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Commissioners plan County bridge replacements at recent meeting

Darwin Langford, PE, Childress District Bridge Engineer with Texas Department of Transportation met with Motley County Commissioners when they met for their regular session, Monday, June 11. Mr. Langford discussed new bridge replacement program rules. Plans for the replacement of five bridges in Motley County are now underway. The bridges are County Road 109 at Alamosa Creek; County Road 115 at Tom Ball Creek; County Road 162 at Draw Creek; County Road 404 at Draw Creek; and County Road 433 at Draw Creek. The county does not have to escrow 10% of the project costs with TxDOT. The county commits to upgrade other structures within their jurisdiction for the same 10% they would have had to escrow. Commissioners adopted the resolutions and signed

the existing agreement between Texas Department of Transportation and Motley County concerning the five bridge replacements. Chris Reed, from the Childress District Office and Douglas Campbell, Roadway Supervisor for Motley County were also present.

Layton Z. Woodul, Attorney at Law, representing Motley County in the lawsuit filed by West Texas Rural Counties Association Health Benefits Pool against Motley County, met with the court to discuss the action taken at the hearing on May 31, 2001 in San Angelo. An auditor has been hired to audit West Texas Rural Counties Health Benefits accounts. Mr. Woodul answered many of the concerns of the court.

Doyle Rose, Matador City Councilman, met with the court and ex-

plained the Nursing Home project the City of Matador is investigating. Mr. Rose explained that \$5,000.00 is needed for expenses to obtain the necessary data needed to apply for a grant. Commissioner Turner made a motion to give \$1,250.00 to be divided equally between the four precincts, \$312.50 from each precinct. Council approved this.

Corky Marshall, Mayor Pro-tem, of the City of Roaring Springs, made a request for a letter of endorsement from the Commissioners Court for a TxDOT grant to renovate the old Quannah, Acme, and Pacific Railway Depot in Roaring Springs. Commissioners approved this request.

The Motley County Library plans to serve beans and cornbread on Friday, the second day of Old Settlers

Reunion. Jeanette Case and P.K. Green asked Judge Price, and Commissioners Davis, Turner, James and Fletcher to be at the Library during the noon hours and serve the food.

All Commissioners were present for this meeting. Also present were Judge Laverna Price and County Clerk Lucretia Campbell.

Commissioners met in special called session, Thursday, May 31. Marisue Potts, President of Motley County Chamber of Commerce presented plans to apply for a TxDOT grant for the restoration of Bob's Oil Well, located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 70 and Texas State Highway 70 in Matador. Commissioners voted to write a letter of support for the application of the grant.

Support for Bob's Oil Well project expressed in letters

To Whom it May Concern:

Bob's Oil Well may not seem like a lot to many folks, but you'd really be surprised how many people have traveled the road through Matador and asked if the landmark is still there. It is remembered by lots of nonresidents. The home folk remember it as a symbol of days when the town was full of life and hope.

There are so many small towns in West Texas with rich, full histories waiting to be discovered. Matador has more than its share of heritage. The once world's largest ranch is still headquartered there. The Comanche Indians have a history there. The ranching and farming life in Matador is still cherished and sought after by many a city folk from not only curiosity, but survival from the hectic metro life.

If survival had a name, it could easily be called "Matador." The folks of the town still support each other. The community is resourceful and supportive... and still believes in truth and honesty as a way of doing business. To lose something with that kind of heritage and integrity is a blot on our society as a whole.

The need to reconstruct this landmark would not only refurbish some hope and initiate some interests in development, but would save some much needed examples of tenacity and resilience we all need every day. I've lived in Lubbock, Dallas, Abilene, Ft. Worth, Houston. I've traveled the US and a bit of Europe. I recognize the need for restitution and rebuilding of the remote areas of our world to preserve a place of peace and solitude. We all need to know we have a home to go to when it gets too crazy. Driving into Matador and seeing a landmark revive and utilized is a reminder to all of us of hope and faith and consistency we all need to survive.

Please consider these requests to re-establish this landmark as a cry for history and learning for us all!

Sincerely,
Patty Edwards Lane
born there, graduated there,
returning there!

This letter is in support of the renovation of "Bob's Oil Well," a well-known restaurant, tourist attractions, and truck stop of yesteryear. Bob was able to get the truck drivers to place his signs announcing "Bob's Oil Well, Matador, Texas" all over the major truck routes in the southwest clear to California. People came on US Hwy. 70 to see the wonderful spectacle of an oil derrick with live rattlesnakes in a cage out front with a restaurant that served the best chicken fried steak in the state of Texas.

It's time to restore some of the glory and wonder as well as stimulate a hungry economy. You get the grant and we'll get the snakes.

Dr. and Mrs. Clinton Burns

I wanted to write in support of the Bob's Oil Well project. I currently live in Stockholm, Sweden but spent some time in Matador as I was growing up. I remember all the buzz about Bob's and how disappointing it was to see it deteriorating. I think the renovation of this great landmark is a worthwhile investment for the State of Texas and Motley County. I am happy to show my support for this cause. I hope that this letter helps in getting closer to the reality

Sincerely,
Michael Hedlund
KPMG LLP
Tagelbacken 4, A
103 23 Stockholm
Sweden

I will help with the effort and support of the restoration of "Bob's Oil Well," located at the intersection of Texas 70 and US 70 in Matador. Being that Matador is my home town, I do feel it sad to see the Town "go down hill," and I feel that the restoration would be of a great improvement to the City of Matador and give the Citizens of Matador, as well as the ex-residents something to be proud of.

Best of luck,
Max Barton
Ft. Worth, Texas

I was pleased to read in our local newspaper in Matador that consideration is being given to making Bob's Oil Well a travel center.

I spent the best part of my life growing up in Matador, and have fond memories of Bob's Oil Well, and the Cafe. It had always been a landmark and a beacon to many travelers with the tower lights seen for miles. No one would ever forget this, plus the rattlesnakes that they kept caged there.

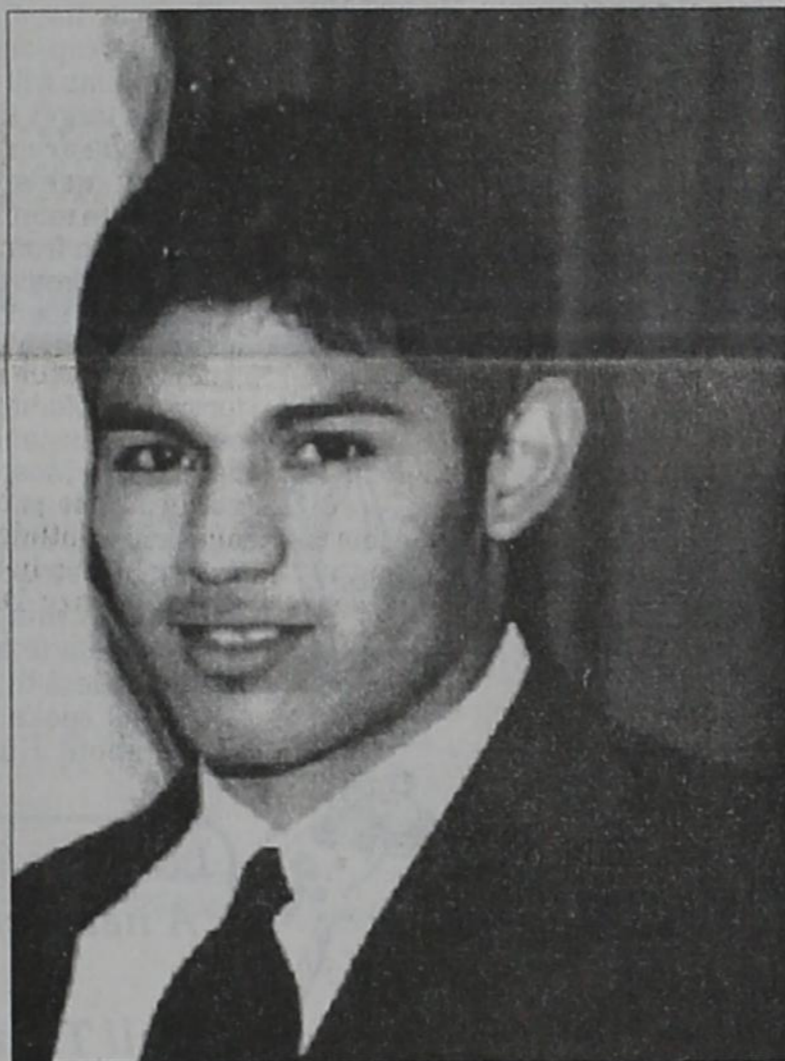
I sincerely hope that TxDOT helps with funds for this project, and renovation can be started as soon as possible. I really appreciate your innovated ideas, and energy in seeing Matador discovered, and her potential unlocked. Please contact me if I can help in any way.

Respectfully yours,
Jim Irwin
San Antonio

Local students attend Boys State, Girls State



Kayla Copp



Ysef Alvarado

Ysef Alvarado of Flomot represented Motley County at Boys State, held on the Campus of The University of Texas at Austin, June 2-8. Ysef, a 2001 Motley County High School Junior, was selected to participate in the 2001 program by the local American Legion.

Boys State was founded, and its courses of instruction designed, to supplement the information taught in high school civics classes. Boys State teaches that our form of government is good and that its preservation depends on intelligent, informed and loyal citizens. It is an activity of high educational value, born out of a need for youth training in practical citizenship. It is a leadership action program in which qualified male high school juniors develop a working knowledge of the structure of government. It teaches the young citizens that government is just what they make it.

Boys selected for Boys State must demonstrate a sincere desire to attend, strong leadership abilities, outstanding scholastic achievement, good character, competitive spirit and an ability to work with others.

Ysef is the son of Francisco and Yolanda Alvarado of Flomot.

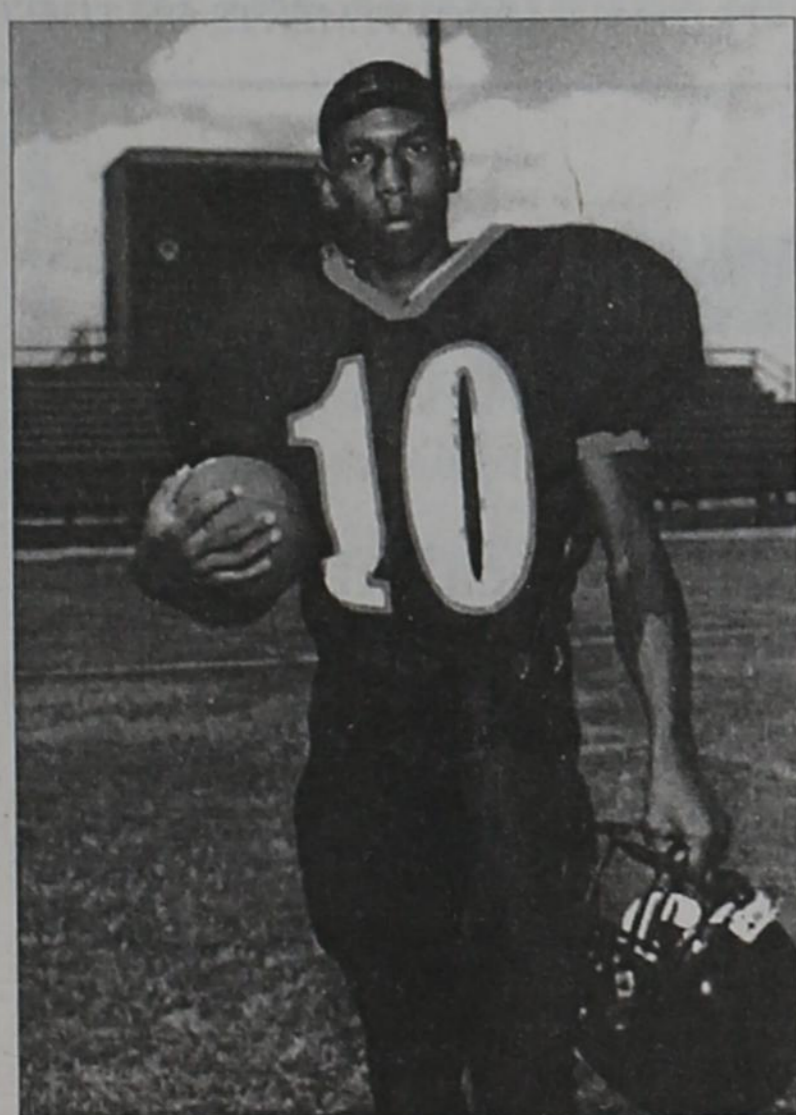
Kayla Copp is representing Motley County at Girls State, June 12-21, at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin.

Kayla, a 2001 MC high school junior, was selected for this honor by the local American Legion Auxiliary.

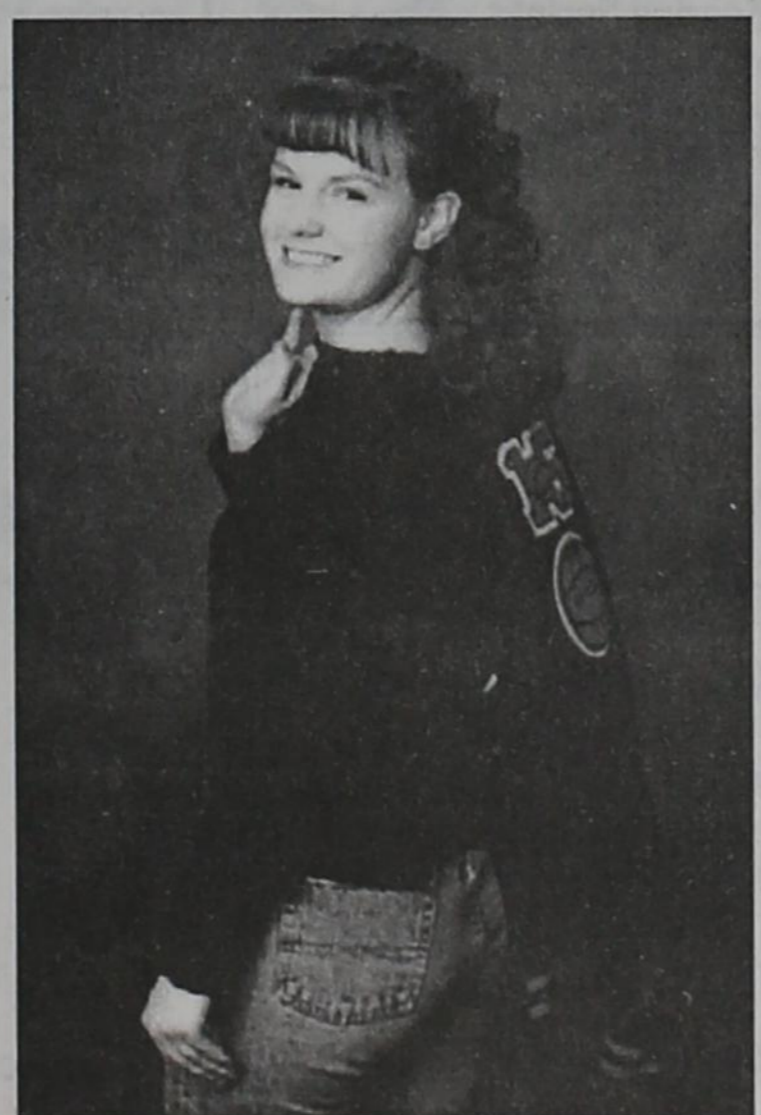
The purpose of Girls State is to educate young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of America citizenship. Its purpose is to awaken within the youth of this nation a sincere conviction that a well-informed, intelligent, participating citizenry is most vitally needed to protect and preserve American institutions and American democracy.

Qualifications for Girls State citizenship are leadership, citizenship, scholarship and character.

Kayla is the daughter of Rick and Lana Copp of Matador.



Jermaine Hendrix



Ashley Stevens

Jermaine Hendrix plays in 52nd Annual Greenbelt Bowl

2001 Motley County High School graduate, Jermaine Hendrix, was one of the chosen few in the area to participate in the 52nd Annual Greenbelt Bowl All-Star Football Classic, held in Childress Saturday, June 9. Jermaine was a member of the North team.

As a four year letterman of the Motley County Matadors, Jermaine

has received All-District, All-South Plains and All-State honors. He was named District MVP and All-State Quarterback for 2001. He is the son of Jimmie Childers of Roaring Springs and Charley Clardy.

The final outcome of the game was South team, 19 - North team, 0. Jermaine's selection as Queen

Candidate was Ashley Stevens, also a 2001 Motley County High School graduate. Ashley is the daughter of Bettye Stevens of Matador and Steve Stevens of Childress. Ashley has represented MC high as a Cheerleader all four years of her high school years, and has received Academic and All-District Basketball honors.

Roaring Springs Kids' Camp set for July 16-20

It's time to sign up for Kids' Camp 2001. Applications should be submitted before July 1, so Tee-shirts may be ordered. Applications may be turned in at the Library.

According to Roaring Springs Community Volunteers' President, Darleen Fletcher, a fun camp is planned for this year.

For more information contact Mrs. Fletcher at 806-348-7284.

27th Annual Motley County Jr. Rodeo set for July 13-14

The 27th Annual Motley County Junior Rodeo will be held at the Old Settlers Arena in Roaring Springs July 13 and 14. The Junior Rodeo is sponsored annually by the Motley County 4-H Clubs.

There will be two rodeo performances. The Friday night performance will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Saturday night performance will begin at 4:00 p.m. Rodeo books will close at 5:00 p.m. on July 9.

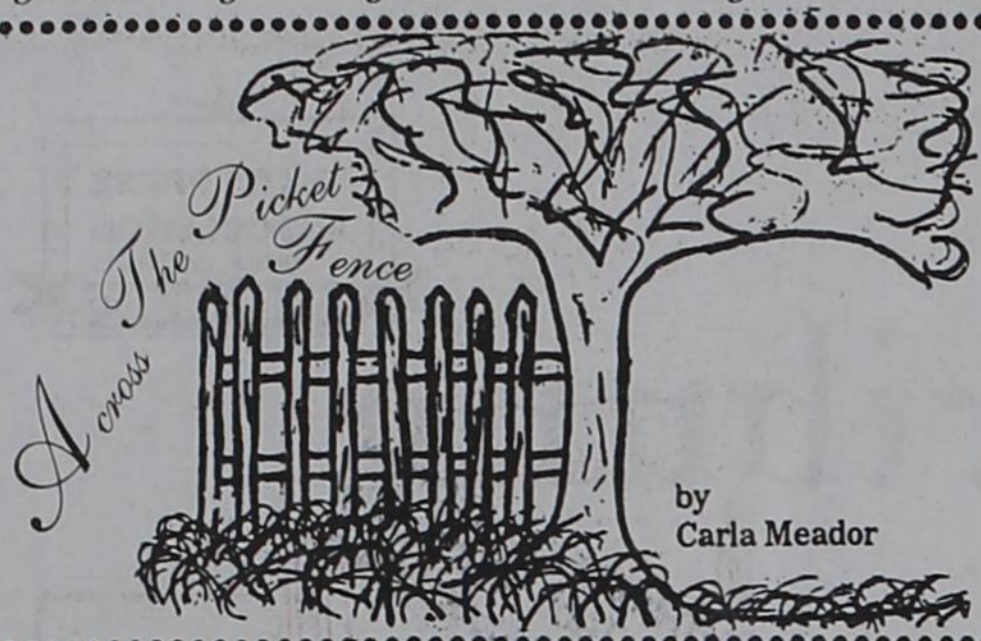
Saddles will be awarded to the All-Around Boy and Girl in the Senior Division (ages 16-19). A set of Rickey Trammell Spurs will be given to the All-Around Boy and Girl in the Junior Division (ages 13-15). A set of Rickey Trammell bits will be awarded to the All-Around Boy and Girl in the Pee-Wee Division (ages 9-12). Trophy Buckles will be awarded

in the Pre-Kids Division (ages 8 & under) for the All-Around Boy and Girl. Montana Silversmith Belt Buckles will also be awarded for first place in each event for all age divisions.

The events for the Rodeo are: Barrel Race, Flag Race, Pole Bending, Goat Tying, Goat Ribbon Pull, Tie Down Roping, Ribbon Roping, Breakaway, Straight-Away Chute Dogging, Team Roping, Steer Daubing, Calf Riding and Steer Riding.

All interested youth are encouraged to enter the Rodeo and spectators are invited to watch the action.

For more information or entry blanks, please contact Cathey Turner, Rodeo Secretary, P.O. Box 666, Matador, Texas 79244, (806) 347-2834, or call the Motley County Extension office at (806) 347-2733.



by Carla Meador

Well, Father's Day is upon us once again. I would like to wish my Dad and every dad a very happy Father's Day!

I feel very fortunate to have such a wonderful father. My daddy has always been there for me, and still is. He brought us up in a loving, Christian home, and I am very thankful for that. He never cursed, never drank alcohol. He taught us the value of working hard and putting God first in our lives. I guess I'm prejudice, but I probably have the best dad there is.

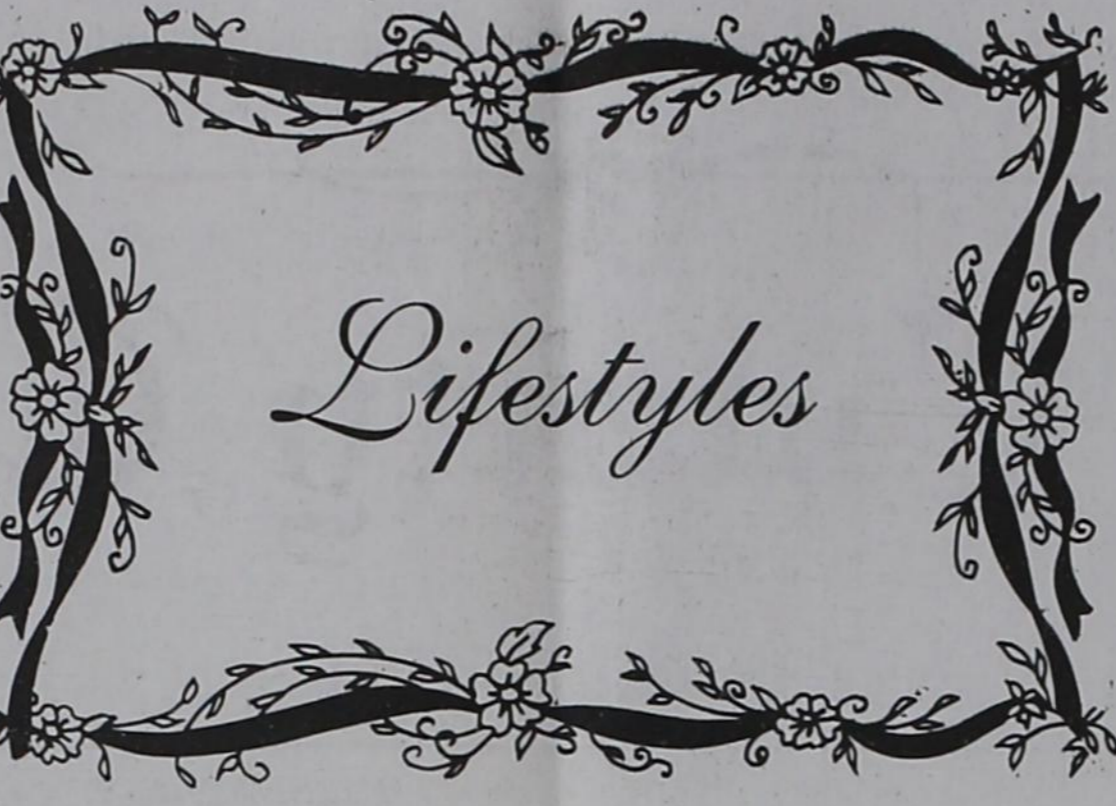
When I was little, my cousins and I would argue — "My daddy is bigger than your daddy!" "My daddy is older than your daddy!" "My daddy is stronger than your daddy!"

I'm sure daddy wouldn't want me to argue that he was older than any-

one, now. I remember when my Daddy turned 30. I was only 8, I think, but I remember thinking that he was an old man, and I cried. Mama tried to console me and tell me that Daddy was still a very young man, and I shouldn't worry, but to an 8 year old, 30 seems old! Makes you stop and think how the little kids around here see us, doesn't it?

Anyway, I am very thankful God blessed me with such a wonderful daddy. He was not only a great influence for me and my brothers and sister, but also for my son. My heart goes out to those children who don't have daddies at home or a special grandfather or father figure in their lives.

I hope all you dads have a great day on your special day. Happy Father's Day!



Lifestyles

Arts & Crafts club members plan upcoming events

Motley County Arts & Crafts club met May 7 at the Senior Citizens center for a class of oil painting, a sack lunch, and continued plans for workshops, lessons, and the Fall Bazaar.

The oil painting class was a study on landscapes, taught by Lorene Lancaster. The subject was a rustic barn, with a background of trees and a foreground of snow. It was a beautiful winter scene and well taught, with good instructions.

The club members were saddened again, by the loss of a beloved member Death claimed Gerri Jones. She will be missed very much for her contribution to the club and her friendly smile.

Lana Copp and Linda Rhul were

hostesses for the day. The treats were delicious and plentiful.

Billy Koon favored the members with a Mother's Day card and a gift of a sweet smelling candle.

The sack luncheon was fun and tasty. Everyone enjoyed their favorite goodies.

Members present were Lana Copp, Loys Campbell, Betty Bostick Henry, Vee Gordon, Lorene Lancaster, Leola McKelvey, Joyce Meredith, Nan Lumpkin, Edna Eades, Shirley Smith, Linda Ruhl. Several members were absent, because of illness. They were missed very much.

The program for June will be announced later.



by Penny Pipkin

News from the Lions

The Matador Lions Club will welcome on June 19 Mr. Ron Trusler, Chief Executive Officer of Central Plains Center for Mental Health and Mental Rehabilitation, Plainview. Mr. Trusler has a Masters degree in Education and is a licensed professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, and chemical dependence counselor. He is co-founder of the Plainview Regional Sex Offender Program, established in 1988 and founder of the Batters Intervention

and Prevention program, initiated in 1994.

Mr. Trusler has been in his current position with the Central Plains Center since 1995. He has also been a guest columnist for the Plainview Daily Herald for over 12 years.

If you would like to hear Mr. Trusler's message on Tuesday, June 19, you are welcomed by the Matador Lions for the luncheon program at the First United Methodist Church, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Pivots & Divots

by Geneva



TUESDAY SCRAMBLE June 5

Winners: First, with a score of 31, were Kenneth Marshall, Rita Peters, Kenneth Peters and Louise Barton.

Second, with a score of 32, (play-off on card), were Corky Marshall, Geneva Wilson, Gene Brannon, Dot Grundy and Brian White.

Third, with a score of 32, were Gene Marshall, Jeane Marshall, Dick Davenport, Jo Davenport, and Larry McClenny.

Jake Goodson got closest to pin on #6, 8' 3".

Others playing were Alan Bingham, Bob Hines, Carolyn Hines,

Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, Roy Grundy, Horace Anglin, Jerry Collins, Betty Collins, Sut Braselton, Jake Goodson, Francine Braselton, and Carl Sayles.

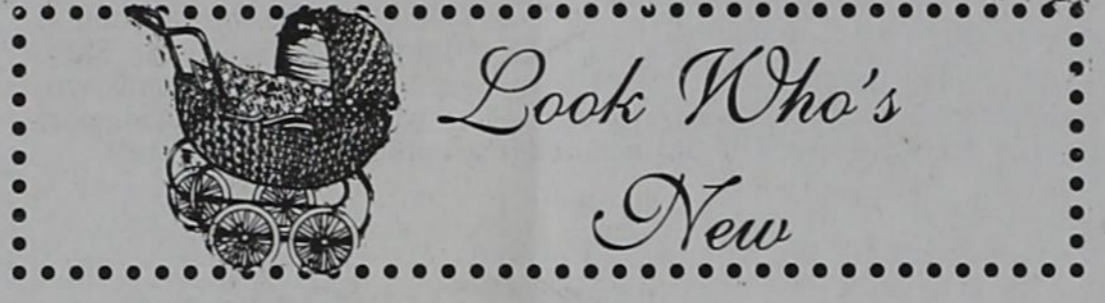
LADIES PLAYDAY June 7

18 hole players were Louise Barton, Geneva Wilson, Francine Braselton, Carolyn Hines, Vida Elkins, LaVoe Thacker, and Olivia Barton. LaVoe won long drive on #5.

9 hole players were Marihelen Wason, Frances Hobbs, Nell Berryman, Mary Jones and Tempie Francis. Nell won long drive on #5.

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Look Who's New

Parker Cooke Carson

Tina and Pat Carson of Turkey announce the birth of a son, Parker Cooke, born Friday, June 1, 2001, at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He weighed nine pounds, six ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

The new arrival is welcomed by his brother, Walker, sister, Ryleigh, maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay of Flomot and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carson of Turkey.

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Library Notes
by Suzanne Abbott

We appreciate the memorial donations for Mike Groves that we received last week. We thank Linda Menikos, Myrtle Graham, Linda Dooley and Barbara Kester, sisters of Algie Groves, for their donation. We also thank Sut and Francine Braselton, Donna and Larry Hoyle, Pat and Kathy Groves, and Beverly and Furman Vinson for their memorials to Mike. We appreciate the memorials to Mike by Kenneth and Ann McAnear and by Tom and Jan Hamilton. We thank Ann and Kenneth McAnear, also, for their donation in memory of Algie Groves.

A new book in the library is Big cherry Holler by Adriana Trigiani. This book is a sequel to one that came out a year ago, Big Stone Gap. These books are set in the coal-mining mountains of Virginia and contain interesting and funny mountain lore. The books deal with the life of the spinster of Big Stone Gap, Ave Maria Mulligan, who, at age thirty-eight, finds love and marriage with a coal miner. Both books contain sad and tragic events as well as very funny ones. Ave Maria, herself, has a great sense of humor. If you like reading about people, as well as different customs and countryside, you will enjoy these two books.

Library presents Summer program

"Bugs" were a very appropriate theme for the first story hour of the Summer Reading Program at the Motley County Library last week. Mrs. Pam Thacker told the stories of *The Grouchy Ladybug* and *The Very Busy Spider* to the children, who then went to the art tables and painted bugs. They painted very colorful dragon flies, ladybugs, caterpillars, and daddy long-legs.

Marihelen Wason provided refreshments. Mrs. Jan Jones and two of her students, Shea Rose and Brittany Moore helped with the activities.

Kids who attended this first session were Cody Martin, Austin Taylor, Parker Meredith, Christian Brooks, Garrett Jenschke, Tanner Norrell, Alexis Moore and Jordan Moore. There will be two more story hours, June 21 and June 28. Kids in grades K-2 are invited to register and attend.

Sonbeams
by June Keltz

We have just passed the 17th anniversary of the Matador tornado. All of my life I have been told as squall cloud formations roll in, "Relax, we will never have a tornado. We are below the 'cap' and twisters that form on the plains will move above us and hit their target farther to the east." Rowell's destruction was an example to verify man's theory. To further gleam from man's intelligence, all tornados come from the southwest and move northeast. All of the above proved to be inaccurate when, in 1984, a dreadful whirling devil moved in from the northwest and released its furry on residents who had it in view before the assumed infallible doppler detected it. Most were unprepared, going about routines of working, plowing, reading, playing golf and eating. Destruction was far from individual's minds and yet it came with no time to analyze or rationalize, much less to prepare.

Jesus spoke clearly to His disciples about His coming again to gather those who have been born again. In Matthew 24:42, He warns them to "watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming." Suddenly He will appear and we who know Him will be changed in the twinkling of an eye. (1 Cor. 15:52). Now is the time to prepare. Preparation is within all men's reach. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." (Acts 16:31) The word "believe" is more than mental ascent. The Greek (pisteuo) defines it as, "Trust in, have faith in, be fully convinced of, acknowledge, rely on." It is reliance upon and a personal trust that produces obedience, submission and a positive confession of the Lordship of Jesus.

Just as the storm cellar is our refuge in the event of tornados, the blood of Jesus, applied to our heart; is our assurance of being rescued from death and into eternal life when He appears. Only God knows the time.

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There is a story handed down from the Civil War of a man who decided to be absolutely neutral in that war. As the story goes, he put on a gray jacket and a pair of blue trousers to indicate that he was for both the Union and the Confederacy.

One day he got caught in a battle between the Confederate and Union soldiers. He walked out in the middle of the troops shouting out his neutrality. But the Union seeing his Confederate jacket riddled it with bullets and a Confederate sharpshooter plugged him in the seat of his Union trousers.

The story illustrates a teaching of Scripture. You see, you can not change your convictions to suit the occasion. Our lord said, "No man can serve two masters...you cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). The prophet Elijah challenged ancient Israel with these words, "How long go ye limping between the two sides..." (1 Kings 18:21).

Let us join with Joshua of old in declaring, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
Radio Programs K-96FM
Bible Study - 10 a.m. Worship - 9 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kilmer
and
Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner
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Janell Renae Kilmer
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at the Crossroads of U.S. Hwy. 70 and Texas 70, Matador, Texas**

drawing by Teresa Whitaker

Let the Light Shine!

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NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

ROARING SPRINGS NEWS

BY ODESSA MULLINS

Zella Palmer shopped in Plainview, Friday.

Pearl Patten and Dorothy Watson of Cisco spent Thursday until Sunday in Ruidoso, NM. They visited with Mrs. Watson's nephew and wife, Wayne and Valta Fletcher who live there. Mrs. Watson returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent of Lubbock came Sunday afternoon to get his mother, Mary Lumsden. She had a doctor appointment Tuesday. She is recuperating from pneumonia.

Zella Palmer and Odessa Mullins drove to Plainview Sunday afternoon to tend to business.

The Postal group had their birthday dinner Thursday, June 7, at LaNita's Cafe, honoring R.C. Giesecke and Juanita Cooper.

per. Those attending were Arthur Harmon of Amarillo, Mary Jo Brown of Dickens, Harold and Vee Gordon of Matador, R.C. and Callie Giesecke, and Juanita Cooper of Matador, Ray and Grace Zabielski, and Lula Swim of Roaring Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock were hostesses to the Monday morning coffee held at the Roaring Springs Methodist Fellowship Hall. LaVoe Thacker, Lula Swim and Joyce Smith helped with refreshments. Callie Giesecke cleaned up. Those attending, in addition to those already mentioned, were Van Earl Bradford and Opal Bradford of Gruver, Dean McInroe, and Donna Kennedy.

Lula Swim went to the doctor in Plainview Monday morning.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BY RITA GROVES

MEMORIES

Our friend, Madge Rose Ligon, died at her daughter, Melinda's home and was buried with graveside rites at Afton at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 9, back among the descendants of early day pioneers. My history of "Dickens County - Its Land and People" gives the names of the first school board members: President, V.S. Ford; Secretary, Joe Rose (Madge's father), and members, S.G. Scortgin, C.T. Burns, D.W. Sims, and G.G. Porter.

The first school at Patton Springs registered 419 pupils in 1934-1935, 15 teachers, a government employed librarian, Mrs. Lora Allison, a custodian, Mr. Lon Winfield, and seven busses and drivers. On March 15, 1935 classes were conducted for the first time in a new building. Students, under the supervision of Mr. C.W. Giesecke, walked and carried books from Afton school across the road to the new school. Many community schools closed to send students to a larger and better school, but Patton Springs still has an exemplary rating.

This Dickens County history has a copyright date of 1986. It has wonderful stories. The Motley County Library should have a copy.

This morning brought a letter from Mrs. Joe Hall, Kathryn, of 1015 Maple Av., Dalhart, TX 79022. She has seen Mike's obituary in the Amarillo paper. To quote: "I am so sorry. I have not experienced losing one of my two children...I know you are finding comfort in your belief in God and the support of the wonderful people in Roaring Springs and Matador. I have lots of memories of living there. I lost Joe

in 1992. He died sitting in his chair here in the living room after he had been to lodge." She would love to hear from friends. Joe was a bootmaker.

A call from Ruby Ellithorpe this a.m. from Harker Heights said son Arvin is in Florida playing golf. I wonder if that guy has gone professional. His parents are enjoying their new home near him.

The Nichols farm house had its first overnight guests this weekend. It has three bedrooms and has city water and air conditioning and heat, but the bathroom still has its "claw-foot" tub and no shower. So my "kids" who shampoo everyday haven't used it; I was delighted to have some of Carl and Shirley Barton's thirty-five reunion guests use the bedrooms.

I went out early Monday to see who was at the Bartons, but all were gone, leaving house in "apple-pie" order. Carl is having trouble with a leg pain, so I'm thinking Shirley had taken him to Lubbock to his doctor.

She told me they were doing all their cooking outside - one of their children is a chef. They must have had a wonderful time, and had a perfect weekend, weatherwise. Maybe we can get their names later.

Commissioner J.N. Fletcher drove in when he saw my car and showed me how to start the Kawisake "Mule," so the next time Courtney is here I will know how to start it for her. The mule shares the garage with mothballs since Algie's Honda went home to Park City, UT with Pat's family. We do have a good commissioner. He says its his job because no one else wants it.

Note of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and concern during my hospital stay and since I've been home. Thanks for being so caring.

Betty Luckett and family

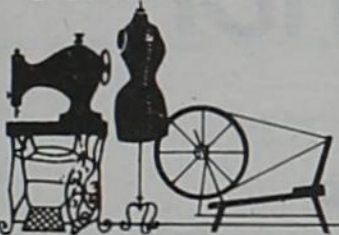
We would like to thank the people of Motley County for all of the kind things they have said and done for us. Thank you for the cards, letters, telephone calls, and coming to the retirement party to say good-bye. A special thank you to the Motley County Clinic "crew", the Motley County Tribune, South Plains Health Provider Organization, and most of all the people that entrusted their health care to me over the past 15 years. Everyone has been very special and we will miss each and everyone of you. Thank you to the 3-M Company for putting up with us for all these years. It has been a pleasure making music with you.

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FLOMOT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey attended the annual Starkey cousin's reunion held in Plainview, Sunday. They attended from Clovis, NM; Trent, Plainview, Lockney, Ralls and Amarillo, Texas for the enjoyable event.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Anson, Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Moss and Mrs. LaRay Gilbert.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse visited last week in Rising Star with her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning and Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Browning. Dona returned home with her to visit.

Art Green accompanied Mrs. Kathryn Martin of Matador to Plainview, Friday for an optical medical appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson, her mother, Mrs. Dorothy May of Quitaque, daughter, Mrs. Kayla Guest of Turkey, enjoyed visiting in Vernon, Friday, with Mr. and Mrs. Breck Dockery and Brittany. They attended a Little League baseball game in which Brittany played.

Tom Ross attended the funeral of a cousin, Henry A. Taylor, 76, held Friday, June 8, at the Methodist Church in Margaret. He was in Wichita Falls, Monday for a dental appointment.

Clois Shorter visited in Petersburg, Sunday in the home of daughter and family, Christi, Dwan and Emily Milam. Emily returned home with him to visit.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay and Mrs. Waydette Clay were on an Emmaus Walk from Thursday until Sunday night at the Wayland University in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin and Mary Ellen Barton attended to business and had lunch in Plainview, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited in Canyon, Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey. Joining them there to visit was Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo.

RETURNS FROM BUS TOUR

Tom Ross recently returned from an extended bus tour, which began May 1. His primary destination was Millintown, Pennsylvania, where his 726th Army Battalion once held their annual reunion. This year's reunion was termed a "Mini-Reunion." Veterans, wives and families attended.

WHITEFLAT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

OVERHEARD

We were on our way to church one Sunday morning. My young sister asked our Mom for a Bible verse she could recite at Sunday School.

Mom said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me..."

Later when the teacher asked my sister for a verse, she proudly recited, "Suffer little children. Come on to Mom."

NAMES OMITTED ATTENDING HARMON FAMILY REUNION

Those attending the Harmon family reunion last weekend held at the Community Center in Roaring Springs were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Harmon of Mansfield; Kim Harmon of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Harmon of Hedley, Mr. and Mrs. Van Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Reid of Gruver; Mr. and Mrs. Jody Bradford, Jade and Jacie of Panhandle and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Campbell and Jack

Samford of Matador.

Next stop was Knoxville, Tennessee, where he rented a car and visited a former army buddy in the Persia community near Rogersville, Tennessee. A bus was boarded in Knoxville for continuing on through Nashville and Memphis, Texarkana, Dallas and on to San Antonio. He visited with his four granddaughters in nearby Castroville.

After suffering with swollen feet, and acute sinusitis, Mr. Ross boarded the bus for home on May 10, where he spent two days of rest, before continuing with the tour.

On May 13, a bus was boarded in Childress and traveled to Amarillo, Denver, Cheyenne, Casper, Buffalo, Gillette and Sundance, Wyoming, and on to Separfish, Sturgis, Deadwood and Rapid City, South Dakota. In Rapid City, he rented a car and drove to Mt. Rushmore National Park and Cemetery.

Keeping a journal of gas prices on his trip, Mr. Ross found the most expensive in South Chicago, \$2.25, \$2.35 and \$2.45 per gallon. Leaving Chicago, the bus travelled straight through Indiana and continued east on U.S. 90 to Cleveland, Ohio, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Utica, New York.

A car was rented in Herkimer and Middleville, New York, where he visited friends whom he had been out of contact with since 1985. He made a stop at the Ace of Diamonds Mine and drove back to Utica where he boarded a bus for New York City. He had not been to New York City since 1954, when he, his older sister, her five-year old daughter, and his brother toured the city. Of the four, Mr. Ross is the only survivor. Mr. Ross says New York City is "Awesome."

From New York City, the tour traveled through Newark, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Richmond, Newport News, Norfolk and Virginia Beach, Virginia, and on to Jacksonville, Florida, where they boarded a new bus after an overnight stay. The new bus took a route through Tallahassee and Pensacola, Florida, Mobile, Alabama, New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette and Lake Charles, Louisiana, Beaumont, Houston and San Antonio, and on to Laredo, Texas and Neuva Laredo, Neuvo Leon, Mexico.

With four days remaining on his tour, Mr. Ross returned home very tired. He very much enjoyed his tour, and recommends seeing America by bus.

MATADOR NEWS

Mrs. R.E. Campbell, Jr had as her guests on the weekend of May 26, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Richardson (Charlotte) and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Todd (Carol), of Dallas, also Mr. and Mrs. Craig Christian, Cameron and Caitlin of Denton. They attended the graduation ceremony of Byron Campbell in Lubbock. Byron graduated from Coronado High School, with honors and received an Achievement Award. Byron's plan is to attend Texas Tech University this Fall. Byron is the grandson of Mrs. Campbell and the son of Ann Campbell and the late Richard Campbell of Lubbock.

Jayson Cooper of Dallas and Amber Cooper of DeRidder, Louisiana visited their grandparents and uncle, Jackie and Shirley Smith and Steve Smith, for the weekend. Amber will visit with them for the next two weeks.

Luther and Edna Ruth Green and daughter, Virginia Green of Whiteface visited in Keller from Friday until Monday.

June 1-4, with son and brother and family, Andy and Gay Green and daughter, Katye. They attended the high school graduation of Katye, Saturday afternoon, June 2, held at the University of North Texas Coliseum in Denton. She graduated with high honors and Texas Scholars. Her brother, Adam graduated high school at this location and is now attending the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis Maryland. Her father, Andy received his degree from the University of North Texas.

Mrs. Elsie Thacker and daughter, Marcie Middlebrooks of Legonier, Indiana visited recently in Matador with friends.. They visited in Lockney with Mrs. Grace Shelton, in Lubbock with Mrs. Wanda Vaughn, in Clovis, NM with Mrs. Wilma Hare and in Cloudcroft, NM before returning home

Ron and Allyson Richards of Wimberly visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Green, Monday.

Obituaries

J.B. Cooper

Funeral services for J.B. Cooper, 79, of Matador were held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 13, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador, with Rev. Rex Kreusel and Rev. Vince Sandlin officiating. Masonic Graveside rites were conducted by the Matador Masonic Lodge. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mr. Cooper, a lifelong resident of Motley County, died early Monday, June 11, 2001, at Crosbyton Clinic Hospital following a sudden illness.

He was born July 12, 1921, at Matador; to early day Motley County pioneers, J.J. and Ivy Cooper. His grandparents, A.B. and Anne Cooper, were some of Motley County's first settlers.

He graduated from Matador High School in 1939. He served in the Army as a Military Policeman in 1945. He was married to the former Jean Hughes on September 14, 1952, at Matador.

Mr. Cooper was a rancher, and he and his wife operated Cooper Oil Co. in Matador from 1969 until 1997. He was a member of the Methodist Church, was a past master of the Matador Masonic Lodge, and a past Worthy Patron of the Order of

the Eastern Star. He was a member of the American Legion, the Motley County Senior Citizens Organization, the Motley County Historical Society, the Friends of the Library, and was a past member of Matador Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; one son, Jim Cooper of Matador; one daughter, Nancy Cooper of Amber, Oklahoma; one sister, Geneva Griffin of Lubbock; three grandsons, Clint, Cody, and Clay Cooper; numerous nephews and nieces and a host of friends.

Masons will serve as pallbearers.

Named as honorary pallbearers were W.C. Deaton, Pick Cox, James Meador, E.G. Clower, Donald Hughes, Jack Green, Jr., Luther Green, Harold Campbell, Carter Luckett, Dumont Bridge, L.B. Campbell, Johnny Stevens, Billy Shannon, L.E. Shorter, Vance Campbell, E.G. Reed, O.J. Lawrence, Joe Ike Clay, Kenneth Marvel, Bill McKelvey, and O.J. Lee.

The family suggests memorials to any of the following:

First United Methodist Church, Matador; First Assembly of God Building Fund, Matador; Motley County Library; Motley County Museum; or the Motley County Ministerial Alliance.

George McMahan

Plainview - Services for George Lay McMahan, 85, of Dumas were held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, June 8, at Wood-Dunning Colonial Chapel in Plainview with Steve Walker officiating.

Burial was in Plainview Cemetery under the direction of Wood-Dunning Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, June 5, 2001.

He was born April 23, 1916, in Cunningham. He married Violet Eva Lee on Feb. 24, 1934, in Matador. She died June 2, 1994. He moved to Motley County in

1928 and farmed and ranched. He moved to Plainview in 1991 and to Dumas in 1996. He was a member of 9th and Columbia Street Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by a son and two grandchildren

Survivors include three daughters, Wanda Faulkner of Bonham, Dorothy Jones of Plainview and Sherry Scott of Dumas; a son, Roy Dean of Dumas; a sister, Jewell Carroll of Lubbock; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren

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Farm and Ranch News



Agriculture Bill will fund important Texas programs

Washington, D.C. -- Chairman Henry Bonilla presented last Wednesday the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee with the agriculture funding bill for 2002. The legislation was approved by the subcommittee and is expected to gain full approval by the House of Representatives by the end of June.

"This is an excellent budget that both sides of the aisle can agree upon," said Chairman Bonilla. "It's a perfect example of responsible spending; we're taking care of our nation's farmers and ranchers while keeping our nation's consumers healthy and happy."

The appropriations bill funds \$15.519 billion in discretionary Budget Authority, which is just above the request made by the President. The bill includes an increase of \$119 million for the Farm Service Agency; an increase of \$765 million for the Agricultural Credit Programs; an increase of \$70.2 million for conservation operations; and an increase of \$79.4 million for the Agricultural Research Service. The bill also includes funding increases for the Food Safety and Inspection Service, Child Nutrition Programs, Food Stamp Program and Food for Peace Program.

"In addition to funding a wide range of important, traditional programs, we're also looking ahead to prevent future problems our nation may face, including foot and mouth disease," said Chairman Bonilla. "Agriculture fuels our nation's economy. This appropriations bill is going to help keep the agriculture industry strong and prosperous."

The legislation provides funding to combat possible outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease and Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE). The Food and Drug Administration, which oversees Foot and Mouth Disease prevention, will receive an increase of \$120.4 million. This additional funding is intended to aid the FDA's prevention exercises and prepare them for any outbreaks. The subcommittee also provided \$5 million for BSE research that will help with detection and diagnosis of the disease as well as safe disposal of carcasses.

Important Texas projects will also receive funding from the appropriations bill. The subcommittee will provide continued funding for the Weslaco bee research program; bovine genetics research will receive a funding increase of \$900,000; the plant germplasm research at College Station will receive a funding increase of \$1.5 million; and nutritional requirements research at the ARS Human Nutrition Center in Houston will receive an increase of \$500,000.

Additional programs based in Texas that will receive funding support include: the new U.S. Plant Stress and Water Conservation Laboratory in Lubbock will receive \$750,000 for staffing needs; Dairy and meat goat research, wool research and livestock and dairy policy research will receive funding through the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service; and the boll weevil and cattle tick pest management programs will receive funding through the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Other Texas programs that will receive funding include: the Texas Wildlife Services Program will receive a funding increase of \$1 million; Texas pecan research will receive an increase of \$300,000; the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative will receive an increase of \$2 million bringing the total funding to \$20 million; the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will receive \$500,000 to facilitate water conservation and efficient irrigation activities in the Bexar, Medina and Uvalde counties of the Edwards Aquifer; and additional funding through NRCS for the Bexar-medina-Atascosa Watershed Project.

"I'm proud to help make a difference for farmers and ranchers across Texas and the nation," said Rep. Bonilla. "This bill is going to mean a safer, better informed and more advanced agriculture industry. That can only mean positive things for the consumer and for the industry as a whole."

Rep. Bonilla is chairman of the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, which oversees all of the nation's agriculture funding.

County Agent's Report



by Lonnie Jensechke - Motley County Extension Agent

COTTON EDUCATIONAL MEETING

There will be an educational meeting, June 20, 9:00 a.m., at the field of Bill Luckett. This field is located at the intersection of Highway 70 and Farm Road 2009 going to Flo-mot. This is the first turnout going to the Burleson Roping Arena and Flo-mot. We will be meeting at the turnout.

Emory Boring, Extension Entomologist will be present to discuss early season cotton pest, control and boll weevil eradication update. This meeting will be informal and we will be inspecting fields for insects and answering any questions as they arise.

For more information please contact the Motley County Extension Office at 347-2733.

GRASSHOPPER SEASON IS HERE!

The grasshopper population is increasing with warmer temperatures. However, extension entomologist Cliff Hoelscher says there should be less grasshoppers in 2001 because of the wet spring we experienced. Grasshoppers affect pastures and rangelands, as well as grain crops such as sorghum, corn, soybeans, and cotton. Grasshoppers usually first appear in rangelands and roadsides because the overwintering eggs are not disturbed in those areas. Populations are smaller in farmland and cultivated areas because the soil is disturbed. The principal methods of controlling the grasshopper population are insecticides.

GARDEN CHECKLIST FOR JUNE, 2001

Dr. William C. Welch, Professor and Landscape Horticulturist at Texas A&M University says now is the time to take a critical look at your landscape. Make notes of any plants that need replacement, overgrown plants that need to be removed, better arrangements for your landscape, and possibly activity areas

that can be enjoyed by family members. These are good projects for next winter. Check for insects and diseases. Spider mites can be especially troublesome at this time. Insecticidal soaps or labeled miticides can be helpful in their control.

The best way to conserve garden moisture is mulching. A good mulch not only retains valuable moisture needed for plant growth, but also improves overall gardening success. Hand pull or hoe weeds before they mature and produce seed. Mulches are usually applied 2 - to 6 - inches deep, depending on the material used. In general, the coarser the material, the deeper the mulch. For example, a 2-inch layer of cotton seed hulls will have about the same mulching effect as 6 inches of oat straw or 4 inches of coastal bermuda hay. Removing faded flowers from the plant before it sets seed will keep plants growing and producing more flowers. A light application of fertilizer every four to six weeks will also be helpful.

Houseplants can be moved outside this month. Sink the pots in a cool, shaded garden bed to prevent them from drying out too quickly. Water pots, container plants and hanging baskets often. Monthly feeding with a household fertilizer encourages continued growth.

Now is the time to plan for next spring. Consider digging and dividing any crowded spring bulbs. Once bulbs have matured and the foliage has turned brown, it is time to spade them up and thin out the stand. Crowded bulbs produce fewer and smaller blooms. They usually need thinning every three to four years. Replant immediately in prepared soils.

There is still time to plant some of the heat-tolerant summer annuals. You can direct-seed zinnias and portulaca, and purchase periwinkle, salvia, marigold and purslane plants for transplanting. Be sure to water transplants adequately until roots become established.

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Comments may be received orally or in writing. All those attending may speak to state their support or opposition to the project. The hearing will be conducted by City officers and the statements will be recorded and available for review.

For further information, you may contact City Hall at (806) 347-2255 or Motley County Chamber of Commerce (806) 347-2968.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Motley County Clinic is proud to announce that Dr. Jeff Hannel is joining their staff. He will be in the Clinic every other Friday afternoon, beginning June 15. The Clinic will be closed every other Friday afternoon, when Dr. Hannel is not in the office, beginning June 8. Your patience is appreciated.

Gail Ream PA-C will be available for your Health Care needs Monday - Thursday, 8:00 - 5:00 and Friday, 8:00 - 12:00 noon. Appointments are now being taken for Dr. Hannel on June 15. 806-347-2641, 1224 Main St., Matador.

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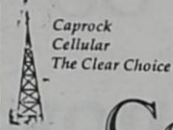
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