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81st Old Settlers Reunion to be celebrated August 26-28

The 81st Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion will be celebrated in Roaring Springs, August 26, 27 and 28.

The three-day event will kick-off on Thursday with the annual Parade at 10:00 a.m. in downtown Roaring Springs. Individuals, organizations, businesses, clubs, etc. are encouraged to participate in the Parade. Start making plans now for a float or an original idea and be a part of this Old Settlers tradition.

After the parade, a memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the historic tabernacle. Motley and Dickens county residents who have passed away since last year's get-together will be remembered, with the reading of their names. Entertainment will also be enjoyed. At 1:00 p.m. the annual business meeting will be held, also in the tabernacle.

At 4:00 p.m., those who like to scoot a boot can enjoy a free dance until 6:00 p.m. Providing some great dance music will be Weldon Turpin and the Texas Fiddle Band. The band will also be featured each night at the Old Settler's pavilion dance, beginning at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Motley and Dickens county arena events will get underway at 4:30 p.m. when the books will open. Events will start at 5:00 p.m. and will include a Cutting with a Ranger Buckle set to be presented to the winner; a Flag Race for kids 6 & under and 7-12 years. Trophy buckle sets will be presented to the winners. An Open Age Barrel Race, Junior Team Roping (18 years and under), and the Motley-Dickens county team roping will also be part of the exciting events.

Admission to the grounds is free on Thursday. General admission on Friday and Saturday

will be \$5.00 per person and free for those 12 & under.

Events will get underway early Friday, with a Ranch Cutting Horse Assn. event. Books will open at 9:00 a.m. and competition will begin at 10:00 a.m. There will be Junior and Senior Sanctioned Classes. Handmade Ranger Buckle sets will be given to the winner of each class.

A Jr. Flag Race will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights, for kids 11 years of age and under. Trophy buckle set will be given to the winner.

The much anticipated Ranch Rodeo will kick up some dust, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights. Events will include Bronc Riding, Wild Cow Milking, Team Doctoring, Calf Branding, Team Sorting, and Double Mugging, featuring ranch teams of 4-6 members. Bits will be given to the top hand and top horse winners.

An Open Bull Riding event will also provide some exciting entertainment Friday and Saturday nights. To enter call Fred Pitts at 806-668-4458.

A Cowboy Church Band, featuring Ron and Marianne Brunson, who have been a part of this annual event for the past several years, will begin at 6:00 p.m. Friday night at the Rodeo Arena.

A morning Team Roping will start the day off on Saturday. Books will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 9:45 a.m. There will be no late entries. Roping will begin at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Divisions will include Open #11 Combine; #8 & #7 Combine; and #5 & #6 Combine. Handmade bits will be given to the high point roper of the day. For more information call Joey Martin, Slaton, 806-781-6713.

A Washer Pitch contest will

begin at 2:00 p.m. Belt buckles will be given to winners.

Kids - get out and go turtle hunting! The annual Snapping Turtle Race will begin at 3:00 p.m. Saturday. There will be three age divisions - 0-4 yrs.; 5-9 yrs.; and 10-14 yrs. \$50 will be presented to winners of each division. Call Russell Alexander at 806-348-7958 for more information.

There are lots of little cowboys in these here parts and they will get the chance to show their skill at a Jr. Ranch Rodeo Saturday evening. This is a Pokey the Clown WRCA event. A Stick Horse relay will stir up the excitement from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Also to be enjoyed are the Pony Express Race, Steer Doctoring, Wild Cow Milking and Calf Branding. There will be three age divisions, 3-7 yrs; 8-11 yrs.; and 12-16 yrs. Pre-Entry and practice will begin at 2:00 p.m. The team with the most

points wins and qualifies for WRCA World Championship finals at Amarillo.

Put your dancing boots on and practice your twirl for the annual Waltz Contest, to be held Saturday at the tabernacle. Weldon Turpin and the Texas Fiddle Band will provide the music.

There will be two dances to enjoy Saturday night. The 'old folks' dance at the tabernacle and the 'young folks' dance on the concrete dance slab, beginning at 8:30 p.m. The Texas Highway 114 Band will provide the music for the young folks dance.

Concessions will be available on the grounds, provided by Charlie Carter Food Concessions.

Mark your calendars now, polish up your boots and make plans to be in Roaring Springs, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 26, 27 and 28.

Motley County dryland producers grateful for July rainfall

by Earlyne Jameson

Dryland farmers in Motley County are taking cautiously optimistic outlook on the rainfall in July saying it has come at a critical time for the cotton and feed crops future. However, what the weather will be over the next couple of months can make or break the yield.

Spotty showers moved across Motley County in July

with good rainfall in some areas with very little rain in others. National Weather Service Volunteers in Motley County officially reported rain totals in July: Buzz Thacker, Roaring

Springs 1.98 inches; Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot 1.58 inches; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat 4.25 inches; Kelly Meyer, Matador 3.27 inches. Northfield totals were not available at newstime.

Texas' back-to-school sales to get boost from upcoming tax holiday

The NRF (National Retail Federation) 2004 Back-to-School Consumer Intentions and Actions Survey, conducted by BIGresearch for NRF, found that families with school-aged children will spend an average of \$483.28 on back-to-school items, up from \$450.76 in 2003. Families in the South plan to spend \$535.53, considerably more than the national average. Parents' spending for the back-to-school season will pump \$14.8 billion into the economy nationwide, with preteens and teens adding another \$84 million of their own money to the total.

Retailers in Texas should see an additional bump in traffic and spending due to a state Sales Tax Holiday planned for this weekend, August 6-8. During the tax holiday, clothing purchases of up to \$100 will be tax-free throughout the state.

"Sales tax holidays have proven to be tremendously successful at drawing people into stores and giving the boost to the economy while helping consumers save money," NRF Vice President and Tax Counsel Rachelle Bernstein said. "Americans have hated paying taxes all the way back to the Boston Tea party, and sales tax holidays play to that emotion."

Texas enacted a permanent Sales Tax holiday in 1999 that occurs annually on the first weekend in August. The Texas Comptroller reported that consumers purchased \$400 million worth of tax-exempt clothing during the tax-free holiday in 2000, double the typical sales of an equivalent week in August.

Texas is one of 12 states across the nation holding a sales tax holiday this year, most of them conducted in late July to early September to coincide with the back-to-school season. Most are restricted to clothing or school supplies, although some include computers and one - Massachusetts - includes all retail items. Participating states include Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, Massachusetts, Missouri, Iowa, Texas, Florida, Vermont, New York and Connecticut.

School Board recognizes hardworking students

by Tina Brooks
School Board reporter

The Motley County I.S.D. Board of Trustees met July 12 for their regular scheduled

meeting. All board members were present. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Marilyn Hicks, and Denise Ford.

Mr. Copp gave the invocation.

No one was present for open forum.

Students receiving academic recognition on any portion of the TAKS and members of the FFA team recently competing at State were introduced to the Board. These students work hard for themselves and our school and the Board was honored to meet them.

During the Superintendent's report, Mr. Copp informed the board that the tax collection is at 96.6%. He also stated that we have two old buses that he would like to send to a bus auction. The Board felt this was a good idea.

The minutes were approved as read.

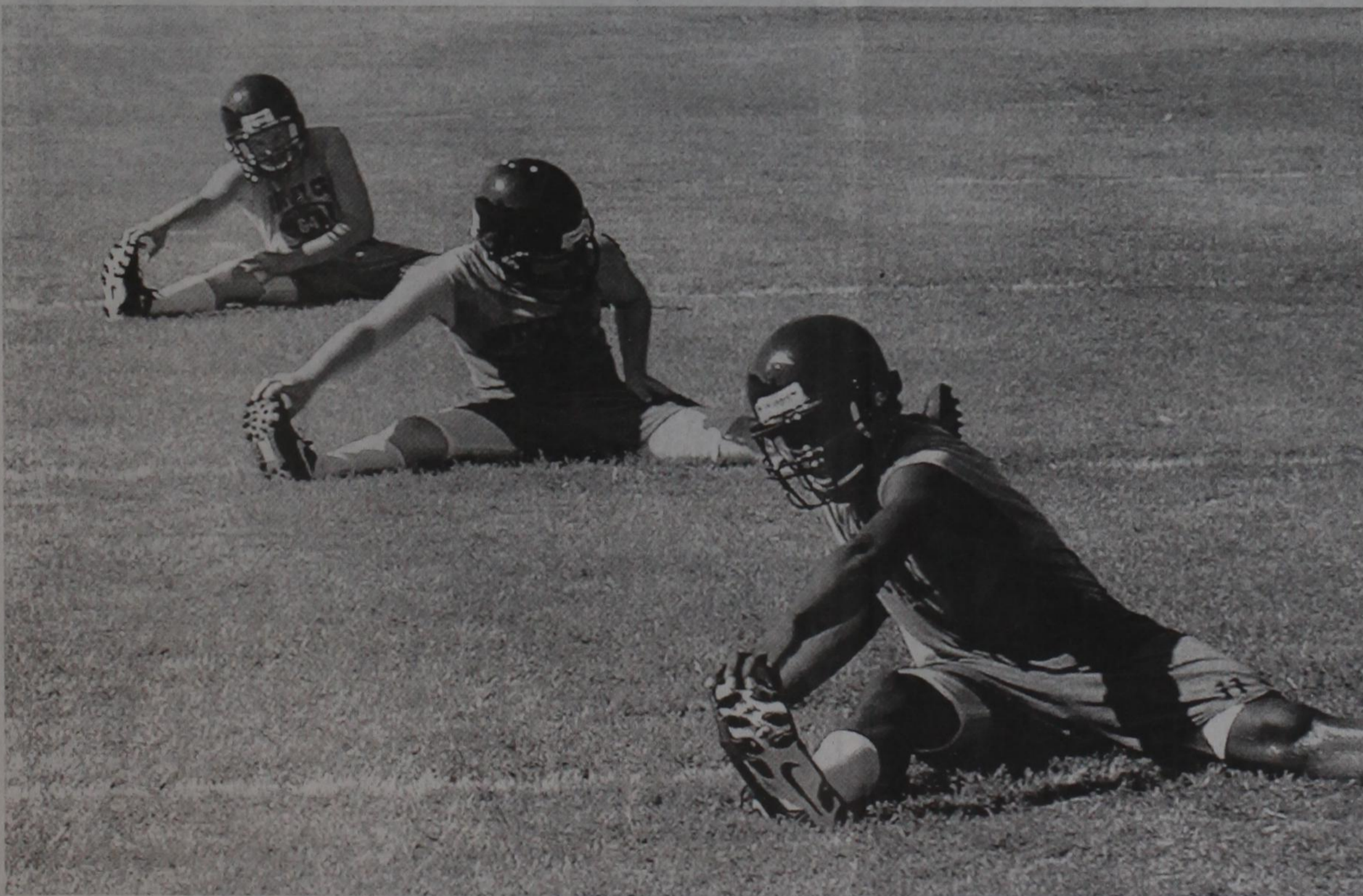
The list of expenditures and financial statements were reviewed and accepted.

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Immunization requirements must be met for students

All students must meet the minimum state requirement for immunizations. Motley County schools will begin August 16. Parents are reminded that if their child received immunizations during the summer, they must bring this information to Mrs. Carolyn Johnson at school before the 16th, so that school records may be brought up to date.

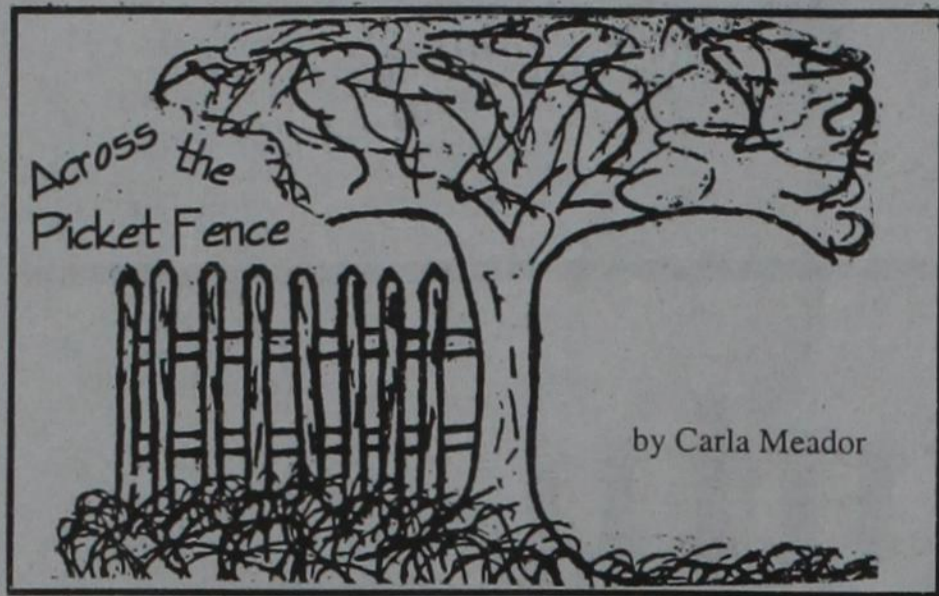
Motley County Clinic will offer free immunizations for all children, Wednesday, August 11. If your child needs immunizations, please call the clinic and set up an appointment or for more information, 347-2641.



Two-a-Day practice

These three Motley County Matadors were stretching out for a morning football practice during their first two-a-day workout for the 2004 season. The daily workouts started Monday morning. District realignments will put the Matadors up against new opponents this year. Their first scrimmage will be against Southland, there, August 14, at 10:00 a.m. They will scrimmage with Aspermont, here, August 20, at 6:00 p.m. The Matadors will face Woodson at Jayton for their first game at 5:30 p.m. District will begin September 24 when the Matadors will face Chillicothe, there, at 7:30 p.m.

(photo by Walter Taylor)



I received this from my cousin. I thought it was worth sharing.

I AM A CHRISTIAN

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting, "I'm clean livin"
I'm whispering, "I was lost,"
Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say ... "I am a Christian."
I don't speak of this with pride,
I'm confessing that I stumble
and need CHRIST to be my guide.

When I say ... "I am a Christian."
I'm not trying to be strong,
I'm professing that I'm weak
and need HIS strength to carry on.


When I say ... "I am a Christian."
I'm not bragging of success,
I'm admitting I have failed
and need GOD to clean my mess.

When I say ... "I am a Christian."
I'm not claiming to be perfect,
My flaws are far too visible
but, God believes I am worth it.

When I say ... "I am a Christian."
I still feel the sting of pain,
I have my share of heartaches
So I call upon His name.

When I say ... "I am a Christian."
I'm not holier than thou,
I'm just a simple sinner
who received God's good grace, somehow.

Share this with somebody who already has this understanding, as reinforcement. But more importantly share this with those who do not have a clear understanding of what it means to be a Christian, so those that believe the myth that Christians think they are "perfect" or "better than others" can know the truth.



Library Notes

by Suzanne Abott, Librarian

Today, Thursday, August 5, 2004, there is a meeting of the Friends of the Library at 4:00 P.M., at the Library. We hope everyone will come to this important meeting.

The computers in the library have been out of service this past week. They were quite sick with a bad virus, or a "worm." We are sorry for the inconvenience that this has caused our computer users and we thank you for your patience. They are ready to use now, I hope.

Paul Johnston is an author to this library. We have one of his

books, *A Deeper Shade of Blue*. This is a mystery that investigates the disappearance of an American tourist when she was on holiday on a Greek Island. Investigator Alex Mavros is hired to trace her. The book tells of his exciting race to find the woman.

The library also has a copy of Sue Grafton's newest in her alphabet series. This latest novel is called *R is for Ricochet*. James Lee Burke's *In the Moon of the Red Ponies* features Billy Bob Holland, the former Texas Ranger who is now a lawyer in Montana.

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On My Own Terms ...



In reading Luke 9: 57-62, Jesus is approached by three individuals as He was about to cross the Sea of Galilee. These three wanted to follow Jesus. But they wanted the following on their own terms.

The first man was a Scribe. He said anywhere you go I am going, too. Jesus responded by saying, "The Son of man has nowhere to lay His head." The Scribe got the message. No earthly securities when following Jesus.

The second man wanted to go and bury his father. "Let the dead bury the dead." What Jesus told him was, in effect, that the affairs of this life can and would be handled by those of this life not called to the ministry of Jesus.

The third man wanted to say goodbye to those back home. Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God." Another excuse. Excuses are not new to Jesus. Even during His days on the earth, face to face with the people, there were those who sought to be excused from following Him.

Our Lord understood events and happenings in our lives. But these are no excuse for not finding and following the essence of Life itself. That is "Fear God, keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

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

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

Couple exchanges vows in Lubbock ceremony

Kelly Michelle Fernihough and Richard Byron Campbell, both of Lubbock, exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, June 26, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony was conducted at the Lakeridge United Methodist Church of Lubbock. Reverend John Hogan, uncle of the groom, of the Tuscola United Methodist Church of Tuscola, Texas, officiated.

Flowers on the alter were placed in loving memory of the couples' fathers and grandparents.

Parents of the bride are Lonnie and Terri Ellis of Friona, Texas and the late Michael Fernihough. Her grandmother is Carolyn Tefteller of Midland.

Parents of the groom are Ann Campbell of Lubbock, and the late Richard Campbell. Grandparents are Lucretia Campbell of Matador and Albert and Katie Butler of Odessa.

Vocalists were Jana Ellsworth, Sherry Hardin, and Rebekah Bulen, all sisters of the groom. Music selections were "Songbird" performed by the trio and "You Take My Breath Away" a solo by Jana Ellsworth. They were accompanied by Jane Womack, organist and pianist.

The bride was presented in marriage by her brothers, David and Drew Fernihough. She wore a white, sweetheart style, A-line gown, embellished with caviar beading in a delicate vine and floral design. Her chapel length train was also adorned with caviar beading.

Her layered tulle veil was highlighted with a crystal tiara and she carried a bouquet of white and pastel pink gerber daisies accented with pearl centered stephanotis and daisies.

Rachel Fernihough of Lubbock, sister-in-law of the bride, served as matron of honor while Kelley Leaverton, Jackie Haeefe, and Brandie Brown, all of Lubbock, and all friends of the bride, served as bridesmaids.

The bride's attendants wore tea length ivory and pink taffeta dresses and carried bouquets of bright pink gerber daisies. The groom wore a black tuxedo with a silver vest.

Jordan Woicikowski of Lubbock, friend of the groom, served as his best man. Groomsmen were Keegan McInroe of Fort Worth, Chad Pickering of Lubbock, and Scott Peterson of Lubbock, all friends of the groom.



Mr. and Mrs. Byron Campbell

The reception was held at Lakeridge United Methodist Church in Lubbock and was catered by David Reed of Ambrosia Catering.

The three-layered white wedding cake was decorated in white frosting with yellow polka dots and brightly colored gerber daisies.

The groom's cake was chocolate with a double T sur-

rounded by chocolate dipped strawberries.

Following a honeymoon to the Mayan Riviera, the couple will make their home in Lubbock.

The weekend preceding the wedding, the best man and groomsmen honored Byron with a bachelor party in Ruidoso, NM.

Kelly is a graduate of Coronado High School in Lubbock and is currently attending the Master's Program of Physical Therapy at Texas Tech Health Science Center.

Byron is also a graduate of Coronado High School and is pursuing an MBA in Accounting at Texas Tech University. He is currently employed by KGLR Channel 30 in Lubbock.

The girls of '63 meet at Fredericksburg for reunion

by Barbara Armstrong

The 'girls' of the Class of 1963 met for a reunion 'get away' weekend in Fredericksburg, Texas, July 7. Only seven of the girls could make the trip. Sandy Jenkins of Copperhill, TN flew into Lubbock where she was met by Dorothy Crenshaw Johnson of Silvertown. The two drove to Fredericksburg where they met Pat Briscoe Warren and Barbara Bird Armstrong of Matador, Pat Cooper Minton of Granbury, Jill Scaff of Odessa and Jane Hamilton Carter of San Saba for a fun weekend.

The girls toured the Wildflower Seed Farm, where they saw the beautiful Mochó Grande Hibiscus and the new dark red crepe myrtle. They drove out to Luckenbach (one of the girls didn't know there was a real Luckenbach, Texas). They sat by the creek under the beautiful oak and cypress trees and visited each evening at a beautiful Bed and Breakfast. The girls needed the rest after walking in and out of all the interesting shops and antique stores all afternoon, and of course they ate delicious food in church.

The girls had so much fun they are already planning where to meet for next year's reunion, hoping more than 7 of their class members can attend.

many different German eating establishments. They especially enjoyed the fresh peach cobbler. They even discovered a needlepoint shop named "Sandy Jenkins' Stitchery Shop."

Some of the girls took a driving tour of the 'Sunday Houses,' which are small houses built by farmers and ranchers so when they came to town for the weekend they would have a place to stay to do shopping and attend

Pivots & Divots

by Mary



Ladies Playday on Thursday, July 29, was for Most Penalty Shots. Playing 18 holes were Geneva, LaVoe, Louise, Liv, Jean, Francine and Judy C. Francine and Judy tied with one each. Playing 9 holes were Nell, Judy R., Dartha, Tommye and Tempie. This group had no penalty shots.

School Board
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The board approved advertising for bids for gasoline and diesel, L.P.G., Fleet Insurance, Property and General Liability and Janitorial supplies for the 2004-2005 school year.

The board entered executive session at 8:15 p.m. and exited at 8:49 p.m.

Out of executive session the board reviewed a contract that is to be sent to any auditor for the school. The 2004-2005 auditor is Dianne Washington.


The board reviewed budget amendment #1, stating that a sum of money will be moved from one function code to another.

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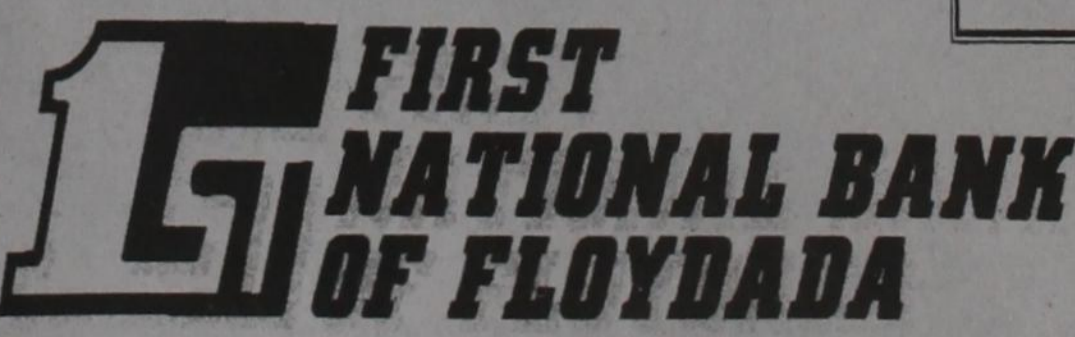
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Tom Ross and Mrs. Marlene Roig stand near an old cabin which was built on the Ross land in Alaska. The Ross family and Mrs. Roig's husband, Al, homesteaded on neighboring acreage in the late 50's.

Motley County J.S.A.
A Note from the Office ...

Athletic workouts are underway. Coach Cooper has scheduled two working sessions in the morning with a break between. This allows those young men who need to work a full half day of work time. Coach wants me to remind all junior high athletes that they need to make an appointment at the clinic and get physicals before school starts. Local policy requires all athletes to verify health each year before participating in any athletics.

Mr. Anderson from Patton Springs will again be offering college classes in history for juniors and seniors who are eligible and want to get a head start on college hours. It is really quite a savings to get some hours off during high school years. This is just one of the ways that some of the students at Motley County can earn college credit. Parents and students can ask Mr. Gleghorn, the counselor, to see about qualifications and offerings.

One office that has changed location in the school over the summer is the one occupied by Yolanda Kautz, our Reading Coach. She has moved into what was the teacher's workroom. This will allow space for our reading interventionist to have adequate space to work with students.

The Varsity Cheerleaders have been in Wellington this week at a customized cheerleading camp. They will no doubt come back with great ideas and much enthusiasm. Marsha Jeffcoat will be their sponsor this year, and Tammy Simpson will sponsor the junior high squad.

Most of the elementary teachers as well as a few secondary ones spent the day Monday at a workshop in Ralls. Dr. John Shefelbine of Cal State talked about the latest research on learning to read and gave specific examples of behaviors to help in that task. He also gave three suggestions for parents that are research-based ways to improve student reading. The suggestions are:

1. Talk to the child about happenings, ideas and feelings.
2. Have the child talk to you and expand on ideas and the common things you see.
3. Read to the child. Read to the child even if they can read themselves. Read information that is more advanced than they can read in order to increase vocabulary and vicarious experiences.

Dr. Shefelbine was entertaining, informative, and I look forward to the implementation of his ideas and methods.

"You of this generation, consider the word of the Lord..."
 Jeremiah 2:31 (NIV)

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by Tom Ross

Of all the places I've heard about these three are most in my mind: Heaven, Texas and Alaska, in that order.

My ties to Alaska began in the late 1950's when my young family drove cross-country to make a new home there. Since moving back to Texas in 1968, we have made only three trips back, in 1978, 2002 and June and July of this year.

The long flight from Amarillo to Anchorage gave me time to reminisce.

As a young couple, my wife, Aleda and I had a dream of moving to Alaska. As farmers, in the late 1950's, we harvested a 'bumper crop' of cucumbers, in addition to our regular irrigated crops of cotton and grain sorghum. The cucumbers had been contracted for by a Texarkana and Mississippi company who came through with their pledge to purchase.

With that bumper crop we were able to get completely out of debt, the first time since I had returned from serving in the military during WWII.

We set about, making plans to drive to the Alaskan Territory and possibly homesteading there. Our Ford station wagon was equipped with food, mattresses, a 'chuck box,' Coleman cookstove and an ice chest. The rear door allowed the chuck box to open into a table. For this Alaskan trip, we intended to cut expenses to the bone.

Our young daughter, Elisa Ann was left in the care of Aleda's parents, the Paschals, who had moved from Tennessee to Texas to be near their only daughter and grandchild.

This first trip to Alaska was an exciting experience. Road signs of towns we'd never heard of were seen throughout our travels. Our trip spanned forty days and forty nights. We traveled all highways and most roads, from Tok, AK (port of entry between Yukon Territory and AK - it was some 80 miles west of the Alkan border).

This was the month of June when there is some twenty-one hours of sunshine. To sleep in our vehicle, window blinds were fashioned to be placed in the windows and on the windshield to make it dark enough during our sleeping hours. At that time the sun came up around 2:00 a.m. and went down at about 11:00 p.m.

We enjoyed seeing all the places on our route, but it wasn't until we made the trip to Valdez and turned off on the Edgerton Highway, which linked Copper Center with Chitina, that we saw a place we liked. In the little community of Kenny Lake.

We got acquainted with two families who were residents of that community, the Bice and Petty families. Mr. Bice told us that a soldier from Ft. Richardson (near Anchorage) had filed on a quarter section next to their place. The soldier and his family had been transferred to a base outside of Alaska and had forfeited their claim to the land.

We drove to the Bureau of Land Management in Anchorage and filed on the land. Filing in August was our first mistake, however, it couldn't have been avoided. We'd been gone for five weeks and needed to return to Texas to harvest our cotton and grain sorghum crops. The homesteads in that area were much sought after. The land bordered on the Edgerton highway. Soil there was rich and it was topographically flat. Area was between two rivers, the Copper (the third largest river in Alaska), and the Tonsina. Both were good for fishing salmon. Mt. McKinley, the tallest mountain

in North America, could be seen. The Wrangell mountain range was in the background - Drum, Mt. Wrangell (volcanic), Sanford and Mt. Blackburn. These were the first, third and fifth tallest mountains in North America. We didn't know it at the time, but later learned that the Alaskan Pipeline came within six and one-half miles of our homestead.

We filed the papers in August, knowing that the place, according to B.L.M. regulations, would have to be occupied by us before Feb. 10 of the following year.

Upon arriving home, we began making plans to go back to Alaska in time to meet the deadline of Feb. 10.

In mid-January, my bride of three years, myself and our two-year-old daughter, Elisa Ann, began the trip back.

We were 'poor boying it' having built a 'dog box' on the back of our Ford pick-up to live in while on our way up. Hooked onto the back of the truck was a four-wheel farm trailer (with no brakes), loaded with over 16,000 pounds of household goods, groceries, new door and screen, windows, six rolls of heavy black tar paper, three rolls of composition roofing, a keg of nails and tire chains.

About that time, Johnnie Horton, musician-singer-song writer, came out with his song, "North to Alaska," which was the basis for a movie later starring John Wayne. The 59'ers, a group from Detroit started out for Alaska about the same time. Over two-hundred families formed a convoy and drove to Alaska with the intent to homestead. These people were given national news coverage. On record later, of those several hundred families, only three families stuck it out and acquired patent to their homesteads.

While traveling through British Columbia in the Pelly Mountain range (a part of the Rockies) in descending the highway on Mt. Trutch, we experienced our first mishap. The brakes on our truck were applied too harshly. Consequently, the trailer passed us, causing our truck to be turned back. Fortunately, we came to a stop with both rigs upright on the safe side of the ditch. There were no guardrails on any of the high-

ways then. In looking down the gorge on the 'unsafe' side of the highway, the bottom seemed to be farther than the distance back to Texas.

One morning in British Columbia, we awoke to extra cold weather. The thermometer on the outside of our 'dog house' had a capacity of registering 30 below zero. All the mercury was at the bottom. So, the temperature was minus 30 degrees below zero on that brisk morning.

We arrived on our homestead the first week in February, a few days before the deadline.

In seventeen days our 'threesome' began and completed those some 4,200 miles in mid-winter without fanfare.

With the help of Mr. Bice and some other new friends, the dog box was taken off the truck, extended to twelve feet and placed on two skids. The home was then sledded the one-half mile to our homestead. A hole was cut in the woods and the twelve feet by six feet home was anchored.

Our heat was from a propane stove that had been purchased earlier in Capser, Wyoming. Our first light was a 12-volt bulb attached to a wire from the truck battery.

Later, a neighbor, with a blade on a tractor, cleared off snow for our cabin. Five two-sided logs were placed on the ground and the 16 x 32 foot cabin was built on top, later that summer, piling was placed under the cabin, making it level.

We remained on our land, cleared and planted the required 20% of the acreage and received patent to the land. Our son, Tommy, was born while we lived in Alaska. He is now forty-three. After almost 50 years, we still own most of the land.

There were few patented acres in the Kenny Lake area at the time we homesteaded. Acreage was needed to build a community non-denominational church. We donated five acres of land, as did a neighbor, Al Roig. On the back side of the acreage, a community cemetery was created. This was in 1962.

It was my pleasure to attend church services in the Kenny Lake Chapel on the first Sunday of July. Mrs. Roig and I attended the services together. Only one couple were there who remembered me since territo-

rial days. In learning that the Roigs and my family had donated the land, the Pastor gave us recognition. Ordinarily a reserved person, it did make me feel 'right proud.'

Many changes in Alaska were noted since we last visited there. Alaska State has grown to over 600,000 residents. Anchorage alone has a 310,000+ population. In the 1950's Alaska Territory had a population of some 137,000. Anchorage boasted of almost 50,000 residents. There were some 35,000 natives, Eskimos, Indians and 'Aleuts', natives of the Aleutian Islands, and some 100,000 "outsiders," mostly from the lower 48 states.

All highways are mostly paved now, where only dirt and gravel highways and roads existed.

Glaciers are receding. In the 1950's, highways were constructed around the edge of each glacier. We saw a glacier near Valdez, Alaska (our shopping town at that time). With the glacier bordering the edge of the highway, there was an interesting sign, "Free Ice," compliments of the Valdez Chamber of Commerce.

There were not nearly as many bear, moose and other wild animals seen along the highway as in years past. Alaska Fish and Game Department report that, with improved wildlife management and more strict game laws, numbers of animals and birds have actually increased.

Activity of men, women and machines during construction of the Alaska Pipeline, caused the animals to go deeper into the woods.

All in all, my trip to Alaska this year was great.

Alaskan writers in their waning years, moved to warmer climates (including Mr. Jack London and Mr. Robert Service). They spent the remaining years in their former homes of England and Tennessee respectively.

Despite the examples set by those aforementioned above, I am seriously thinking about moving back to Alaska.

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School Supply List

Pre-K
 2 - Muselage Glue or Dab N' Stick
 16 count Crayons
 1 Pkg. Markers
 Scissors
 2 Pencils
 1 Watercolor Set
 School Box
 Beach Towel/Small Pillow
 2 Rolls of Paper Towels
 2 Boxes of Kleenex
 Large Back Pack
 Sleeping Mat - (Optional)
 Construction paper - assorted colors

Kindergarten
 2 - #2 Pencils
 1 Pkg. Manilla Drawing Paper
 2 Pkg. Construction paper
 2 Glue Sticks
 1 Elmers School Glue
 1 Box of 8 Crayons (not big ones)
 1 pair of Scissors
 School Box
 Back Pack
 1 Pink Eraser
 1 Watercolor Set

First Grade
 School Box & Backpack
 2 First Grade Tablets
 1 Watercolor Set
 2 - #2 pencils
 2 Pink Erasers
 1 Pink Blunt Scissors
 2 - Spiral Notebooks - 70 page
 1 Pkg. Manilla Paper
 Kleenex
 Box of 8 Count Crayons
 2 Pocket Folder - no brads
 2 Bottles of School Glue or 2 Glue Sticks

Second Grade
 School Box & Backpack
 1 Spiral Notebook - 1 Subject
 1 Watercolor Set
 6 - #2 Pencils
 3 - Pink Erasers
 1 Pair of Scissors
 1 Pkg. White Construction Paper
 1 Pkg. Asst. Construction Paper
 2 Boxes Kleenex
 Box of 16 True Color Crayons
 1 Bottle School Glue
 1 Glue Stick
 3rd Grade Writing Tablet
 2 Folders With Pockets/No Brads

Third Grade
 2 Pkg. Pencils
 1 - 12 Inch Ruler (Inches & Centimeters)
 1 Box Crayons (16 Count)
 Scissors
 2 Bottles of Glue
 2 Boxes Kleenex
 Small School Box
 2 Pkg. Paper (Wide Line)
 2 Folders with Pockets/No Brads
 1 Five Subject Notebook
 or 3 - One Subject Notebooks
 1 - 3 Ring Notebook
 1 Pkg. Dividers for Notebook
 2 Big Erasers
 1 Handwriting Tablet (Cursive Writing)

Fourth Grade
 3 Pkg. Paper (Wide Rule)
 Ruler (Inches & Centimeters)
 #2 pencils
 Crayons - 24 Count
 Scissors
 Glue
 2 Glue Sticks
 Map Colors
 2 Boxes Kleenex
 2 Folders With Pockets
 5 Spiral Notebooks
 2 Red Pens
 1 Large Pink Eraser
 Supply Box
 Highlighter
 Construction Paper - Asst. Colors

Fifth Grade
 5 - 70 to 100 Page Spiral Notebooks (not tear out kind and not multi-subject)
 2 - Large Pkg. of Wide Ruled Notebook Paper
 7 - Different Colored Folders with Brads & Pockets
 1 Supply Box
 12 - #2 Pencils (not mechanical)
 2 - Large Pink Erasers
 2 - Red Pens
 1 Pair of Scissors
 1 - Box of 16 Crayons
 2 Large Glue Sticks
 1 Box of Colored Map Pencils
 1 Pkg. of 8 Markers
 1 Highlighter
 1 Ruler (inches & centimeters)
 2 Large Boxes of Kleenex
 1 - One Inch 3 Ring Binder
 1 - Black Expo Marker
 1 - Assignment Book or Calendar
 1 - Large Backpack

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-- Ben Franklin

The Chamber of Commerce is a member of the Panhandle Tourism Marketing Council. You may have noticed a link to it on the Chamber website at www.motleycountycommerce.org on the home page. If you have not visited it, you might enjoy doing so.

If you are trying to think up some entertainment in the Panhandle area for out of town visitors or wondering what to do yourself, the site has a calendar of events, some close by and some about 100 miles away, that might give you some ideas.

There are a number of itineraries already drawn up. Just click on "Itineraries."

There are also pages devoted to specific topics including Art, Family Fun, Farms, History, Home Schoolers, Hunting and Fishing, Museums, Nature,

In addition, there is a photo gallery on the website that you can peruse from the comfort of your own home. The gallery sections include Birds of the Panhandle, Courthouses of the Panhandle, Critters of the Panhandle, Events of the Panhandle, Flowers of the Panhandle, People of the Panhandle, Places of the Panhandle, and Sunsets of the Panhandle.

You can access the newsletters that the council puts out, and get on the mailing list for future newsletters. Directions for getting on the mailing list are on the newsletter page.

If your business or organization would like to become a member and be listed on the site it is easy to do so and costs only \$25.00 per year.

You can access the Panhandle Tourism Marketing Council website through the link on the Chamber website or directly at www.texasptmc.org.

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Visiting Friday, July 30, through Sunday, August 1, with Mrs. Juanita Cooper was her daughter and husband, Pat and Lynn Minton of Granbury. Others visiting during the weekend were Van Bradford of Gruver, Jack Samford and Vee and Harold Gordon of Matador.

Mrs. Lana Copp drove Lula Swim to Plainview Friday afternoon to keep a doctor appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCollom of Bella Vista, Ark. came on Wednesday afternoon to visit Lula Swim and Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim until Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wheeler of Plano came with them.

Mr. Ruston Swim and son Jacob of Lubbock visited in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim. Lula Swim joined them to visit on Saturday.

Mrs. Sharon Peacock of Lubbock visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock. She helped at Kid's Camp all week.

Mr. Buddy Crowder of Lubbock spent the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder and helped at Kid's Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Thacker and family, Brad and Weslyn of Amarillo, Blair from Lubbock and Brad Wilson, also of Lubbock, spent the weekend in Stamford and Abilene for the wedding of Matt Overbey of Gruver and Cheryl White of Stamford.

ford. Matt is the son of Jerry and Pat Overbey, of Gruver. Pat is Pam's sister. The wedding was Saturday, July 31, in Stamford. Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker drove to Stamford for the wedding Saturday.

HONORED WITH COFFEE

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder and Mrs. Jan Jones were given a "Coffee" after church service, August 1.

Mrs. Suzanne Abbott was hostess. Coffee, lemonade, cookies and banana nut bread was served to the group. A gift was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Crowder and Mrs. Jones for their new homes.

Johnny and Tammy Palmer of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. James Adams, Dylan and Ty spent Friday night with Mrs. Zella Palmer.

Mrs. Zella Palmer, Pearl Patten and Mrs. C.D. Garrison of Matador attended the wedding ceremony of Miranda Palmer in Paducah.

Mrs. Betty Marshall and son, R.J. of Hedley visited her mother, Mrs. Kay Jones this week. R.J. attended church services at the Methodist Church with his aunt, Jan Jones.

Miss Hanna Alexander of Lubbock spent the week in the home of her father, Russell Alexander and wife. She also visited in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hand. She attended Kid's Camp.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A woman came home to find her front door kicked in. She ran next door to use the phone and call the police.

The police dispatcher told the women to stay at her neighbor's house and keep watch out the window until the officer arrived.

In a few minutes, the police car pulled up and a canine officer and his dog got out and headed to the house.

"Now don't that beat all?" the women said to her neighbor. "When I really need help, they send a blind policeman!"

PAC CENTER CLEANS FLOMOT CEMETERY

Motley County Judge Ed D. Smith and Donnie Turner, board member on the Flomot Cemetery Association, made arrangements with the Pac Center in Floydada to clean the Flomot Cemetery, Monday, August 2.

They sent ten boys under supervision to do needed work at the cemetery. Due to recent rains, it was needing attention. Members of the Do Gooders' Club served them lunch, desserts and beverages of tea and punch.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse visited last weekend in Lovington, N.M. with friend, Mrs. Betty Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin visited overnight last Sunday in Lubbock with

sister, Aly Gwinn.

Ruth and Orville Lee enjoyed the Gospel Jamboree in Abernathy Saturday night.

Furman Vinson moved recently from Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock to Lockney Care Center following hip replacement surgery. He is having rehabilitation treatments.

Dusty and Julie Whitaker and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mackey McEntire of Sterling City visited in Lubbock, Sunday with her sister and their daughter, Monica McEntire. They were making preparations for Monica's wedding.

Tim and Melissa Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited in Clyde this weekend with her grandmother, Mrs. Ottie Gray. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray of Fort Worth joined them there to visit.

Danielle Gwinn visited the weekend in Turkey with her friend, Kortni Carnes.

Connie and Coy Franks visited in Silverton, Sunday with Barbara and Mike Mayfield.

Members of the Baptist Church in Flomot are painting and doing preparations for their 90th anniversary celebration that will be August 28-29.

Nellie Bly, daughter of Gina and Tim Shannon, visited in Lubbock Friday and Saturday with her aunt, D'Lynn Hale. The Tim Shannon family is moving from the Stapleton home to 1314 Campbell St. in Matador.

You are invited to attend a Birthday Celebration for Billie Ruth Lawrence as she celebrates her 74th Birthday Saturday, August 7, 2004 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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Matador News

Wilda and Spencer Dixon visited from Thursday, July 22 to Wednesday, July 28 in Lovington, N.M. with her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester. They attended Friday night the choral musical presentation at the Lea County Museum.

Wilda's nephew, Christopher Hester was a featured soloist. Other visitors in the Hester home were her uncle, Joe Baker, daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Mandle of Visalia, California. The families attended the Baker family reunion, Sunday, July 25 at the Community Center in Denver City.

Don "Doodles" Green of Floydada, former Motley County resident, had his pass heart surgery Tuesday, July 27 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He has returned home and reported to be doing fine.

A.M. "Whitey" Whitefield was conveyed by ambulance to UMC in Lubbock Friday, July 23 for emer-

gency treatment. His brother, Stanley Whitefield of Idalou was with him. His daughter, Janet Whitefield of Spearman and grandson, Michael Parks of Louisville, Kentucky accompanied him home and visited until Saturday, July 31.

Wilda and Spencer Dixon attended to business in Snyder, Thursday and en route home visited in Spur with Jim Whitefield.

Nevada Cook of Childress, former Motley County resident, had recent 5 by pass surgery in Amarillo. He has returned home and reported to be doing fine.

Kylie Green, daughter of Steve Green of Pampa, who had recent cardiac surgery at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock is reported to be recovering just fine.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson attended to business in Lubbock, Friday and visited B.B. Bristow and daughter, Mrs. Lanette McLean.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

Billie Dean's Restaurant & Motel Celebrating 40 Years!

The Staff and Employees at Billie Dean's would like to take this opportunity to thank all of Motley County and the surrounding communities for your continued support. This month marks our 40th Anniversary of service to this great community! We would also like to thank our special employees who help tremendously to keep things going: Nelda Tomison, Brandi Baker, Paula Horton, Linda Gonzales, Linda Ruhl, Tony Gonzales, and our entire family.

Come try our delicious B-B-Q Brisket Dinner served on Wednesday with Red Beans, Pan Fried Potatoes, and Coleslaw. We also have two new Appetizers - Pasture Pickles (they look like a Steak Finger and have Monterey Jack Cheese, Beef & Jalapenos inside) Also new are Seasoned Buffalo Wings, (can be served as an appetizer with ranch dressing or with our Daily Lunch Special)



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FARM & RANCH NEWS

Farm Service Agency News

by John Bird, Motley County CED



NAP Deadline Approaching
The final date to purchase NAP policies for wheat and other small grains for grazing is Sept. 1, 2004. The final date to purchase small grain forage policies is Sept. 30. Policies are \$100.00. Please remember, you must file a notice of loss within 15 days of when disaster is apparent to be eligible for payment. Also, you must submit production evidence by the certification date. (This does not apply to grazing.)

NAP payments have been made for 2003. Wheat and haygrazer had high enough losses to earn payments. Native and improved grasses did not.

Joint Operation

Before Oct. 1, 2004 we must have a payment tax ID number on file for all joint operations; this includes husband and wife joint ventures. We are required to make a copy of the original certificate showing that the number has been issued to the operation and not to an individual in the operation. Operations with new tax ID numbers will also be required to submit new 502 B's. Information pertaining to the operations will be lost if we are not supplied a tax ID number.

County Committee Elections Approaching

This year's COC elements will be held for LAA 1, which is currently held by Seab Washington. Mr. Washington has done an outstanding job serving the local ag producers, but because of limitations on the number of terms an individual may serve, he will not be able to run this year. We will begin accepting nominations from producers and owners that live in LAA 1 on July 15. The last day to file a nomination is September 3, 2004. The nominations form (FSA-669A) is available at local FSA offices and online at forms.sc.egov.usda.gov. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as a candidate.

In addition, organizations representing socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers may nominate candidates. Anyone interested in serving this important office is encouraged to make sure that your name gets on the ballot! Elections will take place at the end of the calendar year.

Measurement Service

We will no longer be getting slides to conduct our spring measurement services and spot-checks. Instead, we will get one seamless county map that will load onto our computer. This year we are not expecting to get the imagery until late October. This will be too late for those of you that requested measurement service on peanuts or fruits and vegetables. You will have the option of paying the ground measurement rate of \$35.00 for the first plot and then \$15.00 for each additional plot, or not taking your measurement service and getting your original money refunded.

If you choose to have the field measured, an FSA employee will actually go to the field and measure it with a GPS unit. These units use 21 satellites, plus with the extra backpack we have, we get the benefit of correctional towers which are not available to the handheld units used by the public. This makes our readings several feet more accurate than otherwise. After the field has been measured, the GPS will download the information to our computer in a program called arview. Soon, all our certifications and maps will come from this program. Through this program we will be able to print a map with the acreage of the field, which the computer will calculate.

Don't be surprised if the acreage is a little different than it has been in the past. This method is supposed to be more accurate than any preceding method, and these acreages will be considered the most correct. Please contact us to let us know your intentions.

Stocker cattle gathering set for August 17

WICHITA FALLS - Cattle producers can update their knowledge of animal identification options, and discuss animal health issues and concerns at an Aug. 17 stocker cattle meeting here at the Multi-Purpose Event Center (MPEC).

"This educational event is designed specifically for stocker cattle operators," said Joe Raff, Texas Cooperative Extension agent in Wichita County. "We have a good slate of speakers to address this year's topics, and more than 10 exhibitors signed up for booths."

The program begins at 4 p.m. The cost of this event is \$10 per person, and includes literatures and a meal, Raff said. Brandon

Manning, A1Flex, will lead off the program with a discussion of animal identification. Dr. Andy Schwartz, DVM and Texas Animal Health Commission director for Area 3, will cover past and present animal health issues that are important to cattle producers. A.L. Huston, retired Oklahoma State University economist and stocker cattle operator, will discuss overall management considerations in a talk called "Putting It All Together."

For more information on this event, contact Raff in Wichita Falls at (940) 716-5580 or Kyle Miller, Texas Cooperative Extension agent in Clay County, at (940) 538-5042.

Texas Cooperative Extension sets August Dove Symposia

SAN ANGELO - With dove season just around the corner, Texas Cooperative Extension has scheduled three "Dove Symposia" during August to bring hunters up-to-date on the state's most popular game bird. Registration for all three symposia starts at 8 a.m. Dates and locations are:

- August 12-13, Multi-Purpose Event Center in Wichita Falls;

- August 19-20, First United Methodist Church in Coleman; and

- August 26-27, Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde.

"These symposia are designed to summarize the science and art of dove management," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo and a coordinator for the events. "They'll be of interest to anyone wanting to learn more about managing and marketing dove-related recreational opportunities."

"Mourning doves are the most populous species of dove in Texas, but we'll also address whitewing doves, as their populations are increasing in both size and range in recent years," he said.

"Historically, whitewings were a product of the Rio Grande Valley, but over the past decade, they've flown northward at an astounding rate. Some have even made it all the way to Amarillo."

Dove experts from state agencies, organizations and universities, as well as several landowners will discuss how to capitalize on dove hunting opportunities.

"The first day of the symposia is all indoors, but the second day we'll be outside touring local dove fields," said Rollins. "We'll see firsthand how to best design and implement habitat

management strategies."

The program topics are similar at all three locations, though speakers and landowner panelists will differ to customize the program to that particular site.

Topics on the first day will be: Dove Biology in Texas; Dove Research Findings; How Hunting Regulations Are Set; Economic Impacts of Dove; Field Management For Doves; Related Laws and Regulations; Liability Considerations; Future of Dove Hunting; and a landowners panel on Managing And Marketing Dove Hunting.

That evening's dinner will be followed by a presentation by a Texas Brigades youth camp member and an auction to raise money for the organization.

The second day will begin with coffee and doughnuts at 7:30 a.m. The program begins at 8 a.m., and will focus on these topics: Shooting Field Management; Farm Pond Management; Plants Important To Doves; and Rangeland Habitat Management.

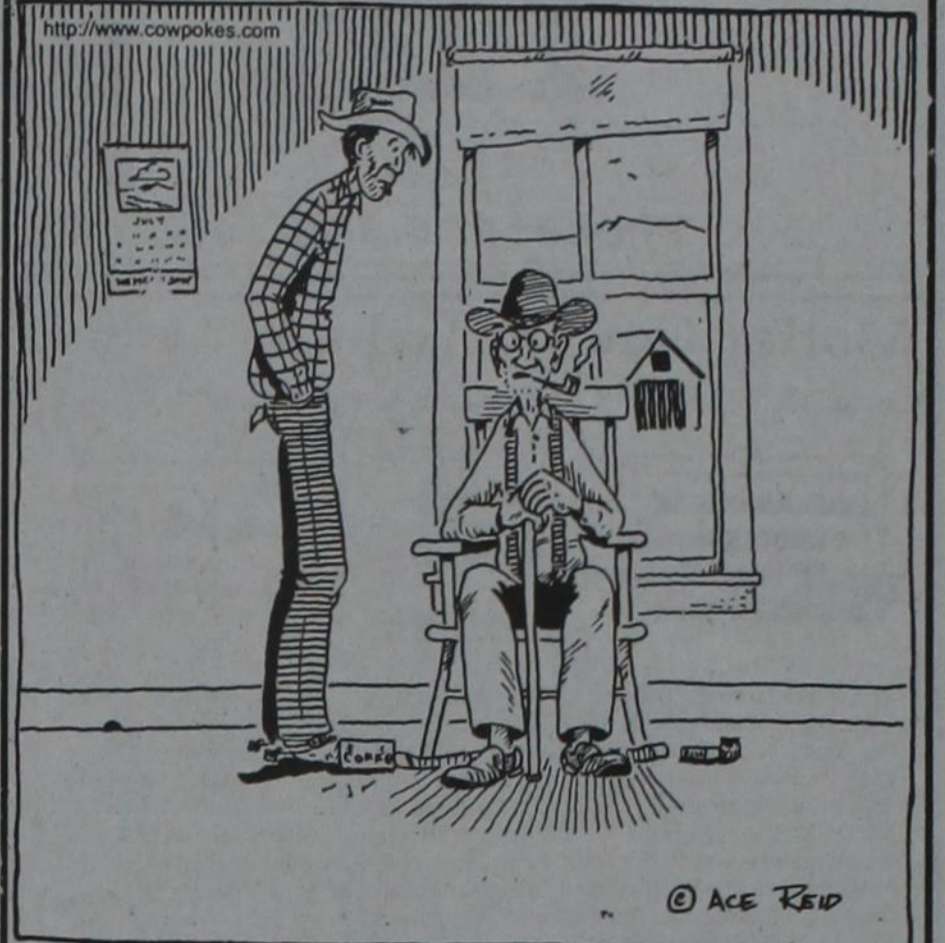
A noon lunch will conclude each of the symposium programs.

Extension's co-sponsors for the seminars are the Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Dove Sportsman's Society. Co-sponsors are the Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society and Texas Farm Bureau.

"The printed proceedings stemming from these programs will feature the most current information on dove management in Texas," said Rollins. "It's a must for any serious student of Texas dove management."

Individual pre-registration is \$40, due one week prior to each event. Registration at the door is \$60 per person.

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