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2003 Homecoming Queen

Veronica Mendoza was crowned as 2003 Motley County Homecoming Queen during halftime at last Saturday's football game. Veronica is a Junior at MCISD and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramiro Mendoza of Flomot.

(photo by Walter Taylor)

Fall Harvest Carnival to be held Saturday night

The Eternas Study Club will once again host the Fall Harvest Carnival, Saturday, October 25. The King and Queen's contest will begin at 6:30 p.m. and booths will open at 7:00 p.m. at the Motley County old gym.

Some of the booths reserved for this year are Treasure Hunt, Silent Auction, Coke Ring Toss, Cow Patty Bingo, Pumpkin Painting, Spook House, Jail, Cake Walk, Toy Walk, Concession Stand. There will also be a booth in which one can win a live fish, and many others. Everyone who has purchased a ticket from the king or queen candidates will have a chance to win a door prize.

Make plans now to attend this carnival which promises an evening of fun, this Saturday night.

Rattlesnake bites 18-month old Flomot child

Coby Burgess, 18 month old son of John and April Burgess of Flomot, was bitten by a baby diamond back rattlesnake Monday afternoon, Oct. 13 when in the garage by their home.

He was conveyed by ambulance to Tulia and then airlifted by helicopter to the Convent Children's Hospital in Lubbock.



COMING HOME QUEEN — Brittany Donaldson, right, was named Coming Home Queen at last Saturday's Homecoming football game. She was presented the recognition by Student Council President, Stachia Baxter. Brittany is a 2002 MC graduate, and is now a student at South Plains College in Levelland.

(photo by Walter Taylor)

Matador man critically injured in vehicle accident near Lubbock

Note: Information for this article is from *The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*.

A Matador man was severely injured Monday morning, October 20, when the vehicle he was driving collided with a cotton module truck near the intersection of U.S. 62/82 and County Road 3000, about three miles east of Lubbock.

Fred Risser, 51, was flown to Covenant Medical Center and was in critical condition Monday night, according to a hospital spokesman.

The driver of the cotton module vehicle was uninjured in the accident.

At about 7:57 a.m., Risser was traveling west on U.S. 62 in a 1997 GMC pickup, which was following a 1993 cotton module

Motley County ISD earns state's highest recognition

Motley County Independent School District officials announced that the district received a rating of "Superior Achievement" under Texas' new Schools FIRST financial accountability rating system. The Superior Achievement rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of Motley County ISD's financial management and reporting system.

This is the first year of Schools FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Legislature in 1999. The pri-

mary goals of Schools FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources, a goal made significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

"We are very pleased with Motley County ISD's Schools FIRST rating" said Motley County ISD Superintendent Rick Copp, "as it shows our district is making the most of our taxpayers' dollars. The rating shows that Motley County's schools are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently."

The Schools FIRST accountability rating system assigns one of the four financial accountability ratings to Texas school

districts, with the highest being "Superior Achievement" followed by "Above-Standard Achievement," "Standard Achievement" and "Substandard Achievement." Districts with serious data quality problems may receive the additional rating of "Suspended-Data Quality." Districts that receive the "Substandard Achievement" or "Suspended-Data Quality" ratings under Schools FIRST must file a corrective action plan with the Texas Education Agency.

Motley County Commissioners meet in regular court session

Motley County Commissioners Court met for its regular meeting Monday, October 13. Members of the Court present were Judge Ed D. Smith; Commissioners, Ronnie Davis, Precinct 1; Donnie Turner, Precinct 2; Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3; and County Clerk Kate Hurr. Commissioner Russell Alexander, Precinct 4 was absent. Judge Smith called the meeting to order and Commissioner Turner gave the invocation.

County Clerk Hurr read the minutes from the previous meeting. Commissioners approved the minutes as well as paying outstanding bills and reports by the Treasurer, Tax-Collector, County Agent, Justice of

the Peace and Library Report.

Judge Smith informed the Court of the 2004 Indigent Defense Grant Programs. Commissioners approved Judge Smith applying for the grant.

The court voted to give Judge Smith authority to establish an Interjurisdictional Emergency Management Program with 15 other counties.

Court discussed the J.P. Technology Fund which was tabled in the September meeting. County Treasurer, Eva Barkley, reported that the Treasurer is chief custodian of all county funds. After much discussion on the fund it was approved that the Justice of the Peace, Cora Smallwood, will transfer the fund balance to the

County Treasurer November 1. The JP has control on what the monies are to be spent for with Commissioners' approval. Mrs. Smallwood requested the Court's approval to purchase a copy machine to place in the Sheriff's office for use after hours when one is needed as the Clerk's office is closed. Commissioners approved this request with purchase to be made out of the JP Technology Fund.

County Treasurer Barkley informed the Court that the County's Risk Management Pool offers elected official bonds at no extra cost to the county. Commissioners voted to go with the Risk Management Program as bonds come up for renewal.

Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will host Thanksgiving dinner

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers met Tuesday, October 14 and made plans for a Thanksgiving Dinner. The dinner will be held at the Community Center, November 22, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

This year's dinner will show appreciation to Motley County heroes, such as the EMT's the Firemen and local Law Enforcement, DPS and Motley County Sheriff's department, for their generous gifts of time

as volunteers in emergencies. The honorees and their spouses will eat free.

Cost of the meal for others attending will be \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12.

School Board meeting report School attendance rate at 97%

Motley County School Board met October 13 for their regular scheduled meeting. All board members were present. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Marilyn Hicks, Denise Ford and Jan Jones. No one was present for open forum.

Mrs. Hicks reported that enrollment is 117 with a 97% attendance rating. She also informed the board of the new Voyager Reading that includes children from Pre-K to Third grade. This program is one of the many new aspects of the Reading First Grant.

A Board Training session was held October 16. Another Board Training will be held at the Region 17 Service Center October 27.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Board reviewed and discussed the expenditures and financial statements. Board approved paying all bills.

Board approved J.D. Ragland, Floyd County Extension Agent, as an adjunct staff member. This allows Mr. Ragland to check 4-H members out of school for 4-H activities without students being counted absent.

Board approved Option 4 with Jayton and Guthrie. Option 4 is part of the WADA funds, which brings money to MCISD.

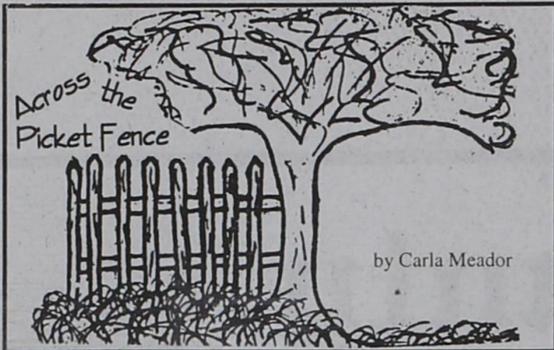
Board approved posting bids for the sale of the Trailways activity bus.

A budget amendment was approved, which will increase contracted services in bus maintenance.

FALL BACK!

Daylight Savings
Time Ends
Sunday, Oct. 26

Set your clocks
back one hour
before going to
bed Saturday night!



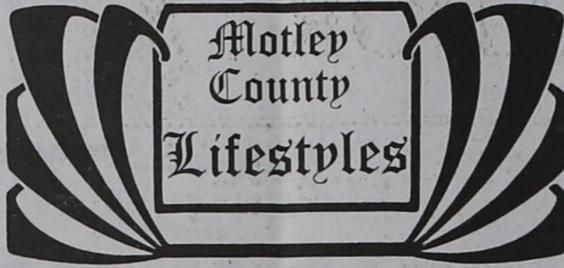
My space is very limited this week, so my column will be short and sweet. First of all I want to express my thanks to Walter Taylor for taking the Homecoming pictures. I appreciate your help Mr. Taylor. I just can't seem to be everywhere and Mr. Taylor's pictures have really helped me out.

My cousin Shirlene is visiting here from DeRidder, LA. We've always been very close and have the best visits when we can get together. She even stayed at my office until the wee morning hours this morning, (Wednesday) while I was trying to put this paper to bed. It was great having her here and it made the

time past faster. Although we have a great time together, she's actually not here just to visit me, her son and wife, Jayson and Barbara from

Plainview, gave birth to their first son, Sunday. Of course Shirlene thinks little Justyn Alexander is the most beautiful grandchild there is. And he really is beautiful. So, I guess I'll let her think that during this exciting time, but my two are really the most beautiful grandkids — as I'm sure your's are. But I did tell her that he can be third in line!

Congratulations, Granny Shirlene!



El Progresso Club members hear Library program

by Beverly Vinson

Thursday afternoon, October 9, amid the many books in the Motley County Library, El Progresso Club met for their second meeting of the year. The meeting was called to order by the President, Lana Copp, with various business matters discussed and plans for the Santa Rosa District Fall Board Meeting and Workshop, held October 18. Those who had not received their yearbooks were given them and all commented on their quality and attractive covers and pages. Winifred Darsey gave the invocation after which Beverly informed the group of the Scholarship donations that need to be paid as soon as possible. It is through voluntary contributions the club can help the students of Motley County School with their further education. More discussion on the board meeting informed the group of the time, of the meeting. Members were asked to bring two door prizes and dress western.

The inspirational thought was given by Judy Cartwright with Ruby McGuire introducing the speaker for the afternoon, Suzanne Abbott, local Librarian. The afternoon was spent hearing all of the wonderful things Suzanne has brought to us through the work done in the Library. She has been here nine years and the strides that have been made are phenomenal. She has always wanted to be a librarian. She has a Masters degree from Texas Tech, is fluent in Spanish and has taught school. The title of her talk was "More Than Just Books."

There is a great Genealogy department with thanks to several who donated their extensive collections to Motley County Library and others who give as something comes to their mind that might be used

by others in their search for family history.

The Library also offers access to Veterans' information. Recently the Library has undergone an extensive "overhaul" and is well worth a person's time to go in and browse to see the new carpet, new shelving, Betty Henry's mural and maybe a book or two you can't live without.

The Library will hold a celebration November 9, beginning at 2:30. The public is invited. The cost of the complete renovation was made possible through the Tolken Foundation. They give money to towns under 20,000 and this for Motley County was to the tune of approximately \$29,000, every penny well worth it. There are 10,000 pieces in the library, not only books but computers, magazines, newspapers, anything connected to the institutions.

Club members thanked Mrs. Abbott for her informational talk. Winifred Darsey stated she had worked for the Library when El Progresso first began as a club.

The Library is supported by Matador and Roaring Springs each paying a little more than the \$15,000.00 needed to keep it going. Others give through donations, and Friends of the Library. Motley County is one of few who have a Friends group to supplement the Library. The Friends sell magnets, postcards and the Capitol Ornaments as money making plans.

Refreshments of pumpkin cake and hot spiced cider were served from a Halloween decorated table. Those attending were Freida Burns, Lucretia (R.E.) Campbell, Judy Cartwright, Lana Copp, Winifred Darsey, Elaine Hart, Billie Koon, Ruby McGuire and Beverly Vinson. Hostesses were Lucretia Campbell, Elaine Hart and JoEtta Bumgardner.



ETERNAS STUDY CLUB MEMBERS with Mrs. June Keltz, (front left) who established the Matador club. Beginning at back left to right are Ginger Gilmore, Mindy Jameson, Tammy Simpson, Denise Ford, Marvina Mason, Lyndee Jameson, LeJeanna Faulks, Elizabeth Estrada; (front) Mrs. Keltz, Kim Woolsey, Wilda Dixon and Connie Durham.

Eternas Study Club celebrates 50 years

by Kim Woolsey

The Eternas Study Club held its first meeting of the 2003-2004 year, September 15, at the Church of Christ Fellowship building. This was a very special meeting with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Eternas Study Club in Motley County.

Mrs. June Keltz was the guest of honor. Mrs. Keltz spoke words of encouragement and gave suggestions on how to maintain a good reputation and how to attract various people to the club. Mrs. Keltz, first club president, organized and federated the club in 1953 and the club became a member of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Thank you, Mrs. Keltz, for starting such a wonderful organization.

After the presentation everyone enjoyed a variety of food and cake prepared by Kim Woolsey and Tammy Simpson. Those women who are interested in joining Eternas Study Club are encouraged to contact a member. All women are invited to become a part of a wonderful fellowship and fun.

Some of the projects the club sponsors are the Fall Harvest Carnival and King and Queen Contest, Santa Claus and the Kiddie Store during late night shopping, the Mother-Daughter Banquet and various other activities. Becoming a member of the club is a great way to help the community and meet wonderful new friends.

This year's elected officers are president, Mindy Jameson; first vice president, Kim Woolsey; second vice president, Connie Durham; secretary-treasurer, Tammy Simpson. Women who have dedicated

their time and efforts to the club, serving as president, since its beginning are listed below:

- 1953-55 - Mrs. June Keltz
- 1955-57 - Mrs. Marihelen Wason.
- 1957-59 - Mrs. Leona Cox
- 1959-61 - Mrs. Laverna Price
- 1961-63 - Mrs. Finnie Seale
- 1963-65 - Mrs. Bill Palmeyer
- 1965-66 - Mrs. Shirley Thompson
- 1966-68 - Mrs. Donna Sue Thompson
- 1968-70 - Mrs. Faye Slover
- 1970-72 - Mrs. Ann Seigler
- 1972-74 - Mrs. Lucretia Campbell
- 1974-75 - Mrs. Betty Vandiver
- 1975-76 - Mrs. Mary Renfro
- 1976-78 - Mrs. Juanita Jackson
- 1978-80 - Mrs. Donna Hoyle
- 1980-81 - Mrs. Allyson Richards
- 1981-82 - Mrs. Carol Ann Turner
- 1982-84 - Mrs. Fronye Bingham
- 1984-86 - Mrs. Kelli Jackson
- 1986-88 - Mrs. Wilda Dixon
- 1988-90 - Mrs. Judy Cooper
- 1990-91 - Mrs. Bobbie Brown
- 1991-92 - Mrs. Terree Donaldson
- 1992-93 - Mrs. Wilda Dixon
- 1993-95 - Mrs. Terree Donaldson
- 1995-96 - Mrs. Tammy Simpson
- 1996-98 - Mrs. Debbie Denison
- 1998-99 - Mrs. Tanya Price
- 1999-2000 - Mrs. Wilda Dixon
- 2000-01 - Mrs. Jennifer Adams
- 2001-03 - Mrs. Denise Ford

Thanks to all the past officers and members for their time and dedication to maintain the Eternas Study Club for the past 50 years. May God bless you.

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

Don't forget Stories by Shea, Tuesday, October 28, 3:30-4:00 PM. at the library. This activity is for kids K-6.

New books in the library include *Blow Fly* by Patricia Cornwell, a Kay Scarpetta novel. We also have David Baldacci's newest, *Split Second*. Also new to the library are *Bleachers* by John Grisham and *The Sinner* by Tess Gerritsen.

For the kids in grades 4-6 we have two new books: *Minn and Jake* by Janet S. Wong and *Utterly Me*, Clarice Bean by Lauren Child. The latter is a chapter book. Minn and Jake is about a fifth-grade girl who is the tallest girl in the school. When I was in fifth-grade, believe it or not, I was the tallest girl in school. What happened? I didn't grow any more.

Look Who's New



Justyn Alexander Cooper

Jayson and Barbara Cooper of Plainview would like to announce the arrival of their son, Justyn Alexander Cooper.

Justyn was born Sunday, October 19, 2003, at 11:59 p.m. at the Plainview Covenant Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Newell

and Christa Tracy of Arlington and Ronald and Shirlene Cooper of DeRidder, LA.

Great-grandparents are Jack and Shirley Smith of Matador, Charlotte Tracy of Hemet, CA, and Elmer and Bethel Koedam of Apache Junction, AZ.

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Are You Qualified?

Somewhere in my reading I came across this statement, "God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called." This brings to mind the question, "Are we called? And if so, how?"

Paul writes, "...to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." - 2 Thessalonians 2:14. The gospel is the power of God to save - Romans 1:16. God has revealed His righteousness in the gospel - Romans 1:17. So it appears obvious. One must access the gospel in order to be qualified. So how is this done?

One must be born of God - John 1:13 ...Born of water and the Spirit - John 3:5...Born of the incorruptible seed, the word of God - 1 Peter 1:23. This entails faith in Christ -- repentance of sin in your life -- a willingness to confess your faith in Him -- and baptism into Christ Jesus for remission of your sins. This brings one into the coveted relationship that is found in Christ Jesus - 2 Corinthians 5:17. Then we are to walk in the light so that the blood of Jesus constantly cleanses us from sin - 1 John 1:7.

Qualified ?? This will do it. God calls -- and God qualifies -- when we obey from our heart the form of teaching given by the Holy Spirit through the Apostles - Romans 6:16-18. Have you? Will you??

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

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

Pivots & Divots

by Mary

Thursday, October 16th, the ladies played for low putts. Playing 18 holes were LaVoe, Louise and Geneva. LaVoe won. Playing 9 holes were Nell, Frances, Tempie, Judy R., and Nell. Nell won.

All members of the Ladies Golf Association are reminded that Thursday, October 23rd, will be the end of the ladies' golf season. There will be a luncheon at 12:00 Noon at the Hitchin Post, Roaring Springs, to recognize winners for the year, followed by a scramble.

The Tuesday Scramble, October 21st, will be the last scramble for the season!!!!!! Try to come out and join us.

Remember to keep our US Troops in your daily Prayers!

October Madness Sale!

We'll Spook you with our low prices!

50% off Sidewalk Sale Clothes Rack

Matador Variety

We, of the MATADOR CHURCH OF CHRIST, want to extend to you this invitation to join us in an afternoon of fine "a capella" singing by the Lubbock Christian University Chorus. A warm welcome awaits you.

What: "SERMON IN SONG"

Where: Matador Church of Christ
Matador, Texas

With: Dr. Camp and the LCU Chorus

When: SUNDAY, November 2, 2003
at 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome and all are invited to come and enjoy an hour or so of good gospel music presented by this group of talented young people

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



Motley County students attend Career Expo

Choosing a career is a major step in the life of an individual. Motley County seniors had the opportunity to network with area businesses, colleges, and universities when they attended the Career Expo in Lubbock, October 14.

Students gained information on the six career clusters: Human Services, Engineering and Industrial Technology, Agriculture/Environmental Science, Business/Marketing/Computer Technology, Health Services, and Arts and Communication. As students visited the

various career clusters, they had the opportunity to talk one-on-one with the representatives and participated in "hands-on" activities. The students also listened to a motivational speaker, Chad Foster, who gave them a copy of his book, *Teenagers - Preparing For the Real World*.

Students attending the



Motley County Seniors recently attended a Career Expo in Lubbock. They are pictured here about to board the bus for the trip, left to right, Shea Rose, Amanda Hurt, Lorenzo Salazar, Susana Mendoza, Mandi Ream, Sylvia Martinez, Angie Marvel, Brandon Martin, Charli Ream, Stachia Baxter, Quinten Rose, and Sam Stapleton.

Expo were Stachia Baxter, Amanda Hurt, Brandon Martin, Sylvia Martinez, Angie Marvel, Susana Mendoza, Charli Ream,

Mandi Ream, Shea Rose, Quinten Rose, Lorenzo Salazar and Sam Stapleton.

School Menu

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

Breakfast: French Toast, Bagel, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Vanilla Wafer, Milk.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: King Ranch Casserole, Green Beans, Biscuit, Peaches, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Biscuit, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Macho Nachos, Salad, Cookie, 1/2 Apple, Milk.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

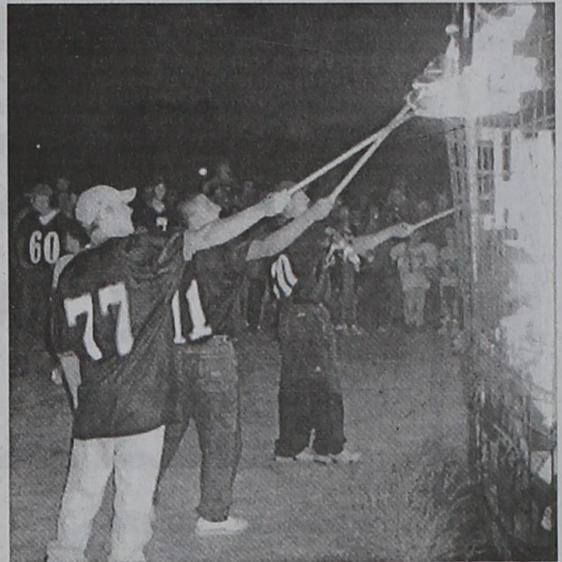
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Steak Fingers, Gravy, Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Breakfast: Pancake, Sausage, Syrup, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Boo Burger, Vampire Veggies, Creepy Chips, Mud & Worms, Ghostly Milk.

Football game day changed

The Motley County high school football game with Silvertown has been changed to Friday, October 31, instead of Saturday, November 1. Game time will be 7:30 p.m. at Silvertown.



SETTING THE FIRE — Motley County Matador Seniors, Sam Stapleton, Lorenzo Salazar and Quinten Rose light the bonfire to kick off the 2003 Homecoming celebration.

(photo by Walter Taylor)



Mobile Dairy Classroom visits Motley County School

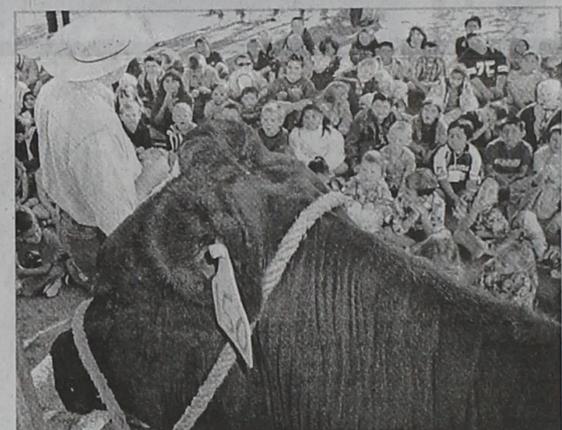
Few Americans have knowledge about modern day agriculture. Enjoying an uninterrupted supply of food, clothing and shelter at prices more reasonable than anywhere in the world and with little thought, Americans expect this to continue.

Long-term supplies of nutritious food products that result in healthy people can only continue if there is adequate understanding of the Agricultural Story. Knowledge about what is involved in producing, processing and marketing wholesome food products is essential to a continuance of the abundant supply Americans enjoy. Likewise nutritional information regarding human needs for specific nutrients and the role various foods play in providing such nutrients should be of great use to the consuming public.

The dairy industry has long recognized the need for providing these basic truths to the

general public. For the past several years the Southwest Dairy Museum and Learning Center has provided many educational opportunities to thousands of people in the Southwest. One of the most successful educational programs is the Mobile Dairy Classroom.

The Mobile Dairy Classroom is a division of the Southwest Dairy Museum, Inc., a nonprofit, educational organization that is funded by dairymen across the southwest. The Mobile Dairy Classroom is a free program for schools, day care centers, camps, fairs and festivals. It's a traveling milking parlor, carrying a live cow and providing a milking demonstration along with an oral presentation about the modern milking process, characteristics and anatomy of dairy cows, importance of dairy foods, modern environmental and food safety practices.



Motley County Elementary students listen and watch as the Mobile Dairy representative presents his program, which includes this live dairy cow.

Matadors defeated by Happy



MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS go up against the Happy Cowboys for the 2003 Homecoming game. The Matadors fought a good fight, but fell short with a final score of 46-28.

(photo by Walter Taylor)

by Amanda Hurt

The Matadors played the Happy Cowboys, Saturday, October 18, for the 2003 Homecoming game. The Matadors put up a good fight, but were defeated 46-28.

The Matadors rushed for 192 yards and had 223 total offensive yards. Seagram Sims was lead rusher with 156 yards. Seagram also put 24 points on the board and Lorenzo Salazar added 4.

Lorenzo Salazar led in unassisted tackles with 4. Matt Henzler wasn't far behind with 3. Levi Buckner led in assisted tackles with 9. The Matadors will face Hedley, October 24, there.

PTO Plans



by Mary Ann Potts

The Motley County PTO met at the school cafeteria on Monday, Oct. 6, at 5:30 p.m. This was a short, sweet and to the point meeting.

The minutes from the previous month were reviewed and accepted. And because Brooke Barton was absent, no financial report was given.

A quick Box Tops update was given by Mary Ann Potts. The 5th/6th graders are in first place as of 9/26/03. MCS has already collected 210 labels. Also, a reminder to log on to boxtopforeducation.com to print out some great and valuable coupons.

As everyone knows, October welcomes us with brisk, cool mornings, beautiful foliage and the smell of pies and cookies baking for the coming holidays. And so the PTO is gearing up to help welcome this wonderful season with a concession stand at the Fall Harvest Carnival on Oct. 25. A variety of wonderfully homemade desserts will be available, along with D'anna Russell's special recipe chili, some coffee and water. Balloons will be available to delight the little ones. And don't forget about the cutting boards, a great housewarming or Christmas gift. Set-up for the concession stand will be Saturday morning, October 25, at 10 a.m. The coming of Fall also

brings out the creativeness in us all, especially during Halloween. Lara Davey is a great example. She coordinated a fun and helpful little recipe book for the room moms organizing Halloween parties.

Wendi Taylor also reminded all volunteers to sign a consent form for a background check.

Take your Hats Off to Reading! The Book Fair is this week, Oct. 14-17 from 8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room. Come and check out a great variety of books. It's a short ride or walk to Lubbock to view the same books!

And Kim Gleghorn reminded all to continue saving Campbell Soup Labels. As of this date MCS has 200 points available.

Lastly, the PTO voted to take over the Motley County Beauty Pageant. Danika Jameson, coordinator, will organize a committee to assist her with all the preparation. A tentative date of Feb. 14, 2004, with a Valentine's theme is being considered. More details to follow.

Congratulations to Mrs. Davis for having the highest percentage of parents present at this meeting.

Mark your calendars! Next PTO meeting is scheduled for Nov. 3, 2003, at 5:30 p.m.

Local club members celebrate National 4-H Week

by Colton Russell
MC 4-H Club Reporter

Motley County 4-H Club celebrated the 101st National 4-H Week October 5-11. Preparation for the event started in September when 28 members of 4-H met and made posters to be displayed in local businesses and plans for the annual banquet were made.

Sunday, October 5 kicked off the week long celebration when the annual 4-H banquet was held at the Motley County Cafeteria.

On Monday, October 6, several 4-H'ers made the rounds to

local businesses in Roaring Springs and Matador where the 4-H'ers posters were displayed in honor of 4-H. Several members also decorated the bulletin board near Mrs. Woolsey's office at school in honor of the event, with pictures from various members participating in 4-H events. During the week 4-H tee-shirts were also worn as promotion for 4-H awareness.

The 4-H clover represents head, heart, hands, and health. Today there are approximately 6.8 million youth involved in 4-H and an estimated 60 million 4-H alumni.

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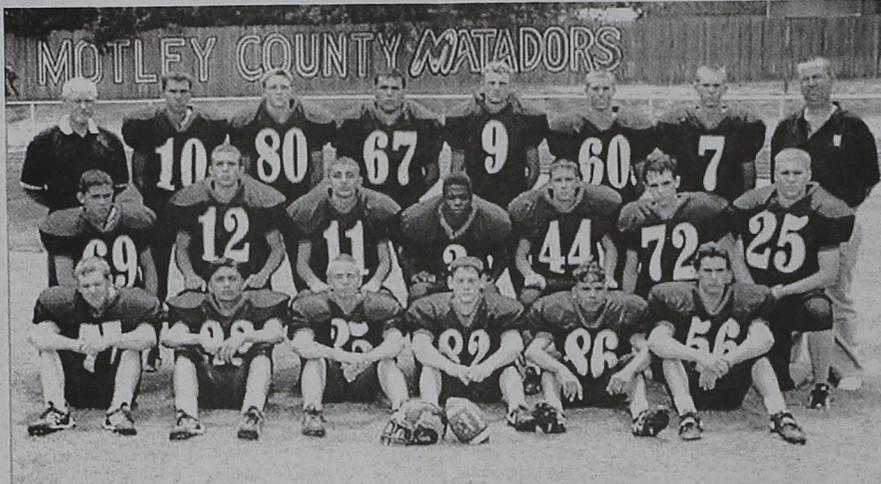
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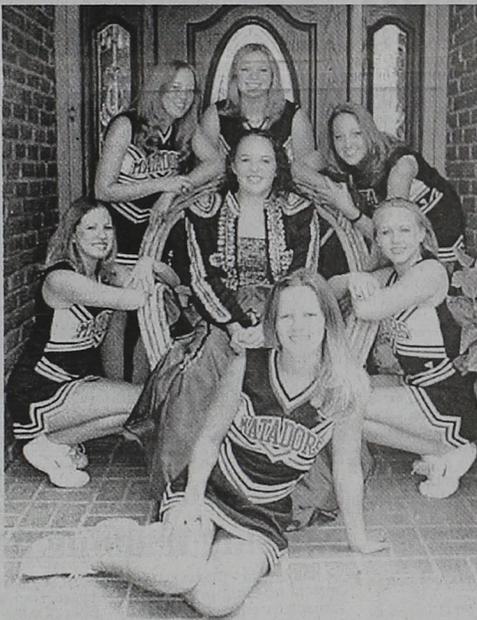
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MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS FOOTBALL



MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS — Beginning at back, left to right, Coach Cooper, Chance Bingham, Quinten Rose, Brandon Martin, Kenny Johannes, Cody Cooper, Clay Cooper, Coach Dodson; 2nd row, Matthew Martin, Levi Buckner, Lorenzo Salazar, Seagram Sims, Matt Henzler, Brandon Gressett, Colton Russell; (front) Sam Stapleton, Gene Salazar, Aaron Dodson, Cameron Jeffcoat, Jose Ramirez, Martin Walker.



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

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2003-2004 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date:	Opponent:	Site:	Time:
September 12	Spur	Here	7:30
September 19	Guthrie	Here	7:30
September 26	Meadow	There	7:30
October 3	New Home	There	7:30
District			
October 10	Patton Springs	There	7:30
HC * October 18 **	Happy (Saturday)	Here	5:00
October 24	Hedley	There	7:30
October 31	Silverton	There	5:00
November 7	Valley	Here	7:30

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American Legion to fight for Pledge

With the Supreme Court announcement that it will decide in 2004 whether it is constitutional for public-school teachers to lead students in the Pledge of Allegiance because of the words "under God," the nation's largest veterans organization pledged its commitment to the legal battle. The 2.8 million-member American Legion is prepared to fight this at the highest judicial level for the right of public-school teachers and students to voluntarily observe the time-honored tradition.

"The heart of this case is about allowing the Constitution to appropriately reflect the intent of our republic's founders and the values of the American people," American Legion National Commander John Brieden said. "We believe our nation will be stronger when the courts let our Constitution protect the rights of all the people rather than merely the wrongs of a few people."

"The American Legion filed a friend-of-the-court brief in support of the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance at federal court in San Francisco. The

American Legion is committed to take this fight all the way to the highest court in the land. Teachers leading students in Pledge of Allegiance is as constitutional as "In God We Trust" stamped on our nation's currency and references to "God" in the oaths taken in our courts.

"But this case is bigger than the Pledge. What is really at stake here is the moral direction of the nation. The right of the people to declare their patriotism by voluntarily reciting the Pledge is but one battle. The right of the Boy Scouts of America to select its leaders consistent with its founding principles is another battle. The right of the people to protect the U.S. Flag from acts of physical desecration is a battle that American Legion has been fighting since the Supreme Court in 1989 invalidated flag protection laws in 48 states; a constitutional amendment approved by the House and soon to come to a vote in the Senate is the remedy."

The 9th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled 2-1 in June 2002 that reciting the Pledge in public schools in un-

constitutional. The court reaffirmed its decision in February, amending the ruling to say that "teacher-led" recitation of the Pledge is unconstitutional. The rulings came after Michael Newdow, an atheist and father of an elementary girl, filed the case against the United States, Congress, California and two school districts. Newdow's daughter lives with her mother, who has sole custody of the young girl.

The daughter attends public schools in Elk Grove, Calif., near Sacramento and according to reports regularly attends church. Newdow's complaint alleged that, "his daughter is injured when she is compelled to watch and listen as her state-employed teacher in her state-run school leads her classmates in a ritual proclaiming that there is a God and that ours is one nation under God."

In 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation inserting "under God" after the words "one nation". The American Legion supported the addition. "We have full faith the court will uphold the right of the people as one nation under God," Brieden said.



WELCOME TO MOTLEY COUNTY — Chamber of Commerce member, Annette Hollinsworth, presented two new Motley County families with welcome baskets at Tuesday night's Chamber meeting. Pictured left to right are Dave and Judy Hemm, who recently moved to Matador from California, Mrs. Hollinsworth, and the Dodson family, Aaron, Darlene, Tony, Alec, and little Bradie in front, who recently moved here from Mississippi. Mr. Dodson is a new coach at MC ISD.



NEW MURAL AT LIBRARY — Betty Henry, local artist and Motley County Library employee, is pictured here with one of the murals she painted for the Children's section of the Library. Ms. Henry painted four murals which will be changed out periodically.

Combs announces \$1 million from Governor's office for Texas Yes!

Austin-- Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced recently that the Texas Department of Agriculture's Texas Yes! program has received a \$1 million grant from the Governor's Office for a two-year period to market and promote tourism rural Texas. The grant is part of Gov. Perry's broad economic development initiative.

"Rural areas of Texas are an untapped natural resource for tourism in the Lone Star State, and I am grateful to Gov. Perry for his support and commitment to rural tourism," Combs said. "This grant will enhance our focused effort to promote the fairs and festivals, unique events and scenic beauty found in our rural areas."

"From the Panhandle Plains to the Rio Grande Valley, from the deep woods of East Texas to the mountains of the

Trans-Pecos, each area of Texas has a distinctive appeal and attraction," Combs said.

Launched this summer, Texas Yes! is TDA's new economic development initiative to showcase and promote the towns, cities and counties of rural Texas. Texas Yes! members include businesses, organizations and government entities residing in a non-metropolitan statistical area, an unincorporated area, or a city with a population under 20,000. Associate Texas Yes! members include Texas businesses, cities and organizations located in larger metropolitan areas that promote and support rural Texas

but do not qualify for regular membership.

Texas Yes! kicked off this month with the announcement of a special group of hard working Texas towns that exemplify some of the best of rural Texas.

"This grant will be a shot in the arm to rural communities looking for innovative ways to enhance rural development," Combs said. "Whether you are looking for a quiet out-of-the-way bed and breakfast or a fun-filled weekend festival, we want all Texans to think of rural Texas when making their travel plans."

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Joyce Smith drove to Dallas where she joined her daughter and husband, Michelle and Don Smith. They visited in Houston with granddaughter, Julie and Brian DiPaolo, and great-grandbaby, Ellie Marie.

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

Joyce Meredith and grandson, Jeremy Jones celebrated their birthdays Sunday, October 19, with a family lunch at the home of Joe and Joyce Meredith. Mrs. Meredith's birthday is October 18 and Jeremy's birthday is October 20. The two have celebrated their birthdays together each year since Jeremy's birth, when possible. Those enjoying the delicious Mexican Food lunch and birthday cake, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Meredith

and Jeremy, were Jeremy's family, wife Whitney and children Morgan and Judson of Lubbock; Jim and Carla Meador, Sherry, Shea and Sean Rose, Jackie Smith, Steve Smith, and Jamie Jameson all of Matador; local residents, Randy and Holly Meredith, Wylie and John, Yancy, Daphne and Parker Meredith, and Kenneth Ashley.

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Matador News

Mrs. Richard (Dorothy Ann) Turner is visiting in Houston this week with her grandchildren, Ryan and Christi Turner as their parents, Rick and Jane Turner are on a business trip.

Mrs. Sharon Davis of Fritch visited from Wednesday until Friday with her mother, Mrs. Kathryn Martin. She accompanied Mrs. Martin to Lubbock, Thursday for a medi-

cal appointment. J.P. Smith, former Motley County resident, is a patient in the Veteran's Hospital in San Diego, California listed in serious condition.

Wilda and Spencer Dixon were in Lubbock, Thursday where they met their mother, Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. to visit and medical appointments.

New cemetery board established at meeting

A group of concerned citizens met October 20 to re-organize the East Mound Cemetery Board. New board members elected are Pat Seigler, President; Loys Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer; Judy Renfro, Lucretia (L.B.) Campbell, Marihelen Wason, Roy Hobbs and Thanie Smallwood.

Attorney Tom Hamilton stated that the board needed Articles and By-laws to obtain a tax number.

Diane Washington, CPA, will do the paperwork for a tax number when the Articles and By-laws are established.

Citizens discussed work that needs to be done at the Cemetery, water and trees.

The money which was left to the Cemetery by individuals is to be put into C.D.'s with only the interest to be used.

Others attending the meeting were Billy and Brenda Osborn, Frances Hobbs, Jean Cooper, Ellis and Leona Terry, Dahl Clower, Judy Cartwright, Evelyn Garrison, Gary Lancaster, Cora Smallwood, Mary Renfro, Leo and Joyce Archer, Dorothy Day, Dude Barton, Marisue Potts, and Jim Meador.

Note of Thanks

We would like to say thank you to all of you who said a prayer in my behalf during my illness and hospitalization. We also appreciate the cards, phone calls and words of concern. May God bless you at your time of need.

The Thomas Hurt family

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Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A prisoner was being led down the hallway to his doom, the electric chair and his fellow prisoners yelled and waved good-bye between the bars of their cells.

One prisoner wanting to say something encouraging to the ill fated man, shouted, "More power to you, buddy!"

ATTENDED ARMY REUNION

Alma and Everett Shorter and son, Clois Shorter visited in Poteau, Oklahoma from Thursday until Saturday. Everett met four of his friends with whom he served in World War II in the 168th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion. They enjoyed renewing memories and friendships.

Before returning home Saturday, they visited and located family gravesites of Alma's at the Claborn homestead cemetery west of Mansfield, Arkansas. Among the relatives was Alma's great grandfather, James Claborn and wife who homesteaded the land.

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse honored his mother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot and his sister, Mrs. Darla Gwinn of Whiteflat on their birthday Saturday night with a family supper, decorated cakes and gifts.

Those attending the celebration were Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star, Leah Cruse of Lubbock, Keane Cruse of Turkey, Derrick Cruse of Canyon, James Gwinn and daughter, Danielle of Whiteflat.

Anita and Kenneth Baldwin of Santa Fe, N.M. were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert, Wednesday.

Ryan and Jamie Martin and son, Colton moved this week from Matador to the former Juanita Cooper rural home southwest of Whiteflat.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited in Higgins Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Kennedy, Tanya and

Jackie Lee. They attended the Huggins Junior High football game in which Jackie Lee played and his team out scored the McLean team 40-21. They also enjoyed Tanya with her cheerleader performance.

Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Kalgary visited overnight Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse were children, Leah Cruse of Lubbock, Keane Cruse of Turkey, and Derrick Cruse, student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Mrs. Judy Stark has been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse.

Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks and Madison and Cary Franks of Lubbock visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and Cary and Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington.

Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch visited the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert were Tim and Gwen Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock and Alvia Jo Calvert of Dumas. They attended the Lyle family reunion held in Turkey, Saturday.

Members of the Flomot Baptist Church had a luncheon and an old fashioned pounding following Sunday morning church services as a courtesy of appreciation for their minister and wife, the Rev. Nathan and Kathy Mulder of South Plains.

Attending Mrs. Annie Shannon's birthday celebration held in Turkey, Friday were Mesdames Tommie Jo Cruse, Mary Jo Calvert, Judy Cruse, Gina Shannon and daughter, Nellie.

Larry and Angelia Clay of Panchule visited and attended to business with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, Saturday and Sunday.

Do Gooders' Club members met Monday afternoon at the Community Center in Flomot to work on their stuffed animals project.

OBITUARIES

Hazel Redding Conard

Graveside rites for Hazel Redding Conard, 69, of Lubbock, were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 22, at East Mound Cemetery at Matador. Officiating was H.L. Farrell, of Taylor, Texas. Interment was under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mrs. Conard died Sunday, October 19, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born September 26, 1934, at Roaring Springs. She lived at Roaring Springs until moving to Lubbock in the early 1950's. She was a graduate of Lubbock High School and was a homemaker.

She was married to Don Conard in 1955 at Lubbock. She was a member of the Church of Christ, a volunteer with the Methodist Hospital

Auxiliary, and a member of an antique club in Lubbock. She will be remembered for her life of service to others.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Doyle Redding.

Her survivors include two daughters, Ramona Conard of Lubbock and Julia Hood of Lubbock; two brothers, Roy Redding of Lubbock and Johnny Redding of Floydada; two sisters, Zelma Carr of Ironton, Missouri and Faye Poyner of Granbury; one grandson, Nathan Hood of Lubbock; and a special friend, Duane Christian of Lubbock.

The family has suggested memorials to Meals on Wheels, 2304 34th St., Lubbock, TX 79411.

Judge Cora Smallwood attends seminar

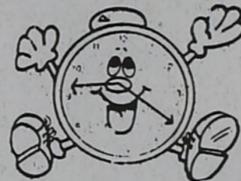
Judge Cora M. Smallwood was certified at the recent Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held October 7-10, 2003 in Lubbock, Texas.

The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Texas State University - San Marcos, with offices in Austin, Texas. The seminar is one of the six held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education

Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, Juvenile Law, Civil versus Small Claims. Traffic

Laws, Parks and Wildlife Laws, Commercial Drivers License, Property Code Issues, J.P. Office Procedure for Clerkless Courts,

Bond Setting and Forfeiture, Mock Trial, New Technology and Financial Management.



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FARM & RANCH NEWS

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

by **Lonnie Jenschke**
Motley County Extension Agent



PRIVATE APPLICATORS LICENSE

Are you in need of a Private Applicators License? A private applicators license is required in order to use or supervise the use of restricted or state limited pesticides or regulated herbicides in the production of agricultural commodities.

There will be a Private Applicators Training and Testing November 3, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. in the Motley County Courthouse. If you are interested in obtaining a license, please contact my office as soon as possible. There is a study manual that needs to be reviewed before the training and testing. My office number is 806-347-2733.

GRAZING HYBRID FORAGE SORGHUMS

Workers at the TAMU-Amarillo Center grazed brown mid-rib (B) and normal (N) Sorghum X Sudan hybrids in two successive years. Grazing was from July 20 to August 30 the first year and July 5 to September 13 the second year. Stocking rates were similar both years, averaging 115 head-days/acre for B and 114 for N. ADG and gain/acre averaged 2.94 lb/day and 337 lb/acre for B and 2.62 and 300 for N. Authors noted that ADG was higher than often seen, due to shorter than usual grazing periods. They stressed the need to balance stocking rate and length of grazing to optimize forage quality, animal performance, and total production. In the third year, B was planted May 23 for continuous grazing and May 23, June 4 and June 14 for rotation grazing. Grazing on both treatments was from July 9 to September 27. ADG was very similar (2.44 vs 2.45) but rotation grazing yielded 10 more head-days/acre and 25 lb/acre more gain. The authors stated that, not only was total gain higher by rotating, the system also works better for a combination of grazing and haying.

GARDEN CHECKLIST FOR OCTOBER

By Dr. William C. Welch, Landscape Horticulturist, Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas A&M University

October is a good time to reduce the insect and disease potential in next year's garden. Clean up the garden, removing all annuals that have completed their life cycle. Remove the tops of all herbaceous perennials that have finished flowering or as soon as frost has killed the leaves.

October through November is also an excellent time to purchase bulbs while you still have a good selection in the garden center.

Chill tulip and hyacinth bulbs in the refrigerator until

mid or late December before planting. The lower part of the refrigerator is best. Do not leave bulbs in airtight plastic bags during refrigerated storage.

Plant bulbs in well prepared beds so the base of the bulb is at a depth that is three times the diameter of the bulb. In sandy soil, set slightly deeper and in clay soils less deeply.

Holly plants with a heavy set of fruit often suffer a fertilizer deficiency. An application of complete fertilizer late this month can be helpful and provide a head start next spring.

Start collecting leaves for the compost pile. Be sure to have extra soil available so that each 6-inch layer of leaves may be covered with several inches of soil. Always wet the layer of leaves thoroughly before adding to the soil. Add about one pound of a complete lawn or garden fertilizer to each layer of leaves to provide the necessary nitrogen for decomposition.

In addition to bulbs, check your nursery or garden center for started plants of snapdragons, pinks, sweet williams, poppies and calendulas. Planted now in south and east Texas, they will usually provide a riot of spring color; wait until late winter or early spring to plant in north Texas.

Keep Christmas cactus in a sunny spot where night temperatures can be kept below 65 degrees F. Buds will drop if you allow night temperatures to go above 70 degrees F or if you allow the plant to become excessively dry. They should also be kept in total darkness from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. for about 30 days in October to initiate flower buds.

If you have saved seeds of your favorite plants, allow them to become air dry, then place them in an airtight container and store in the refrigerator. Be sure to label each packet carefully. Remember, seed from hybrid plants will seldom resemble the parent plant.

Prepare beds for planting pansies when they become available at the garden centers. They need a well-drained soil and exposure to at least a half-day of sun. It is best to use started plants, as seeds are difficult to handle.

If you are planning to save caladium tubers for another year, dig them in late October, and allow to dry in a well ventilated but shady area. After 7 to 10 days remove leaves and dirt, then pack in dry peat moss, vermiculite or similar material for storage. Pack tubers so they do not touch each other. Dust with all-purpose fungicide as you pack. Place container in an area where temperature won't drop below 50 degrees F.

Historic farms and ranches sought by TDA

The Texas Department of agriculture (TDA) is seeking historic farms and ranches in Motley County to recognize in the Family Land Heritage Program. They would like to locate farms and ranches in this area to honor as well as previously honored properties that have reached the 150-and-200-year milestones.

Previously honored in Motley County are Burleson Drag R Ranch (1899-1999); Campbell Ranch (1891-1992); Key West Waybourn Ranch (1902-2002); Lancaster Place (1897-1998).

The Family Land Heritage Program honors farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for 100, 150 and 200 years or more. Since the program started in 1974, TDA has recognized 3,773 farms and ranches in 220 counties for keeping their property in agricultural production down through the generations and for their contributions to the Texas agricultural industry.

The Program is looking for farms and ranches that were established in 1903 or earlier and are still agriculturally productive and owned by the same family. Other eligibility criteria includes:

- Owner(s) must reside in Texas and be able to trace the line of ownership from the first family member to the present, either through direct relatives or by marriage.
- The land must meet the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year; or if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.
- The owner must work on the land or if they live off the land, they must be actively managing the everyday operation of the farm or ranch.
- If ALL the land has ever been rented to someone outside of the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was leased, and as much as 10 acres retained in

the family for agricultural production with sales of at least \$50 annually, it will qualify.

• Once a farm or ranch has been certified in the program, it will not qualify for another 100-year certificate even though the land may have changed hands. Farms or ranches will only be recognized again for 150 and 200 year milestones.

A ceremony is held each year to recognize the owners of the farms and ranches that are accepted into the Family Land Heritage Program. Those who qualify are presented a certificate of honor at the ceremony by Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. Families can also purchase a Texas historic farm or ranch sign to display on their gate or in their home and there is also a bronze historic marker available for purchase. The farm or ranch's agricultural history is documented in the annual Family Land Heritage registry. There is no charge to apply for the program and there is no obligation to purchase historic signs and/or registry to qualify for the program.

Applications for the Family and Heritage Program are available upon request or they are on the TDA website at <http://www.agr.state.tx.us/produser/info/flhp/com/flhph.htm>.

For more information contact Melissa Burns-Blair at (512) 463-2631 or melissa.blair@agr.state.tx.us. Applications are accepted each year and the deadline is November 15.

One of the requirements for competing the application is for a family member to present the completed application and accompanying paperwork to the County Judge for his/her signature in the county which the farm or ranch is located. This is to ensure the property is located in the county named and that the property is currently owned by the individual(s) applying for the recognition.

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Shane'a Russell places at King County Fair

Shane'a Russell of Matador showed two goats in the 21st Annual King County Fair which was held October 11 at the Guthrie Community Center Complex. She received a sixth and tenth place. There were 60 goats in the show from surrounding counties. Other animals in the show included lambs and steers.

Food, textiles, hobbies and crafts were also judged in age groups, K - 2nd grade, 3rd - 5th grade, 6th - 8th grade and 9th-12 grade, as well as Adult and Professional categories. Local winners included Motley County students, all participating in the Photography Division: Logan Ferguson, first place digital-landscape; Sarah Ferguson, first place digital-landscape; Shane'a Russell, first place 35mm black and white - landscape. Shane'a also received the honor of Best of the Division with her black and white landscape picture. Shane'a Russell received first place in the people category; Colton Russell, 2nd place, people, third place landscape and first place Craft Division-Weaving. D'anna Russell received first place in the maker category for a picture frame she fixed up.

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Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

RMA ADMINISTRATOR SET TO ADDRESS TEXAS COMMODITY SYMPOSIUM DECEMBER 3

United States Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency Administrator Ross J. Davidson, Jr. has agreed to speak at the 3rd Annual Texas Commodity Symposium on December 3, 2003.

The Symposium will be held Wednesday, December 3, 2003, in the Heritage Room at the Amarillo Convention Center in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show.

Davidson, who assumed RMA's head position in February 2002, is expected to update symposium attendees on RMA activities and discuss RMA's vision for improving current products and the development of new products to meet agriculture's evolving risk management needs.

SLOW START TO HARVEST SEASON INDICATIVE OF LATE HIGH PLAINS CROP

With weather patterns continuing to fluctuate from warm and mild to cool and wet every few days, High Plains cotton producers appear to be taking more of a wait and see approach to the 2003 harvest season.

Part of that attitude is fueled by an overall reluctance to sink even more money into a late crop that is having a tough time reaching the finish line.

That being said, most observers think activity will increase steadily through the end of the month and that November should see the remainder of the area into full harvest mode.

A key to changing producer sentiments is that the cotton that sits in the field today is worth significantly more than it was just a few weeks ago.

As is currently stands, the majority of the cotton defoliated resides in the areas south of Lubbock. Additional treatments are being made each and every day and ginning activity appears to be in the upswing.

Activity at USDA Cotton Classing offices is one of the better barometers of harvest progress early on. To date, neither the Lubbock nor Lamesa Classing offices have classed

more than 20,000 bales of 2003 crop.

Early quality measurements recorded at the Lubbock Classing office have also been good with a majority of the bales having 21 or better color readings and premium range readings in other HVI categories.

NUEGEBAUER TO BRING HOUSE AG COMMITTEE CHAIR TO VISIT 19TH DISTRICT

Nineteenth Congressional District Representative Randy Neugebauer has announced that he will be bringing current House Agriculture Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte of Virginia to Lubbock to tour the district and to interact with agriculture representatives and producers from the area.

The meeting will provide Chairman Goodlatte the chance to visit with all sectors of agriculture, including area cotton, grain, peanuts and livestock.

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