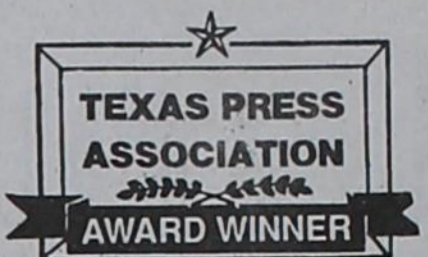




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## Chamber Banquet tickets still available

Tickets are still available for the Motley County Chamber of Commerce Banquet, which will be held Thursday (tonight) at the high school gym. Tickets will be sold at the door. Adult tickets are \$10 each and tickets for children 12 and under are \$5.00 each.

This year's banquet will feature Crock 14, an American Western dance team from Czechoslovakia and Texas Highway 70 Band, a local western swing band.

Outstanding business of the year and the man and woman of the year will be named.

The Business Fair will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the Banquet will begin at 7:00 p.m.

## Cowboy Church services to be held before Rodeo

Rev. Ron Brunson of Plainview will hold Cowboy Church services Friday and Saturday evenings before the Old Settlers Rodeo, August 23 and 24. The services will be held at the arena.

The Brunson family will also be featured musicians at the Cowboy Reunion to be held Saturday at the home of Jerry and Patricia Green in Roaring Springs.

## Tribune to close for vacation

The *Motley County Tribune* will be closed for vacation August 28-30, rather than August 14-16 as reported earlier. The August 29th edition will be mailed on Wednesday, August 28, as usual.

## Back-to-School Open House

A Back-to-School Open House will be held Thursday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the School Cafeteria.

## Matador City Council finalizes HOME grant program plans

The Matador City Council met in regular session August 8. Brian Grimes from Grant Works attended the meeting and answered questions about the HOME Grant. Mr. Grimes stated that Grant funding will be enough to demolish and rebuild four houses. Mayor Williams informed the council that the grant totaled \$220,000.00 and demolition will begin immediately. The applications were scored by the State of Texas and the council approved four applicants: Valta Deaton, Margie Taylor, Renomia Campbell, and Betty Bearden. A 20% match will be required and this will be met mostly with in-kind work, the City will pay approximately \$2,000 towards the program.

Mayor Williams also informed the Council of details of a proposed Ad Valorem Tax increase. This matter was tabled and there will be a hearing at the next City Council meeting.

An ordinance was adopted by the Council allowing for an increase on the Machine Hire Rates. Rates are as follows:

Backhoe - \$45-\$50/hr.  
Ditcher Service - \$45 hr. to \$75 hr. for first hour and \$50 hr. thereafter.  
Grader - \$45-\$50/hr.

The City of Matador and the Matador Water District will apply for a CDBG Block Grant in the amount of \$225,000.00. The loader being used at the landfill may be replaced by a cheaper dozer type machine. Council asked City Superintendent Steve Barton to look into this matter further.

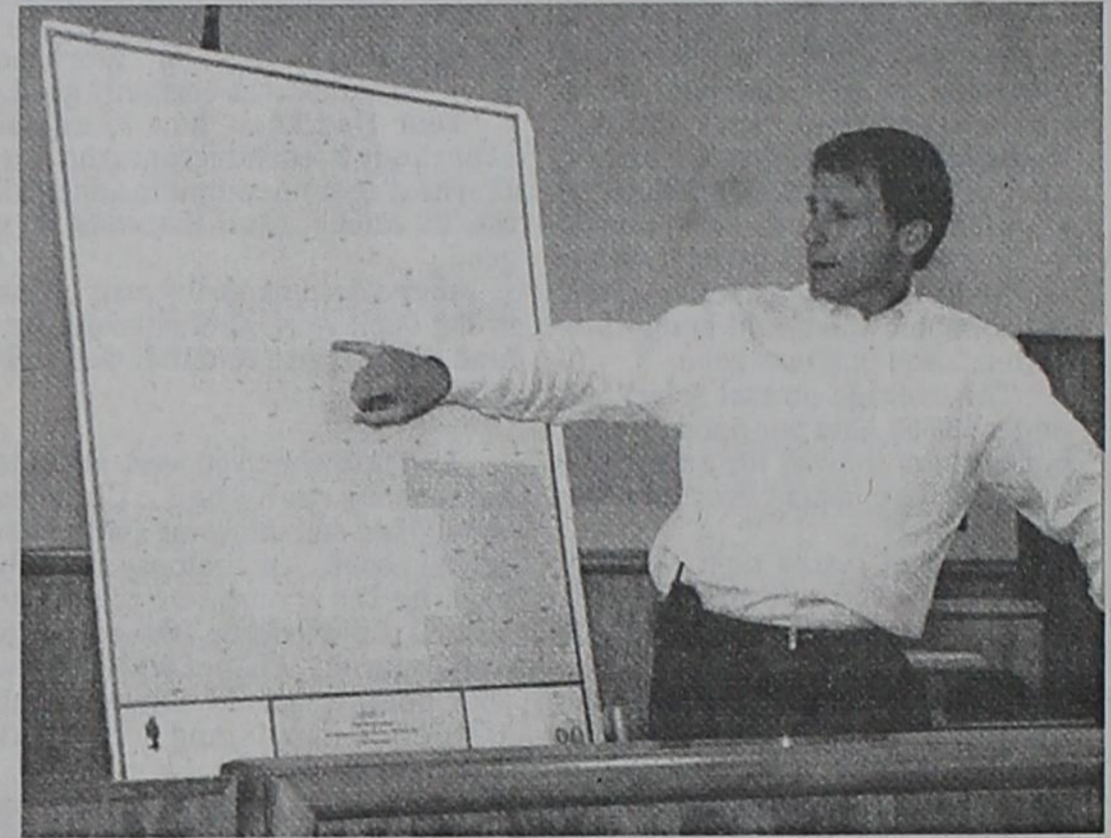
Mayor Williams stated that he has been in contact with the City of Turkey. There is a good chance that Turkey is interested in bringing their refuse to the Matador landfill.

Bob Bearden from the State Comptroller's office will be in Matador September 10 at 5:30 p.m. to hold a public information meeting on the

proposed Economic Development Sales and Use Tax implementation. The City Council invites all interested citizens to join the meeting in the Court Room at the County Courthouse. Mr. Bearden will be able to answer any questions that the public has regarding this sales tax increase.

Councilman Fred Parson, Mayor Rodney Williams and James Gillespie met with Ronnie Wagner and Dave Olliner of Wagner Construction about the damage to Mr. Gillespie's property resulting when work was being done on the street in front of Mr. Gillespie's home. An insurance adjuster from Wagner Construction's insurance company will adjust the damage to the Gillespie property.

All council members attended this meeting. Elaine Risser sat in as Secretary in Linda Perryman's absence.



**TOWN MEETING** — Senator Robert Duncan points out the counties in District 28. Senator Duncan met with local officials and residents last Thursday at the Courthouse. He answered several questions from citizens and addressed important issues. With the recent realignment, 31 new counties were added to District 28. The District, which covers 43,465 square miles, includes the following counties: Armstrong, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Coke, Collingsworth, Concho, Cottle, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Donley, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hardeman, Haskell, Hockley, Irion, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Motley, Nolan, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Stone-wall, Swisher, Terry, Tom Green, Upton, and Wheeler.



Jo Ann and Bill Durham of Jo-Barb-Dee Barber Shop and Jo Ann's Country Coiffure have worked together more than twenty years at their shop in downtown Matador.

## Couple's good working relationship results in long-standing business for Motley County

You might say Bill and Jo Ann Durham live and breath their work. The couple have worked together, side by side, for over twenty years.

JoAnn, who graduated from Weatherford Beauty College, began her hair styling career in 1970 in a shop in Weatherford. After driving a truck for twenty years, Bill decided it was time for a change and wanted to be at home more. He graduated from Metro Barber College in Lubbock in 1977.

Jo Ann purchased the Beauty Shop in Roaring Springs in 1973 from Mavis Parks. Bill purchased the Barber Shop in Matador, from Emmitt Jenkins, in 1977. JoAnn moved her business, JoAnn's Country Coiffure, to Matador in 1978 and the two joined ranks.

"We moved to Roaring Springs in 1973 because we wanted our girls to be able to attend a smaller school," said JoAnn. "We had relatives in the area and had always liked this area," she continued. "After combining our businesses, we moved to Matador in 1978," she said.

With a steady stream of customers, the couple stays busy. Bill cuts hair in an antique barber chair at the front of the building, while JoAnn takes care of the ladies in back. The business is a full service shop, offering hair products, nails and manicures, and hair care for men, women and children. Open Monday through

Friday noon, the Durhams' along with Lisa Guerrero and Zacha Guerrero can give their customers a wide range of beauty care.

Lisa, a hair stylist who specializes in foiling, works Monday, Thursday and Friday. Zacha, a hair stylist and manicurist who specializes in acrylic nails, works on Thursday. "The girls are a real asset to our shop," commented JoAnn.

Not only can you get a haircut in Bill's shop, which he appropriately named Jo-Barb-Dee Barber Shop, after his wife JoAnn, and daughters Barbara and Deanna, you can also hear some wild tales. "We do a lot of visiting in here," said Bill, "but some of it we wouldn't want to repeat," he laughed. There are a few select customers Mr. Durham admits to pulling a joke or two on.

After cutting and styling hair for years, the couple decided it was time to add a new aspect to the business and began making and selling jewelry in 1994. "I had been making jewelry for quite a while as a hobby," JoAnn said, "and decided it might go over if we sold it," she continued. To the couple's delight the jewelry was a hit and before long turned into a major part of the business.

Working on the jewelry in his off time, Mr. Durham strings beads, makes bracelets, earrings and much more, preparing the pieces they take

for displays to the 54 shows they travel to each year. "We sell our jewelry at Arts & Crafts Fairs all over the state," Mr. Durham said. "We go to a sale every weekend, and sometimes split and show at two sales," he said. Their biggest sales are Labor Day weekend and July 4th weekend. "Bill goes to one show, and I go to another," Mrs. Durham added.

Although most of their jewelry is handmade, with a specialty line of Christian pieces, they have a wonderful selection of Sterling Silver and a selection unique to this area, Italian Glass. "Our Italian Glass which is Millefiori from Venice, is our hot item," Mrs. Durham said. Explaining the unique jewelry, she continued, "Millefiori originates from ancient Rome, and consists of small segments of differently shaped and colored glass rods which are formed into tiny mosaics, each piece being unique."

"We enjoy the jewelry business and it has become a great addition to our shop," Mr. Durham said.

Bill and JoAnn talk highly of their customers and both say they enjoy their work. "I have made a lot of life-long friends," JoAnn said. "We enjoy being a part of the Motley County business segment, and we're glad to be here," she continued.

The couple have two daughters who both graduated from Motley County High School. They are the proud grandparents of four, two grandsons and two granddaughters.

## Commissioners meet in regular session

Dianne Washington, CPA, met with Commissioners when they met for regular Court session Monday, August 12. Mrs. Washington gave a briefing on the function of the GASB-34 (Governmental Accounting Standard Board). She explained that all county assets are counted according to their value, then depreciated. Each elected official is to make an inventory on all assets and/or personal property in his or her jurisdiction.

efforts in pursuing the application, process with the Texas Historical Commission to make the Texas Plains Trail a reality in West Texas and Plains Trail Region of Texas."

In other business, Commissioners read and approved the minutes of the last meeting of the Court; read and examined accounts and claims against the County, which were accepted for payment.

Reports were heard from the County Treasurer, Tax Assessor/Collector, Justice of the Peace and the Library.

Commissioners also worked on the County Budget for the ensuing year.

All members of the Court were present.

## Cowboys to gather for annual reunion

The 9th Annual Matador Cowboy Reunion will get underway at 11:00 a.m. on Old Settlers Saturday, August 24, at Green's place in Roaring Springs.

This is a get-together of old-timers who worked for the Matador Land and Cattle Company and/or any of its successors, plus folks currently on the Matador Ranch payroll. Spouses and guests of eligible par-

ticipants are welcome.

Moore Maker knives will be given away to a lucky few.

Jerry Slaton of Afton if fixing dinner. His wagon will be easy to spot, 200 long paces from the Southwest end of Dutchman Creek bridge. Chuck will be served at High Noon.

For additional information, telephone Dave Keith at (806) 623-5270, or Green at (806) 348-7953.

## Laney elected chairman of the southern legislative conference

Texas House Speaker Pete Laney has been elected chairman elect of the Southern Legislative Conference, SLC, a regional legislative group operating under the Council of State Governments.

Laney, who has served as the group's vice chairman since July of 2001, was unanimously elected chairman elect at the SLC's 56th Annual Meeting held Aug. 3-7 in New Orleans, La. Texas will host the SLC's next annual meeting, Aug. 9-13, 2003, in Fort Worth.

Laney is a longtime active member of the SLC, which fosters and encourages intergovernmental cooperation among its 16 member states.

Its annual meeting has grown to become one of the largest regional gatherings of state legislators in the country and is the best attended meeting held under the umbrella of the Council of State Government, CSG.

"The Southern Legislative Conference provides lawmakers from southern states an opportunity to discuss issues of mutual concern."

Laney said. "As regional neighbors, we share ideas for improving government and seek solutions to common problems. I am honored that my colleagues chose me for this leadership position."

The SLC, founded in 1947, is the largest of four regional legislative groups operating under the CSG. Texas is in a regional group with Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.



The circus was great. The kids had a wonderful time, although we did not partake of any circus refreshments, everything was all in all great fun. At \$10 for cotton candy and \$8 for snowcones, we decided there must be gold dust in those refreshments, and waited for McDonalds on the way home.

As you can see from the picture, the kids did have a great time. Angelica and Jonah have to go home, back to Las Vegas, NV, on Friday, so we are enjoying every minute we have with them. It will probably be next year before they can come back again.

My friend sent me this e-mail recently. I can remember a lot of these things.

If you were a kid in the fifties or earlier, you know that everybody makes fun of our childhood! Comedians joke. Grandkids snicker. Twenty-somethings shudder and say "Eeww!" But was our childhood really all that bad? Judge for yourself.

In 1953: The U.S. population was less than 150 million...Yet you knew more people then, and knew them better...And that was good.

The average annual salary was under \$3,000...Yet our parents could put some of it away for a rainy day and still live a decent life...And that was good.

A loaf of bread cost about 15 cents...but it was safe for a five-year-old to skate to the store and buy one...And that was good.

Prime-Time meant I Love Lucy, Ozzie and Harriett, and Lassie...So nobody had ever heard of ratings or

filters...And that was good. We didn't have air-conditioning...So the windows stayed up and half a dozen mothers ran outside when you fell off your bike...And that was good.

Your teacher was either Miss Matthews or Mrs. Logan or Mr. Adkins...But not Ms. Becky or Mr. Dan...And that was good.

The only hazardous material you knew about...Was a patch of grassburrs around the light pole on the corner...And that was good.

Most families needed only one job...Meaning Mom was home when school let out...And that was good.

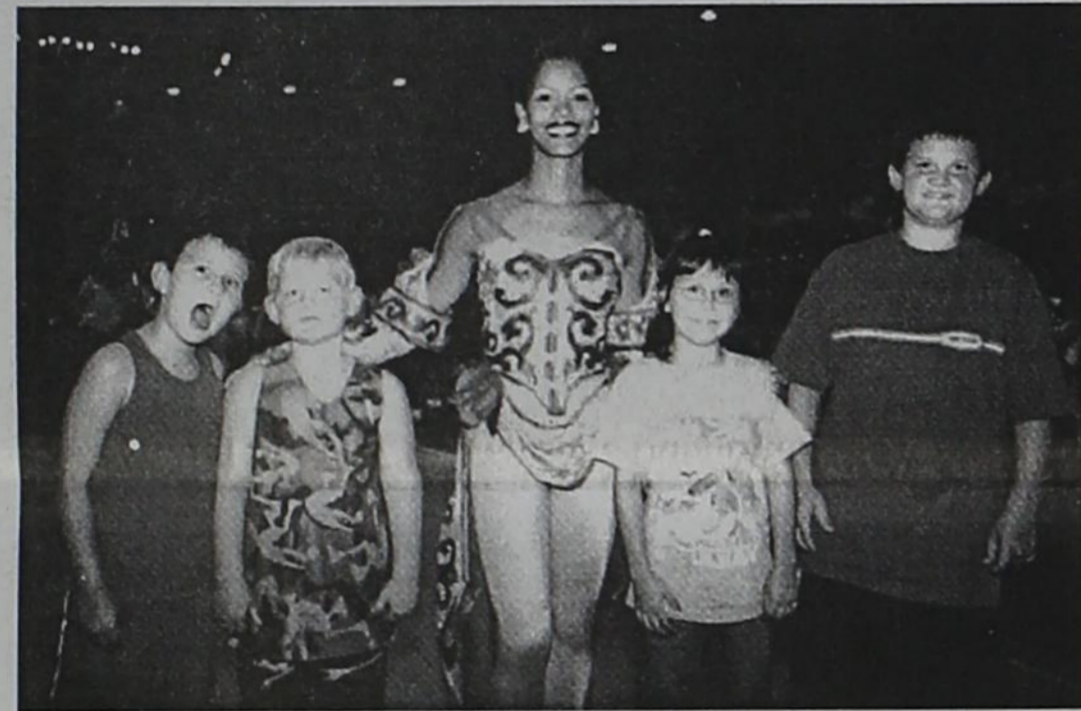
You loved to climb into a fresh bed...Because sheets were dried on the clothesline...And that was good.

TV was in black-and-white...But all outdoors was in glorious color...And that was certainly good.

Your Dad knew how to adjust everybody's carburetor...And the Dad next door knew how to adjust all the TV knobs...And that was very good.

Your grandma grew snap beans in the back yard...And chickens behind the garage...And that was definitely good.

And just when you were about to something really bad...Chances were you'd run into your Dad's high school coach...Or the nosy old lady from up the street...Or your little sister's piano teacher...Or somebody from church...ALL of whom knew your parents' phone number...And YOUR first name...And even THAT was good!



FUN AT THE CIRCUS — Enjoying the Barnum & Bailey Circus Sunday in Lubbock were cousins, Jonah Meredith, Parker Meredith, Angelica Meredith and John Hodges, pictured left to right, with one of the beautiful circus dancers, center.

# Lifestyles

## Decorated handwork show at Do Gooders' club meeting

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, August 6th at the Flomot Community Center. Mrs. B. Rogers, vice president greeted the members and guests and opened the meeting reciting the amusing poem, "A Pill For Everyday."

Those attending circled around a large table and the hostesses, Mrs. Trula Martin and Mrs. Geneva Martin served glasses of iced peach tea. On the table, Mrs. Trula Martin had a display of her beautiful decorated hand work. They enjoyed seeing and talking about the cross-stitch, chicken scratch, embroidery and applique designs with fancy stitches.

Mrs. Rogers presided at the business meeting. Mrs. Alma Shorter read the minutes and gave a financial report that were approved. They voted to have the club's annual Bazaar Saturday, November 9th as to not interfere with other county

events in October. They discussed buying smaller, lighter tables for the Community Center for use of the club. The tables at the Community Center now are large, heavy tables used for capacity crowds. This was tabled until more information could be obtained.

At the raffle gift drawing, the name of Mrs. Ersie VanCleave of Dougherty was drawn. She was pleased with the wall hanging of three hearts engraved with Faith, Hope and Charity.

Those attending were Mesdames Leona Degan, Mary Jo Calvert, Nada Starkey, Suzie Shannon, Erma Washington, Kathy Shorter, Connie Franks, Barbara Payne, Alma Shorter, Trula Martin, Geneva Martin and B. Rogers. Guests were Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg, Mrs. Ersie VanCleave of Dougherty, Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Lindale.

## Pivots & Divots

by Mary

The Tuesday Scramble on August 6th had 16 players. All four teams scored 32. Play-off on the card awarded first place to the team comprised of Conway Clary, Harvey Case, Paul Westbrook and Roy Stephens.

Others playing were Alan Bingham, Buzz Thacker, Geneva Wilson, Casey Lawrence, Gene Marshall, Jean Marshall, Carl Sayles, Ken Marshall, Kenny Barton, Olivia Barton, Corky Marshall and Jim Watson.

Conway won closest to the pin on #3 with 14 feet.

Ladies playday on August 8th was for most bogies. Playing 18 holes in the morning were Louise Barton, Francine Braselton and LaVoe Thacker. There were no bogies so no ball was awarded.

Playing 9 holes in the afternoon were Mary Jones, Judy Renfro, Marihelen Wason and Dortha Westbrook. Judy won the ball.

### Summertime Sidewalk Sale

Ready-to-Wear 50% off

**HOT SAVINGS COOL BUYS**

**Matador Variety**

**SEEDS FROM THE SOWER**  
Michael A. Guido  
Metter, Georgia

"My neighbor was shot by his wife at close range," cried a man. "How do you know?" asked our sheriff. "Were there powder marks on him?" "Another woman's," he answered. "That's why she shot him."

We're living in a day when adultery is an accepted thing and murder is a mere misdeed. Today man calls sin a fascination. God calls it a tragedy. But God loves you. Trust Him, and He'll not only erase your past sins but He'll enable you to write a new life.

**Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune**

## Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

The Friends of the Library met Thursday and planned the Second Annual Rootin' Tootin' Beans Fund Raiser Lunch at the library. Those attending this planning session were Betty Moore, Corky Marshall, Patricia Green, Fredia Burns, Betty Henry, Lindy Stafford, Marihelen Wason, Ruby McGuire, D.A. McGuire, Penny Pipkin, Deb Spray and Suzanne Abbott. This fun event will feature Celebrities of Motley County as they serve the beans and cornbread and take donations. Proceeds go to the library. Be ready to eat those good beans on Friday of Old Settlers, August 23, 11:30-1:30.

New books in the library include Cathrine Coulter's newest, **11th Hour**, an FBI Thriller. Other new fiction includes a book by Mary Balough, **A Summer to Remember**. Faye Kellerman's characters, Peter and Rina Lazarus Decker, solve another mystery in **Stone Kiss**.

Belva Plain has a new book in the library now. It is called **Her Father's House**. Also, new in the library is **The Best Is Yet to Come** by Judith Gould. The Motley County Library offers many new books for all ages - reading is just perfect for these hot days.

### Look Who's New

**Kamrin Jade Varnell**

Shawn and Penny Varnell of Portales, NM are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Kamrin Jade. She was born August 2, 2002. She weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Jerry and Jeannie Varnell of Portales. Great-grandmother is Dorothy Orendorff, also of Portales.

Maternal grandparents are Jr. and Betty Bearden, and Aunt Cindy of Quitaque.

## A Note of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for phone calls, visits, words of concern, flowers, cards and especially your prayers while I was in the hospital. I appreciate your concern so much. May God bless you.

Shea Rose and family

### MIDWAY DRIVE-IN

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

**Master of Disguise**  
Rated PG

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### Prayer is Important

Our Lord Jesus certainly understood the importance of prayer. Prayer is the way in which we communicate with our heavenly Father. Prayer needs to be recognized as something that is necessary for each of us in our daily lives.

It is prayer that gives us the strength not to be squeezed into the world's mold and its ungodly set of values. It is the power of a faithful prayer which enables Christians to grow through transformation as Paul speaks of it in Romans 12:2. We find our Lord praying even before the light of the new day in Mark 1:35. This was in preparation for the activities of the coming day.

In our reading of the book of Luke we find Jesus spent the entire night praying before selecting His men that would become the Apostles. Prayer was important for these were to be the men entrusted to take the Gospel to the world.

If Jesus Christ, God's own Son, felt such a need for prayer to be a part of His life shouldn't it be in ours? We need to be like those early disciples of Jesus who said, "Lord teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1). We need to set aside a time apart from our busy schedules to pray. Only good could come from it.

**Roaring Springs Church of Christ**  
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Radio Programs - K-96 FM

Bible Study - 10 a.m.      Worship - 9:00 a.m.

## Celebrate Old Settlers

### Thursday, August 22

with these downtown Roaring Springs businesses

Musical Entertainment by **Texas Hwy. 70 Band**  
(set up between Graham Supply & Thacker Jewelry)

Western Art on Display  
**Brian Asher Western Prints & Much More!**

### Graham Supply

Register for a Brian Asher Print (Drawing at 2:00 p.m.)

**Storewide Savings All Day!**

**STAY DOWNTOWN & CELEBRATE OLD SETTLERS!**

### Thacker Jewelry

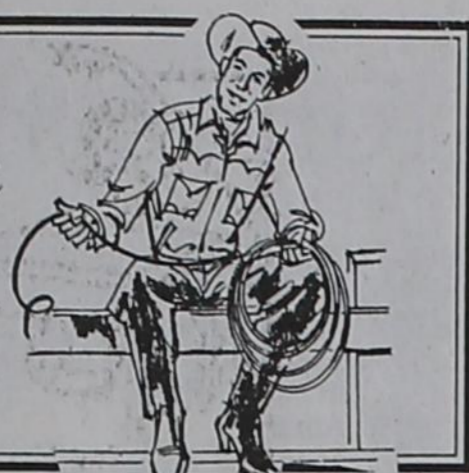
Register for Sterling Silver Pendant with Chain (Drawing at 3:30 p.m.)

**Storewide Savings!**

**Sidewalk Sale**  
with lots of Sterling Silver & Western Style Jewelry

# Recollections

by John Duff Green



## CATTLE BARONS

Cattle Barons were legion and many of their names were household words, from the Red River to the Rio Grande, from the Sabine a long way into the haze of the evening shadows where the Indian pitched his teepee in the vastness of the solitudes surrounding. King, Kennedy, Grimes, Chisum, Shanghie Pierce, Littlefield, Snyder, Driscoll, Slaughter, Lynch, Burnett, Goodnight, Blocker, Campbell, Waggoner, Gardner and Reynolds are a few of the more prominent cattlemen who tossed cattle herds around like antes in a poker game, and wasted little sleep in the doing, for they were endured to a life's effort of chance.

In the Seventies, cattle were abundant and cheap, so cheap you could scarcely find any sale for them and then, almost overnight, they were as high as the proverbial cat's back, due largely to the new reserves of grass that had been opened up by the killing of the buffalo and the harnessing of the savage, until anything that resembled a cow and gave money as they formerly had brought. However, those good prices didn't last long, just long enough to brew a fever and draw into the maelstrom many men who had no real practical experience or cow sense. They invested their money and in a few short years were likely wiser, if poorer, for the effort.

As said before, the cattlemen found a verdant range, one nature had nursed and nourished for ages. A range that looked as though it would pasture countless thousands of cattle, year in and year out, so they drove them in and continued to bring them, until the whole country was one vast sea of bovine energy. There they were left for the survival of the fittest, for nature would surely rebel against such abuse. It was a condition that no one could control at the time and because they couldn't, the situation got out of hand, and all but wrecked itself and the men associated with the cattle industry in this part of the world.

In the good year A.D. 1933, it is impossible to give anything like a complete list of the pioneer cattlemen who took part in both the stocking and the overstocking of this splendid range country, but a few who have continued to stand out in memory's lane are here mentioned.

Carrying your mind back to those woolly and ancient days of the federal chain of forts across the country, the Reynolds boys were on the Clear Fork, near Fort Griffin with the cattle that ultimately grew into the X Ranches, wherever found, and they have been numerous.

D.B. Gardner was with the WOO, called W double O, in the Seventies selling to what was known as the "Monroe Cattle Company," as sort of subsidiary of the Reynolds Company, as least George Reynolds was president and active manager of the Monroe, Gardner moving up and establishing the Pitch Fork Ranch in Dickens and King Counties in the early Eighties (1881).

Judge Lynch with his Buzzard X brand had been in that section, Shackelford County, for many years. John Shelton was a neighbor rancher to Lynch in 1876, while John Matthews, like the Reynolds boys, was largely raised on the banks of the Clear Fork. When John Shelton moved his cattle from Tarrant County and settled on Hubbard Creek in Shackelford County, he was fifteen miles from Judge Lynch's ranch headquarters, but the Judge complained of his crowding him.

The incident shows the trend of the times. A cowman may have owned little or no land but his grazing rights were based on priority of occupancy and were usually respected. Without fences, cattle will drift and mix in spite of everything done to prevent it, so Lynch's cattle grazed on the other fellow's range and someone else's cattle got on Judge Lynch's. But that was not like

settling near by, as that smacked of permanency.

As early as 1877 when that grew to be the Cattlemen's Convention was organized under an oak tree in Graham, Texas, Luther Clark and Medlin were established cowmen in Young County with their OO brand, and El Skin Davis with his IXD cows ranched nearby on Elm Creek in Throckmorton County. In the latter Eighties or the early Nineties, Frank Donnell and Clark McKinny drove two herds of IXD cattle and turned them loose at Patton Springs in the north central part of Dickens County. The last IXD cow I ever saw on that range was years after those herds were turned loose there and was a remnant left behind.

Back in the Seventies, the Millett outfit operated in and around where Seymour now stands, selling out to the Hash Knife in 1882. The latter company then ranched in Archer County and later moved up and established in the Eighties the Mill Iron Ranch, lying from Red River south across North Pease River in Hall, Motley, Childress, and Cottle Counties. The Hash Knife people had a ranch in the Seventies on Elm Creek in Taylor County and about 1880 established a Hash Knife ranch on the Pecos River. In after years the property went by the name of he Continental Land and Cattle Company. Charlie Buster managed the ranch on the Pecos and Joe Carr was range boss and sometimes trail boss of the Archer Ranch, later moving up and running the wagon for the Mill Iron, superseded by Bob Green as boss. Bob Baxter, Bob Dickson, Charlie Jamerson, Ed Woods, Carl Sams and Jack Carr, now on the Matadors, were a few of the old hands.

The XOX cattle on the Clear Fork in Fisher County were there in the Seventies. Frank Parker of Roby, Texas, now deceased, drew money for working with them for years.

Dan Waggoner's Three Inverted D and Burkburnett's 6666 were in Wichita and Wilbarger Counties in the Seventies. John Babb, now living in Garza County, worked for Waggoner in 1873 when the country was black with buffalo. The Waggoner brand was not always as it is today, for it has undergone changes down through the years to fit the tendencies of the times and the inclinations of a few of their neighbors.

The 8 Up and 00 Down, usually called the Straight 8 to distinguish it from a neighbor ranch known as the Scab 8, is a brand established in Palo Pinto County in the Seventies and moved to King County about 1882 and later became the Burnett Four 6 ranch. Bud Arnett was manager and wagon boss for many years. John Harrington and Sam Graves are two of the boys who helped drive the cattle west. Harrington, now deceased, lived at Spur and I believe Sam Graves still holds out in King County.

As mentioned elsewhere, the Horse Shoe, the HIT and the 00 were among the first on the Double Mountain River, and I believe among the earliest to enclose their lands under fence. Bill Hitson had his range fenced near the Double Mountains in 1882, a man by the name of McClain being the contractor.

Harwell Kidwell, a banker of Weatherford, landed on the Yellow House and McClusky brand from Parker County came to Dickens County. J.D. Kutch was McClusky's right hand bower and when the MAK cattle were sold to the Matadors, Jeff Kutch went along with them, so the Matadors bought a good hand, as well as a bunch of cattle already in their range.

John Shelton mentioned before also moved to Dickens County in the early Eighties with his JS cows and Lazy S steers and ranched on the head of Duck Creek, moving again to Wheeler County in 1886. John Porter was the key man for Shelton.

## Gov. Perry announces grant for area Juvenile Board

Austin — Gov. Rick Perry announced Tuesday that a \$25,438 grant has been awarded to the 110th Judicial District Juvenile Board in Floydada to provide vocational training, mentoring services and counseling to at-risk youths.

The grant, funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) will provide vocational screening and assessment services to teens in Floyd, Motley and Dickens counties who are referred to the Juvenile Probation Department. Upon completion of the vocation screening and assessment, the youths will be assigned to a training program based

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

Currently, CJD provides more than \$13 million in crime prevention grants, \$30 million to juvenile justice and prevention projects, \$40 million for victim services and additional funding for a wide variety of other law enforcement projects.

## MOTLEY COUNTY PTO NEWS

by Mary Ann Potts

Motley County PTO is launching a Sign-Up Session on Monday, August 19, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the school lobby. Remember, the PTO needs Parents and Teachers to survive and succeed in our ultimate goal — being available to assist in our children's education. Please help us to maintain this connection.

And, while your signing up to join

PTO, pick up a few trendy Stretchy Bookcovers. These bookcovers are revolutionary because they're washable, reusable and, of course, stretchy! They'll fit even the extra-large books and you can use them again! Prints include: Sports, Camouflage, Americana, Flames, Zebra print, Skateboards, Flowers, and Caution Signs, to name just a few. The special price is 3 for \$10 (a great deal).

## Curious Cassie

by Cassie Campbell



Well, once again I am sorry for not getting around to doing my column last week. I have decided to just do my column every other week instead of every week. For this week the question is going to be: **If you had the power to bring one business to Motley County, what would it be and how do you think it would be a benefit to this area?**

Judy Renfro: An industrial business, because we need employment for our younger people of the community.

Kim Jensecke: I would bring a Film Developing Store so you wouldn't have to travel just to get your pictures developed.

Larry Hoyle: I would bring an in-

dustrial business that would start with 10 to 15 people that can grow as the city grows.

Rickey Lawrence: A prison, there are many jobs available and it has a wonderful job security to it.

C.D. Garrison: A Dairy Queen, so we can have a fast food place and it would stop traffic going through to see what Motley County has to offer.

Dixie Campbell: An industrial business to create more jobs and bring more people to Matador.

Dora Doran: A Wal-Mart, so that we would have more jobs and bring more people to town.

Dean Osborn: An indoor picture show, it would be something that everyone could enjoy, both young and old.

## SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Chips, Oreo Fluff, Milk.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

Breakfast: Pancake, Sausage, Syrup, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Frito Pie, Corn, Green Salad, Crackers, Peanut Butter Brownie, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Breakfast: Cereal, Puffs, Honey, Milk.

Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Green Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

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PAINTING AT THE LIBRARY — Christina Moehringer and Jonah Meredith learn to paint flowers at last week's drawing class at the library. Pictured at back are Parker Meredith and Pauline House.

## Kids paint flowers at the Library

Thirteen young artists (and two older ones) learned to paint a still life of flowers at the library Thursday. They mixed the colors they wanted and turned out some lovely paintings under the watchful eye of Betty Henry, art teacher.

Participants were Kayla Hollingsworth, Christina Moehringer, Dominique Quilimaco, Stormy Guerrero, Noah Guerrero,

Jesse Moehringer, Angelica Meredith, Jonah Meredith, Parker Meredith, Lexi Osborn, Danielle Gwinn, Tanner Norrell, Taelor Norrell, Pauline House and Patricia Green.

The last art lesson at the library will be Thursday, August 15, at 2:00 p.m. The kids will learn to draw "Alien Creatures."

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

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The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.30120	\$ .00 *	\$ 1.30120	\$ 4,161.00	\$ 4,311.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.4372	\$ .00 *	\$ 1.4372	\$ 4,603.00	\$ 3,869.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.5000	\$ .00 *	\$ 1.5000	\$ 4,772.00	\$ 3,841.00

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 15,293.14	\$ 15,357.78
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 293.14	\$ 357.78
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.30120	\$ 1.5000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 3.81	\$ 5.36
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 1.55 (INCREASE)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.53217. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.53217.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ .00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ .00

## Family & Consumer News

By Jennifer Trufan, Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences



Well back to school time is almost here and that means once again we will here the sound of school bells ringing and the roar of the Friday night football crowds. As this exciting time commences, here is a list of a few safety tips for parents to review with their children to make this upcoming school year one of the best one's yet.

- Be sure your child knows his or her home phone number and address, your work number, the number of another trusted adult and how to use 911 for emergencies. Make sure your child has enough change to make a phone call or they carry a telephone calling card.

- Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings and use intersections with crossing guards. Test the route with your children. Tell him or her to stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields, and other places where there aren't many people around.

- Teach children - whether walking, biking or riding the bus to school - to obey all traffic signals, signs, traffic officers and safety patrols. Remind

them to be extra careful in rainy, foggy or snowy weather.

- Make sure they walk to and from school with others - a friend, neighbor, brother or sister.

- When car pooling, drop off and pick up children as close to the school as possible. Don't leave until they have entered the school yard or building.

- Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone you or your children doesn't know well.

Children are a greatest asset and we want all of them to get the best education possible but please remember creating a safe place where children can learn and grow depends on a partnership among students, parents, teachers, and other community institutions.

For more information you can contact the local extension office. Educational programs of Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

# Class of 1957 meets for 45th reunion

The Matador High School Class of 1957 held a reunion in Lubbock, August 9-11, to celebrate the 45th anniversary of their graduation.

On Friday, the group enjoyed a tour of the Vatican Art Exhibit at the Texas Tech Museum, a tour of the Buddy Holly Center at the Ft. Worth & Denver City Depot, dinner at the Hub City Brewery and a show at the Cactus Theater which included a program of 1950's music.

On Saturday, the group spent the day in meetings at the Barcelona Courts in Lubbock before going to dinner as a group. The meeting included phone calls to class mates LaRee Lawrence Estes of Diana and Carroll Wayne Cooper of Las Vegas, NV, who were unable to attend because of illness. Deceased classmates Bessie Cleveland Chambliss and Rose Carolyn Donovan Pierce were remembered.

Those attending (and spouses) included Norman Beauchamp of Joshua, Joanne Darsey Stevens and Steve from Dallas, Spencer Dixon and Wilda of Matador, Raynita Dunning Murphy and C.H. of Conroe, Arvin Ellithorp of Harker Heights,

Christine Green Snodgrass and Donald George of Lubbock, Pat Groves and Kathy of Park City, UT, Leon Hughes of Van, Clay Jameson and Melinda of Matador, Alice Faye Martin McDonough and Earle of Plainview, Sue McCaghren Scott of

Palestine, Betti Neighbors Rudder and Milton of Hereford, John Shanks and Vera of Huntington Beach, CA, Mary Lois Watkins Baker of Lubbock, and Bobbi Waybourn West and Jimmy of Amarillo.

After spending many enjoyable

moments together again, the group agreed to meet next to celebrate fifty years since graduation in October, 2007, in Lubbock. They thanked Bobbi West, Betti Rudder and Cris Snodgrass for organizing the event and making all the arrangements.



CLASS OF 1957 — Pictured at back, left to right, are Spencer Dixon, John Shanks, Leon Hughes; (front) Clay Jameson, Pat Groves, Betti Rudder, Bobbi West, Mary Baker, Raynita Murphy, Joanne Stevens, Arvin Ellithorp, Cris Snodgrass, Alice McDonough, Sue Scott and Norman Beauchamp.

## Letter to the Editor

RE: The Pledge of Allegiance Ruling

Here's a different take on the Ninth Circuit's ruling that the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional. All should read Judge Goodwin's opinion. Far from being "liberal activities," the Court's decision is the only one that a responsible, duty-bound, lower federal court could reach. Certainly the result is wrong, but the fault lies not with the Ninth Circuit, but with earlier Supreme Court decrees leading to such an aberration.

I am elated by the decision. It has erupted a long-simmering national absurdity. This is a lower federal court which must follow declarations of the Supreme Court, and it did! The decision is the legally required end result of a host of prior illogical decisions by the Supreme Court, beginning with 1940's Cantwell v. Connecticut (First Amendment binding upon the States), and 1947's Everson v. Board of Education (adopting Jefferson's "wall of separation"). The Supreme Court has mandated total state neutrality under false notions of separation of church and state, resulting in something quite different and never intended - separation of state from God. It has unconstitutionally amended the Constitution, rewritten history, and ignored both original intent and the Tenth Amendment - while we sat silent.

The majority opinion states that "one nation under God" is an endorsement of monotheism (one God). It most certainly is, and rightly so! The Court also states that a profession that we are a nation "under God" is identical, for (the Supreme Court's) Establishment Clause purposes, to a profession that we are a nation "under no God," because neither of these professions can be neutral with respect to religion. That is absolutely correct. Secular humanism is also a religion. It is anti-God. Accordingly, Supreme Court-mandated "complete government neutrality" is impossible! Where God is concerned, we can't not have a national preference. We must and will be either "for" or "against." Neutrality is not an available option! Even "silence" is "against," because it is not "for."

What better case to expose sixty-plus years of absurd rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court? Other obvious challenges will follow. God bless America and let the battle begin! The solution is to trump the Supreme Court and adopt a Constitutional Amendment that says: "This Nation affirms the existence and sovereignty of God." Let's seize the moment, do it, and settle this matter once and for all.

Tom Edwards

## Jill Stanley Kitchens receives Bachelor's Degree

Jill Annette Stanley Kitchens, a 1998 graduate of Motley County High School, graduated in Spring, 2002, from The University of Texas of the Permian Basin with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics. Named to the UTPB Dean's list and the National Dean's List, the two-time nominee for USAA All-American Scholars is the daughter of James and Margaret Stanley of Lubbock, formerly of Matador.

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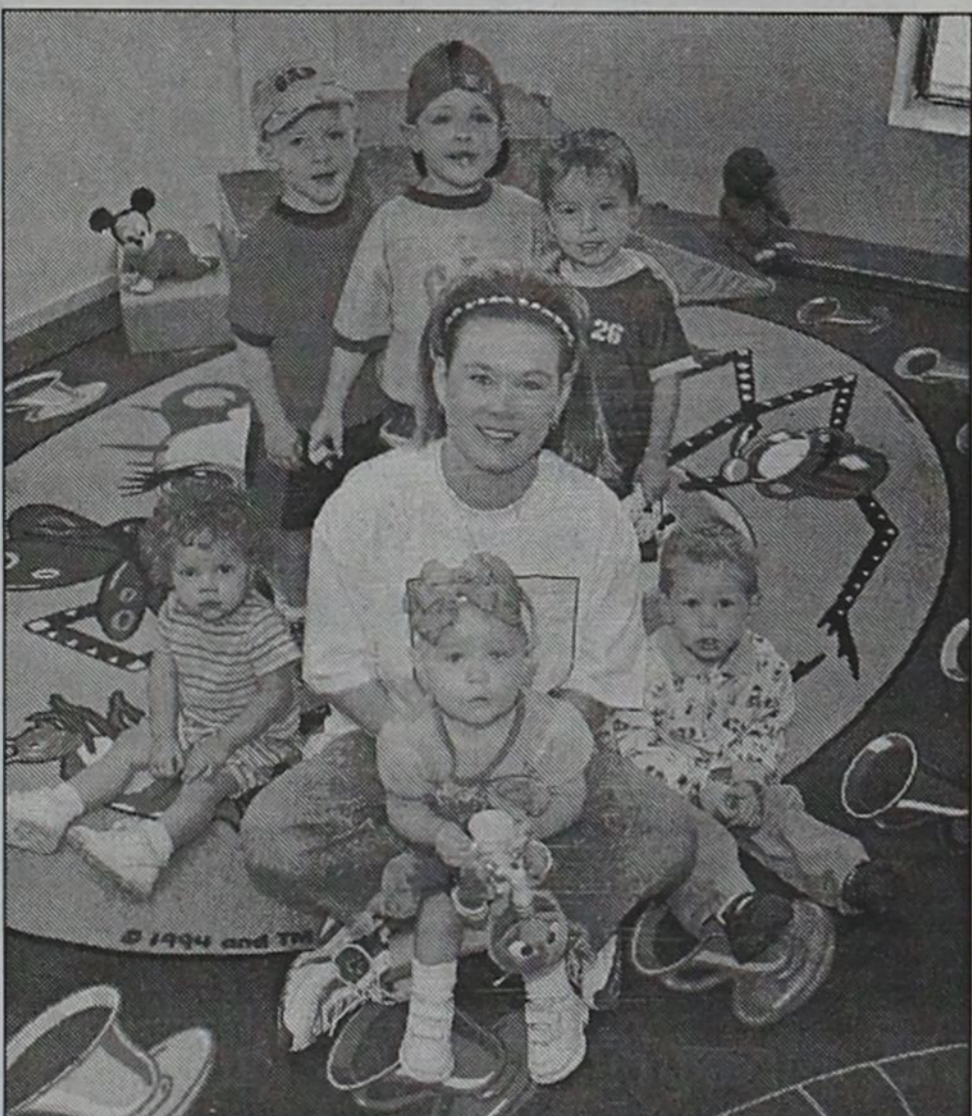
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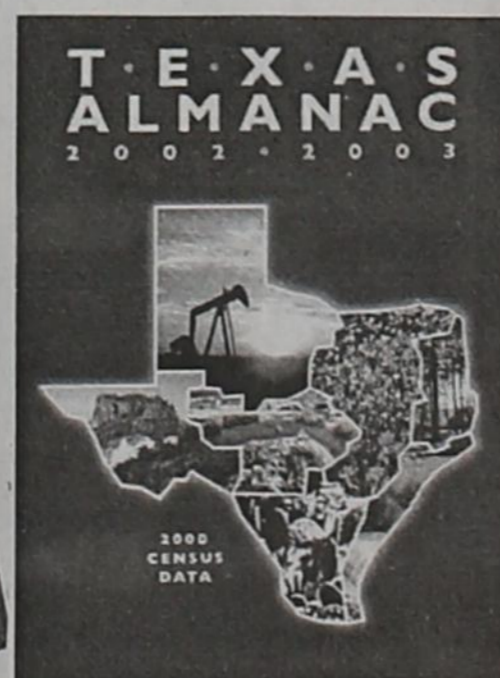
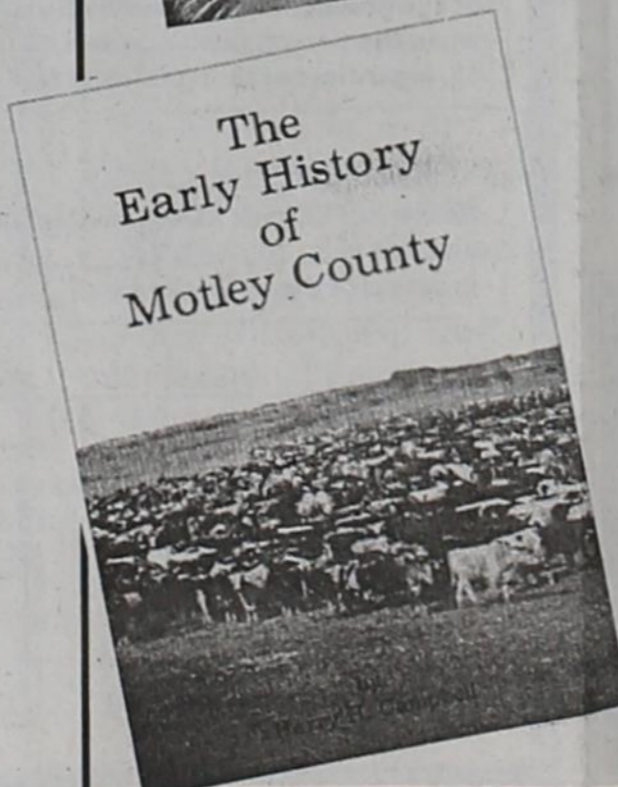
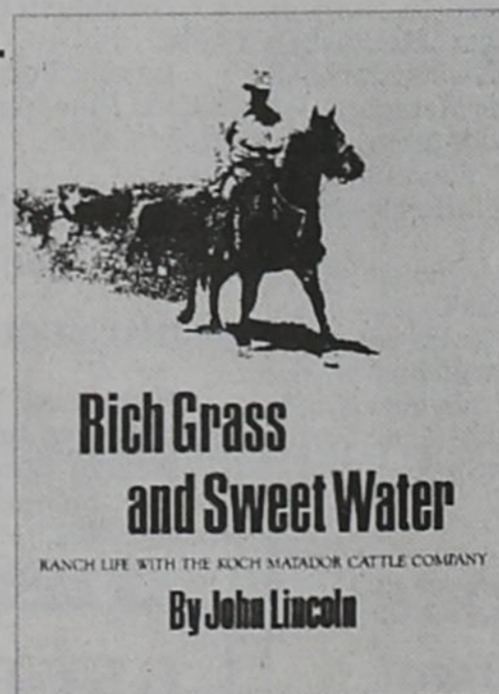
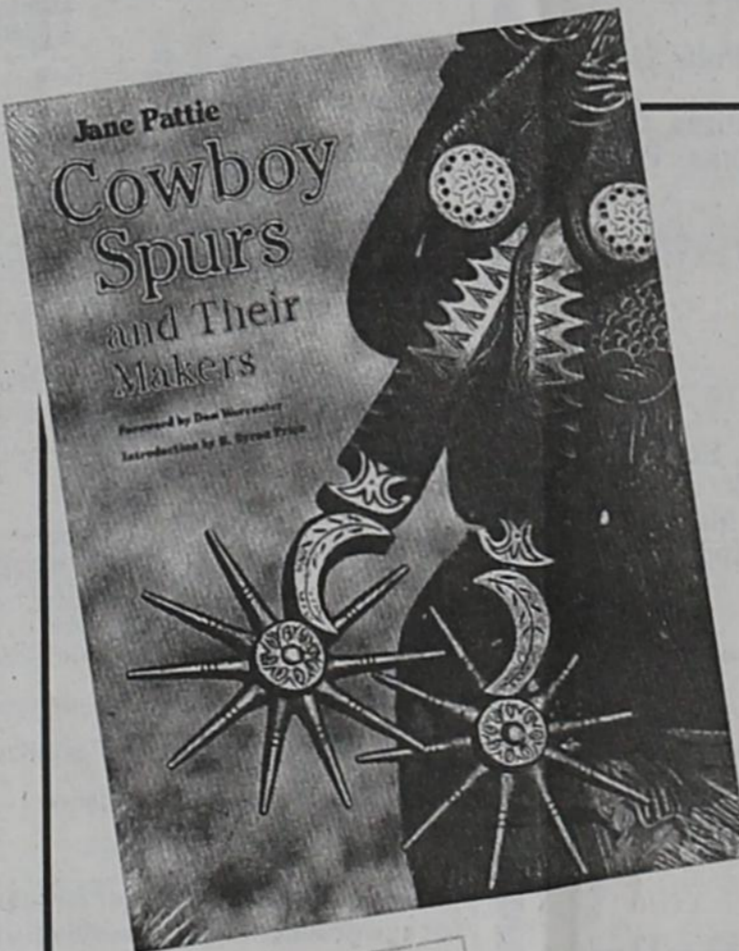


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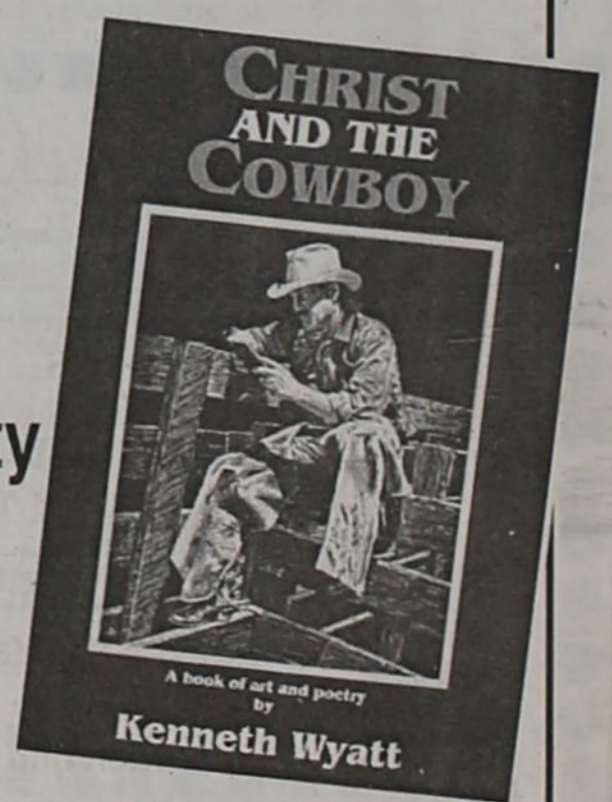
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## Ex-Dean's Future Scholars program shining star on Texas Tech campus

Note: This article was taken from the May 12, 2002 edition of the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*, by Janie Ramirez. Alex Crowder is now a resident of Roaring Springs.

When Alex Crowder, a professor in the College of Education made a personal investment of time and money in 1994 to begin what is now called the Dean's Future Scholars, he did not know the impact his idea would have on young sixth graders from Title One schools in the Lubbock Independent School District.

He envisioned students from socio-economically deprived families getting the opportunity to visit the Texas Tech campus, first to help them believe that college was an option for them and second, to learn about careers in teaching. He met with then-LISD Supt. Mike Moses, and the program was kicked off.

For most of the scholars and their parents, it would be their first time on the campus. Each subsequent year a new group of scholars was added as well as additional schools.

Currently there are 25 elementary and middle Title-One schools from Lubbock and surrounding districts participating as well as 15 junior high schools and 11 high schools.

Scholars are selected by their home campus administrators to participate in the program as sixth graders. They come to the campus for a conference in the fall of their sixth grade year and each spring semester thereafter.

The conferences include special speakers, a Tech-student-to-scholar session, lunch in the residence halls, a parent luncheon with the dean, and tours of various campus hot spots.

Scholars are tracked through the districts and may continue to be eligible for the program as long as they are in good standing at participating home schools.

Although the initial intent of the program was to encourage more students to pursue teaching careers, subsequent conferences have included exposure to engineering, sci-

ence, medicine, music, theater and athletics.

This spring, scholars in the ninth and 10th grades were introduced to the TTUHSC School of Nursing.

The scholars were given hands-on experience in the nursing simulation lab and enjoyed a pizza luncheon program by the School of Nursing. The conference concluded with a panel discussion led by nursing students and administrators.

Scholars in the 11th and 12th grade recently met at the United Spirit Arena for a financial aid planning conference and college fair.

Scholars were treated to a discussion with first-generation college graduates who shared about their college experiences, challenges and successes.

The only complaint by the high school counselors who attended was that they wished more students had this kind of opportunity.

According to Karen Jacobsen, coordinator of the program, "Dean's Future Scholars is serving over 750 students. Many of the first scholars are now in college. Most of those students received the support and encouragement to go to college as a direct result of Dr. Crowder's vision."

Although Crowder retired in 1999, he still returns to greet and meet new scholars and their parents every fall.

Jacobsen adds that a similar pilot program involving Dickens and Motley Counties was begun last year.

Margarita Medina, a sophomore Biology/Spanish major, recalls her first conference: "it was my first time on campus, it was so big and scary. By the time I graduated from high school, I felt at home at Texas Tech and I knew it like the back of my hand. I never had any doubts about where I would go to college."

Medina is a top scholar at Texas Tech. She was awarded a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Fellowship as a result of her academic achievements and now conducts research on the process of apoptosis (cell suicide, specifically of the brain) in her lab at

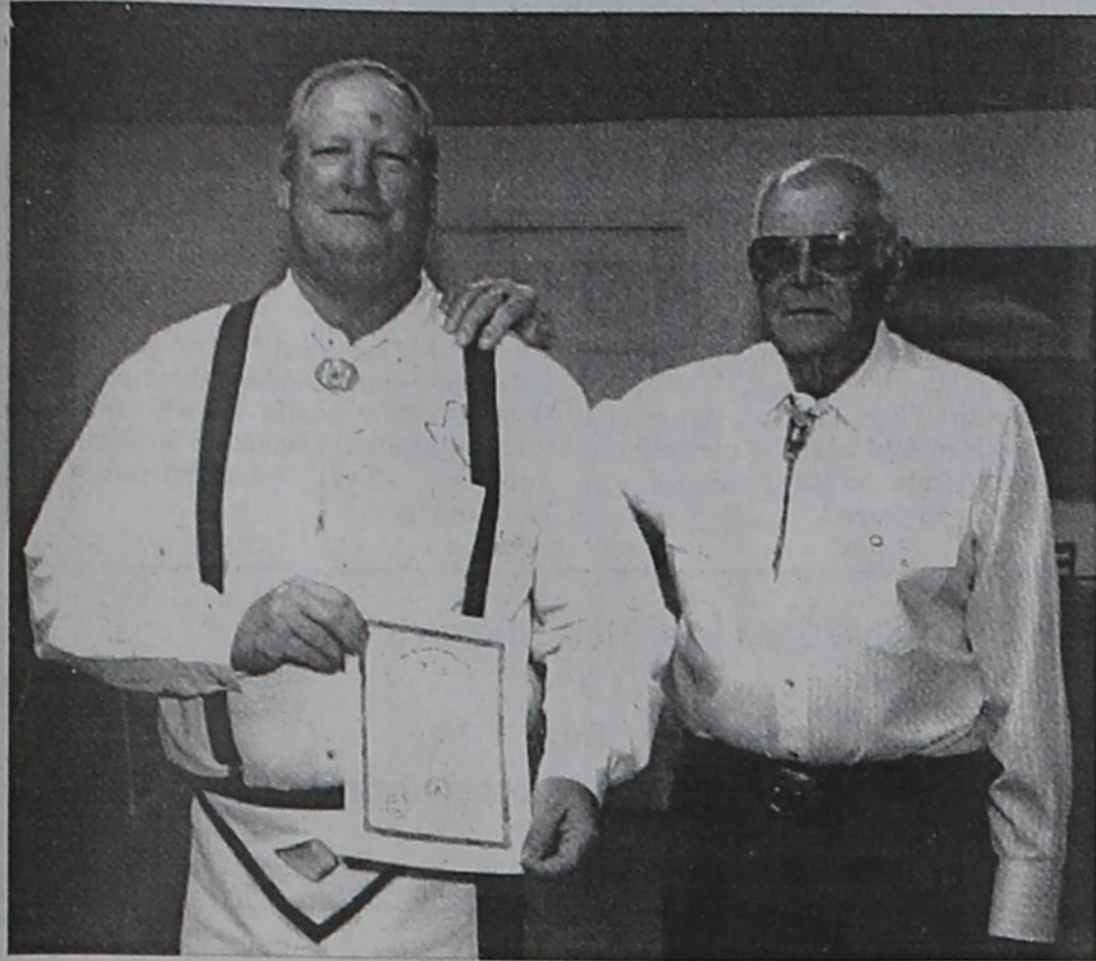
the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Her ultimate goal is to become a pediatrician.

The Office of the Chancellor and Office of the President supported the program with unrestricted funds in 1998, 1999 and 2000. The program frequently partners with the College of Engineering, the Office of Admissions, and School Relations, Office of Community and Multicultural Affairs, School of Music, Department of Geosciences, Housing and Dining and Athletics.

The program has had enthusiastic support from community leaders, but more is needed. Each year the program grows and funding continues to be a growing concern.

Parties interested in partnering or making a financial contribution to Dean's Future Scholars, the longest

ongoing diversity program on campus, are encouraged to contact Karen Jacobsen at 742-1997, extension 400.



**HONORED FOR 65 YEARS** — Harold Campbell, right, was honored by the Masonic Lodge at their annual awards banquet, held last Saturday in Roaring Springs, for 65 years to the Lodge. Presenting Mr. Campbell with a 65-year pin and certificate was Wes Campbell.



**COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD** — James "Tootie" Meador, Matador Masonic Lodge member, right, presents Carla Meador with the Community Builder Award. The state award is the Lodge's highest honor given to a non-member.

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# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Odessa Mullins

Those enjoying coffee at the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church on Monday morning, August 11 were Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Joyce Smith, Dean McInroe, Corky Marshall, Reva Sweeney, Lea Peacock, Lula Swim and Ruby Hipp.

Grace Zabielski was conveyed by Motley County ambulance to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock Friday with a heart problem.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Largent drove to Nacano Sunday to pick up their grandson, Cody Bird. He will spend a few days with them.

Visiting Odessa Mullins from Thurs-

day evening until Sunday morning were Ted Alsop and Tom De Porto of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mullins of Plainview and local resident, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins, visited with them on Saturday.

Zella Palmer kept a doctor appointment in Lubbock Wednesday. Nona Long drove her. It is reported that her knee is doing very well after surgery.

Visiting Pearl Patten recently was her daughter, Jo Ann Reagan of Quitaque.

Visiting Zella Palmer over the weekend was her son and wife, Johnny and Tammy Palmer.

## Matador News

Barbara Armstrong recently took her grandchildren for a day out. Grandson Jamie Jameson and Mammo took off to Lubbock, where they visited the American Wind Center to see all the beautiful windmill displays. Then they ventured to the Science Spectrum to watch "The Lost Worlds." They took time out to sit and watch the Prairie Dogs run around the Prairie Dog town on the north loop. But before supper they played in one of the playgrounds in MacKenzie Park. They had a delightful day.

For granddaughter, Leanne's, day out, they each took along a friend. Hailey Blanco accompanied Leanne and Maria Liebe-Harkort accompanied Barbara. The four drove to Groom to see the giant cross (190 ft. high - 19 stories tall, and 110 ft. across). They also saw the tomb for the unborn babies and other additions to the area.

The group then went to Amarillo to the Big Texan and the American Quarter Horse Museum before going to Palo Duro Canyon to see the play "TEXAS." This was Leanne's third time to see the play, but Hailey and Maria's first. The group sat in front of a former Matador resident, Mary McCreless. This was also a fun day.

Shea Rose was released from Covenant Hospital in Lubbock on Tuesday

evening after undergoing surgery last Wednesday. She is recuperating at home.

Mrs. Carol Gilbreth of Sundown visited last Sunday and Monday with her mother, Mrs. Kathryn Martin and accompanied her to Lubbock, Monday for a medical appointment.

Luther and Edna Ruth Green with daughter, Virginia Green of Whiteface, drove to Keller on Saturday, August 10th, to attend the engagement part for their grandson, Adam Green, son of Andy Green. Adam is working in the Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD until he begins flight school in Pensacola, Florida in November. He will then transfer to other flight schools over the next 2-2 1/2 years, and will probably be assigned to a squadron, then to an aircraft carrier. Adam's goal has always been to be a pilot, and he would like to fly jets. He has completed college with a bachelor degree in Aerospace Engineering with a concentration in Aeronautics.

Virginia Green of Whiteface has spent much time in Matador this summer with her parents, Luther and Edna Ruth Green. She has now returned to her home in Whiteface, where school will begin August 12.

## Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

How come the 79th Old Settlers Reunion came so soon this year? As I count my blessings in my early morning hours, that's what is amazing. Eighteen family birthdays, in addition to Old Settlers occur in August. Time dragged in July then suddenly September looms, and the opening of school is present.

Recent visitors at this house were many. Son Pat Groves, wife Kathy and daughter Cortney arrived August 6 to enjoy the hospitality of Edith Daniels, master of interior design, at the old Hotel, while Cortney stayed with "Granny Groves." The "emptying of the nest" is being endured by this family. Cortney leaves the 14th of August to spend her Willamette Junior Year in Paris, France, with a "Host family." She will come home Dec. 22 for Christmas Holidays.

A host of Nichols, Renfro and Groves relatives gathered at the Carroll Nichols country home near Lubbock for a prearranged Ice Cream Supper. We were welcomed by Skylar, granddaughter of Smoky and Virginia Martin, who almost immediately became engaged in a game of "play tennis" with Cortney Groves not realizing she was competing with Willamette's tennis champion, who has almost worked her way through college as a baby-sitter. The trip back to Roaring Springs found everyone ready for rest. Some way, I managed to get back to Matador and sat in on a rehearsal of a remnant of the Hepcat Band. That was a rare treat; Cortney is a good driver, and very patient with her "Granny." I think Pat went there to meet some classmates coming in from out of town and Cortney and I stayed.

I learned the next morning that breakfast for the "clans" with Edith

Daniels had been arranged by Pat and Kathy. From the Pioneer C.C. Renfro family were David Renfro and wife Paulet of La Grange, a prelude to sending daughter Lindsay off to school at Denton. They were so tired of driving, they made the trip by plane to Lubbock and back. David is a son of Madge Nichols Renfro and Harold, "Sparky." Rebecca Mary LeFleur of Silver City, NM, was present, having visited her mother Madge and brother Melvin in Carrollton, Tx. We still miss Dr. Rob who was killed in a car accident shortly after Algie Groves died.

On Friday, Pat, Kathy and Cortney were off to Lubbock where Cortney flew home to Los Altos and her parents attended Pat's 45th Class Reunion who were the Class of '57 graduating from Matador High. From there, they went to join Cortney in Los Altos Hills, and called back from there Saturday morning. For us in Roaring Springs, Old Settlers and the Chamber of Commerce Banquet are here. I shall miss many old settlers.

I don't remember the Old Settlers Reunion of 1924. My Nichols family came to the North Twin House on Highway 70 in January of that year. The Twin Houses, were built before the Hotel and Depot around 1910, I believe. Joe and Dianna Martinez bought the North House so that it would be preserved. Carl Barton owns the south house. I recently visited Carl and Shirley and found him gently herding six little guineas, about the size of a quart bottle, toward the garden. A son had brought them to him. If he can keep them, he will have the finest of "burglar alarms." Little "Quackers." Few farm homes were without guineas at one time.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Billy Hand of Roaring Springs and granddaughter, Hannah Alexander of Lubbock were luncheon guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Weekend houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were Barry Pickett of Dallas, Cary Franks and Sorrell Schmidt of Lubbock and Cara Franks of Lubbock. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington.

Raymond Kendall, resident at the Lockney Care Center visited last Monday with son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall. They visited with him Sunday at the Care Center and reported he is regaining his strength after an illness.

Tom Ross visited his cousin, Mrs. Ruth Williams at the Nursing Home in Crowell, Tuesday. Mrs. Williams is receiving therapy following an accident recently in her home in Quanah.

Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg visited Tuesday and Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Haley visited overnight Thursday with them when her family, Christi, Dwain and Emily Milam attended the enjoyable circus in Lubbock.

Luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin Wednesday were Mrs. Lou Burleson of Floydada and Mary Ellen Barton of Flomot.

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

Joe Ike Clay and grandchildren, Kylene and Karlee Kleibrink of Clifton, daughters, Mrs. Tina Carson of Turkey and Mrs. Julie Edwards of Lubbock attended the Clay family reunion Saturday, August 3 at

Murrey Lake near Ardmore, Okla. Joining them there were Lori and Kevon Kleibrink of Clifton who accompanied home children who visited the past week with the Clay family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Franklin of Lindale visited Donnie Rogers Friday evening and accompanied home Natalie and Brooke Rogers who had visited here the past six weeks. En route home, they visited in Amarillo with Mrs. Merle Nall.

Aleda Elaine Ross is visiting in Lubbock with her aunt and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley.

Mrs. Geneva Martin, Mrs. Kathy Shorter and Mrs. Anna Beth Clay attended a baby shower, Sunday held in Lubbock honoring Lee and Karen Flores and new baby son, Tristen. Special guests were grandmother, Mrs. Brenda Davis and great grandmother, Mrs. Joy Barham of Hart.

Mrs. Ruth Ann Scrivner and daughter, Khaki of Turkey visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Sunday.

Brian Sehon of Ropesville visited from Friday until Sunday with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Mrs. Shorter met his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Sehon in Lubbock, Sunday for his return trip home.

Mark and JoAnn Clay of Terrell visited from Wednesday until Thursday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay. They visited in Lockney, Thursday with Mrs. Margaret Lane of Turkey who is in rehabilitation at Lockney Care Center. They also visited other relatives and friends in Flomot and Turkey.

## Whiteflat News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

Disappointments are like weeds in a garden. You can let them grow and take over your life, or you can route them out and let the flowers sprout.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin, son, Ryan and friend, Jamie Pigg of Lubbock enjoyed a vacation trip to Red River from Sunday until Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle visited in Lubbock, Saturday in the home of his sister, Aly Gwinn. Other guests were Mrs. Michelle Jeffers of San Marcos and Mrs. Sarah Hurt, Emily and Annie of Matador. Sarah was awarded her degree from Texas Tech at the graduation

ceremony Saturday morning.

Wilda and Spencer Dixon were in Lubbock from Friday until Sunday to attend his 1957 Matador High School 45th class reunion. It was held at the Barcelona Courts Hotel and the 15 classmates attending enjoyed many events in Lubbock including a performance at the Cactus Theater Friday night.

Danielle Gwinn accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Darla Gwinn attended the happy birthday party of Sierra Burleson, Sunday afternoon held at the swimming pool in Turkey. Sierra who was eight years old is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Burleson of Turkey.

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## OBITUARIES

### Thomas Owens

Thomas Owens passed away on April 3, 2002. He was a 1965 graduate of Roaring Springs High School. He was the son of Buddy and Darcus Owens of Wortham, formerly of Roaring Springs.

He retired from the U.S. Army as a M.I.P. with twenty years of service and also retired from the U.T. Police Force in Austin after 15 years.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, Darcus in 1994, and Buddy in 1996.

He was survived by one son, Mark Owens and one granddaughter, Rebecca Owens, both of Austin. He also had one brother, Bueford Owens Jr. of Wortham and one sister, Neva Trinidad, of Wortham.

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**FARM AND RANCH NEWS**

**COTTON NEWS**  
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**TEXAS FSA HOLDS FIRST DCP TRAINING SESSIONS**

The past two weeks have found Texas Farm Service Agency County Executive Directors and key staff members hitting the books during two weeklong training sessions detailing specific components of the new Farm Program.

The FSA training sessions focused on base and yield update provisions included in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002.

The training sessions worked to familiarize County FSA employees with key portions of the new program, referred to as the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) by Farm Service Agency personnel.

Included in the training was information on what producer materials County FSA offices will be asked to prepare prior to the start of the formal sign-up process and more detailed information about how to carry out specific sign-up details.

Of key importance to producers is the fact that farm operators who have been taking care of paperwork for absentee landlords through Power of Attorney agreements under the 1996 Farm Bill's provisions will be required to update virtually all of their POA paperwork in order to do the same under the DCP program.

Operators needing copies of the new forms can get them through the FSA website or from County FSA offices.

Future FSA training sessions will cover DCP program details for which final decisions have not been made. They are also likely to include any retraining necessitated by changes to previous implementation decisions.

Producers should begin receiving important information from their local County offices in the very near future. Producers are encouraged to read through the materials completely and to take appropriate actions by whatever dates are indicated.

Among the first mailings will be summaries of 1998-2001 acreage figures that producers will be asked to verify for accuracy. This will become an important part of the sign-up process because many later decisions will be made based on the acreage

history on file with FSA.

**PLAINS GINNERS ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 12**

Members of the Plains Ginners Association will meet Monday, August 12 at Lakeridge Country Club for the organization's 2002 Annual Meeting.

The PGA program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and include a Keynote address by the ranking member of the House Committee on Agriculture, Representative Charlie Stenholm.

Also included on the agenda are reports from Dr. Mark Lange, Vice President, Policy Analysis and Program Coordinator for the National Cotton Council; Mark Messura, Vice President for strategic planning for Cotton Incorporated; and, Mark Williams, President of Plains Cotton Growers. Additional reports will be provided by the National Cotton Ginners Association, Texas Cotton Ginners Association, Texas Independent Ginners Association, Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council and the Cotton Board.

Following the program and luncheon scholarship golf tournament will be held benefiting PGA scholarship programs at Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University.

**SAYING THANKS TO CHAIRMAN LARRY COMBEST**

Business and agriculture leaders across the State are coming together August 27 in Lubbock to express their appreciation to House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest of Lubbock for his efforts to secure passage of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002.

The event is open to anyone wishing to attend. Scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. and conclude by 7:00 p.m., August 27, festivities will be conducted in the main Exhibit Hall at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Forty-four agricultural and business entities have signed on to co-sponsor the event to date. There is no charge to attend and business people, farmers, ranchers and all other interested individuals are encouraged to attend the "come as you are" event.

**West Nile Virus advances westward**

A horse in Haskell County, about 50 miles north of Abilene, tested positive Wednesday, August 7, for the mosquito-borne disease West Nile Virus (WNV). This is the 21st horse to test positive for the WNV in Texas and is the westernmost detection of the virus in the state.

"Previously, WNV had been detected only as far west as Travis County," reported Dr. Joe Garrett of the Zoonosis Control Division of the Texas Department of Health. "The virus was confirmed in a dead blue jay submitted from southwest Austin on July 17." He noted that infected birds have been found in seven counties: Collin, Dallas, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, and Travis. Infected mosquitoes have been detected in Dallas, Fort Bend, Harris, Orange and Jefferson Counties.

"We credit the Texas Department of Health with confirming infection in the Haskell County horse. The private veterinary practitioner, suspecting that the animal might have rabies, submitted the brain to the TDH laboratory, where rabies testing is conducted. After ruling out that disease, health department laboratory technicians tested the tissue for WNV and confirmed infection," said Dr. Linda Logan. She said unless rabies is suspected, WNV testing for horses is usually conducted at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory at College Station. WNV testing for humans, birds and mosquitoes are conducted by the Texas Department of Health.

"Were continuing to urge owners to have their horses, donkeys, mules and other equids vaccinated against this form of sleeping sickness which continues to spread westward," said Dr. Linda Logan. "To gain protection against the virus, however, equids need two injections of WNV vaccine administered at least three to six weeks apart. The animal will not develop full immunity for about four to six weeks after the second injection." Dr. Logan advised owners to further protect horses with insect repellents and if possible house the animals at night in stalls with screens to prevent contact with potentially infected mos-

quitoes. "Likewise, we urge residents to apply insect repellents if they are going to be outside when mosquitoes are active," commented Dr. Joe Garrett. "There is no vaccine for humans, so disease prevention is our only option. Drain all sources of stagnant water, keep pools optimally chlorinated and change water in birdbaths daily to prevent mosquitoes from using these sites for breeding grounds. Because some mosquitoes breed in grassy areas, it's also a good idea to keep areas around homes mowed."

Although blue jays, crows and more than 70 other species of birds carry the virus, they do not pose a direct WNV health risk to humans or horses, stressed Dr. Logan. She explained that the disease cycle must involve mosquitoes that feed on the infected birds, then transmit the disease to humans or horses.

"We receive samples of dead blue jays and crows, particularly from areas west of Houston, so that we can track the progression of this disease as it advances westward," said Dr. Garrett. "For surveillance testing at the Texas Department of Health, we need freshly dead birds that have not begun to decompose. If you have a dead bird to submit, call your local health department. If you handle the bird, wear gloves to protect yourself against any possible parasites or other diseases the bird may have contracted and double-bag the carcass. Prior to laboratory submission, it's best to place the bird in a cool place, such as in an ice chest, to slow decomposition."

"WNV will continue to spread, but like the veterinarian in Haskell County, we need always to consider rabies or other diseases, if animals stagger, are unable to rise, or become disoriented," said Dr. Logan. "Although fairly rare, rabies can strike livestock and if owners handle an animal stricken with disease, they must receive medical treatment. It's important to have a diagnosis when livestock become extremely sick or die. If your animals are exhibiting signs of distress, notify your veterinarian and TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.

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Although fields that have been treated must be posted, contacting eradication personnel will help ensure that employees take the necessary precautions to protect their health and safety when working in

these fields.

The Foundation also wishes to avoid unnecessarily treating fields, as some of the pesticides growers use provide control of boll weevils.

For more information, growers may contact their local eradication office.

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