

## Plans now set for 2006 Homecoming

Plans are set for the 2006 Matador/Motley County Homecoming which will kick off Thursday evening, September 21, with a Bonfire at 8:00 p.m. The red hot rally will be held at the north end of Main Street.

Events on Friday will get underway at 11:30 a.m. with a Pep Rally in the school gym.

The Motley County Parent's Club will sponsor a Hamburger Supper at 6:00 p.m. at the football field.

Pre-game activities will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the Motley County Matadors will meet the Guthrie Jaguars at 7:30 p.m. for an exciting Homecoming game.

Exes and friends will meet at the School at 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning for coffee, class reunions and registration.

The following classes have announced reunions: 1942, '46, '49, '55, '56, and the classes of '58-'64 will meet jointly.

At noon a lunch will be served, catered by the Motley County Senior Citizens. A delicious meal featuring brisket and all the trimming will be served for \$10 per plate.

At 1:30 p.m. the Homecoming program will feature a fun video including clips of football games, cheerleading and drum and bugle corps, during the years 1953-1959. This is a "must-see!"

Music will be provided by Gerald Pipkin and friends. Awards will be presented and the 2006 Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned.

For more information contact Tom Edwards at 347-2396 or Jim Watson at jpwatson@caprock-spur.com

## Five years later: September 11

By: Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson

Just as many of us will always remember where we were when President John F. Kennedy was shot in Dallas in 1963, we will never be able to forget what we were doing when we first learned of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Five years have passed since 9/11, and the horrific images of that morning remain ingrained in our memory.

On this anniversary, it is important to reflect on what happened that fateful morning and how our country responded. The bravery exhibited by emergency responders on September 11 is both inspiring and heartbreaking, because America lost many of its finest citizens that day. September 11 is now recognized a Patriot Day in their memory.

The morning of 9/11, I was in my office in the United States Senate. As I watched the events

unfold on television, I knew what so many others were concluding at the same time all across the country - America would be forever changed. Not since Pearl Harbor had such cowardly and deadly acts been carried out against America, and we all felt confusion, sadness and anger that terrible day.

Though the details of the terror plot were yet to be revealed, I called my entire staff into a conference room to speak to them about what appeared to be happening. Many of my younger staff members had never experienced anything that reminded them of their own mortality, and I wanted to reassure them that we were going to get through this.

The rest of the day was incredibly hectic--communication was difficult and I spent a good deal of time trying to reach other senators. Even so, I was able to organize a meeting of about two thirds of the Senate to determine how we would pro-

ceed. Congressional leadership decided we need to go back to work the next day, not only to send a message to the terrorists responsible for the attacks that they could never break the American spirit but to begin immediately doing what was necessary to secure our homeland.

America has always shown resolve when confronted with tragedy. Today, our country is at war. This war did not begin on September 11, 2001, but it arrived on our front doorstep that morning. The war against terrorism is not a war that can be easily won, but the resolve of our President and the American people must be steadfast. This is a war that radicals began well before September 11, and we owe it to future generations to see this through to ultimate victory. As weapons of mass destruction become easier to obtain, the price of failure is unimaginable.

In the last five years, we have significantly strengthened our national defense by engaging the enemy in the Middle East before they reach America and improved our homeland security by passing the PATRIOT Act. We must continue to provide law enforcement officials with the resources necessary to protect us, and we must remain vigilant in pursuing terrorists who seek to harm our country.

We also owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the brave men and women of the armed forces who are defending America and freedom today. Their service honors the victims of September 11 and ensures a safer future for all of us. In the coming weeks and months, as troops from Texas are deployed abroad, they will carry with them the love and support of a grateful state and nation. We have not forgotten the events of 9/11, and we will not forget those who continue to serve on behalf of us all.



## Matadors win season opener!

The Motley County Matadors got a big win over Kress, 66-44, last Friday night for a season opener victory. Pictured above #15 Marc Henzler, #7 Isiah Archer, and #25 Shane Newman cut a Kangaroo carry short as they prepare to bring him down. The Matadors will face the Spur Bulldogs this Friday night, there, at 8:30 p.m.

(photo by Winfield Davenport)

## Texas Comptroller reports Sales tax collections up

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said the state collected \$1.6 billion in sales tax revenue in July, up 10.2 percent compared to July 2005.

"Texas' sales tax revenues continue to grow," Strayhorn said. "With just one month remaining in the 2006 fiscal year, I'm looking forward to ending August with three years - 36 consecutive months - of sales tax growth."

Strayhorn sent \$508.4 million in August sales tax allocations to local governments, up 9.1 percent compared to August 2005. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are running 14.9 percent higher than last year.

Strayhorn sent sales tax payments of \$349.6 million to Texas cities, up 10 percent compared to last August. Calendar year to date, city sales tax revenues are surpassing 2005 by 14.3 percent. Sales tax payments of \$29.3 million went to Texas counties, 10.3 percent higher than last August. So far in calendar year 2006, county sales tax allocations are up 16.2

percent compared to last year. In addition, \$14.6 million in sales tax revenue went to 110 special purpose taxing districts, 9.9 percent more than in August 2005. Ten local transit systems received \$114.7 million, up 6 percent compared to a year ago.

July state sales tax revenue and August allocations to local governments represent sales taxes collected in June by businesses that report sales taxes monthly, and sales taxes collected in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

Matador, with a current rate of 2.000%, received a net payment of \$6,164.50, compared to \$5,758.24 at this time last year, a 7.05% change. Payments to date total \$41,391.03, compared to \$37,433.01 in 2005, a 10.57% change.

Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 2.000%, received a net payment this period of \$4,570.07, compared to \$2,892.89 last year, a 57.97% change. Payments to date total \$25,087.89, compared to \$25,879.74 last year, a -3.05% change.

## Memories span from childhood for former Tribune employee

by Pat Groves

I first began working at the Tribune as a little kid - probably in about 1950 in about the fifth grade. So my memories are

pretty vague, but I'd like to share them because so many good things came out of this little home town newspaper.

On the day each week that the paper was supposed to be

published, my mother, Rita Groves, would go by the Tribune after she finished teaching school. She, along with a group of other friends, would usually gather there to help get the paper out. (I don't actually know if this group ever got paid -- I never did except for running the job press -- but all in all, I got so much out of the experience that serves me well to this very day).

My memory is that the Tribune was supposed to be published on every Thursday, but it was usually a few hours after midnight on Thursday when all the mail bags full of folded papers would be loaded into Ben's car to be taken to the post office.

A few of the names of that varying group of helpers can be dug out of my vague memories of those days; they include Hazel Donovan, Helen Patton, Joe Berry Meador and Fred G. Meador. Others including Lola Pohl and Keith Patton may have been in the group. And there were undoubtedly many before and after my time.

My mother's interest in the Tribune continued into her late eighties; she wrote a column until she felt that she had begun repeating herself. At any rate, when my mother first started helping out at the Tribune, I usually hung around the office reading all the incoming papers and being generally really bored until one evening Ben (the late great Douglas Meador) took pity and showed me how to fold

the papers.

In those days, all newspapers sent all the other newspapers a courtesy copy of each edition, so there was always lots of reading material lying around the office).

I must also explain that in those days, kids were expected to help out with any tasks - just because they were there. It never occurred to me to decline to do anything I was asked or told to do. Things in Matador were different in those days, but that's a different story.

All the newspapers had to be folded by hand -- using very clean hands and a metal creasing bar. Then the folded papers were rolled up in cover sheets which had been previously run through the "addressograph" -- a machine that took a very large box of plates which had been embossed with the names of subscribers and printed one name and address on each sheet. (There was no way to print the subscriber names on individual papers).

In later years, as I grew older, I learned to write, edit, proofread, set type, run the job press (which I considered to be very dangerous), pour hot lead into the linotype, take, develop and print photos, and lots of other things.

I would often read the Tribune while I was waiting around. I didn't understand, at first, just who Douglas Meador, the big name on the masthead,

really was. Finally, someone explained that Douglas and Ben were the same person. That was a surprise since I expected that Douglas was a big imposing man who must be something like William Randolph Hearst, but Ben was a gentle, friendly, interesting and easily appreciated man.

Ben was, in fact, a very unusual person. He was a man who, when he had nothing else to do, would read the dictionary. Of course, publishing a small town paper takes more than 24 hours a day, so the only time Ben really had nothing else to do was when he was sitting in the bathroom. Therefore, a dictionary was kept within easy reach of the toilet.

Ben once told me that he got most of his good ideas for his weekly column "Trail Dust" from reading the dictionary. He actually achieved real fame for his homespun column which was always located on the left side of the front page. The best paragraphs were occasionally published into small books.

Ben also got a lot of national recognition in the 1950s because he actually took a vacation that decade. (It was probably combined with a trip to a press convention). The vacation was a short one with his wife Lila to Mexico City. While he was there, a major earthquake took place. Of course, he had his big camera along with him -- as far as I know he always kept it near -- even in bed. The photographs

he took of the Mexico City earthquake and the resulting damage were carried by all the international news wires with credit to "Douglas Meador of the Matador Tribune."

All of the real work of publishing the paper would have been completely by Ben and his saintly wife Lila during the week long before the Thursday group showed up to help "put out the paper". The week long, week in and week out worked included the gathering of the news, the photography, the writing and editing of the stories and the setting of all the text and graphics. In those days before computers or even electric typewriters, it was all done by hand. The only other full time employees were Lila Meador and Pumpy McBride.

The tribune was published in the little shop space behind the Matador Variety Store in the Masonic Lodge building. The adjacent shop was Houston (H.H.) Schweitzer's Saddle Shop which was later run by his son Bert Schweitzer. Interestingly, that was a shop with a distinctive a smell as the Tribune had, I liked being in either place.

There were two big machines in the Tribune office. One was "the press" which Ben operated with a magician's slight of hand because the big cut sheets of newsprint had to be fed by hand. It was an enormous

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The big talk around town this week is last Friday night's football game! I had an out of town appointment so was unable to attend the game, but I hear the stands were fuller than they had been in a couple of years. Football excitement is in the air! And the Matadors won big! Congratulations to the team and Coach Bigham and assistant Coach Brown.

Hopefully the support and excitement will continue throughout the season.

Homecoming will be here in a couple of weeks!

Football and Homecoming signal the awakening of Fall to me. The air is more crisp, the mornings are cool. I welcome Fall, it's one of my favorite times of the year.

Praise God for the rain!

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider: A great wind is blowing, and that gives you either imagination or a headache.

-Catherine II

That there is a great wind blowing around Motley County comes as no surprise to local residents. The question is, does it give you a headache or imagination.

It's been over a year now since the topic first surfaced in this column, and in the interim, lots of people have been imagining what it could mean for Motley County. The most obvious idea that fires the imagination is wind turbines.

Such an obvious idea has also occurred to other people, and for that reason there will be an information evening this coming Monday on the topic at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center in Muncy, halfway between Floydada and Lockney on Highway 70.

Entitled "Harvesting the Wind", Lisa Chavarria, a lawyer who has specialized on wind power and renewable energy, will present an educational forum. In addition to helping clients, negotiate leases, she has written several articles on wind power and the legal issues involved, so she has a good deal of experience in that area. She is an associate in the Austin law firm of McElroy, Sullivan & Miller.

Among the topics that will be addressed are what to look for in a wind development company; what questions you should ask; how to get a project and not just a lease; and what the economic impact of wind energy development could be.

The forum will be directed at interested land owners, both ranchers and farmers, community leaders, elected officials and anyone interested in wind energy.

The evening is sponsored by the Floydada Economic Development Corporation, about which you can find out more at their web site at [www.floydadaedc.com](http://www.floydadaedc.com). You can also reach them by telephone at (806) 983-3318 or by e-mail at [floydadaedc.doornet](mailto:floydadaedc.doornet).

So if the idea of wind power fires up your imagination, head on over to Muncy on Monday, September 11, at 7 pm, and find out more about this possibility. If the idea gives you a headache, stay home...

## Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott Librarian



During the month of August we had a lot of help here at the library. We appreciate Pina Sturdivant, Regina Sheffield, Patricia Green, and Dortha Westbrook for helping out when I was gone or had to be busy in the back. We also thank Joel Spray for giving up his Saturday to help with the renovation of the Annex. I know he would rather have been doing other things with his Saturday but he helped Kenneth all day at the Annex.

We appreciate the grant that came through the school to purchase some more of the Accelerated Reading books for the library. Last spring members of the Friends of the Library marked the library's AR books with Smiley Faces and during the summer many children made use of these books. With the new books, the library will offer more AR books for the children to read during the summer.

Our next book discussion (date to be announced later) will feature the book *Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. This book presents an interesting view of Afghanistan. The library has five copies so there will be an opportunity for everyone to read this fascinating book.

## Men's Breakfast Saturday

The Men's Breakfast, normally scheduled for the first Saturday of each month was rescheduled to be held this Saturday, September 9. The monthly men's get-together will be held at 7:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Matador.

## Fairways & Rough

by Geneva



TUESDAY SCRAMBLE August 22

Winners: First, with a score of 28, were Ken Marshall, Stan Levell, Corky Marshall and Alan Bingham.

Second, with a score of 29, were Derrick Cruise, Kenny Barton, Liv Barton and Buzz Thacker.

Others playing were Bert Darsey, Leigh Ann Darsey, Joe, Justin, Darrell Cruse, Cody Dodson, Matt Washington, Conway Clary, David Taylor and Terry Simpson.

Terry Simpson got closest to pin on #6, 26 ft.

LADIES PLAYDAY August 24

There were no 18 hole players.

9 hole players were Judy Renfro, Tommie Keith, Frances Hobbs and Liv Barton. No ball was given.

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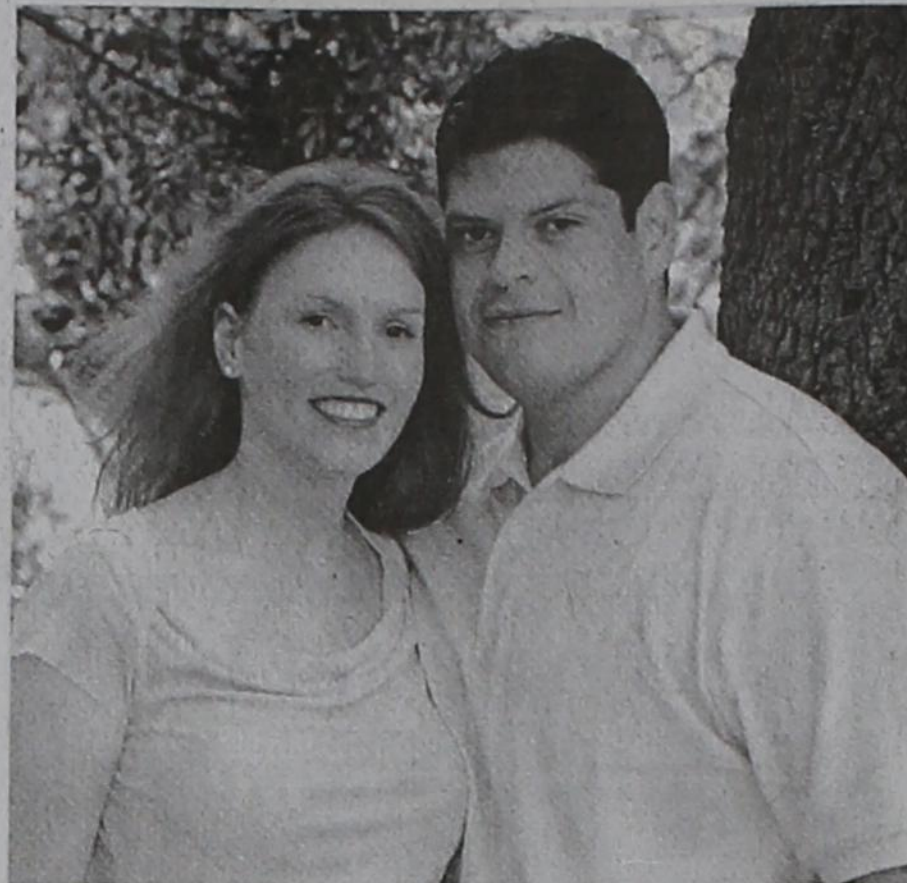
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San Antonio—September 20

San Antonio—September 21

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Keri Hamilton & Juan Mendoza

## Engagement announced

Harry and Ann Hamilton and Adrienne Hamilton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Keri Hamilton of Lubbock to Juan Mendoza of San Angelo. The couple plans to marry October 28, 2006, in Austin.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Texas A&M with a degree in finance. She currently attends the University of Texas working toward her Masters of Business Administration. She will graduate in May 2007. The future bridegroom is employed as a computer engineer with Freescale, a company that was formerly part of Motorola. He also graduated in 2002 from Texas A&M with a degree in computer engineering.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Josephine Hamilton and the niece of Mary Meason.

Please join our family to help celebrate 45 years of marriage with Dean and Nova Dale Turner at the Church of Christ Fellowship Building Matador Saturday, September 9 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. to have cake and visit

No gifts please. Your presence will be gift enough.

## MC Homecoming Committee asking for school memorabilia

Motley County Homecoming is set for September 22 and 23. The Homecoming Committee is planning to have display tables set up in the gym on the Saturday of Homecoming. These tables will hold mementos from each school that is now known as Motley County ISD.

"We have already found a Matador High School 1936 cheerleader skirt and sweater belonging to Cretia Campbell," said Carolyn Pohl Limmer, committee member. "We are hoping each school will have pictures, annuals, football uniforms, school programs, pins, sweaters, and other old treasures and keepsakes representing Flomot, Roaring Springs, Northfield and Matador. It would be great if we could group the mementos, not only by schools, but also by decades."

If you have any kind of school memorabilia, such as listed above, please contact Kay Bailey, 806-347-2399, Tom and Deanie Edwards, 347-2396, or Barbara Armstrong, 347-2424. The committee hopes to get all the items together the week before Homecoming so they will know how many tables to set up. They would also like to have a card on the items with the name, what year graduated and the school.

"We think those attending will really enjoy reminiscing as they see some of the old keepsakes from their school. By having these items of interest on display, maybe we will have more interest and better attendance," Mrs. Limmer said.

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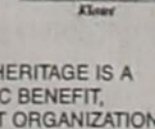
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## Our Glory Is Found In Jesus



That our Lord Jesus Christ was rich in glory, honor and power is the attraction of the whole volume of nature. All voices, except those of the ungodly extol His praises and bestow honor upon Jesus, the Son of God.

Our Lord sits behind every motion of our vast universe, which stands as a monument to His infinite power and dominion. We read of this in Hebrews, chapter one, and verse three

Jesus expectantly looked to renewal of the honor and prestige with the Father upon leaving this earth. Hear His words from John 17:4, "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." Such glory He now has with the Father.

It was from that pinnacle of glory and honor, that Jesus voluntarily stepped down. He stepped down on the plane with us that He might lift us to glory. Through our Lord Jesus, we have extended to us the opportunity of reaching the lofty plane with our Creator and God. By His condescension, we can be lifted up to eternal and exaltation and glory. How we should reverently thank our God that His Son made this possible.

## ROARING SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**Leap for a touchdown ...**

Isiah Archer, #7, leaps for a touchdown during last Friday night's season opener with Kress. The Matadors came out victorious with a final score of 66-44. The entire team fought hard and played well to win their first game. Isiah scored 7 touchdowns against the Kangaroos and had 317 total yards rushing and passing. In the photo at right, #79 Shane Newman goes for the block as Isiah carries the ball and #10 Stacey Perryman covers the back. The Matadors will face the Spur Bulldogs this Friday night, at Spur. Game time will be 8:30 p.m.

(photos by Winfield Davenport)



**Motley County High School  
MC MATADORS  
2006 Football Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Aug. 19 (S)	Crowell & Harold	Crowell	10:00 a.m.
Aug. 25 (S)	Southland	Matador	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 1	Kress	Matador	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Spur	Spur	8:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Open		
Sept. 22 **	Guthrie	Matador	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Cotton Center	Cotton Center	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Patton Springs	Matador	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13 *	Lazbuddie	Lazbuddie	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20 *	Samnorwood	Matador	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27 *	McLean	McLean	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	Lorenzo	Lorenzo	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10 *	Groom	Matador	7:30 p.m.

(S) Scrimmage  
\* District  
\*\* Homecoming

**MC Mavericks Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 7	Spur	here	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Open		
Sept. 21	Guthrie	there	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 28	Petersburg	there	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	Patton Springs	there	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	Petersburg	here	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 26	Patton Springs	here	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	Lorenzo	here	5:00 p.m.

\* Open date may be filled and will be announced



**School Menu**



**MONDAY, SEPT. 11**

**Breakfast:** Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Barbecued Ribs, Creamed Potatoes, Corn, Cornbread, Mixed Fruit, Milk.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 12**

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Cheese Enchiladas, Salad, Refried Beans, Tortilla Chips, Sherbet, Milk.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13**

**Breakfast:** Pancake, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Vegetable Beef Soup, Toasted Cheese, Sandwich, Veggie Sticks, Jello, Milk.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 14**

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Steak Fingers, Creamed Potatoes, Peas/Carrots, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 15**

**Breakfast:** Egg & Cheese Omelet, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Hot Dog/Chili, Baked Beans, Pickle Spears, Peaches, Milk.

Matadors  
vs.  
Spur Bulldogs  
Friday, Sept. 8  
8:30 p.m.  
at Spur  
★★  
Mavericks  
vs.  
Spur Bullpups  
Thursday  
Sept. 7  
5:30 p.m.  
Here

Matador/MC  
Homecoming  
★★★  
September 22-23  
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# MOTLEY COUNTY FOOTBALL



MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS — Pictured left to right (back) Bradley Brown, Casey Carnes, Shane Newman, Marc Henzler; (next row) Coach Mike Bigham, Gene Salazar, Justin Newman, Jacob Johannes, Jacob Blanco, Asst. Coach Randy Brown; (next row) Sam Fletcher, Eric Simpson, Stacey Perryman, Isiah Archer, Brendan Wiltshire, Mgr.; (in front) Cheerleaders - Savannah Rose, Chicagra Brown, Carrie Valdez (Mascot), Christy Smith, Courtney Alexander, Shane'a Russell and Mylissa Gilmore.



JR. HIGH MAVERICKS — Beginning at back (left to right) Austin Taylor, Chase Buckner, Augustine Chavez, Cody Martin, Paul Guitierrez, Ky Christopher, Jonathon Osborn, (middle) Coach Bigham, Britt Simpson, Schylar Tomlinson, Colby McCleskey, Christian Brooks, Keyan Kautz, Braden Mason, Asst. Coach Jim Cooper; (next row) Mark Quintero, Dominique Quilimaco, Payden Perryman, Ismael Torres, Reagan Elliott, Juan Flores; (in front) Cheerleaders - Leanne Jameson, Alyx Smith, Kyla Simpson, Lexi Osborn, and Sabra Pope.

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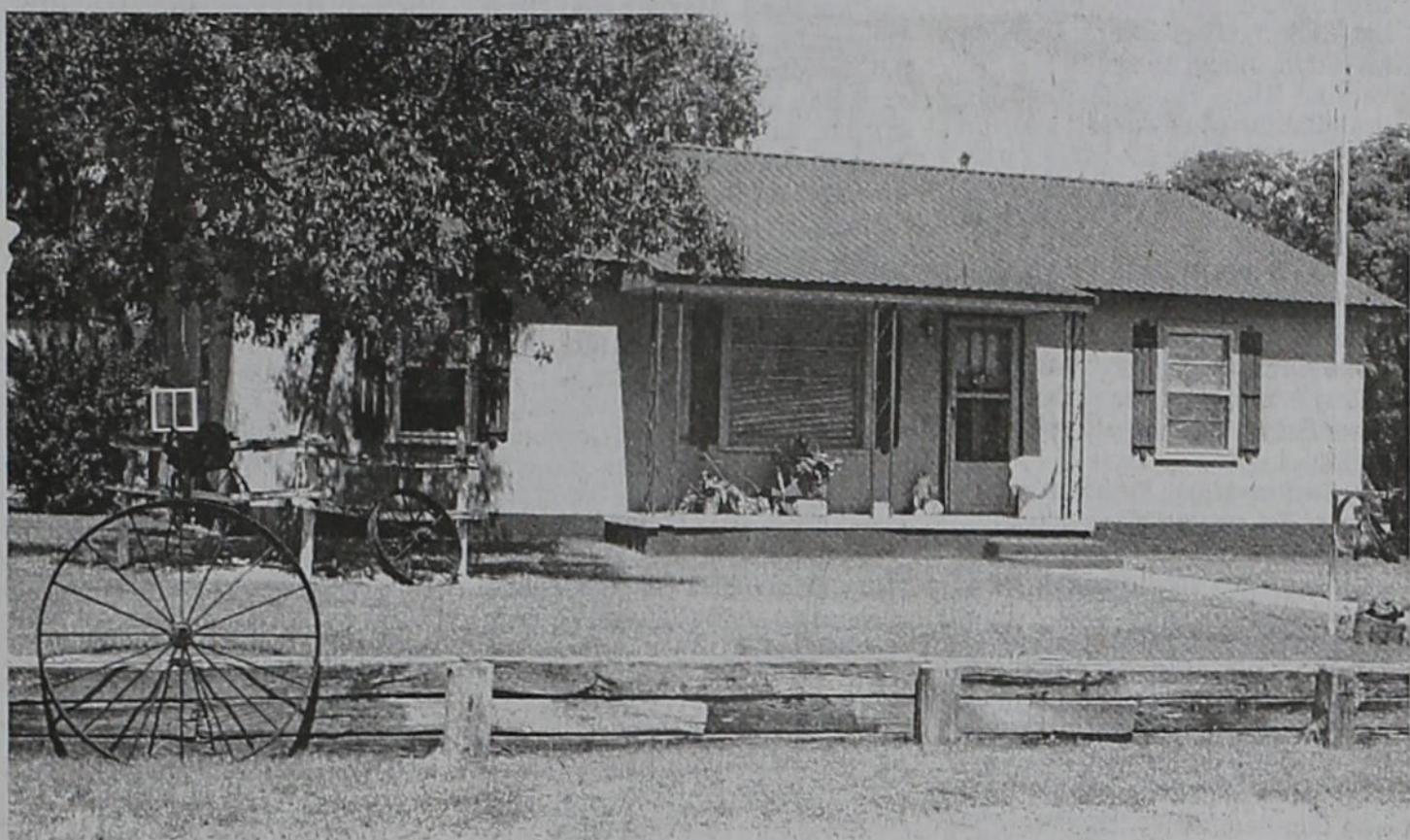
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ROARING SPRINGS JULY YARD OF THE MONTH — Kelly and Pennie Keltz



MATADOR JULY YARD OF THE MONTH — Donnie Jackson



ROARING SPRINGS AUGUST YARD OF THE MONTH — Gary and Lisa Simpson.



MATADOR AUGUST YARD OF THE MONTH — Roy and Joannie Stephens.

## Tribune employee remembers

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(probably 6' by 8' by 5' height) mechanical monster to me. It was also absolutely fascinating because there were hundreds of visible and noisy moving parts. The speed of the press was variable from really slow (if someone else was trying to feed the papers) to very fast (if Ben was feeding it). He had to run it really fast on Thursday nights to get the paper out.

The other big machine was the linotype which was operated mainly by Pumpy. It was also a big noisy machine which was fed with hot slugs of molten lead. Operating the keyboard required much more pressure than a typewriter, but had to be done with a certain rhythm to avoid jamming things. The keys were not in the same order as on a typewriter keyboard, so there was a big disconnect when I finally took the senior typing course in high school. The order of keys on the linotype keyboard were in the exact frequency of occurrence of the letters in the English language -- so remembering the sequence "ETAIONSHRDLU" helped a lot in later decades when Scrabble became popular. That was the sequence of letters on the front row of the Linotype keyboard.

Anyway, as you pressed the linotype keys each letter would be formed on a slug of lead. The slugs would slide into a "line of type" -- hence the name. The slugs were tapered so that when a bar hit the line from behind, the letters would fill out the whole line, thereby giving the newspaper column a justified appearance which was the hall mark of a "real" paper which used the Linotype machine. Of course, as you typed, you had to keep track of how many letters you had typed in the line and roughly how wide they were ("w" is not the same width as an "i") and start a new line before

you got too many letters in a line. If you got too many letters in a line, it ruined everything because you had to throw away not only that line of type, but all the rest of the lines in that paragraph. This was complicated by the fact that, in addition to being pretty slow to form the lines, the Linotype was noisy enough to be a real distraction. There was also a long arm that picked up each line of type and moved it from the forms to the type stack. That was my favorite thing to watch as a little kid. This machine was about 7' high, 4' wide and 5' deep. It was also very hot because of the molten lead furnace in its bowels.

Ben was good enough at operating the Linotype that he could stay several lines ahead of it while editing on the fly. He was also an expert at hand setting type at the font table.

The small noisy machines of the office were the addressograph and the job press. When someone subscribed to the paper, Lila would emboss the name of the subscriber on an addressograph plate. The machine that did this made loud bangs. Then the plates would be stacked in a long box to feed into the addressograph itself which was used to print the address labels on the stacks of cover sheets in which we rolled up the printed papers for shipment.

The job press was a fascinating, even exciting, machine. You first applied sticky ink to a round disk on the top of it. This disk would be turned by the press to allow the rollers to spread the ink. Each time it prepared to print a piece, rollers would pick up ink from the disk and then roll the ink onto the type face. The job press operator stood in front of a small moving table with a clip on it. When the table came level, you would put one piece in the clip. The

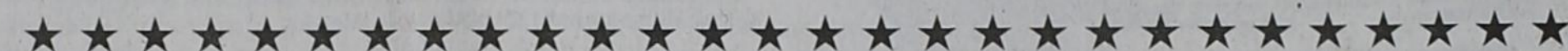


table would then tilt back against the type face so that the piece was printed and then come back level in front of the operator for an instance. The operator would deftly remove the printed piece from the clip with his left hand and place an unprinted piece in the clip with his right hand during the fraction of second that the table was level.

The big risk of operating the press was that you could get your hand smashed if you didn't get it off the table before it printed.

So, the operator would stand in front of the press with a diminishing stack of unprinted pieces on one side and a growing pile of printed pieces on the other side until the counter reached the ordered number. The chugging of the oscillating print table and sticky hiss of the rollers on the ink disk generated an almost hypnotic rhythm, so it required focus to print a stack of, say, funeral notices, without allowing your mind to wander from the task at hand. The inevitable reverie caused by the mindless repetition of the job would often cause you to miss a beat and mess up. There was also a pedal next to your foot just in case you missed putting a piece under the clip. Quickly depressing the pedal would keep the inked type face from printing the backing. (It would also stop the counter). If you messed up and didn't press the pedal, you had to stop the machine and clean the ink off the backing which made the job take twice as long.

But I digress. The process of putting out the paper on Thursday nights would start after Ben made up the four or six full page plates for the press. Each plate weighed about fifty pounds. Then he would start the press run by printing the back of the front page. These printed sheets would be set aside and he would change plates on the press and print the inside pages, first one side and then the other. If the inside sheet was two pages, it would be set aside. If it was four pages, then the folding crew would get started on that page while Ben printed the front and back pages on the back side of the first stack of newspaper.

When the press run was finished, we would all begin folding the outer sheet and inserting the two or four-page inner sheet.

Then we would have to roll all the papers that were to be mailed in rolls using the addressed cover sheets.

To roll up the printed and

folded papers, we would take a stack (a few dozen sheets) of the cover sheets, then fan them so that a quarter of an inch of the end of each sheet was exposed. Then we would use a sloppy brush to apply some glue to the exposed ends so that when we rolled the folded newspaper up in each cover sheet, it would be glued into a mailable roll.

Anyway, we would each take a stack and start rolling and inserting the rolls into the mail bags. There was something about the process that reminded me of picking cotton when I was younger.

The real story of the Tribune was the story of Ben Meador. In addition to working 24/7 to put out the newspaper every week, he was the mayor of Matador and the main photographer of record for the whole county. Ben was a gentle guy who was always in a hurry, but relaxed about it. He wore baggy clothes to be able to carry a fold of newspaper, a bunch of pencils and a dozen flash bulbs in his pockets. He tended to wear plaids a lot, mainly a soft plaid sport coat with an off white shirt and a loose tie -- if he wore one at all. His overall appearance was rumpled, comfortable and harried.

He always carried a large Speed Graphic camera which took pictures using a 4x5 flat negative. So, his jacket pocket, in addition to the bulbs for the flash, always contained about a dozen or so flats which each held two negatives.

(Remember the days when each flash photography took a new bulb?)

He used black and white panchromatic film -- if my memory is correct. He preferred the flat negatives to roll film, which I preferred, because with the large negatives, you rarely had to make an enlargement. Contact prints were so much faster.

I think Ben had the half-tone print plates for any photo to be published made up by sending his photos on the bus overnight to the newspaper in Lubbock. The half-tone printing plates would come back on the bus the next day.

Ben was one of two people (the other was O.B. Stamper -- the high school principal in 1954-55) who showed me how to set up and operate a dark room. So we spent a lot of time together in the dark. Ben was a bit of a smoker, so he didn't like long periods in the dark room because, of course, you couldn't smoke there. So, he was very efficient -- never using a chang-

ing bag and always working in total darkness instead of with a safe light. The film he used had to be loaded into the flats by hand and then, after the pictures were taken, unloaded, developed and printed by hand. I remember that Ben liked to use his dark room chemicals a lot longer than recommended by the instructions on the bottles.

The Speed Graphic camera that Ben used weighed about ten pounds, so his left arm was bigger than his right from perennially lugging the camera around. I really have no memories of Ben outside of the newspaper office when he didn't have his big camera in his left hand. He could be called upon for any formal occasion -- weddings, group picnics, special meetings, group pictures for the yearbook, etc. Due to the high quality of the camera and the film, thousands of old pictures of life in Matador during the 20th century are still floating around. I suspect that every home in Matador which remains from those years contains a few pictures taken by Ben.

Interestingly, the other facet of his life, that of mayor of the town, is largely a mystery to me. He took only a dollar a year for serving as mayor. He never reported in the paper any of the proceedings of any of the official meetings. In fact, he once told me that, in a small town, what you didn't print was more important than what you did print.

But the town seemed to be run well and to prosper for as long as he was mayor. When he decided not to run again, it was such a surprise that, at first, there were no other candidates for the job.

The story is that, at first, the other potential mayors thought they would also have to take only a dollar a year for shouldering all the responsibilities that Ben shouldered so well for so long. When it finally came out that the new mayor would actually receive some pay for the job, there were many candidates.

It was apparent to me that although Ben acted as the town administrator and leader, he remained strictly neutral whenever he sensed any controversy. I remember a local option election back in the mid fifties. Everyone I knew seemed to be "for" allowing the sale of alcohol in Motley County. (These people were called the "wets.") However, Ben would never tell me how he felt about it. He did predict the week before the election that it would go to the "dry" side and it did.

After I graduated from high school and went away to college,

Ben and I remained in touch. I remember calling him up once to ask if he would issue me some press credentials for some occasion in Houston that I wanted to attend. He told me to just take a camera, tell anyone who asked that I was "working press" and have them call him if they wanted. That worked very well.

Regretfully, Ben Meador just slipped out of my life as I slipped away from Matador for a few decades. I knew him only in his prime, so I have nothing to say about his later years. However, I feel that I really experienced the soul of journalism during my acquaintance with him. He was one of the great men who passed through my life.

In later years, my experiences at the Tribune have served me in many ways. In more than a few vocations since that time, my early proofreading and editing training have been very useful. Experiencing first hand at Ben's side the thrill and pleasure of composing readable text and actually producing a finished product on a weekly schedule showed me the satisfaction of doing a job and knowing that it was done pretty well. (Although you may not be able to tell it from the result, I learned to enjoy going over a piece like this at least a dozen times).

Although I've accomplished a few things, I don't feel that I will ever be able to say that I have made a contribution to a community at the level which Ben Meador gave to Matador.

The fascination with the exciting machines in the Tribune office probably nurtured a life long interest in things mechanical and complicated. Although I've described some of the sounds of the newspaper office, I can't give you a real feel of the total experience -- especially including the smells of the ink, the hot lead, the glue -- and even the perfumes of the ladies who worked there in the night.

And, perhaps more than anything else, my experiences at the Tribune made me appreciate the very high value and utility of the printers and word processors that we all have on our desks today. It grows increasingly hard to imagine a time when there were no copiers, scanners, computers -- not even correcting typewriters.

We've come a long way since those days, but it's very interesting to see that much of the drama of publishing a small town newspaper is still there -- even if the mechanics are dramatically different.

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**AUTOGRAPHED BALL** — Carol Campbell received an autographed baseball from her cousin, Laynce Nix, a member of the Houston Brewers baseball team.

## Local women enjoy Brewers baseball game in Houston

Cretia and Carol Campbell visited Michael Richardson in Dallas and met family from Midland and Austin at the new Minute Main Ballpark, downtown Houston, for an Astros vs. Brewers baseball game. Cretia's great-nephew Laynce Nix, center fielder recently traded from the Texas Rangers to the Brewers, hit two for four in a Brewer's 0-1 loss in an exciting finish in the bottom of

the ninth.

Jana Campbell Ellsworth, and 4-month-old Brennen, met the group for breakfast the following morning. Carol and Cretia then traveled to Denton for an overnight stay with Craig and Charise Christian, Cameron and Caitlin. Barbara Christian and Charles Cullin, both formerly of Matador, met the group for dinner.



Olivia Barton drove her 1947 Ford in the Old Settlers Parade, August 24. Mrs. Barton received the classic car as a gift from her grandfather, Harry Campbell, when she was 16. Mr. Campbell purchased the vehicle brand new from Matador Auto Company. Riding with Olivia is her sister-in-law, Joannie Stephens.

## OBITUARIES

### Charlotte Purdy Bloodworth

Funeral services for Charlotte Purdy Bloodworth, 76, of Lubbock were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, August 29, 2006, at the Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with Raymond White officiating. Interment was at 2:30 p.m. in the Flomot Cemetery.

Charlotte passed away Saturday, August 26, 2006, in Lubbock. She was born October 5, 1929, in Motley County to the late Walter and Louceil Hayes Purdy. She married Robert Marvin Bloodworth, Jr. on June

2, 1950, in Ralls.

Her husband, Robert (Jackie), a son, John Marvin, four brothers, Dorman, Norman, Richard and Randell Purdy and a sister, Oletta Wimmer preceded her in death.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy and husband, Scott Swilling of Abilene; grandchildren, Kelly and Jeremy Swilling; three sisters, Marie Ford of Weatherford, Sylvia Hasty of Lubbock, and LaVene Kenney of Ione, California.

# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Wasn't the rain wonderful? To think we were so dry, parched and hot and in one day's time cooler, wet weather was ushered in. Enjoy the beautiful weather and soak in all in this country it might be a long dry spell again. I know that the cattle and wildlife certainly felt blessed by the moisture and cooler weather.

Joyce Smith visited her daughter Michelle Smith in Dallas and then went on to Houston to visit her grandchildren, the Chad Smiths and her granddaughter's family the DePaulo's in Houston.

Six ladies of the Baptist Church met Tuesday morning for visitation. Barbara Alexander is in charge of the WMU. She is furnishing vegetables to take to shut-ins. Three visits were made this morning. We will meet weekly during the vegetable season at 9:30 Tuesday mornings. Come and join us for this work. We are in need of shoe boxes to use in the Operation Christmas Child. This is a ministry of Franklin Graham. Filled shoe boxes are sent all over the world to needy children.

Jeannie Adams is at home after a ten day stay in Covenant Hospital. She is feeling much better and would enjoy company.

Walter and Jo Trammell's family came to spend the holiday with them. Children: Randy and Shannon Trammell of Carrollton, Angela and Mike Cochran; Jerry and Tina Overman, from Lubbock and five of their grandchildren and a friend were guests. They enjoyed a nice long visit. Jo said that now she could start planning Christmas!

Labor Day does start one to thinking about fall and winter; it's good-bye summer!

A family dinner in honor of Kelsea Miller for her 12th birthday,

was held at her home south of Lockney with grandparents Chuck and Cora Miller of Abilene and Corky and Monta Marshall attending. Kelsea is Monta's granddaughter.

Remember the Motley County Fair is getting closer each day. We are looking forward to having many more entries than last year. The fair is really an interesting event. There was a broad scope of hobbies and crafts displayed last year. The date is set for Saturday, October 21, so get ready!

Three young people were baptized Sunday night at the First Baptist Church. There were Angelica Meredith, Jonah Meredith and Savannah Rose. Roger Ashley, the grandfather of Savannah and the great-uncle of the Meredith's conducted the baptisms. Rev. Ashley is the pastor of a Baptist church in Littlefield.

Lesla, Kaitlyn, Kenzie Morgan and little Kagen Keltz journeyed to Azle to spend the holiday with Lesa's family, Coach Eddy and Sherri Prather. They had a very nice time. They returned home Monday night.

Cody and Leah Meredith of Las Vegas, NV, visited their children, Angelica and Jonah last week. The children are staying with their grandparents, Joe and Joyce Meredith, and attending school at MC ISD, while their parents are in the process of transferring and moving to Texas. The Meredith's enjoyed visiting other family members while here, including his brothers and families, Yancy, Daphne and Parker Meredith and Randy and Holly Meredith and John; and sisters and families, Sherry, Tony and Shea Rose and Carla and Jim Meador.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

Good Old Days was when a clothes dryer repair was a knot in the clothes line!

### HEART SURGERY

Tom Ross had replacement pace maker heart surgery Wednesday morning, September 6, at the Heart Hospital in Lubbock. With him during surgery and hospitalization was his wife, Aleda and daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock.

### ATTEND WEDDING

Wilburn Martin visited the weekend in Borger with daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. He and Marilee attended the wedding ceremony of Wade Arrington and Melonie Montaigne at 5 p.m. Saturday held at the First Presbyterian Church in Canadian. The reception was held at the Arrington ranch. Wade is the son of Mike and Debbie Clay Arrington of Canadian.

Other relatives attending were Mrs. Eugenia Barton and Mrs. Dixie Campbell of Matador; Mrs. Marisue Potts Powell of Mott Creek Ranch; Nita and Ervin Merritt of Granbury; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay and children of Panhandle; Mr. and Mrs. Kevon Kleibrink of Clifton; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, Mrs. Julie Edwards and children and Wade's grandparents, Waydette and Ronald Clay of Flomot.

### WEEKEND WEATHER REPORT

Wilson Barton, east of Highway 70, reported 6.10 inches of rain; Dude Barton, east of Flomot, 5.10; Lawrence Allen, in Whiteflat, 3.30; and Wilburn Martin, west of Flomot, 4.20 inches. Still having a slow, saturating rain Monday morning.

Labor Day holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Cruse were daughter and family, Regina and Chad Stewart, Allison, Quaid and Macy of Goldthwaite. Morris and Lou Degan of Medicine Mound visited his mother, Mrs. Leona Degan, Saturday.

Visiting during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert were Gwen and Tim Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Keane Cruse and daughter, Reese of Turkey visited his family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell

Cruse and Derrick Cruse, Sunday. Visiting the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were Anissa Huckert, Cary Franks, Amy and Cory Franks, Hudson and Madison of Lubbock and Cara Franks of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and Danielle joined their son and brother, Fannin and his Valley football teammates in Hico Saturday afternoon to compete against the Calvert football team. Valley won, 36-34.

Billy Don Hughes of Lubbock, Bengie Hughes of Royce City and Rickey Hughes and daughter, Kendall of Floydada visited during the holidays with their parents, Janice and Butch Hughes.

Ruth and Orville Lee enjoyed the Jamboree in Turkey Saturday night. They missed the talent of Pat Seigler of Matador who was unable to attend as he is recovering from recent extensive heart surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall and son, Tim Kendall visited the holidays in Midland with other son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancy and Connor.

Mrs. Judy Stark of Brady visited from Monday until Friday of last week with Kathy and Clois Shorter. She painted the inside of the Community Center in Flomot. Visiting Kathy and Clois Sunday and Monday were daughter and family, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg.

Johnie Starkey attended the Windmill Energy Symposium held in Lubbock, Thursday.

Mrs. Judy Rhodes of Cypress arrived Thursday and visited until Tuesday with her father, Everett Shorter and in Lockney Nursing Home with her mother, Mrs. Alma Shorter. She also visited brother and wife, Clois and Kathy Shorter.

Visitors of Tom Ross at the Lockney Nursing Home and wife, Aleda during the week were B.T. O'Connell of Denton and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Taylor of Clovis, N.M. besides many local visitors.

Visiting during the holiday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were children and families, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Tyler and Karlee of Clifton, Larry Clay, Sarah and Tanner of Panhandle.

Loretta and Harry Race of Dover, Arkansas, visited Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton, Monday.

## Matador News

Mrs. Geraldine Key was a patient in the Childress Regional Medical Center from Aug. 16-30 following a fall from her back porch. She suffered a laceration on her head and two broken vertebrae in her lower back.

Mrs. Frances Welling and son, Quintin of Midlothian accompanied her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Meador to her home in Matador and visited here during the Labor Day holidays. Friends visited and called her and were thankful she was able to return home for a short visit from her chemo treatments.

Visiting the last three weeks with Mrs. Faye Slover is her sister, Mrs. Evelyn McPherson of Crawley, Louisiana. They visited this week in Wichita Falls with Mrs. Slover's granddaughter, Lisha and husband.

Stan Ruda who is stationed at the U.S. Air Force Base in Wichita Falls.

Billy Paul and Betty Simpson, daughter and family, Tanya and Warren Multer and Katy of Garden City, enjoyed Labor Day holidays at Possum Kingdom Lake. Betty reported Northfield, had 2 1/2 inches of rain during their absence.

## Fall training for Nursing Home volunteers to begin soon

South Plains Association of Governments' Area Agency on Aging will hold an orientation on Saturday, September 23rd for nursing home volunteer advocates. The special session will be from 1 pm until 4 pm at 1323-58th St. in Lubbock. Individuals must be willing to attend several classes of comprehensive training in a three-month period. Training emphasis is on advocacy for long-term care residents; advocates will learn the importance for quality of care and life through a program called the Ombudsman. Volunteers must commit to weekly visits and submit monthly reports. All volunteers will receive liability insurance coverage; also, mileage reimbursement is available for anyone traveling from out of town for trainings. Volunteers are especially needed at several nursing facilities in twelve surrounding counties of the region as well as in Lubbock. Special training sessions will be scheduled in communities throughout the year. If you are interested in beginning earlier prior to the orientation session, you can request one-on-one training.

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