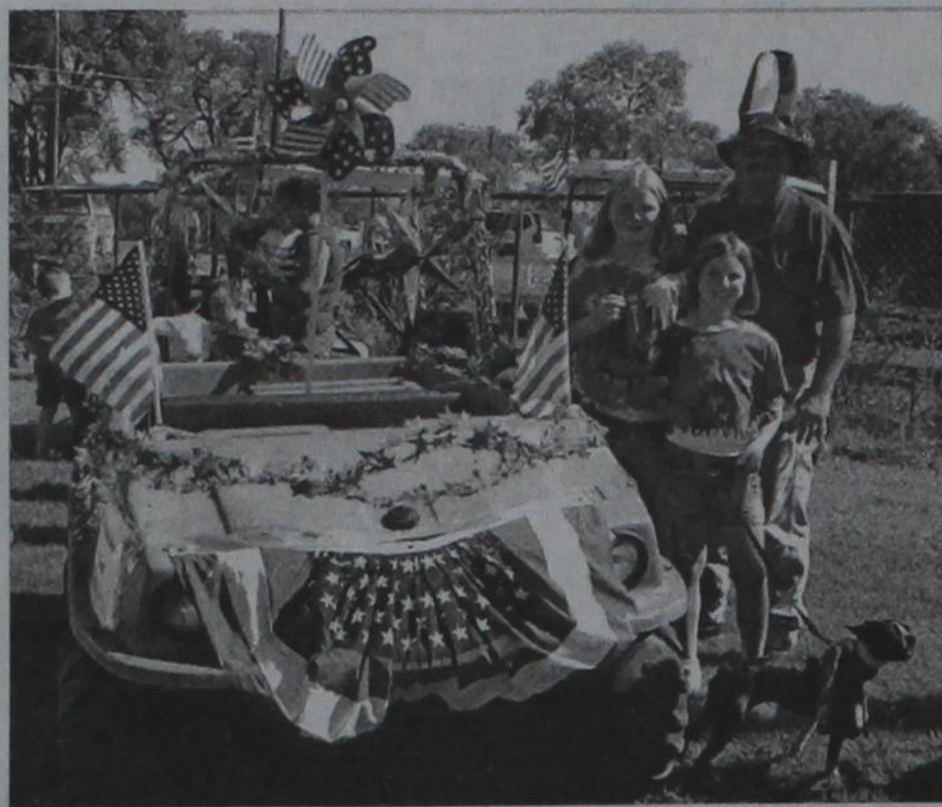
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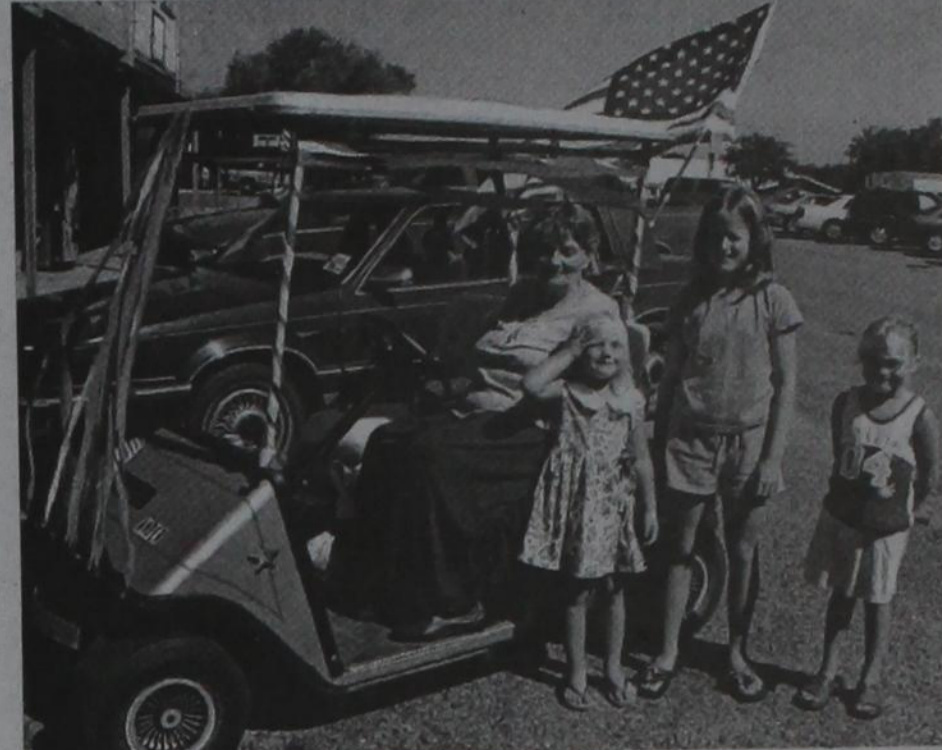
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FIRST PLACE ATV — Russell Alexander and daughters, Hanna Alexander and Jaci Zingerner, received the first place ribbon in the ATV division. Their ride was all decked out with lots of red, white and blue, and dad even wore a tall "Uncle Sam" hat. Receiving 2nd place in this division were Brennan McNeill and Garrett Woodall.



Leanne and Jamie Jameson received third place in the ATV division.



FIRST PLACE GOLF CART — Jeanne Adams received the first place ribbon for having the best golf cart in the Parade. She is pictured above with great-granddaughter Amber McKinney, and friends Maury Simmons and Hanna Mason.



FIRST PLACE LAWN MOWER — Boyd Long, granddaughter Breanna Reddin, 7, of Lubbock, and friend Kelsey Hladik, 13, were awarded the first place ribbon in the riding lawn mower division. Kelsey is the granddaughter of Mrs. Robena Duncan of Roaring Springs and the niece of Senator Robert Duncan.



FIRST PLACE THREE WHEELER — Receiving the first place ribbon in the three-wheeler division at Saturday's July 4th parade were Bob Adams of Crosbyton and Lesley Ingram of Amarillo. Receiving the second place award were George and Sammie Brakebill of Crosbyton.



Chance Bingham and niece, Maegan Jameson, received the 2nd place ribbon in the Golf Cart division. Steve Byrd received the third place ribbon, but was not available when pictures were being taken.



Kyla Simpson, Eric Simpson and Korbyn Simpson, received first, second and third place, in the Other division. They drove their motorbikes and were all decked out in their riding gear.



UNCLE SAM — Monta Marshall made this "Uncle Sam" and pulled him along in a little red wagon as she walked the parade route.



PARADE CUTIES — Bailey Woodall of Odessa and Kaitlin McNeill of Lubbock drove this cute car in the July 4th Parade.

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A BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO — Seab and Dianne Washington rode in style on their bicycle built for two.

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July 4th

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Simmons and Hanna Mason, received the first place ribbon in the Golf Cart division. Steve Byrd took the second place prize and Chance Bingham and his niece Maegan Jameson, received third place.

Bob Adams of Crosbyton and Lesley Ingram of Amarillo were awarded the first place ribbon in the three wheeler division. George and Sammie Brakebill of Crosbyton took home second place.

Russell Alexander and daughters, Hanna and Jaci, received the first place prize in the ATV division, while Brennan McNeill and Garrett Woodall received second place and Leanne and Jamie Jameson, third place.

Kyla, Eric and Korbyn Simpson received first, second and third place, respectively, in the Other division. The kids drove their motorbikes in complete riding gear.

The second annual dog show was held that afternoon at the Community Center. There were two divisions, Dress-up and

Tricks. In the dress-up division, little Derrick Fisk took first place with his dog, George, a Boston Terrier, all decked out in a colorful red, white and blue neck scarf. Sky Robinson of Lockney received second place with her dog Spritzer, a Pomeranian. Spritzer was in style with a cute and color-coordinated dogie shirt. Brenden Fisk received the third place ribbon with his dog, Lucy, a cow dog, wearing a tee-shirt which matched that of her master's.

In the Trick division, Dana Graham took home first place for the second year with her dog, Beulah, a Lab-Cowdog mix. Beulah displayed her performance technique with lots of tricks. Alex Crowder and Rosie, a Coon Hound, received second place. Rosie, a beautiful pet, was happy to be anywhere, recently being rescued by Mr. Crowder, so she was all smiles on stage. Taking the third place prize was Don Stuckey with his dog Gus, a Jack Russell Terrier. Gus was spry and handsome as he showed his jumping skills.

After the dog show, some enjoyed singing along in a Patriotic Sing-Song.

Later that evening a stick horse race and a steeple chase

brought several kids to participate. Each received a prize, declaring everyone a winner!

With all the day's excitement, the evening brought time for visiting and a treat, with homemade ice cream being served to everyone, free of charge. When the sun went down and the darkness rolled in, a beautiful fireworks display ended the fun-filled event, and plans are already being made for next year's July 4th celebration! Mark your calendars now and make plans to be in Roaring Springs July 4, 2005.

"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him."

Lamentations 3: 21-25

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Every word of God is pure; he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Proverbs 30:5

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Local student's essay yields trip to Washington, DC



Kittie Campbell is pictured here on the steps of the Capitol while in Washington, D.C., June 10-18, on a Lighthouse Electric Co-Op sponsored trip. Kittie won the trip through an Essay Contest. While there she visited the Capitol, meeting Senator Cornyn and Congressman Mac Thornberry. She also enjoyed seeing the White House, Arlington Cemetery, the Vietnam WWII -Korean War Memorials, Ford Theatre, the Pentagon, National Cathedral, Old Town Alexandria, Mount Vernon, Supreme Court, Iwo Jima and Smithsonian Museums and many other historical sights. Kittie is the daughter of Douglas and Janie Campbell of Matador.

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A Salute to an American Hero



SPC Stefanie Lynch, niece of Michael and Judy Crowley of Matador, is stationed at Camp Cooke, Taji, Iraq, outside of Baghdad. She is pictured here playing a game with an Iraqi child while his father looks on. Stefanie is a MP and is assisting the Baghdad Police. She lived in Matador in 1996-97 and attended Motley County High School.

Kittie Campbell of Matador and Jana Miller and Kami Keaton, both of Lockney were winners in the 2004 Government-In-Action Youth Tour contest sponsored by Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. The three young ladies entered the contest by writing an essay on the subject, "Lighthouse Electric Cooperative - Your Home Team Advantage," and orally presented the essay to a panel of judges at the final contest on March 29.

As winners in the contest, the three were awarded an expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., in June. They joined other winners from across the State of Texas for the tour June 10 through June 18. They traveled by air from DFW airport to our nation's Capital, where they

spent seven days touring places of historical interest and getting a first-hand view of their government in action. A highlight of the trip was a day spent on Capitol Hill, where they toured the House and Senate chambers, visited the Supreme Court and the Library of Congress, and had a meeting with the 13th District Congressman Mac Thornberry.

This year's contest marked the 40th Rural Electric Youth Tour Contest sponsored by Lighthouse Electric Cooperative and the Electric Cooperatives of Texas.

The idea of sending young people to Washington was originated by the late President Lyndon B. Johnson in the mid-1950's, when as a Senator from Texas, he selected outstanding

young people and offered them the opportunity to visit Washington to see their government in action.

During the past 40 years, Lighthouse has sponsored eighty-five students from area high schools on the tour. Winners in recent years have been:

1992, Christy Potts of Matador and Lance Partridge of Lockney.

1993, Lacey Parks of Roaring Springs and Daniel Alexander of Matador.

1994, Joy Hoover of Plainview and Nicole Logan of Hale Center.

1995, Amanda Godfrey of Memphis, Tim Mitchell of Lockney and Lezie Warren of Floydada.

1996, Will Warren and Angie Dean of Floydada.

1997, Lindi Miller and Johnnie Mosley of Lockney.

1998, Emily Leonard of Plainview and Walter Jensen of Quitaque.

1999, Stefane Hedrick of Plainview and Danny Huggins of Lockney.

2000, Kayla Copp of Matador and Rebecca Warren of Floydada.

2001, Melanie Huggins of Lockney and Jenna Payne of Floydada.

2002, Skyler Cornelius of Floydada, Jalee Dietrich of Lockney, and Cyndi Walden of Turkey.

2003, Adee Foster of Lockney and Spencer Scacht of Floydada.

Mission Trip

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While in this area, the team also led Holiday Bible Clubs in two areas and spent a day painting buildings at Maralal High School. On another day, they played basketball and had tea at the school.

Special highlights for the students were competing against each other in a camel race, watching blacksmiths make spears, and attending a special performance by Samburu dancers.

They also visited Lake Nakuru National Park, Thompson Falls, and an overlook on the Great Rift Valley known as "the end of the world." They spent the final two nights at Brackenhurst and went sight-seeing and shopping in and around Nairobi, returning to Texas on Friday, May 21.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Carla,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those in Roaring Springs who made our clean up of old abandoned vehicles and junk iron in our town a success.

They were: Foy Nipp, Glennard and Edith Daniell, Wallace Bethard, Herbert and

Reva Swinney, Dean McInroe, Vince and Laura Taylor, J.N. and Darleen Fletcher, and Bobby Witcher.

We had 52 units crushed that brought \$3,539.25.

A special thank you to Glennard and Edith Daniell, Herbert and Reva Swinney, Dean McInroe, Vince and Laura Taylor, J.N. and Darleen

Fletcher. They donated the money their units brought to the Roaring Springs Depot restoration project.

Our town looks better and our Depot Restoration fund is growing.

Sincerely,
Corky Marshall
Mayor, Roaring Springs

Gov. Perry announces Grant to South Plains Regional Narcotics Task Force

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today announced a \$655,650 grant to the South Plains Regional Narcotics Task Force which serves 18 counties in the South Plains area, including Motley County.

CHIPs Program

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lost dental and vision services in September 2003. Parents may have to choose between paying for a serious dental problem out of the pocket that could cost \$8-\$150 for just one child, a service no longer covered under CHIP, and paying their monthly premium for CHIP.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission conducted a survey of families who were behind in paying for their CHIP premium payments. The results showed that although families believed health insurance was critical for their children, and agreed that \$15 per month was a reasonable amount to pay, over a third of the families said that they couldn't afford to make the payment every month.

Some of the lowest income families face the biggest increase in premiums under the revised CHIP cost-sharing. Families making 101-150% of federal level (more than \$15,670 to \$23,505 a year for family of three) now pay \$15 per month, a 1200% increase from what they paid last year (\$15/year).

Of the 126,000 children, an estimated 26,000 children are at the highest risk of losing CHIP coverage because their family is three or more months in arrears on payments. They would have been subject to disenrollment if the payment policy was being enforced.

"The bottom line is this: Having Children enrolled in CHIP saves money for local taxpayers," said Travis County Judge Sam Biscoe. "Texas is already losing \$500 million in federal matching dollars to CHIP, and if more children are disenrolled, we lose additional dollars that Texans have already paid in taxes to the federal government."

Federal matching dollars that are unused in Texas will be transferred to other states.

For every \$1 spent by Texas, the state receives \$2.59 in federal dollars. Advocates cautioned that more cuts to CHIP will place additional strain on local healthcare delivery systems already struggling with serious budget shortfalls.

Local Impact - Below are the numbers for our area and the potential impact if families do not pay a premium before August 15th.

In Motley County, nine children have been sent notices in four families. In May, 2004, 31 children in Motley County were covered by CHIP.

In Dickens County, 11 children in 8 families were sent notices. In May, 2004 there were 40 children covered by CHIP.

In Floyd County, 87 children in 49 families were sent notices with 204 children covered in May.

40% of area children enrolled will lose CHIP unless families pay overdue premiums.

"It is important to all Texans that we support programs that protect the public, administer justice, and offer hope and healing to victims," Perry said. "This collaborative drug enforcement program will help provide a safer living and working environment not only for local residents but Texans statewide."

The task force will assist other agencies in reducing drug related crime through undercover surveillance investigations, targeting street level drug sale and distribution, and prevention initiatives.

The grants are awarded by

the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) from federal funds. Under the governor's direction, drug task forces must serve two or more counties to be eligible for funding and are overseen by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Each year, CJD provides more than \$130 million in grants to help Texans at the forefront of the fight against crime. CJD funds a variety of programs for juvenile justice, crime prevention and victim services grants - all aimed at making Texas a safer place.

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News Around the County

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



Consider:

"I suspect that if more of our teen boys were told the original meaning behind the baggy pants, the fad would end soon enough. At a teacher in-service on gangs, a specialist who works with such groups informed us that the fad came straight out of the prisons. The speaker explained that in prison those baggy pants are the trademark of a prison prostitute and thus advertise availability."

-- Linda Schrock Taylor

The Chamber of Commerce banquet will be a Picnic in the Park this year, and is scheduled to start at 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 11 in the Matador City Park. Everyone is welcome, and that includes especially the children.

Some of the plans have not yet been finalized, and will depend on developments outside our control. We will let you know about them as the time for the banquet approaches.

For sure there will be games for youngsters, planned to be

appropriate for different age groups. Different groups in the community will take over the arrangements.

There will be a minute of silence, to commemorate this date in 2001.

And then there will be the meal, chicken or fish, with all the trimmings, and the music provided by local musicians. Perhaps if the mood strikes you, there will even be dancing in the park by the light of the moon.

The Woman of the Year, the Man of the Year and the Business of the Year awards will be made, so be sure to get your nominations for your favorite candidate in by August 1 to the Chamber of Commerce in writing or by e-mail at motcocm@caprock-spur.com.

And do not forget that our welcome cowboy still needs a name, so make your suggestions, and the winner will receive a prize, too.

Tickets will be available from Chamber members all around the county. So put the event on your calendar, and plan to spend the evening with friends in the park.

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Mrs. Jill Duncan and daughter Chelsea of Austin and Mrs. Sharleen Rhoads of Plainview visited in the home of Mrs. Robena Duncan over the weekend. Chelsea will spend several days here with her grandmother.

Mr. Buddy Crowder and Mrs. Gene Butler of Lubbock were here for Saturday activities. Mrs. Butler is spending a few days longer with her brother, Alex Crowder, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim and Lula Swim attended funeral services for their cousin's husband, Mr. Blake Gooch in Plainview on Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Margaret Shaw drove Miss Lula Swim to Crosbyton to visit Mrs. Mary Lumsden, a patient at the Crosbyton Clinic Hospital.

Mrs. Billie Stuckey, Mrs. Pearl Patten and Miss Lula Swim visited Mrs. Mary Lumsden at the Crosbyton hospital on Saturday afternoon.

Alex and Jo Crowder entertained with a "Coffee" in their new

home on Monday morning, July 5. She served cake, homemade orange crush ice cream, coffee and tea to the following: Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Giesecke, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Robena Duncan, Mrs. Zella Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Don Stuckey, Mrs. Joyce Smith, Mrs. LaVoe Thacker, Mrs. Lee Cook, Mrs. Genetta Amagide, Mrs. Kay Jones, Rev. Paul Jones, Mrs. Lea Peacock, Miss Lula Swim, and Mrs. Rhodes Formby of Plainview.

Randy and Holly Meredith and sons Wylie and John hosted a July 4th cookout at their home Sunday evening. Enjoying a delicious meal with homemade ice cream for dessert and fireworks were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meredith, Jonah Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. Yancy Meredith and Parker, Jim and Carla Meador, Sherry and Shea Rose.

Mrs. Paige Barnes and daughter, Zoe, of Hawley and Mrs. Bobby Watson of Matador, visited Mrs. Cleo Watson, Saturday.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
Change is what keeps the world going. However, when faced with a change of one sort or another, we have different reactions.

Sometimes we embrace it, especially if it is something that we have been hoping and praying for. Eagerly we say, "At last!"

At other times, we are not ready for change; things seem to be fine as they are and we do not want to rock the boat. Change comes along anyhow.

Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Williamsburg, Virginia are visiting their father, Donnie Rogers and grandparents, B. and Howard Rogers.

Mrs. Keri Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville visited overnight Thursday with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. They also visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin.

Kendal Hughes, daughter of Tasha and Rickey Hughes of Floydada, visited last Friday and Saturday with her grandparents, Janice and Butch Hughes. Janice and Butch enjoyed the Fire Works in Turkey Sunday night.

Mrs. Aleda Ross had a medical

appointment in Lockney, Saturday and continued to Plainview to attend to business.

Visiting Danielle Gwinn and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and Fannin Saturday night was Kortni Carnes of Turkey and visiting Wednesday night was Katie Fuston of Turkey.

Flomot residents attending the beautiful Fire Works Display at Jackie and Terry Sperry's in Quitaque Saturday night were Linda and Travis Kendall, Melissa and Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob; Will and Callie Sperry, Blayne, Savannah and Gage; Shawn Williams, Kelby and Pecos; C.L. Hawkins; D.D. Payne, Laura, La Rissa and Leslie; Carolyn and Arnold Johnson and Junior and Barbara Payne.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington Sunday and celebrating July 4th were Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks of Flomot and houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock; Tim and Deana Washington of Roaring Springs and Mrs. Lacy Clary, Caleb, Kenzie and Mickey of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Shannon had a fun filled cook out and Fire Works Display at their home Saturday night. Many relatives and friends attended.

Matador News

Mrs. Wilda Dixon had the splint and stitches removed June 15 following carpal tunnel surgery. Wilda and Spencer Dixon accompanied her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester, who had visited here during Wilda's recuperation to her home in Lovington, N.M.

During their visit, they attended the performance presented by the New Mexico Junior College Music Department, "NUNSENSE" featuring her niece, Kristen Hester held at the College of The Southwest.

Sunday morning, they attended the services at the Hillcrest Baptist Church and Kristen and Christopher Hester sang a duet. Since return trip home, Wilda is having therapy treatments in Crosbyton.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson from Friday until Monday were son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Jameson, daughter, Shanna Lou and her friend, Roxanne Starr of Sante Fe, N.M. Shannon had a beautiful out door Fire Works Display for the family Sunday night.

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Obituaries

Frank S. Webb

Frank S. Webb, 85, of Kingsland, formerly of Floydada and Roaring Springs, died Tuesday, June 22, 2004. Services were held at 10 a.m. June 25, at First Baptist Church in Sunrise Beach Village. Burial was at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park in Burnet. Arrangements were by Putnam Funeral Home in Kingsland.

Mr. Webb was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Webb, who raised their children at Teepee Flat near Roaring Springs. He attended Roaring Springs schools and graduated from Roaring Springs High School in 1935.

Among his survivors are a brother, Troy Webb, and a sister, Dorothy Watson.

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Farm Service Agency News

by John Bird, Motley County CED



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"Better service to our customers is what eGovernment (eGov) is about," said Eddie Trevino, District Director for Texas State Farm Service Agency (FSA), and coordinator for FSA's eGov initiative in the State. Trevino said, "eGov provides a simple and less redundant method for delivering FSA programs. Eventually, FSA customers will benefit from a one-time data entry process that can be shared among all programs."

"eGov capabilities expand daily," said Trevino. According to Trevino, individuals soon will be able to complete pre-screening profiles to determine their potential program eligibility before submitting applications online or in person. This technology will allow farmers, rural planners, conservationists, researchers, and other agricultural land management specialists to use digitally created maps and Geographical Systems Information (GIS) to view cropland, range and pastureland, wetlands, building sites, neighborhoods, and roads and highways.

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benefiting from eGov. Our program technicians in our service center offices will be able to process applications in more efficient manner allowing them more time for other customer service program-related tasks.

eGov access and registration is available online at: <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/eaauth/CreateAccount.html>. The local FSA office or visit the USDA Web sites at <http://www.usda.gov>.

Spring Seeded Certification Deadline Approaching

Don't forget to certify all of your spring seeded crops by July 15. All CRP must be certified by this date too.

Grassland Reserve Program

The deadline to sign up for the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) is July 23, 2004. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will evaluate each offer and rate the eligibility of the land according to specific criteria, including current vegetative cover, susceptibility to urban sprawl, and the potential for conversion to cropland. Landowners whose applications are selected for enrollment in GRP will receive assistance to support grazing operations, to increase and maintain plant and animal biodiversity, and to protect grass and range lands under the greatest threat of conversion.

Motley County is not considered a GRP priority county, so offers from Motley will not be ranked as high as offers from priority counties.

Major Changes Dealing with Brush Control on CRP

While the newspaper was coming out last week with the CRP update I had sent, we were in Lubbock discussing the issue with folks from the state office.

As of now, I wouldn't recommend doing anything to your CRP. Major changes are about to be made in the policy again. Major changes may also be made in the policy dealing with cost shares. These will be very significant changes! Stay tuned.

"For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses." Isaiah 44:3-4.

More Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) confirmed in Texas and New Mexico

Horses on a total of three sites in Texas and four premises in New Mexico are known to be infected with Vesicular Stomatitis (VS), a painful blistering disease of livestock, such as horses, sheep, swine and deer. The viral disease appears spontaneously and sporadically in the southwestern U.S. and is thought to be transmitted by sand flies and black flies. The VS cases this spring are the first to be confirmed since 1998.

"The most recent confirmed cases in Texas involve three horses on a ranch near Denver City, in Gaines County, about 80 miles southwest of Lubbock, and one horse near Del Rio, in Val Verde County about 150 miles west of San Antonio," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. The country's first VS cases this year were confirmed May 19, in three horses, which are confined to their ranch in Reeves County, in far west Texas.

To prevent animal-to-animal disease transmission, the TAHC requires that the VS-infected animals and the other livestock on the premise remain quarantined until 30 days after all VS blisters or lesions heal, a process that usually takes two or three weeks. Prior to quarantine release, the animals will be re-examined by a state or federal regulatory veterinarian, to prevent the spread of disease to other premises.

Dr. Steve England, state veterinarian for New Mexico, said a "handful" of horses on four small premises near Carlsbad, New Mexico were found to be infected since June 4. The animals remain quarantined on their premises.

"During an active year for VS, it is not unusual for this unpredictable disease to be found scattered across several counties and states," said Dr. Hillman. "We urge owners and private veterinary practitioners to report clinical signs of the disease to their state veterinarians' offices. A disease investigation will be conducted, with laboratory tests run at the Na-

tional Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa. There is no charge for these services."

Signs of VS-which include blisters, open sores or erosions in an animal's mouth, on the muzzle, teats or hooves -- mimic those of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), an extremely dangerous and highly contagious foreign animal disease that can affect cattle, sheep, swine and deer, but not horses. Laboratory testing is needed to differentiate between VS and FMD, or to determine if the animals had contact with a toxic plant or poison.

During a VS outbreak, animal health officials across the country may place additional testing requirements or restrictions on livestock originating from states with infection. The TAHC has directed private veterinary practitioners to carefully inspect animals for VS, and document the exam on certificates of veterinary inspection (health papers) issued for livestock leaving Texas. A similar statement also is required on paperwork for livestock entering Texas from other states with VS infection. Dr. Hillman recommended producers or veterinarians check with each state of destination prior to shipping livestock.

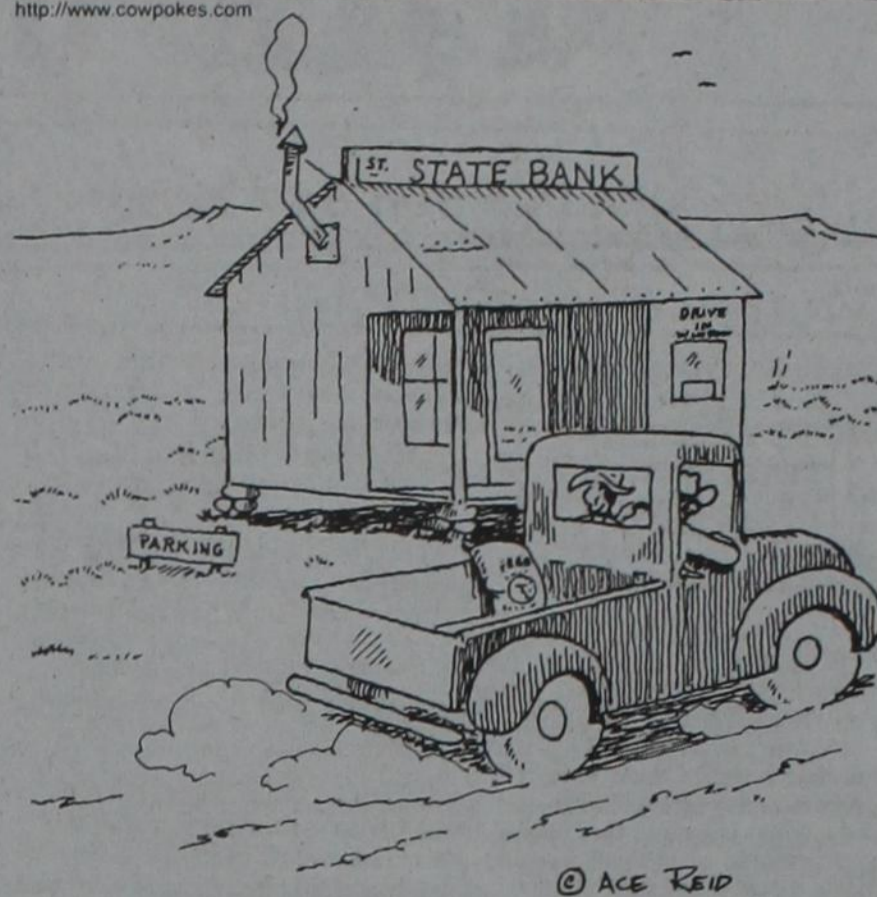
"To help prevent VS, control biting flies," said Dr. England. "Keep horses and other equine animals under a roof at night and keep stalls clean to reduce exposure to flies. If you borrow equipment or tools from another rancher, disinfect them before using them. At shows, on trail rides or other events, make sure your animals are fed and watered from their own buckets or troughs. If your horses, cattle, sheep, deer, or other livestock develop blisters of open sores indicative of VS, call your practitioner and state veterinarian's office."

The TAHC hotline is operational 24 hours a day at 1-800-550-8242, with a TAHC or U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinarian always on call to take reports and work with veterinary practitioners. In New Mexico, producers should make reports to the New Mexico Livestock Board at 505-841-6161.

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

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