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## Museum receives book donation recalling memories of The Last Matador Wagon

by Marisue Potts

The *Last Matador Wagon*, a pictorial history of the employees who worked for the Red Lake Corporation of the Matador Ranch fame, was presented to the Motley County Museum recently by Johnny Davenport of Post.

One of seven books created by Davenport from photographs taken within the window of September, 1958, to February, 1959, the volume details the last season the hoodlum and chuckwagons were used before retirement and final breakup of what was once the gigantic Matador Land & Cattle Co., Ltd. The young cowboy was hired on as part of that last crew by Johnny Stevens, former superintendent of the Scottish-based syndicate.

As Davenport explains, when the ranch sold in 1951 to Lazard Freres and Associates, about 170 sections were then re-sold to Fred Koch of the Rock Island Oil Co., and that became known as the Rock Island Ranch. The remaining land was eventually sold to a group of businessmen from New York City who formed the Red Lake Corporation.

The Red Lake Corporation hired Stevens, retained the wagon crew and the Matador wagon. Because the Red Lake Corporation kept the same management and continued to run the wagon, most people continued to call this "The Matador Ranch." When the corporation decided to sell, the wagon crew was sent out the last time to gather and scour the pastures clean of the rankest and rangiest breed.

With wit and insight, Davenport

has documented a nostalgic period in the county's history, while shedding light on this little understood era of the ranch's history.

While the break-up presented new opportunities for locals, it also meant the passing of a way of life.

Wild cow traps, trailing to Russellville, breaking and cutting bronses, living at the wagon, riding the range, roping mavericks and tying them to trees, catching horses from a rope corral, eating chuck from the wagon or the power wagon, and loading out the long line of trucks — and cowboys, lots of cowboys. Davenport has taken stills and breathed life into them. He has captured the freezing cold, the blistering coffee, the soothing smoke, and the comradie of men living together under harsh conditions.

Just 21 when he hired on with Red Lake Corporation, the North Carolina native has worked at many ranches all over the country. "It

would take a page or two, just to name the ranches I've rode for," he writes.

When he quit punching cattle in 1984, he started shoeing horses. Now semi-retired, Davenport, with the help and encouragement of his wife Jean, a Matador native, took the time to organize his box of old photographs into a lively and interesting account. Their research took them to the Southwest Collection where they found volumes about the Matador Ranch, but more importantly for their purposes, a diary written by Johnny Stevens. The ranch manager, true to his training under the Scots as ranch superintendent, had kept a diary, filling in details of that historic year in time when the Matador wagon was pulled in for the last time.

Davenport's account, *The Last Matador Wagon*, may be enjoyed at the Motley County Museum on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00.



### Book Donation

Marisue Potts, Motley County Museum board member, accepts the donation of a pictorial book of the Matador Ranch, from Johnny and Jean Davenport of Post. The book, entitled *The Last Matador Wagon*, is available for viewing at the Museum.



Vickie Pierce, owner and operator of Matador Floral ~ Designs by Vickie, is pictured here next to one of her unique gift displays. Mrs. Pierce offers flower, friendliness and much more at her business in downtown Matador.

## Matador Floral ~ Designs by Vickie offers flowers and friendliness

When Vickie Pierce started making stuffed animals at her home in Roaring Springs, she had no idea that her business would grow into what it is today, a busy flower and gift shop. "I was looking for something to do," she said. "I had been a stay-at-home mom and homemaker for 19 years, and got tired of housework."

Vickie, who lived in Post and graduated from high school there, and husband, Larry, a Roaring Springs native, celebrated their 27th anniversary this year. "We have lived in Roaring Springs all of our married life," Mrs. Pierce said. "Moving to this area was an adjustment for me," she said. "I had always wanted to do something creative."

Her love for sewing got her started making the stuffed animals in 1993. She also made dolls and sold her handmade items at Christmas bazaars. With a daughter in high school, and the expense of homecoming mums, she decided she could make one of the must-have items for her daughter, herself. After making one for her daughter, she began making mums for friends and before she knew it had started accumulating so many supplies she was growing out of house and home. "Larry said it was time to get the stuff out of the house," she said. So, in 1995 she remodeled the former home of her late in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Pierce, and officially opened for business.

Vickie's Floral & Country Crafts opened as a full flower shop, with

handmade animals and dolls for sale, and eventually Mrs. Pierce added gift items. Not long after opening for business, her first funeral job came in. "Christy did our first funeral, with the help of a friend," Mrs. Pierce said. "I was in the hospital with pneumonia, but made bows for the sprays from my hospital bed." That was a real learning experience for daughter Christy, who works side by side with her mother.

"I had wanted a building in Matador, but there were none available, she said. There wasn't a building available in Roaring Springs, either, so the house was great for awhile."

In 1996, Mrs. Pierce purchased a building in downtown Roaring Springs, which was originally owned by the Masonic Lodge. The lodge had donated the building to the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers, who in turn sold it to Mrs. Pierce. "We did a lot of remodeling to the building, and had a very successful business in Roaring Springs," she said, "but we still wanted to move the business to Matador when a building became available."

In January of 2000 the business was moved to Matador, in the former Veterans building downtown. "The location was perfect and we felt the time was right," Mrs. Pierce said. "We have done extensive remodeling to this building, and continue to do so."

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## Matador City Council discusses stray dog problem

Matador City Council members discussed the stray dog problem in Matador when they met in regular session, Tuesday, July 9. Matador resident, Cynthia Stafford, met with the council regarding the problem. The city of Floydada will be willing to send their dog catcher to Matador at a rate of .60¢ per mile traveled, \$3.00 a day holding (up to 3 days), and \$5.00 for euthanasia performed by a veterinarian. The Council asked Mayor Williams to contact Floydada City Superintendent, Gary Brown, about this matter. No further action was taken at this time.

Elena Quintanilla, director of South Plains Association of Govern-

ments (SPAG) regional services, presented the council with a proposal for SPAG to write and administer future water and sewer grant applications. A representative from ODJ Engineering was also present. After discussion, the Council approved SPAG and ODJ Engineering to oversee future projects.

Council discussed and decided, upon council from the city attorney, not to pay Ronnie Wagner Construction for recent seal coating work until a release can be obtained from James Gillespie for damages to his property.

A new cell phone plan for City employees was discussed and tabled.

Council reviewed present hourly rates for city equipment available for hire to city residents. Upon recommendation from Steve Barton, City Superintendent, the rates were increased as follows:

Backhoe: \$50 hour  
Grader: \$50 hour  
Trencher: \$75 hour  
Sewer Jetter: \$45 flat rate

Council discussed purchasing a small crack sealing machine for city streets. Mr. Barton will check prices and report back. The council also discussed solicitors of energy in Matador. This issue will be addressed as more information about energy deregulation is made available. The matter of payments to Matador Wa-

ter District was discussed and tabled. The possible purchase of a new riding lawn mower was brought to the table. Steve Barton informed the council that the Matador Housing Authority might be willing to share 1/3 of the cost. Lawn mower purchase was tabled.

Superintendent Barton informed the council that in the past week the landfill and waste water treatment plant had been inspected and passed with flying colors. Irrigation has been increased at the sewer plant and he has also installed 3 new fire hydrants.

All council members were present for this meeting, with the exception of Bert Darsey.

## School Board hires new teacher, coach

The Motley County School Board met July 15 for their regular meeting. All board members were present. Also attending were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Sonya Herrell, and Bettye Stevens.

No one was present for open forum.

Mr. Copp presented the Superintendent's report. He informed the board that the house in Roaring Springs has had repairs made and that three school houses have had wind or hail damages to the roofs. All have been submitted to the insurance and are awaiting the adjuster. It was suggested that the house in Roaring Springs be rented to a couple that have been asking about it, since the school does not need the housing at this time.

A copy of the faculty handbook was given to the members to review

before the August meeting.

An aide position has opened due to the fact that Mrs. Ferguson will be going to nursing school in Childress next year. The position will be filled by the August meeting.

Motley County ISD has been awarded the Community Networking Grant along with the community members involved. Work will begin on the planning stages and equipment will be ordered soon.

Ms. Herrell explained the increases in the TAAS scores from 2001 to 2002. The hard work and time that the teachers and staff have put into the test have had a very positive outcome. All tests scores for all students have increased.

Board members were reminded that training will take place via the ITV system at Motley County ISD on Thursday at 6:30.

Mr. Copp informed the board that he has begun working on the budget and proposed tax rate for the 2002-03 school year and that a proposed rate will be ready by the August meeting.

Items for board action included approving the minutes of the previous meeting. The expenditure report was approved and the financial statements were reviewed.

Lunch room prices for the 2002-03 school year were approved as fol-

lows:  
Breakfast:  
Reduced, .30¢, all grades.  
Full Price, \$1.00, all grades  
Faculty, \$1.50  
Guests, \$1.50

Lunch:  
Reduced, .40¢, all grades  
Full Price, \$1.50, PK-6  
Faculty, \$2.00, 7-12  
Faculty, \$2.25  
Guests, \$4.00

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## 28th annual Motley County Jr. Rodeo held last weekend

The 28th Annual Motley County Jr. Rodeo went off without a bang, in spite of Friday night's rain storm. Youth from all over Texas and areas of New Mexico and Oklahoma entered various events.

Best All-Around Boy and Girl in the Pre-Kid Division were Coley Flowers of Aspermont and Samantha Billington of Lubbock. Other Pre-Kids results are as follows:

**Pre-Kids Barrels**  
First, Stetson Kirkpatrick, Lovington, NM; 2nd, Riley Payne, Idalou; 3rd, Aaron Macy, Post; 4th, Coley Flowers, Aspermont; 5th, Kory Bateman, Dickens; 6th, Tanner Arnold, Spur.

**Pre-Kids Flags**  
First, Stetson Kirkpatrick, Lovington, NM; 2nd, Coley Flowers, Aspermont; 3rd, Riley Payne, Idalou;

4th, Aaron Macy, Post; 5th, Tanner Arnold, Spur; 6th, Barrett Bland, Northfield.

**Pre-Kids Poles**  
First, Aaron Macy, Post; 2nd, Coley Flowers, Aspermont; 3rd, Riley Payne, Idalou; 4th, Kory Bateman, Dickens; 5th, Jessie Price, Turkey; 6th, Samantha Billington, Lubbock.

**Pre-Kids Goat Ribbon Pull**  
First, Riley Payne, Idalou; 2nd, Coley Flowers, Aspermont; 3rd, Aaron Macy, Post; 4th, Barrett Bland, Northfield; 5th, Jessie Price, Turkey; 6th, Kory Bateman, Dickens.

**Calf Riding**  
First, Braden Pyle, Stephenville; 2nd, Stetson Kirkpatrick, Lovington, NM; 3rd, Coley Flowers, Aspermont; 4th, Kolby Williams, Floydada; 5th, Gatlin Taylor, Pampa; 6th, Kyla

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## Homecoming 2002 set for October 25 -26

The Motley County "Exes" Association announces that the dates of October 25 and 26 have been set for Homecoming 2002. The Motley County Matadors will play football against Hedley on Friday evening, October 25. Registration of Exes, a barbecue luncheon, the program and the business meeting will be held on Saturday, October 26.

Classes planning individual reunions should contact the school if the use of a classroom for a meeting space is desired.

If you are an ex-student of the Matador Schools or Motley County consolidated schools and your mailing address has changed, please contact Jim Watson, P.O. Box 418, Matador, TX 79244 (e-mail jpwatson@caprock-spur.com) with your new address so that more detailed information can be mailed to you as homecoming date nears. If you know an Ex who is not receiving the *Motley County Tribune*, please pass this information on to them.



To continue with last week's subject of birthdays, the following list goes right along with getting a little older. Although I'm a few years over 40, I don't agree with a lot of things on this list. I think this must be a list for those a little older than those of us who belong to the young 40 something crowd.

**THE PERKS OF BEING OVER 40**

1. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
2. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
3. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
4. People call at 9 p.m. and ask, "Did I wake you?"
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn

7. Things you buy now won't wear out.
8. You can eat dinner at 4 p.m.
9. You can't live without glasses.
10. You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.
11. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
12. You have a party and the neighbors don't even realize it.
13. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
14. You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.
15. You sing along with elevator music.
16. Your eyes won't get much worse.
17. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
18. You can't remember where you got this list.



**El Progreso club members meet Governor Perry**

by Winifred Darsey

The El Progreso Club joined the clubs of Santa Rosa District of Federated Clubs of Texas at Crowell, July 11, for a day of instruction given by the Traveling Club of Texas. The Traveling Club instructed the clubs on rules of order, yearbooks, future programs, traditions of the club, requirements for scholarships, departments, etc. The highlight of the day was an impromptu appearance of Texas Governor, Rick Perry, and his entourage.

He spoke briefly on the importance of a college education. The members were pleased that he took time from his whirlwind campaign to speak to them.

District President Jo Ann Dickson spoke to the clubs on her aims and plans for the ensuing year.

Members attending from El Progreso Club were Jeanne Adams, JoEtta Bumgardner, Lana Copp, Loys Campbell, Freida Burns, Sharon Allen, Ruby McBride, JoAnn Dickson and Winifred Darsey.



Nathan & Carol Gilbreth

**Couple celebrates 25th wedding anniversary**

Nathan and Carol Gilbreth of Sundown celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Tuesday, July 2. A small reception hosted by their two daughters was held on June 30 in the Sundown Community Center. Their daughters are Kathryn Gilbreth and Susan Gilbreth both of Sundown.

Nathan Gilbreth and the former Carol Ann Martin were married July 2, 1977, in the home of the bride in Matador, Texas.

Nathan Gilbreth is an employ of Wilson Supply and Carol Gilbreth teaches middle school science at Sundown.

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**Do Gooders club members learn chicken scratch embroidery**

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, July 2 at the Community Center in Flomot. Mrs. Waydetta Clay, president led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance and then recited the poem "The Colored" in an entertaining way.

Mrs. B. Rogers conducted a class on the art of Chicken Scratch embroidery. She had on display some of the beautiful completed work.

Mesdames Connie Franks and Tommie Jo Cruse presided at a refreshment table featuring patriotic decor and served iced tea and cookies. The cascading ivy plant with an American Flag was won by Mrs. Cruse in the raffle ticket drawing.

It was reported following Flomot Homecoming that the club had made a net profit of \$771.00 for the Ragtime quilt on which chances were sold. Wade Arrington of Canadian was the lucky winner.

Members attending were Mesdames Leona Degan, Geneva Martin, Mary Jo Calvert, Waydetta Clay, Alma Shorter, B. Rogers, Kathy Shorter, Connie Franks, Tommie Jo Cruse, Trula Martin, Nada Starkey

and Barbara Payne. Visitors were Mrs. Irene "Sis" Stephens of Turkey, Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville and Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Lindale.



LEARNING TO DRAW — Kids learning to draw at last week's drawing lesson at the Motley County Library.

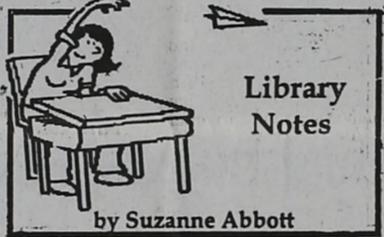
**Kids draw dinosaurs at the Library**

Ten young artists learned about drawing cones, circles and squares at the library last Thursday. When they were finished they had drawn the T-Rex dinosaur. After class each artist checked out one of the new how-to-draw books so they could practice what they had learned.

The next drawing lesson will be at the library at 2:00 p.m. Thursday and every Thursday until school starts.

The lessons are brought to you free compliments of the Motley County Library and Betty Henry. Kids taking part in this drawing session were Jordan Moore, Alexis Moore, Lashwanda Theriac, Annie Hurt, Christina Moehring, Taelor

Norrell, Tanner Norrell, Lexi Osborn, Shelton Zarate and Carissa Zarate.



We appreciate the memorial donations received by the library this past week. We thank Joan and Keith Patton for their donations in memory of Dan Keith and in memory of Irene Welling. We also thank Donna and Larry Hoyle for their donation in memory of Bob Burns. All such donations are put to good use in keeping our collection up-to-date.

Here are the Top Ten Reasons that the Motley County Library is a great summer getaway:

10. No entrance fees!
9. Romance, adventure, mystery and that's just the fiction section!
8. Avoid housework or home improvement chores and still feel virtuous!

7. Complimentary valet shelving!
6. Free computer access!
5. Read in or take out!
4. It's cool!
3. No reservations necessary, ample seating!
2. Visit the world over with books, then go home and dream in your own bed!

1. Those hot babes behind the front desk!

Surely there's a reason there somewhere for you to come to the library. Don't forget to ask about our free drawing lessons for kids. We have some new adult fiction books. Come in and check out one.

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**Curious Cassie** by Cassie Campbell. Illustration of a cartoon character.

I would like to let you know about this column that I will be submitting every week. It will contain a question, in which, I will find out what various people's responses are. This week's question is simply going to be: **What have you done this Summer?**

Beatrice Skaggs: Work at the Grocery Store.

Brittany Moore: Baby-sitting kids all summer long.

Shane Jones: I painted my house, worked at the Variety Store and attended various meetings.

Greta Smallwood: I painted the inside of my house, worked at the Extension office and have gone to Allen to see my oldest daughter, Debbie and her family.

Brittany Donaldson: I attended the Farm Bureau Leadership Camp, I helped with Vacation Bible School and I also went to a Track Camp that was held at McMurray University in Abilene.

Rhonda Miller: Work for Marshall Brothers Propane and go shopping at Lubbock and Plainview.

Brenda Osborn: Work at the Courthouse and help with the Vacation Bible School.

Naomi Lawrence: Work at the Post Office, go to church and I attended the National Association of Postmasters of the United States Conference in Mesquite Texas for training and some fun. While there she got to see an Elvis Impersonator.

**"Ten Bits of Advice"**

1. Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.
2. Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.
3. Never spend your money before you have it.
4. Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap; it will be dear to you.
5. Pride costs us more than hunger, thirst, and cold.
6. We never have to repent of having eaten too little.
7. Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.
8. How much pain have cost us the evils which have never happened?
9. Take things always by their smooth handle.
10. When angry, count to ten before you speak; if very angry, a hundred.

By Thomas Jefferson

**Roaring Springs Church of Christ**

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Radio Programs, K-96 FM Bible Study - 10 am Worship - 9 am

**Kid's Camp** July 22 - 26, 2002 9:30 - 3:00 Roaring Springs Community Center. Make Arts & Crafts, Paint a Mural, Learn Music, Listen to Storytellers, Play Games, Science Spectrum program, Snacks & Lunch. \$10.00 per child (includes t-shirt). Bus permission forms must be signed for children to ride busses from Spur or MC ISD.

## Karen Elliott House named to new post at Wall Street Journal

Dow Jones & Co. recently named Karen Elliott House as publisher of all print editions of The Wall Street Journal.

Ms. House, 54, is a graduate of Matador High School. She is the daughter of Mrs. Bailey Elliott, now a resident of the Lockney Nursing Center, and the late Ted Elliott, long-time residents of Matador. She worked at the *Matador Tribune* for Douglas and Lila Meador while in high school.

Ms. House, most recently president of the company's international group, will be in charge of the U.S. as well as Asian and European, editions of the Journal.

The move simplifies and centralizes the management structure of Dow Jones, which had kept many of its domestic and international operations separate. Dow Jones's board approved the move last month.

Ms. House's husband, Peter R. Kann, 59, Dow Jones chairman and chief executive, relinquished the title of Journal publisher and the role of chief operating officer but retains his other positions. "For the last four-plus years I have been filling five essentially discrete roles — chairman

of the board, chief executive officer, chief operating officer, publisher of The Wall Street Journal and editorial director of all Dow Jones publications," Mr. Kann said in a staff memo. "I've loved all of these jobs, and still do. But I'll be 60 later this year, and while I have no intention of going anywhere anytime soon, it did seem to me that it made sense to share more of this responsibility."

Ms. House, a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter, joined the Journal in 1974 as a reporter in Washington. She was named foreign editor of the Journal in 1984 and became president of the company's international group in 1995.

In addition to the Journal, its international and on-line editions and the Ottaway community newspapers, Dow Jones publishes Barron's, the Far Eastern Economic Review, Dow Jones Newswires and Dow Jones Indexes. Dow Jones is co-owner with Reuters Group PLC of Factiva, with Hearst Corp. of Smart Money and with General Electric Co.'s NBC of the CNBC television operations in Asia and Europe. Dow Jones also provides news content to CNBC and radio stations in the U.S.

## Afton man awarded top chuck wagon cook title

Note: Information for this article is from the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, by Mary Jane Short.

Jerry Slaton of Afton recently received the highest honor a chuck wagon cook can get.

Slaton was honored with the "Chuck wagon of the Year" award at the Academy of Western Artists' Will Rogers Awards for Outstanding Achievement of Contemporary Cowboy Skills, held last week at the Scott Theater in Fort Worth.

"This is sort of the granddaddy of them all," he said. "A lot of these other chuck wagon cooks, they voted for me, so they think I'm tops, or good, or I don't know what you'd call it."

"But this is just about the top of the heap to win this award, and who gave it to you was other chuck wagon cooks," he said. "So it's a great honor to have it."

Slaton said the Western Academy was put together by people who want to preserve the western heritage.

The program consists of poets, engravers, musicians, spur builders, saddle builders, chuck wagons, and other aspects of western culture.

"There was all those great people, and here I am just a biscuit cook."

A graduate of Patton Springs High School, Slaton taught agriculture there for 30 years before retiring in 1993.

The national award is just one of many Slaton has won. He has several chuck wagon cook-offs, both in overall and individual categories, under his belt. He has won awards in places such as Dodge City, Kan., Midland, and lots of awards in Ruidoso.

For contests, Slaton and his crew must cook with wood and cannot use modern utensils. He cooks everything in cast-iron Dutch ovens.

Slaton estimates he cooks for about 30 to 40 events a year.

Back home in Afton, Mrs. Slaton wraps silverware and keeps everything in line. She calls herself "the cleaner-upper."

Mrs. Slaton said that for a typical event outing, it takes a day to go to Lubbock to buy groceries, a day to load everything to get ready to go, travel the next day and go back home on the fourth day to unload everything and start washing it to go again.

"Some of the people that do this kind of stuff buy the cheapest thing they can get and try to make money," Slaton said. "Of course, I like to make money, but I want my food to be good, the No. 1 thing. If it's not good, I don't

want it, I buy the best stuff I can get."

Mrs. Slaton said almost everything is cooked from scratch.

"We don't serve powdered eggs; we crack 'em," she said.

Slaton does a lot of the cooking at home. However, Mrs. Slaton said, he makes a big mess in the house.

"He throws flour when he really gets to going," she said.

Mess notwithstanding, Mrs. Slaton gives her husband credit for his efforts.

"He's just a good cook," she said.

## School Board

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Board members heard an update from school auditor, Dianne Washington, on the 2001-02 school audit. Due to software problems, that have now been corrected, the audit has been corrected and contact with TEA has confirmed that the audit is complete and correct.

Employment policies were approved.

It was approved to advertise for bids for gasoline and diesel, L.P.G., bread, fleet insurance, property/general liability insurance/errors & omissions. Bids must be received in the administration office by 4:00 p.m., August 9.

Student insurance was awarded

to Monarch Management Corporation.

The "Student Code of Conduct" was approved, with corrections noted by board member Tina Brooks.

The "School Leaver Procedures" policy manual was approved.

Corrections were noted and made to the Student Handbook.

"Certified Assurances" for TIF LB13 Grant, which is being prepared by Mrs. Darsey and Mr. Copp, was approved, and will be submitted by August 1.

The board accepted resignations of Carol Ann Turner, Amy Bowles, Marci Bateman and Brenda Ferguson.

Robert Loy from Dell City was employed as Head Girl's Basketball Coach and Assistant Football Coach.

Erin Jones of Matador was employed as elementary teacher.

## Matador Floral

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With the new location came a new name, the business now operates as Matador Floral - Designs by Vickie.

Mrs. Pierce plans to re-open her business in Roaring Springs in the future, and operate two shops, which will be beneficial to her Roaring Springs customers and those from the Dickens County area.

Since moving to Matador, the business has continued to grow. With the addition of a large movie rental section, Mrs. Pierce has added a line of Montana Silversmith Jewelry, candles, greeting cards, stuffed animals, toys, and a larger gift section, among other items.

Daughter, Christy Fisk and family moved back to Matador about a year ago, when husband, Robert, completed his active duty with the Army last August. Mrs. Fisk became a much needed helpmate for her mother, and works at the shop everyday. "The business is a real family affair," said Mrs. Pierce. In addition to Christy's help, husband, Larry, helps wherever needed, and son Britt helps by baby-sitting 3 1/2 year-old grandson, Brendan. Robert stays busy with his job as Drill Instructor at the Parent-Adolescent Center in Floydada and is also active in the

Army Reserves.

"I couldn't have made it without Christy," Mrs. Pierce said. With health problems, she has undergone five surgeries since opening her business. "My health is improving and I'm on the road to complete recovery," she said.

"We eat, drink, and sleep this business," she said. "Christy and I sometimes work very long hours when funeral orders come in, or for special holidays." With a complete kitchen, already built into the building, she even cooks meals at the shop sometimes.

"Brendan has been raised in this shop," said Mrs. Pierce, "and we've got another one on the way." Christy will give birth to her second child in August.

The Pierces are currently focusing on installing a fence at the back of the building for a backyard setting for their grandchildren, complete with a swing set.

"Our remodeling process continues," Mrs. Pierce said, "and when we are completely finished, I'm going to hold a Grand Open House, so that everyone can see what this building has become."

Matador Floral - Designs by Vickie is open for business six days a week, Monday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

"I enjoy working with the public, Mrs. Pierce commented, and everyone is welcome to stop by."

## Rodeo Results

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Simpson, Matador.

In the Pee Wee division, Kelsey Alders of Borger was named All-Around Girl and Riese Riemer of Stinnett was named All-Around Boy.

Other Pee Wee results are as follows:

**Pee Wee Barrels**

First, Kelsey Stokes, Afton; 2nd, Kelsey Alders, Borger; 3rd, Breely Kirkpatrick, Lovington, NM; 4th, Libby Dyson, Pampa; 5th, Shay Aaron, Quanah; 6th, Dylan Winkle, Borger.

**Pee Wee Goat Tying**

First, Jordin Rowland, Lovington, NM; 2nd, Breely Kirkpatrick, Lovington, NM; 3rd, Kelsey Alders, Borger; 4th, Cole Carpenter, Girard; 5th, Kelsey Stokes, Afton; 6th, Logan Harkey, Vernon.

**Pee Wee Breakaway**

First, Jordan Payne, Idalou; 2nd, Ty Fox, Guthrie; 3rd, Reese Riemer, Stinnett; 4th, Pat Butler, Guthrie.

**Pee Wee Steer Daubing**

First, Cole Carpenter, Girard; 2nd, Jordan Payne, Idalou; 3rd, Dylan Winkle, Borger; 4th, Tee Bateman, Spur; 5th, Ty Fox, Guthrie; 6th, Shay Aaron, Quanah.

**Pee Wee Poles**

First, Libby Dyson, Pampa; 2nd, Reese Riemer, Stinnett; 3rd, Breely Kirkpatrick, Lovington, NM; 4th, Larami Stewart, Munday; 5th, Shay Aaron, Quanah; 6th, Cole Carpenter, Girard.

**Pee Wee Steer Riding**

First, Pate Stewart, Munday; 2nd, Reese Riemer, Stinnett; 3rd, Guston Garrison, Paducah; 4th, Tee Bateman, Spur; 5th, Joe Bryant, Lubbock; 6th, Jordin Rowland, Lovington, NM.

**Pee Wee Flags**

First, Kelsey Alders, Borger; 2nd, Larami Stewart, Munday; 3rd, Tee Bateman, Spur; 4th, Reese Riemer, Stinnett; 5th, Taylor Jordan, Lubbock; 6th, Amie Ray, Afton.

Best All-Around Girl in the Jr. Division was Melyssa Elliott of Paducah. Best All-Around Boy was Justin Brashear of Weatherford. Other Jr. results follow:

**Jr. Barrels**

First, Melyssa Elliott, Paducah; 2nd, Callie Ann Nickols, Canyon; 3rd, Kasandra Clark, Portales, NM; 4th, Cheyenne Noble, Clarendon; 5th, Jessica Schmidt, Morse, Texas; 6th, Amanda Browning, Childress.

**Jr. Goat Tying**

First, Kasandra Clark, Portales; 2nd, Melyssa Elliott, Paducah; 3rd, Jessica Schmidt, Morse.

**Jr. Tie Down**

First, Stetson Vest, Childress; 2nd, Justin Brasher, Weatherford; 3rd, Grady Herrera, Tatum, NM; 4th, Eddie Fortenberry, Lockney; 5th, Clay Alexander, Poolville; 6th, Chase Morrison, Lorenzo.

**Jr. Girls Breakaway**

First, Kasandra Clark, Portales; 2nd, Melyssa Elliott, Paducah.

**Jr. Boys Breakaway**

First, Grady Herrera, Tatum, NM; 2nd, Clay Ware, Lockney; 3rd, Colt Vernon, Post; 4th, Clay Alexander, Poolville; 5th, Tanner Winkler, Muleshoe.

**Jr. Poles**

First, Callie Ann Nichols, Canyon; 2nd, Kelsi Arnold, Spur; 3rd, Amanda Browning, Childress; 4th, Melyssa Elliott, Paducah; 5th, Cheyenne Noble, Clarendon; 6th, Kasandra Clark, Portales.

**Jr. Ribbon Roping**

First, Stetson Vest, Childress; 2nd, Sawyer Vest, Childress; 3rd, Justin Brasher, Weatherford; 4th, Cory Rowland, Lovington, NM; 5th, Cody Ware, Lockney; 6th, Grady Herrera, Tatum, NM.

**Jr. Team Roping**

First, Eddie Fortenberry and Clay Ware; 2nd, Justin Brasher and Clay Alexander; 3rd, Chance Bounds and Grady Herrera; 4th, Pat Butler and Kelsy Phillips.

**Jr. Steer Daubing Girls**

First, Melyssa Elliott, Paducah; 2nd, Amanda Browning, Childress; 3rd, Kasandra Clark, Portales; 4th, Kelsi Arnold, Spur; 5th, Cheyenne Noble, Clarendon; 6th, Jessica Schmidt, Morse.

**Jr. Steer Daubing Boys**

First, Tom Buelar, Guthrie; 2nd, Justin Brasher, Weatherford; 3rd, Riley Branch, Aspermont; 4th, Stetson Vest, Childress; 5th, Sawyer Vest, Childress; 6th, Cody Ware, Lockney.

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# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Odessa Mullins

Celebrating the 4th of July with the Buzz Thackers were their children, Jeff and Pam, Brad and Wesley from Lubbock; Pam's mom, Jewette Hays from Shamrock; Larry and Donna Hoyle, Matador, and Laurie Hoyle of Lubbock; and Joyce Smith.

Visiting Buzz and LaVoe on Monday were their granddaughter, Melanie and husband, Matt Paul from Abilene.

Visiting Dean McInroe were his family from Tahoka, Mike and Paige Rivas and children, granddaughter Kylie McInroe and friend Sean Bentley. They spent the weekend and the men played in the golf tournament at Roaring Springs Ranch Club.

The Postal group gave Juanita Cooper a Housewarming Party at her home on Tuesday night, July 9. Mrs. Mary Jo Brown and Lula Swim furnished the refreshments. Those attending were William and Mary Jo Brown of Dickens, Cora Smallwood, Thanie Smallwood, Callie Giesecke of Matador, Ray and Grace Zabielski, Lula Swim, Jack Samford of Matador, Nina Barton of California and the honoree, Juanita Cooper of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lux of Waco were guests at the Roaring Springs Methodist Church Sunday. Mr. Lux spoke on the Methodist Children's Home at Waco. Mr. and Mrs. Lux, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder, and Mrs. Rita Groves were luncheon guests of Lula Swim, at the Hitchin' Post.

The coffee drinkers enjoyed coffee and breakfast at the Methodist Church fellowship hall on Monday, July 15. Those

attending were Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Joyce Smith, Dean McInroe, Reva Sweeney, Walter Trammell, J.N. Fletcher, Corky Marshall, Lea Peacock, Larry Watson, Cleo Watson, Lula Swim, Rev. Paul Stearns and Bill Peacock.

Mrs. S.A. Swim of Bella Vista, Arkansas visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim and Lula Swim on Monday.

Visiting Vera Mitchell Thursday was her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wayborn Mitchell of Paducah. On Saturday her daughter and husband, Rev. and Mrs. Benny Goss of Littlefield visited.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent of Lubbock spent Wednesday with his mother, Mary Lumsden.

Zella Palmer entered Covenant Methodist Hospital Monday for knee surgery. Her sons and wives, James and Pat Palmer and Johnny and Tammy Palmer, are with her.

Mary Lumsden and Pearl Patten drove to Lubbock Sunday afternoon for shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins drove to Lubbock for a birthday party for their granddaughter, who celebrated her first birthday.

Yancy, Daphne and Parker Meredith drove to Gallop, NM last weekend where they met his brother Cody and Leah Meredith, Angelica and Jonah, of Las Vegas, NV. The families enjoyed visiting. Angelica and Jonah accompanied Parker home for a few weeks stay. They will also visit their grandparents, Joe and Joyce Meredith and other family members.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### SECOND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Jacob Kendall, who was two years old July 2, celebrated his birthday with a party Saturday, July 6 in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall. He blew out his candles on a decorated cake and was pleased with each gift he opened, and was slow about opening another. Refreshments of cake and freezer ice cream were served.

Those attending the happy occasion were his family, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall and Jere of Flomot, Cory Kendall and sons, Chancey and Connor of Midland and Mrs. Donna Rucher and son, Justin of Quitaque.

### IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Geneva Martin is a patient in Mangold Hospital in Lockney where she has been since Thursday for treatment of pneumonia. With her during her hospitalization are daughter and family, Kathy and Clois Shorter of Flomot; Christi and Dwain Milam of Petersburg and Keri and Kevin Sehon of Ropesville.

### CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Branson Cruse celebrated his birthday Sunday night July 5 in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brand Cruse at OxBow Ranch near Turkey. His two candles were on a Bob The Builder decorated cake and he entertained everyone when opening his gifts. Refreshments of hamburgers, chips and dips, ice cream and cake were served.

Among the many guests attending were his grandparents, Judy and Donnie Cruse, great grandmother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse and Brenda and Darrell Cruse of Flomot.

Bobby and Kay Clay of Ringland, Oklahoma visited last weekend with his brother and wife, Joe Ike and Anna Beth Clay and attended the Flomot Homecoming.

## Whiteflat News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

The Postal Service raised the price of stamps July 1st. I told you to send out your Christmas cards in June!

### ATTEND TFWC MEETING

Spencer and Wilda Dixon were in Lubbock overnight Monday. On Tuesday Wilda attended a Caprock District of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Summer Work Shop in Tahoka. It was held at the Life Enrichment Center.

Featured speakers were TFWC state president, Mrs. Bobbe Mitchell and other state officers who told of the club's new administration, new programs and plans for the next two years.

### STEPHENS FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of Daniel Posey Stephens and Hattie Bell Childers, early day settlers of Whiteflat, held their annual family reunion, Sunday, July 14 in the home of Mary Helen and B.C. "Doc" Cross in Plainview. This was the 20th year they have been hosts of this reunion.

Mrs. Nora Belle Stephens Dunning, 87, of West Ridge Manor in Plainview was recognized as the oldest attending. Mrs. C.H. Murphy nee Raynita Dunning of

Coy and Connie Franks had fun at the Drag Races in Idalou, Saturday. Their daughter, Cara Franks of Canyon visited them during the weekend.

Randy Rogers and daughter Kaylyn of Lubbock visited from Monday until Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers, Donnie Rogers and daughters, Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Lindale.

Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney and her houseguests, daughter and children, Mrs. Gwen Waller, Drew and Leah of Bellville visited Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey accompanied grandchildren, Tanya and Jackie Lee Starkey of Higgins, who visited here the past week, to Wellington, Thursday where they met their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Kennedy for their return trip home.

S.D. Hayes of Snyder visited Mary Ellen Barton, Sunday.

Mrs. Howard Rogers, Donnie Rogers, Natalie and Brooke and Kaylyn Rogers attended the graveside services of Ty Melton, 16, held in Quannah Wednesday afternoon.

Michael Starkey of Canyon visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey, Saturday.

Bobbie Hanna of Warner, Oklahoma returned home Friday after visiting the past week with her mother, Mrs. C.W.

Mrs. Sheila Gilbert of Jacksonville, Alabama visited from Sunday until Thursday with her mother, Mrs. Leona Degan. They attended the graveside services of their great grandson and nephew, Ty Melton held in Quannah Wednesday afternoon.

Alma and Everett Shorter visited in Houston from Friday until Monday and attended the 50th wedding anniversary reception of his sister and husband, Opal and Thurman Kirtley, Sunday. They also visited Lake Conroe with daughter and husband, Judy and Richard Rhodes.

Conroe read a loving memorial Tribute of her grandmother, Mrs. Cordellia Gatewood Stephens.

Besides good food and visiting, amusing anecdotes were related. Among the many attending from New Mexico, Colorado and Texas were Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.

Mrs. Carol Ann Turner attended an Educational Work Shop held last week at the Service Center in Lubbock. She visited in the home of daughter and family, Heather, Scott and Skylar Blount. Visiting Carol Ann and Johnny Turner, Sunday were son and wife, Cobey and Janell Turner of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Shannon and daughter, Nellie visited last weekend in Roaring Springs with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Shannon.

Jamie Pigg of Lubbock visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin and son, Ryan.

Judge Ted Kingery of Silverton was the guest speaker at the Church of Christ in Matador, Sunday. He was a luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Carla,

Dear Editor,

The Former Texas Rangers Association is in the process of placing markers at the graves of former Texas Rangers that are buried in Texas. Our great grandfather John Wesley Waybourn was a Texas Ranger and is buried in the East Mound Cemetery in Matador.

If anyone knows of other former Texas Rangers buried in Matador or Motley County we would like to have their names so that they can be recognized with a marker when we recognize him later this year.

I need this information by August 1. Please contact me at Barbara West, 5515 Alvarado Road, Amarillo TX, 79106 or phone 806-359-5038.

Membership in this organization is open to all. Anyone interested in becoming a member should contact Joe Davis, Former Texas Ranger Association, P.O. Box 290229, Kerrville TX, 78029-0229.

Thank you for your help,  
Barbara West

The program presented on July 4 at the new Veterans Memorial Park in Roaring Springs was a touching program for all in attendance.

It was first class, well planned, meaningful, and presented in Memory of the Men who gave their life in battle and also for those who served our Nation in defending Freedom that we have in the U.S.A.

The residents of Roaring Springs, the Lions Club, volunteers, people who contributed their talents, those who gave of their time, those who gave materials to be used, those who spent time to determine construction, methods and to those who provided financial contributions deserve a first class SALUTE and a special thank you for the reality of a Memorial to honor those so listed on the Slabs in the Park.

For those of you who were unable to attend the Dedication, make an effort to visit the Park in the future and express your Thanks for such a super job they did.

I personally extend my thanks to all involved, you are dedicated people and are appreciated.

I made this remark to a person: "I am so excited about this Dedication for Roaring Springs that I could set in the rain while the program was presented." Well - we got to do just that and the program continued with the moisture falling. What a great day July 4th was in Roaring Springs.

Grady (Bud) Glenn

Dear Carla,

I don't think my subscription is quite due, but decided to go ahead and send it early and send a bit of information regarding ordering the videotape of Mackintosh and TJ.

I called the phone number that was in the Tribune, and Mr. Penland returned my call. He said that he has waived the \$3.50 shipping charge, and people can get the video by sending a check or money order for \$24.95. He doesn't accept credit cards at the present.

Sincerely,  
Vada Watt

## Matador News

Dr. C.H. Murphy and wife, Raynita of Conroe visited with his sister, Mrs. Mary Jones, recently.

Linda Roy of Weatherford visited her parents, Sonny and Dorothy Russell, and her brother and family, J.D. and D'anna Russell, Colton and Shane'a, last week.

Guests of June Keltz for the July 4th holidays were Terry and Toni Keltz of Brady. On Saturday they viewed the Vatican frescoes exhibit at the Texas Tech museum. Joining them there was Aaron Thomas, Toni's brother. For lunch at the Olive Garden, Toni's son Scott Barnhill and Terry's daughter, Kaci Pledger, completed the family gathering.

James and Cherri Karr of Whitney visited her mother, Dan Barton, on their return home after a Premier showing in Amarillo. They attended to business and visited with friends here.

Kay Dunnam and daughter Kourtney of Amarillo visited Thursday night, July 11, with her mother, Mrs. Juanita Cooper. On Friday the three drove to Grandbury to visit with Mrs. Cooper's other daughter and husband, Pat and Lynn Minton. Two other granddaughters, Carol Cooper and Jack of Quantico, VA and Cheryl Rockwell, Elizabeth and Andrew, of San Antonio, were visiting the Mintons. The Dunnams and Mrs. Cooper returned to their homes on Sunday.

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# FARM AND RANCH NEWS

## Texas sees first case of West Nile Virus

Preliminary tests on a sick horse that was euthanized Saturday, June 29, near Katy in far west Harris County, indicate that the animal was infected with West Nile Virus (WNV), a form of "sleeping sickness" first detected in Texas in two dead Blue Jays, June 18, on the northwest side of Houston. According to the Texas Department of Health (TDH), another 29 infected birds have since been found.

"We were notified today (July 3) that tests run on samples of the horse's blood and spinal fluid were positive for WNV. The tests were run both at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station and at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa," said Dr. Linda Logan, Texas state veterinarian and executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

"The NVSL is running additional confirmation tests on the blood samples, but more than likely we are seeing Texas' first case of West Nile Virus in a horse. Diagnosing WNV must be based on laboratory confirmation as the signs of the disease including staggering or the inability to rise can mimic other diseases, including rabies or other encephalitic diseases such as Western Equine Encephalitis and Eastern Equine Encephalitis."

WNV was unheard of in North America until 1999, when it was detected in birds in New York. The virus which can cause brain swelling and severe illness in horses, previously had been confined to Africa, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. WNV has spread to 20 US states, following the migratory flight patterns of birds along the Eastern Seaboard and west as far as Texas. In 2001, 738 horses, donkeys or other members of the equine family were diagnosed with the disease in the U.S. and about 20 percent of the animals had to be euthanized due to the severity of their illness.

"Blue jays, crows and more than

70 other species of birds can carry the virus but it is the mosquito that puts the disease cycle in motion." Dogs and cats appear to be resistant to the disease.

We continue to work with other agencies to urge horse owners to have their animals vaccinated against WNV and with the diagnosis of this disease in the Houston area, all possible preventive efforts are important to stop the spread of this disease," said Dr. Richard Ferris.

"If your horse becomes ill and goes off feed, sways, develops head tremors, muscle twitches or cannot rise, contact your veterinarian, so he or she can collect and send in samples to us for diagnostic testing." Laboratory confirmation of cases movement of WNV within the state.

Dr. Garrett said the TDH is continuing its WNV disease surveillance statewide which includes testing mosquitoes, dead crows, blue jays, hawks and sampling zoo birds. Dead crows, blue jays or hawks can be submitted for laboratory examination, by calling the nearest regional Texas Department of Health in Austin at 1-512-458-7255.

"If you are picking up a dead bird, wear gloves and wash your hands afterward," explained Dr. Garrett. "The bird could have had parasites of other illnesses and its always advisable to keep a barrier - like gloves - between you and the dead bird."

Dr. Logan reminded livestock owners that, as always, the TAHC operates a 24-hour hotline at 1-800-550-8242 for taking reports of unusual signs in livestock, including:

1. staggering, falling or inability to rise
2. illness affecting a large percentage of animals
3. sudden death loss
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For more information about WNV, access the internet at: <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis/diseases/arb/official/westnile/westnile.asp>



### USDA MAKING PROGRESS IN FARM BILL DECISION MAKING PROCESS

Newly announced decisions by the United States Department of Agriculture continue to bring details of the new Farm Bill into clearer focus. The process involved in implementing the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 have been in higher gear since the legislation was signed May 13, 2002.

One announcement that has not yet been made, however, is the date when growers will begin signing up for the new program. Most speculation puts that date in the mid-August to early September time frame, although that will largely be determined by USDA's ability to finalize and issue interim final rules and to get State and County Farm Service Agency staff brought up to date on those new rules and procedures.

Recent FSA announcements have also expanded several windows of opportunity for producers who want to adjust their operations to designate both a husband and wife as separate "person" for program participation purposes and extension of Loan Deficiency Payments to growers who either did not file for benefits that they were eligible for in 2001 by the final application date or who grew program crops on non-program acreage in 2001.

Among the most important announcements was the decision to allow a husband and wife be considered separate "persons" for purposes of program participation beginning with the 2002 crop.

To designate a spouse as a separate "person" for purposes of farm program participation they must meet the requirements for recognition as a separate person under current FSA rules.

Also, should a spouse be designated as a separate "person" and become eligible for payments in 2002 any payments already issued to the "person" designated as the program participant prior to the change would have to be refunded before revised payments could be calculated and re-issued to the joint operation or members according to the designated shares if all other program and payment eligibility requirements were met, including the August 1, 2002, deadline for PFC signatures.

It appears that in order to make this type of change a grower will have to show their spouse meets the minimum criteria established by USDA to be classified as an equal participant in the operation and show that the situation existed prior to the normal April cut-off date for making such determinations.

Also announced was the extension of the time that growers can apply for 2001 crop Loan Deficiency Payments. This late filing window allows growers to receive LDP's for their 2001 crop even if the commodity was grown on a nonparticipating farm in 2001. The late-filing window also applies to growers who did not apply for LDP payments on crops prior to their losing beneficial interest in the crop or prior to the May 31, 2002, deadline for filing 2001 crop LDP requests.

### PCG BOARD APPROVES FY2002-03 BUDGET

Members of the Plains Cotton Growers Board of Directors met Wednesday, July 10 and approved the organization's FY2002-03 operating budget.

Topping the agenda for the PCG Directors was approval of an operating budget for the organization's new fiscal year that began July 1.

The PCG Board unanimously approved an operating budget totaling \$610,736.13 to see the organization through the next budget cycle.

Citing the continued importance of securing 2001 Crop Loss Assistance as one of the top priorities of the organization the PCG Board allocated additional funds that can be used to engage in legislative activity that would bolster the passage of a Crop Loss Assistance program.

The Board also identified PCG's active involvement in the areas of farm bill implementation, fending off continued legislative attempts to impose stricter payment limitations and crop insurance as areas of emphasis in the future.

### SPRING CROP CERTIFICATION DEADLINE JULY 15

Producers of corn, cotton, grain, sorghum, soybeans, fruits and vegetables, peanuts, hay crops, CRP and other spring seeded crops have until July 16 to certify their acreage with the USDA Farm Service Agency.

FSA strongly encourages all producers to certify their acreage in order to track cropping history and to provide information for future participation in USDA Programs.

Certification is not mandatory for all producers, although, some USDA programs do require certification in order to participate.

Growers who want to do any of the following must certify their crop acreage by the July 16 deadline.

Growers are encouraged to contact their County Farm Service Agency office to schedule an appointment for certification before the deadline if they have not done so already.

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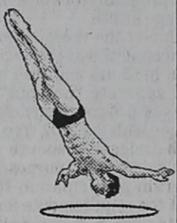
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