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Matador City Council meets Residents voice concerns about school traffic problems

Matador residents, Don and Colleen Baxter and Zacha Guerrero, addressed the Matador City Council about a traffic concern in front of the School on Bundy Street, when Council met for their regular meeting, September 11. The Baxters and Mrs. Guerrero expressed concern about the school blocking traffic at the intersection of Bundy and Burleson forcing traffic to turn east on to Burleson. This is causing safety concerns for both the children and the parents when picking up their children after school.

Councilman Chuck Ream, on behalf of Motley County ISD, explained that the only motivation for blocking the traffic was to separate the buses and the pick-up line to prevent accidents and to aid in the children's safety.

Mayor Pro-Tem, Fred Parson, will contact Texas Department of Transportation and re-

quest a traffic engineer to evaluate the situation. The Council will not make a formal decision on this matter until Mr. Parson meets with the TxDOT engineer.

In other business, minutes from the last meeting, held August 14, were read and corrected to say that sewer will not be available, excluding the phrase "at this time." The minutes were approved as amended.

After a review of the list of expenditures it was decided to postpone approval until the next meeting, which will be held tonight, September 18.

A motion to set the Franchise for Caprock TV at 5% was made and passed.

Council accepted the Ordinance for Caprock TV to operate and maintain a Cable Television System in Matador.

The Council appointed Chuck Ream to the Appraisal

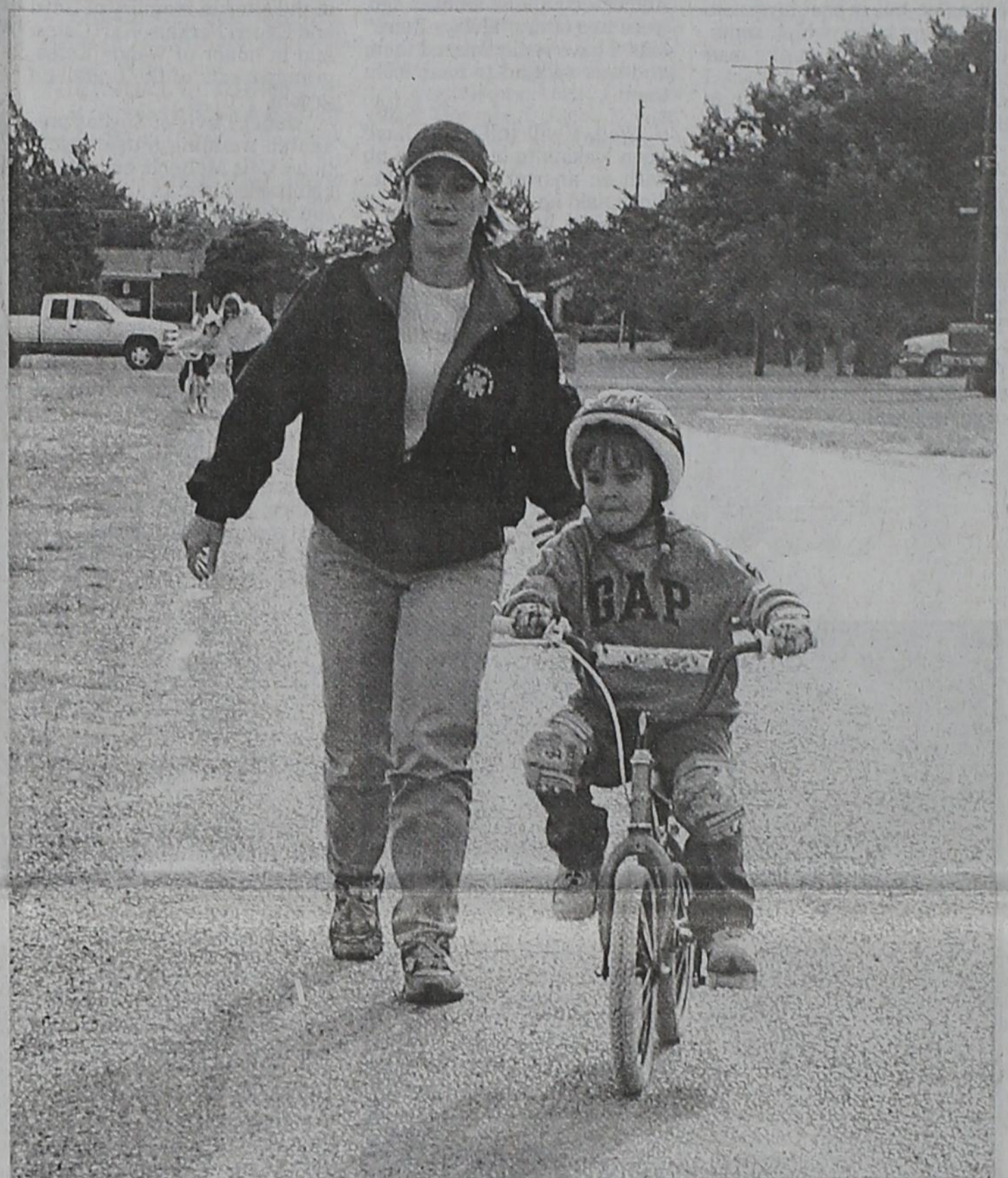
District Board.

The Nursing Home Committees Board of Directors has approved plans from Architect Paul Rheinlander of Austin. Pre-application for funding will be submitted to Rural Development prior to October 1, 2003.

Steve Barton, Water Superintendent, reported that the new water line west of town, being placed to supply City water to the Hamilton's, Cox's and the Lancaster's, has progressed about 300 of the necessary 3000 feet. He is pleased with the progress.

The Council entered closed session at 8:20 and exited at 8:28.

Council members present for this meeting were Mayor Pro-Tem Fred Parson, Shane Jones, Bert Darsey, Chuck Ream, and Jim Watson; and Water Superintendent Steve Barton.



A LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT — Mattie Brooks got a little encouragement from Mom, Tina Brooks, when she rode during last Saturday's Bike-A-Thon. The event, directed by Judy Cooper of Matador, is a fund-raiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Several parents volunteered to help with the event, which was deemed a success. See more pictures on page 5.

(contributed photo by Brenda Ferguson)

Comptroller Strayhorn distributes \$306 million in September tax rebates

Cities and Counties gain, State loses revenue

(Austin) — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn delivered \$306 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts last Friday, September 12. Payments showed a 1 percent increase compared to September 2002. So far this calendar year, local sales tax rebates are down 0.5 percent compared to the same period in 2002. September's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in July and reported to the Comptroller in August.

The state's share of sales tax reported in August was \$1.32 billion, down 0.5 percent compared to a year ago. When the state's 2003 fiscal year ended August 31, general revenue-related sales tax collections totaled \$14.2 billion, down 1.7 percent compared to FY 02 — an unprecedented second con-

secutive year of decline in the state's most important revenue source.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent September sales tax rebates of \$208.9 million to Texas cities, up 2.5 percent compared to September 2002. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax rebates are running 0.7 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received September sales tax rebates of \$18.4 million, up to 5.9 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 0.8 percent higher than last year.

Another \$8 million went to 80 special purpose taxing districts around the state, a drop of 1.4 percent compared to a year ago. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to special purpose districts are up 1.3 percent compared to 2002. Texas' six metropolitan transit

authorities and two city transit systems received \$70.5 million in September sales tax rebates, down 4.2 percent compared to a year ago. Year to date, transit sales tax revenues are down 4.1 percent.

Matador, with a current rate of 2.00, received a net payment of \$4,027.92, compared to \$2,152.98 at this time last year, a 87.08% change. Total 2003 payments to date are \$28,238.10, compared to \$22,295.37 at this time last year, a 26.65% change.

Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 2.00, received a net payment of \$6,269.42, compared to \$2,777.65 last year, a 125.70% change. Total payments to date for 2003 are \$26,198.66, compared to \$21,329.98 last year, a 22.82% change.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Oct. 10.

Motley County graduate found guilty of manslaughter

Note: Information for this article is from *The Texas Spur*, September 18.

A 1981 Motley County High School graduate, Stephen Zarate, 40, of Dickens was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to 20 years in prison and fined \$10,000 for his alleged role in the 2001 death of Martin Garcia, Jr. of Lubbock.

The trial was held September 9-11 at the Dickens County Courthouse.

Garcia, 46, a native of Dickens County and a Spur High School graduate, was found dead June 30, 2001, at the entrance of the Garcia Ranch located just off FM 836 northwest of Spur. Garcia's daughter and son-in-law, Melissa Garcia and Jesse Contreras, found him about 12:15 a.m. after responding to a call from Garcia's wife saying that Garcia had not ar-

rived back home in Lubbock. The couple, also Lubbock residents, drove the ranch where they found Garcia laying face-down between the ranch gate and the highway.

Melissa Garcia and Jesse Contreras both testified on the first day of the trial. Contreras testified that he rolled his father-in-law onto his back and saw what he thought was blood. The couple flagged down a passerby, and loaded Martin Garcia into the couple's pickup. Ms. Garcia testified that after finding her father's body, she took her father to Crosbyton Clinic Hospital while her husband followed in Martin Garcia's truck. Garcia was declared dead on arrival at the hospital. He had been shot in the chest from a .223-caliber rifle.

Defense Attorney Patrick S. Metzke of Lubbock, in cross-examination, focused on details of

the crime scene as Melissa Garcia and Contreras remembered them and clarified a few details.

Metzke, in the second day of the trial, called no witnesses, but said, in closing arguments, that Garcia's death was accidental and said Zarate had acted in self-defense.

Jurors deliberated approximately 5 1/2 hours before finding Zarate guilty of manslaughter. He could have been found guilty of murder.

Jurors returned to the courthouse on Thursday, September 11, for the sentencing phase of the trial. The defense asked for leniency and requested Zarate be given probation. Zarate had no prior convictions.

The jury deliberated about three hours before giving Zarate the maximum sentence.

Motley County Commissioners meet in regular session

Motley County Commissioners Court met for their regular meeting, Monday, September 8. Commissioners Ronnie Davis, precinct 1; Donnie Turner, precinct 2; Franklin Jameson, precinct 3; Russell Alexander, precinct 4; County Judge Ed D. Smith, and County Clerk Kate Hurt were in attendance.

Minutes were read and approved from the previous meeting. Outstanding bills were reviewed and approved. Reports by the Treasurer, Tax Collector, County Agent, Justice of the

Peace, Library and County/District Clerk were read. After a lengthy discussion concerning the Treasurer's report, Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve all reports, seconded by Commissioner Alexander. Commissioners Turner and Jameson voted against. Commissioners Davis and Alexander and Judge Smith voted for approval. The motion passed. The Court requested that the Treasurer is to request or report to the Court before transfers of any monies are con-

ducted.

Elected official salary increases for the 2003-2004 budget were discussed.

The Court discussed the Justice of the Peace Technology fund. This issue concerns whether the money in the fund should be under the control of the J.P. or should be turned over the Treasurer who is custodian of all other county funds. The matter was tabled pending further legal research.

Matadors get big win over Guthrie

Game called early in 4th quarter

by Amanda Hurt

The Matadors had another very exciting game Friday night, September 19. The final score of the game was 54-8. The game was called early in the fourth quarter due to the 45-point 6-Man rule.

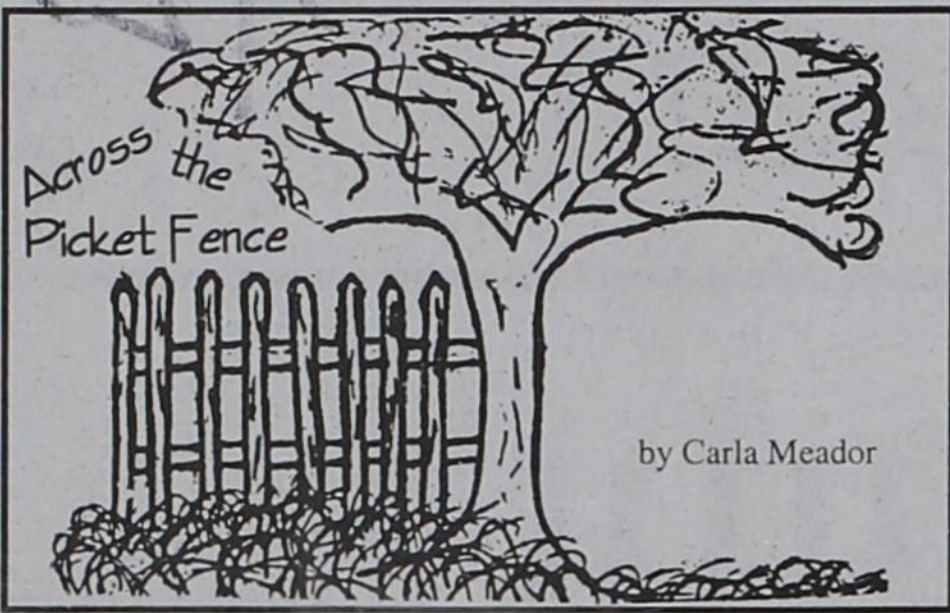
The Matadors rushed for 230 total yards and 304 total offense

yards. Leading rushers for the game were Seagram Sims with 85 yards; Lorenzo Salazar and Kenny Johannes with 50 yards each.

Seagram Sims led in touchdowns with 24 points; Lorenzo Salazar scored 12 points; Quinten Rose and Kenny Johannes each added six. Levi

Buckner led the defense with 5 unassisted tackles. Seagram Sims wasn't far behind with 4.

Congratulations to the Matadors on another big win! The Matadors will face the Meadow Broncos, there, Friday night, September 26. Everyone come out and support the Mighty Matadors!



Perkins - White united in matrimony

Jessica Perkins and Danny White were united in matrimony at the Calvary Baptist Church in Snyder on July 19, 2003, at 6:00 in the evening. Larry McAden, pastor of the church, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Jessica is the daughter of Jesse and Caron Perkins of Snyder and the granddaughter of Matador residents Sonny and Dorothy Russell and the late Boyd and Eileen Perkins. Danny is the son of Pam White of San Marcos and Darryl and Rhonda White, also of San Marcos.

The sanctuary of the church was set with Grecian columns draped in tulle and were entwined with greenery and white wisteria. Silver candelabras with taper candles enhanced the sanctuary with soft lighting. Pews were marked with tulle bows and silver and glass hurricane lanterns.

Arrangements of fresh flowers were placed on either side of the altar in memory of Boyd and Eileen Perkins, Karl Cates, and in honor of Wanda Cates, grandparents of the bride and groom.

Janet Davis of Snyder presented wedding music selections. Cole McLeod, pianist, accompanied her. As a prelude to the service, Ms. Davis sang "This Day." The "Wedding Song/ There is Love" was sung during the lighting of the unity candle.

Jessica was presented for marriage by her parents, Jesse and Caron Perkins. The bridal procession was "Canon in D." The bride's father escorted her into the service.

Her designer gown was a white satin A-line, strapless dress with a beaded lace empire bodice, and apron back and a lace and bead-studded tulle tiana. For something old she carried a handkerchief which be-

longs to the groom's maternal grandmother; something borrowed were diamond earrings from the bride's maternal grandmother; something new was the wedding gown; and something blue was a bracelet given to her by the groom when they first started dating. She carried a bouquet of Black Magic Roses accented with stephanotis and wrapped in white ribbon.

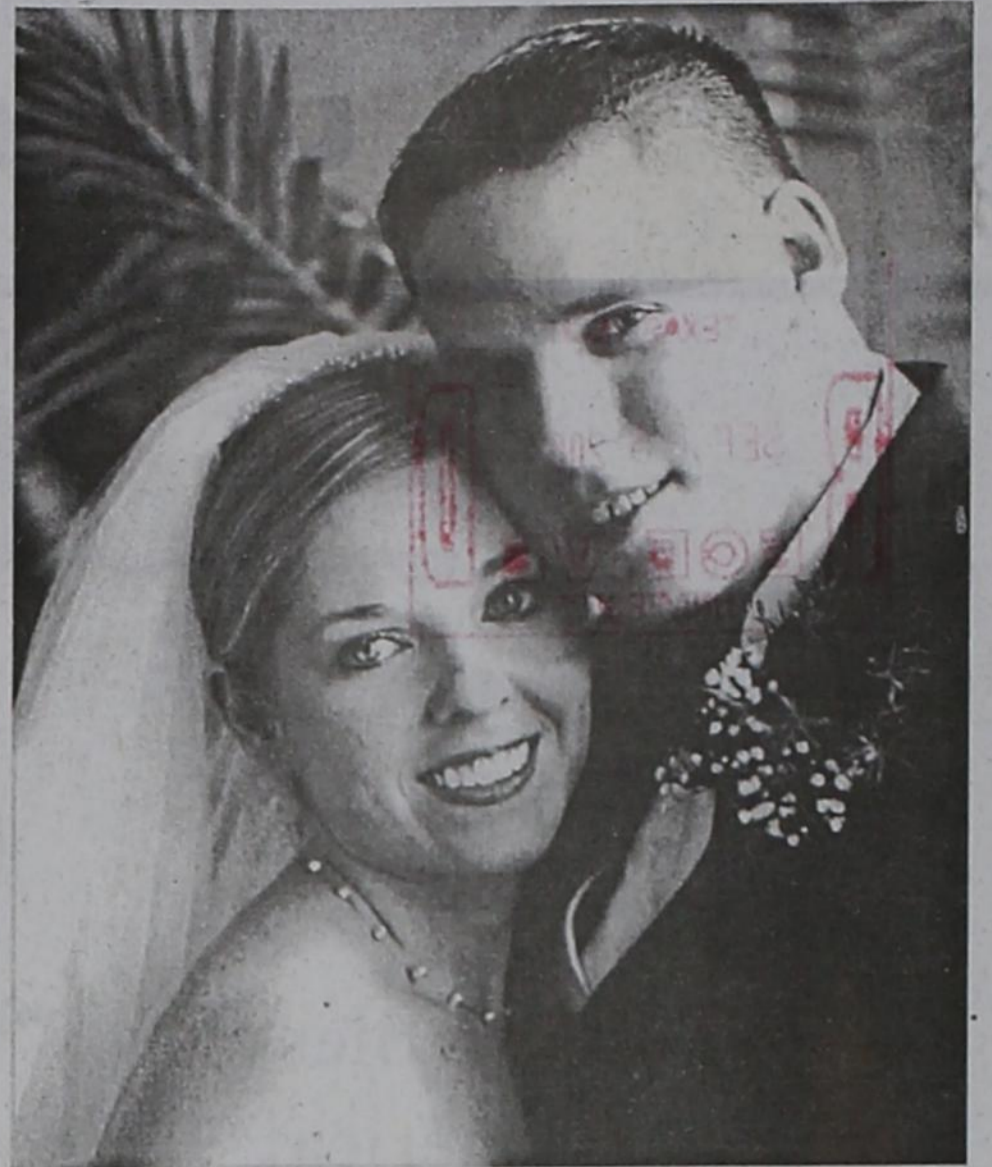
Attending the bride as Maid of Honor was Lara Hicks, cousin of the bride, of Bryan. Matron of Honor was Julie Monzingo, friend, from The Woodlands. Bridesmaids were Kelli White, groom's sister of San Marcos, Cara McLeod of Arlington, and Amanda Powers of DeSoto. Attendants wore two-piece strapless gowns of burgundy satin. They carried a bouquet of flowers that matched the bride's bouquet.

Preceding the bride into the sanctuary was Haley White, flower girl, and sister of the groom. Ring bearer was Jacob Hicks, cousin of the bride.

The groom wore a black Perry Ellis tuxedo with a white vest and tie. Best man was Charlie Neff of San Marcos. Groomsmen were Chad Bartling of San Marcos, Chris Fink of San Marcos, John Lacy of Bryan and Russell Wier of San Marcos. Ushers included Jeremy Perkins, brother of the bride, of Bryan, Luke Roy, cousin of the bride, of Lubbock, Doug Barth of San Marcos, and Chris Herpin of Ft. Worth. Groomsmen wore black tuxedos with a burgundy vest and tie. The ushers wore black tuxedos, black vests and ties.

After the ceremony, the couple exited the sanctuary to the Aggie War Hymn.

Jacy Hicks, Shane'a Russell, cousins of the bride, and Megan Miller of El Paso,



Mr. and Mrs. Danny White (nee Jessica Perkins)

greeted guests as they signed the bridal book and the border of the engagement picture.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall. Tables were set with white cloths centered with rose topiaries. The bride's cake was on a lighted glass pedestal and was centered on a round table covered with a white cloth. The cake was a white chocolate confection with raspberry filling.

On the groom's table was a Black Russian cake featuring the seal from Texas A&M. Serving in the house party were cousins of the bride, Kim Hicks of Cedar Park and Kim Hicks of San Antonio. A buffet table of assorted finger foods was available for guests. Dana Perkins, sister-in-law of the bride, designed the buffet table.

Jack Greene, Sr. drove the couple from the church in a 1930 Model A Ford Sedan.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Honolulu, Hawaii.

They make their home in Plano, Texas.

The bride graduated from Snyder High School in 1997 and from Texas A&M University in May of 2002, with a degree in Community Health. She is employed by Region 10 Education Service Center as a Lead Health Services Specialist for Early Head Start.

The groom graduated from San Marcos High School in 1998 and Texas A&M University in May of 2003, with a degree in Political Science. He is currently working for Sourcecorp as a Technical Support Specialist.

The parents of the groom hosted a rehearsal dinner the evening before the wedding at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

The bride was honored with a brunch the morning of the wedding at The Eatery. Her aunts, Marilyn Hicks, Linda Roy and D'Anna Russell hosted the event.

Oh, the joy of Fall is in the air. I have been anticipating the Fall weather. I love the crispness in the air and the cooler temperatures. It won't be long until the leaves will change and the colors of Summer will turn into the beautiful hues of Fall. At this time of the year I always dream of a trip to the New England states. I have always wanted to go to Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire and see the beautiful colors of Fall first hand. That trip will be one of the first things on my list when I hit it rich.

Do you have one of those lists? You know the "when I get rich" list. I think most of us do. Not that I actually have written out a list, but in the daydream part of my mind, which sometimes seems to be taking over the biggest part of my brain, I store all those things I plan to do "someday."

Actually, my "someday" lists is growing as I get older. It is becoming one of things I need to do, more so than things I want to do. Such as cleaning my house, painting the trim, weeding the flower beds and preparing them for Winter, and etc., etc. The list of things I need to do could go on and on forever! Frankly, I would rather think of the neat and fun things I want to do. Wouldn't you?

One of the jobs I love most in my week, is that of the children's Sunday School teacher at my Church. I love those kids. Each one is so special and so curious to know about God and His creation. They have so many questions. Some I can answer and some I can't and have to study the scriptures and try to find an answer.

One of those questions came to me this past Saturday night, when two of my SS kids called from their new home in Arkansas to ask, "Why did God make mosquitoes?" Well, that one stumped me. Stormy and Noah Guerrero, who moved with their Mom, Dad and little sister, Addie, a couple of months ago, were two of my "always there" kids. I have really missed them and was so glad to hear from them.

Well, I will tell you I have been looking to try to come up with an answer for that one. Noah said he thought it was so that frogs would have something to eat. But then he went on to say, "but, frogs eat flies." I explained that, like we want steak sometimes and chicken sometimes, frogs also want variety in their diets.

It's those questions that keep you on your toes. Do you know why God made mosquitos?



Mrs. Allen Joseph Hoelscher (nee Shahala Marricle)

Marricle - Hoelscher exchange wedding vows

Shahala Renee Marricle and Allen Joseph Hoelscher, both of Lubbock, were united in marriage at 2:30 p.m., July 26, in the Christ the King Cathedral, Fr. Gene Driscoll of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Lubbock officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Bennie and Charla Marricle of Snyder and the groom's parents are Leroy and Valeria Hoelscher of Garden City.

Double-ring vows were exchanged in the church decorated with two candelabras enhanced with greenery and silver bows flanked by two silver vases holding pink roses, purple castia, blue iris, purple larkspur and pink wax flowers.

The unity candle was decorated with greenery and a silver bow. Silver bows also marked the pews.

Candlelighters were sisters of the groom, Carol Batla and Dana Inmel.

Cindy Nix of Snyder was vocalist. Organ music included, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and Nix sang "Wind Beneath My Wings" during the seating of grandparents including Marihelen Wason of Matador and Tommy and Tavia Marricle of Snyder. "Canon in D" was played on the organ during the procession and "Trumpet Voluntary" during the presentation of the bride. "Let It Be Me" was sung during the lighting of the unity candle.

Her father gave the bride in marriage as she was attired in a satin A-line dress by Michaelangelo featuring Crystal beaded embroidery and crystal beaded straps. Her cathedral-length veil was adorned with small white pearls.

The bride carried a bouquet of white roses tied together with white satin ribbon and holding pennies minted in the birth years of the bride's and groom's birth.

In keeping with tradition, something old and something borrowed was a pair of diamond earrings belonging to the bride's grandmother, Marihelen Wason. Something new was her wedding gown. Something blue was her garter made by the groom's mother, Valeria

Hoelscher.

Maid of honor was Kaycee Marricle, sister of the bride of Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Courtney Wilson, Leah Cruse and Erin Hirt.

The attendants wore two-piece, periwinkle satin dresses and each carried an assortment of blue, purple and pink flowers.

Nieces of the groom, Brooklyn Batla and Harlea Hoelscher were flower girls. Bryson Batla and Dalton Wason were ring bearers.

Douglas Hoelscher, brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen included Michael Jones, Dennis Haar, Cary Franks. Ushers were Keane Cruse, Colby Hirt and Roger Kalina.

Male attire was After Six black tuxedos and black shoes.

Lectors were Marianne Hirt, sister of the groom, and Krishna Hoelscher, sister-in-law of the groom. Registering guests were Abby Hoelscher, Cassie Hirt, Katilyn Immel and Cory Immel. The registry table held a special flower arrangement in memory of Billy Wason, grandfather of the bride, Mat and Mary Kalina and Walter and Mary Hoelscher, grandparents of the groom.

The reception, dinner and dance, was held at the Science Spectrum. The white wedding cake was decorated with fresh flowers. Serving were Cassie Hawkins and Colleen Sizemore.

The groom's table featured a chocolate cake with the Texas Tech seal on top and was surrounded by chocolate-covered strawberries and a coffee service. Sarah Kalina and Jodi Kalina, cousins of the groom, served.

Their honeymoon trip was to Playa del Carmen, Mexico. They reside in Lubbock where the groom is employed by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School and 2000 graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture and applied economics. The groom, a 1991 graduate of Garden City High School, also received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture economics from Texas Tech in 1995.

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The account reveals that both Enoch and Noah "walked with God" while they were upon this earth. They were both saved by extraordinary means. Enoch never tasted of death and Noah was saved from the floodwaters that ended the lives of that early civilization.

Much is required from a person who walks with God. Walking does not involve one giant leap, but it does involve quite a few steps. Each day we choose to take steps. Each decision we make determines whether or not we are walking with God.

Let's not get ourselves caught standing still. Why not learn to spend some time walking with God? Read your Bible and find out what His hopes and desires are for you. Our God is truly a faithful God. Make your decision to walk with Him.

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Motley County Matador, #3 Seagram Sims carries the ball, while Clay Cooper, #7, and Quinten Rose, #80, block the Guthrie Jaguars during last Friday night's game. The Matadors defeated the Jaguars 54-8. See related story on page 1.

(photo by Walter Taylor)

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Greenbelt District FFA meeting hosted by MCISD

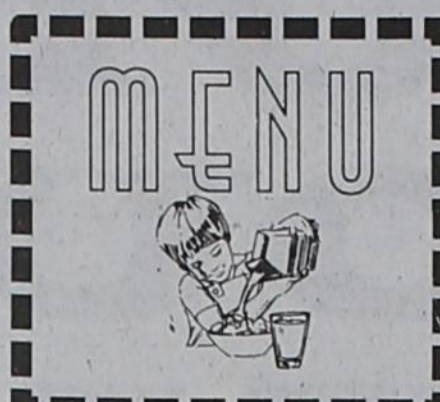
Motley County FFA Chapter hosted a meeting of the Greenbelt District FFA in the school gymnasium on Sept. 9th. Approximately 100 FFA members and advisors attended the meeting. Students and teachers representing Spur, Guthrie, Paducah, Valley, Silvertown, Childress, Patton Springs,

Memphis, Wellington, Shamrock, Hedley, McClain, Claude, Clarendon, Samnorwood, and Motley County were present. District officers performed the opening ceremony and then presented a program for the students about the importance of leadership in the local chapters. Several activities were per-

formed that involved all of the students and helped them get acquainted with students from other schools. Cody Cooper of the Motley County Chapter is the Greenbelt District Treasurer for 2003-2004.

FFA Advisors attending the meeting discussed the Quality Assurance program that emphasizes helping students learn and understand the importance of using proper livestock management practices in their youth livestock programs so that food quality and safety are preserved. The Quality Assurance program that is being presented to all exhibitors of livestock in the state of Texas also emphasized the responsibility of each exhibitor to learn and demonstrate the highest standards, both in personal character and in the feeding and care of their animals.

After refreshments were served in the cafeteria courtesy of David Harris, Fresh County Fundraising representative, and Judy Cooper, wife of Motley County FFA Advisor Jim Cooper, the meeting was adjourned.



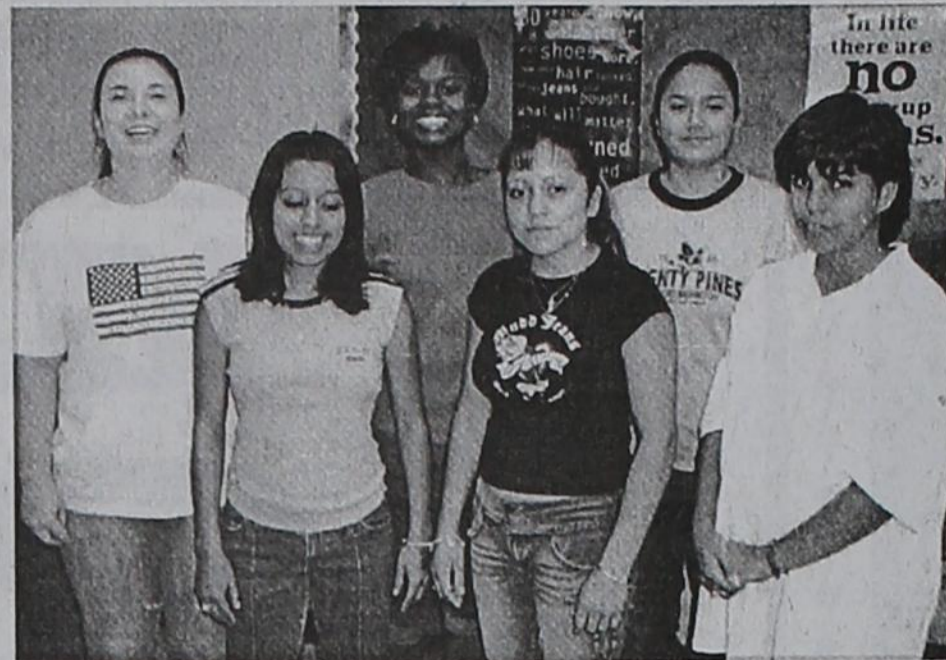
MONDAY, SEPT. 29
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Potato Chips, Apple Cobbler, Milk.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30
Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Bean/Beef Burrito, Spanish rice, Salad, Crackers, Fruit, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2
Breakfast: Pancake, Sausage, Syrup, or Cereal, Toast, Milk, Juice.
Lunch: Baked Ham, Black-eyed Peas, Fried Okra, Corn, Bread, Chocolate Pudding, Milk.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3
Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Frito Pie, Salad, Crackers, Fruit, Milk.



Motley County FCCLA members attending the area Leadership workshop hosted by the local chapter, are pictured left to right, Ashlee Green, Angelica Mendoza, Chicagra Brown, Griselda Flores, Ashley Fonseca and Natasha Ramirez.

Motley County FCA hosts area workshop

Over one hundred FCCLA, State and Regional Officers, and advisors from Motley County, Paducah, Valley, Guthrie, Meadow, Quanah, Chillicothe, Spur, and New Deal were in attendance for the 7th Annual FCCLA Leadership Workshop on September 16th. FCCLA State President, Jacob Tucker, welcomed the area members and lead the workshop activities.

The energetic FCCLA members participated in "mini-workshop" sessions to enhance communication skills, team building, and to learn more about the FCCLA organization. The mem-

bers also received awards for their participation in the Leadership Enhancement Opportunities.

Motley County Members attending the FCCLA Leadership Workshop were Natasha Ramirez, Ashlee Green, Ashley Fonseca, Chicagra Brown, Griselda Flores, Angelica Mendoza, and Advisor, Jan Jones.

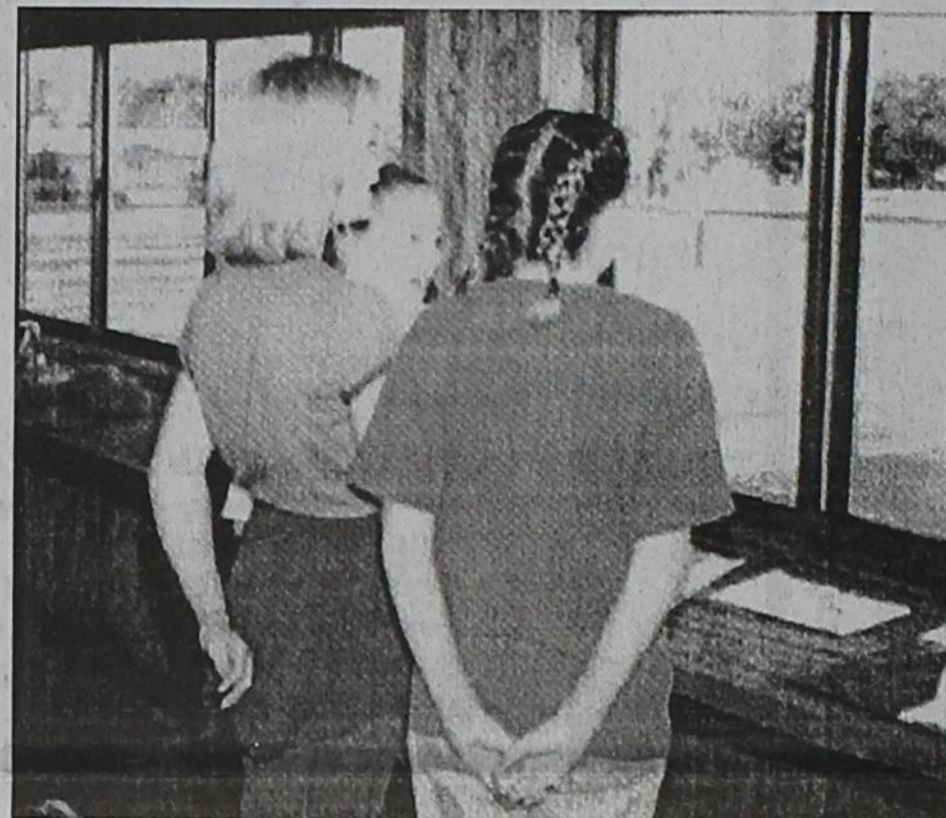
The FCCLA Leadership Workshop was a great opportunity for members to network with area members and officers and to continue to develop leadership skills.

MCISD to hold Open House

There will be a community meeting for Title I and Voyager Reading at the Motley County ISD school building on Tuesday, September 30, 2003. The meeting will be in the gymnasium area and will start at 5:30. Important information for parents concerning these two programs will be presented.

Immediately after the meetings, an Open House will be held. Each teacher will have report card to distribute to parents.

On Friday, October 3, 2003, school will be dismissed at 1:30. Buses will run at that time. Everyone is reminded of the varsity football game that will be played in New Home on the 3rd. The game starts at 7:30.



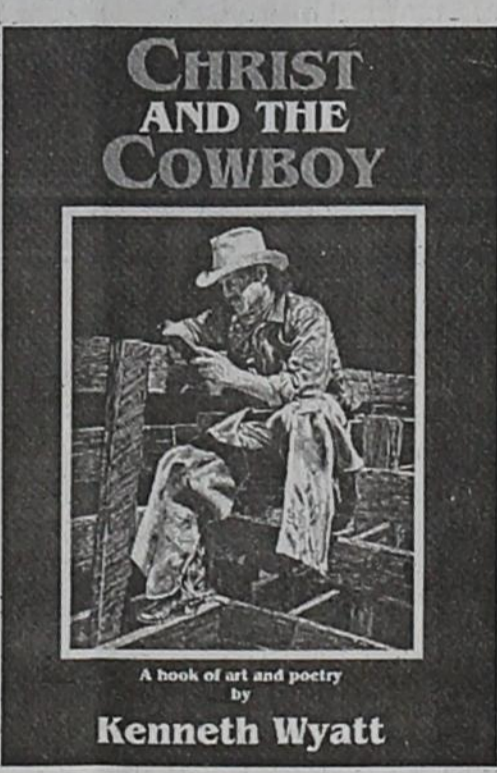
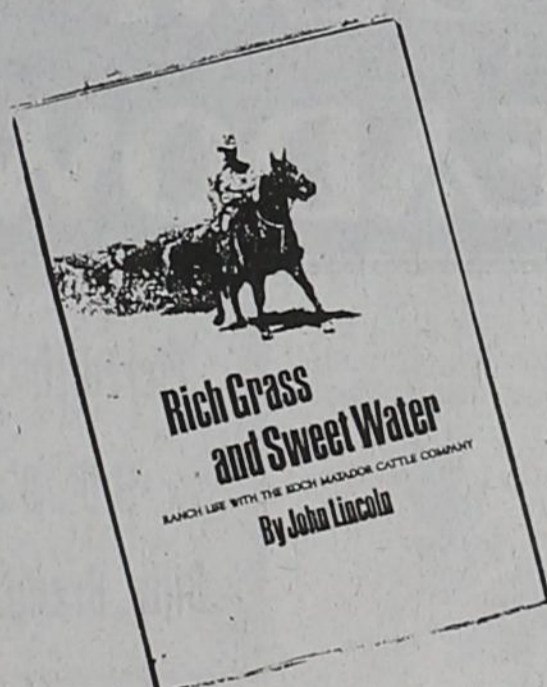
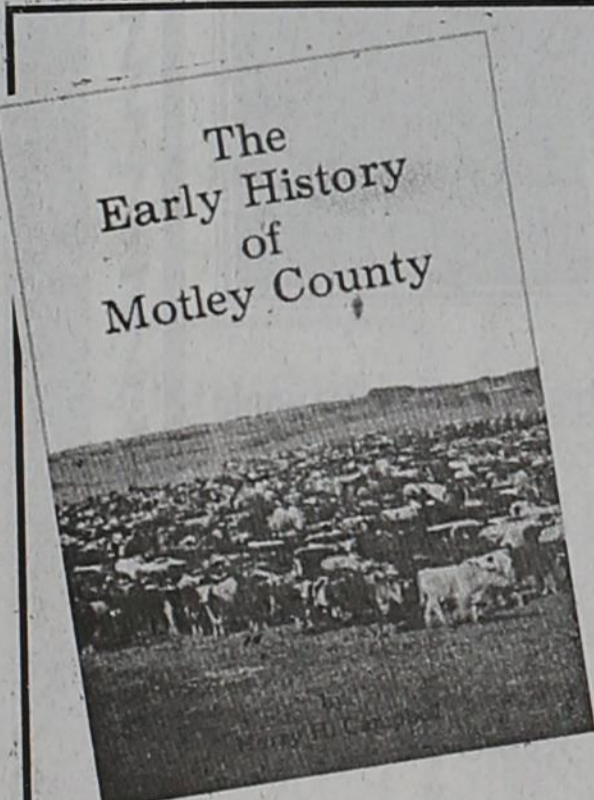
NATIONAL ANTHEM — Shane'a Russell, Kaleigh Kerns and Courtney Alexander are pictured here singing the National Anthem, Friday, September 12, when a new tradition kicked-off at home Varsity Football games. Tryouts were held at school and this group of girls were only one of the groups chosen to sing. Others included Ky Christopher, Chris Saenz and Tim Ward as one group, and Courtney Montezuma, Chase Buckner and Cody Martin in the third group. The trios will take turns singing at the games and various functions.

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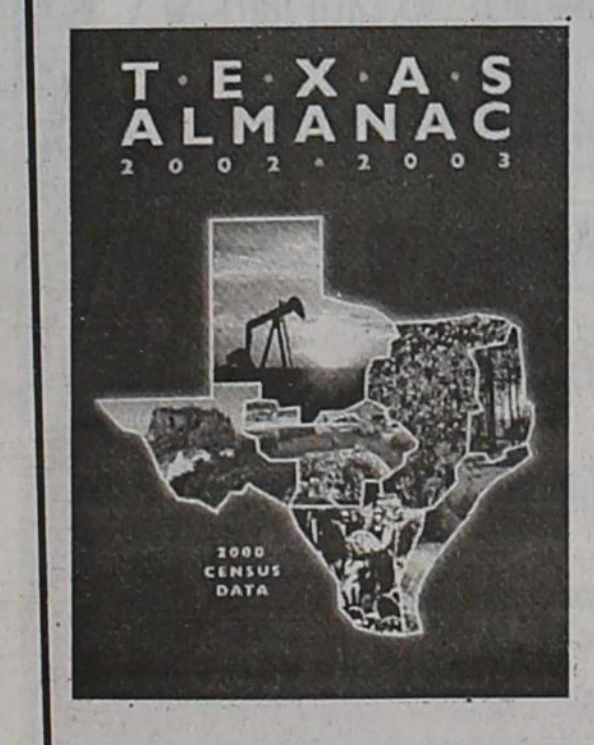
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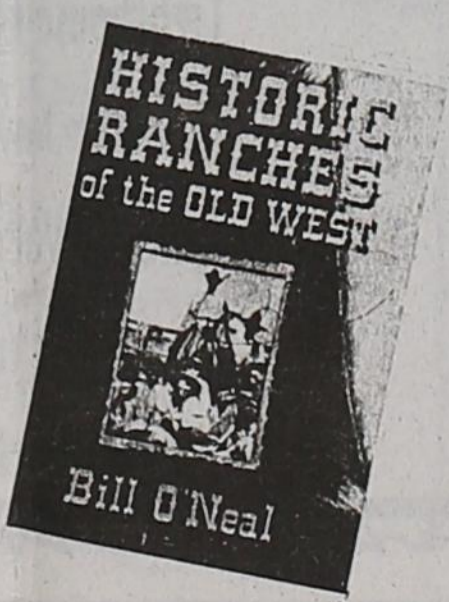
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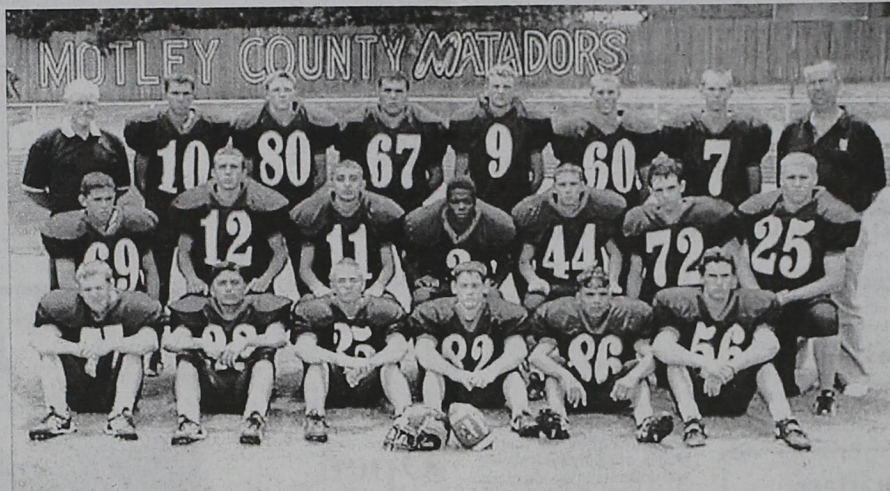


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MOTLEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS — Charli Ream, Angie Marvel, Mandi Ream (back l-r); Emily Hurt, Amanda Hurt, Mascot, and Kittie Campbell (middle); in front is Sabrina Osborn.

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2003-2004 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE			
Date:	Opponent:	Site:	Time:
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September 19	Guthrie	Here	7:30
September 26	Meadow	There	7:30
October 3	New Home	There	7:30
District			
October 10	Patton Springs	There	7:30
HC * October 18 **	Happy (Saturday)	Here	5:00
October 24	Hedley	There	7:30
November 1	Silverton (Saturday)	There	5:00
November 7	Valley	Here	7:30

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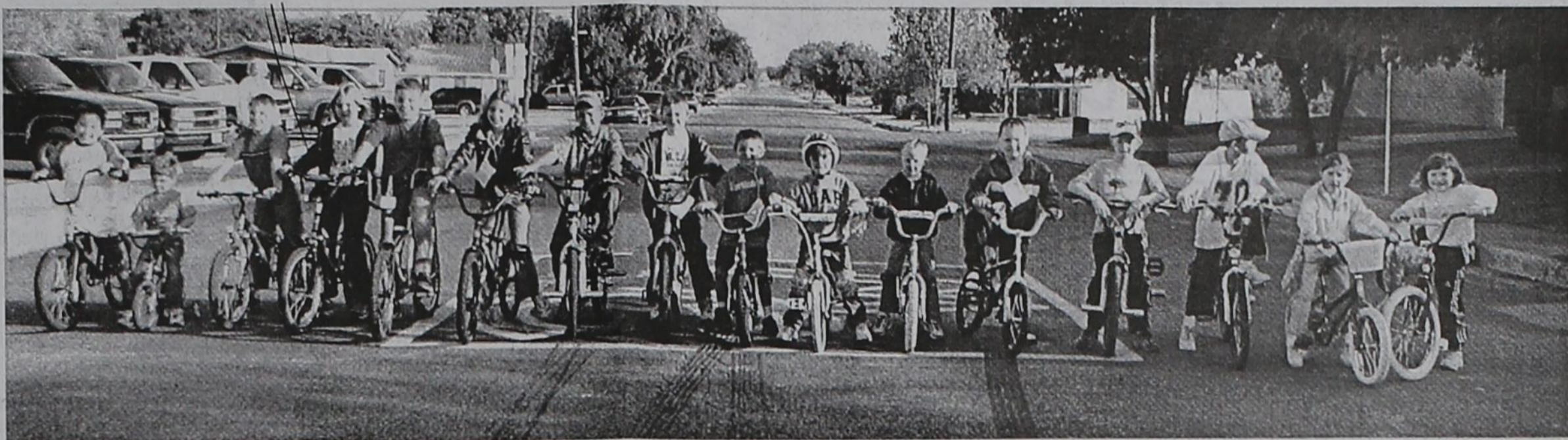
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- Rodney & Glenda Williams

Bike-a-Thon Riders

The kids pictured at right participated in the St. Jude's Bike-A-Thon held Saturday morning, Sept. 20. They are pictured left to right, Dominique Quilimaco, Grant Potts, Neal Potts, Sarah Ferguson, Jay Potts, Alyx Smith, Jonathon Osborn, Seth Baxter, Bryant Taylor, Mattie Brooks, Shelby Elliott, Logan Ferguson, Reagan Elliott, Christian Brooks, Meagan Ford and Cassidy Turner.

(contributed photo by Brenda Ferguson)



GIRL SCOUT TRIP — Local Girl Scout Troop 356 was treated to a trip to Lubbock recently for their work during this year's cookie sales. The group spent the night in Lubbock and were treated to a pizza meal at Mr. Gatti's and a trip to Joyland Amusement park. They also visited "The Healing Field," where they are pictured above, left to right, Kyla Simpson, Sarah Ferguson, Mercedes Saenz, and Leanne Jameson, with leaders Tammy Simpson and Lyndee Jameson. Not pictured is another leader, Brenda Ferguson.

MOTLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS

by Pennie Pipkin, President



The Motley County Chamber of Commerce has two positive announcements to make. First, after all the bills have been paid, we find that we have broken even on our Annual Banquet this year. This is very important for the continuation of a yearly banquet because for most of the past banquets, costs have exceeded revenues.

The second piece of good news is that with the proceeds from the sale of "The 2 Heptacs" C.D.'s, the Chamber is able to purchase 15 new banquet tables to be donated to the City and stored in the Fire House. No longer will we have to struggle with the 10-ton, antiquated, broken down tables of the past. The new, lighter weight ones will be available for community functions and can be reserved by calling the Chamber or the City.

The Chamber would like to thank Mr. Pat Groves of Los Al-

tos, California, for donating his time, expertise and money to record the extraordinary reunion of Mike Groves and Gerald Pipkin, playing piano and saxophone, and providing the C.D.'s as a fund-raiser for the Chamber of Commerce.

We understand that Pat is willing to produce a "third printing" for those who would still like to purchase a \$15.00 C.D. It is a terrific and unique recording - just ask anyone who has already bought one. A waiting list has been started so please call the Chamber Office to put your name down.

Again, our thanks to Pat for his technical skill and generosity; to his late brother, Mike, whose extraordinary talent will live in our hearts and memory; and to Gerald Pipkin who continues to contribute to our community with his God-given talent on the keyboard, piano and sax.



Jonathon Osborn rode the most miles during last Saturday's Bike-A-Thon. Jonathon rode 11 1/2 miles.

(contributed photo by Brenda Ferguson)



Randy Martin and Shawn Elliott, local TxDOT employees, earned honors at the recently held Rodeo in Childress.

Martin and Elliott's driving skills earn TxDOT Rodeo honors

Randy Martin and Shawn Elliot, of the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Childress District Motley County Maintenance Section were the top finalists in their section at the district Truck Rodeo held at the Childress Airport.

Texas Department of Transportation sponsors the Truck

Rodeo as part of the fleet safety training. Drivers are scored on seven driving events: Stop Line, Straight Line, Alley Dock, Serpentine, Diminishing Clearance, Offset Alley, and Vehicle Inspection.

For more information on this or any other TxDOT project contact Barbara Seal, 940-937-7145.

Pivots & Divots

By Mary



Six devoted golfers braved the cold, strong north winds Thursday, September 18, for regular play day! Play was for Most Bogies. Playing 18 holes were Francine, Louise and Liv. Louise won with 10 bogies. Playing 9 holes were Tempie, Frances and Nell. Frances won with 6 bogies. This was the last day of "Play Yourself" for this season. Winners will be announced later.

The Tuesday Scramble, September 16, had 13 players. Corky Marshall was closest to the pin with 24' 0"

Winning first, with a score of 31, were Sut Braselton, Francine Braselton, Jim Watson and Stan Hanesworth.

Winning second, with a score of 31, were Ken Marshall, Roncho Grundy and Corky Marshall.

Winning third, with a score of 32, were Alan Bingham, Dot Grundy and Tempie Francis. Others playing were Keith Hewitt, Gary Childress and Kyle Moore.

The Tuesday Scramble, September 9, had 14 players. Ken Marshall was closest to the pin with 24' 4"

Winning first, with a score of 32, were Ken Marshall and Lee Jones.

Winning second, with a score of 33, were Kyle Moore, Tommye Keith, Stan Hanesworth and Louise Barton.

Winning third, with a score of 35, were Jake Goodson, Brandon Moore, Eric Elder and Jerry Collins.

Others playing were Jerry Chatwell, Linda Chatwell, Sut Braselton and Francine Braselton.



Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

We appreciate the donations to the library by JoAnn and Bill Durham in memory of Una Simpson and Johnny Stephens. We also appreciate the memorial sent by Jack, Shirley and Steve Smith for James Meador. We thank these donors and all who give to the library so that it may keep up-to-date books.

The beautiful new shelves are installed and we are filling them up with books. We have had so much good help. Charley

Johnson and D.A. McGuire keep bringing boxes of books for us to unpack. Marihelen Wason, Betty Henry, Deb Spray, Ruby McGuire and Patricia Green have begun the tedious process of getting the books back on the selves in the right order. We appreciate all this good help.

We do have many books and videos ready to check out. Come in and see the new look at the library and check out a book to read.



Brenda Ferguson graduates from Nursing School

Brenda Ferguson graduated as Valedictorian of her class from the Childress Regional Medical School of Vocational Nursing, August 15.

Brenda will take her state board LVN test in October. She and her husband, Marty, live in Matador. They have two children, Sarah and Logan.

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News Around the County

OBITUARIES

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Roger and Linda Ashley of Sudan visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meredith and his brother, Kenneth Ashley in Roaring Springs, Sunday. Also visiting were another sister and family, Shirley and Jackie

Smith, and Steve Smith of Matador. The group attended the deacon ordination services at the First Baptist Church for Kenneth Ashley, Sunday afternoon.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
My mind thinks young, my spirit feels free, but my body has stamped Senior adult on me!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED
Mrs. Anna Beth Clay and Mrs. Geneva Martin celebrated the birthday Saturday, Sept. 20, of their sister, Mrs. Carolyn Ewing held in her home in Matador. She was honored with a family luncheon, decorated cake and gifts.

Others attending the happy occasion were her children and families, Mrs. Donna Little, Morgan and Lauren of Claude, Mrs. Joely Beam, Jacey and Jaley of Floydada and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Ewing, Hunter and Austin of Lubbock; sister and daughter, Mrs. Joy Barham and Mrs. Brenda Davis of Hart; brother, Charles Tanner of Tulia and friends, Brad Wilson and Blair Thacker of Lubbock.

ATTEND ARMY REUNION

Wilda and Spencer Dixon and her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. were in Amarillo from Thursday until Sunday to attend the 62nd Armored Field Artillery Battalion Association Reunion. It was the 56th annual reunion of the Battalion in which the late Ted Hester served in World War II.

The reunion was held at the Holiday Inn and many families from throughout the United States attended. Mrs. Hester visited Wednesday night with the Dixons and then overnight Sunday before returning to Lovington, N.M.

ATTEND WORK SHOP

Mrs. Brenda Cruse, a teacher at Valley Schools, attended a Reading Work Shop September 17-18-19. It was held at the Wayland Campus in

Lubbock. She was a houseguest of her daughter, Leah Cruse when attending the sessions.

Mrs. Ersie VanCleeve of Dougherty is visiting this week with her mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey.

Visiting Tuesday and Wednesday with Melissa and Tim Kendall, Jerry and Jacob were her parents, Harry and Marsha Gray of Fort Worth and grandmother, Mrs. Ottlie Gray of Clyde. Melissa and sons visited in Clyde with her family from Friday until Sunday.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter visited in Petrolia Friday and Saturday with her daughter and family, Christi and Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley.

Jerry and Sheila Gilbert and family of Jacksonville, Alabama visited during the week with her mother, Mrs. Leona Degan. They were here to attend the funeral of his father, D.M. "Ike" Gilbert held Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited Saturday and Sunday in Fritch with daughter and son, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael.

Derrick Cruse, student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon visited Saturday night and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson attended the funeral services of his cousin, Gene Stephens of Amarillo, held Monday afternoon in Tulia.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee and granddaughter, Kacey McGraw of Turkey visited in Clarendon, Sunday with son and wife, Joey and Brenda Lee. Also visiting was Ernie Lee of Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter attended to business in Plainview, Monday.

D.M. "Ikie" Gilbert

D.M. "Ike" Gilbert, departed this life at the age of 85 on September 16, 2003, at the Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center.

He was born on January 29, 1918, in Hulver, Texas to the late Marlin Thomas Gilbert and Mattie R. Gilbert. He was a lifelong resident of Flomot. He graduated from Flomot High School in 1936. He married Christeen Merrell on February 4, 1940, in Floydada. He was a farmer and rancher until he retired in 1980. He was a member of the Homecoming Committee, past president and member of the Lions Club in Flomot, President and member of the Flomot School Board and a member of the Cemetery Association of Flomot. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Straughter Gilbert, Dorsey Gilbert, Losey Gilbert, John Gilbert and one sister, Ocie Main.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Jerry Gilbert and his wife Sheila of Jacksonville, AL; two daughters, Judy Heiskell and her husband Leland of Pottsboro, TX, Kathy Blanton and her husband Neal of Graham, TX; one sister, Inez Moss of Anson, TX; six grandchildren, Gary Gilbert of Atlanta, GA, Jeremy and Amy Gilbert of Jacksonville, AL, Lance Heiskell of Bedford, Christi Heiskell of San Jose CA, Loren Blanton Scott and Ken of Carrollton, TX. Chris Blanton of Lubbock; two great grandchildren, Caitlin and Alex Gilbert of Jacksonville, AL.

Graveside services were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 18, 2003, at the Flomot Cemetery with Reverend Jeff Addison, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Howard D. Graves

Howard D. Graves, 64, a retired Army brigadier general known for deft strategic planning in a career that included terms as commander of the Army War College in Pennsylvania and superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY, died September 13 at his home in College Station.

Gen. Graves, a Texas native, became chancellor of the Texas A&M University System in 1999.

He was in the Army from 1961 to 1996. He was assistant to then Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Colin L. Powell before receiving his appointment as West Point superintendent. He retired from active duty in 1996.

Howard Dwayne Graves was a native of Roaring Springs. His family lost its livelihood during the Depression and moved to Amarillo, where his father took odd jobs.

Gen. Graves was a 1961 West Point graduate and attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. He later was a graduate of the Army

War Colleges. He commanded an engineer company in the Dominican Republic in 1965 and then saw combat duty during the Vietnam War.

Starting in 1970, he spent three years on the West Point faculty and became an associate professor of international relations and comparative foreign governments.

In the mid-1970's he was military assistant to Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger and commander of the 54th Engineer Battalion in Germany.

He went on to lead the Army War College, the Army's senior educational institution, from 1987 to 1989.

He received several military decorations.

He is survived by his wife, Gracie Newman Graves of College Station; two children, Army Maj. Greg Graves of College Station and Gigi Kail of Middletown, R.I.; a brother, a sister and five grandchildren.

Jerline Pitts

Funeral services for Jerline Pitts, 70, of Matador were held at 1:00 P.M. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

She was born July 4, 1933, at Waxahachie, TX. She attended school in Vernon Texas, and moved to Matador in 1951. She was married to Freddie G. Pitts on July 28, 1951, at Matador. She was a retired school cafeteria cook, and was a former member of the Macedonia Baptist Church at Matador, and presently a member of Bible Way Baptist Church in Fort Worth. She had been a resident of Fort Worth since

1993. She was preceded in death by her husband, Freddie G. Pitts, on April 2, 1992, and by three children, Freddie G. Pitts Jr., Dianna Ruth Pitts, and Glenda Ruth Pitts.

She is survived by four sons: Jerry Pitts and wife Glouris, of Plainview; Larry Pitts, and wife Leal, of Midland; Melvin Pitts, and wife Brenda, of Ft. Worth; George Pitts, and wife Regina, of Ft. Worth. Two daughters: Doretha Brown, and husband Stephen, of Ft. Worth and Pamela Bluiitt of Ft. Worth. One sister, Betty Reed of Ft. Worth; 17 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Matador News

Virginia Green of Whiteface visited her parents, Luther and Edna Ruth Green, for the weekend.

Arthur Harmon of Amarillo visited Friday, September 12 until Tuesday, September 16, with his sisters, Mrs. Juanita Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper and Jack

Samford were in Amarillo, September 17, for doctor appointments. They drove to Plainview, Saturday, September 20, and watched her granddaughter, Kourtney Dunnam and her teammates play volleyball. Kourtney's team, the Randall High School Raiders, beat the Plainview High team three games in a row.

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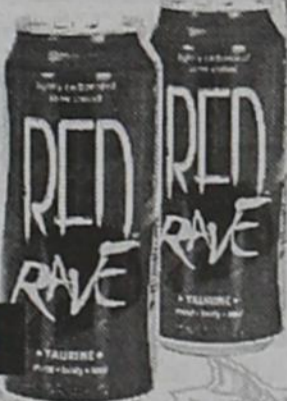
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FARM & RANCH NEWS

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT



by Lonnie Jenschke
Motley County Extension Agent

NEW CLOVER HELPS INCREASE CATTLE AVERAGE DAILY GAINS

A new variety of clover can increase cattle daily gains by almost three pounds. While studying Apache, an arrow leaf clover, scientists found when an average of two head or less were grazed on one acre, gains as high as 3.5 pounds per day were reported. When more than 2 head were grazed, the daily gains lowered. Apache clover is also resistant to the bean yellow mosaic virus, which causes wilting, leaf discoloration and stunting.

BEEF INDUSTRY SEES RECORD PRICES

Beef experts have said all aspects of the beef cattle industry are experiencing record-high prices. Typically, fall is when cattle prices soften. However, this season may see the highest prices ever. Producers hurting just one year ago, are now benefiting from a lack of

supply. Feedlots are operating with five percent less cattle than they had last year. Increased consumer demand is also helping to support the market.

Prices are expected to remain near 80 dollars per hundred weight.

STUDY SHOWS TEMPERAMENTAL CATTLE EAT LESS, GAIN LESS

Cattle specialists have found a correlation between temperament and weight gain in cattle. A study was conducted on 77 weaning calves. To determine their temperament, the researchers measured the speed of the calves exiting the handling chute. Calves that consistently left the chute fast were determined to be bad-tempered. Within the first 50 days of weaning, they lost an average of 11 pounds. Good tempered calves gained almost 30 pounds of the same 50 day period.

Cost Share offered to farmers and ranchers

Lubbock -- The Forest Land Enhancement program (FLEP) is a partnership between the Texas Forest Service and the USDA Forest Service. FLEP is a cost share program that can assist farmers and ranchers in improving and sustaining their natural resources.

You may be asking yourself, "What forest land is there to develop in West Texas?" The answer to that would be none, but there are a number of approved practices to take advantage of establishing a strip or belt of trees or shrubs in or adjacent to fields, homesteads, or feedlots.

The approved practices include Farmstead Windbreaks to prevent wind damage, increase energy efficiency, control snow deposition, beautify, and improve wildlife habitat. Field Windbreaks to reduce soil loss due to wind, control snow depo-

sition, protect crops and orchards, conserve soil moisture, and increase wildlife habitat. Livestock Protection Windbreaks to provide shelter for livestock in feedlots or open range, and reduce odor particulates. Living Snow Fences to control snow drifting across highways and county roads. Wildlife Habitat to enhance the habitat of selected wildlife species like pheasant, quail, deer, and turkey.

To be eligible you must own a minimum of 20 contiguous acres of private land. For wildlife habitat, 100 acres is the smallest management unit considered for cost sharing.

If you are interested in more information regarding FLEP please contact the Texas Forest Service in Lubbock at 806-746-5801.

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

DISASTER RULES INVOLVING DECEASED PRODUCERS AND ESTATES GETTING CLARIFIED

Over the past few months one of the most vexing problems being encountered by individuals inquiring about participation in the 2001-2002 Disaster Assistance Program has been how to apply for eligible losses on a farm when the producer who farmed the land is deceased.

Program rules state that DAP applications must be signed by the eligible producer, someone authorized to sign for the eligible producer, or, in the case of a deceased producer, the individual who has authority to enter into a contract for the deceased producer.

In the case of a deceased producer, figuring out who has authority to sign the application has created a great deal of consternation for both producers and county Farm Service Agency personnel.

Proof of authority is often an easy going thing to provide through copies of court orders, letters from Secretary of State, or documentation authorizing the individual as the Executor of the Estate.

If none of the above types of documentation are available, other documents may be approved by FSA on a case-by-case basis. This case-by-case approval mechanism will include requests to accept applications from, and issue payment to, heirs of the deceased.

Once approved, payments will be issued either to the eligible individual, or the deceased producer's estate as applicable. If payment has been approved for a deceased producer's heirs, then payment will be made in the name(s) of the heirs based on the details of the determination by FSA.

HAIL DAMAGE TOTAL STILL UNCLEAR; HARVEST AID GUIDELINES AVAILABLE FROM TCE

A week after one of the worst last-season hail storms in re-

cent memory has done little to pinpoint just how much cotton was lost by a pair of hard charging hail storms that sliced through the area early last week.

The damage, concentrated in Dawson, Terry, Lynn, Hockley and Yoakum counties, has reportedly affected upwards of 150,000 acres. Acres so severely damaged that they will not be harvested is estimated at less than 100,000 acres.

To help producers through this process the Texas Cooperative Extension service has available a publication titled "Assessing Hail-Damaged Fields" that provides information on how to determine the potential of the remaining crop. It also discusses harvest aid options are available to open remaining bolls and salvage the most production from damaged fields.

In order to help producers make 2003 harvest aid treatment decisions, TCE Cotton Specialist Dr. Randy Boman had also updated the "2003 High Plains and Northern Rolling Plains Harvest Aid Guide."

The publication, along with the other TCE publications cited, is available at local Texas Cooperative Extension office locations from the local Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock. You can also find the 2003 Harvest Aid Guide and Harvest Aid Price table in .pdf format on the Lubbock Extension Center's website: (<http://lubbock.tamu.edu/>).

TCE also has prepared a chart containing the average retail price for most of the harvest aid products available to producers. The prices shown are averages and are not reflective of any single retail location. Producers need to be aware that prices will vary from location to location.

SEPTEMBER 2003 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Sept. 25 - FiberMax Field Day, Bayer Crop Science Cotton Research Farm, FM 40 and FM 1729, 4 miles east of Lubbock on the Acuff Highway.

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Vic Read of Matador leads a riderless horse in memory of fallen cowboys Johnny Stevens and James 'Tootie' Meador, in the "Parade of the Horse" during the Annual Cowboy Symposium.

LOCAL COWBOY RIDES IN "PARADE OF THE HORSE"

Local cowboy, Vic Read, rode in the "Parade of the Horse," Saturday, September 6, as part of the 15th Annual Cowboy Symposium, held in Lubbock at the Civic Center, September 4-7. The entire parade was made up of horses and riders and horse drawn vehicles, except one long-horn steer with a rider.

In the parade, Mr. Read led a riderless horse; the empty saddle honors all the cowboys who have died this past year.

The announcer said, "Vic Read from Matador is leading the riderless horse. The saddle belonged to Johnny Stevens, who was the last Superintendent of the original Matador Land and Cattle Company. The saddle is to rest permanently in the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. The chaps, across the saddle, belonged to James 'Tootie' Meador. Both of these fallen cowboys were from Matador and were buried in August, 2003."

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Some of the new fees, charges and out of pocket expenses for the biennium include:

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For more information about new and higher fees, charges and out of pocket expenses Texans pay as of September 1, go to

<http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxbud/newfees/>

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn (www.window.state.tx.us).

Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

As Texans, it's in our bones to believe that bigger is better, but this sentiment is going straight to our waistslines.

Our nation eats too much unhealthy food, and children are paying the consequences in the form of diabetes, high blood pressure, low self-esteem and other problems rooted in obesity. Study after study underscores the dangers of being overweight, and we must teach children that good nutrition means a longer and more fulfilling life.

With the 78th legislative session underway, we are pushing for a child nutrition package that addresses this growing epidemic. Through new legislation, the Texas Department of Agriculture's goals are to tighten the rules for school lunches and food marketing and pave the way for more fresh produce and other healthy items to replace junk food in schools. Vending machine use should be restricted, and they should offer healthier alternatives such as low-sugar fruit juices, nuts and baked potato chips. Cafeterias should strive to prepare healthier food using fresh Texas produce.

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